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## Taking steps toward experiencing hunger and homelessness

Students reach out, collect food to commemorate week of giving

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Mast news reporter

Hunger and Homelessness Awareness week came to PLU Nov. 14 through Nov. 18.

The week consisted of a variety of groups and organizations at PLU working together on programs to raise awareness about the problems of hunger and homelessness in attempt to create change.

Two main programs have been the focus of this week, one a food drive, and the other a 24-hour, 5-day vigil in Red Square.

The food drive is a collaboration between the Volunteer Center, Residence Hall Association, Asian Pacific Islanders and catholic ministry. Methods of collecting food included a competition between residence halls to donate food and collecting donated food swipes to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for those in need in the community.

"I think it's something really great for the residents to be involved in and we're really excited to be a part of it," said junior Bethany McNutt, RHA Executive Programs director.

The food gathered will be given to the Tacoma Rescue Mission and other local support organizations.

Another program during the week was a vigil in Red Square to raise homelessness awareness. Coordinated by Students for Peace, volunteers sat in Red Square 24



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**Imagining despair:** Sophomore Kelsey Beaman (left) and junior Julie Kerrigan (right) sit in representation of the homeless Tuesday in Red Square as a part of Hunger and Homelessness awareness week. Students were in the square 24 hours each day, Monday through Friday. The volunteers alternated and were only allowed to eat food that was donated to them by passers-by.

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A day in the life of two local homeless men, best friends

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It is 8 a.m. at the corner of 72nd and Hosmer Streets in Tacoma. A meager man in his late forties sits on an upside-down plastic bucket, holding a crudely cut square of cardboard. His brown hair pulled into a tight ponytail under a sweat-stained camouflage hat contrasts a wiry, reddish beard laced with gray. Here, beside a stream of motorists who wait for the traffic signal to turn green, he will be working for the next eight hours. His name is Rik Hanson, and he has been homeless for the last three and a half years.

A few miles south of Hanson, on a corner near Steele Street, sits Bob Planichuk. Planichuk holds a cardboard sign too, and he sits atop a similar bucket. A toothless grin makes the 49-year-old look significantly older than he really is. As the tips of his ears blush in the frigid morning air, Planichuk does what he and Hanson have done every day of the week for more than a year. The two men, or signers — as they refer to themselves and others who survive on donations from passersby — are, essentially, business partners.

According to Hanson, most of the signers in Tacoma live and work in pairs, pooling their money at the end of the workday like he and Planichuk do. But not many signers have the relationship he and Planichuk share. The men,

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## Alleged area serial rapist snagged in act

PLU students, community 'should feel safe' after weeks

VANESSA BRUCE  
Mast news reporter

PLU and its neighboring communities have faced a security threat since news spread several weeks ago of a serial rapist in the Tacoma area.

Students said they have been shaken by the recent crimes.

"Once I found out about it, it was scary being at the house by myself," senior Sara Wilcox said. "I always saw my house as a safe place, but when I heard about the rapist, I started to doubt my security in my own home."

The man suspected of committing five rapes since Aug. 31 is now in custody after a Nov. 9 standoff at the home of his most recent victims, according to The News Tribune.

Two girls, 13 and 15, were in their second-floor Federal Way apartment bedroom Nov. 8 at approximately 11 p.m. when a masked man entered the apartment. He approached the two girls at gunpoint and raped them after tying up their

45-year-old mother and blindfolding her with duct tape.

According to court documents, the man assaulted the girls repeatedly and during his final attack, he ingested a substance, which he later identified as "dope and ecstasy," according to The News Tribune.

Approximately one hour later, the man started to fall asleep. When the girls were sure the attacker was asleep, they clothed themselves, woke up their mother and went to find help. The mother drove to a friend's house and called police at approximately 6 a.m.

Police arrived on the scene shortly after, while the suspect was still in the house. He refused to comply with police instructions, jumped from the second-story balcony and proceeded to run. He was shot and arrested more than an hour later.

"People should feel safe," Pierce County Sheriff's spokesman Ed Troyer told The News Tribune.

Anthony Caper Dias, 26, of Federal Way, was charged with the rape of these girls Nov. 10, according to The News Tribune. He is the primary suspect for as many as five other attacks in Tacoma, Fircrest, Federal Way and Des Moines.

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## Stopping the raid Students fight back against federal student aid budget cuts

CARLA MILLER  
Mast news reporter

The U.S. House of Representatives decided to postpone the vote on the budget reconciliation bill. This bill seeks to cut \$50 billion in federal spending, \$15 billion of which would come from student loans.

In light of this bill, ASPLU, along with numerous other universities are putting together programs to help students better understand financial aid.

"The proposed Literacy and Lobbying Ad Hoc Committee will bridge the gap between what students understand about financial aid and what the financial aid literature is telling them," said first-year Brian Pedey, Chair of Literacy and Lobbying Ad Hoc Committee.

The proposal for this committee was presented to the ASPLU senators and directors Nov. 8.

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STATE, NATION, WORLD BRIEFINGS

# Local to Global news

**Rockslides close roads:** The state Department of Transportation closed scenic Chuckanut Drive in Burlington, Wash. on Tuesday because of rockslide fears. A slab of rock the size of a dump truck has moved six inches in less than a week, the department said in a statement. Department geologists determined the slab is very likely to fall and so the highway was closed there, one mile south of Larrabee State Park — an area with a history of rockslides. Drivers are advised to stick to Interstate 5 to travel between Burlington and Bellingham. The Transportation Department plans to hire a contractor to stabilize the hillside.

**Alito downplays 1985 abortion statement:** The Samuel Alito who argued against abortion rights in 1985 was "an advocate seeking a job" with the conservative Reagan administration, the Alito who is now a Supreme Court nominee told Democrats Tuesday. Alito is allegedly now "a wiser person" with "a better grasp and understanding about constitutional rights and liberties," senators said as Alito tried to downplay a 20-year-old document in which he said, "the Constitution does not protect a right to an abortion."

**Martha Stewart sued:** A jury consultant hired to advise Martha Stewart's lawyer ahead of her trial for lying about a stock sale is suing the domestic diva, claiming Stewart still owes her more than \$74,000. Julie Blackman's lawsuit, filed Tuesday, says she was hired by Stewart lawyer Robert G. Morvillo in 2003 to help plan Stewart's defense. As a jury consultant, Blackman helps lawyers select jurors and devise trial tactics. In Stewart's case, she says, her services included telephone surveys, focus groups, jury questionnaire design and jury selection. Stewart was convicted in March 2004 for lying to authorities about how she decided to sell thousands of shares of stock in ImClone Systems Inc. She served a five-month prison term and five months house arrest.

**Senate urges Bush to outline Iraq plan:** The GOP-controlled Senate rejected a Democratic call Tuesday for a timetable for withdrawing U.S. troops from Iraq but urged President Bush to outline his plan for "the successful completion of the mission" in a bill reflecting a growing bipartisan unease with his Iraq policies. The overall measure, adopted 98-0, shows a willingness to defy the president in several ways despite a threatened veto. It would restrict the techniques used to interrogate terrorism suspects, ban inhuman treatment and call for the administration to provide lawmakers with quarterly reports on the status of operations in Iraq.

**FEMA to stop funding hotel rooms Dec. 1:** FEMA will stop paying for hotel rooms for most evacuees of hurricanes Katrina and Rita on Dec. 1, officials said Tuesday as the agency pushed victims to find more stable housing. Housing advocates said they fear that won't be enough time for an estimated 53,000 families



AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais

**Bush urges China to grant more political freedom:** President Bush prodded China on Wednesday to grant more political freedom to its 1.3 billion people and held up archival Taiwan as an example of a society that successfully moved from repression to democracy as it opened its economy. In remarks sure to rile Beijing, Bush suggested China should follow Taiwan's path. Bush made his remarks in the advance text of a speech that was to be the cornerstone address of his trip to Asia. From Japan, he will continue to South Korea, China and Mongolia. Seeking to solidify America's influence in Asia in the face of China's rising economy and military might, Bush said Beijing's economic growth must be accompanied by more rights for its people.

— mostly in Texas, Louisiana, Georgia and Mississippi — who remain in hotels.

**Masked man threatens attacks against U.S.:** A video found in the Indonesia hide-out of one of Asia's most wanted militants shows a masked man threatening attacks against the United States, Britain and Australia. Police suspect the man in the video, who spoke with a Malaysian accent, could be Noordin Mohamad Top, considered a key leader of the al-Qaida-linked Southeast Asian terror group Jemaah Islamiyah. Noordin has been accused of direct involvement in at least four deadly bombings in Indonesia, including the 2002 and 2005 suicide attacks on the resort island of Bali that together killed 222 people, many of them foreign tourists. Police said the video was found along with several other recordings one week ago in a hideout in central Java province that had been used by Noordin, who fled before officers arrived.

*The above briefs were gleaned from the Associated Press wire service.*

## Business update

Regulator burdens are a constant source of debate on Wall Street. While supporters argue stringent regulations are a necessary evil for preventing corporate scandals such as those of Enron, WorldCom and Adelphia, opponents say regulations place an unneeded constraint on corporate America. These constraints, opponents say, hold back economic growth and, albeit indirectly, hinder returns for shareholders.

The annual meeting for the Securities Industry Association (SIA) last week in Boca Raton, Fla., came as a welcome surprise to those in the anti-regulation camp. Attendees were abuzz with the notion that Wall Street's two industry-funded regulators, the New York Stock Exchange and the National Association of Securities

Dealers (NASD), were exploring a joint venture that could reduce regulatory burdens on Wall Street.

NASD Chairman Robert Glauber said at the SIA meeting Friday that brokerage firms could save at least \$100 million a year if the two regulators joined forces. Those savings could either be kept by the Wall Street firms or passed along to investors. Furthermore, supporters say, a combination would also help investors by making regulation more efficient and focused.

Many proponents of regulation are opposed to the idea of joining forces. They fear merging regulators will reduce the resources devoted to market oversight, and that such a movement will work against recent efforts to prevent corporate fraud.

In theory, a free market is one in which buyers and sellers make mutually voluntary exchanges at a price agreed upon by both, and all transfers are devoid of coercion and theft. The debatable part of this concept is the regulatory body that prevents coercion and theft. By definition this regulatory body is a neutral referee, but many people have called for a stronger presence in today's corporate environment.

Skeptics of corporations who believe the neutral referee should become more aggressive in its regulatory approach will likely oppose any action (such as the aforementioned merger) that decreases market oversight. However, if one believes the market will usually work itself out, and that an overly aggressive approach will hinder economic growth, one will support such merging actions.

Regardless of whether or not this merger is carried out, the controversy of moderation in regard to regulation and market oversight is sure to continue. Although no decision will be made without opposition, the decisions that attempt to resolve the moderation issue will undoubtedly begin to steer the market into a regulatory environment for years to come.

*Business update compiled by Evan Unzelman.*

## SAFETY BEAT

# CAMPUS SAFETY

Nov. 7:

Campus Safety (CSIN) discovered a broken window on a student car parked in the Olson Lot. Nothing appeared to have been stolen.

Nov. 8:

A Budget rental van was rear-ended on I-5. A report was taken for insurance purposes.

Nov. 10:

A student contacted CSIN to request ice for her knee, which she had injured while playing basketball.

Nov. 11:

CSIN observed a vehicle being driven erratically near Ingram. The vehicle hit three parked cars that belong to PLU students. Pierce County Sheriff's Department was notified and made contact with the driver, also a PLU student. The matter has been forwarded to Student Conduct.

A student and a non-PLU person were contacted for alcohol possession at South Hall. The matter has been forwarded to Student Conduct.

Nov. 12:

Three youths entered Foss Hall

and began to verbally harass the desk worker and responding CSIN personnel. The three were later contacted and given persona non grata. The three persons are also suspects in the vandalism of the Lute Lounge, where furniture was overturned and food was thrown around the room.

A stray golf ball broke the window in a room at South Hall.

A student reported having received a life-threatening phone call from off campus. The matter is under investigation.

Nov. 13:

Two students came to CSIN to report that they had been fighting. The matter was forwarded to Student Conduct.

### CAMPUS SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK

If you receive a harassing phone call from an unknown person, hang up quickly. Never encourage or argue with the caller.

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# Campus diversity 'powerful'

Final story in a two-part series: Diversity Center an asset to PLU's lack of diversity

STEVE JOHNSON  
Mast news reporter

The PLU Diversity Center, located on the first floor of the University Center, is not just an open, inviting place for students to hang out.

It is the hub of many separate programs, and serves a variety of purposes; providing educational and social programming that celebrates human diversity within the community, both that of PLU and the surrounding area.

This place is only one part of the whole diversity reflected in the students and faculty at PLU.

However, there is not as much cultural diversity within PLU as there is within the general population of the community surrounding campus. Out of all the university's faculty members (depending on course selection), a student will likely have only one professor of a minority race in four years.

Ron Byrnes, an associate professor in the School of Education, said he has noticed this trend and feels that the students at PLU are being deprived of diversity. They do not realize they are missing out on a number of potentially inspir-

ing, intelligent people, he said.

Byrnes said he feels fortunate to have attended a university in Southern California, which had a very diverse set of professors who influenced his development as a person. Experiencing diversity at this university was a positive force in his life, he said.

"Students' education is more meaningful and powerful when a student's classmates and faculty are diverse," Byrnes said.

He said he feels that eventually, one way or another, the PLU demographics will become more diverse. Without student and administration support, this will take decades, yet simply hiring more minorities will not make the difference.

The best way the administration can increase diversity is by recruiting young, talented minorities, Byrnes said. The PLU community is predominantly white and middle-class. Despite accepting new members, the community often seeks to have these newcomers bend and adapt themselves into the community.

However, the Diversity Center has promoted Byrnes' ideal through various kinds of programming. Lisa Doyle, programs coordinator, said the Diversity Advocates — students who work in the Diversity Center and represent varied backgrounds — are the ones who usually plan these events. Several Rieke Scholarship recipients also work in the Diversity Center.

Diversity advocate sophomore Leann Conley said she works nearly 10 hours each week to arrange

events such as the ongoing "Taste of Tacoma." This activity allows students to experience different cultures by trying various ethnic foods at local restaurants. Food is an important part of how a culture is manifested, Conley said.

For her individually coordinated program, Conley said, she participated in a recent celebration for the coming new year at the Seattle Center. She will work Nov. 30 on a forum called "Bridging Understanding." This features a dialogue between five professors of different religions that will address views on subjects such as homosexuality and women.

The Diversity Center also offers movie nights, showing films that promote specific themes of diversity.

Student discussions, including interactive sessions with guest speakers, are frequently hosted by the Diversity Center.

In addition to the programming, Doyle said, the Diversity Center is a place for information. The program distributes a weekly newsletter within both the Lutedome and the surrounding community.

While sharing diversity is the primary goal for the Diversity Center, Doyle said, it has also strived to be "a very open community, and a safe place that people felt comfortable asking questions."

To project this feeling of openness, Doyle leaves her door open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., which are the Diversity Center hours. She is happy to sit and talk with whomever happens to be there at

# 'Homo-sex' controversy just across mountains

Gonzaga invites controversial speaker, shuns liberal events

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Gonzaga University's College Republicans incited controversy when they welcomed Dr. John Diggs to their campus Oct. 25 to give a speech about "Homo-sex."

The student group did not have Gonzaga's approval when it initially invited Diggs to the campus, located in Spokane, Wash. Diggs was required to change the title of his speech from "The Medical Effects of Homosexuality" to "The Medical Effects of Homo-sex."

College Republicans president Dan Brutocao said homosexuality is about the person, while homo-sex refers to the physical act, and the latter was deemed the more appropriate topic for Diggs' presentation.

Although generally recognized as a politically conservative private institution, Gonzaga received some negative reactions to its decision to host Diggs.

"As an alumni, I was shocked at this speaker's approval," Gonzaga alumnus Travis Millsbaugh said.

Rod Aminian, president of Helping Educate Regarding Orientation (HERO), said he had en-

couraged HERO members to attend the speech, but was soon appalled at hearing the content of Diggs' presentation.

"Dr. Diggs is an ideologue of vulgar proportions," Aminian said. "He stretched fact, used dodgy nomenclature and used every token anti-gay byline in the lexicon of anti-gay bylines."

Such responses of opposition have been fueled by other recent incidents on Gonzaga's campus, including the school's refusal to host performances of the play "The Vagina Monologues" and a lecture by a Planned Parenthood speaker.

Meanwhile, some students on the PLU campus said Gonzaga should not hesitate to bring controversial speakers to its campus.

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Andrew Austin  
President  
PLU Democrats

said Andrew Austin, PLU Democrats president. "In nature of this right, I believe that any group should have the freedom to state in public what they believe and stand for."

PLU, another private, religious university, hosted conservative speakers such as Michael Medved last spring, Austin said.

Despite the recent speech that put their university under

fire, Gonzaga students said their school has made progress in becoming more welcoming and open in its beliefs.

"If it makes any difference, we had a 'National Coming Out Day' celebration, which had speakers, activities and food for all who wanted to participate," Gonzaga first-year David Reece Kolbrick said. "They were welcoming, accepting, and it was a pretty big deal."

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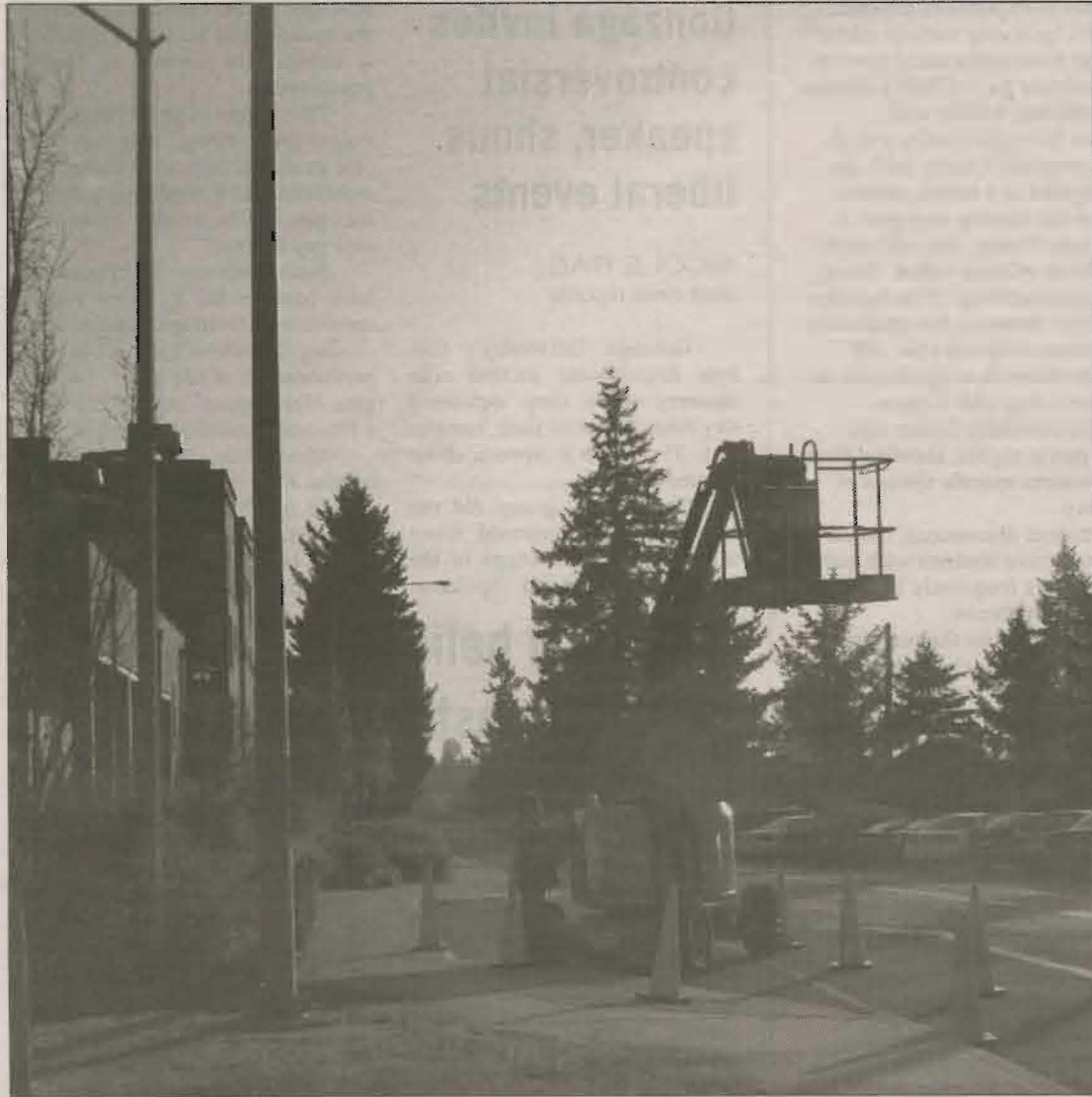
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## Vehicle break-ins, thefts galore on campus, surrounding community



Workers fix a surveillance camera atop a lamp post near the golf course fence line. Campus Safety monitors the nine campus cameras 24 hours a day in an attempt to decrease vehicle break-ins and thefts, as well as other crimes.

Photo by Brian Bradshaw

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Twenty-seven motor vehicle thefts and 64 reported break-ins have occurred this year within a half-mile radius of the PLU campus, according to the Pierce County crime data report. Statistics also show Tacoma has 2.45 times the national average number of car thefts and break-ins.

This year, Campus Safety reported 83 vehicle prowls and 17 vehicle thefts, including five thefts that happened in the past month alone.

"It's not unusual to see a rise in the number of vehicle prowls and thefts in the fall semester," Campus Safety director Marsha Stril said. "As more cars come to campus, and the months get darker earlier, it provides a crime of opportunity."

The number of vehicle prowls is high because of multiple hits occurring each night.

"There have been times when criminals will break windows in every car on a street," said junior Callie Stachecki, a Campus Safety officer. "It gives them the ability to do twice the work in half the time. What's worse is when it's not a theft but a random break-in, because we can't really do anything about it. [The Pierce County Sheriff's Department] can't catch them if they aren't trying to hock something."

Junior Carly Gillis has experienced four break-ins to her 1995 Honda Civic in the last three years.

"I had a club for my steering wheel, but it didn't keep them out of my car," Gillis said. "They just ripped the panel on my dash off."

Gillis said she switched her car from the South Hall parking lot to the Tinglestad lot with the advice of Campus Safety officials, and has not had a problem since.

"I'm glad [Campus Safety is] concerned with what is happening," Gillis said. "It makes me feel better that they are working to solve the problem."

The areas targeted specifically are those along the golf course fence line, Olsen lot, Yakima lot, 121st Street and 125th Street. These areas are dark and located outside high-traffic areas of campus.

Gillis said she suggests building an elevated parking garage that is monitored.

"It would be a lot of work and a lot of money, but there are break-ins every single night in our area," Gillis said. "It's out of control."

Campus Safety and the Pierce County Sheriff's Department are working together to decrease the number of incidences on and around campus.

Stril said she requested that PLU put in more cameras in areas of concern around campus. To date, Campus Safety has a video surveillance officer monitoring the nine cameras around campus

24 hours each day. The addition of video surveillance came in the fall of 2004, and is now looking to install nine cameras by January of 2006.

Video surveillance officers review security tapes in an effort to identify potential suspects, as well as to pinpoint the dates or times of occurrence.

As a further precaution, Campus Safety and the Pierce County Sheriff's Department have increased patrols of the areas surrounding PLU at peak hours of the night.

"We now have two deputies doing a neighborhood watch every Friday and Saturday night," Stril said.

Campus Safety officers conduct frequent and regular patrols of the parking lots and the streets around the campus both on foot and in the security patrol vehicle. These efforts are supplementary to the efforts of the Pierce County Sheriff's Department.

There are several measures students, staff and faculty can take to protect their cars and belongings.

- Always keep all doors and windows locked when the vehicle is unoccupied.
- Do not leave your keys or a spare key in your car.
- Park in well lit areas or campus-owned lots, since most cars broken into are parked on the street.
- Never leave currency or coins in plain view.
- Install an auto alarm system, particularly if you have a stereo system, car phone or any other items of high value installed.
- Don't leave CD cases, backpacks, briefcases, laptop computers or laptop cases in open view. Never leave valuables visible in your car.
- Don't leave Christmas presents in the trunk of your vehicle since it is easy for a thief to pop the trunk.
- Items such as cell phones, PDAs, portable CD players or radar detectors should be taken inside at night.

The best advice that Campus Safety has to offer is leave your car at home. There are countless students who bring their cars to campus every year and drive less than once a month, if ever at all. These cars provide easy targets if the owner never comes to check on their vehicle.

Despite both PCSD and Campus Safety efforts, and even if all of the preceding suggestions were followed, a criminal can still target a vehicle. In these cases it's very important that both Campus Safety and PCSD are notified so that Incident Reports can be generated and steps can be taken by each agency to deter additional incidents and/or capture the offenders.

## Seeking justice: Activists discuss current nominee

### Panel argues negative effects of Alito in the Supreme Court

**CARLA MILLER**  
Mast news reporter

As Samuel Alito's confirmation into the Supreme Court approaches, pro-choice interest groups are lobbying to inform citizens of Alito's legal history.

Members of concerned campus organizations formed a panel Tuesday that discussed numerous reasons Alito should not be confirmed to the Supreme Court.

"At the National Organization of Women, we believe that Alito will overturn Roe v. Wade," said Judie Fortier, chapter president for the Tacoma National Organization of Women (NOW).

Fortier backed up her comment by evidence from Alito's legal record.

Alito offered the only dissenting opinion in the 1991 case, Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pa. v. Casey, Fortier said. He advocated that women should have to inform their husbands before they get an abortion.

The Supreme Court rejected Alito's position in 1992.

"At NOW, we are very con-

cerned about the future of reproductive rights," Frontier said.

The public does not understand what is at stake with Alito's nomination and possible confirmation, Washington state senator Rosa Franklin said. Franklin is a PLU alum and represents the 29th district, in which PLU is included.

"There has been a real effort to elect into office one who is quiet where they were loud before," Franklin said.

Students have many options for getting involved with protecting the future of reproductive rights, according to the attending activists.

**"There has been a real effort to elect into office one who is quiet where they were loud before."**

**Rosa Franklin**  
Washington state senator

"There are abundant ways for students [to get involved]," said Jennifer Allen, a representative from Planned Parenthood of Western Washington. "Call your senator and make your voice heard."

PLU has a student group, VOX, which is affiliated with Planned Parenthood. VOX means voice in Latin and students can become in-

involved by contacting the Women's Center.

Another resource suggested by panelists is [saveroe.com](http://saveroe.com), which supplies information on why the public should be concerned about Alito's possible appointment to the Supreme Court.

"Individual women and doctors are the ones that need to be deciding what is best for a woman's health," Allen said, "not politicians."

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**Loans**

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In this school year alone, over 26 students did not fill out the proper verification paperwork to receive their awarded federal aid, according to Lorie Staab, associate director of Financial Aid.

"After notices went out, 19 students then provided the information and their aid is now disbursed to their accounts," Staab said.

Currently, six students still have not filled out the proper verification paperwork, Staab said.

"The verification process is mandated by the Federal Government," Staab said. "We must verify any student who is selected for the verification process before we can disburse their federal or need based financial aid. It is law."

The Federal Financial Aid Processor selects the students for the verification process. PLU's aid administrators do not.

The total amount of money that was returned was over \$123,000, Staab said.

The lobbying portion of the committee would exist to reduce state and federal deficits that are pursued by legislators, Pedey said.

The literacy portion will help students and parents understand all aid-related communications.

"The message that is intended in the financial aid literature is not the message that students are receiving," said ASPLU President Willie Painter.

The lobbying portion of this committee will help to analyze the literacy part, Pedey said.

A committee cannot exist without members.

"This committee would consist of members of all grade levels and majors," Pedey said.

Why does the Literacy need to exist?

Aid the Office of Financial Aid in the improvement of all aid-related communications to PLU students and parents, so that student confusion is minimized, aid benefits maximized, and a win-win is the resulting outcome for Financial Aid Office and aid recipients.

**asplu** Associated Students of Pacific Lutheran University

Photo by Hakme Lee

Concerned student: First-year Brian Pedey, Literacy and Lobbying Ad Hoc Committee Chair, talks Nov. 8 in the Lute Lounge about teaching students about their financial aid.

There will be one committee head as well as a subcommittee head for both the literacy and lobbying aspect, Pedey said. There will then be six members of the literacy portion, as well as six members of the lobbying aspect.

"There is an interest in a committee like this from various other clubs," Painter said. "However, there will be some need to keep in bipartisan and objective."

Students seeking membership on this committee will go through an interview and be chosen by the committee head and two PLU senators.

"The hope is that this committee will be established by January, with the main literacy work to be done in February," Pedey said. "March and April will be the main lobbying work, and May and June will be a time to reflect on the effectiveness of the committee and plan for next year."

ASPLU will vote whether to adopt this committee nearer to the end of November.

"The long term status of this committee is still disputable," Painter said.

The U.S. House of Representatives will vote on the budget reconciliation bill later this month.

**HOW TO ACT**

STUDENTS AND PARENTS CAN CALL THEIR REPRESENTATIVE AND ASK THAT THEY OPPOSE THIS BILL AT THE CAPITOL SWITCHBOARD AT 202-225-3121, OR AT THE STUDENT AID ALLIANCE HOTLINE AT 1-800-574-4AID.

**Rapist**

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Dias is currently charged with two counts of first-degree rape and single counts of first-degree burglary, second-degree assault and unlawful imprisonment. If convicted on all counts, he could serve 38 to 44 years in prison.

Dias did not enter a plea to the charges. His bail is set at \$5 million. He will be arraigned Wednesday at the Regional Justice Center.

When the serial rapist was still thought to be on the loose, PLU's Campus Safety didn't notice an increase in the amount of escorts requested for. The officers also said they didn't notice a change in the sense of safety on campus.

"We keep our eyes open when things like that [the attacks] pop up, but procedures stayed pretty much the same," said Jeff Wilgus, operations supervisor of Campus Safety.

Some students weren't even aware of the threat. Several PLU students were unable to comment when asked about their feelings concerning the attacks.

Dias is still at Harborview Medical Center and recovering from a gunshot wound to the elbow. The officer responsible for the wound, Shon Smith, is currently on paid administrative leave, standard procedure for an officer involved in a shooting. Smith shot Dias after finding him in a wooded area 100 yards from where the suspect jumped, according to The News Tribune.

Investigators gathered evidence at the scene of the incident, The Heights apartment complex, Nov. 9 for several hours. The complex is located in the 100 block of Southwest Campus Drive. Dias' home on 362nd Street South was also searched.

Evidence links the suspect to the other attacks thus far, according to The News Tribune. A mask, gloves and a similar approach were used in all attacks. Other people present in the home were tied up in all cases. Forensic evidence, which is currently under analysis, will be needed to convict Dias.

Dias has been arrested before in New Jersey and Washington state. None of these previous offenses are sexually related.

**Awareness**

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hours a day, Monday through Friday. The volunteers mirrored the situation of the homeless, which included sleeping outside and eating only what was given to them.

"Homelessness is something that society tends to shun away from," said sophomore Tamara Power-Drutis, coordinator of the service branch of Students for Peace. "We wanted to bring it out into the open where they [students] have to see it."

While many of the volunteers in Red Square are from Students for Peace, others are interested students from other organizations.

"We sent emails to lots of organizations and talked to lots of people," Power-Drutis said. "It mostly spread through word of mouth and we had a lot of people who wanted to volunteer."

Other events during the week included a panel of speakers in the Lute Lounge Monday, serving food in the Hospitality Kitchen and serving at the Nativity House.

One event in particular, volunteering at the Hospitality Kitchen, stood out as a success, said Megan Thompson, Co-Director of the Volunteer Center.

"We were really happy about how it went," Thompson said. "We are going to volunteer there every Tuesday for the remainder of the school year."

Students who want to get involved with the Volunteer Center can e-mail at volunteer@plu.edu. Students for Peace can be reached at plupeace@plu.edu.

**Homeless**

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both Tacoma natives, have been friends for more than 20 years and both consider themselves blessed to have the other.

"It's nice to have Bob," Hanson says. "Other partners have ripped me off. I can trust him with anything."

On Steele Street, Planichuk agrees with his counterpart, shuddering as he imagines life without his long-time friend.

"It doesn't matter who makes more, we split it everyday," Planichuk says. "We're honest with each other. That's really important."

Squinting to see through the early sunlight, Planichuk scans the flow of cars for signs of generosity. His sunken eyes shine from beneath his black woolen cap, rarely meeting a driver's stare with his own. With sunflower seeds and discarded pennies at his feet, Planichuk describes the hurdles that make it difficult for him to find employment. The fact that he has no address or way to be contacted impairs Planichuk's ability to get work, but his health, he says, is another reason that he cannot land a job.

"I've got a real bad hernia," Planichuk says, furrowing his brow. "I went to the emergency room for it once."

Hanson has faced medical issues as well, although the severity of his conditions has not always been taken into consideration by others. Five years ago, after being on welfare for nearly one year and having an apartment with a few of his buddies, his financial aid was suddenly cut. He could not find

a job that his injury would allow him to hold.

"They decided that a degenerative disc wasn't bad enough to get welfare," Hanson says, pausing to glance at an ambulance flashing its way through the intersection. "My back's gotten so bad now that I can barely walk up to camp after sitting on this bucket for so many hours."

The camp he refers to is a place nearby — he'd rather not disclose the exact location — where he and Planichuk have been sleeping for the last six months. With winter on its way and the weather getting colder, they have had to get used to sharing their tent with spiders and rats, and to being the victims of vandals, but the two men consider themselves fortunate.

"A lot of guys out here don't have tents like we do," Planichuk says. "They have to sleep in the mud or under a bush."

A lot of them are still doing drugs too, a habit that Planichuk and Hanson have not participated in for years. Hanson has been clean for eight years now, but his past vices have taken their toll, and the wrinkles on his face compare to the lines and cracks of his weathered jacket.

"I used to do heroin," Hanson admits, staring at his shoes. "I've got a lot of regrets and made a lot of bad decisions. If I could do it over again, I'd do it different."

A shiny silver hearse floats by towards the freeway on 72nd. After graciously receiving a dollar bill from an older lady beckoning, "Hey you," in the passenger seat of a red mini-van, Hanson reclines his plastic stool and tucks the donation into his pocket.

"There's a lot of nice people out here," Hanson says, "But a lot

of hateful people, too."

Hanson recalls being yelled at daily, having garbage thrown at him and even being the target of a pellet gun. He wrinkles his brow and sighs.

"If you don't want to help me, that's fine; get on down the road," Hanson pleads. "I don't want to bother anybody; I'm here to get what I need."

Hanson and Planichuk say they are frustrated with the misconception that signers and panhandlers make more money than they actually do.

"People think we're out here making \$300 a day," Hanson says, turning his palms up as he shrugs. "At Steele Street I made \$60 once. Here on Hosmer I'm lucky to get \$20. Today and yesterday I have only made six bucks."

On Steele Street, a massive semi-truck widely rounds the corner and lets out a deafening honk. Its gleaming fender nearly knocks over the cup of Coca-Cola at Planichuk's side. He returns to his seat after accepting a coat someone in a pick-up truck offered him.

"Another coat," he sighs. "I have so many coats. Today and yesterday have been really bad. I have barely made anything out here."

But there is hope.

Two weeks ago the men applied to the community-based non-profit organization Greater Lakes for housing arrangements. Yesterday, a representative from the program informed them that they had been accepted, and last night they were able to sleep in the new apartment for the first time in years. Planichuk says he savors the things that many people don't think twice about.

"The bed and the warmth," Planichuk says, revealing his toothless gums as he smiles. "Things that most people take for granted."

The shower and shelter are appreciated, but the duo does not forget how fortunate they are to have one another. As Hanson says, having a companion on the streets is safer and nice when he needs someone to talk to, but being able to trust someone is invaluable.

"He turned out to be the best friend I've ever had," Hanson says. "I don't know anyone that has a partner as good as I do."

"A lot of guys out here don't have tents like we do. They have to sleep in the mud or under a bush."

Bob Planichuk  
Parkland signer

From the editor

**On abortion, ethics and journalism**

The pro-life insert from Human Life Alliance in last week's issue of *The Mast* has prompted concerns across campus.

Many readers were concerned about the process that led to the insert's appearance in *The Mast*, as well as factual inaccuracies and offensive rhetoric contained in the advertisement.

Over the course of the school year, I have often been asked to clarify the editorial process at *The Mast*. Perhaps this latest controversy signals that now is the time to answer these questions and, hopefully, alleviate any concerns about the ideological direction of the newspaper.

To start with, *The Mast* is financially reliant on its advertisements. True, we are funded by the university, but without our advertisements we might not be able to print in color, present the newspapers in attractive newsstands or provide necessary supplies and technology for our staff. Advertising revenue helps us grow and improve each year.

In an effort to maintain a community focus, we will often solicit advertisements from local businesses. Occasionally, however, businesses will approach us, such as was the case with Human Life Alliance.

When our advertising manager receives a questionable ad, the matter is brought before the entire editorial staff of *The Mast*. Decisions about problematic content of any kind, including advertisements, are always the result of a collective evaluation. Everyone on staff is given the opportunity to join the discussion, and all viewpoints are taken into consideration. Our faculty advisers are sometimes included in these discussions, but not often.

In fact, all of the content in *The Mast* is carefully considered. As a group, we discuss whether or not we will print strong language in a story, advertisements from local bars or photographs that may be graphic or potentially offensive. In any of these cases, we consider whether the content in question has any redeeming value. If not, the content is revised or rejected outright. In the case of the Human Life Alliance ad, we asked the organization to ensure each page noted it was an advertising supplement.

As outlined in the Policies section on the lower right corner of this page, *The Mast* adheres to the Society of Professional Journalists' code of ethics. This ethical system emphasizes truth, fairness, independence and accountability.

Our decision to accept the insert from Human Life Alliance was based on these guidelines, in addition to a few others.

My colleagues and I are strongly committed to the right to free speech. Even though some of us may have disagreed with the content of the advertisement, we felt that to reject the ad on personal grounds would be tantamount to restricting the free speech of others.

Furthermore, we understood that not everyone in the PLU community would disagree with the advertisement. In the interest of acceptance of diversity and unbiased reporting, we decided to accept the ad.

We also felt it was important to accept the ad in the interest of fairness, especially in consideration of the Planned Parenthood advertisement which has run on a weekly basis for several years. In consideration of any issue — abortion, gun control, welfare reform or anything else — it is important to allow all sides to have a voice.

Also in the interest of fairness, I feel it is important to acknowledge some statistics that directly contradict those presented in the insert. Political preferences aside, I feel it is the role of this newspaper to present all sides of an issue and allow our readers the means by which to reach an informed decision.

Interestingly enough, an article in the Nov. 13 issue of the *Seattle Times* — just two days after the distribution of the issue of *The Mast* containing the Human Life alliance insert — addressed the issue of abortion.

Perhaps the most compelling statistic presented in the article is that the public opposes overturning *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion, by more than a 2-to-1 ratio, according to a poll conducted by the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press.

Moreover, the number of legal abortions has actually declined in the last decade by almost half a million. This may be related to another statistic presented in the article, which said more than 90 percent of women at risk of unintended pregnancy use contraceptives. Nearly half of all unintended pregnancies occur among the small percentage of sexually active women who don't use contraceptives.

There is some parity between the Human Life Alliance insert and the article in the *Seattle Times*. For example, both acknowledge that nearly 25 percent of pregnancies are terminated by an abortion. The *Seattle Times* also mentions half of all pregnancies are unintended.

Both also acknowledge that one third of U.S. women will have an abortion by age 45 at current abortion rates.

As with any issue, it is essential to conduct research for ourselves and make informed decisions based on critical examination.

I understand the controversy surrounding the Human Life Alliance advertisement. However, I believe the insert presents a valuable opportunity for the community to create dialogue around a very important issue, and it allows new voices to enter this vast marketplace of ideas we call PLU.

This happens to me on a regular basis.



Cartoon by Calvin Moore

**Another dispatch from a Scottish pub**

**Finding history in a glass of Glenlivet**

I come to you again from overseas to continue the exploration we began last time — alcohol abroad. It was difficult to leave you with such a slim amount of information, so this week I will complete my thoughts and hopefully allow you a more accurate impression of the drinking situation here in Scotland.

I believe the contents of my last letter can be summed up as follows: The drinking age is 18; Scottish students fully utilize this fact; parties in college often take place at clubs, one of which can be found on campus; and any day of the week is game for a binge, a habit to which the university facilities cater.

As I said last week, the younger side of the alcohol culture makes this 21-year-old feel uncharacteristically mature. It turns out I really can't dance, and just can't keep up with the cool club kids. So instead of frequenting clubs, I've spent a large portion of my nights out at the quieter pubs (short for "public houses"), alongside ancient men who lost their interest in dancing decades ago. Since arriving here, I've been exposed not only to the frequent binges and fleeting behaviors of British students, but also to the age-old culture of English ales, Irish porters, Scottish whiskies and the places in which they are still sipped, gulped and guzzled.

These pubs are museums. The buildings themselves, their

memorabilia-adorned walls and the trade in which they continue are older than our own country. For example, before I came to Scotland, I had the pleasure of touring some of Oxford, England's most legendary pubs and acquiring a taste for the specialty they serve — the "real ale."

The "real ale" is the most traditional beer served today. In contrast to what we Americans are used to, it doesn't contain added carbon dioxide and isn't served ice cold. Instead it is stored in casks in the cellar of a pub, where it continues to ferment. There it perfects its complex flavours like a fine wine, until it is pumped up and into your pint glass. This is where the widespread rumor of "warm, disgusting British beer" comes from, but it's not true. Real ales, consumed at cellar temperature (cool, but not too cold), are amazing! Drinking such a traditional beer amidst the history living in Oxford's pubs is an experience indeed.

For example, I visited a pub called "The Bear" that has been in operation since 1242. I sat, because the ceilings were too low to stand comfortably, and enjoyed a pint of real ale called "Old Hooky." Later, I stumbled upon "Eagle and Child," the place where English authors J.R.R. Tolkien, C.S. Lewis and Lewis Carroll often met to discuss their ideas over a drink. I pondered my deeper thoughts there while sipping a nice "Old



**Of Links and Lochs**

Speckled Hen."

I've already told you about Ireland and its wonderful historic contribution to the pub culture in this area, but I will reiterate the fact that there really is nothing like a pint of Guinness. The wonderful beverage is a porter, another type of beer that contains roasted barley, giving it not only rich taste but also its rich, dark color.

Here in Scotland, though, there is no drink that's more traditional or historic than whisky. Scottish whisky is so distinguished it's even spelled differently (whisky rather than whiskey). The term for it in Gaelic, Scotland's native tongue, means "the water of life," and the Scottish treat it as such. The distilleries located in the highlands of this country have produced some of the best spirits in the world since 1492, and I've never felt more Scottish than when I sat in the old William Wallace pub sipping a glass of "Glenlivet."

So promise me that if you're ever in Scotland or its surrounding areas, leave the clubs to the cool kids and go visit some of the best museums this place has to offer: the local pubs.

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# Visit a nude country and you'll have nude experiences

Norway is a nude, not rude, nation.

Let me explain.

Cultural traditions often show the heart of a society, revealing that society's attitudes and beliefs, in spite of the traditions' relative simplicity. One cultural behavior I have witnessed in Norway is the acceptance and consequent pervasiveness of nudity.

A billboard draping the heart of downtown Oslo shows a naked, pregnant woman leaning against an equally naked man. This is an advertisement for the opening of the new city center.

A drawing in my Norwegian language book clearly outlines the difference between a male and female child in the chapter on the human body.

At the gym, old women and teenagers alike stand nude while drying their hair in front of the central sink and mirror.

But those are mild, quick glances of nudity compared to a recent experience I had. I watched a naked man for a lengthy amount of time when my political science class went to the National Theatre to see a play titled "Terrorism" in September.

The play was fascinating. The playwright depicted ordinary life situations, such as airport delays, spouse infidelity and child disobedience, with the overarching idea that these events could all be construed as terrorism.

The most striking scene occurred midway through the play. Several men were physically abusing another man in the locker room, and none of the attackers stopped until the head lieutenant of the group entered the room and questioned what was occurring. As he demanded answers, he roved through the room - naked from the waist down. He often

positioned his lower body in an assertive stance near the men, with one leg straight and the other propped up on a locker room bench.

The scene was as long as, maybe even longer than, the others in the play. The stark display of nudity lasted the entire scene, which shocked most of my classmates, Namibians and Americans alike. Yet I believe this nudity had an important role, not only in the play but also in the larger web connecting Norwegian attitudes and culture.

First, it showed nudity is natural within Norwegian society. No signs or restrictions were apparent to warn viewers of the nudity. It didn't seem an issue among the audience, actors or general public.

Secondly, the audience was not a small likeminded group of liberal individuals. The theater was packed, and this was not be-

cause the upcoming nudity scenes enticed the audience to attend.

The majority of the audience was comprised of young adult males, while the scenes consisted of middle-aged males strutting across the stage. They were not quite the bodacious babes with bouncing breasts who are commonly depicted in American media.

Thirdly, innocent nudity enables a healthier society better than does a constant portrayal of violence among human beings. In Norwegian society, the amount of nudity outweighs that of horrific violence.

Many countries - especially the United States - are regularly portraying violence in their media, yet the portrayal of nudity immediately instigates a public uproar.

I'm not advocating extreme nudity for our own mainstream television, movies or theater. But I think the Norwegians have



Jenn Henrichsen  
The Laughing Lutefisk

a point. Instead of raising our voices and decrying the horrors of nakedness, perhaps we should focus on eradicating violent images that pervade and desensitize our society. Rather than subconsciously accept violence, perhaps we should consciously accept our true bodies.

After all, real terrorism is found not in the naked middle-aged man in the locker room, but in violent actions among people.

Guest column: Featuring Provost James L. Pence and ASPLU Vice President Mark Oliver

## PLU students and faculty: In pursuit of academic excellence



James L. PENCE

"Does it really matter where you go to college?"

Educational researchers, students and their families, state and federal policymakers and college leaders who are eager to demonstrate academic quality are increasingly asking this question. The popular press tells stories about rising college tuition, increased competition among institutions for philanthropic dollars and reduced levels of support from governments. At a recent national meeting, I heard a respected researcher, Richard Hersh, describe several forms of "value-added" assessment being used at colleges and

universities. According to Hersh, this assessment "attempts to measure what a particular college or university contributes to its students' knowledge and capabilities during their four or five years."

Hersh is co-director of the Collegiate Learning Assessment Project (CLA). According to information on its web site, CLA is "an innovative approach to assessing [an] institution's contribution to student learning...[it] uses the institution (rather than the individual student) as the primary unit of analysis."

This means that the focus is on how the institution as a whole contributes to student development. Therefore, the CLA does not present another high-stakes test for individual students, but rather it aggregates the information to better understand the institution's role in promoting learning."

Writing in *The Atlantic Monthly* (November 2005), Hersh describes CLA and the 234 colleges and universities involved in the project.

"The results to date are illuminating," Hersh states. "After controlling for admissions selectivity, the CLA shows that which school a student attends *does* make a difference."

He is also quick to point out that "value-added assessment tells us only how schools are doing in relation to their competitors, not what absolute standards of excellence they could be setting."

As the chief academic officer at PLU, I see all kinds of evidence of student academic accomplishments and excellence, among them:

- Publishing papers and presenting at professional conferences with their professors;
- Winning Fulbright and other prestigious awards;
- Being accepted into distinguished graduate programs;
- Being employed in their fields soon after graduation;

-Singing, dancing, acting, and performing well on stages, fields, and courts;

-Reports from alumni/ae who are successful in their careers and attribute at least part of their success to PLU.

I imagine that collecting stories of academic rigor will not be difficult. On the other hand, I am not at all sure how our stories will help us demonstrate the "PLU difference" to an audience beyond the campus.

Speaking for myself and not on behalf of the faculty or the university, I believe we need to think carefully about the role of "value-added" assessment to demonstrate that PLU is indeed achieving its mission and educating students to lead, serve, and care effectively in this complex world.

I believe that to be true, but I want to prove it to our various stakeholders, including current students whose degrees just may attain greater intrinsic and extrinsic value when they see how well they compare to graduates of comparable institutions.



Mark OLIVER

While it is comforting for admissions counselors, administrators and other staff members that "report out" to cite statistics about awards that our community has amassed over the years, I don't feel as though students can afford that same luxury. It would be wonderful if I could justify the value of my education by simply saying, "I went to school with a girl that got a Fulbright." Truth be told, my story of academic rigor has little to do with the evidences of ac-

ademic rigor at PLU; in reflecting, it is hard for me, in my role as a student, to suffice with that perspective.

The largest role, and superficially most obvious, is the role of the student in building what is requisite for an academically rigorous institution. In most high schools nationwide, the burdens of secondary assessment have made it the responsibility of the educator to pass the student rather than the students' responsibility to learn.

Unfortunately, education isn't like visiting the auto-mechanic, the success in the time you spend here is mutually dependent; you do have a responsibility to your own education. The people that have become poster-children for academic value at PLU understood that.

The second role is that of the educator. The quality of our faculty is superior across

the board. The demands of an academically rigorous institution have as much to do with the academic quality as it does with their academic integrity. By that I don't mean what we typically understand as academic integrity from an academic standpoint, but rather to have the integrity to value the system, stamp out grade inflation, etc... While it might hurt specific program enrollment, my naive assumption when I enrolled here in the first place was that the focus of the institution was not enrollment in specific programs (even though it necessarily must be), but rather to challenge and support students to engage in lives of thoughtful inquiry, leadership, service and care.

Finally, I believe there is much work to do in our assessment mechanism. While the strength nationwide is built on "success stories," or what the average student accom-

plishes after graduation, I would think the evidence of academic rigor is not a matter of how successful our most successful are, or how what we do on an average, but "Do our programs challenge students? Are there loopholes?"

While there may not be a single empirical mechanism for assessing program quality across a diverse array of programs, the question is how many loopholes are there in the system that students at PLU can slide through and what do we need to do in terms of program quality to prevent students from sliding through the cracks. I believe there is evidence that PLU is achieving its mission and educating students to lead, serve, and care effectively, but I question how representative the evidence is of our rigor, and conversely, of our negligence.

### Sidewalk Talk:

## What are you most looking forward to about Thanksgiving break?



Being with my fiancé. He's in Oregon.

Carla Miller, senior



I'm looking forward to flying to Denver. My entire family lives in Tacoma, so I'm flying to Denver.

Joe Izenman, senior



The break! Getting out of our anatomy and physiology class.

Rose Alexander, first-year



Sleep. And the Seattle half-marathon.

Eric Paris, senior

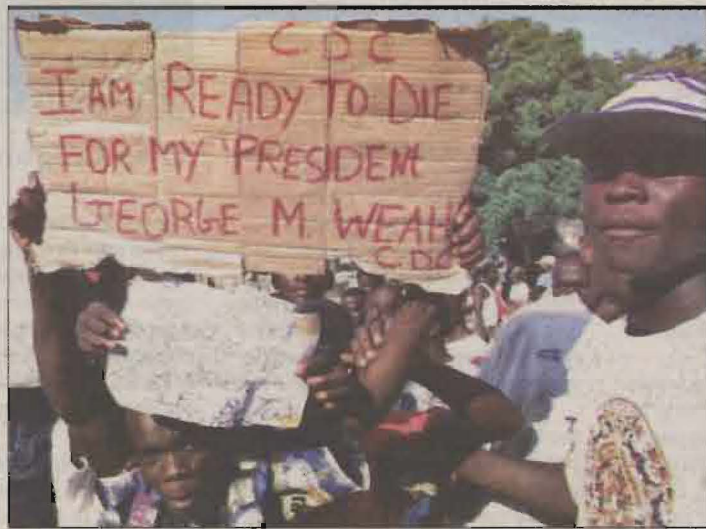


Pull-apart rolls! And seeing my family. Definitely pull-apart rolls.

Krystal Anderson, junior

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Top: Supporters of George Weah rally in Monrovia following the easy victory of Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf. Above: Women in Monrovia celebrate the contested victory of Johnson-Sirleaf.

## Liberia elects first female president

### Contested vote would instate first female leader of an African nation

JONATHAN PAYE-LAYLEH  
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MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) - Former finance minister Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf easily won the most votes in Liberia's presidential run-off, according to results released Tuesday, putting the Harvard-educated politician in line to become the first woman elected president in Africa.

Before Johnson-Sirleaf can be declared the victor, election fraud charges filed by her rival, international soccer star George Weah, must be investigated, officials said.

His supporters clashed with U.N. peacekeepers last week, and on Tuesday, the government announced a ban on street demonstrations.

A spokesman for Weah's party, Max Doyen, has called for a new vote, threatening to "intensify our nonviolent approach."

With all ballots counted, Johnson-Sirleaf received 59.4 percent of the vote and Weah 40.6 percent in the Nov. 8 run-off, National Elections Commission Chairwoman Frances Johnson-Mor-

ris said at a news conference.

The National Election Commission was to open its investigation Wednesday into seven complaints filed by Weah's party.

Legislators from Weah's party threatened in a statement Monday to boycott parliament if the fraud complaint "is not addressed adequately." Parliament was to convene in January, when the president was to take office.

The elections were the first since a 1989-2003 civil war. Some 15,000 U.N. peacekeepers are now ensuring calm in Liberia.

Johnson-Sirleaf, a widowed mother of four who also has eight grandchildren, has served as her country's finance minister and taken on top jobs at Citibank and the United Nations.

Johnson-Sirleaf said she swept floors and waited tables at a drugstore restaurant in Madison, Wis. while attending a business college there. Later, she earned a masters in public administration from Harvard University.

Several hundred Weah supporters demonstrated peacefully in the capital Monday. The march was smaller and calmer than a demonstration Friday, when hundreds of stone-throwing protesters briefly skirmished with U.N. troops, who fired tear gas and wielded batons.

On Tuesday, Information Minister William Allen announced a temporary ban on street demonstrations, saying recent organizers of recent public rallies had not obtained official permission. He did not say when the ban would be lifted or what punishment illegal protests could garner.

# Potential terrorist attack foiled

## Australian police nab 17 in raids

MIKE CORDER  
Associated Press Writer

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) - Police arrested 17 terror suspects in Australia's two biggest cities in raids authorities said foiled a plot to carry out a catastrophic terror attack. A radical Muslim cleric known for praising Osama bin Laden was charged with masterminding the plot.

More than 500 police backed up by helicopters were involved in raids across Sydney and Melbourne, arresting eight men in Sydney and nine in Melbourne and seizing chemicals, weapons, computers and backpacks.

One suspect was in critical condition after being shot in the neck during a gunfight with police, said police Commissioner Graeme Morgan. An officer was also slightly wounded.

"I'm satisfied that we have disrupted what I would regard as the final stages of a large-scale terrorist attack ... here in Australia," New South Wales Police Commissioner Ken Moroney told Australian Broadcasting Corp. radio.

He later said he expected more arrests "in coming days and weeks."

Late Tuesday night [Nov. 8 2005], police raided another Sydney home as part of the terror probe, an Australian Federal Police spokesman said on condition of anonymity per government policy. There were no immediate arrests.

Prime Minister John Howard, who had warned of a possible terror attack in Australia, thanked security forces in a nationally televised news conference.

"This country has never been immune from a possible terrorist attack," he said. "That remains the situation today and it will be the situation to-

morrow."

Abu Bakr-an Algerian-Australian who has said he would be violating his faith if he warned his students not to join the jihad, or holy war, in Iraq- was among nine men who appeared Tuesday morning in Melbourne Magistrates Court charged with being members of a terror group.

Prosecutor Richard Maidment told the court the nine planned to kill "innocent men and women in Australia."

"The members of the Sydney group have been gathering chemicals of a kind that were used in the London Underground bombings," Maidment said. "Each of the members of the group are committed to the cause of violent jihad."

Seven of the suspects, including Abu Bakr, were ordered detained until a court appearance on Jan. 31. Two others were to hear Wednesday whether their application to be released on bail was granted.

Detective Sergeant Chris Murray told the court police surveillance had picked up one suspect, 20-year-old Abdulla Merhi, pleading for permission to become a martyr during discussions with other suspects.

Seven men arrested in Sydney were held in cells at a tightly guarded downtown court during a five-minute hearing Tuesday afternoon at which they were ordered held until another hearing on Friday on charges of preparing a terror act by manufacturing explosives.

Defense lawyer Adam Houda, who was representing at least one suspect, told reporters outside the court that the charges were a "scandalous political prosecution."

"There's no evidence that terrorism was contemplated or being planned by any particular person at any particular time or at any particular place," he said.

Federal Police Commissioner Mick Keelty said the fact that a suspect fired at police "serves to show that we are



Mark Baker (AP Photo)

Australian police set up road blocks on the outskirts of Sydney on Tuesday, November 8 2005. The road blocks were part of a massive raid that resulted in the arrest of 17 alleged would-be terrorists

dealing with very serious issues here."

Moroney said possible bomb-making materials were found during the raids, including chemicals which, "when combined in combinations of one or more, certainly could be highly volatile."

Police declined to give details of the likely target of the attack, but New South Wales Police Minister Carl Scully said: "I was satisfied that this state was under an imminent threat of potentially a catastrophic terrorist act ... involving the attempted stockpiling of chemicals and related materials that could be used in a major explosion."

Melbourne lawyer Rob Stary said he represented eight of the Melbourne suspects including Abu Bakr, who in the past has called al-Qaida mastermind Osama bin Laden a "great man." Abu Bakr leads a fundamentalist Islamic group in the southern city of Melbourne where he has lived since 1989.

Australia has never been hit by a major terror attack, but its citizens have repeatedly been targeted overseas, particularly in neighboring Indonesia, where dozens of Australians have been killed in bomb blasts since 2002.

Last week, Howard rushed through Parliament an amendment to terror laws he said would beef up police powers to arrest suspects plotting attacks. Melbourne police said the new powers helped them carry out their raids.

Opponents say Howard's strong support for the U.S.-led strikes on Iraq and decision to send troops there and to Afghanistan have made it inevitable that Australia will be attacked.

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## This week in global history

### A snapshot of major historical events that helped shape our world

COMPILED BY JONATHAN BONGARD  
International editor

1558 - Elizabeth I ascended the English throne upon the death of Queen Mary.

1869 - The Suez Canal opened in Egypt.

1941 - Less than a month before Pearl Harbor, Japanese Prime Minister General Tojo outlined a three-point plan aimed at peace in East Asia.

1958 - The civilian government of Sudan was overthrown by the military; Ibrahim Abboud became prime minister.

1969 - Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT) between the Soviet Union and the United States opened in Helsinki.

1970 - The Soviet Union landed an unmanned, remote-controlled vehicle on the moon, the Lunokhod 1.

1971 - Thai armed forces staged a bloodless coup, proclaimed martial law and dissolved parliament.

1977 - The Egyptian foreign minister and his deputy resigned over President Sadat's proposed visit to Israel.

1977 - Egyptian President Anwar Sadat became the first Arab leader to visit Israel.

1979 - Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini released 13 female and black American hostages that were held at the United States Embassy in Tehran.

1989 - Tens of thousands of people marched through Prague demanding an end to Communist rule in Czechoslovakia but riot police and army paratroopers crushed the protest.

1993 - The U.S. House of Representatives passed the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

1997 - Six militants opened fire at the Temple of Hatshepsut in Luxor, Egypt, killing 62 people, most of them foreign tourists.

## Japanese princess marries

### Japanese Princess waves goodbye to royalty

JONATHAN BONGARD  
International editor

Japan's Princess Sayako said goodbye to an opulent life and a hefty palace allowance on Tuesday when she married a commoner in an unprecedented ceremony.

The princess became the first daughter of a Japanese emperor to marry a commoner in more than 2,000 years. As soon as a princess marries, she loses her royal status and must become a typical citizen, according to Japanese law.

Sayako has reportedly been taking lessons in everything from shopping at the local market to driving a car.

The nuptials were low-key and quiet, with the bride wearing only a simple white dress and a string of Japanese pearls.

Her husband, Yoshiaki Kuroda, waited at the Imperial Hotel near the royal palace while Sayako was escorted



AP Photo/Everett Kennedy Brown  
Supporters wave flags as Princess Sayako passes leaving the outer garden of the Imperial Palace en route to her wedding with commoner Yoshiaki Kuroda, Tuesday.

of fans and supporters.

The ceremony, which took place at the hotel, was the latest step in a series of moves edging Japan closer to a pre-1947 marriage model.

Prior to 1947, women were allowed to assume the throne of Japan. The current system has been under criticism as attention is drawn to the fact that Japan's ruling family has not produced a male child since the mid-1960s.

Without a direct heir to the Japanese throne, the government has been forced to reconsider the 1947 law.

Prior to the law's implementation, Japan saw eight female rulers ascend to the Chrysanthemum throne, the highest seat in the Japanese royal system.

The World is a book,  
and those who do not travel read only a page.  
-St. Augustine

The international section is looking for writers for J-term and spring semester. If you're interested in getting some journalism experience, e-mail JBongard@plu.edu, and be sure to save some pictures of your trips to send into The Mast.

## Terrorist attacks give students, parents new set of concerns

### Recent terrorism threats abroad have some worried

JONATHAN BONGARD  
International editor

Students planning for a J-term or spring study abroad trip are paying special attention to terrorism and emergency preparedness in light of recent terrorist attacks abroad.

Bombings in London and Madrid, as well as a nearly executed attack in Australia, have left study abroad leaders and students with an extra set of concerns.

J-term and spring semester travelers may have ventured all over the world to learn, but are now taking into account the threat of terrorist attacks in their respective countries.

Beth Crippen, School of Education certification coordinator and mother of Australia-bound junior Dan Nutt, said she was initially unaware of the recent terrorist raids in Australia.

"I don't think you should not go somewhere because of what might happen," Crippen said. "You could get hit by a bus crossing the street. You always worry about your children, but Dan's a grown-up. He can make his own choices."

Nutt said he is relatively unconcerned about an impending attack.

"We won't be there that long, and they're being really vigilant these days," Nutt said.

Australia possessed the resources to combat terrorism in the weeks prior to its raids, and has passed stronger legislation allowing investigators more room to intercept potential threats.

Prior to Australia's broken terrorist plot, London and Madrid suffered major bombings.

In March 2004, nearly 200 people were killed and 1500 wounded when six bombs exploded in rapid succession within Madrid's commuter train system. These bombings were considered a terrorist reaction to Spain's

continued involvement as an ally to the United States in the current war in Iraq.

"I think Spain is less of a target since the attacks. They were bombed because of their involvement in Iraq. Now they've pulled out, so there's no reason to bomb them," junior Casey Carroll said.

Carroll will be studying in Spain during spring semester. He is a double major in Spanish and psychology.

"My mom is a lot more concerned than I am," Carroll said. "I think it's just a matter of being aware of your surroundings."

In July 2005, London also experienced a major attack in its underground system. Four explosions rocked rush hour commuters and killed 56 people, wounding 700 others.

Similar to the Madrid bombings, this attack was allegedly directed at Britain in response to its continued support for the U.S. incursion in Iraq.

Unlike Spain, however, London declined to step down from its position as a staunch ally to the United States, and has maintained its troop presence in Iraq.

One of the more unique travel experiences PLU students will have this January is the new option of visiting Antarctica. Led by English professor Charles Bergman, this trip

will take students to Antarctica as well as parts of Chile and Argentina.

While these countries have not suffered serious terrorist threats or attacks, many parents of the students traveling to Chile and Argentina are nervous about the potential threat of internal crime in these nations.

"My family and I don't really worry about terrorism too much. Pickpocketing and kidnapping are a lot more likely," senior anthropology major Stefanie Midlock said.

Senior Trista Winnie, a communication major, was in Rome during the 2004 U.S. presidential election.

"Rome was covered in anti-Bush and anti-American graffiti," she said. "People were frustrated, outspoken, but never violent."

In the weeks and months prior to leaving for their trips, study abroad students attend an orientation

**We're all adults.  
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Dan Nutt  
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## Oscar forecast looks foggy

### "The Weatherman" makes film a little too true to life



### Someone sneezed in my popcorn

Nicolas Cage has finally figured out the kind of roles he can play. After years of being under the delusion that he was a heartthrob leading man, he has found a character that finally allows him to shine as an actor.

In "The Weatherman" he plays a ho-hum weatherman whose marriage is all but dust, whose kids don't respect him, who can never quite live up to his father's standards, and is constantly bombarded with fast food (literally).

The film is about, believe it or not, a weatherman named David Spritz. He is offered an audition for a national news show, much like "Good Morning America" or "Today." Countering this good news, his father is told that he has but a few months to live. This makes David want to get his life together before his father passes in order to prove he can be successful. It is a long road of disappointments before Cage can even begin to see a glimmer of hope—a long, long road.

Nothing ever works out for him, but the exposition isn't set up with cheesy plot devices. Instead, they are real life situations that any of us could see ourselves getting into. For example, David looks in his wallet to give his daughter money for books and he has only twenty-one dollars in it. He gives her the twenty, and then his father asks him to pick up a paper. He tries to make change by buying a coffee, they don't give him enough

change, so now his father thinks instead of buying the paper as he had asked, David just got himself a coffee. Now you may have noticed there really isn't a lot of plot set-up in this article. This is because this movie

really goes nowhere. It even says so in the end scene. Not everything gets better, but you have to deal with that. Waiting two hours to learn that lesson was definitely not worth my time or my money. I could have saved seven bucks. It would have been more worthwhile to receive a lecture from my dad. All right, this movie isn't quite that

bad. At least the performances were solid. Cage does a good job playing the unimportant, loser weatherman, and Michael Caine is, well, Michael Caine—he's great in everything. The girl who plays Cage's daughter, however, steals the show. Her deadpan reactions to fatherly advice are hilarious.

Director Gore Verbinski does well with the script and knows how to utilize the environment to move the scene. This movie is a far cry from his previous works of "The Ring" and "The Pirates of the Caribbean." I understand the concept of this film and I get the plot line, but the problem is that I didn't care. The characters never really develop, and the viewer is treated to one bad situation after another. By the last hour I was screaming, "Just work out, let something work out because this is getting tedious!" In a way, this was like looking at a well-scripted reality show, but even those have more resolution than this did.

I believe the movie was supposed to come out much earlier than it did, because I remember seeing previews for it about a year ago. That can mean many things; maybe the script kept getting re-written, re-shoots were needed or they decided to wait for Oscar season to release it so that it would be fresh in everyone's minds come voting time. There may be a few nominations for this film but that's it. No winners, no little, golden naked men statues, just an acknowledgement. You know a movie can't be that good when your favorite part is seeing the main character getting hit with chicken nuggets. That is really funny, but not a whole movie's worth of enjoyment.

## Artist uses one to represent many

### Performer combines music, song to recreate the life of a Holocaust survivor

BRITTANY CULVER  
Mast intern

"An Evening with Madame F" is a one person dramatic piece depicting the life of a young musician who is thrown into a concentration camp during the Holocaust and forced to utilize her musical talents to survive. Performed and written by Claudia Stevens, the presentation is woven from her talent as a concert pianist, an actress and a classical vocalist. Stevens shared her work with the PLU community in Lagerquist Hall Nov. 10.

The performance is a

**"I thought the performance was unique, tying her strengths and interests together. It was a great and powerful performance."**  
Brett Patterson, junior

narrative describing the character's experience in a concentration camp. An ethical battle brews when the character chooses to perform in front of Nazi dignitaries and, in return, gains better living conditions than other prisoners in the camp. The character feels guilty about having special privileges but knows it is her only chance for survival. The story is told through a series of flashbacks using authentic vocal song and music performed during the time period of the Holocaust.

The majority of Stevens' vast knowledge on the Holocaust did not come from a basic academic approach. Stevens' interest stemmed during her college years when she discovered both of her parents were Holocaust survivors. Prior to finding out about her parents' past, Stevens said that when she performed or learned about Holocaust-related topics there were "sensibilities I could connect to and not even know why."

While the one-woman play is not based on any specific survivor of the Holocaust, Stevens describes the composite character as embodying the emotions and stories of numerous survivors. Along with facing the ethical decision to perform in front of the very group killing thousands of her people daily, the character must also face present-day moral issues of profiting from the stories of the Holocaust.

Stevens' wealth of experience in the performing arts gives her the ability to be the sole performer on stage. She holds music degrees from Vas-sar College and UC Berkeley and a Doctorate of music in piano from Boston University. Stevens did not have any purpose in mind when composing this work of art.

"I am not an educator," Stevens said. "That is not

what I set out to do." However, she said that if anything should be taken from the performance it would be to see the oppressor within us, which "could prove to be very useful."

Junior Brett Patterson said the performance was interesting because he is majoring in music and also because he is in the Holocaust class.

"It was interesting seeing the way music can keep someone going even in the most desperate of situations," he said. "I thought the performance was unique, tying her strengths and interests together. It was a great and powerful performance."

Stevens was invited to PLU to present the sixth annual Raphael Lemkin Lecture on Holocaust and Genocide. Lemkin is the man who coined the word "genocide," and proceeded to lobby for a Genocide Convention before the United Nations.

The Lemkin program has expanded to the PLU campus through the efforts of Regent Donald R. Morken. "An Evening with Madame F" was co-sponsored by PLU's Wild Hope project. Each year, the Lemkin program usually funds an academic lecture on the Holocaust or genocide in general. Stevens' performance marks the first time that an artistic performance represented the program. Stevens also lectured and took questions from Bob Ericksen's Holocaust class and Brian Desmond's Play Direction class.

Although Stevens might not have had a specific goal for the audience, many audience members thought that the content and choice of presentation were intriguing. Stevens feels that no matter what effect the play has on the audience, "The Holocaust is unknowable. You can have small windows into the experience—but, who can really know?"

#### Correction:

In the Nov. 11 issue, the last sentence of the article "Jarhead focuses on unusual aspect of fighting a war" was cut off. It should have read, "On the merit of story, realism and a just plain cool looking film, 'Jarhead' stands above the rest."

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# Night of one-act plays explores reality through theater

## Alpha Psi Omega's fall production gives students three plays for the price of one

KAT JENKINS  
Mast reporter

Students on campus can express their creativity in a variety of ways. One medium through which to do so is theater, and the theater fraternity, Alpha Psi Omega, put their creativity on display through a series of student produced one-act plays. The students gave three performances of their production, Nov. 11, 12 and 13 in Eastvold auditorium. The plays were chosen because they all had a common theme, giving unity to the three one-acts.

"A running theme through all the pieces chosen for this project, was the exploration of reality," said Megan Cooper, the secretary/treasurer of the PLU chapter of Alpha Psi Omega. "In each of them there is either a character twisting reality for the others and/or trying to make sense of the reality with which they are presented," said Cooper, who also acted in two of the plays.

The three one-acts produced were "Boise, Idaho," written by Sean Michael Welch, directed by Brie Yost; "Reverse Transcription," by Tony Kushner, directed by Ali Criss and Cameron Pahl; and "Dentity Crisis," by Christopher Durang, directed by Max August Falkenberg.

"Boise, Idaho" is a comedy in which the narrator creates a story about two people he sees in a café. The two people eventually notice that the man is narrating a story about them, and at first they get angry. Soon they start to play along, and by the end of the act, the audience is not so sure what is true; the narrator's story or the couple's story.

"Reverse Transcription" focuses on six playwrights in a graveyard, burying a seventh playwright who has recently died. The friends all share their views about being a playwright and their personal experiences with the profession has been.

"Dentity Crisis" finds a depressed young woman living with her crazy family. Her mother believes she invented cheese, a man who lives in her house claims to be her brother, father, grandfather and a French count, and her psychologist gets a sex change. The story unfolds and unravels as the reality becomes more and more absurd, ending with the daughter seemingly embracing the absurdity.

The common theme of reality provided for an interesting night of theater. "Boise, Idaho" took a comedic approach to the bending and shaping of reality. "Reverse Transcription" gave the audience a glimpse into the sometimes unhappy reality of being a playwright. The absurdist approach to reality was taken up by "Dentity Crisis."

The students did almost all of the work on this production.

"The exciting thing about this production has been how student dependent it is. There was very little, if no faculty involvement. Students selected the plays, directed them, designed and built the set, designed lights, sound, the poster - everything," said Cooper.

The students involved found the process both difficult and rewarding.

"Reverse Transcription" provided me with many challenges and it was good to see my fellow students work so hard to make a production happen," said Pahl, assistant director of the play.



Photo by Jordan Hartman/ Courtesy Photo Services  
Students Tyler Pederson and Kristine Palkowetz perform in "Boise, Idaho," one of the student one-act productions performed in Eastvold Auditorium.

Alpha Psi Omega puts on a fall production each year. Last year they held a dinner theater production during parents' weekend, but they have not done one-acts for about three years. Although Alpha Psi Omega was in charge of the production, anyone on campus was invited to be involved.

One-act plays are a different medium of theater from what audiences usually see. It gave the audience a chance to see three stories in one evening, instead of one. It also offered a chance to see three different perspectives on the same subject.

Pahl has his own reasons for doing one-acts. "It's like this: We actors are like sperms, all trying to fertilize the Egg of Theatre," Pahl said "In this case, I think we have succeeded, and I thank everyone who saw our marvelous child."

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## Try these ones on your professor



### Top 10: Excuses to miss class

Another week, another column. This week, however, presented us with a greater challenge than we've yet faced. Swamped with homework and community service (code for late nights, football games, and laziness), we gave serious consideration to skipping the column and taking a well deserved break. However, as luck would have it, our bad habits once again provided the spark we needed to get a story written. Using our rationalization for not working as inspiration, here are the top ten excuses for missing class.

- 1.) Sporting Event: Occasionally you just have to tell the truth. Professors may not like this one, but every once in a while a key intramural game takes precedence over metaphysics. With the NCAA basketball tournament just a few short months away, consider this an early warning that our attendance in March can best be described as...sparse.
- 2.) Stormy Weather: Sometimes you just want to snuggle up with a mug of cocoa and stare out a rainy window. Sometimes there's no way in hell you're going out in the tempest known as Tacoma weather. Either way, rain is a perfectly legitimate reason for not trying to ford your way through Red Square.
- 4.) Family Emergency: Goldfish die. That's what they do. That doesn't mean that you shouldn't mourn them like you would your favorite great aunt. We still tear up when we think about the fish we won (and ultimately lost) at Pflueger's Winterfest last year. You are missed, Nichole and Paris.
- 8.) Lost Backpack: You can't attend class if you aren't prepared, and you can't be prepared if your supplies are gone. Forgetting our bags at the UC has become such a common occurrence, we finally decided that it had to be an excuse for something. Better yet, a stolen backpack scenario could start a class discussion about theft in the UC.
- 10.) Fashion Emergency: We simply cannot go out if we're having a bad hair day, and we're pretty sure that most professors can sympathize with this plight. If our outfits aren't cute enough, you can bet our seats will be empty that day.
- 6.) Writing for the Mast: As we desperately wrote to meet our deadline, we may have missed a class or two...or three.
- \*DISCLAIMER\* All joking aside, we have never missed a class unless it was absolutely necessary. We simply cannot control our outbreaks of Carassius auratus.
- 3.) Exotic Diseases: Do you know what Viral Haemorrhagic Septicaemia is? How about Bonamiosis or Haplosporidiosis? We have absolutely no idea, and neither will your professor. There's no way they will want you anywhere near them if they think that you have Marteiliosis. A word of warning: This excuse will not work on science professors. You might make them laugh, but most likely they won't believe you've contracted the scientific term for goldfish.
- 7.) Lack of Sleep: Insomnia and sleep deprivation are serious afflictions that affect college students everywhere, and should not be taken lightly. Sleep is an important aspect of a well rounded education, so it almost seems as though we should be required to sleep through a class once in a while. Never mind that the class you missed started at 3:40 p.m., or that you stayed up until 4 in the morning watching the "Laguna Beach" marathon.
- 5.) Car Trouble: Every once in a while, a car just won't start. It is hardly your fault if your transporta-

### Correction:

In the Nov. 11 article "Documentary adds fuel to the Wal-Mart debate," a pull quote was mistakenly attributed to Andrew Austin. It appeared within the text of the article, correctly attributed to Shannon Murphy, PLU Democrats Campaign Coordinator.

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# Students aim for Halo tournament victory

13 teams, 52 players, 14 TVs and six hours of playing time add up to one intense night of gaming

BREANNE COATS  
Sports co-editor

"Double kill," "Triple kill" and the ever-elusive "Kill-tacular," might be the familiar echoes from a dorm room, but Nov. 13 these sounds resounded from Chris Knutzen Hall, PLU's second Halo tournament brought in 52 student players, as well as fans that gathered to watch.

A total of 13 four-man teams participated in the catered 6 p.m. to midnight event. One of the members of the first-place team "Cavie," sophomore Sean Carsten (whose Halo name is Scar), summed up the entire event as "good games, good competition, good times had by all."

There were two brackets in the double elimination tournament with rounds that were decided by the best of five games. Once a team lost they went down into the losers

bracket, but they still had a chance to win the entire event. The champion of the winners bracket had to face the winner of the losers' bracket in the finals.

The other players on Team Cavie were juniors Ian Englund (Ike), Zach Batson (Splooi), Drew Steblay (Doc) and Carsten.

The second place team, Team 124, combined four juniors; Nolan Ball (Bad-NewsBear), Christopher Davis (GusChiggins), Andrew Johnson (A.train) and Tyler Pederson (airTYt).

Senior John Fouhy (foumanchu) was on the team that many thought would have competed for first place, Red Base Inc., but two of the players had to leave the tournament early. Yet, Fouhy still said, "It was fun." He especially liked the diverse crowd of players.

"We play with a lot of the guys, but there were also a lot of people we don't," Fouhy said. "It was good to have a mix."

Another member of Red Base Inc., who some call the Halo God, junior Chris Devries, said that a lot of the players at the tournament keep in touch

through an on-line forum at halo.sparkelyfresh.com. Players can also trash talk to one another on the forum.

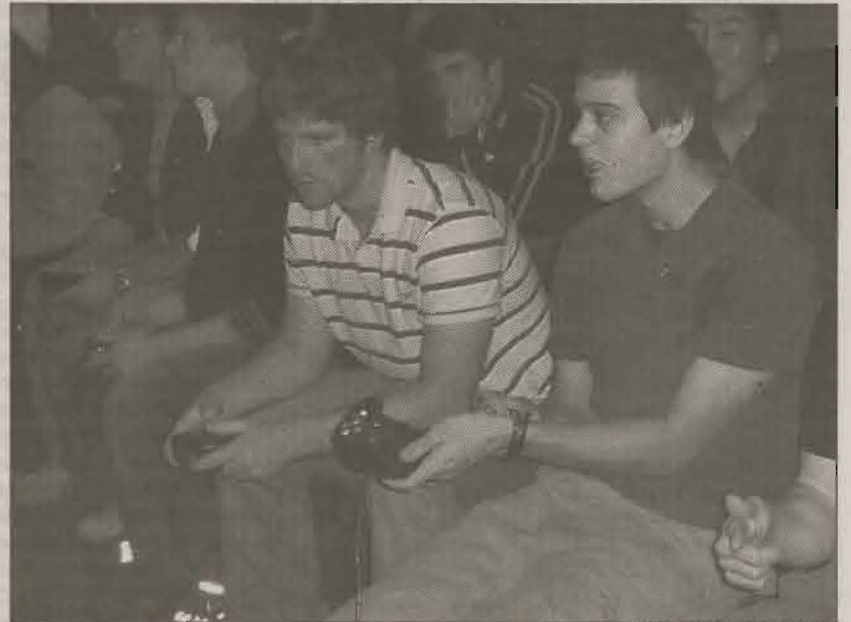
"This tournament is a culmination of a lot activity on the website," Devries said, "with each side or team promoting themselves."

Aside from the website, there were also promotions for the event set up by the creator of the tournament, sophomore Richard Cline.

Unfortunately, even with all the work put toward the event, some teams were not happy with how the tournament was set up.

"It wasn't done correctly because all the good teams were set up to play in the early rounds," another member of the first-place team, Englund, said. "We [had] to play the second place team twice, which isn't fair."

Later that night, there was some confusion on how the tournament was supposed to be run because Cline became violently ill during the tournament and had to leave. Junior Rory Stillson was one of the people Cline left in charge. However, even Stillson felt that the tournament was "disorganized since [Cline] left."



Juniors Nolan Ball and Andrew Johnson, members of Team 124, shoot their way to a second-place victory in the tournament, held in Chris Knutzen Hall Nov. 13. Photo courtesy Chris DeVries



Senior Adam Fallert, senior Jason Rinkus and junior Craig Chiado focus on gaining their next kill, hoping to advance to the next round. Photo courtesy Chris DeVries

Teams had to sit for what some of them said felt like too long between match-ups. Yet even with the wait, people were still thankful to have a tournament on campus.

Some people were surprised that the tournament had 13 teams play.

"I was surprised by the turnout because the PLU Halo 1 community is dying because freshmen and many other players have switched to Halo 2," Carsten said.

Others at the event were happy that the tournament used Halo 1.

"Halo 1 is 10 times better than Halo 2 will ever be," Batson said. "The skillful players play Halo 1."

Either way, Halo 1 was what the tournament used to determine the best Halo team on campus, or at least the best team at the tournament.

In the end the victors were happy they participated, but a little anxious to get going.

"I feel like I could have spent my Sunday afternoon better," Steblay said, "but I had fun."

Stebly's teammate, Batson, also felt like he might have spent his afternoon on the wrong activity.

"Wait," Batson said. "Don't I have a test tomorrow?"

## Calvocoressi's poetry reveals essence of small-town America

MELISSA HUGGINS  
A&E editor

Following the two previous readers in the Visiting Writer Series, who offered mainly fiction and non-fiction pieces for their audiences, Gabrielle Calvocoressi will be reading from her poetry.

Though Jonathan Johnson read from a select few of his poems, this reading offers an opportunity for creative writing students who may not have attended a true poetry reading before. She will be reading from her work on Dec. 1 at 8 p.m. in Chris Knutzen Hall.

Calvocoressi's latest book of poems, titled "The Last Time I Saw Amelia Earhart," focuses on the struggles of small-town America.

"Whether writing about the people who last witnessed Amelia Earhart or the people who survive a famous circus fire, she has a pitch-perfect sense for the tonalities of those people: lyrical, heartbroken, angry, searching, grieving, redeemed," English professor Rick Barot said.

In one poem, "At the Adult Drive-in," Calvocoressi examines societal corruption.

"he is beginning to unbuckle his pants/ And let the bird loose I am turning/ Fast as flames in the movie projector/ Am already gone when the darkness/ Falls: a trail of ash blown in every direction," she writes.

"What I most admire about Gabrielle's poems is her ability to capture the many textured voices which are behind our common history as Americans," Barot said.

Calvocoressi is a Jones lecturer in poetry at Stanford, and teaches in the Master of Fine Arts program at California College of the Arts. She has been honored with the Rona Jaffe Woman Writers Award, the Paris Review Bernard F. Connors Prize and a Wallace E. Stegner Fellowship in Poetry from Stanford University.

Whether students have never been to a poetry reading or simply want to learn from an accomplished poet, this reading will provide an opportunity to ask questions and gain insight into the writing process.

"Gabrielle's perspective on creative writing—as shown in her poems—is one informed by a deep love of craft and form, and a belief in the radiant effects that literature can have on an audience, even if that literature is about difficult subjects," Barot said.



Poet Gabrielle Calvocoressi will be giving a reading at PLU as part of the Visiting Writer Series Dec. 1 at 8 p.m. in Chris Knutzen Hall. Photo courtesy Jason Skipper

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# Which to watch: men or women's basketball

## Women's basketball will continue to dominate, excite

**NICK PAGE**  
Mast sports columnist

Winter is slowly creeping upon us, and with the winter comes the beginning of basketball season. It's time for student sections around the country to become as obnoxious as possible. It's time for the PLU student body to cheer our basketball teams to victory.

The question this year might be who is going to have the more exciting season: the PLU men's team or the women's team. I'm going to have to go with the women on this one.

It's looking like the Lutes have all the pieces in place to make another run at the Northwest Conference title.

Wing Kelly Turner and post Kezia Long are leading a strong Lutes team into the upcoming season.

The Lutes will play their first game of the season tomorrow at the University of Redlands Tournament against Chapman.

Turner and Long have proven to be dominating forces within the conference and should establish themselves as two of the best players in the region.

PLU was picked to finish third in the preseason coach's poll, but I think we can expect another stellar season and a trip to



the NCAA Division III tournament.  
Third and long and we're swinging for the fences

The Lutes barely

missed out on the tournament last year. A last second shot against George Fox went in and out, and PLU lost 60-59. That turned out to be the game that cost the Lutes a trip to the postseason.

An important aspect is Coach Gil Rigell, the glue holding this team together.

He is entering his ninth season as PLU's head coach. Over the eight previous years he has compiled a 159-54 record and won at least 20 games in a season six times.

The last two years have been a reloading period for the Lutes, a time to bring in young players and let them mature.

Rigell has two potential all-conference players in Turner and Long, as both of them are fierce competitors on the basketball court. They find a way to make plays and win. These attitudes are infectious for the entire team.

Expect big things to happen this winter in Olson Auditorium. If the Lutes can stay healthy and follow the leads of their playmakers, the result is going to be some exciting basketball.

Tell the teams in the Northwest Conference to watch out, because here come the Lutes.

## Men's team will improve record, entertain fans

**TIM KELLY**  
Mast sports columnist

In my time here at

PLU, the women's basketball team has always been in the playoff chase and the men's team hasn't been at all. The women's team will be in the hunt again, but I have a feeling the men's season will be more exciting this time around.

The so-called Dave Harshman Experiment has had rough spots thus far.

The Lutes have gone 21-54 in Harshman's tenure and have seen cross-town rival Puget Sound establish a 46-7 record with two Northwest Conference Championships and two sweet 16 appearances in the past two seasons.

There is optimism for the Lutes, though. After finishing last year with a tie for last place in the conference, the team has been picked to finish one spot ahead in the preseason coach's poll.

The team does return its top player, Drew Cardwell. Last year, Cardwell led the team in minutes played, scored over 11 points and grabbed six-plus rebounds a game, while shooting 43.8 percent from the field and 40 percent from three-point range. Guard Landon Heidenreich returns as well. Heidenreich led the team in assists and three point percentage as a first-year.

## Volleyball finishes fourth, nearly makes post season

**ANDREW CROFT**  
Mast sports reporter

The women's volleyball team finished the year in fourth place in Northwest Conference standings, after a 23-game season with a 11-5 record in conference and 14-9 overall.

"Overall, we had a good year," said assistant coach Tim Templin. "It pretty much came down to one match and we lost it. If we won, it would have given us a good chance to make it to the national tournament."

The team was also hindered throughout the season by many injuries, according to Templin.

"In order for a team to win a conference title, they need to get the breaks and avoid injuries," Templin said. "We played well, but we didn't stay healthy, and we got unlucky at times."

Though the season seemed to slip away in the last eight games with splitting not one but three weekends between wins and losses, the team ended with a double win weekend.

"We ended on a good note," defense specialist Brianna Drexler said. In the last game, the Lutes rallied from being down 10-20 in the fourth game and down two games to one to come back and beat George Fox.

"We came together and played better than we have ever played before," Drexler said.

With the season over, the women look to next year.

"We are losing four solid seniors," Templin said. "All of them were starters."

The Lutes are saying goodbye to defense specialists Ashleigh Houlton and Nicole Potts, outside hitter Meghan Fagerberg and NWC first-team selection, AVCA Honorable Mention All-American outside hitter Stephanie Turner.

"A player like Turner doesn't come along often," Templin said. "We are going to miss all of our seniors, but she will be the hardest to replace."

Though the task may seem impossible, there is no stopping the PLU volleyball women.

"It's hard to lose a group of girls like we will be," Templin said. "But just as they made our program stronger, they have laid a solid foundation for continuing greatness in the NWC."

The Lutes still have NWC second team selections setter Gina Di Maggio and middle blocker Kati McGinn returning.

"It will be good to have both girls back," Templin said. "They both have lots of experience."

Along with Di Maggio and McGinn, the Lutes have an entire bench of strong players returning.

"We have a very deep team," Drexler said. "I believe that all of the players that were on the bench this year will start at different points next year."

Also, after a year of studying abroad in Norway, Jenn Henrichsen will be returning to the Lutes next year.

"Henrichsen will supply another solid spot in the lineup for us," Templin said.

With the season just finishing up, the team is already preparing for next year.

"We have already started workouts," Drexler said. "We have hit the gym and we intend to be physically stronger next year."

The women say that they look forward to next year. They will try and improve their finish, with the hope for a playoff berth and essentially the Northwest Conference title.

## Men's soccer enjoys best season in years

### Team reaches record win total since joining D-III

**MEGAN WOCHNICK**  
Mast sports editor

With a balance of experienced veterans and talented first-years, the 2005 Pacific Lutheran men's soccer team had its best season in years.

The team posted an overall record of 12-8-0 and 8-6-0 in the conference, earning them fourth place. The number of victories was the most a PLU team has had since turning Division III eight years ago.

When the season started, head coach John Yorke knew it would be a promising one.

"I knew this was our most talented team since I have been here," said Yorke, who completed his fourth year as head coach. "Not just the best soccer team, but the best group of student-athletes we have ever had."

The team started its preseason with a 3-2 win/loss record, playing powerhouse teams such as Simon Fraser and St. Thomas who at the time were ranked in the top 10 for NAIA.

The Lutes rolled into conference play winning three of their first four games with victories over Pacific, George Fox and Whitman. During that stretch, the team outscored its opponents 13-6.

Perhaps one of the better games for the Lutes this year came in a 2-1 double-overtime loss to the eventual conference champions, Whitworth.

The team had many chances to put the game away in both regulation and overtime, but couldn't find the back of the net.

Yorke said after the game he was pleased with his defensive effort in the loss.

"We defended very well for most of the game," he said. "We made some crucial mistakes at the end of the game that hurt us."

Over the next four games, PLU shut out three teams, including Western Washington 1-0, Willamette 2-0 and Pacific 3-0. Midfielder Jay Pettit broke the career assist record in the victory over Willamette with his 26th career assist at the time.

He finished the year with 30 assists. Pettit also holds the single-season assist record of 13, set back in 2003.

"I was just trying to get a win for the team," Pettit said after the Willamette game. "I wasn't concentrating on getting an assist, just doing whatever it took to win the game."

The team's streak of shutouts ended against ri-

val UPS, as the Lutes were shutout themselves 1-0 on an own goal late in the game. "It was a horrible way to end the game," defender Andrew Croft said recently. "I would rather have a tie than to lose a game on an own goal."

As PLU closed in on the last game of the season, the team needed just one victory to set a new team record for number of wins in a season since turning Division III.

That mission was accomplished with ease against Willamette shutting out the visitors 9-0. Not only was a new team record set for overall wins and conference wins, but the goals scored in the game were also a new season high.

"The game was a blast," defender Brian Lubeck said. "It was an appropriate way to end the season for the seniors."

The game featured two players with three goals each — forward Mike Ferguson and midfielder Kevin Murray. Midfielder Justin Stevens and forward Greg Majovski also scored their first goals of the season in that game.

Murray also capped off his last game as a Lute with a new school record for assists in a single game with four.

This year's seniors included: Jon Novotney, Matt Taller, Murray, Rob Grolbert, Pettit, Stevens and Jared Harman.

Three Lutes — Murray, Ferguson and Pettit, were named to the all-conference team, which was voted on by the league's coaches.

Murray was named the Northwest Conference Offensive Player of the Year, along with making it to the conference's first-team.

He finished with 15 goals, which tied for the conference lead, and 12 assists.

"Kevin has done a lot for this program," Yorke said. "He, and all of the graduating seniors have left this program in a much better way than they found it four years ago when they all arrived here."

Ferguson, like Murray, was also selected to the first team, as he tied with Murray for the conference lead in goals scored, with 15. He also had three assists in the game.

Pettit was named to the conference's second team with eight assists on the year, which tied him for fourth in the conference. Pettit also scored two goals on the year.

Yorke said he would like to acknowledge the many supporters of Lute soccer.

"I'd like to thank all of the parents, students and fans that came out and supported us," he said. "[Special thanks] to the senior class for a great four years together. They have been awesome for the PLU soccer program."

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**John Yorke  
head coach**

# Lutes end season with 54-35 loss to Whitworth

## Team confident, optimistic about next season

LINCOLN VANDER VEEN  
Mast sports reporter

The PLU football team finished 6-3 overall in 2004. In 2005, that record was reversed, at 3-6 (0-4 in conference) and the team came up winless against conference opponents. However, one does not need to look far to find the silver lining.

"I'm extremely excited about next season," receiver Jacob Washburn said. "Almost our entire offense returns, including the entire offensive line. Chris (Maine) will be back at the quarterback position and all our receivers return."

Highlighting the group of returning receivers is Craig Chiado, who finished the season with 59 catches for 1,119 yards and seven touchdowns.

Receiver Chase Reed will also return to the offense, after posting stellar, if not spectacular, numbers of his own.

Scott Peterson, a veteran running back and kick returner for the team,

said he believes big things are in store for the offense next season.

"We were so productive offensively this season," Peterson said. "Now, they get to start all over again with invaluable experience behind them."

Peterson said holes need to be filled in the Lute defense but that capable talent is already in place.

The Lutes will have returning players at all positions next season. Linebacker Justin Wojciechowski, cornerback Brent Frank and rover Kelly Brown, who finished fourth on the team with 39 tackles will immediately jump to the forefront of defensive leaders next season.

The Lutes' defensive scheme was completely overhauled following last season, giving many young players on the defensive side a type of "baptism through fire."

Barring any unforeseen events, the plan will be the same next season, again adding to the comfort and experience factor.

"We must play at a more consistent level next season," offensive lineman Mike Pellegrini said. "We can't just play the fourth quarter and not the third. We also must start games better and not dig ourselves into a hole."

A case-in-point of starting slowly occurred last week against Whitworth. The Pirates scored a touchdown on each of their first four possessions,

built a 33-7 halftime lead and hung on for a 54-35 win.

Those numbers show the Lutes were outscored by 26 points in the first half, and then outscored the Pirates by a touchdown in the second.

Peterson, safety Kurt Van Selus, cornerback Tyler Breum, linebacker Chris Linderman and a host of other graduates will not be around to form next season's squad.

However, the upperclassmen said they have faith in the progress of the program.

"I think we set a wonderful example," said Peterson. "We, as seniors, leave this program in better shape than when we came in.

Hopefully our desire and work ethic rubs off on the younger guys, and when they have success next season, all of us can take pride from that."

Instead of "rebuild" and "disappointing", the Lutes have hit a minor bump in the road and will once again simply strive for excellence.

Outcomes on the scoreboard are bound to change, they said. The team averaged 450 yards of offense throughout the 2005 campaign, gaining nearly seven yards every offensive snap.

The team remembers said they believe fans can plan on seeing plenty of fireworks next season.



Photo by Kyle Duba

Lute defensive back Tyler Breum, right, gets a hand on a potential touchdown pass during the 54-35 loss to Whitworth Saturday at Sparks Stadium. Breum was named to the Northwest Conference second-team for his play this season.

### PLU football all-conference players:

First Team: Craig Chiado (wide receiver), Chase Reed (slot back), Kurt Van Selus (defensive back) and Scott Peterson (kick returner).

Second Team: Kelly Totten (offensive line) and Tyler Breum (defensive back).

Honorable Mention: Mike Pellegrini (offensive line), Andrew Holloway (defensive line), Kelly Brown (linebacker) and Brent Frank (defensive back).

# Women's soccer earns memorable season in '05

## Team tallies multiple individual, team achievements

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Mast sports reporter

The PLU women's soccer team finished the 2005 season with plenty of team and individual accomplishments to boast about, despite missing the regional playoffs by a slim margin.

The Lutes, who concluded with 11-6-2 overall and 9-5-2 in Northwest Conference play, ended the year with the most wins in coach Jerrod Fleury's tenure.

Their nine-win mark was good enough to claim third place in the NWC.

"In the four years that the seniors have been here, the program has gone from seventh out of eight teams to third, almost second, out of nine teams," forward Andrea Gabler said. "We were regionally and nationally ranked this year, which is very exciting."

The women's soccer team had not been ranked in a national poll since the 1994 season.

That changed in late October as the Lutes found themselves ranked 17th nationally and second in the Western region in the National Soccer Coaches of America (NSCAA) poll.

"The greatest accomplishment as a team was playing like a team and not as a group of individuals," goalkeeper Liz Chase said. "This season we used each other's strengths and made it happen."

Indeed the Lutes showed conference and regional opponents that they were ready to compete with the elite.

PLU began its winning ways with two victories at UC Santa Cruz and Cal State East Bay early in the season.

From Sept. 25 to Oct. 22, the Lutes proceeded on a nine-game NWC tear, in which they recorded a 7-1-1 mark.

Much of the success formula depended on the leadership of veteran players, but the 13 first-year players filled part of that equation as well.

For example, forwards Megan Shannon and Christina McDuffie were integral component of

that group.

McDuffie, who was named to the second-team NWC, tied for 10th in the conference with goals scored (six), while recording two assists on the season.

Shannon, who was also given second-team honors, concluded the season second in the conference in goals scored (10), tied for sixth in assists (six) and tied for second in game-winning goals (five). Her 10 goals tie Gabler's 2002 record for most goals scored in a season as a first-year.

"Shannon became a key player for us this year," Chase said. "She's a leader on the field who expects the best from her team."

Beginning the season as a reserve, Shannon did not start until the sixth contest. She proved herself in the first full weekend of action when she tallied three goals and two assists.

Two seniors were also named as NWC teams. Gabler was a first-team selection and Jenny Ironside an honorable mention pick.

Ironside, who was also an honorable mention selection in 2003, played all 19 games this season as a defender.

Gabler, who received her second first-team selection in her career, tied for third in the conference in goals scored (nine), and was sixth in total points (19).

A biology major, Gabler has earned a 3.87 GPA while attending PLU. Additionally, she was selected to the ESPN The Magazine Academic College Division All-District Team.

Gabler, Ironside, Chase and defender Mindy Lyski ended their Lute soccer careers this season.

"I can't recognize one senior over another because they were all crucial members of the team," Gabler said.

Chase said she agreed that all four seniors were excellent role models, but that this year's junior class will adjust well to senior leadership positions next year.

"I think there is an immense amount of commitment and talent within the junior class and they will be able to push the rest of the team towards more success," Chase said.

Success is defined by making the postseason for some of the younger Lutes.

"This season was a big accomplishment for us," McDuffie said. "We want to be a regional contender in the next couple of years."

# Cross Country ends season at regionals, looks ahead to '06

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Mast sports reporter

The men and women's cross country teams finished the season Nov. 12 at Bush Park, Ore. Both teams performed well this season, with many runners improving their times nearly every week.

The women's team top finisher was senior and captain Ashley Jamieson. She completed the race with a time of 24:46.20 and placed 68th.

"I am so glad that my first year running at PLU was this year because I couldn't have asked for a better captain," junior Emily Farr said of Jamieson.

Farr finished her season with a time of 25:35.25 and placed 84th. First-year Michelle Hegg finished close behind Farr with a time of 25:41.45 and placed 88th.

The first finisher of the men's team was sophomore Kenneth Chilcoat. He received 47th place with a time of 27:16.60. Fellow sophomore Ben Johnson placed 89th with a time of 28:40.40. First-year Victor Dominguez placed 70th with a time of 27:54.15.

"They did a great job, especially Kenneth. It is really fun to watch him race because he runs with so much intensity," Farr said.

Coach Brad Moore felt both teams were faster than previous seasons.

"Many of our student athletes ran faster times this year than in the previous season, Moore said. "I also thought our conference teams were stronger as a group this year."

Top runners for the men's team were: senior Adam Oswald, sophomores Victor Dominguez and Kenneth Chilcoat and junior Travis Savala. Oswald was the only senior on the team.

Top runners for the women's team were: senior Ashley Jamieson, junior Emily Farr, sophomore Jillian Bartling and first year Michelle Hegg. Jamieson and Kristen Davignon were the only seniors on the team.

"Regardless of how we finished, it was a great season full of lasting memories," Farr said. "We all had a lot of fun together and we'll miss the seniors next year."

Both teams were full of young runners.

"I think it is amazing how well our team did considering how young we are. Both the guys and the girls teams show a lot of potential in future years as they gain the experience needed to compete strong," Davignon said.

Runners now have some time off before track season begins, and then will go back into the grind of running. The team will be following a simple formula given by Moore.

"The formula for success in cross country is quite simple; begin the season with adequate summer training, so when school begins we can focus our attention on specific training to enhance racing potential," Moore said.

Looking ahead to next season, Moore said he feels like next year's team will be just as competitive, or maybe even more so.

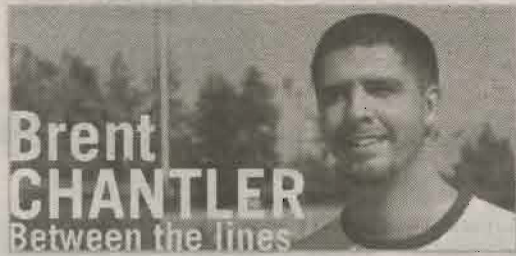
"The potential is enormous when considering the quality group of returners we have plus additional new freshman and transfer student athletes who will be joining our program in 2006," Moore said.

Moore said he hopes for next year's team will be more competitive, which will take a commitment from returnees to train consistently. If that goal is a priority for runners, the future will be bright for PLU cross country, he said.

Calendar table with columns for days of the week (FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY) and a 'THIS WEEK IN SPORTS' column. Events include swim teams at Puget Sound, men's basketball at Eastern Washington, the Seahawks traveling to San Francisco, Monday Night Football on ABC, women's basketball at Evergreen State, NBA action with Portland Trail Blazers, and College Football with Pittsburg vs West Virginia.

# Professor Chantler grades PLU fall sports

## Take heart: These grades are likely to rise in years to come



I put the professor hat on one more time. Professor Chantler is back, and better than ever.

One again, it is time for yours truly to hand out my final grades for all the fall sports teams.

This was one of the most successful fall sports seasons since I have been at PLU.

For those of you who did not get a chance to watch many of the teams, you should know it looks like this success is going to continue for many years to come.

My grades are based on team performances, overall statistics, improvement from last season, as well as team recognition.

### Cross Country: C-

This team has all the makings of a strong cross-country team. This year just was not its year.

It was a young team, having 15 true first-years, yet still managed to improve individual and team times as the season went on. I think as this team matures and gets some more experience, it is going to

make a great team. For now I have to give the team members a C, simply for the inexperience factor, but it is not a knock on them at all.

### Volleyball: B/B+

These women did another great job this season. The only reason I have to split between a B and B+ is that they won the Northwest Conference title last year and took home fourth place this season. They still finished with a great overall record of 14-9, as well as a conference record of 11-5.

The accolades also piled up once again for the volleyball team as outside hitter Stephanie Turner made first-team all-conference, while middle blocker Kati McGinn and setter Gina DiMaggio were both placed on the second-team. Turner was also named an American Volleyball Coaches Association Honorable Mention All-American. This team is also young, and should continue their strong play next season.

### Men's Soccer: B

Last season, this team was 6-7-1 in conference. This season it took that losing record and turned it into a fourth place finish in the conference with a winning record of 8-6-0.

These men were second in the league in total goals scored with 46, and allowed 20 less goals with only 26.

They also did a great job defensively, putting together seven shutouts. Forward Mike Ferguson and midfielder Kevin Murray also tied for the conference lead in goals with 20. Both players were also named to the Northwest Conference all-conference first-team, while midfielder Jay Pettit made second-team.

Murray also received a huge honor when he was named the Northwest

Conference Offensive Player of the Year. Murray accumulated 12 assists, which ranked second in the conference and went along with his share of the conference lead in goals.

The loss of Murray next season will be a hole that needs to be filled. However, Ferguson and the 13 first-year players on this year's roster will pick up the slack. One should look for these guys to contend for the Northwest Conference title in the next two or three years.

### Women's Soccer: B

The team put together another great season, finding itself in third place with a record of 9-5-2. Forward/midfielder Andrea Gabler ended her collegiate career on a high note, taking home all-conference first-team honors.

This team also received much needed help from its first-year players, and this showed in the statistics.

For example, forward Megan Shannon was second in the conference in goals scored with 10. That performance earned her all-conference second-team honors, along with another first-year player, forward Christina McDuffie, who ended the season tied for tenth in the conference in goals with six.

Defender Jenny Ironside also received an honorable mention for the all-conference teams, making a total of four players on the team receiving an all-conference honor.

Coach Jerrod Fluery has to be happy, knowing 20 of his players on this year's roster will be returning to play next season. Just like the men, these women are going to be a force to be reckoned with, and will bring success to the PLU program for years to come.

### Football: C+ / C

This was a year of mixed reviews for the football team. Its overall record was 3-6, and 0-4 in conference. The Lutes ended their

streak of 36 consecutive winning seasons, which is why I give them a split grade.

However, there is more to this team than meets the eye. This is a YOUNG team. Its quarterback, Chris Maine, was only a junior; and the best wide receiver, Craig Chiado, was only a sophomore.

Even with their inexperience, the team members still managed to put up the second best passing offense in the conference behind Linfield, who has an NFL-quality quarterback in Brett Elliott, the conference's Offensive Player of the Year.

Their defense was equally solid as they had the best passing defense in the conference, allowing an average of just more than 190 yards per game through the air.

Their offense was the big story of the season, however, as Maine ranked second in the conference in passing yards per game. One of his frequent targets, Chiado, had a huge season, bringing down 59 catches (second in conference), 1,119 receiving yards (first in the conference by 297 yards) and seven touchdowns (ninth in conference).

Wide receiver Chase Reed also put up big numbers, grabbing 14 touchdowns, third in the conference.

Defensive backs Brent Frank and Kurt Van Selus — who each had four interceptions on the season, which tied them for second in conference — turned in other notable performances.

This team simply needs to gain experience, which it did this year, and I know the Lutes are going to start another streak of winning games next year.

This fall produced another great sports season. Cross country, volleyball, men's and women's soccer and football all gave us reasons to smile, both in the present and for the future.

I hope any students who will be at PLU next year take notice of these teams. I predict great things from all of them in coming seasons.

## Scorecard

### Men's Soccer

Standings table for Men's Soccer. Columns: Team, NWC, %, Pts, All, %.

Final season stats table for Men's Soccer. Columns: Goals by Period, Opponents.

Shots by Period table for Men's Soccer. Columns: Period, Total.

### Football

Standings table for Football. Columns: Team, NWC, %, All, %.

Last game vs. Whitworth, lost 54-35

(All stats as of 11/16)

- Team Leaders - Rushing
1. Chase Reed - 333
2. Chris Maine - 227
3. Craig Stahl - 196

- Receiving
1. Craig Chiado - 1119
2. Chase Reed - 685
3. Jacob Washburn - 411

### Volleyball

Standings table for Volleyball. Columns: Team, NWC, %, GB, All, %.

- Final three games
10/22 at Lewis & Clark - lost 3-2
10/28 at Whitman - won 3-1
10/29 at Whitworth - lost 3-1

(All stats as of 11/1)

- Team Leaders - Blocking
1. Kati McGinn - 57
2. Kyla Wyrko - 47
3. Rachel Shillinger - 38

- Team Leaders - Kills
1. Kati McGinn - 271
2. Stephanie Turner - 239
3. Meghan Fagerberg - 217

- Team Leaders - Digs
1. Nicole Potts - 319
2. Megan Kimel - 300
3. Kati McGinn - 176

### Upcoming Games:

- 11/8 vs Pacific - 7 p.m.
11/9 vs George Fox - 7 p.m.

### Women's Soccer

Standings table for Women's Soccer. Columns: Team, NWC, %, Pts, All, %.

Goals by Period table for Women's Soccer. Columns: Period, Total.

Shots by Period table for Women's Soccer. Columns: Period, Total.

### Final three games:

- 10/22 vs George Fox - won 3-0
Andrea Gabler - 1
Megan Shannon - 1
Christina McDuffie - 1

10/29 at Whitman - lost 1-0 (OT)
PLU goals: none

- 10/30 at Whitworth - lost 2-1
PLU goals:
Megan Shannon - 1

- Team Leaders - Goals
1. Andrea Gabler - 4
2. Megan Shannon - 4
3. Christina McDuffie - 3

### Upcoming Games:

- 11/8 vs Linfield - 11 a.m.
11/9 vs Willamette - 10 a.m.

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# Fall Sports Review Through the Camera Lens

