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Students decked themselves out in bedsheets held up with safety pins for Hinderlie Hall's annual Toga Party last Friday night. Loud music filled Hinderlie's main lounge as students danced for more than three hours. LEFT: Sophomore Sarah Henderson rocks out in a bright green toga. CENTER: Sophomore Andrew Morris grabs a smiling senior Carly Brook by the hand on the dance floor, while others mingle in the Hinderlie kitchen. RIGHT: Some togas were more revealing than others.

# Police chase down, arrest car prowler in PLU lot

#### By ALISON HAYWOOD News Editor

Police arrested a man for breaking into six vehicles in the Yakima parking lot at approximately 4:45 a.m. last Friday, Assistant Director of Campus Safety Ron Giddings said. The perpetrator smashed windows on five of the cars and forced a door open on the sixth.

A student video officer with Campus Safety observed suspicious activity on the security cameras around the lot and called the Pierce County Sheriff Department immediatley, Director of Campus Safety Greg Premo said.

Police arrived on the scene within two minutes and arrested the suspect when the individual tried to run away. Campus Safety said the suspect was not a PLU student. Campus Safety sent out an email notifying the students whose cars had been broken into and asking them to fill out a theft inventory list with the sheriff's department.

Junior Allison Reynolds had an iPod stolen from her Subaru, but her car did not suffer any window damage.

"I was lucky my car windows weren't broken, but I felt bad for the students whose windows were," Reynolds said.

Facilities Management provided the car owners with plastic bags to temporarily cover their windows from the rain.

Only resident students with a parking permit are allowd to park in the Yakima Lot, which is located on the corner of 121st and Wheeler streets in the Northwest corner of campus.

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### Renowned genocide scholar to visit PLU

By KJERSTI ANDREASSEN News Writer

An expert on the Rwandan genocide and a globally renowned scholar on international law, Zachary D. Kaufman will be speaking on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Students will have the opportunity to learn about the concept and history of social entrepreneurship with Kaufman, a lecturer at and fellow of Yale University.

Kaufman said he looks forward to engaging with students and faculty at Pacific Lutheran University. In addition to discussing social entrepreneurship, which is also the topic of his latest book, he will present a case study from sub-Saharan Africa regarding the Kigali Public Library — Rwanda's first-ever public library.

PLU was able to host Kaufman after receiving a grant from the Public Education for Peacebuilding Support initiative. Kaufman has previously lectured at forums such as the United States Congress, the British Embassy and the Embassy of the Republic of Rwanda. His commentary and research have appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post* and several other publications.

For Kaufman, it is no coincidence that he writes and speaks about these topics.

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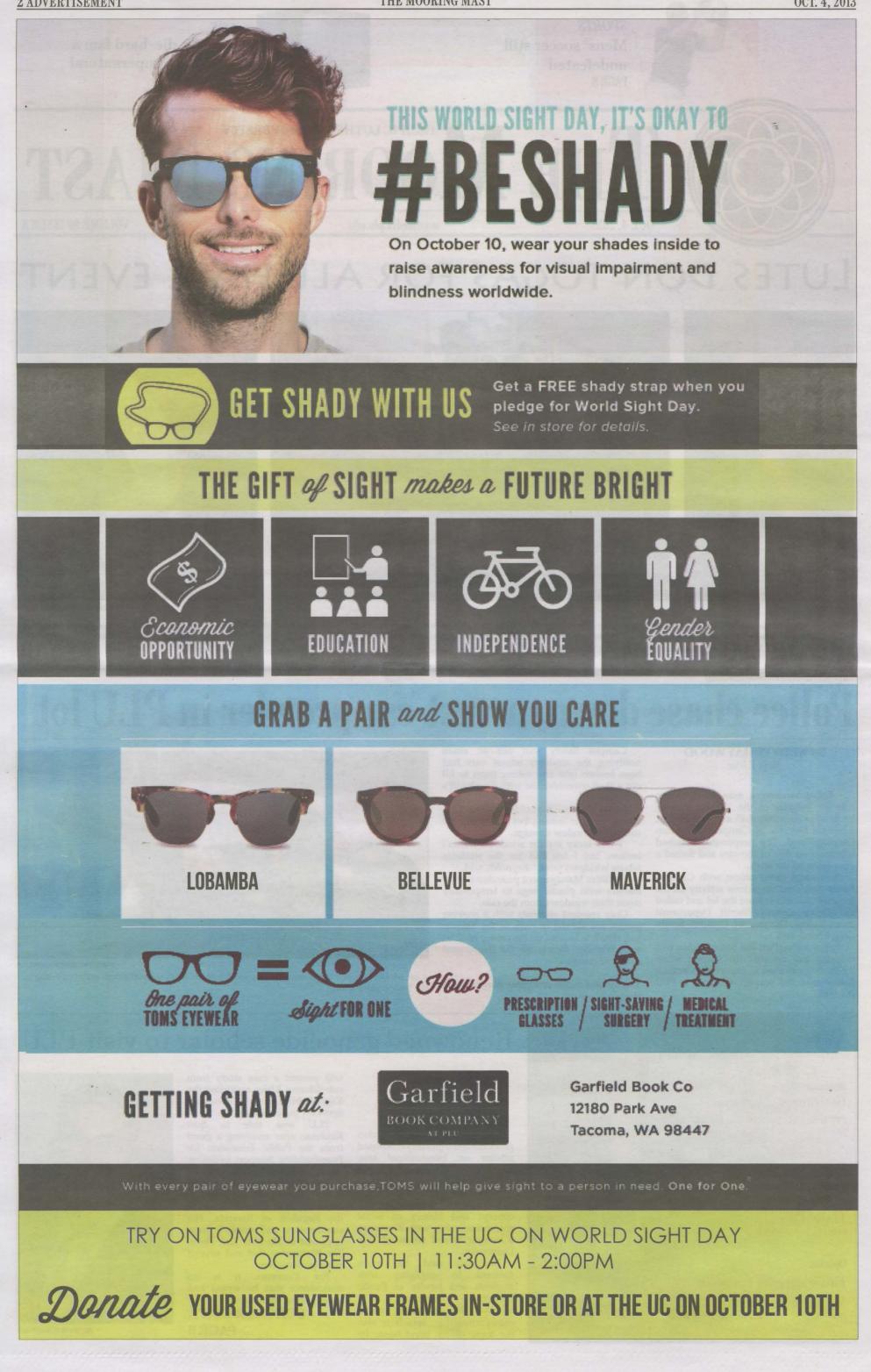


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# Bruno's brings Oktoberfest to Parkland



PHOTO BY ALISON HAYWOOD

Bruno's European Cafe, located just off the Parkland/Spanaway exit of 512, celebrated Oktoberfest in true Bavarian style last weekend. Sylvia's Band (pictured) provided live music, made toasts and yodeled in the large beer tent set up just outside the restaurant throughout the weekend. The festival featured imported beers served by the liter, souvenir mugs and a limited menu of traditional German cuisine.

#### Ongoing

Commuter student lounge open daily. 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. AUC: The Cave.

What to do

at PLU

#### Friday

"The Dream is Now" film screening. Policy advocate for the ACLU of New Mexico's Regional Center for Border Rights will lead a Q-and-A after the screening. Ingram 100, 5-7 p.m.

"Coal Cowboy" UnPLUg documentary interviewing the governor of Montana about reducing the nation's dependence on foreign oil by developing diesel fuel from coal. Foss Hall lounge, 7-8 p.m.

#### Saturday

Work party at the PLU Community Garden. Join the garden club and learn about growing food in the Pacific Northwest. PLU community garden, on 121st across from Ingram. 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

#### Sunday

Richard D. Moe Organ Recital Series featuring guest organist Daryl Robinson. 3-4:30 p.m.



# Sex + • Sexuality exists on a spectrum **By LEAH LARSON** Guest Writer

#### Every year, the Women's Center and the Diversity Center work together to host a series of lectures at Pacific Lutheran University known as Sex Positive (Sex+). The talks focus on discussing sexuality and educating students about it. On Monday night, Robyn Ochs, an LGBTQ+ activist, came to campus and spoke for this year's

first Sex+ event titled "Beyond Binaries."

#### also emphasized the lack of binaries when it comes to gender and sex.

"Your sex is your bits, and your gender is your understanding of yourself," Ochs said. "Your sex and gender are not binaries."

Ochs and modern sexologists have both said people are not exclusively male or female. Gender is a spectrum, and therefore people have both masculine and feminine traits.

At one point during the lecture, Ochs had students fill out an anonymous questionnaire that ranked their sexual and romantic experiences in regards to their sexuality. Students would mark "0" for heterosexual experiences and "6" for homosexual experiences and answer questions about their activities within the past month, year and before age 16.

binaries in sexuality, Ochs do students' sexualities exist on a spectrum, but also fluctuate quite a bit through time. The event also demonstrated how a person's position on that spectrum isn't concrete throughout their entire life.

"Think about yourself when you were 15 years old. And think about how you understood your sexuality," Ochs said. "Now, think of yourself today. Think about how you think of yourself as a sexual being today. Most of you have changed."

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She began the talk discussing various by researchers that helped shape the world of sexology, such as Alfred C. Kinsey

"Kinsey put out the idea that sexuality exists on a spectrum - this was a huge finding of his research,' Ochs said.

sexologist Kinsey, a who founded the Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender, and Reproduction, started researching sex in the 1940s and 1950s.

His work showed that sexuality exists largely on a spectrum ranging from heterosexuality to homosexuality. However, it also includes other sexualities such as asexuality, bisexuality and pansexuality.

In addition emphasizing the lack of

Through this, Ochs was able to prove that not only

experiment that Ochs conducted with PLU students, people's sexuality changes and shifts. It may even change from heterosexuality to asexuality.

"I thought that the talk was really enlightening," junior Christina Erikson said. "Robyn [Ochs] was fun to listen to, and I feel like I learned a lot."

"Your sex is your bits, and your gender is your understanding of yourself."

> **Robyn Ochs** LGBTQ+ activist

# **LUTES DISCUSS 'OBAMACARE'**

### Panel pieces together healthcare act one question at a time

"Younger people will pay more

for older [people], and healthier people will pay for sick people. You

all are the losers."

**Karen Travis** 

healthcare economist

#### **By RELAND TUOMI** Copy Editor

Social justice directors explored the controversial topic of "Obamacare" in a panel hosted by the Residence Hall Association in Hong Hall on Tuesday.

Each directed questions to the panel about the Affordable Care Act (ACA) that would pertain to the Pacific Lutheran University student population.

The ACA, often referred to as "Obamacare," is a federal statute signed by President Obama to raise the quality of affordable healthcare to a larger majority of the nation. This is done by increasing the number of mandates, subsidies, insurance exchanges and other mechanisms to make insurance more affordable.

Two students, junior Michael Cargill and senior Tess Raley, staffed the panel along with professors Karen Travis, healthcare economist, and Kaitlyn Sill, political science. Here is a brief list of some of the questions the directors asked:

What is the most important aspect of the ACA students should know?

Cargill: You can stay on your parents' healthcare plan until you are 26 years old, so it's nice to have that added cushion until you can get your own [insurance].

Raley:

Students generally want to get

jobs in small businesses or start their own small businesses, and the ACA encourages that so they can afford health insurance.

Travis: Changes from ACA will involve transfers winners and losers. Younger people will pay more for older [people], and healthier people will pay for sick people. You all are the losers.

Sill: There are two parts to this big picture: the government is trying to get more people to have health insurance while simultaneously trying to pay for it. Politicians are facing the question of how to go forward with this without fighting individual rights, such as the freedom of religion and the right of individual choice.

#### What impacts will it have on the job industry?

S: Right now, there's a law stating that if a company has over 50 full-time workers, they have to be provided with health insurance. If "Obamacare" passes, there's the thought that companies with 60-75 full-time workers will make some of them part-time so they won't have to pay full insurance.

#### Who will win and who will lose?

S: That depends on your definition of winning and losing. It's hard to know right now, but it's likely that the Republicans will come up with some backlash for the next election.

T: People working who are 55-65 years old are the winners, so they can get health insurance before they need more medical care. People ages 26-35 are the losers because they will have to pay a lot more than what they get back.

#### How have the impacts to defund "Obamacare" impacted the government shutdown?

S: The shutdown isn't going to do anything. The shutdown is posturing, flaunting the power Republicans have in politics. Basically, money from your social security checks can't be taken away, but the people who process your check can be delayed.

#### What is the difference between health insurance now and the ACA?

S: Right now, Medicare is for the elderly and Medicaid is for low income. There are two types of insurance for mental health and physical health.

AMA is combining two the and making healthcare standardized for everyone.

What is your favorite myth about "Obamacare?"

C: There will be more probing questions at the doctor's and that physicians will turn into government

agents. First off, you don't have to answer those questions anyway and second, every aspect of your health is important, so if you get asked about your recreational drug habits at your colonoscopy, it's important, not probing.

R: That doctors will insert a chip into you to monitor your health and location. No part of the ACA talks about chips. There is one section titled C.H.I.P., but that is an acronym for Child Health Insurance Plan.

S: There will be these death panels at hospitals who will decide if people will get health treatment, or if they'll just check into the hospital to die.

#### **Miscellaneous ACA Facts:**

You aren't required to have health insurance, Travis said, but it will cost you a penalty fee. For the first year you don't have it, you have to pay \$95. That will go up, however, so that by 2016 you will be penalized with a \$750 fee.

ACA is also not making a new version of health insurance. It's just changing how health insurance is regulated.

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# **Conference examines** Jesus through a Lutheran lens

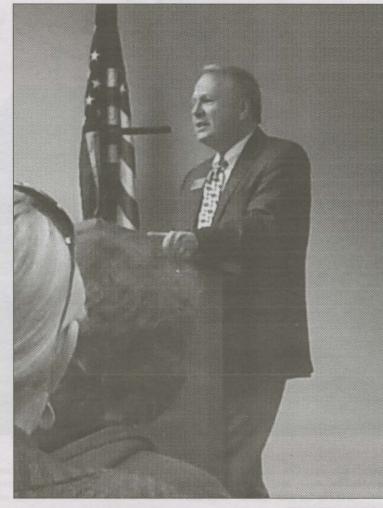


PHOTO BY RELAND TUOMI

University chair of Lutheran studies Samuel Torvend gives his lecture on the Cosmic Christ during the Lutheran Studies Conference on Sept. 26.

#### By RELAND TUOMI Copy Editor

Speakers analyzed Jesus of Nazareth from a Lutheran perspective during the Lutheran Studies Conference on Sept. 26. Lutheran Studies programs at Pacific Lutheran University sponsored the conference, which included a Q-and-A session after each lecturer spoke.

Following dinner, the conference concluded with a lecture given by keynote speaker Gail Ramshaw, a professor of religion at La Salle University in Philadelphia.

The conference opened with Brenda Ihssen, a visiting assistant professor in PLU's religion department, who described the Byzantine depictions of Jesus in the three main aspects of Byzantine life: Christ of Council,

University. He focused on the dilemma between the spiritual and religious aspects of people's lives, emphasizing that many in the Pacific Northwest region mark "None" on their census forms when asked for their religious practices.

These "Nones," as Peterson calls them, prefer to be spiritual rather than religious, and Peterson said that spiritualism does not mean there is no religion, rather religion has changed into a way to achieve happiness and harmony with God through nature and the earth. They want to experience religion through themselves instead of a structured setting.

finished the Ramshaw conference with her lecture, "Jesus as a Champion, Sacrifice, Lover, and Tree of Life." She discussed the metaphorical literalism about Jesus as a figure with multiple identities.

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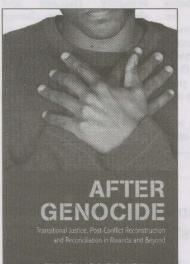


PHOTO COURTESY OF ZACHARY KAUFMAN Kaufman is co-editor and co-author of "After Genocide" along with Phil Clark.

As a Jew, Kaufman said he grew up learning about the horrors of the Holocaust and personally experiencing anti-Semitism from classmates. He said, "on one occasion, a fellow student, who held me personally responsible for the death of Jesus Christ, picked me up, turned me over, and rammed my head repeatedly into a rock until I gushed blood."

In some cases, he said, the children had adopted their attitudes from parents and religious leaders. This was how he learned the importance of killing myths, misinformation and misperceptions that lead to persecution.

Kaufman was finishing his sophomore year in high school when the genocide in Rwanda occurred from April to July of 1994.

Kaufman's mother was born in South Africa, and she told him stories from the region. "I remember hearing snippets as it was happening and feeling a visceral reaction because of the traumatizing events in my own past and in the past of my religious community," he said.

Kaufman said he wondered if there was anything he could do, but then he thought that since he was just a high school student so far away, there wasn't anything he could do.

'I wish I could talk to that kid and tell him that people of all ages, anywhere in the world can and should - play a part in raising public awareness about, pressuring governments to respond to and helping societies recover from genocide." This idea, he said, is part of what he tries to share in his teaching.

"I hope that some leave [the lecture] inspired to pursue their own projects to promote positive social and or environmental change in their local or in our global community," Kaufman said.

Court and Monks.

Professor Samuel Torvend, university chair of Lutheran studies, followed Ihssen. He spoke on the cosmic Christ and relation to the wounded earth. Torvend emphasized a point made by Lutheran minister and environmental activist Joseph Sittler — that the Cosmic Jesus is for the care of the earth.

The third speaker was Daniel Peterson, is a professor from the Matteo Ricci College at Seattle

These included his role as a champion who works to liberate others, his role as a sacrifice for the good of others – and by extension a lover who sacrifices for others and his representation as the Tree of Life, intended to draw people to the earth.

"I went because I'm a Lutheran, so I thought it would be interesting," junior Julia Glassy said. "I went to the Cosmic Christ lecture and I really enjoyed it."

#### Cosmic Jesus is for the care of the earth.

#### **Samuel Torvend University Chair in Lutheran Studies**

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# 'NIGHT TRAIN' Jason Aldean concert is unforgettable

#### **By KELLI BRELAND** ASE Editor

Blue and white lights shimmered across the ceiling of the Tacoma Dome as Jason Aldean wooed an audience of more than 20,000 country fans during his concert last Friday.

The concert was a stop on Aldean's "2013 Night Train" tour, though it also featured opening performances by country artists Thomas Rhett and Jake Owen.

As an avid country fan, I had high expectations for the concert Aldean is one of the biggest names in New Country. His newest album, "Night Train," sold more than 409,000 copies in the first seven days of its release.

Eagerly awaiting a live performance of some of the album's best, I navigated through the crowd to my seat in the middle section of the Tacoma Dome stands.

Surrounding me were mostly people ages 15-25, who proudly sported cowboy hats, flannels, a menagerie of leather boots and a healthy serving of camouflage.

Scattered within the young crowd were a few families with excited children, one of who spastically waved a sign that read "I love Jason Aldean" written in green crayon and decorated with cowboy hat stickers.

When the stands had filled to near capacity, Rhett appeared and began to sing "It Goes Like This."

The song was popular enough to be easily recognized by most of the crowd, and they promptly quieted down to listen.

Unfortunately, Rhett's following songs not only lacked familiarity, but they also sounded so similar to each other that he began to lose the crowd's attention.

People grew antsy, and empty cups seemed to travel back up the stairs almost as quickly as their freshly filled counterparts traveled back down.

Finally, Rhett headed backstage and Owen took command of the crowd.

He pushed back his shaggy, shoulder-length brown hair and sang his hit, "Days of Gold."

Behind him, a huge video panel displayed the music video for the song. Images of ski boats, trucks, girls in cut-off jean shorts and a Southern style beach party flickered across the screen.

Unlike Rhett, Owen managed to maintain crowd attention throughout his other songs. Some people danced, others sang along and some attempted to film the performance on blaringly bright phones and cameras.

After Owen's performance ended, the concert crew changed out the entire set - instead of one stationary video panel, six panels that could move in formation stood above the stage.

Aldean's long-awaited entrance was successfully theatrical. A huge orange video performing in Tacoma, the tour will head south to California. panel moved to stage level and displayed Aldean's contrasting black silhouette. Behind the screen Aldean played the guitar to the beginning of "Crazy Town." The panel lifted as the lyrics began, revealing Aldean.

The crowd roared in approval and rose up from the stands to clap, dance and join in on Aldean's songs.

Aldean cleverly balanced his fast-paced songs with slower ones. He broke up his long performance when he shared personal anecdotes and made fun of his band members, who all shared a long past of bad haircuts.

Each of Aldean's songs had something to offer - but the most memorable was his rendition of PHOTO COURTESY OF JASONALDEAN.COM

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Aldean performs for an excited crowd during his "2013 Night Train" tour. After

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"Night Train," for which the tour and album are named.

Aldean's energy and vocals introduced the song's vivid imagery of a night under the stars, but the speckled light of thousands of swaying cell phones and lighters brought it to life.

When the concert came to a close, I walked out of the Tacoma Dome with my ears ringing and feet aching.

Yet had I had the choice, I would have turned back around and listened to the whole concert over again.

The talent, music and energy brought to Tacoma by Jason Aldean's "2013 Night Train" tour was unforgettable and certainly worth the \$50 ticket.

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Aldean poses for a photo for his "Night Train" album, which was released on Oct. 12, 2012. It sold more than 409,000 copies in its first seven days.



#### **By TAHNAYEE ČLENDINEN Guest Writer**

When an actor in an ongoing TV show dies, that person's character lives on until the director kills him or her or the show itself dies.

replacement for his character. be in a place where they could Cast member Lea Michele, who was Monteith's real life girlfriend, will be continuing on with her character.

There is no telling how 'Glee's" ratings will fare as it has had ups and downs throughout the show's four-season run Directors and actors on the show have said they would like to keep the show going in order to help the cast move past the grieving stage.

Finn Hudson. There will be no work, they wanted to sort of all remember and discuss Cory [Monteith] sooner than later."

The fate of "Glee" now rests solely on those who choose to tune in.

Popular early 2000s television show "8 Simple Rules," which starred John Ritter as the father



The result is different for every show, with some attempting to soldier on. Others simply kill off the character and then fail due to dismal ratings.

"Glee's" Corv In July, Monteith succumbed to a drug and alcohol addiction.

The cast members on the show will carry on season five without Monteith's character,

"We ultimately found that our cast and crew wanted to be together," Ryan Murphy, a co-creator of "Glee," said in an interview with *E*! magazine. "They wanted to go back to

PHOTO COURTESY OF FOX.COM

**Tune into Fox on Oct. 10 for a Cory** 

Monteith tribute episode of "Glee"

Katey Sagal as the mother and Kaley Cuoco as one of their daughters, suffered a misfortune when Ritter passed away.

Ritter, known for his classic appearance as Jack Tripper on "Three's Company," suffered a heart attack in September 2003, leaving the show with a fatherless void.

The show continued on without Ritter, trying to replace his character with an eccentric cousin and a witty grandfather. Ratings after the death just weren't the same, and ABC canceled "8 Simple Rules" just one season later.

Another option for a show when an actor dies is to replace the deceased character. Or, the show can simply go on, acknowledging the removal of a character.

No matter what the show chooses, backlash is inevitable. Either die-hard fans disapprove

#### PHOTO COURTESY OF TIME.COM

Cory Monteith starred as Finn Hudson on Fox's hit series, "Glee." He succumbed to a drug and alcohol addiction and passed away on July 13. His character will not be replaced on the next season of "Glee."

of the new direction, causing the ratings to fail, or the show loses its magic and both new and old fans can feel the lack of vivacity.

It is important to remember the other actors on the show cannot just walk away from a project due to a death.

Harsh as this may sound, they and the show's staff put a lot of time and effort into the project. Since most shows that attempt to continue after a main character's death fail, it can trigger a "what's the point?" attitude.

The point is that the show, if it is a good show, has something to offer.

Traditionally, all of the surviving cast members are often, in a sense, penalized for the death of another, and it is not fair. So let the shows carry on and attempt to pick up whatever pieces the tragedy of death leaves behind.

Even if the show fails, it fails on the triumph of trying rather than the coattails of giving up.

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# **FILM EXTRAVAGANZA** Experience the 2013 Tacoma Film Festival

#### By EVAN HERINGER Guest Writer

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As students, we all need a little rest and relaxation time off campus with some good films, and the perfect way to do so is by experiencing The Tacoma Film Festival.

This eighth year of The Tacoma Film Festival (TFF) runs through Oct. 10 and brings a number of short films from "northwest shorts" to "international shorts" and everything in between.

TFF's director, Laura Marshall, said TFF kicked off the festival in style with a classy "Opening Night VIP Gala," which was on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Annie Wright Kemper Theater. It included a dinner followed by the showing of the film "GBF."

"GBF" centers around a group of high school girls fighting for popularity when fellow classmate Tanner becomes the first openly gay student.

The girls compete to be the first to have a Gay Best Friend while Tanner is forced to choose between popularity or leaving his past, and the people in it, behind.

"GBF" is a comedy similar to the hit movies "Mean Girls" and "Fast Times at Ridgemont High." If a documentary is more your speed, check out another one of TFF's films, "The Otherside."

The Seattle hip-hop scene is exploding with up-and-coming artists that are changing the rap game as we know it, and this documentary is showing just how filthy Seattle can be.

"The Otherside" focuses on Seattle hip-hop artists as they attempt to make it big in the "do it yourself digital age."

Featuring artists such as Macklemore and the Blue Scholars, "The Otherside" is accompanied by two animated short films and will make its TFF debut today at 12:30 p.m. at the Tacoma Community College.

If you miss this showing, there is a chance it may be shown again. TFF has several time slots to be determined, so take a look at the website, http://www. tacomafilmfestival.com to stay updated.

Another noteworthy film is "Seventeen Hours In" whose director, Ivo Raza, was nominated for "Best Director" at the Long Island Film Expo.

"Seventeen Hours In" is about a woman named Liz who, after being diagnosed with breast cancer, hooks up with a newly single man named Kevin, and together the two explore a mutual fantasy.

"Seventeen Hours in" is a fairly raunchy film that has elements of both comedy and drama. The film will play at 10:30 p.m. at the Grand Cinema on Saturday.

TFF brings an opportunity for a night out with some friends with its closing night party, which features the film "Best Man Down" followed by a dinner.

The film is a drama that tells the story of a newlywed couple who is forced to cancel their honeymoon in order to organize the funeral for their best man, who died shortly after the wedding.

"Best Man Down" stars "Accepted's" Justin Long, who is expected to be at TFF along with the director Ted Koland for the film's debut.

The Closing Night Party is on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at The Grand Cinema.

For more information, including a list of all of the films TFF will be showing and where they will be shown, head to the website http:// www.tacomafilmfestival.com and follow @tacomafilmfest on Twitter.



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# New on Pacific Avenue Nerdy Stuffs offers comic books and community

#### By JESSICA TRONDSEN Editor-In-Chief

Nerdy Stuffs is here to save the day of any student looking for a local pop culture community.

With comic books, apparel, card games, action figures, table top games and much more, local business Nerdy Stuffs now boasts a new location down the street from Pacific Lutheran University.

It took approximately 24 hours this summer for the business to relocate from Spanaway to the lot behind the Mattress Ranch on Pacific Avenue.

Founded in July of 2012, Nerdy Stuffs quickly outgrew its former location with high turnouts at its multitude of community events.

"Our community was growing. Our inventory was growing," Kevin Knodell, the store's community outreach coordinator, said.

In his position, PLU alum Knodell talks to local businesses and organizes programs. Of the store's patrons, Knodell said he hopes "they know that we moved closer and that we didn't move away."

The store reopened in its new location on Aug. 17 with a free mini comic convention called Nerdy Con. The costumed crowd included a variety of local artists and writers, including comic writers Brandon Jerwa and Clayton Crain.

Nerdy Con was one way Nerdy Stuffs hoped to introduce itself to its new community as "not just a retail space," Knodell said. "It can be, but it's a social space too."

With tables set up in the back of the store for customers to play games and follow demos, the staff of Nerdy Stuffs is happy to host its diverse crowd of young and old customers.

"Nerdy' would be the only demographic that really sticks," Knodell said.

Nerdy Stuffs also consistently offers events in partnership with the Northern Pacific Coffee Company on Garfield Street. Every Thursday night since January, the two have hosted game nights at 7 p.m. at NPCC.

Nerdy Stuffs and NPCC also team up with CLAW, the Cartoonists' League of Absurd Washingtonians, for networking and low-key gatherings known as Drink-n-Draws, where local beers and ciders are on tap for local artists and customers who come out to win prizes.

Saturday's Drink-n-Draw raffled off two tickets to Jet City Comic Show, the Nov. 2 Seattle and Tacoma comic book event. Tickets for the show can also be

Nerdy Stuffs can be found on Facebook and in-person at 12223 Pacific Ave S. purchased in-store for \$8.

According to its website, http://www.cartoonistsleague. org/, CLAW is a Tacoma "secretsociety" cartoonist group that sponsors a scholarship for a student enrolled in school and interested in cartooning.

In 2012, the group raised \$1,059.10 through donations for the scholarship.

With CLAW, Nerdy Stuffs sponsors the annual event 24-Hour Comics Day on the first Saturday of October.

Starting at 10 a.m., the event lasts 24 hours, during which participants are expected to complete a 24-page comic book.

Like any Nerdy Stuff's event, anyone is welcome to participate, Knodell said. "There's no such thing as too nerdy or not nerdy enough."

Those interested can sign up on the day of, but completing the event "is quite a challenge to do," Knodell said. "No sleep. No rest."

The key to the event is to try to draw one comic per hour, Knodell said. "You're not necessarily going for quality."

CLAW founding member and local artist Mark Monlux is slated to attend 24-Hour Comics Day. Nerdy Stuffs sells his work.

Of the merchandise in Nerdy Stuffs, comic books are what drew in Knodell to work for the store. Knodell was a customer of Comic Book Ink before it closed and struck up a friendship with former Comic Book Ink employee, Carmen Melendez, who now serves as Nerdy Stuffs' general manager.

Knodell attained a part-time position that eventually became full-time. "Other game and comic



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Kevin Knodell, Nerdy Stuffs' community outreach coordinator, stands among the many rows of comics available at the store.

stores don't have community outreach coordinators, but that's what makes Nerdy Stuffs unique," Knodell said.

As Hollywood takes on more and more superhero based movies, Knodell said he thinks "people should care about comic books, because it's a storytelling medium that deserves a lot more respect than it is often given."

Although Nerdy Stuffs sells several different kinds of comic books from local artists to Batman, Knodell said the card game Magic: The Gathering is one of the best-selling items at the store. The fantasy-adventure trading card game can be played by two or more people.

From his experience working at Nerdy Stuffs' community events, Knodell said he believes "the artists and writers in the industry are some of the hardest working people I've had the good fortune to meet and some of the most creative certainly. I think they deserve people's attention," Knodell said. "And their money."

Nerdy Stuffs is open seven days a week and offers a 10 percent discount on most items to those who present valid student ID. "We love our Lutes," Knodell said. "We're happy to call this neighborhood our home."



VIDEO COMPONENT ONLINE



By KELS MEJLAENDER Copy Editor

PREPARE NOR THE NALL

When I look back on the summer of 2013, I may think about my job, the class I took and the new house I moved into — but I will always recall the friendships I forged watching The CW's "Supernatural."

It began with a simple

joined me in the vortex of extreme fandom.

On a good week, we could watch four to five episodes every weeknight, hitting double digits over the weekend. With eight seasons and 172 episodes to power through, completing





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The ninth season of "Supernatural" premieres on Tuesday at 8 p.m. on The CW.

suggestion from my then housemate Jessica Welch, a senior, to watch the show with her on Netflix.

With one week of my summer class on Islam remaining, I naively assented to watch, unaware I would shortly deteriorate into a rabid fan incapable of thinking of much else.

The show centers on two brothers, Dean and Sam Winchester, who travel around America fighting spirits, demons and other supernatural monsters. The show introduced a complex mythology of angels to complement its demonic aspects in the fourth season.

Their jobs, as older brother Dean Winchester states in the opening episode, involve "saving people, hunting things — the family business."

My other housemate Malena Goerl, a junior, watched with mild interest at first, but quickly the available episodes before summer's end — with full-time jobs — was a bit of a trial.

The story, however, provided a combination of plot, character and humor we were incapable of resisting.

"Supernatural" boasts some of the most colorful lines of dialogue on television, with gems like "cram it with walnuts, ugly" and "text me when Sparkles here retrieves his memory."

We even transformed the whiteboard in our house into a "Supernatural Quote Board" for the summer.

The characters that spout off these lines have had more than enough time to develop over eight seasons.

My favorite is Castiel, an angel of the lord who eventually becomes a close friend of the Winchester brothers, particularly with Dean. Not familiar with the more minute aspects of human

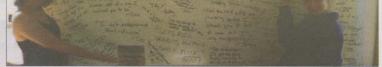


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Kels Mejlaender and her housemate, Malena Goerl, pose with their giant whiteboard full of "Supernatural" quotes.

culture, Castiel is often a source of unintentional comedy.

For instance, when Dean Winchester jokes they can try looking for God in New Mexico because he's heard he's on a tortilla, Castiel replies earnestly, "no, he's not on any flatbread."

As engaging as the show is, coordinating our schedules to watch together proved difficult, and when Jessica moved out, she told us to carry on without her. Within two weeks, Malena and I had finished the eighth season.

Despite scheduling challenges, "Supernatural" brought Malena and I from mere acquaintances to addiction buddies. Jessica and I further solidified the friendship we had built as housemates the year before.

There's something about experiencing a story together – about sharing that fun and commitment – that creates some of the strongest bonds. You scream together, you laugh together and you share more inside jokes on Facebook than your other friends can stomach.

It doesn't hurt when the story itself is particularly remarkable.

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#### THE MOORING MAST

#### OCT. 4, 2013

# Accounting for Dummies Think ahead, plan for retirement now

#### **By BJORN SLATER Business** Editor

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Living paycheck to paycheck can be incredibly stressful, especially when students have to start paying for things themselves. Students can take the cost of rent and food for granted when living with parents or guardians, who cover these basic costs of living.

Then when they suddenly have the opportunity to move into houses with a bunch of their friends their junior year at Pacific Lutheran University, the responsibility for these basic needs falls on them.

This can make it hard to start saving money in college since it is difficult enough to work parttime to barely cover these costs while going to school full time, so relying on parents or working more may be the only options while in school.

But as soon as students leave school to join the workforce, it is imperative they start saving because having that little extra cushion will make life much easier.

Starting to save is the hardest part. According to The Huffington Post, the median annual income for recent graduates is now \$46,412, or about \$3,868 per month.

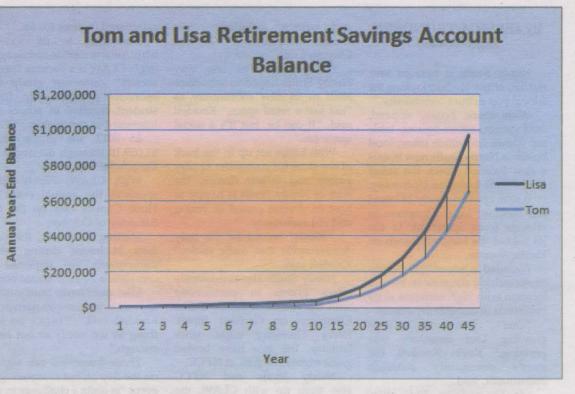
After 25 percent goes to taxes, an average of \$700 for rent and food, according to http://www. loweryourspending.com, there is still \$1,914 of disposable income that each person must decide what to do with.

It may be tempting to take all of the money and go buy a bunch of new toys like a big flat screen television, a PlayStation 3 and Grand Theft Auto V. But resisting the temptation and putting \$200, about 10 percent of the remaining take-home pay for the average recent college graduate, into savings can prevent a lot of headaches in the future, or even grant a person millionaire status come retirement time.

Let's look at two recent graduates, Tom and Lisa, who are both 22 years old. Lisa decides to start saving for retirement right out of college, and Tom decides to wait a few years and buy a brand new BMW first. Lisa starts putting \$200 a month into an individual retirement account (IRA) for a total of \$2,400 a year for the first five years, and when Tom starts saving in year six he does the same.

The chart shows what will happen to both accounts over a 45-year period of steady monthly deposits of \$200 and an assumed annual interest rate of 8 percent. Lisa comes out with a balance of about \$967,500, nearly a millionaire.

Tom, however, ends up with a balance of about \$648,500, a an average of \$287 per month on sizeable amount still but \$319,000



less than Lisa simply because he started saving five years after she did. When he started he was only \$14,900 behind, but the magic that is compound interest made the gap significantly wider 40 years later.

This story illustrates two key points: the earlier a person starts saving the better, and it is never too late to start saving.

Ten percent is a relatively

small amount of a person's disposable income and making larger deposits will only make the ending figure more impressive.

For example, \$500 monthly deposits, just over the 25 percent mark, for 45 years will lead to an ending balance of over \$2.4 million. Sounds like enough for all that travelling that was put off while climbing the corporate ladder, with plenty leftover to

live comfortably on a day-to-day basis.

Long story short: start saving sooner, retire sooner and with more money. Next time an opportunity arises for a big shopping spree, think about putting some of the money into a savings account instead.

Future you will appreciate the thought.

# Shutdown problematic for Boeing

#### **By PETER MUELLER Guest Writer**

On Monday the GOP threw an "anti-Obamacare" wrench into the gears of the U.S. federal machine, causing a government shutdown.

The Senate is standing divided over the issues of universal healthcare and the Federal Budget. Domestic businesses are hoping to see a resolution before witnessing the repercussions of the shutdown.

Boeing Aerospace manufacturer looks at the month ahead with an eye of discontent. With the omnipresent veil of the government shutdown and potential intrusion within commodity markets by the Federal Reserve, Boeing faces possible

Early last month, Boeing showcased the the reversal, a group of corporations

new version of its flagship airplane, the 787-9 Dreamliner, in an effort to compete with rival Airbus's A350-800. The upgraded version of the 787 offers 38 more seats and an expanded range of 8,478 nautical miles.

Although the new 787-9 is ready for production, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) must certify the planes before Boeing is able to commence production.

According to Bloomberg, approximately 15,000 FAA employees were furloughed on Tuesday morning. Among them were the 2,800 safety inspectors needed to approve the new 787-9. Shortly after, the FAA released a statement that all aircraft

certification will be postponed. If the government shutdown is to could affect the economy when managed continue through mid-October, the March improperly. 2014 delivery dates of the 787-9 could be pushed back for the fifth time in the pitfalls in the weeks ahead. In an attempt to sway lawmakers against

Dreamliner's brief history, according to USA Today. News of delays could weaken Boeing consumer confidence within the aerospace market, and benefit French rival Airbus.

Boeing is not only facing possible pitfalls from the inactivity of government, but also from government interference. After much scrutiny from government regulators, the Federal Reserve is now reviewing the role that banks play in the commodities market.

In 1999, Congress enacted the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, allowing banks to invest freely in physical commodities. Those looking to reverse the bill argue that Wall Street has gained too much power over vital aspects of commodity infrastructure that

including Boeing, issued a letter warning the Federal Reserve. The letter urged lawmakers to consider the positive effects that financial institutions have had on dampening the volatility of commodities.

The involvement of financial institutions in physical commodities has also eliminated the need for businesses to set aside capital for storing raw materials.

If the Senate subcommittee overseeing the case rules in favor of limiting Wall Street's involvement in the commodities market, commodity prices could rise ,hindering the domestic aerospace manufacturing industry.

With U.S. furloughs and the possible reversal of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, Boeing could stand to lose a segment of its market share to nemesis Airbus.

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First Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner being rolled out of the factory in Everett on Aug. 27. Air New Zealand is scheduled to receive the first 787-9 in mid-2014.

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# **LETTER FROM THE EDITOR** Out of state students: Get used to the rain

#### **By SAM HORN** Sports Editor

It's that time of year again. Yes, our nation has graced us with football, but that's beside the point for now. There's another place and time for that.

With fall here, can only help but admire what's happening outside. Every second, the accumulates grass more and more water. And it's all because of something special called rain.

The state of Washington is known for its rain, and rightly so. It rains 150 days out of the year here. There are two things you can do after hearing that mind-blowing statistic.

The first option is to scream and pound on your wall if you hate rain. If you fall under this category of person, you will probably move away to some sunny state in the South. Have fun with that.

second option is to smile and break. embrace the notion

that it rains here in Tacoma about 150 days. Hearing the rain gracefully fall on your window sill is without a doubt one of the most peaceful sounds known to the human ear.

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All you want to do is fall asleep. I can't blame you. Rain can certainly

act as a remedy for certain aspects of life. If you're having issues finishing your homework on a rainy day, don't panic. Just take a minute and hear the rain knock at your doorstep.

It's beckoning for you to step outside and give it a giant, enveloping hug. Don't be afraid of it. It won't bite.

Last year, was studying for a religion exam. I had been studying about three for consecutive hours and my brain simply couldn't handle memorizing what the term 'exodus' means and where Jesus was born. I had to take a

As I closed my book, my eyes traveled to the opposite side of my room. There, smiling at me in all of its intoxicating, natural beauty was the rain. I took one look at the rain and instantly grabbed my bright Patagonia yellow rain jacket.

I ran outside and jumped around in the rain. The rain engulfed me with its large drops of water, and I was smitten. I didn't want to leave. There was no way I was going back inside and studying for my religion exam. As fall settles in, there's no way Lutheran Pacific University can avoid the rain. But that's a good thing. We need to appreciate the rain

more. It's a way of life for Washingtonians, and all we can do is accept it into our lives. There's no way around it.

about moving away because of the rainy



PHOTO BY JESSE MAJOR

Sports editor Sam Horn smiles through the downpour while walking through campus.

degrees with not a weather here, think again. The next time it rains, consider how soothing it is. The rain is here to be our friend, not our worst enemy. The next time it rains, just think of how lucky we are.

At least we're not If you're thinking in Arizona, where it could potentially be more than 100

drop of rain in sight. That's a depressing picture, or maybe I just have to admit that the rain has turned me into a true Washingtonian. Whatever the case

may be, I am certain of one thing: I love the rain.

# Immigration hits home

#### **By CARYLY BROOKS** AND WENDY MARTINEZ **Guest Writers**

Though immigration is complex, that should not be a reason to disengage and be oblivious to its effects in our country, local communities and, in particular, our campus.

Two voices have come together to collaborate on this piece to demonstrate that understanding immigration can come from multiple perspectives and vantage points and cannot be reduced to a singular issue. This opinion piece is an invitation to Pacific Lutheran University to engage with the local and global aspects of immigration.

Immigration is a global issue. Global wealth inequality, neoliberal trade agreements and violence have pushed the majority of migrants to the U.S. and other countries in the global north. In addition to our economy's labor needs, the desire for family reunification and for a better life have brought many migrants to the U.S.

However, actually getting to the facility is no easy task. The NW Detention Center is a gray complex complete with a razor-wire fence, and can be found only after driving deep into the industrial tide-flats of Tacoma.

Every day, thousands of cars on the interstate pass within a 10-mile radius of the facility, completely unaware of its existence.

However, for some undocumented students on PLU's campus it can cause anxiety. The nearness of the NW Detention Center is an emblem of a broken U.S. immigration system that profits off of the detention and criminalization of immigrants.

Now, bringing it very close to home, immigration is a PLU issue. The erroneous perception of undocumented immigrants as criminals often clouds our vision of immigrants in our own communities. There are undocumented students on this campus, and they are our friends and our peers.

to students who have received parking tickets as "illegal" students.

We think it is wrong to apply this dehumanizing term to immigrants, especially students brought across the border at a very young age. We agree with the many signs held at mobilizations around the country - "no human being is illegal."

There is no single story of immigration in the United States. Immigrants are not one homogenous group but are from many diverse groups. We ask you to not make assumptions but to engage with the complexity and multiplicity of the stories and the issue.

Rather than simply restating the myths of immigration, look into undocumented students, or how "DREAMers," have mobilized across the country for the right to take part in a society they call home. In March 2013, Washington State passed the DREAM Act, Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors, which allows students to have temporary residency while they receive higher forms of education. Be conscious of the sacrifices that DREAMers are willing to make for their education. Some have walked from Miami to Washington, D.C., have gone on hunger strikes, have received death threats for their activism and have been arrested in order to advocate for access to higher education for themselves and other undocumented students.



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There are heavy flows of immigrants all over the world, disproportionately from the global south to the global north. Scaling down our scope a little bit, immigration is also a local issue.

The Northwest Detention Center is a facility that detains immigrants throughout our region. A massive 1,575-bed facility and one of the largest immigration detention centers in the United States is right in PLU's backyard.

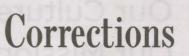
We disclose this, not so that they are judged, and not to assume that all students from immigrant families are undocumented, but for awareness and education. Leno Rose-Avila, the director of Seattle's new Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs, served as a panelist for PLU's Constitution Day this year on the "Immigration Near and Far," lecture.

He noted certain hypocrisy in the term "illegal." Rose-Avila said many congressional representatives break laws, yet we do not refer to them as "illegal" representatives. We do not refer

"There are undocumented students on this campus, and they are our friends and our peers."

One way to broaden your awareness is to come to the screening of "The Dream is Now," a documentary that puts a name and a face to many of the DREAMers, students who made their immigration status known to advocate for their own educations.

We encourage everyone to attend tonight at 5 p.m. in Ingram 100 as an important step toward making PLU a more welcoming, knowledgeable and supporting community for each and every student on campus.



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In the page 4 article "Explaining the Pacific Lutheran University life of Laura Majovski," the name of S. Erving Severtson was misspelled.

#### THE MOORING MAST

# Wanderlust: The Dreamers of Saigon

#### By KJERSTI ANDREASSEN Guest Writer

Less than four months ago, I was standing on my hotel room balcony and saving, "good morning, Vietnam." I visited the country with a team of 12 other people as part of a three-month mission trip.

On my first early morning, I was taking in the scene of a bustling Saigon street, trying to tell the vendors apart. It was a greeting to a country I didn't know and a people I hadn't met.

Vietnam is what some of us call a "closed country." Little information contrary to the government agenda goes in or out. It is also a very poor country with a lot of social problems.

So when a group of white people go to Saigon for two weeks with the expectation to "go wherever things lead them," this is what happens.

I saw dreams in young people who wanted a better life for themselves. I saw dreams for a country to become a better place. I saw dreams on behalf of others. But they didn't stop with the dream they did things to make it happen.

I can think of several occasions when I would go to the park and end up meeting some amazing new people.

People in Vietnam are extremely

"I saw dreams in young people who wanted a better life for themselves." hospitable, and they love practicing their English. So three hours after meeting someone, I'd be on a crazy and lethal motorbike ride on my way to a favorite pho place.

I met some incredible people in Vietnam. Nhu, a 14-year-old girl who works through the summer selling bracelets so that by the end of it, she can buy one new English book. This year it was "The Hunger Games."

There was also Angie, a 28-year-old banker who had lost her job due to cutbacks. She now watches - more like memorizes - the TV show "Friends" and teaches English as a volunteer.

Anne Marie, a young German girl who put her studies on hold so she could come serve the Vietnamese people, was another person I met. During her time there, she found a passion for teaching deaf people, and she is back in Germany studying sign language.

Finally, I met Mrs. Bao, a Vietnamese woman, and her American husband. After several decades in the U.S., they went back to Vietnam.

Mrs. Bao takes in the children of unwed mothers while those mothers get their lives together, at which point she either continues to raise the child or ideally - the mother comes to pick up her child.

Abortion rates in Vietnam are through the roof, and 60-70 percent of the population between 15 and 19 years of age have had abortions. Mrs. Bao told us, "my own children are adults now. The children here need me more.' This woman has 10-20 infants and small children living in her home.

My experience in Vietnam changed me. It gave me courage. Because when people who face outrageous poverty and persecution can do so much for other

people, I have no excuse.

None of the Vietnamese people I met acted like victims, even though by our standards they probably are. Instead, they rise above what the world has handed them. They resist fear, and act.

These people are hardworking, and they know how to simply do what is in front of them. I never saw any of them procrastinate. I never saw any people grumble about their lot in life.

I saw dreamers who worked their tail off to learn English. The oldest one was 64 years old - the youngest was 14. I

saw those who ran a coffee shop with the intent of helping disabled people find work. I saw others who went out and played with orphans and who talked to young women at an abortion clinic.

Dreamers who dream not at night, but in the light of day. People who dream with their actions foreshadow what their community and society might one day become.

They were making their dreams go from imagination to reality - we can follow their example.



PHOTO BY KJERSTI ANDREASSEN

A street vendor in Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon), Vietnam, selling chopped fruit to go in little plastic bags. Street vendors often come from poorer parts of Vietnam to the city to try to make a life for themselves. Still, many of them live in glaring poverty.

Sustainability **LET'S TALK TRASH** 

#### **By NICK LORAX** Sustainability Lead

As the sustainability lead at Pacific Lutheran University, Nick Lorax paints a garbage-filled picture and explains what students can do to help contribute to a waste-free campus.

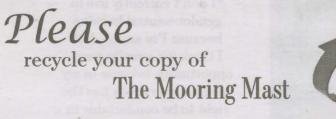
Pacific Lutheran University The community boasts a waste diversion rate that pummels the national average. This rate is the percent of material we successfully divert from the landfill in a given period of time. PLU is 68-72 percent, which is far above the national average of

leaves our campus is compostable, organic food waste. Stay tuned for my next article on compost for further details.

If we could sort all our garbage perfectly on campus, I am pretty confident we could get up in the 90 percent waste diversion range, but that still is not a waste free campus.

While I am asking you to take the time to actually get your recycling in the right container, I am also asking all of us to make smarter consumer choices.

There is no excuse for food vendors to still be using Styrofoam containers. If you go out to eat, ask for a cardboard container 'to go' or bring your own container for leftovers like my partner has insisted we



# Pay less attention to pop culture

#### **By ALYSSA FOUNTAIN Guest Writer**



them of plotting to overthrow the government.

We have to ask ourselves what is so intriguing about Miley Cyrus and other celebrities that cause us to not worry about life-or-death situations.

At Pacific Lutheran University we have so many chances to engage the world, but we do not choose to do so very often.

We, as humans, like to spend our ergy on things that we can relate to We crave information on something that applies to us, to our generation or to someone we grew up with. Most of us do not think on a worldwide scale simply because we don't understand what is happening. Moreover, we are afraid to confront the reality of the state of our government, or even to process the concept of a child victim of chemical warfare. This response, while understandable, is something I discourage. Even though it hurts more to look at victims of war, it will lead to a greater empathy with our fellow humans

34.1 percent.

But we have a long way to go. The PLU Climate Action Plan, published in 2010, calls for our campus to be carbon neutral and waste free by 2020.

So if everyone out there is already recycling, some might wonder how we are going to get from 70 percent to a more than 90 percent diversion rate in the next seven years.

Start with the easy stuff. Many paper products can go in the recycling or compost that cardboard coffee cup, paper towels, napkins from your lunch, this copy of The Mooring Mast, your old daily planner even. If it is paper, put it in the recycling.

Additionally, any plastic that you can stretch, referred to as 'plastic film,' can go in the recycling as well.

Other recyclables include Styrofoam packaging and packing peanuts, CDs and DVDs, batteries and anything metal, as well as untreated and unpainted wood, mattresses and ripped, torn or soiled furniture. Even clothes in good repair can be recycled.

Lastly, all food products are compostable. A huge portion of the landfill waste that do.

Bring your own reusable coffee mug. We drink a lot of coffee on campus, but that does not mean we have to use a lot of paper cups. While it is true the paper cups are recyclable, the most sustainable cup is the one that is never manufactured in the first place.

Finally, don't buy garbage in the first place. For example, a nice wooden desk is beautiful, durable, easily repaired and can be resold when it no longer fits your needs.

Conversely, cheap 'box store' furniture is made with particle board, easily damaged, impossible to repair, held together by glues made of volatile organic compounds and is impossible to recycle. That means it must be sent to the landfill when it gets chipped or wet.

As consumers, we have a lot of power. Each dollar we spend is a vote either for a disposable culture or an enduring community.

Think critically about even the most mundane of the decisions you make, as each and every action we take shapes the reality of our shared future.

really hold dear. Social media and the newest trends all clamor for our attention, but we

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are deeper people than that. At some point we all need to know what is going on in the world so we can engage with it.

Miley Cyrus has won the attention of almost every TV-watching, Internetsurfing person out there after her VMA performance. It was incredibly shocking, slightly horrifying and demeaning, but what is worse is that she took up almost every stage while other things happened worldwide.

Four days before Miley Cyrus' performance, the Syrian government used chemical weapons on its own citizens. During that week, the U.S. government debated about going to war with Syria.

In the weeks that have followed, militants have killed multiple people at the Westgate Mall in Nairobi, Kenya, the American government went into a "Shutdown" and Venezuela has threatened three U.S. diplomats, accusing

Though it is taxing to try to understand a government shutdown, it is necessary to know where our world today stands.

Miley Cyrus captured everyone's attention for good reason. Yet while that happened, the world kept turning and atrocities occurred.

At the end of the day, it is your choice on whether or not to keep up with what is most shocking to your taste buds or the flavor of the whole meal.

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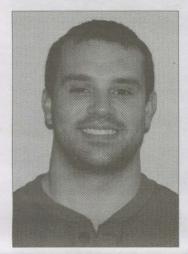
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# SIDEWALK TALK How is living in a residence hall that offers gender-neutral housing?



Cierra Pettit, sophomore "I like living in a hall with gender-neutral housing, because it provides a more welcoming community for everyone."



Kevin Long, junior "Being an RA in the genderneutral housing wing has been great so far. It's a really welcoming community. I find it interesting to see how residents interact with one another when they are living in a wing that's not restricted by traditonal gender limitations."





Lauren Cashman, sophomore "I don't currently live in gender-neutral housing because I'm an RA, but I think it's a really great opportunity, because in my opinion, everybody has the right to be comfortable in their living environment. I think that gender-neutral housing really provides that opportunity for everybody to feel comfortable."

Lee Shaffer, sophomore "Living in gender-neutral housing has been great because it's a really inclusive community. If anyone's door is open, you can just walk in and have a conversation. Everyone is really nice."

#### **Universal Crossword**

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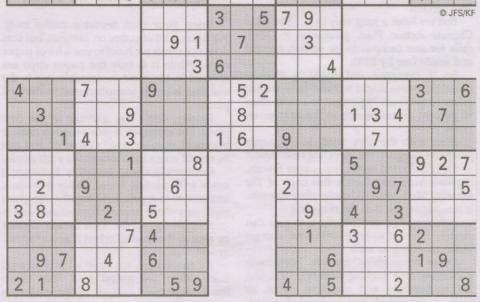
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HOW TO PLAY: Sudoku High Fives consists of five regular Sudoku grids sharing one set of 3-by-3 boxes. Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition. The numbers in any shared set of 3-by-3 boxes apply to each of the individual Sudokus.

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**SPORTS 13** 

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#### Football

TEAM	WINS	LOSSES	TIES	CONFERENCE	STREAK
Linfield	3	0	0	0-0	Won 3
Pacific	3	0	0	0-0	Won 3
PLU	3	0	0	0-0	Won 3
Willamette	3	0	0	0-0	Won 3
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PLU'S UPCOMING GAME: Oct. 5 at Linfield, 1:30 p.m.

#### Women's Soccer

TEAM	WINS	LOSSES	TIES	CONFERENCE	STREAK
Linfield	8	1	0	4-1	Lost 1
Pacific	6	1	2	3-1-1	Won 2
Whitman	7	3	0	3-3	Won 1
PLU	4	2	2	2-0-2	Won 2
Lewis & Clark	5	2	1	2-1-1	Lost 1
Whitworth	5	4	1	2-3-1	Lost 2
Puget Sound	3	2	2	1-1-2	Won 1
George Fox	2	5	1	0-3-1	Lost 1
Willamette	2	6	0	0-4	Lost 6

PLU'S UPCOMING GAME: Oct. 5 vs. Whitworth, noon

#### AROUND THE LEAGUE...

FOOTBALL: Defensive back Brendan Manion, a junior from Willamette, tallied 14 tackles, one sack, 2.5 tackles for loss, forced two fumbles and had a 37-yard interception return against previously unbeaten East Texas Baptist. Willamette won 45-25. Manion was awarded with NWC Defensive Student-Athlete of the Week (Sept. 23-29) award for his efforts on the field.

FOOTBALL: Kicker and punter Taylor Wyman, a junior from Willamette, averaged 38.1 yards per punt and 56.2 yards on kickoffs against East Texas Baptist this past Saturday. Wyman also rushed 18 times for 117 yards on offense in the Bearcats' 45-25 win. Wyman received the NWC Special Teams Student-Athlete of the Week (Sept. 23-29) award.

VOLLEYBALL: Bethany Huston led the Lutes with 20 combined kills against Willamette and Puget Sound this past week. Huston, a senior, was named as an honorable mention for the NWC Volleyball Student-Athlete of the Week award (Sept. 23-29).

Statistics found at http://www.nwcsports.com/landing/index.

#### **Men's Soccer**

TEAM	WINS	LOSSES	TIES	CONFERENCE	STREAK
Puget Sound	6	3	0	4-0	Won 5
PLU	8	0	2	3-0-1	Won 1
Whitman	3	4	2	3-0-1	Won 3
Whitworth	5	2	1	3-1	Won 2
Willamette	5	3	1	1-2-1	Lost 2
Linfield	3	4	1	0-3-1	Lost 1
Pacific	5	5	0	0-4	Lost 5
George Fox	1	9	0	0-4	Lost 8

PLU'S UPCOMING GAME: Oct. 5 vs. Whitworth, 2:30 p.m.

#### Volleyball

TEAM .	WINS	LOSSES	TIES	CONFERENCE	STREAK
PLU	8	4	0	4-0	Won 6
Puget Sound	8	5	0	3-1	Won 1
Whitworth	9	7	0	3-1	Won 2
Whitman	5	12	0	3-1	Lost 1
Lewis & Clark	3	7	0	2-2	Won 1
George Fox	6	6	0	1-3	Lost 1
Willamette	5	8	0	1-3	Lost 1
Pacific	2	9	0	1-3	Lost 3
Linfield	4	7	0	0-4	Lost 6

PLU'S UPCOMING GAME: Oct. 4 at Whitman, 7 p.m.

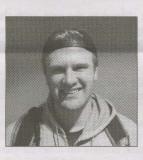
# **SPORTS TALK**

With the Seattle Seahawks undefeated, do you think they will go to the Super Bowl?



Zach Evans, junior

"Yes, because they have a strong defense and their team is led by Russell Wilson."



Ryan Erdwins, junior

"Yes, because when it counts, they execute on offense and defense."



Amanda Williams, sophomore

"Yes, I hope so. They have a strong team this year."



Cody Tupen, sophomore

"It's a little early to talk about the Super Bowl, but yes, we have it locked up."

## **RITCHEY TOPS THE FALL SPORTS PICK 'EM BOARD**

Will Peyton Manning throw more, equal to or fewer than four touchdowns against the Dallas Cowboys this week?

By SAM HORN

of the season that had been held by Sammy Baugh of the Washington Redskins and Don **Dalton Ritchey (2-0)** prediction: fewer than 4

Dalton has pulled ahead of the group, but can he stay at the top after this week?

#### Sports Editor

Not many Sports Pick 'Em contestants will be happy this week. Except for Dalton Ritchey.

Ritchey was the only contestant who correctly guessed how many goals the Pacific Lutheran University men's soccer team would score last week against Linfield and Willamette. Well, almost.

Ritchey guessed the Lutes would score three but they actually scored two. This is where things get dicey. Since Ritchey's guess was the closest to

Since Ritchey's guess was the closest to the actual answer, I awarded him the win for the week. To all the other contestants, sorry.

For this week, the Fall Sports Pick 'Ém participants have to predict if Denver Broncos' quarterback Peyton Manning will throw more, equal to or fewer than four touchdowns against the Dallas Cowboys this week.

Manning has been torching defenses so far this season. He has thrown 16 touchdowns and had no interceptions through four games.

Manning broke the record of 14 touchdowns through the first four games

Meredith of the Dallas Cowboys, according to ESPN Stats Info.

The Dallas Cowboys, on the other hand, have not had the same, unprecedented start as the Broncos.

The Cowboys are 2-2, and their defense hasn't been stellar. Dallas ranks 19th in the NFL in yards allowed and rank 27th in passing yards allowed.

Watch out, Dallas. Peyton Manning is coming to Texas and is not looking to befriend Jerry Jones.

Max Totaro is the only contestant who actually has faith in Manning's throwing ability. He predicts that Manning will throw more than four touchdowns against the Cowboys.

Totaro noticed that the Cowboys are lenient in pass defense, so he thinks Manning will wreck havoc upon the Cowboys' defense.

Manning is averaging exactly four touchdowns per game, so Drew Oord's guess seems plausible.

Oord thinks Manning will throw four touchdowns against the Cowboys.

Everyone else is not giving Manning a chance. Too bad. Manning is itching to give these contestants something to think about.

Andre Tacuyan (1-1) prediction: fewer than 4

Kara Sherman (1-1) prediction: fewer than 4

Max Totaro (1-1) prediction: more than 4

Drew Oord (1-1) prediction: equal to 4

**Valery Jorgensen (1-1)** prediction: fewer than 4

Kyle Peart (1-1) prediction: fewer than 4 As the swim season approaches, Andre might be more concerned with his butterfly at the moment.

With basketball season fast approaching, Kara has a full plate with Mast Sports Pick 'Em and basketball.

Max has confidence in Peyton Manning's throwing ability. After all, who doesn't?

Drew is swinging for the fences with his pick. He is the only one who thinks Manning will throw exactly four touchdowns.

Valery doesn't have much confidence in Manning, as evidenced by her pick.

Kyle decided to go with the majority vote and thinks Manning will throw fewer than four touchdowns. By SAM HORN Sports Editor

Linfield has been at the forefront of Division III collegiate football all season long and deservedly so. The Wildcats from McMinnville have stifled opposing offenses and have spread fear among secondaries nationwide.

Linfield is averaging a whopping 56 points per game while only giving up 11.7 points per game. Linfield has cruised to three easy victories so far this season, tallying 168 points altogether.

This team is ranked second in the nation for a reason.

While the Wildcats are looking unstoppable so far this season, they, like all other teams, have their weaknesses.

Pacific Lutheran University will exploit those weaknesses this weekend on defense when they face the Wildcats on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. during their Homecoming game in McMinnville, Ore.

SAM SAYS.

Linfield has been strong both offensively and defensively, but penalties have been the Achilles heel of this team.

The Wildcats have racked up 21 penalties over three games. That's an average of seven penalties per game.

Even though Linfield has savagely beaten opposing teams to a bloody pulp during these first three weeks of the season, its opponents have played a more disciplined version of football.

Linfield's opponents have 16 penalties combined.

Their opponents might think if they can't beat the Wildcats on the scoreboard, they can beat them in the field of discipline. It could boost their confidence after a blowout loss. Maybe.

Even though PLU has been flagged 17 times for holding calls, pass interference calls and everything in between, they make up for it in another area — defense. PLU ranks sixth in the nation in sacks with 10. Three defensive players — Dalton Darmody, Joel Anthony and Kyle Bennett — lead the team with two sacks apiece.

It doesn't matter who the Wildcats opt to double-team. The Lutes' defense is going to find a way to get to the quarterback.

Even if they don't sack Linfield quarterback Josh Yoder, the Lutes' defense might be able to force Yoder into a bad pass.

That can only mean good things for the Lutes.

The scary thing is that Darmody is the only senior out of the three sack leaders. Anthony is a junior and Bennett is a sophomore. The Lutes should be able to have a steadfast defense for years to come.

Even if the Wildcats' offense can score at will, their offensive line has shown spots of uncertainty. The five men in front have given up six sacks and that's been against mediocre teams. The three teams that Linfield has faced so far have tallied just 12 combined sacks this season. The Lutes have 10. Do the math.

Wildcats can't overlook its

game against the Lutes

The Wildcats will need to get their offensive line sorted out if they plan on stopping the Lutes' lethal pass rush.

To Linfield head coach Joseph Smith, I say "good luck." You're going to need it to find a victory against PLU.

Linfield might have looked like a perennial title contender early on in the season, but those dreams have to stay at the bedside this weekend.

The Wildcats have to focus on not committing as many penalties, getting more pressure on quarterback Dalton Ritchey and giving Yoder enough time to throw in the pocket.

That's an extensive to-do list. Prepare for a rude awakening, Linfield. I hope your Homecoming dance is at least somewhat redeeming.

# Undefeated Lutes scrape by Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Lutes' consistent running attack paves the road for success with 184 yards



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHOPS HANCOCK, WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE

Running back Niko Madison, a junior, sprints past a diving Wisconsin-Eau Claire cornerback this past Saturday. Madison led the Lutes with 93 yards on the ground in a slippery, wet game.

TEAM STAT	ISTICS	
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164 Passing Yards	VS.	167 Passing Yards
184 Rushing Yards	VS.	145 Rushing Yards
1 Interception	VS.	2 Interceptions
2 Total Turnovers	VS.	2 Total Turnovers

Statistics found at http://golutes.com/sports/fball/2013-14/boxscores/20130928\_117Lxml

#### By STEVEN MCGRAIN Guest Writer

It was another victorious "business trip" for the Pacific Lutheran Lutes, who beat Wisconsin-Eau Claire, 21-19.

The offensive line shined in the win with the ground game working to perfection. The running backs rushed for a combined 184 yards due in part to the five linemen and tight ends paving the way.

Running back Kelly Morgan, a senior, scored to give Pacific Lutheran the lead in the middle of the first quarter.

An additional touchdown occurred toward the end of the first quarter after running back Niko Madison, a junior, scored on a seven-yard run. He concluded the game with 11 carries for 93 yards.

"It starts with having five guys up front who worked hard all summer, pushing up the extra reps and getting better," offensive lineman Zach Phelps, a junior, said. "Put that together with great systems from the coaches, hard downhill runners in the backfield and a lethal passing game that keeps the defense spread out — the result is a good PLU run game."

Quarterback Dalton Ritchey, a junior, showed how dynamic of a quarterback he is by using his feet and throwing arm.

Ritchey completed 20 of his 31 attempts and threw for a touchdown. Six different receivers recorded a reception. The quarterback also rushed for 59 yards, displaying his athletic ability.

Ritchey found his favorite target, junior Kyle Warner, for a seven-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter, which ultimately was enough to hold off the BluGolds.

A resilient defense kept Wisconsin Eau-Claire out of the end zone until midway through the second quarter.

Linebacker Dalton Darmody, a senior, intercepted a pass from Eau-Claire's quarterback, Mike Munger, and returned the ball 12 yards. Darmody finished the game with five tackles.

Down 19-21 in the fourth quarter with 41 seconds left, the BluGolds took a timeout. BluGolds went for the 2-point conversion but failed to tie up the game after defensive end Conor Gabbert, a senior, stopped BluGold running back Joel Sweeney.

The special teams did not leave the playmaking to the offense and defense.

After PLU scored their first touchdown in the first quarter, the Lutes kicked off to Eau-Claire. Junior Travis McCarthy was the first Lute to make contact.

McCarthy ripped the ball out of the returner's hands, and junior Derek Kaufman was able to recover the ball. The Lutes were able to capitalize on the turnover four plays later.

"I was happy to capitalize on the turnover after Travis [McCarthy] forced it," Kaufman said. "Our offense was put in excellent field position."

Next week, the Lutes face Northwest Conference rival Linfield in McMinnville, Ore. The Wildcats lost their quarterback, Mickey Inns, to graduation, but the second-ranked Wildcats are still coming into the contest undefeated.

"It's always great to get a win, but going into next week, we aren't looking at Linfield any different than we would look at any other team," linebacker Jordan Patterson, a senior, said. "It's another opportunity for us to play football and keep improving as a team."

#### 14 SPORTS

### LUTES REMAIN UNBEATEN AFTER SUCCESSFUL WEEKEND

#### By CHARLES BAUMAN Guest Writer

#### GAME 1

This past Saturday, the men's soccer team took on the Linfield Wildcats in a wet and wild game. As the Lutes, ranked sixth in the country, kicked the game off, the torrential downpour consumed the field.

This weather lasted the entire game, which had a part in the final outcome of a 0-0 tie after 110 minutes.

The Lutes possessed the ball for the majority of the game, taking 19 shots to Linfield's 13. Goalkeeper Joe Rayburn, a senior, saved six shots while Linfield's keeper tallied six saves as well.

As a result of Rayburn's defensive prowess, he was awarded with the NWC Defensive Student-Athlete of the Week honor.

First-year Rigoberto Loreto had three shots on goal. First-year Diego Aceves, senior Derek Johnson and sophomore Bryan Anderson each had one shot on goal.

PLU had several chances at the end of the second overtime to score, but Linfield's defense proved to be too tough as the Lutes could

not capitalize.

On Sunday, the Lutes take on Willamette, which is looking to improve to 8-0-2. PLU remains unbeaten at 7-0-2, while Linfield falls to 3-3-1.

#### GAME 2

On Sunday, the Lutes squared off against Willamette. This game was another nail-biter, as both teams couldn't score a goal through the first 87 minutes. Then in the 88th minute, things swung in favor of Pacific Lutheran University.

Johnson scored on an assist from first-year Rigoberto Loreto. Just as the game looked like it was to be the Lutes' seventh shutout in 10 games, Willamette scored with just under 20 seconds left.

The Lutes and Bearcats played through the first overtime to no avail.

With three minutes left in the second and final overtime, Johnson scored his second goal of the game off of Loreto's second assist.

The win boosts the Lutes' record to 8-0-2, while Willamette falls to 5-3-1. PLU takes on Whitworth on Saturday, Oct. 5 and Whitman on Sunday, Oct. 6.



PHOTO BY JESSE MAJOR

Goalkeeper Joe Rayburn, a senior, saves a shot against Willamette in the second half.

#### **SPORTS 15**

# Lutes volleyball squad holds off Puget Sound Setter Samantha North instrumental in shutting the door in the face of the Loggers

#### By NICK BARENE Sports Writer

The distinct smell of rivalry was in the air on Sept. 25 in the Olson Gymnasium as the Lutes' volleyball team took on the 14th ranked University of Puget Sound Loggers.

Ranked 16th in the nation, the Lutes took down their cross-town foes to take control of the top spot in the Northwest Conference.

The two teams exchanged points back and forth at a furious pace. The Lutes would prevail in the first set, taking six of the last nine points to earn a 25-21 victory.

The Loggers would strike back in the second set, jumping out to a 7-1 lead and controlling the pace of play. The Lutes would come back to within three, but UPS slammed the door shut with a 25-19 win.

In the third set, the Lutes retook the lead. Up 12-4 in the set, the Lutes never looked back en route to a 25-15 set win.

In the fourth set, the teams, once again, exchanged point after point with the game drawing level at nine points.

From there, the Lutes took the lead and held it until late in the frame when UPS tied the score at 24.

Samantha North, a junior, assisted senior Bethany Huston on consecutive serves to take the set 26-24. The Lutes won the match 3-1.

"I think it definitely is one of our highlights," head coach Kevin Aoki said of his team's win. "Puget Sound was picked to win, but we played really well."

The Lutes are now winners of four straight matches and are undefeated in NWC play

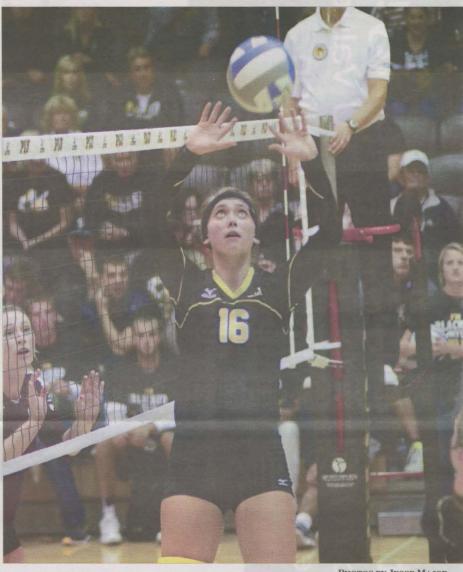
"We definitely have been working really hard to prepare for UPS, and we played really strong tonight," junior Amber Aguiar said.

The Lutes have improved to 3-0 in conference play and boast a 7-4 overall record after winning 3-1 against UPS and then reigning triumphant against Willamette, cruising to a 3-0 victory on Sept. 28.

The Loggers fell to 2-1 conference and 7-5 overall.

The Lutes will travel to Walla Walla to take on Whitman on Friday at 7 p.m. Afterward, the Lutes will continue their road trip to Spokane, where they will square off against Whitworth on Saturday at 5 p.m.





PHOTOS BY JESSE MAJOR

UPPER LEFT: Head coach Kevin Aoki pumps up the Lutes during a timeout against Puget Sound. BOTTOM LEFT: Amber Aguiar, a junior, successfully digs a ball against Puget Sound in order to set up the Lutes for a subsequent kill. RIGHT: Setter Samantha North, a junior, sets up Bethany Huston for one of her 11 kills of the match.

# DenAdel strives for excellence on and off the track

By GIANCARLO SANTORO **Guest Writer** 

during his first year, DenAdel has vastly improved, finishing fourth in 2011 and second in 2012. His 2012 finish was ood enough to qualify for the regional championship.

Division III national championship as a as well as on the field, has inspired many sophomore and earning first team all- teammates. Domini said DenAdel is a role Northwest conference honors as a junior, model to his teammates.

Cross country runner and team captain senior Alan DenAdel has been the top Pacific Lutheran University finisher in all but two races throughout his entire career as a Lute. His secret, he said, is building and maintaining consistency.

DenAdel, 22, of Bow, Washington, said he always knew that after coming out of high school he wanted to continue his running career in college.

At his high school, Burlington-Edison, DenAdel was a three-time state meet qualifier, as well as a member of the 2007 and 2009 state championship teams. After an overnight visit to PLU, he found what he was looking for.

"After a couple of years of taking cross country seriously in high school, I developed a passion for the sport," DenAdel said. "I really wanted to continue to run as a part of a team in college, and I had the opportunity to do that here.

Since joining the Lutes three years ago, DenAdel has continued to improve on a yearly basis and has transformed into a vital part of the team. His results, to put it simply, have been impressive.

After placing 44th in the NWC meet

"Consistency is a key part of my running in general. I have been described as metronomic by my coach, and it is something I have developed over the course of 10 years of gaining experience as a distance runner," DenAdel said.

The thought of running 1 mile can be enough to make some people cringe, and when faced with upwards of 5 miles, most people would say 'forget it.' One of DenAdel's teammates, senior Michelle Domini, said one of the toughest parts of distance running is staying mentally strong through grueling races.

"I think what makes Alan [DenAdel] so consistent is that he doesn't psych himself out," Domini said. "Some of his greatest strengths as a runner are his work ethic and grittiness. He can push through the pain and exhaustion."

This mentally tough attitude has helped shape DenAdel into the runner he is today, and barely one month into the season, he has continued his streak of finishing as the top PLU runner in each of the last four competitions.

After competing in the 2011 NCAA

he said he is looking to go even further in his final year as a Lute.

'Coming into this season, I had four major goals. I wanted to run under 25 minutes for an 8k, win the conference meet, qualify for nationals and become an All-American," DenAdel said. "A couple weeks ago, I was really excited to run a 24:57 at the Sundodger Invitational 8k in Seattle and meet my first goal."

DenAdel is not satisfied, however, and said he knows he will have to improve in order to meet the rest of his goals.

"I have a lot that I can continue to improve on as a runner," DenAdel said. 'I think that I can always improve my biomechanics and running form, but I would also like to increase my range of events."

In addition to his prowess as a runner, DenAdel has also performed in the classroom, earning Capital One Academic All-District 8 honors in 2013.

A mathematics major with minors in statistics and biology, DenAdel said he plans to take a year off to work in a clinical setting before going to medical school in 2015.

DenAdel's consistency in the classroom,

'Alan leads by example. He works hard, has fun and does well," Domini said. "People see that and want to do the same."



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DenAdel placed first at the Central Washington University Cross Country Invitational with a time of 20:07 - his highest finish so far this season.

# We Support Contingent Faculty! PLU Contingent Faculty: Staying True to PLU Values, Joining a Movement for Higher Education

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#### **Dear Pacific Lutheran Contingent Faculty:**

We at New Faculty Majority are behind you 100% as you exercise your right to vote for an adjunct faculty union at Pacific Lutheran University. New Faculty Majority is a national organization that advocates for faculty equality in higher education. We are also contingent faculty ourselves, who work on both unionized and non-unionized campuses.

So we understand how precarious positions, having to teach at other schools or holding second jobs to make ends meet, and other factors can make it difficult to see the institutional forces working to keep the growing system of contingent faculty in place. But in speaking out and participating in this election, you are already showing fellow adjuncts across the country that self-determination, fair representation, and workplace rights are not out of reach.

You are taking the first step towards reforming a system that denies contingent faculty the respect they deserve and which also shortchanges students and the entire system of higher education.

When faculty cannot keep regular hours to meet with students because they are trying to put together a living by adjunct teaching at multiple schools or by taking a second job, it is not just the adjunct who suffers. When educators are unable to engage in research or professional development for lack of resources or opportunity, the system suffers.

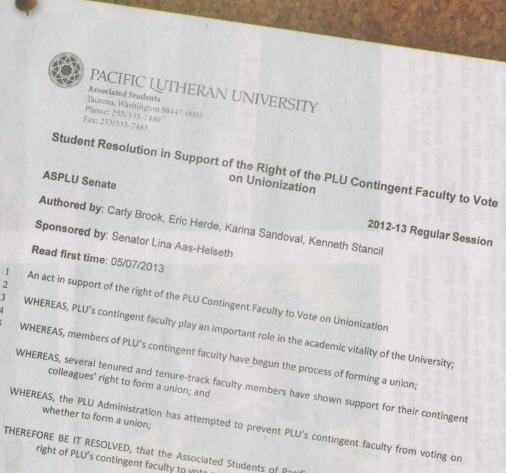
By joining with contingent faculty from Washington, DC who have unionized with SEIU, and in Boston where contingent faculty are also currently voting for their union, you are joining a growing national movement of contingent faculty who are standing up for what we are worth, demanding inclusion in the academic community and claiming a voice for quality education. You are also joining a movement for change in our higher education system that is confronting such issues as soaring student debt, lack of public investment in higher education, and obstacles to fair access to higher education.

When you vote yes to form an adjunct faculty union, you are not only taking an important step towards greater equity and respect for yourself and your fellow contingent faculty, you are giving yourself a voice in how Pacific Lutheran University and system of higher education at large move forward and build a viable future for the entire academic community.

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