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Student spent five hours in a coma near death in March; administrators did not call his parents

BY JAMIE SWIFT
Mast editor-in-chief

Too much vodka brought his evening to a screeching halt.

The last thing Brady Wilbanks recalled was his body demanding water. He fell unconscious in the hallway in Ordal Hall, and was then rushed to St. Clare Hospital. There he spent the night fastened to a bed with Velcro straps.

Two tubes met at Wilbank's mouth. One tube filtered charcoal into his body to absorb the alcohol, while the other tube conveyed oxygen. Medical precedent and a blood-alcohol level more than six times the legal driving limit suggested there was a chance PLU senior Brady Wilbanks would not come out of his coma.

The next day he called his parents, who had no idea their son had spent five unconscious hours in a hospital, to tell them he was all right.

Brady Wilbanks' family was not notified by the PLU administration when he went into the coma on March 7.

Out of this ordeal arose the question: At what point in a student emergency do PLU administrators have the right or the re-

sponsibility to phone students' parents?

"My mom probably would have wrung my neck, but when you're that close to dying, family should be there," he said.

Wilbanks was close to death after sharing two bottles of 100-proof vodka with a couple of friends in Ordal Hall. Victoria Leavitt, a nurse at St. Clare Hospital, said Wilbank's blood-alcohol level was .493. She said anything over .300 can be fatal, and anything over .500 is usually fatal. The night after Wilbank's recovery, Anne Miller, a nurse-practitioner at the PLU Health Center, said, "Tonight could have been a memorial service for Brady."

Wilbanks said the university policy is such that administrators need consent from students to call their parents due to privacy issues, "but they couldn't get consent because I was in a coma. So it comes down to personal judgment and whoever was making the call wasn't calling it right."

Dean of Student Life Erv Severtson made the call that night. Severtson said, "If Brady wishes that I would have called

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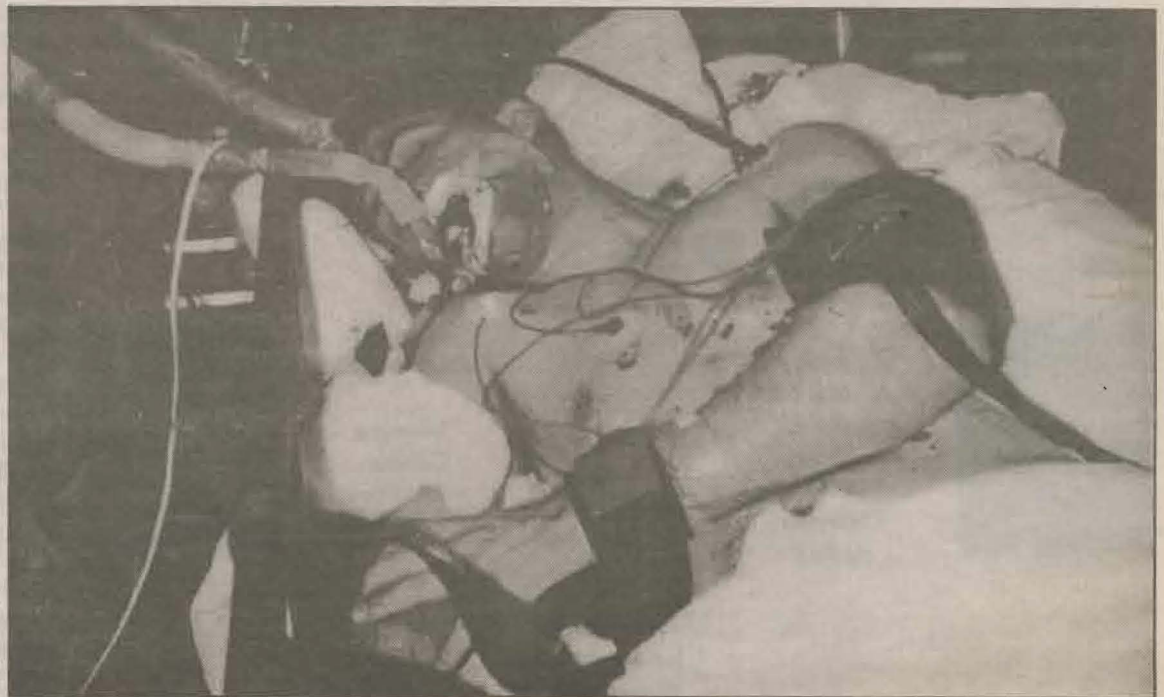


Photo courtesy Brady Wilbanks

Brady Wilbanks on a hospital bed at St. Clare's hospital March 7. After he drank enough vodka to make his blood-alcohol content .493 percent, he went into a coma for five hours. He says administrators should have called his parents to tell them he was in the hospital. His parents found out the next morning when Brady awoke from his coma and called his parents.

ALCOHOL ABUSE AT PLU AND ACROSS THE NATION

Student leaders and administrators at PLU are launching a new campaign to combat abuse and hopefully prevent more incidents like Wilbanks'. SEE RELATED STORIES, PAGE 6

Seven Months later

No arrests made in bloody attack at off-campus party

BY ELIZABETH KINNEY
Mast Reporter

A person of interest has been identified by the Pierce County Sheriff's Department in connection to the off-campus party on the early morning of March 15, 1998. Violence erupted when a group of uninvited individuals arrived, injuring seven people.

Pierce County Sheriff's spokesman Ed Troyer said the case was still being investigated. Though no arrests have been made, a possible suspect has been identified.

An uninvited group arrived at the party and began breaking bottles over heads of people, including PLU students. Injuries included head cuts, possible concussions and black eyes. A former PLU student was treated at St. Claire in Lakewood for severe head trauma, but is presently doing well, according to Herb Lehman, another victim of the assault.

Investigating Officer Sgt. Ed Knutson of the Sheriff's Department said, "It has been an uphill battle to get the witnesses to come in." Knutson explained it is thought that one person witnessed a known individual repeatedly injure others, but has yet to reveal this information to the police.

PLU student Amber Osland, a victim of the assault, said that the emotional aspect of the incident has affected her. Though she has been going to counseling since the assault, "it has been hard for me," explained Osland.

Osland said that she has not been satisfied with the manner in which the police handled the case. The Pierce County Sheriff's Department informed her there was no need for fingerprinting, nevertheless she said she feels it was overlooked.

"There was blood all over and fingerprints on top of the bottles," Osland said.

She said there is an individual at PLU who knows the assailants.

Osland expressed disappointment in the fact it took two weeks for witnesses to be called in to give statements. She said she is distressed that it took five days for the forensics team to arrive. Osland said in June the police informed her of two possible suspects, but did not want her to come in and identify them as of yet.

PLU student Herb Lehman, who was injured in the attack, explained it was in the past, especially since the police are not presently doing anything about the incident.

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Forbidden files in PLU computers

BY REBECCA WELLS
Mast Reporter

The PLU campus is now fully connected to "ResNet," an Ethernet system which allows for faster, easier access to information resources, entertainment, e-mail, and other features.

However, with this new capability, comes a new set of problems.

With this system comes access to compressed music files that have almost CD-quality sound called "mp3s."

10 CDs could be recorded and duplicated on one .mp3.

Many students at PLU, and computer adept people all over the world, are taking advantage of this method.

As long as the computer is new enough and has the necessary software programs, anyone can download copyrighted music and videos onto their computers free of charge.

The process of downloading an .mp3 onto a computer is rather simple.

Unfortunately for students who use them, this is illegal in many cases.

As long as the reproduction is privately used, it is legal for the owner of a CD or tape to duplicate a piece of music. What is happening at an astronomical rate over the Internet, and over PLU's Intranet (on campus) system, is illegal.

A large part of the .mp3 files that are accessible have been put on the Intranet through "ripped" files, which sound great but are pirated material.

David Allen, PLU's senior network technician said, "On campus activity on the Internet is not restricted in any way. We try to encourage academic use within the constraints of the law."

The problem is that a great many students on campus are violating federal copyright laws.

Many students are not aware that they may be breaking the law.

In fall of 1997, a group called the Recording Institute Association of America (RIAA) contacted the university when they became aware of a student with a large collection of .mp3s.

The matter was taken care of through student conduct, but this situation had the potential for more serious penalties.

"We don't want students at our university to face federal prosecution, but it is not PLU's responsibility to protect students," Allen said.

"We have heard of RIAA cracking pretty hard on these types of activities, as a way of protecting their members. At other institutions, there have been numerous people who have been successfully prosecuted in the courts," he said.

The punishments for these violations can range from a fine of several thousand dollars to probation and even imprisonment.

Despite the contact nature of an .mp3, the high number of files on the Intranet right now take up substantial space.

"The rate of growth with the ResNet has been kind of an explosion. We anticipate having growing pains in the near future, but this is basically our first year," Allen said, regarding the problem of potential file overloads.

There is currently no policy restricting access to any of the .mp3s or any restrictions on file-sharing privileges.

"We continually evaluate our policies, but right now the only restrictions we have at this time are regarding performance. Unfortunately, any other restrictions would severely impose on information access. This is an intellectual institution, not a business that needs protection," Allen said.

"If the feds come and raid PLU, we may not have a choice, so we need to get information out," he said.

He said students should be aware of the law's severity.

In Brief...

SAFETY BEAT



Essentials Drive

The PLU Women's Center is collecting donations such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, and new under garments for the Family Renewal and YWCA Shelters. Drop your donations off at the Women's Center, located at 1004 124th St. S., now through Thanksgiving break.

Problem of the Week

The Math Department is presenting PLU undergraduates with a weekly opportunity to earn a few extra dollars while expanding their minds. A "Problem of the Week" will be posted around campus each Friday. The \$10 prize will go to the person submitting the most "elegant solution," not necessarily the first correct entry. For more information contact K.M. Das at daskm@plu.edu.

Humanities Film Series

Tonight at 7 p.m., in Ingram 100, the 1998 Fall Humanities Film Series will present *Il Postino*, free admission.

Creative Dating

Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 8 p.m., Brad Henning will lecture on "creative dating" for males. The discussion is free, and will be located in The Cave.

Homecoming '98

Homecoming was a week of stiff competition featuring many displays of Lute spirit. Foss won the overall competition edging out Harstad in the last few days. Songfest featured everything from a moonwalking Robin Hood to a swing dancing Alice in Wonderland and the "ASPLU Prince Charming" (See page 10 for Songfest pictures).

Oct. 5

In the course of routine patrol, Campus Safety Officers encountered a PLU student attempting to steal the baby stroller belonging to a PLU Resident Director. The stroller was quickly returned and Student Conduct was notified of the incident.

Oct. 6

The Ordal Resident Director contacted Campus Safety to report that a number of racial slurs had been written in chalk on the interior lobby walls of Ordal Hall. Additionally, the lobby clock had been stolen. No suspects were identified. This matter is still under investigation.

A PLU student contacted Campus Safety to report having received a series of harassing phone calls and voice-mail messages in the KCNS-6 booth in the University Center. A trace of the PLU phone records resulted in the identification of two PLU students. Student Conduct was notified. The matter is still under investigation.

A PLU student contacted Campus Safety to request medical assistance after stumbling over the curb in front of the Alumni House and landing on both knees. Campus Safety responded and assessed the injury, noting increased swelling. Ice was administered to the patient with the advice to keep the injury rested and elevated, and to seek additional medical assistance if complications persisted.

Oct. 7

Two PLU students contacted Campus Safety to report that the internal UC door to the KCNS-6 booth had been vandalized with numerous obscene messages written on the torn-down KCNS-6 dry erase boards. Although no suspects were identified, Campus Safety and Student Conduct are investigating this incident as a possible addendum to the telephone harassment incident of the previous evening.

A PLU student contacted Campus Safety to request medical assistance for another PLU student who had injured his left knee while playing soccer on Foss Field. Campus Safety responded and applied ice to the injury and advised the student to avoid walking in order to reduce swelling. No Emergency Medical Services contact was necessary.

A PLU student contacted Campus Safety to request medical assistance for a painful left foot due to the possible overextension of the extremity. Campus Safety responded and applied ice to the injury and advised the student to avoid movement in order to reduce the pain and swelling. No Emergency Medical Services contact was necessary.

Oct. 8

A PLU student contacted Campus Safety to request emergency response to the PLU-owned Peabody House in order to confront her fiancée who was emotionally distraught and perceived as violent after an apparent disagreement discussed over the telephone. Campus Safety immediately responded and made contact with the emotionally distraught male and escorted him from the premises, advising him that any return to campus would be considered an act of Criminal Trespass. His command element at the Bangor Naval Subbase was notified of the incident and is following up with disciplinary procedures for him.

A PLU student contacted Campus Safety to request medical assistance for a swollen ankle sustained while traversing stairs in Harstad Hall. Campus Safety responded and applied ice to the injury and advised the student to avoid further movement in order to reduce the swelling. No Emergency Medical Service contact was necessary, but the patient was advised to contact Campus Safety again if any increase in pain resulted.

A PLU student contacted Campus Safety to request medical assistance for a laceration she sustained when she accidentally fell on a box knife in her residence room. Campus Safety responded and assessed the injury, determining that it was a superficial laceration without complications. Campus Safety cleaned and bandaged the wound and advised the patient to contact Campus Safety again if signs of infection appeared. No Emergency Medical Services contact was necessary.

Oct. 9

A PLU student contacted Campus Safety to report that her brown Toyota Camry had been broken into, but no items appeared to have been stolen. Pierce County Sheriff's Office was contacted and a report was written. No suspects were identified. Estimated cost of damage - \$100.

The Pflueger Hall fire alarm was activated by the malicious pull of an alarm-pull-box station in the second floor East hallway. Central Pierce Fire and Rescue responded and, after difficulties in resetting the system, requested that the PLU electrician be contacted in order to identify the problem. The PLU electrician did respond and reset the system.

Oct. 10

A local resident contacted Campus Safety to report the theft of his bicycle from the UC bike racks. No suspects were identified, but a search of the surrounding premises by Campus Safety resulted in the discovery of the stolen bicycle. The owner was contacted and took possession of his bicycle. The owner was advised to ensure that his bicycle is properly secured if left unattended in the future.

In the course of routine patrol, Campus Safety officers witnessed a PLU student attempt to smuggle 12 bottles of beer on to campus. The student was contacted, informed of the PLU alcohol policy, and the alcohol confiscated and destroyed in place. Student Conduct was notified.

Campus Safety Officers responded to Stuen Hall after a County 911 call activated the monitoring computer in the Campus Safety Office. Campus Safety Officers arrived to find that a PLU student and a Pierce College student were engaged in a loud argument between Stuen and Ordal Residence Halls. Both parties were immediately separated by Campus Safety and the potential assault averted, with one of the students claiming responsibility for the altercation and apologizing for his actions. Although Pierce County Sheriff's Office was contacted by Campus Safety and informed that the situation had been brought to a conclusion, Pierce County Sheriff's Office Deputies responded. The Stuen Hall staff was notified of the occurrence with the request that, in the future, Campus Safety be notified first of any disturbance so as to ensure timely response and proper direction facilitation to responding county authorities.

SIDEWALK TALK



"Oh...well, it's fun, but it can't be printed!"

Joshua Holmes, third-year student

"I like to relax...to read."

Maylene Guzman, second-year student



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What do you like to do in the rain?

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"Stay inside and watch a movie."

Marianne Danilsen, fourth-year student

"I like to kick the water...like puddles and stuff."

Mike Christianson, fourth-year student



FOOD FOR THE WEEK

Fri. Oct. 16 Lunch Fried Chicken Sandwich, Cheese Ravioli and Pesto, Capri Blend	Beans, Spanish Rice, Nachos	Lunch Chicken Crisпитos, Veggie Wrap, Crinkle Carrots, Pudding	Pizza, Caesar Salad, Breadsticks, Japanese Noodle Station	Pancakes, Diced Hashbrowns, Bacon, Apple Pockets, Zoom
Sat. Oct. 17 Breakfast French Toast, Cheese Omelet, 101 Bars, Coffee Cake, Oatmeal	Sun Oct. 18 Breakfast Continental Cake Donuts, Cream of Wheat	Dinner Teriyaki Steak, Szechuan Chicken, Eggrolls, Sticky Rice, Entree Salad Bar	Wed. Oct. 21 Breakfast French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, 101 Bars, Cream of Rice, Ham	Lunch Cheeseburger Casserole, Baked Mostaccioli, Sub S'wich Bar
Lunch Menu plus, Pizza Pockets	Dinner Roast Turkey, Spinach Filo Pie, Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Pumpkin Pie	Tues. Oct. 20 Breakfast Belgian Waffles, Fried Eggs, Roasted Red Potatoes, Raspberry Danish	Lunch Chimichangas, Quesadillas, Monterey Rice Ole, Churros	Dinner Chicken or Black Bean Lasagna, Breakfast Bar
Dinner Chicken & Vegetable Fajitas, Black	Mon. Oct. 19 Breakfast Biscuits & Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Potato Triangles, Donuts	Lunch Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Beef Ravioli, Fries, Cupcakes	Dinner Beef Burgundy, Egg Noodles, Peppers Salsa L'ito, Steamed Zucchini, Banana Splits	Fri. Oct. 23 Breakfast Pancakes, Cheese Omelets, Tator Tots, Muffins
		Dinner Garlic Chicken or Garlic Veggie	Thurs. Oct. 22 Breakfast Blueberry	Lunch French Bread or Cheese Pizzas, Peas, Rice Krispy Treats

Cascade, Ivy victorious in annual Penny Wars battle

BY JENNI DILLON
Mast intern

Lively competition among residence halls and commuter students last week earned PLU Circle K \$246.64 in their annual Penny Wars drive.

The funds raised will contribute to the fight against Iodine Deficiency Disorder, a common health condition in underdeveloped countries.

To compete, students deposited loose change in jars found around campus. Pennies earned positive points for a hall or commuter lounge, while silver coins placed in an opposing hall's jar brought negative points.

Cascade and Ivy halls won the competition with a total of \$38.12, but Foss came in a close second with \$37.68.

The competition, which ran through Homecoming Week, was not actually affiliated with homecoming activities, but Circle K public relations chair Sarah Groesch said the competitive attitude of the week helps the club raise more money for this cause.

IDD is the leading cause of

preventable mental disorders worldwide.

This simple dietary deficiency causes health problems ranging from energy loss to goiters and from neonatal brain damage to still births.

The disease can be prevented



Photo illustration by Erika Dahl

with only one teaspoon of iodine in a lifetime, but 1.5 million people remain at risk, according to the Kiwanis web site.

The most efficient solution to this worldwide problem is salt iodination, but though this has

theoretically been possible for over 70 years the disorder still runs rampant.

Kiwanis International, a worldwide service organization, is confronting the dilemma with a 1994 pledge to eliminate IDD by raising \$75 million.

The Kiwanis organization includes Kiwanis for adults, Circle K for college students, Key Club for high school students, and Builders Club for junior high school students.

Every branch has individual clubs worldwide, each with unique service goals and activities, but the IDD Worldwide Service Project ties them all together.

As of Sept. 23, Kiwanis International had awarded \$16,018,130 in grants to 645 nations worldwide for the purpose of iodinating area salt supplies.

Penny Wars has been PLU Circle K's most recent addition to this effort.

Circle K also sponsors a variety of other service activities and is always looking for new members, said Groesch.

The club meets Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. in Admin. 202.

A grand entrance to the ball



Photo by Erika Dahl

Brian O'Hanlon and Brandi Nichols arrive in style at the homecoming dance held Oct. 9 in Tacoma's Union Station.

Regents on campus for fall meetings

BY LAURA RITCHIE
Mast assistant news editor

The PLU Board of Regents was in town last weekend for its annual fall meeting.

Two new regents were elected to serve for three-year terms: Deborah Bevier of Seattle, Wash. and Katherine Johnson of Shoreline, Wash.

Several decisions were made

at the meeting, including the approval of continuing planning for a new apartment-style residence hall on campus, a plan discussed in last week's edition of the *Mooring Mast*.

The regents also approved the university's newly revised equal opportunity, affirmative action, and sexual misconduct policies, and approved a new major in environmental studies.

PLU's new fundraising campaign under the leadership of David Aubrey, vice president for development and university relations, was discussed in detail.

The first project of the campaign is to renovate 61-year-old Xavier Hall. The renovation costs for this project were set at \$3.36 million.

Dennis Martin, chair of the faculty, expressed the faculty's appreciation for the willingness of the regents to undertake such a large fundraising campaign, emphasizing the future benefits to PLU's educational program.

The alumni board informed the regents that increasing alumni giving in this fundraising campaign will be one of their priorities.

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Harassment against homosexuals is no laughing matter

I received a call in my office from a student Monday who wanted to report what he thought was a breaking news story. He said someone in Pfeuger Hall hung a big pink triangle below their window, which he said implied that the student was coming out of the closet as a homosexual.

I thought this would be a good follow-up story for Blue Jeans Day. It takes a lot of courage to let people know that you're gay, so I went to talk to the guy who made such a profound statement about himself with the pink triangle.

When I arrived at Pfeuger, I looked up at the pink triangle which was directly below a third-story window. The writing on the triangle said, "We are here, we are queer, and proud of it." There was a guy in the window, so I asked him if he would consider talking to me about the sign. He said, "What sign?" The one below your window I responded. He looked down and saw the pink triangle with a look of shock and embarrassment. He ripped the sign down off the wall, thanked me and walked away from the window.

Three windows to the east a couple of guys were laughing and then they yelled at me for foiling their plot. They had put the pink triangle under the window to embarrass the oblivious student.

I asked the two students if they would talk to me about what they had done. They asked me if I was with the Mast. I responded truthfully, and they slammed the window shut.

Bad move. What these guys did was not a joke and should not be taken lightly.

Not only was Monday a day to be accepting of homosexuals on campus, it was also the day Matthew Shepard died. Matthew Shepard, a University of Wyoming student, was beaten to death because he was gay. The attack on Shepard happened a week ago today.

News reports have painted Wyoming as a state that lacks proper education and anti-hate laws regarding homosexuality. Alicia Alexander, a University of Wyoming student, said in the Seattle PI, "The gay-bashing has to do with the fact that this is a cowboy place. People aren't exposed to gays. People here are too close-minded."

Well it seems that PLU is a cowboy place, too. And the guys who hung up the pink triangle, used the word "queer" pejoratively, and made a mockery of a day of gay pride are the leaders of the cowboys.

So much for breaking down the stereotype of a predominantly white, conservative, private university. I'm certain that these guys were just playing a joke on a friend, but it's a really old joke that says volumes about the lack of acceptance of anything outside the mainstream at PLU.

The story regarding condoms in Hong Hall last week was from 10 years ago. The Mast plans to continue to run stories from the past. We will attempt to do a better job of labeling the archive stories. Thank you for reading.

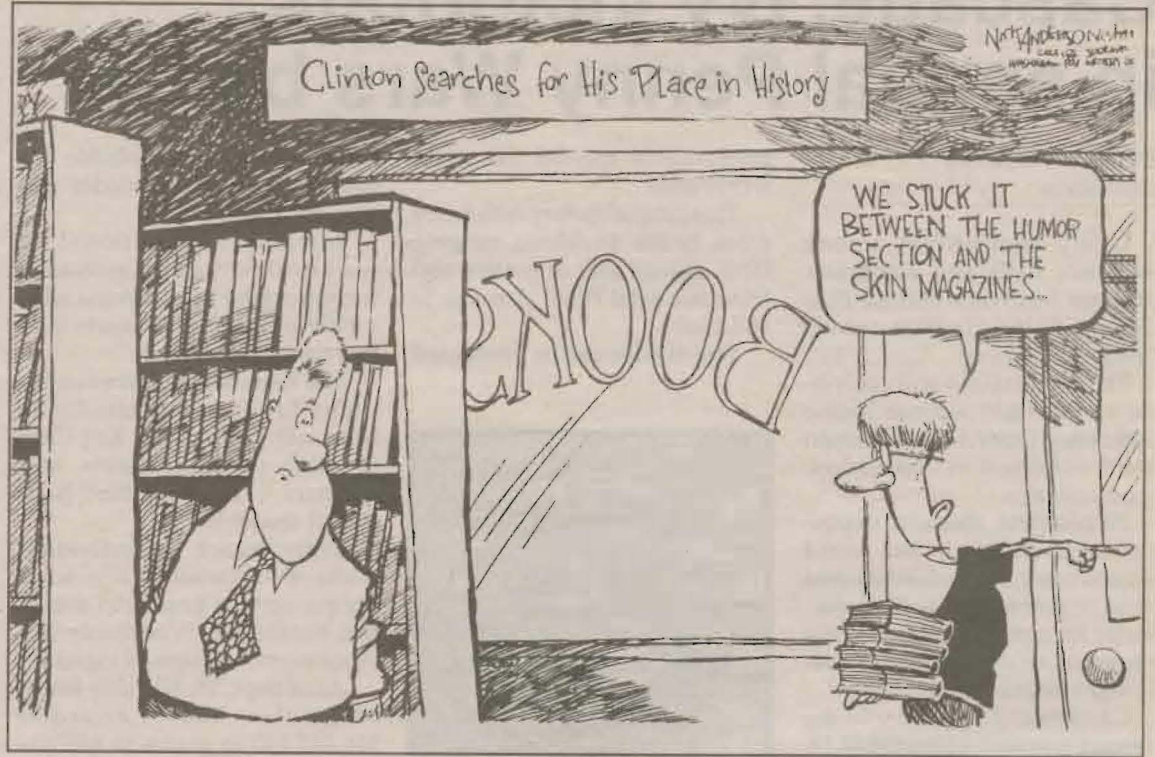
Jamie Swift
editor-in-chief

Readers can submit "Guest Speaker" items

Do you have something you want to say in more detail, or a discussion you want to begin on campus?

"Guest Speaker" is a Voices page feature which offers readers a way to explore a topic in depth, or to express an opinion that won't quite fit into a letter to the editor.

Send proposed articles to editor-in-chief Jamie Swift, The Mooring Mast, PLU, Tacoma Wash. 98447 (or e-mail him at mast@plu.edu).



Football needs new slogan

Column by Jamie Swift

Lions and tigers and bears, oh my!

Football teams are named after fierce, intense, bold, and savage creatures. With good reason. The game, although quite physical in nature, is predicated on intimidation.

Do you know what a LUTE is? It's an old stringed instrument with a round body; similar to a banjo.

The point is that the PLU football team is already at a decided disadvantage when it comes to the intimidation factor. So why on earth would PLU football play the 1998 season with a submissive slogan like "A touch of class."

Have you seen the billboard on Pacific Avenue up by the 512 interchange? In huge, proud letters it proclaims: PLU Football 1998, "A Touch Of Class." Is it possible that the creative genius in charge of coming up with this theme mixed-up the tennis and football teams' slogans?

Good football players are big, dirty guys who spit and curse and rip people's heads off. Real football players have "a touch of gas," not a touch of class.

Can't you hear the mighty Lutes warming up before the big game, getting revved up on the sideline with a fiery chant: "We can't run, we can't pass - but what we've got is a touch of class."

Opposing teams quiver in their cleats when they realize what they're up against. How do you prepare for "a touch of class?" You can't. It's very intimidating.

The venerable Vince Lombardi retired from coaching after growing frustrated because he couldn't devise an offense that could penetrate or a defense that could contain "a touch of class."

The California Lutheran coach was overheard in the locker room before the game against PLU warning his team to, "watch for the reverse, the flea-flicker, and always - gentlemen, and I stress - be alert for 'a touch of class'."

It's safe to presume PLU is using a different advertising company than Nike uses.

Here are some alternatives to the 1998 PLU football slogan, "a touch of class," that are similarly fitting for a sensitive football team of the '90s with a banjo for a mascot.

PLU Football: Not ashamed to cry.
PLU Football: Down - Set - Hike Please?
PLU Football: Crumpets and tea, anyone?

PLU Football: We're not very good at football, but we have a touch of class.

PLU Football: We don't go to class, but we have a touch of class.

PLU Football: We're sensitive to the needs of our opponents.

PLU Football: Toot, toot - here come the Lutes.

PLU Football: We want our mommys.
PLU Football: Gridiron sissies.

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Initiative 688 will help the poor get by

Here is the situation: Heading back to PLU on the highway, you exit onto Steele Street. At the stop sign, you see a man and the infamous cardboard sign: "Hungry. Will work for food."

We've seen versions of this scene before: homeless playing music for money, homeless on corners downtown, selling literature, flowers, or simply begging. In those brief encounters on the street, how can a privileged, college student really help?

Because of the political system we live under, the answers are numerous and complex. However, we can make some headway to achieving a workable solution to homelessness if we at least begin to discuss it.

In order to tackle this problem, we must first untangle the many misconceptions that abound with this issue. Most everyone, unfortunately, is familiar with the idea that homeless people are homeless because they simply do not want to work. But it is far too easy for middle-



Great Wide Open Sarah Beck

class Americans, who are given many opportunities in life because of their parents' economic status, to criticize someone for staying on the street and not finding a job.

It is not that simple in reality. The jobs easiest to obtain consist of mainly janitorial and fast food work, which pay a meager wage.

And what is all too clear for the homeless in Washington state is that the current minimum wage is not enough to sustain a family. Darryl Ary, a man I spoke with in Seattle, suggests a minimum of \$14 an hour to live sufficiently.

Thus, with poor working con-

ditions and indecent wages, there leaves little incentive to work a "real" job.

Take Lars Eighner, the author of *Travels with Lizbeth*, for example. He had steady work up until he was in his 40s when he lost his job.

Living on the streets for three years in Austin, Texas, Eighner wrote *Travels*. It was published, and after receiving royalties, he was able to live "normally" for a few years.

But last December, he was found homeless again with his dog Lizbeth. Because of a swelled ankle, his inability to drive, and difficulty in getting around, he was unable to find

any other work.

I am not sharing this information to draw up a pity case for America's homeless. Rather, my attempt is to show that the problem is not simple, and more importantly, it deserves our attention.

On one level, we can improve the situation through our voting power. This option is often overlooked because it does not seem as direct as popping a quarter in a donation can.

In this upcoming election for example, Initiative 688 proposes increasing the \$4.90 minimum wage to \$5.70 in 1999, and to continue increasing it in relation to the rate of inflation. Although the proposal is not ideal, the wage change would definitely improve the lives of workers and give poor people more of an incentive to work.

Then, of course, we can help the homeless simply by giving them money or food. But many problems arise with this form of giving. It most likely helps the person in the short-run, but what

about the long-run?

And some might argue that this kind of "helping" is supporting the false idea instilled in the homeless individual that he or she is incapable of working.

Once again, easy answers are hard to come by. Perhaps the best way to help is staying aware. Know, for example, that federal funding to feed needy senior citizens is profoundly inadequate. In San Francisco, some seniors have to wait months before they can receive a meal.

This past summer, I was in New York with 21 cents to my name. I had to get on the subway so I could catch my plane to go home.

Although this was really only romantic, middle-class poverty (like "roughing it" through Europe with a backpack), I definitely had a small taste of what homeless people feel everyday. And all I knew was that I needed one slim dollar to get by.

Sarah Beck is a senior English and French major.

Loving Jesus is much less risky than dating

It is something that most all of us hope for, long for, and even search for. We sometimes give it, we sometimes receive it, and occasionally we unknowingly reject it.

Many times we look for it in the wrong places, while other times we are blind to it while in the right places. This thing I speak of is love.

I have definitely done my share of looking for love. Like most people, I have thought about finding that one true love with whom I can spend the rest of my life with.

But what I have come to realize is that every time I go out looking for that special person it always ends in disappointment. That's what is funny about what I like to call the whole "dating game". We put all this effort into finding a member of the oppo-



Burden of Proof David Urban

site sex to be loved by and we usually end up with broken hearts.

Dating, in the long run, certainly seems to bring more trouble than love and joy. True love, in its most pure and perfect form, can never be found this way. It is something that can never be earned, but only given freely.

It is powerful, completely fulfilling, and always unconditional. None of us will ever find

this true love among all of the blood, sweat and tears of dating. We can all find it, though, in Jesus Christ.

The love of Jesus is always there for every single one of us. While we are running around frantically trying to get the attention of members of the opposite sex, Jesus is waiting patiently for us to stop and experience the greatest love known to this world - His love.

No swooning, no constant

searching, no heartaches. We simply have to say yes to Jesus.

His love is there when the love of most other people will not be. He loves us when we are bitter and angry. He loves us when we are lazy and apathetic. He even loves us when we continually turn our backs to Him.

When you say yes to Jesus, the dating game becomes a lot less interesting and desirable. Why would you go looking for something risky when you've already experienced a love that is perfect and above all else?

I played the dating game in high school and it has left me with a lot of regrets. But Jesus' love is so amazing that it allows me to forget about those regrets. I gave my heart to Him two and a half years ago and there is no one that I would rather be with. Now don't get me wrong,

having a love relationship with a member of the opposite sex is a wonderful thing Jesus just wants to have our hearts first. I know that Jesus will probably bring a woman into my life that He has chosen for me to love and marry. But even if he doesn't, I will still know the most fulfilling love known to man.

Please, if you don't know the love of Jesus please allow Him to be your next date. You won't be disappointed.

You know, it's funny, I always thought my true love would be a beautiful, intelligent woman from Washington. I never would have known it would be a beautiful, intelligent man from Nazareth. Go figure.

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I want to be a telephone operator

Sipping on my caffeine-free Sprite and listening to John Coltrane, I unwind after a long day at PLU. A day that included a lot of time on the phone, calling various environmental agencies for a project for GREAN.

So, I got to wondering about the wonderful and mysterious world of making calling card calls and other various factoids about the telephone. You know the drill: You pick up the phone, dial some 800-number on the card, and wait for the nice friendly voice to instruct you further.

The soothing voice on the other end of the line calms your calling-card nerves as you figure that "hey, this calling stuff isn't so complicated." You listen, you dial, and you get through.

Day after day you encounter this soft soothing voice of an unknown woman. It is a woman most of the time, but in some exceptions it could be a male voice. "To make a calling card call press 1, to make a collect call press 2." Yada, yada, yada. This oh-so-mysterious-elusive voice is heard every time you check your voice mail, and anytime you are put on hold at a big corporation trying to get through to the big important CEO-dude.

So on a rainy afternoon I got to wondering, what kind of person gets this job? Is it actually a real life person or some digital technology that computer dudes at some place like Microsoft came up with?

Because if I try I can make myself sound like the lady who tells me which buttons to press for different options on my phone. So then I got to wondering, are there special classes for this sort of job?



Ludicrous Kristen Sluiter

Is there some place like out in the boon docks of Siberia that they send possible voice mail hopefuls?

I bet it's some real posh place in England out in the countryside where there is new-age music playing and incense burning and these voice mail hopefuls turn out in the handfuls to do the training. How do you find out

about these things?

Is there good money in this sort of job? Why wasn't this in my career booklet I got in seventh grade? By not putting these possible jobs in the career booklet, some kid's dream could be smashed. No one ever says, in response to the question "What do you want to be when you grow up?" "Well Dad I want to be the lady that tells you what buttons to push when you are making a calling-card call." I am sure it hasn't happened.

Do these people have agents? Do these people love their jobs? And all this talk about voices goes beyond the phone. Think about voice-overs on TV commercials. What about the Tony the Tiger dude? Now, wouldn't you just love to practice saying "They're grrrrreat!" over and over until you couldn't anymore? That would be the life.

So next time you turn on the TV or make a calling-card call, don't ignore the possibility that maybe someday, you too could be heard by millions of people trying to call their moms.

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President, students campaign to reduce abuse

BY ASHLEY WHITTIER
Special to the Mast

Campus alcohol abuse is a growing national problem, and PLU is no exception.

On this campus, "The total use of alcohol has not dramatically changed, but the attitude has changed," said PLU President Loren Anderson, "There is less fear to the consequences of drinking."

After incidents last year on campus and across the country, administrators and student leaders are taking a stand to educate the community about alcohol.

Campus Safety Operations Manager Dan Nielsen said near-fatal alcohol poisoning of a student last spring awoke the PLU community.

"The incident in Ordal was a lightning rod that grabbed a lot of attention," he said.

Nielsen added, "We cannot eradicate consumption on campus."

Ann Miller, director of Health Services said even though the student's experience raised awareness, there is still a problem.

"The fact that any binge drinking happens among students is a concern to me," she said. Consuming more than five beverages in one sitting is binge drinking, she said.

People choose to consume alcohol for different reasons.

ASPLU Vice President Ryan Bebe-Pelphrey said PLU provides students with a wide variety of things to do, but when it

comes to Friday nights, there will always be students who follow the sounds of a party.

"Alcohol is used and abused because (students) feel there is not enough to do," he said.

Rick Eastman, associate director for the Student Involvement and Leadership Office said students think it does not affect them until a friend, roommate or relative drinks too much, then drives a car.

"Students are infallible until their world gets rocked," he said.

Across the nation, serious alcohol-related incidents at college campuses are reported every year. A student died from alcohol poisoning at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and police say during an alcohol-fueled civil disturbance at Wash-

ington State University in Pullman, Wash. last spring several officers were injured by rock-throwing students.

Kathleen Farrell, conduct and training coordinator for Residential Life said PLU could do all the programming in the world, and students will continue to choose to attend an off-campus as opposed to an on-campus concert. However, she said creative and innovative programs have helped reduce the problem.

"Alcohol write-ups have decreased at PLU," she said.

To address the problems this year, student leaders and the administration will promote alcohol awareness through the President's Healthy Communities and Safe Lifestyles initiative. Academics, programming, lead-

ership development and off-campus relations will be avenues for the Initiative.

The administration says the purpose of the initiative is not to stop all drinking, but to increase awareness of alcohol, and encourage responsible use.

The 12-person steering committee for Healthy Communities and Safe Lifestyles includes student leaders, physical education professors, and representatives from the Residential Life Office, Health Services, Counseling and Testing, and Human Resources.

President Anderson said he chose to focus on alcohol this year because the issue is being confronted nationwide by academia.

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his parents, then I made the wrong call."

"The university does feel responsible to be in contact with parents in any situation that is potentially serious or life-threatening," Severtson said. "But it is our preference that the student makes contact with parents." The policy "clearly gives the university the right to contact parents - even without permission from the student," he said.

Severtson said that one of the reasons he decided not to call Wilbanks' parents was because he is a "firm believer that students should learn how to talk to their parents about difficult issues."

Severtson said he was put in a situation where he was mentally and emotionally battling with the decision to call Wilbanks' parents or not. Severtson said, "It was a judgment call. I was in direct contact with the medical people and getting my cues from them."

Severtson did have some regrets about the way he handled the situation.

"I did not go to the hospital and that was a mistake. But I knew he was coming around," he said.

"I err on the side of caution," Severtson said. "If I had thought he was going to die, I would have called his parents." Severtson also said his "decision had nothing to do with consent or law."

Wilbanks said he doesn't think such a profound decision should be left to a person, but rather a cut and dried policy.

"What needs to happen to avoid this happening again is there needs to be a policy. The decision can't be left to one individual because obviously humans can make mistakes," Wilbanks said. "I made one, and administration made one."

Wilbanks' mistake was obvious: He drank himself to the brink of death. Wilbanks said Severtson's mistake was in his decision-making process in which Severtson weighed privacy and health.

"In instances where you're on the verge of death, like I was, health means more than privacy," he said.

"I would much rather have somebody breach privacy protocol on behalf of my personal safety," he said.

"I wouldn't want my parents crying over a dead son because they were never called."

Survey shows students want university to plan trips to scenic spots

Health administrator promises buses for trips

BY VANESSA WOOD
Special to the Mast

Students would like more PLU-sponsored activities with buses transporting them to off-campus destinations, according to a survey administered by the Campus Alcohol and Other Drug Education Team (CADET).

The survey was administered Sept. 12 to students who rode PLU-chartered buses from the football game and from the Puyallup Fair. Bus drivers gave the surveys out when students got on the bus, and collected them when the students got off, said Health Educator Barbara Erickson.

The survey used three questions. It asked whether the bus transportation to the game was helpful, what students' opinions were of the event, and what suggestions students had for future events.

Students recommended baseball games, concerts, movies, and stand-up comedy acts as off-campus activities they would enjoy.

Others suggested day trips to scenic spots in Washington State, including Seattle, beaches, lakes, and mountains.

There is not a calendar of events for these off-campus activities yet, but the coordinators of these events are certain that buses will be provided for transportation, Erickson said.

Financing and planning for these events will be a collaborative effort among various organizations including CADET and ASPLU, Erickson said.

Erickson is working to coordinate the efforts of groups such as ASPLU, Residential Life, CADET, and Being Educated And Choosing Health Club in planning events.

As for on-campus events BEACH Club hosted a relaxation techniques program in Hinderlie Hall earlier this year. It will also help organize a blood drive in November, and Mocktail (non-alcoholic cocktails) parties in the dorms, and post flyers in residence hall bathrooms about how to stay safe at parties.

Both CADET and BEACH club are planning Alcohol Awareness Week from Nov. 9-13. Jay Parker, a motivational speaker, will kick off the week with a talk focusing on alcohol education at the Dessert Theatre Nov. 9.

Signs of alcohol poisoning

- Confusion
- Vomiting
- Lack of understanding of what the person hears or sees.
- Decreased respiration because of depressed brain function. A person may lose control of his or her airway, and if the respirations are less than 14 breaths per minutes, the person is in serious danger.
- Possible unconsciousness.
- Sleepiness and the person may not be able to be aroused by shaking.

What to do:

- Call 7911 on campus, or 911 off campus immediately.
- If a person is unconscious, roll him or her onto one side in case of vomiting. This decreases the risk of the person aspirating the vomit into his or her lungs (which is deadly).
- If a person does vomit make sure and clear his or her airway with your finger to prevent choking.
- If the person is not breathing make sure and breathe for him or her or conduct CPR if needed.
- Keep the person physically safe so he or she cannot hurt him or herself.

This information was provided by: Ann Miller ARNP, Health Services Director; Victoria Leavitt RN/CEN, Emergency room St. Clare's Hospital; and Wisconsin Clearinghouse's 1991 brochure on alcohol.

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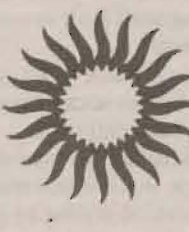
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"Night Games" provides fun without alcohol

BY VANESSA WOOD
Special to the Mast

Anything from three-on-three basketball tournaments to sumo-suit wrestling and many more diverse events have been planned for Night Games this fall.

Scott Etherton, resident director for Foss and Pflueger Halls, and the supervisor for Night Games said that Night Games provides an alternative.

"We're giving people the opportunity to do something fun

instead of drinking," he said.

Night Games comes together every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

It primarily targets two groups of people: those who might regularly go off campus and drink, and those who don't wish to go off campus but have nothing else to do, said Ryan Bebe-Pelphrey, a resident assistant in Ivy.

Night Games is run and coordinated by a resident assistant committee made up of 15 resi-

dent assistants and a resident director who supervises the group.

Etherton said one activity the committee is considering doing in February is having dances where on Friday nights students would learn how to do certain dance styles such as swing, salsa, and line dancing. An actual dance would occur on Saturday.

Night Games wants to provide a mix of activities that do not necessarily emphasize sports.

Other activities they are considering include coordinating with the Games Room to provide free pool and ping pong and doing theater sports, said Bebe-Pelphrey and Etherton.

The resident assistant committee encourages student input. Bebe-Pelphrey shared the view that the committee tries to find activities they think students would be interested in.

Input, he said, would make the events even better.

President is expected to sign new privacy legislation

BY JAMIE SWIFT
Mast editor-in-chief

President Clinton is expected to sign a piece of legislation next week that will allow university administrators to notify the parents of students under 21 years old if the students are involved in a drug or alcohol related incident on campus.

The new parent notification policy is part of the Higher Education Amendments of 1998: Collegiate Initiative to Reduce Binge Drinking and Illegal Alcohol Consumption. According to the Initiative, "...no Act shall prohibit an institution of higher learning from disclosing to a parent or legal guardian... infor-

mation regarding any violation of any rule or policy of the institution governing the use or possession of alcohol or a controlled substance ..."

George Behan, press secretary for Congressman Norm Dicks of Washington state who voted for the Initiative, said, "Removal of the privacy act will allow universities to change their policies. It doesn't require them to utilize the freedom to call parents. It's up to the university."

The Collegiate Initiative to Reduce Binge Drinking and Illegal Alcohol Consumption "will be signed soon by President Clinton," Behan said. The Initiative will supersede the Higher Education Act of 1965 which

enforced the privacy of adult students.

The Initiative was inspired by the rash of deaths caused by binge drinking on Virginia college campuses last year, Behan said.

Dean of Student Life Erv Severson said the legislation is "a step in the right direction but it won't change the way things are done at PLU except in the most serious situations."

Severson said, "PLU has a conduct system that is considered private. In an extreme situation where the student refused to bring parents into the situation we would notify them."

Severson said it's a no-win situation, but this legislation will

at least take away the legal consequences if he decides that a student's parents need to be notified of a serious alcohol or drug problem.

Pflueger Resident Assistant Louis Hobson has experience dealing with students drinking on campus. Hobson said the legislation may provide a safety net to stop a pattern of abuse.

Hobson also said, "If a parent is shelling out thousands of dollars, they have the right to know how the money is spent."

According to the Initiative, all institutions of higher education should appoint task forces to promote campus alcohol and drug policies; provide maximum opportunities for students to live

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"I'm doing great," said Lehman. He said that he really appreciated the support from the PLU community.

After giving his statement, "the police never notified me again," said Lehman. He said the police gave the impression that it was the victims' fault that the situation occurred.

In regard to the individual who is retaining information, Lehman said he has heard many different stories. He said at this point he is not sure what is truth and what is fabricated.

When informed of students' statements concerning the case, Knutzen said the Sheriff's Department had no comment.

Any person with information regarding this case can contact the detective division of Pierce County Sheriff's Department at 253-798-7530.

in an alcohol-free environment; enforce a 'zero tolerance' policy on illegal consumption; vigorously enforce codes of disciplinary sanctions; limit advertising and promotion of alcohol on campus; and work with local the local community in an alliance to encourage responsible policies toward alcohol consumption and to address illegal alcohol use by students.

Gay rights pamphlet sends unintended message

BY CURT HAMMOCK
Mast reporter

A sentence in a pamphlet distributed by the social unity group Harmony on Monday has raised some controversial questions.

The pamphlet, meant to highlight the differences between how homosexuals and heterosexuals are treated in society included an assertion, which members of Harmony said was the result of an editing error: "You get to stay in the military if you engage in non-consensual sex."

The flyer was a part of the national "Coming Out Day." Harmony advertised the event

as a chance for anyone on campus to support students with a variety of sexual identities by sporting a pair of blue jeans.

Tony Husted, a PLU Reserve Officers Training Corps student, said he was appalled someone would print such a statement.

"Prejudice is the product of ignorance; you will never solve this societal problem by disseminating more misinformation," he said. "I hope that everyone can learn a lesson from this. I think I learned something, in retrospect — stereotypes can hurt."

Harmony members said the intention of the flyer, which had a chart of societal attitudes to-

wards a straight person versus the attitudes towards a lesbian or gay person, was to illustrate how cultural 'norms' affect the homosexual minority.

Beth Kraig, faculty advisor for Harmony, and an associate professor of History, said, "It's our error, we should have caught that."

What should have been printed, Harmony members said, was that if straight members of the armed services have consensual sex, they get to stay in the military.

The pamphlet compares this to how homosexuals are treated, saying they are kicked out of the

military for consensual sex.

Harmony publicly opposes the military's policies on gays.

ROTC student Aaron Blanning went to a Harmony meeting Tuesday afternoon to express his disappointment, and he said he was received well.

"There was no hostility; they were very considerate and extended an apology for the error," he said.

Kraig said a retraction will be made in another flyer today or Monday explaining the actual intention of the statements.

Other students said they were confused by the pamphlet.

"Everyone knows the military

kicks out rapists. If I was in the military and read this I would be upset because it implies that the military condones rape," he said.

Visiting communications Professor Peter Ehnerhaus has a special interest in military history.

Ehnerhaus said he thinks the remark is an attempt to use humor left over from the Tailhook case several years ago, when several female navy officers said they were sexually abused and harassed by male officers at a hotel.

Ehnerhaus said if groups want to prevent unwanted consequences with literature, they must edit carefully.

Mountain climbing makes you old, wise and afraid

As children, we imagine adults as responsible, invincible and beyond reproach. And we think someday, we'll be as old and big and smart as they are and everything will make sense.

We get older and realize every stage in life is just making it up as we go, and we realize sometimes adulthood is just an act to make children feel safe and protected.

This summer, one of my elders drove that point home with a climber's hammer he forgot.

It had started out as a leisurely hike around Pinnacle Peak, a mean-looking snag of a mountain that overlooks the Paradise Visitor Center in Mt. Rainier National Park.

The hike included a few friends of mine, and it was led by a respected longtime PLU instructor who I will refer to as Professor Dropoff. He really is a good guy to know, but when you get him out on the trail, he turns into hell-in-hiking boots.

We began to hike up a pleasant, maintained trail. We got to the end of it, and I was about to declare the hike a success when he mentioned something about a "modified

technical climb."

"Modified technical climb," as I now know, means that only a mountain goat is really capable of completing the climb without ropes, but being the silly idiot you are, you do it anyway.

After about 20 minutes of climbing, Professor Dropoff mentioned something about how there wasn't too far to go. When we reached a ridge, I looked up and the next section was so steep it might as well have been Half-Dome in Yosemite National Park.

I yelled up at him, "Before my mother met my father, she had a boyfriend like you!"

"What the hell is that supposed to mean?" Professor Dropoff asked.

"He was never satisfied with the end of a trail, always had to scramble up a peak. Very driven person. That's probably why he's not my father."

"Well, I used to just hike to the end of the trail," he said, "but I was so frustrated that I couldn't go up to the top of peaks. That's why I had to take

Eric Ruthford

Perspective from a taller viewpoint

that mountaineering course."

"Positively tragic."

"You know, I don't think I'm getting much sympathy here," he said.

I looked down again at the rest of the cliff and the valley below. I figured that if I slipped, I would have tumbled for a full minute before hitting a tree or even a bush.

I said quietly, "Our father in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come..."

"What's that you're muttering down there, Eric?"

I tried to keep my biblical references regarding the Professor's character to a minimum until we got to the top of Pinnacle Peak, where we had a beautiful 360 degree view all around us. Paradise lodge looked like a beetle crawling through grass.

We began to climb down the mountain, which for me was tantamount to riding a bicycle backwards down stairs. I stumbled. I bumped. Every time I knocked a rock off the

mountain, it seemed like it was screaming at me. With each impact of the rock, I felt like I had just hurled a puppy off the cliff.

The fact that I could see the plume of dust it raised on this wet day showed me how hard it hit. But it didn't stop bouncing (yes, this rock *bounced*) over the trail. Professor Dropoff quickly outdistanced me, and I was left alone, clinging to the side of this mountain that was left here by the Creator to cure us of the superiority complex that humans seem to have.

Another good friend of mine who I had invited on the hike came up after me, and he took my pack and guided me rock by rock. He saved my life and rescued me from my own misjudgments.

After getting back to the trail again, I resolved not to seek the death penalty against Professor Dropoff. I realized he taught me I held many misconceptions about holding the title "grown-up."

One of the things the Professor taught me is part of being an adult is making your own judgments for what's safe and what's not. What's right and what's wrong. Even when what's right makes you look like you're wimping out of something everyone else does.

When you realize you can't leave it to others to make decisions on those sorts of things, you've taken a long, lonely step down that path to being, rather than just acting like an adult.

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PLU opens theater season with Neil Simon comedy

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BY JOY BARBER
Mast Intern

Tonight expectations are running high in Eastvold. Coming back from an excellent year in 1997-98, PLU's theater department is opening its 1998-99 season with this evening's performance of Neil Simon's riotously funny "Rumors".

"Rumors" is a play about an upper crust dinner party that goes terrifically and hilariously awry. Upon arrival at the home of New York's deputy mayor, select guests discover that the host has shot himself and the hostess is missing. A cover up ensues and rumors fly, allowing the audience to revel in the humorous predicaments of ten people who can't remember who they've told what.

According to director Dr. William Becvar, this play is more than just classic comedy. It extends into the realm of farce, a type of drama which "goes beyond believability [and] presses all of the buttons of exaggeration." It creates a fabulous recipe for laughter in the process.

There is no doubt that Neil Simon is a playwright who knows how to make his audiences not only smile, but downright double up and roar. A master of the one-liners and often thought to be one of the greatest American writers of comedy, he is responsible for "The Odd Couple," "Lost in Yonkers," "Barefoot in the Park," and "The Sunshine Boys," among other celebrated selections.

No stranger to exaggeration, Simon is known for his idiosyncratic characters and especially for his ability to expose and overemphasize the absurdity inherent in human social experience.

Becvar said he chose to start the year off with this light-hearted production for a number of reasons. Among other considerations is the fact that the theater department, and Becvar himself, are coming straight off last year's season which ended with "Elegies for Angels, Punks, and Raging Queens," a very deep and emotional play about living with AIDS.

Becvar said "It is nice to kick off with the opposite of [Elegies], something light, silly, and frothy." He also stated that plays are chosen with the express goal of exposing PLU

actors and audiences to "almost every type of play there is" during their four-year college stay.

"Rumors" is an especially challenging choice from a directing standpoint, primarily because of the hard-to-pin element of perfect comic timing. Crucial pauses must be just long enough. Doors must slam at precisely the right moment. All in an effort to tap into the audience's sense of humor. Dr. Becvar notes "Many people think that comedy is easy. No, drama is much easier. Unfortunately, comedy cannot be taught; it's a God-given talent."

"Rumors" is also a tough piece because of its constant action. The actors are almost always in motion, which makes this play particularly strenuous for them. Still, action is a critical component of comedy. Should the flow begin to waver, the momentum of escalating hilarity and the anticipation of the audience will be lost. Doom for a comedic performance.

Sophomore Rachel Morton agreed. "This role is much harder, because there's so much more I have to be thinking about," she said. Morton plays Cookie Cusack in this production.

Predictions for the show this evening are more than promising. Actress Meg Sanders, who plays Chris Gorman, is quite optimistic. "I think audiences will really enjoy themselves with this. It's hard to go wrong with a Neil Simon play, especially with the quality of directing we have here at PLU. Becvar's really wonderful to work with."

By all estimations, tonight's opening is brimming with the possibility of success. Now it's just up to the cast to pull it off. They have quite a standard to live up to; PLU theater has an excellent reputation for generating solid and exciting performances. With that in mind, it is probably safe to say that "Rumors" has the potential to dish out some outstanding entertainment.



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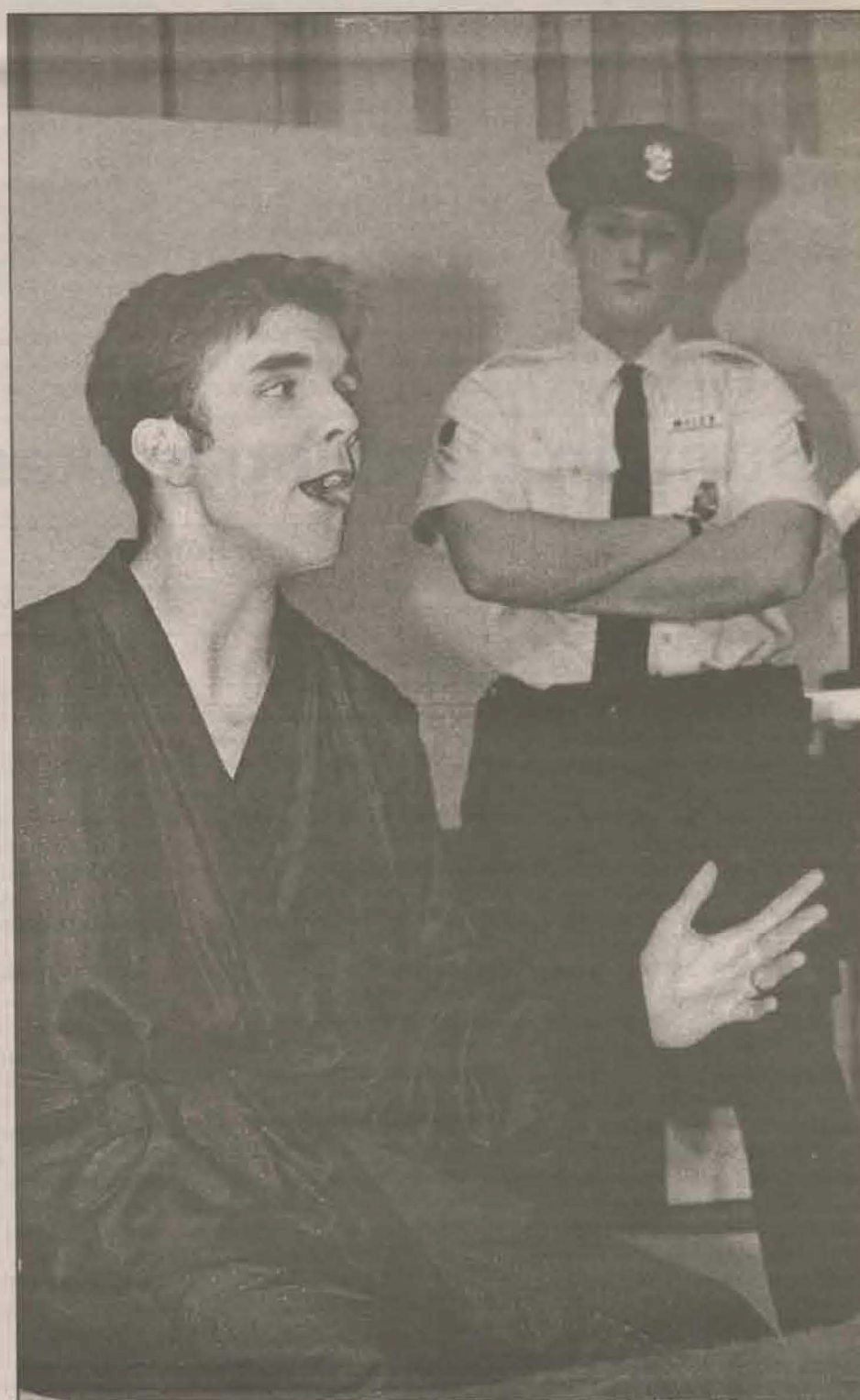


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Cast List

Chris Gorman:	Meg Sanders
Ken Gorman:	Jon Nelson
Claire Ganz:	Krista Severoid
Lenny Ganz:	Dom Zook
Ernie Cusack:	Nathan Rice
Cookie Cusack:	Rachel Morton
Glenn Cooper:	Louis Hobson
Cassie Cooper:	Beth Steele
Officer Welch:	Ian Sweeney
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RUMORS

by Neil Simon

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Behind the Scenes

Director:	Dr. William Becvar
Technical Director:	Jeff Clapp
Costumes:	Kathleen Anderson
Stage Manager:	Laura Taylor

About PLU Theater

BY JOY BARBER
Mast intern

Deciding which productions to put on is often tough for the PLU theater department. Not only do they look for a variety of roles and types of plays, but scripts must be chosen with the talent pool in mind as well. Luckily, here at PLU it's large.

Dr. William Becvar, director of this month's production of "Rumors", expressed some feelings of disappointment over the fact that he did not choose a play with a larger cast for this first go-around. "Rumors" requires a small cast of only ten. Amazingly, some sixty people showed up to audition.

Based on past trends, the choice of a play with a small cast seemed a good one. For obvious reasons, the first performance most often sees only a small turnout of actors. Try-outs start the second day of classes, and many new students are still unsure about how to get involved. Such was apparently not the case this fall.

Dr. Becvar said the large turnout could also be somewhat attributed to the number of "Elegies" cast members who returned to school ready to act. With such an enormous cast, "Elegies" drew upon the talent of more than a few students from outside the theater department. As often as not, these non-majors end up being one-timers. But Dr. Becvar said he was both surprised and pleased to recognize faces from the last production in the audition pool for "Rumors".

Will the numbers stay high? The theater department hopes so. A bigger talent pool means better acting, and the competition sounds pretty stiff.

Recognizing the valuable talent at this first audition, and not wanting to lose the amount of interest, student members of Alpha Psi Omega (the Honors Fraternity for Theater) have decided to organize a night of scenes and one-act plays to take place in December.

Songfest '98



Hong, Evergreen & Alpine in Alice in Swingland

Photo by Nathan Lunstrum

"I was truly honored to represent PLU. By the way, do I get to keep the cape?" -Steve Wolbrecht, 1998 Homecoming King

"It [Homecoming] was an incredible experience. It gave me the opportunity to meet so many people in the PLU community." Amy Crabtree, 1998 Homecoming Queen



Peter Pan and the Lost Bands of the 80's
Kreidler, Foss & Stuen: winners of Songfest

Photo by Nathan Lunstrum

"Congratulations to all the people who participated. It was great to see everyone in Foss and other halls get so involved." - Myron Bernard, Foss Hall President

"Songfest isn't about winning. It's about having fun and making the crowd happy. I feel Hong succeeded in both." -Jesse Stratton, Hong Hall President

"I thought each hall made the most out of the themes they were given. Each hall was worthy of winning." -Brook Buchanan, RHA Executive Campus Wide Programmer



1998 Homecoming King and Queen,
Steve Wolbrecht and Amy Crabtree

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Philip Price as ASPLU Prince Charming in Cinderella: Modernly Ever After

Photo by Josh Miller

Football defeats Eastern Oregon, 34-12

BY KATHRYN WOOD
Mast reporter

Moving up to 3-1 in the season standings PLU football won Saturday at Sparks Stadium 34-12 over Eastern Oregon University in front of a Homecoming crowd of 3,300.

The game was scoreless until the 2:05 mark when sophomore quarterback Chad Johnson rushed for a one yard touchdown.

The touchdown was followed by an extra point by sophomore place kicker David Krueger to put the Lutes up 7-0 over the Mountaineers.

Sophomore running back Jeremy Sandnes picked up a touchdown with a six-yard carry at the 9:23 mark of the second quarter. Krueger again was good bringing the score to 14-0.

In the ninth minute of the second quarter junior running back Anthony Hicks broke free, shaking off of at least four would-be tacklers and dashing 66 yards for a touchdown. Krueger tacked on an extra point to give the Lutes a 21-0 lead. Hicks carried the ball 19 times for a total of 206 yards in the game.

Eastern Oregon added seven points to its score late in the second quarter, with a one yard quarterback sneak making the score 21-6.

Freshman end Kevin Giboney hauled in a 12 yard pass from Johnson in the fourth minute of the third quarter for another touchdown. An extra point put the Lutes up 28-6. Giboney, a redshirt freshman, had five catches



The Eastern Oregon defense moves to stop Lute junior running back Jacob Croft's (23) run.

Photos by Josh Miller



Quarterback Chad Johnson (17) points out his pass before getting sacked.

for a total of 114 yards.

The Mountaineers answered with another touchdown midway through the third quarter but failed to complete a conversion.

The last score of the game came from Johnson on a two yard dash with less than two minutes left in the quarter.

In the first Lute possession of the fourth quarter two long pass plays from Johnson to junior Zach Hiatt for 29 yards and Giboney for 43 yards, pushed the ball to the Eastern Oregon 4-yard line.

A touchdown by junior Kevin Lint off a pass from Johnson was wiped out by a penalty, and on a fourth down play Johnson was sacked to end the Lute offensive threat.

The Lutes lead the Mountaineers in offensive plays, 68 to 62, and net yards gained, 475 to 305.

"We played inspired football," said head coach Frosty Westering. "We found the momentum we

needed, grabbed it and kept it."

Co-captain Brandon Woods noted,

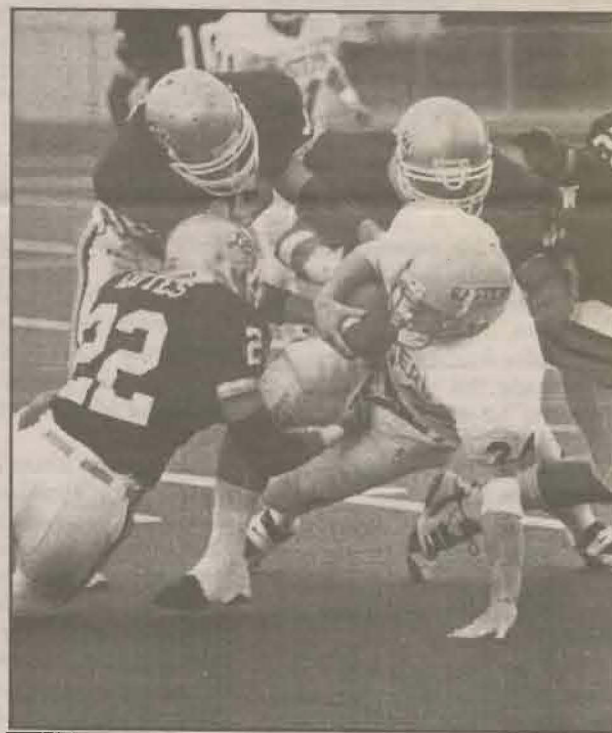
"It's been a while since both the offensive and defensive teams have clicked like that, it felt great."

Judd Hunter led the defense with seven solo tackles in the game.

Johnson lead in scoring with his two touchdowns, and also completed 60 percent of the passes he attempted in the game.

UPCOMING MATCHES:

- OCT. 17
SIMON FRASER
2:00 P.M.
- OCT. 24
@ WHITWORTH
1:30 P.M.



Nate Grygorcewicz (22) with help of other teammates like Judd Hunter (24) stops the ballcarrying Mountaineer.

Time for the magical month of baseball

The playoffs. They're amazing aren't they. They're amazing because while I was sitting watching game five of the National League Championship Series I couldn't help but feel both nervous and excited as the San Diego Padres fell just one run short of tying the Atlanta Braves in the bottom of the ninth. But that's not the only reason for my mixture of emotions.

Why is it that teams I usually do not really care about during the regular season make me feel like I am a part of them during the playoffs? Of the four teams still playing, there is only one I really like, the Padres. So naturally

when the Padres failed to win the game I was watching, I was far from happy. But, the game itself, was great: one of the better playoff games I have seen in the last few years.

Strategy was key in this game with both managers going to their number one starters in relief. For one manger the strategy paid off, for the other it backfired. Kevin Brown, the Padres ace, was brought in to try and hold a 4-2 lead and give the Padres a World Series birth, but Brown gave up a three run home-run in the eighth giving the Braves the win. Then



Craig Coover
RANDOM THOUGHTS FROM THE SIDELINES

Bobby Cox, the Braves manager, brought Greg Maddux in to close the game in the ninth after rookie closer Kerry Ligtenburg couldn't stop the Padres in the ninth. Maddux successfully closed the door to take the series back to Atlanta.

These types of strategies are what the playoffs are made of. Teams will do anything to try and achieve the win, regardless of the consequences. Because

game six which he was supposed to start. But that is the price the Padres are willing to pay to ensure victory.

Even though Kevin Brown could not get the job done, the move itself was the correct one because previously he had been virtually untouchable in his post-season starts. Even when there are no teams I like in the playoffs, I still watch religiously.

Brown pitched in this game, he will not be able to pitch until game seven, opposed to

That's the great thing about Major League Baseball post-season, even the non-baseball fan can enjoy the games. This being because there is so much drama and action involved in each game that you do not have to know about baseball to feel and understand the excitement.

For this reason, fans during the playoff seasons are that much better than those during the regular season, and more than just the regular fan goes to the games.

Both the fans and the players, truly take the game of baseball to another level during the playoffs, making October a magical month.

ATHLUTE - Anthony Hicks

BY KATHRYN WOOD
Mast reporter

Transferring from the University of Washington to PLU wasn't a hard choice for junior Anthony Hicks, his reasons were simple.

"Happiness. I wasn't happy, everything was being paid for by the college [U of W] but I wasn't happy," said Hicks. "This was the only place I'd be happy. I had offers from other colleges but I came because of Frosty and the program here."

An all around athlete, Hicks has played soccer, baseball, basketball and track. While in high school in Tumwater, Wash., he says that he focused on football and baseball.

"I played football because that's where my heart was," Hicks said.

Focusing on little things, like giving his linemen the recognition they deserve, is something Hicks tries to do since he says they deserve a lot more than they get. Hicks recognized his linemen, freshman Trevor Roberts, sophomore Isaac Williams and juniors Andrew Finstuen, Josh Hostetter and Willy Wurster. Hicks says that

playing football at PLU teaches things other college football programs would never be able to teach.

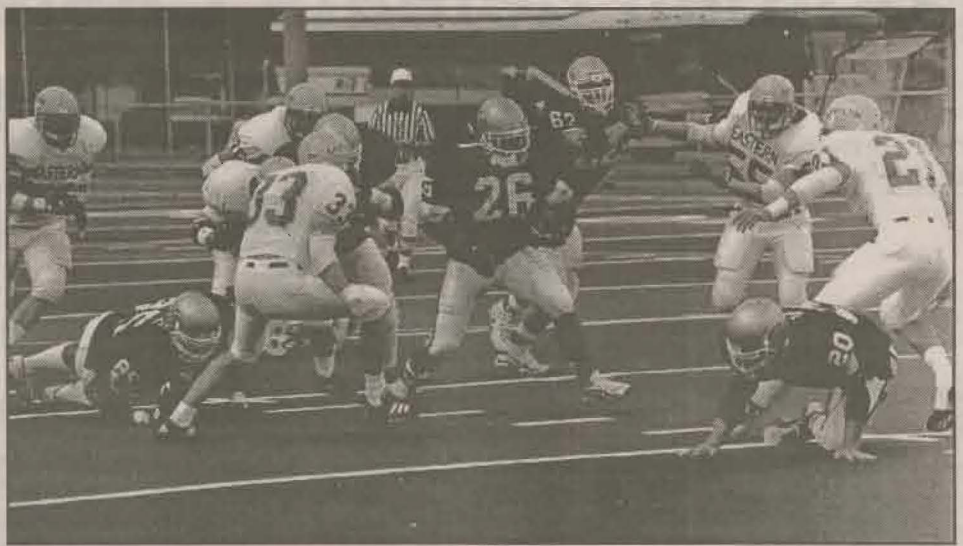
PLU football gives you things that you can apply to everyday life Hicks explained.

"The way Frosty coaches football you aren't just taught football, he teaches

**"I'm a Lute deep down inside. I wouldn't trade this for the world."
-Anthony Hicks**

you to be a better person off the field," said Hicks. "He teaches you to be a better husband, a better man. It's priceless." Frosty says that he sees more in Hicks than just another football player.

"He's a strong player and a quick fullback," said head coach Frosty Westering. "He's inspired and has a strong work ethic. The players respect



Anthony Hicks charges through the Oregon defense during the Homecoming game on Saturday at Sparks Stadium.

Photo by Josh Miller

him." Senior co-captain Brandon Woods also agrees.

"His attitude is awesome," said Woods. "He's a PLU guy all the way, he had no problems fitting in."

Hicks said that his best moment in foot-

ball since he's been here was when he realized that the team finally accepted him.

"I'm a Lute deep down inside," he said. "I wouldn't trade this for the world."

Men's soccer leads the conference

BY LENA TIBBELIN
Mast sports editor

The PLU men's soccer team took two important wins on the road this weekend and moved into first place in the standings with Seattle.

PLU defeated Whitman on Saturday, and Whitworth on Sunday, 2-1 in matches that featured changes for the Lutes.

Head coach Joe Waters brought up his second redshirt to a starting position on the team.

Freshman midfielder Rylan Cordova, joins freshman midfielder Andrew Yarborough who made the transition from redshirt to starter after the Alumni match, Sept. 5.

Then the Lutes changed their playing system, from a line up with four defenders and midfielders and two forwards, to a lineup with three defenders, four midfielders and three forwards.

The change made senior forward John Evermann the only target guy, while the two outside players, Cordova and senior forward Shawn Young had more withdrawn roles.

The change took the first half to get used to, said Everman,

during that time Whitman took the lead with a goal from Stewart Tracy.

In the second half the Lutes were used to the different system, and scored twice to pick up the win. Sophomore forward Philip Lund replaced Evermann on the field and in 73rd minute Lund sent the ball to senior midfielder Andrew Donaldson who made 1-1.

In the 86th minute Young scored the winning goal for PLU, 2-1.

The match against Whitworth on Sunday was another match where the Lutes had one tough match in their legs and the competition had rested the day before.

Co-captain Jonas Tanzer said that the team's tiredness showed as the Pirates ran through the Lute defense and the Lutes did nothing but chase after the ball.

In the second half "things started to click" for the team, said Cordova. It did, indeed, three minutes into the half sophomore midfielder Ola Mattiasson scored on a sidethrow, which made it 1-0 PLU.

Whitworth kicked off and PLU took back the ball and got another sidethrow. A deep toss

from Mattiasson sent the ball in the Whitworth box, Cordova scored his first collegiate goal off his head, making it 2-0.

Despite Whitworth scoring in the 58th minute, PLU won 2-1.

The two wins mean that PLU moves up to the top of the standings with Seattle U, both with 22 points.

"We got two wins when we needed too," Evermann said. The remaining five matches of the season are crucial for the Lutes' advancement into regional and national playoffs.

There are no clear-cut ways to qualify other than the selection committees approval.

"Every game is a big game," Evermann said of the remaining matches. The first one comes on Wednesday when PLU travels to Seattle for a battle for the top spot. The Lutes want revenge for the 2-1 double overtime loss on Sept. 23.

There will be one challenge to overcome for the Lutes. Evermann will be on the sideline instead of playing. He received his fifth yellow card against Whitworth, and that suspends him for one match.

But as the team and Waters have proved, there is enough

depth on the roster to fill the spots on the field. Evermann's absence will not be crucial as both Lund and sophomore Geir Thune are capable of filling the position.

Whatever the scenario on Wednesday, the Lutes are ready for the position of being the chased team as the conference leaders, and Tanzer looks forward to the match.

"It will be fun," Tanzer said.

UPCOMING MATCHES:

10/21 @SEATTLE 3P.M.
10/24 WILLAMETTE 2:30 P.M.
10/25 LINFIELD 2:30 P.M.

Northwest Conference

	W-L-T	Pts.
Seattle U.	7-2-1	22
PLU	7-3-1	22
Pacific	7-4-0	21
George Fox	6-4-1	19
Willamette	6-4-0	18
Whitworth	4-6-0	12
Linfield	4-6-0	12
Puget Sound	2-8-1	7
Whitman	2-8-0	6

Cordova exchanges redshirt for jersey

BY LENA TIBBELIN
Mast sports editor

The step from a red-shirt to a starting spot on the men's soccer team is not impossible to overcome, considering there are now two players who have done it. The latest one, Rylan Cordova, made the step for the weekend's two matches against Whitman and Whitworth.

Cordova a freshman from Denver, Colo., was a redshirt all season long, but kept playing hard in practice and on Thursday last week head coach Joe Waters asked him if he wanted to go on the road with the team.

Having played soccer since kindergarten, Cordova said it was hard to be on the sideline watching the team.

In high school Cordova won the Colorado state championship as a senior with his Arapahoe high school team. He also wrestled at 125, but his love is skiing.

Cordova started his first collegiate match against Whitman as a forward, and contributed to PLU's win 2-1. "It was great," said Cordova.

On Sunday against Whitworth Cordova started as an outside midfielder. Early in the second half sophomore Ola Mattiasson, tossed a long sidethrow into the box. The players flicked it twice before Cordova headed the ball into the goal. "I was almost in shock," said Cordova.

The next thing on the agenda for Cordova will be to keep the starting spot for Cordova. The competition for the midfield position is tough with seniors Andrew Donaldson and Shawn Young and sophomore Geir Thune all competing for the spot Cordova took this weekend.

Co-captain John Evermann said Cordova is a good addition to the team.

"He's a vocal player [and] has lots of confidence," Evermann said.



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Cross country women win PLU Invitational; the men take second behind Puget Sound

BY BRENDA SMITH
Mast reporter

Both of the Pacific Lutheran cross country teams had an excellent showing at the 23rd Annual PLU Invitational at Ft. Steilacoom Park last Saturday.

The women's team won the title with 60 points. Puget Sound took second place with 78 points. Linfield took third with 106 points. Junior Maree George led the team



The PLU men's team starts the race on Saturday morning in Ft. Steilacoom Park.
Photo by Eric Dennon at Photo Services

with her second place finish in 18:26. Other top five finishers for the Lutes were: sophomore Serena Magnussen finished ninth in 19:10; senior Chelsea Morris at 13th in 19:32, senior Olivia Dykes at 21st in 19:48, and sophomore Brenda Wyman 22nd in 19:50.

The women are ranked 3rd in the NCAA III West Region.

The men took second in the invitational, scoring 55 points to 45 for the Puget Sound team and Linfield with 62 points. The top PLU finisher was senior Ryan Pauling who finished third in a time of 24:56. Pauling was followed by junior Forrest Griek in sixth place at 25:22, senior Lance Thompson seventh in 25:29, junior Patrick Dill 18th in 26:16.

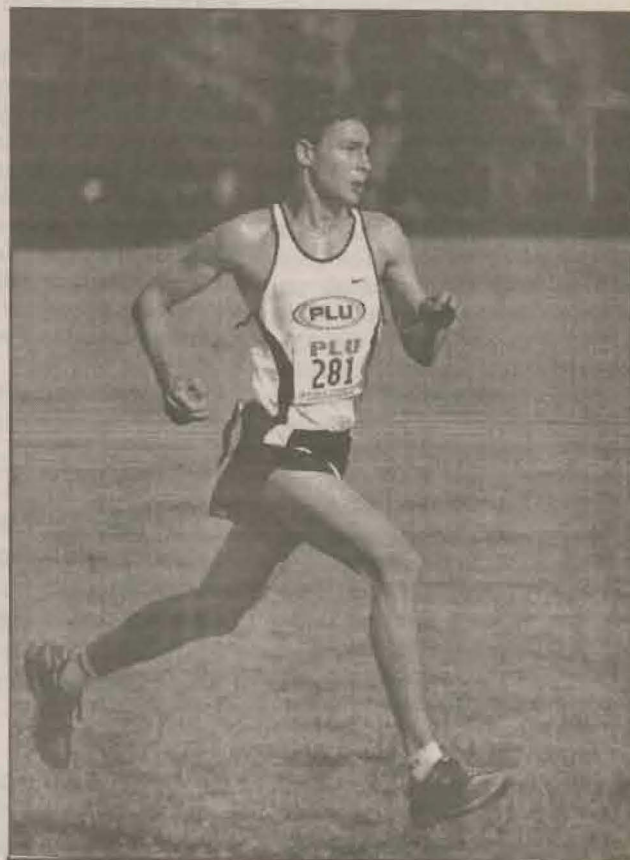
The PLU men are the top-ranked team in the NCAA III West Region.

The PLU Invitational was run on a new course this year. Before, the course wove over the hills and around Lake Waughop, but PLU head coach Brad Moore changed the course to feature more grass and less pavement.

"I thought it would run faster on the women's side. It rained the night before and most of the course was on the soft surface, so that made it a little slow," Moore said.

Pacific Lutheran is hoping to host the regional meet in future years and this new course is a step in that direction. Moore continued, "The men's course we have to tweak a bit. In some places it's a little bit tight. I got good feedback from the athletes and coaches."

Tomorrow PLU will have seven men and seven women running in the annual Oregon Invitational at Alton Baker Park in Eugene.



Patrick Dill runs towards the 18th place at the PLU Invitational.
Photo by Eric Dennon at Photo Services

Volleyball splits matches

BY AMY RANDALL
Mast reporter

The Lutes' volleyball team brought their Northwest Conference record to 5-5 by ending its road trip last weekend with a win against Lewis & Clark.

Friday, the Lutes lost to Linfield in three close games, 15-12, 15-13, 15-12. Head coach Kevin Aoki said the Lutes "couldn't get over the hump," to score enough to win.

The Lutes broke their losing streak of three matches, winning Saturday against Lewis & Clark. The Lutes won the match in three games, 15-6, 15-8, 15-7.

Aoki said it is difficult for a team to prevent another team from scoring in double-digits for an entire match as the Lutes did against Lewis & Clark.

"We didn't allow them to run any offense," Aoki said.

Part of the reason the Lutes were able to keep the Pioneers from scoring, Aoki said, was because the Lutes served the ball to "weak" passers on the Lewis and Clark team. Serving to weak passers helps to accumulate points and prevent getting a side out.

After the previous weekend's tough losses to George Fox and Willamette, Aoki said he was pleased with the way the Lutes came back to play hard and win.

Against Lewis & Clark, junior middle blocker Amy Goin had 7 kills and 12 digs; sophomore middle blocker Mettie Burris had 10 digs; and junior setter Ingrid Lindeblad had 22 assists.

St. Martin's serves volleyball a loss

BY AMY RANDALL
Mast reporter

Hard-hit serves helped St. Martin's defeat the Lutes' volleyball team 3-1 Tuesday.

St. Martin's served "tough balls, like bullets," said sophomore middle blocker Mettie Burris. "They weren't afraid to serve them hard."

In the first game, the Lutes took what seemed to be a comfortable lead of 6-1, but St. Martin's soon caught up. After taking turns with the lead St. Martin's won, 15-11.

In a quick second game the Lutes lost, 8-15, after falling behind early in the game.

In the third game, the Lutes never gave St. Martin's the chance to take a lead. St. Martin's tried closing the point gap, but the Lutes remained firm.

With the score at 7-5, an almost out-of-control rally seemed ready to end in a side out for the

Lutes, but junior defensive specialist Mandy Flores put a run-away ball back in-bounds, resulting in a point for the Lutes. The Lutes went on to win, 15-9.

St. Martin's dominated in the fourth game, at one point leading the score 10-2. The Lutes

tighten the score at 14-12.

St. Martin's ended the scoring spree with a side out, then scored the final point to win, 15-12.

Burris said the Lutes had some problems communicating and were getting in the way of each other. Burris also said the Lutes

the playing of volleyball. The Lutes always work on the physical aspects of the game, Burris said, but they also have to focus on their mental game.

Burris said the Lutes have been working throughout the season on mental aspects with the team's first year assistant coach, Dave Templin.

"We know we have the skills," said Burris. "We know we can play."

Senior outside hitter Heidi Pasinetti had 14 digs and a match-high of 17 kills; junior middle blocker Amy Goin had 11 kills; freshman middle blocker Renee Beauchene had 10 kills; and junior setter Ingrid Lindeblad had 37 assists and 12 digs.

"We know we have the skills. We know we can play."

- Mette Burris

added points to take the score to 10-5, and then after a long string of side outs by both teams the Lutes unloaded their offense to

became preoccupied with the possibility of losing.

"It's mostly all a mental thing," Burris said, referring to

UPCOMING MATCHES:

10/21 UPS 7 P.M.
10/23 WHITWORTH 7 P.M.
10/24 WHITMAN 7 P.M.



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Women's soccer splits conference matches on the road

BY ANDREW BENTZ
Mast senior reporter

The Pacific Lutheran women's soccer team split matches this past weekend after defeating Whitman 4-1 and losing to Whitworth 0-1 in double overtime.

PLU's second conference game of the weekend was against Whitworth in Spokane. The Lute offense kept the pressure on Whitworth in the first half with 10 shot attempts, and the defense allowed only three shot attempts.

"Everybody just gave it their all, they played with so much heart," freshman defensive player Kira Johnson said. "They played really beautiful soccer."

Whitworth's offense stepped up their game, taking eight shots during the second half and both overtime periods. The Lutes also added 12 more shot attempts to the statistics but none could get past Whitworth goalkeeper Stacy Rubens.

At the end of regulation and the first overtime period, the match was scoreless.

"It was such a frustrating game. As forwards we didn't do our job, we didn't score any goals," sophomore forward Sissel Eriksen said.

In the 111th minute in the second overtime period Whitworth's Suzanne Bryce shot and scored the winning goal off a rebounded shot. Whitworth defeated PLU 0-1.

"On Sunday, we gave everything that we could possible give in that game. We were just unlucky in the end," senior defensive player Dani Phillips said.

The Lutes seventh win of the season came against Whitman Saturday. PLU opened the scoring with freshman forward Karin Magnusson scoring an unassisted goal in the 18th minute.

Whitman evened up the score with a goal from Vaughn from a Steph Kajoury pass in the 33rd minute.

Eriksen scored just three minutes later with her own unassisted goal in the near post above goalkeeper Becca Yenser. PLU was up 2-1 at the end of the first half.

"Whitman's defense plays more forward than most teams so our forwards get good passes from the midfielders and defense. It's fun for our forwards to play in this kind of game because it is more of a one on one between you and the keeper," Eriksen said.

"The team was a lot different from the team that we beat 9-0 earlier in the season. They never gave up."

Nine minutes into the second half junior midfielder Amy Gud-

"The bench has done a great job stepping up to fill the spots in defense that needed to be filled because of the injuries."

- Kira Johnson

geon added the Lutes third goal of the afternoon, also unassisted. Sophomore midfielder Tasha Ockfen finished off Whitman's hope of a late comeback with her goal in the 80th minute, which meant 4-1.

"We played really hard against Whitman. We had control for most of the game," Phillips said.

The Lutes were out shooting Whitman 16-14. Whitman inadvertently helped PLU out by committing almost double the amount of fouls that the Lutes did, 12-7. This is the second time that the Lutes defeated Whitman this season.

PLU has been plagued by injuries this season. Starting sweeper Junior Erin Swanson severely sprained her ankle in the Simon Fraser match earlier this season.

The sprain has caused Swanson to miss a month of the season including eight games.

"I'm on track to be back for the Willamette and Linfield games. It won't be at 100 percent but it will be good enough to play on," Swanson said.

Johnson has also been sidelined due to some tendonitis in her right ankle.

"I've taken a full week off, with no running or no activity more than just walking on it. I practiced on Tuesday and I felt like I'm back to my old self." Johnson said, "The bench has done a great job stepping up to fill the spots in defense that needed to be filled because of the injuries."

The Lutes are led offensively by sophomore center-midfielder Tasha Ockfen. Ockfen has started all 14 of the Lutes games this season and had tallied seven goals and three assists.

Close behind her is freshman forward Karin Magnusson who has seven goals and no assists on the season. Sophomore midfielder Alison Brennan has four goals and five assists.

The Lutes were at one point in the season at 5-0 overall and 4-0 in the Northwest Conference. Now they are at 7-6-1 over all and 6-5. Even after the drastic change in momentum, playoff hopes are still high among the players.

"Every game is so important. We have the potential to take the second or third place in the conference," Johnson said, "We would need some help by other teams in the conference surprising some people, but it is possible."

"I think that everyone is focused on our goal. That is to make the playoffs," Swanson said.

UPCOMING MATCHES:

10/24 WILLIAMETTE NOON
10/25 LINFIELD NOON

Loggers defeat Lutes in OT

BY ANDREW BENTZ
Mast senior reporter

After defeating cross-town rival Puget Sound earlier in the season 4-1, the Loggers returned the favor to the Lutes in an overtime loss on Wednesday 1-0.

Both the Lutes and the Logger played a tough game all the way through regulation. PLU had multiple chances to score but they couldn't finish it.

"We hit the post three different times. The ball just wouldn't go in," senior midfielder Sarah

Rohr said.

It was a close call for PLU when UPS was awarded a penalty kick. A UPS player and junior defensive player Mandy Mainard fell on top of each other. The referee called interference on Mainard saying that she wasn't letting the UPS player up.

The Loggers couldn't capitalize on the penalty kick as sophomore goalkeeper Gloria Cefali blocked the kick that tried to get past her on the left.

"We played one of the best games that we have played all

season," Rohr said.

The Loggers struck in the 97th minute during the first overtime period. A Logger crossed the ball to the center of the field where Sarah Blawat got behind the defense and kicked the ball into the near post past Cefali.

"During the overtime period you could tell that both teams were getting tired," Rohr said.

The Lutes have the weekend off and will then continue their conference play against Willamette on Oct. 24 and Linfield on Oct. 25 here at PLU.

Sports on Tap

Weeks of Oct. 16 - Oct. 29

Cross Country

Oct. 17 — Oregon Invitational

Eugene, Ore.

Football

Oct. 17 — vs. SIMON FRASER 2 p.m.

Sparks Stadium, Puyallup

Oct. 24 — vs. Whitworth 1:30 p.m.

Spokane

Men's Soccer

Oct. 21 — vs. Seattle 3 p.m.

Oct. 24 — vs. WILLAMETTE 2:30 p.m.

Oct. 25 — vs. LINFIELD 2:30 p.m.

Women's Soccer

Oct. 24 — vs. WILLAMETTE Noon

Oct. 25 — vs. LINFIELD Noon

Volleyball

Oct. 16 — vs. PACIFIC 7 p.m.

Oct. 21 — vs. PUGET SOUND 7 p.m.

Oct. 23 — vs. WHITWORTH 7 p.m.

Oct. 24 — vs. WHITMAN 7 p.m.

Oct. 27 — vs. Central Washington 7 p.m.

HOME MATCHES IN BOLD CAPS

Lute Scoreboard

Week of Oct. 2- Oct. 8

Football

10/10 EASTERN OREGON 34-12, win

season record: 3-1 NWC record: 1-0

Men's Soccer

10/10 Whitman 2-1, win

10/11 Whitworth 2-1, win

season record: 8-3-1 NWC record: 7-3-1

Women's Soccer

10/10 Whitman 4-1, win

10/11 Whitworth 1-0, loss OT

10/14 Puget Sound 1-0, loss OT

season record: 7-7-1 NWC record: 6-6

Volleyball

10/9 Linfield 3-0, loss

10/10 Lewis & Clark 3-0, win

10/13 ST. MARTIN'S 3-1, loss

season record: 8-10 NWC record: 5-5

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New Dean's List to reward student achievement

BY REBECCA WELLS
Mast reporter

After decades without one, PLU brought its Dean's List back last fall. Small-town newspapers across the country received lists of PLU students from their town who earned a 3.5 or better grade point average while taking 12 credits or more.

It was a change in conventional wisdom that originally did away with the list, PLU Provost-on-sabbatical Paul Menzel said.

During the revolutionary cultural shift of the 60's and 70's, many college students believed that putting emphasis on individual grading was shallow and selfish, said Menzel.

"It was at this time that PLU sort of 'came of age' as a 'real' university," Menzel said. The

philosophy of the time feared putting emphasis on grades would be too much like repeating high school, Menzel said. The pursuit of learning was not supposed to be competitive, he said.

"Grades got a bad name," said Menzel, "The belief was that the point should not be placed upon individual success and achievement, but on something else."

PLU did away with its Dean's list in 1971, according to University Archivist Kerstin Ringdahl.

When it did, it was one of the last schools to discontinue with the Dean's List, Menzel said.

"Your better schools almost universally did away with the lists. Western Ohio University dropped their Dean's List during the civil rights movement. By that time, Yale did not have one at

all," he said. "I suspect there was not a big argument about it, the list just faded away."

Up until that point, there had also been a special Academic Honors section of the Convocation ceremony in September, which was like the "Freshmen with Honors at Entrance" part of the Convocation which is still included every year, said Ringdahl.

This distinction recognized students sophomore and above who had maintained a 3.3 grade point average or higher in the previous September.

"It used to be kind of a big thing that people would honor with a special convocation," Ringdahl said.

With a new cultural shift in the 80s, universities began look-

ing at dean's lists more favorably, Menzel said. PLU brought its list back during the fall of 1997, without much notice. Registrar Julia Pomerenk said 921 students appeared on the list for spring semester 1998.

The list comes out every semester and is released to local newspapers in towns where PLU students live.

When the idea of bringing back the list was brought under consideration, university officials wanted to make sure they sent the right message.

"We did not want to make this something competitive, but wanted to have a valid reason for making the list," PLU Director of News and Information Services Linda Elliot said.

Junior Heidi Zimmer, who

appeared on the Dean's List, said she liked the list because it is more of an honor for her than getting straight A's in high school.

"This list appears back home and all over in newspapers, and is an encouragement to help make the hard work and studying pay off."

English Professor David Seal, who served on the Educational Policy Board said they had to make the change because too many students were receiving honors at graduation.

Seal also said the list made for some good publicity back home for students. "Parents like to see their son or daughter's names given recognition. This affects mostly the people in the background, that we do not always see," he said.

Homecoming experience measures up to expectations And they lived happily ever after

BY LARA PRICE
Mast intern

With the alluring full moon above and the Tacoma aroma tickling their nostrils, Prince Charming and Princess Pleasant danced the night away last Friday at the Homecoming dance at Union Station downtown.

Although the white stallions and romantic castles didn't work out, freshmen Tyler Ensley's and Julie Miller's date was up to expectations. Ensley said he would rate the night an 8.9 out of 10. When Prince Charming came to pick up Princess Pleasant, he handed her a dozen pink roses.

"I don't know what pink

means," Ensley said. "Only girls care about that."

They went together, "Just the two of us," explained Ensley. He said they enjoyed it more this way.

They wound up dining at Stanley and Seafort's Steak Chop and Fish House on 34th Street in Tacoma. Ensley burned a seventy-dollar hole in his pocket as they feasted on New York steaks and prawns at the a la Carte.

Even though no "fire" was lit on the date, the mood was fun rather than romantic, they said. "It was fun," Ensley said. "There was maybe a little bit of flirting, but not too much."

Before the dance, Ensley took Miller around for a tour of Tacoma in his coach and eight

white horses. Well, sort of — it was Ensley's Camaro. "I didn't know [Tacoma] was so nice," said Ensley, "There's a lot of old buildings — it's actually historic."

While dancing, Ensley said he used his excellent coordination skills to try to avoid dropping Miller on her head or stepping on her toes. Ensley commented last week that he had attempted an advanced swing dance with a girl a few years ago, and she ended up with a bump on her head.

"For not having much experience, he was great," Miller said, "I tried to teach him the electric slide, but it wasn't working out."

Both Ensley and Miller agreed the music set-up needed

some work.

"It should have been louder," said Miller, "I thought, out of the dances, high school and all the college ones, this one was probably the worst organized as far as hearing the music."

Ensley said he didn't care for Union Station. "It was a nice place, but it wasn't a good place for a dance."

Despite the venue, he did get a chance to show off his masculine charm. "Right as we got out of the car, he gave me a peck on the cheek," Miller shared. "I wasn't expecting it."

Prince Charming wanted to continue his regal visits with Miller.

"He mentioned something about a second date," Miller

said.

She said she wanted the relationship to stay platonic.

After the dance hype had ended, the excitement of the night began to catch up with Miller. Princess Pleasant's decorum was starting to fade. "I was so tired on the way home that I fell asleep," explained Miller, "I let out a few snorts."

The couple agreed they would do the whole Homecoming evening again in a second. The evening evoked some chemistry between the two, in Ensley's opinion. "I think we're a lot of opposites," said Ensley. "I could see something happening. I could see a relationship in the future."

Homecoming Dance 1998



Above: PLU students dance beneath Dale Chihuly's Big Blue Beard glass sculpture at Union Station in downtown Tacoma.

Below: Celina Wanamaker and Tony Husted swing the night away Friday evening.



Photos by Erika Dahl

Month-old corpse found two miles from campus

BY JAMIE SWIFT
Mast editor-in-chief

A decomposed corpse was discovered Tuesday about 2 miles from PLU.

Police could not determine much from the corpse, which had been in the brush along the south side of 108th Street South at the 1800-block for over a month according to the Pierce County Sheriff's Office.

About 60 Parkland residents, including children walking home from school, negotiated for a position to view the corpse as officers sifted through the dirt for body parts.

Many residents of Cedar Crest apartment complex, which is approximately 20 yards from where the corpse was discovered by Pierce County Search and Rescue, said they had smelled something terrible in the brush over the last week or so, but most figured it was the sewer or a dead animal.

Dan Nelson, a resident of Cedar Crest, said his dog "would go nuts," as they walked by the location.

At this point the Pierce County Sheriff's Office is unsure of the cause of death.

Public Relations Officer Ed Troyer, said they will wait for the Medical Examiner's findings before making a statement regarding the body.



Photo by Jamie Swift

Pierce County Search and Rescue recovers a month-old corpse Tuesday from the 1800-block of 108th Street South.

Pranghofer is new Cave man

BY PHILIP PALERMO
Mast intern

There are some interesting changes lurking inside the Cave. Jason Ledesma has stepped down as director and assistant director Keith Pranghofer has taken over the job.

Pranghofer said there may be menu additions such as Otis Spunkmeyer cookies.

Larger changes will be accompanied by an ad campaign across campus.

Along with the highly rated cable TV show South Park, he said they will be advertising the availability of the ESPN sports channel and WCWNitro, a popular wrestling program.

"Jason had other commitments to him and his future plans," Pranghofer said. "He decided for the best for the Cave, he should step down."

Pranghofer described the director's role as a full-time job.

This month, without the aid of a new assistant director, Pranghofer says he's had to "make sure there's stuff down there in the Cave, all that little stuff to keep things running."

Applications for the new assistant director were due last week and once a person is selected, Pranghofer sees a shift in his duties.

"Hopefully, once we find a new assistant director, I can concentrate more on marketing and

programming for the Cave," Pranghofer said.

"We're going to do some massive advertising," he said, "Last year we had South Park plastered everywhere and we're going to do something like that this year. Our goal is to provide an atmosphere where students can come and relax."

While he called the change a shock, Pranghofer said he feels certain about his new role and the responsibilities that come with it.

"I'm very confident with what I've done so far," he said. "I'm extremely confident in my ability to run the Cave. [I'm] giving it my all."

Parkland, Kent attacks linked

BY JAMIE SWIFT
Mast editor-in-chief

Three area police agencies agreed yesterday that the attacks in Parkland and Kent were perpetrated by the same individual.

Most recently, a woman was raped in Kent this week.

The Pierce County Sheriff's Department, Tacoma Police Department, and the Kent Police Department met yesterday to compare notes. They came to the conclusion that one man is the source of the rash of attacks.

According to the Pierce County Sheriff's Office, a possible suspect vehicle has been identified. The car is a white or cream colored Ford Fiesta 3-door hatchback.

The Pierce County Sheriff's Office also reported the suspect has a tendency to alter his appearance with dramatic changes in facial hair. The suspect has been reported to have a light beard, heavy beard, goatee, and mustache.

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