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## BRIEFLY

### Graduate dies abroad; many mourn the loss

Mary Abraham, a 1995 December graduate, and her boyfriend Nelson Cruz died in a car accident in Ecuador on Sunday morning.

The university community is invited to a memorial service for Abraham on Monday at 9 p.m. in Trinity's main sanctuary.

Abraham will be remembered through one of her favorite worship services, "Now the Feast and Celebration," written for PLU by Marty Haugen.

Conga drums, piano and solo singing will supplement the service.

### Coach Frosty recovering after complications

PLU football coach Frosty Westering is recovering after complications with his hip surgery March 25.

After completing surgery, a cat scan had revealed the doctors had accidentally fractured Westering's pelvic bone, so Frosty had to go under the knife a second time.

Frosty, who has led PLU to several national championships, is now recuperating at home.

Scott Westering, Frosty's son, said that doctors expect Frosty to be back on his feet by the end of May.

Frosty's main goal right now is to be able to run on the football field with his team next fall.

The athletic department said that it's been much different not having Frosty around. Frosty's door has always been open for people to drop in, and now with that door temporarily closed, the absence is noticed among many.

### ASPLU gearing up for Senate election season

Applications for 1996-97 ASPLU senator positions will be available April 25 to May 1 in the ASPLU office.

Campaigning will be held May 1-7 and voting will take place on May 8.

The first meeting of the 1996-97 ASPLU board and senate will take place on May 9.

A variety of senate positions are available for both on and off campus students, for more information, call x7480.

## It's politics season again

Two democratic candidates discuss issues with students

By David Whelan  
Mast reporter

A group of PLU students got a taste of the '96 election Tuesday night when Democratic candidates and state senators Calvin Goings and Adam Smith spoke on campus.

Both candidates spoke about their political experience, as well as doing a little campaigning.

Goings is the most familiar to PLU students. He is a 1995 PLU graduate in political science.

After his graduation, Goings was elected to fill the seat of retired state senator Mark Gaspard, becoming the youngest senator in the state's history at 22.

Goings spoke about his experiences and his political philosophy.

"I believe that politics is a dirty word," Goings said. "I prefer the term public service."

Goings said his greatest contribution as a senator has been to education, the Equal Opportunity Grants program.

"We have contributed \$44.5 million in additional programs for education in Washington," he said.

Goings also described what he felt was the main difference between Republicans and Democrats.

"I think that the main difference is the Democrats have more foresight," he said. "Republicans



photo by Eric Moody

Calvin Goings and Adam Smith, Democratic senators, spoke at the Cave.

want to balance the budget, but often don't seem to realize the implications that their cuts have.

"All of those cuts have faces that go with them," Goings said.

Unlike Goings, Smith is a veteran of public service in Washington. He has been a state senator for five years.

he is currently chair of the senate law and justice committee, of which Goings is a member.

This year he is running for US Congress in the 9th District against Randy Tate.

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## Directors and budget evaluated

By Randy Danielson  
Mast senior reporter

The last two Senate meetings have seen a lot of proposals that will shape the organization for next year. Two new directors were added to the executive staff and their \$149,500 budget was debated and passed.

### Act I

Last Friday was one of the biggest debates in ASPLU history. Twenty-five students outside of the organization were present at the meeting to give their personal views on the issue.

Sam Bolland, at large senator, began the meeting by proposing a bill that would expand the Director of Public Relations position by placing the Director of Diversity, Director of Commuter Relations, and the Director of Christian Relations underneath the PR Director.

Bolland said the sole purpose of the proposal was to streamline the organization. "You don't have a company that has 15 directors in it," he said.

There are currently eleven directors in ASPLU, and room for 16 senators who represent the student body.

Others disagreed. "(The proposal)

is mean spirited and a slap in the face to the Director of Diversity," said Nikki Plaid, ASPLU president. "It is inappropriate to call the bill a structural change."

The debate quickly turned to an issue of diversity.

"Diversity is a key word and shouldn't be hidden," Paris Mullen, sophomore, said.

Tom Brown, ASPLU vice-president, said he is in favor of the proposal because it makes the three distinct groups on campus equal. The three groups are commuters, Christians and diverse individuals.

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## Inflating classes should level off

By Mark Lee  
Mast reporter

Enrollment for next year at PLU will be capped to help conform to the goals that PLU has set for itself in PLU 2000.

PLU 2000, PLU's long-range planning guide, directs PLU to have an enrollment of 3,600 to 3,700 students by the turn of the century.

The cap is intended to make PLU a more effective and efficient institution. Financial sta-

bility and cost reductions are a few benefits that the PLU 2000 authors attribute to enrollment caps.

"We hope to optimize programs at the university that way," said Dr. Laura Polcyn, dean of admissions.

PLU's current enrollment is 3,581 (undergraduate and graduate combined). Estimated enrollment for PLU next fall is 3,635.

According to PLU 2000, the university must re-evaluate itself and how it provides education.

Polcyn said, "If we are to obtain (the ideal) enrollment ... by the year

2000 ... we shall have to identify and cultivate our competitive advantages, especially in comparison with public institutions in the Pacific Northwest."

Also, enrollment at the cap level will not eliminate the need for additional cost reductions, Polcyn said, "because the net revenue growth flowing from rising enrollment will be limited by higher financial aid expense."

"It's nice to see that we are planning to keep the institution the way that it is," she said.

## Model ROTC cadets

By Rachel Ashley  
Special to the Mast

An advertisement featuring nine PLU ROTC cadets serves as a key element in Boeing's multi-million dollar advertising campaign for the Boeing-Sikorsky Comanche.

The Comanche is the next generation of helicopters for the Army, advertised as a helicopter with "superior technology and precision weapon systems."

ROTC cadet Tricia Pass was instrumental in creating connections between Boeing and PLU. Her father, a Boeing employee, is currently working on the Comanche project.

The advertisement is being published in the Army Times and 50,000 additional copies were sent to the Pentagon for distribution to the country's highest level of military and civilian leadership.

The advertisement states that "even with overwhelming technology and combat capabilities, the Comanche delivers big savings."

As one turns the page, a centerspread featuring cadets John Garza, Don Malo, Bobby Mitchell, Ryan Chandlee, Jake Downs, Roger Home, Johnny Kupka, Tricia Pass and Carrie Allen states simply: "These are the savings."

## Coffee hangout hosts open mic

By David Whelan  
Mast reporter

On the television show *Friends*, the cast is often seen hanging out at a hip coffee house called "Central Perk."

Recently, Tacoma's own hip coffee house, Northern Pacific Coffee Company, has expanded to attract a wider range of people.

Recent attractions at NPCC have been two open mike nights held on April 9 and 23.

An open mike evening is an event where any individual can come and perform in front of an audience for free.

A variety of both PLU students and local residents performed different songs and poems, most of which were original.

Plans are in the works to have open mike on every Tuesday night. The event might be switched to Thursday nights in the summer or fall.

NPCC is located on the corner of Garfield and "C" street.



# CAMPUS

## SIDEWALK TALK

### Question:

Does PLU have a problem with student apathy?



"I don't know what can be done or what should be done, but I think that there is a problem and I think it should be addressed."

**Suzi Fritch**  
sophomore



"I don't think students are apathetic in the sense that they don't want to get involved; I think there are just too many demands on people's time that make it hard to do everything that they might want to do."

**Rocky Downs**  
junior



"I don't really care."

**Corey Magnus**  
junior



"I haven't noticed a problem here. I think, if anything, students at PLU are more motivated than other students might be."

**Jennifer Fitzpatrick**  
senior

## FOOD SERVICE

### Saturday, April 27

**Breakfast:**  
Oatmeal  
Blueberry Pancakes  
Sausage Patties

**Lunch:**  
French Bread Pizza  
Cheese Pizza  
Vegetables and Rice

**Dinner:**  
Mongolian Beef  
Vegetables Lo Mein  
Hum Boa

### Sunday, April 28

**Brunch:**  
French Toast  
Tator Tots  
Canadian Bacon

**Dinner:**  
Prime Rib  
Baked Potatoes  
Vegetables and Rice

### Monday, April 29

**Breakfast:**  
Scrambled Eggs  
Apple Pancakes  
Quartered Reds

**Lunch:**  
Chicken Nuggets  
Orzo and Hominy  
Cornbread

**Dinner:**  
Pork Chops  
Scalloped Potatoes  
Vegetables and Rice

### Tuesday, April 30

**Breakfast:**  
Cheese Omelet  
Biscuits and Gravy  
Southern Hashbrowns

**Lunch:**  
Lasagna  
Vegetable Lasagna  
Vegetables and Rice

**Dinner:**  
Corn on the Cob  
Jambalaya  
Fried Chicken

### Wednesday, May 1

**Breakfast:**  
Oatmeal  
Fried Eggs  
Sliced Ham

**Lunch:**  
Fishwich  
Vegetables and Rice  
Fries

**Dinner:**  
Chicken Fajitas  
Vegetables and Rice  
Mexican Fries

### Thursday, May 2

**Breakfast:**  
101 Bars  
Blueberry Pancakes  
Scrambled Eggs

**Lunch:**  
Grilled Cheese  
Tuna Casserole  
Vegetables & Rice

**Dinner:**  
Meatloaf  
Baked Misticcioli  
Vegetables & Rice

### Friday, May 3

**Breakfast:**  
Hard and Soft Eggs  
French Toast  
Bacon

**Lunch:**  
Philly Beef  
Chili Casserole  
Onion Rings  
Vegetables & Rice

**Dinner:**  
Baked Fish  
Teriyaki Chicken  
Vegetables & Rice  
Cheese Souffle

## SAFETY BEAT

### CAMPUS

#### Thursday, April 18

• A student reported that the rear driver-side door of his car had been dented while it was parked in the Rieke parking lot. Estimated damage is \$200.

• A student reported that his mountain bike had been stolen from the bicycle rack in front of the Administration building. The bike was locked when the student left it; when he returned a few hours later, it was gone. Estimated loss is \$600.

#### Friday, April 19

• Numerous Pflueger residents complained that a man was trying to sell them magazines. Two officers found the man in a student's room and asked him why he was there. The student told Campus Safety that the man was a friend and that he was not selling magazines. After much deliberation, it was discovered that the student had been lying and the man was asked to leave campus. Student conduct is dealing with the student.

• A Campus Safety officer on routine bicycle patrol came upon two students urinating in public. The officer noticed that they were both in possession of alcoholic beverages. Student conduct will handle the issue.

#### Saturday, April 20

• A Campus Safety officer on routine bicycle patrol noticed three PLU students entering Tingelstad Hall with red plastic cups. Suspecting alcohol, the officer followed the students to their room and asked to be let in. Inside the room, the officer discovered that the cups were full of beer; a bucket of fruit punch and alcohol was also found. The students cooperated with Campus Safety, but became verbally abusive toward the resident assistants. Student conduct will handle the non-cooperation and alcohol infractions.

• An anonymous caller reported that the occupants of a Tingelstad room were drinking alcohol and being loud. Campus Safety responded and knocked on the door, but no one answered. A resident assistant opened the door to reveal four bottles of beer. The residents returned shortly and cooperated fully with both Campus Safety and the resident assistant. Student conduct will handle the issue.

• A bicycle patrol officer riding by Pflueger Hall observed a student hurriedly closing the blinds. The officer went inside and discovered seven PLU students and a large quantity of alcohol. One student was issued a non-cooperation citation. The others will be issued alcohol infractions.

• A Chinese-speaking non-student fell from the PLU swimming pool's high dive and landed on his head, suffering multiple injuries. Campus Safety responded, braced the youth's neck and spine and treated his bleeding wounds until the paramedics arrived. The youth's parents were notified and a Chinese-speaking Campus Safety officer was called to translate for paramedics. The student was transported to Mary Bridge Hospital.

• A Campus Safety officer noticed a student urinating on the sand volleyball court on lower campus. The officer informed him that he could be cited for indecent liberties, but turned him over to student conduct for punishment.

• Two Campus Safety officers were leaving the scene of an alcohol infraction when they heard clanking bottles in another room. A room search turned up a six-pack of beer. The students, who had denied drinking, were cited for an alcohol infraction, non-cooperation and false information.

#### Sunday, April 21

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### PARKLAND

#### Saturday, April 13

• Two Pierce County Sheriff's deputies responded to the Bull's Eye Tavern on Pacific Avenue South to break up a fight. When the officers arrived, Pierce County Fire Department officials were tending to a man who was bleeding from his head and ears. The officers contacted two witnesses to find out what had happened. One of the witnesses, a waitress, said that the victim had become irate when the bartender told him that he would not be able to order any more alcohol. The man then began to pick fights with other tavern patrons and finally left the bar. Outside the bar, the irate man punched another man, who then retaliated and punched his

attacker, sending him to the ground. This second man then drove away. Officers are investigating.

#### Sunday, April 14

• The Pierce County Sheriff's Office received a call reporting a missing adult. The caller, a 36-year-old man, claimed that his fiancé had planned to move from her home in Parkland to his home in Cour D'Alene, Idaho. She called him April 13 at 3 p.m. to tell him that she was leaving, but she never arrived in Idaho. The man said that he had informed the Idaho authorities, but they had declined to investigate. The Pierce County Sheriff's Office will look into the matter.



# CAMPUS

## Past overspending causing future downsizing

Over the next year PLU will spend approximately \$50,000 remodeling the University Center and the Administration buildings as part of a plan to save the school money.

William Frame, dean of finance, said the 1997 budget will have saved \$250,000 of the \$1.2 million annual total Project Focus Phase II has outlined as part of the PLU debt reduction plan.

The overall total of \$1.2 million was divided between staff and academic departments.

PLU academic departments will be downsized to eliminate an annual of total of \$800,000. This downsizing has resulted in the elimination of academic programs such as the legal studies major. As a result the academic departments will not reach their goal until the year 2000 as they allow students presently enrolled in eliminated programs to complete their degrees.

The remaining \$400,000 in savings is to be obtained from the elimination of administrative staff positions.

Frame said the reason for the two to one ratio between faculty and staff cuts is that until now, the bulk of the budget cuts have come from the administrative portion of the university's budget.

The reorganization, which is taking place in the administration building and the university center, will save the university \$200,000 he said.

Nine positions have been eliminated this year. Of these nine only three were filled at the time of elimination. The other six had been left empty because staff members had moved to new positions in the university

or had left the employ of PLU.

Frame expects one more position to be eliminated, but said he hopes another resignation will prevent the university to eliminate a filled position.

Erv Severtson, dean of student life, believes the new streamlining of departments resulting from these cuts should actually increase student service.

Two of the staff cuts came from programs now located in the UC, which is overseen by Severtson's office. The positions were the Program Coordinator of Student Activities and the UC Department Assistant.

"Obviously we're going to have two fewer people, but remember that the other office did not only student activities and programs but conferences and events and managed the UC. Now we will have both Rick Eastman and Jen Schoen working full time with Cristina Del Rosario

on Student Activities and Programs. This should actually give us more staff support for Student Activities and Programs," Severtson said.

The other seven position eliminations resulted from the consolidation within the Administration building.

"Essentially what we've done is take three offices with 41 positions and boiled them down to four offices with 34 positions," said Frame.

The original three offices were Financial Aid, the Registrar, and Student Accounts. The new office in the administration building will be the Student Service Center, which will fill the customer service function of the other three units.

### Effects of the Budget

## Compacting services part of budget effort

Seemingly endless waits in the hall outside student accounts have finally become a thing of the past. The continual run around between financial aid, student accounts and the registrar's office are soon to follow.

A year and a half ago, President Loren Anderson called a meeting between the heads of these offices to find a way to improve and streamline customer services. A three phase plan resulted.

In the first phase, which went into effect last fall, the student advocate developed. In January the second phase went into effect, merging student accounts and financial aid. The final phase, going into effect in June, will develop a new office called the Student Service Center.

Kay Soltis, director of financial aid, said the advocate program was created to help new students understand the administrative process at PLU. 15-20 students were signed up to selected staff or administrators in the program last fall. Prior to the beginning of the year, each advocate received training covering the duties of each department at PLU during a one day session.

The merger between the financial aid office and student accounts took place for two reasons, Soltis said. The first reason being Phase II of Project Focus required the merger.

"Secondly, students were having to sit in the hallway outside student accounts. We wanted to end that so students would feel like they're being serviced," Soltis said.

"We now have a reception area and students are handled on both a drop-in and appointment basis."

"We're trying to meet needs by doing appointments so students could know how long they'd wait. But we have drop in service for those who know they can wait," she said. "But we do recognize that students come here to go to school, not wait in line."

On the first day of classes this semester, 480 phone calls were handled by the reception area and 290 students spoke with staff members. This is the largest number of students processed in one day and probably twice the normal amount, Soltis said.

The upcoming merger of financial aid and student accounts on June 3 will reorganize the number of positions from 41 to 32 or 33 and break three departments down into five smaller departments.

The departments will consist of the Student Service Center, the Registrar's Office, the Business Office, Budgeting and Finance, and Student Financial Services.

The new Student Service Center will have seven student service counselors and four support personnel. Students will see the SSC counselors first to resolve the majority of their problems concerning payment plans, accounts, financial aid and registration.

The financial aid counselors will be able focus their energies on awarding aid and administering programs such as work-study, Perkins Loans, state programs and outside scholarships while the SSC counselors solve everyday problems.

By Hillary Hunt

## University Center shuffled due to budget specifications

The University Center will be receiving a facelift this summer while most students are away for break.

On the upper campus level, the University Center offices will be remodeled to house the residential life offices and auxiliary services, both headed by Jeff Jordan. Those offices are now in Harstad Hall. The decision to move the offices was made in February.

Erv Severtson, dean of student life, said the goal of the moves is to improve services to students and improve management efficiency.

The lower campus level will become the home of a new office tentatively named Student Activities and Programs. The site for this office has not been finalized, but the present plan is to remodel the area now used by the Multi-Ethnic Resource Center and ASPLU.

The auxiliary services are Food Services, the bookstore, the golf course, Conference and Event Management and the housing function of Residential Life, which is in charge of facility maintenance for the residential halls.

The Conference and Event Management component will be in charge of scheduling all university activities and a campus publication announcing meetings and events.

Only the golf course, which has offices in the Columbia Center, will continue to be managed outside the UC.

As a part of the remodeling the information desk will be moved next to the bookstore and the UC espresso cart moved upstairs and joined with the info desk. The desk and cart will each be staffed separately, but will work in tandem with each other in case of rushes.

Jordan has directed RLO and Auxiliary Services for



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... in the UC

the past two years. He said the move will be made to organize all the auxiliaries except the golf course on one floor. Jordan hopes this will improve services to students by cutting down the amount believe the overlapping departments. "Students who have problems with their meal plans won't have to walk all the Harstad," Jordan said.

In addition, employees of auxiliary services will be cross-trained in general duties of the UC. Bookstore personnel would have access to the meeting rooms in the center and be able to open them if the UC supervisor is unavailable.

Once the move is complete, the departments will continue service as normal. Jordan hopes to expand the use of next year's new student ID cards in the near future as part of RLO's services. The new cards will have magnetic strips on the back similar to those now used on the library copy cards. The goal is for campus vending and laundry machines to be converted to accept the cards, to change the outdoor locks on the dormitories to allow access with the cards, and to provide a debit card service in the dining facilities, bookstore and other PLU offices.

The new offices on the lower level of the UC will be directed by Cristina Del Rosario, currently Director of the MRC. The SAP will include the services of the Multi-Ethnic Resource Center, Commuter and Adult services which will be overseen by Jennifer Schoen. Student Government, Student Activities, Clubs and Organizations and Student Media will also be a part of the SAP. These services will be overseen by Rick Eastman.



# OPINION

EDITORIAL

## Student apathy remains evident on campus

This week, Earth Week proponents told PLU students to become active. Environmental concerns prompted them to take action to raise awareness on campus.

Earlier this year, Habitat For Humanity created a Shantytown in Red Square to demonstrate a homeless shelter. Activities last week promoted sexual assault awareness and prevention.

Who cares?  
PLU students are mildly interested at best and apathetic all too often. At presentations including "Ethnic Man" and "Your Love Doesn't Count," we see a handful of many of the same, active students.

However, the majority of our student body refuses to take action, to get excited about anything.

One would think that students would become active if their own well-being were under fire. RLO thought so. Tom Huelsbeck offered to hear student concerns about cutting single rooms around campus in a forum one month ago.

The vociferous student reaction that one might expect manifested itself as one lone student from Harstad with a few questions.

The easy assumption from this showing? Student's aren't bothered by the prospect of cutting singles.

While students blame ASPLU for uninteresting activities and lack of representation, 3,000 of them neglected to vote in the general election.

This tells ASPLU that we don't care what the members do.

Is it that things at PLU are great and there is no need for change? Hardly. There's room for improvement, but few feel a personal responsibility to change their world.

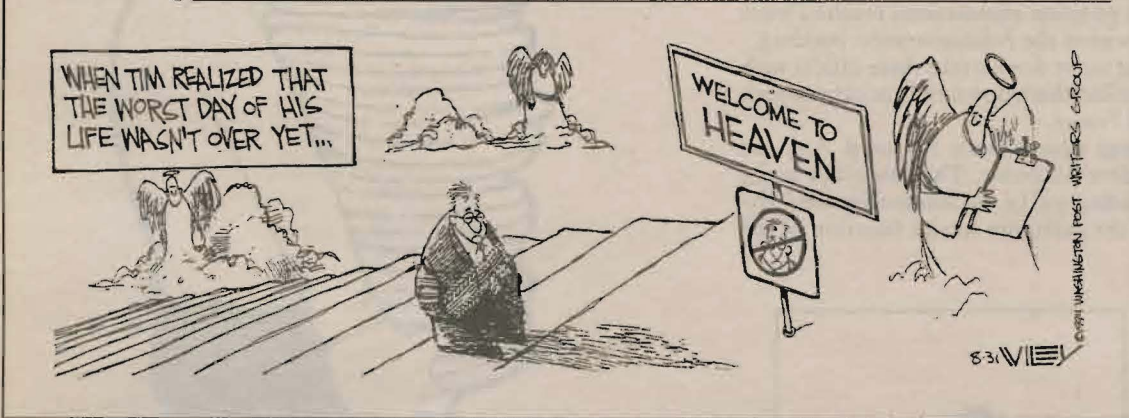
Things aren't bad... but they're not good, either. This creates a lukewarm student attitude. Do things need to be terrible before we end our apathy?

We saw student activism on fire last year following the receipt of hate mail by three students. We are seeing impassioned expression in the Mast's editorial pages regarding homosexuality.

What does it take to light a fire in students? Whatever it is, I'd gladly lend my flame-thrower.

—Heidi Stout  
Assistant news editor

NON SEQUITUR



## Corrections

The Choir of the West performed on April 21 at St. James Cathedral in Seattle and on April 23 in Lagerquist.

If you think the Mast has made a mistake, published inaccurate information or misspelled a name, please let us know at 535-7494.

# Experience can only be called experience if it changes the days in between experiences

They say there's no substitute for experience. But after four years of college, I've had about enough of the word to last me a lifetime.

It's everywhere. Internships pay no money for backbreaking labor, because they offer you experience. Classes are taken in subjects that interest you less in college than they did in high school, because you need a well rounded college experience.

You cram your schedule so full of extracurricular activities that you haven't been able to spend one day sitting on your butt watching eight "Quantum Leap" reruns in a row, because you're trying to milk the experience of PLU for all it's worth.

You spend the first semester of your sophomore year in Namibia, a country that, before you signed up, you couldn't pick out of a lineup with Washington, Oregon and Italy, where in spite of your parents' attempt to control your educational environment you sleep on dirt floors and wake to the growling of lions.

Why? For the experience. I worry that I may not have gotten the full experience of PLU. I did have internships, but I half-assed them. I slept through astronomy and oceanography, and I've seen enough Quantum Leap to travel back in time. Most importantly, I still can't even spell Namibia.

Aside from trips to Vancouver when I was 19 and a week-long drunken tour of the bars of Mazatlan, I have never traveled abroad.

I considered traveling abroad from time to time, but I never did. Does this mean I missed out on the full college experience?

I guess that depends on your



**RUNNING ON MT**  
By Matt Telleen

definition of this ambiguous and elusive word.

Wouldn't walking through the jungles of Africa or dancing in a club in Prague or staying with a family in Trinidad be experiences different from anything I've ever done before?

And wouldn't the variety of these experiences broaden my horizons and teach me new things about the world I could never learn in the classroom? And most importantly, wouldn't I gain vast amounts of that word that is the soulmate of "experience" and its partner in ambiguity, "perspective"?

Certainly many of my friends have come back from foreign countries with new ideas, new priorities. Some have said they found themselves, and some don't even remember who they were before they left.

But most of them settle back into the same routine once they find themselves under the comforting, nurturing and stifling cover of the Lutedome.

Which raises the ultimate question: What constitutes an experience?

How many miles must you travel, what language must the natives speak, and how many amenities must you deny yourself before you start to gain perspective?

Of all the students that traveled to Trinidad, how many have ever taken the bus to downtown Tacoma?

Will the same student who stopped to talk to an eccentric-looking man at a Paris cafe take the time to talk to the eccentric-looking man who just ordered the Grand Slam breakfast at 2:30 in the morning?

Won't the same student who felt the rush of adrenaline as a lion roamed outside the door of her hut in Namibia grab her transfer request as the Parkland

youth roam outside her dorm room?

Experience is all around you. Whether you accept it or not, every time you do something out of the ordinary, something different or daring, you are gaining experience, gaining perspective.

If people gain some knowledge about the depths of the human experience by traveling abroad, if becoming the stranger in a land that's not built for their comfort, helps them to understand why they are here, than that's great.

But if they close their eyes to the experience around them after their semester abroad, if they limit themselves to temporary, pre-packaged "experience" what have they really gained? It becomes an anecdote, a story, a memory. And that is not experience.

It's taken me a whole essay to find a definition of experience I can accept, and it's this: An experience is something that changes you, makes a difference in the way you treat the days in between those experiences, the days that make up most of your life.

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# OPINION

## Media shouldn't set timetable for discussion of important issues

—Katie—

A 7-year-old girl was killed in a plane crash not quite two weeks ago. Jessica Dubroff, we found out over the news, died when her plane crashed as she attempted to set a record as the youngest person to fly across the United States. A week and a half and a Time cover story later, her tale has dropped from conversation.

The trial of O.J. Simpson held our attention for more a year, from the car chase one summer afternoon to acquittal in October of the next year. Six months later, mention of the case has all but vanished, dropped from press services and teleprompters.

With the dissipation of news stories, with their slipping into ephemeral states and fading into the air, go the questions raised by the stories.

Debates sparked about an issue rise and fall with the headlines. Experts are called, testimony given, and a few weeks later we have forgotten again. Since last fall, how much thought have we given to racial tensions surrounding the trial of the century?

Or further than that, how much more have we addressed the questions about what constitutes a jury of peers, or how media coverage affects and is affected by the social position of a defendant, or how we deal with racial biases of police officers?

After last week, who will continue the discussion about how young is too young to fly, or what dreams children should or should not be encouraged to reach for? What more will be said about the extension of the American dream (I can do anything) to all of the nation's citizens, even the youngest ones? Or our definition of a fruitful life?

It's not that we need to rehash the old questions from the O.J. trial or Jessica's plane crash over and over, ad nauseam.

It's not that we need to chase our tails in a circle of the same questions met with the same responses until we fall over dizzy or stagger about while the fluid in our ears sloshes argumentative clichés around.

Instead of losing sight of topics and issues or spinning them like a CD stuck on a track, we must look for the questions that surround an issue that we haven't yet discussed. There is much potential in holding onto a thought long enough to let it ferment a little in our minds, and seeing what that fermentation makes.

What the media covers each day or week is necessarily dictated by the timeliness of the event. What we must not do is let our consideration of topics do the same. We need to ponder on O.J. a little further, research issues surrounding Jessica's death a little more.

Some people have expressed concern that the homosexuality discussion has gone on long enough in the Mast, long enough on campus. My concern is if we set our issue timetables by the length of time a story stays in the press, there will be questions we will never get around to asking. What ideas will we not raise by letting a topic slide by us so quickly? What deeper, wider, larger views will we not be able to see? Only with further mulling



### Diatoms and Diatribes

By Katie Nelson and Jason Thompson

can we begin to explore more sociological, biological, philosophical, religious, and historical tangents to our theme.

What will we think about environmental issues when Earth Week is past? Who will be curious about the cultural implications of vegetarianism in May?

—Jason—

Think of the daily mental workout you perform. On top of the course work there exists a much more complicated system of defining and redefining everyone you encounter. A common way of dealing with such a large amount of information is to associate everyone with a title (i.e. Crazy Mary, the neighbor). This is done because we, as individuals, might go insane if we were forced to respond to the humanity of everyone we encounter.

Defining another serves the definer while limiting the defined. As an organizational tool — compartmentalization — it works, but only in the mind of the definer, and only as a tool. When the definer no longer reinvents a person or idea (when the definer accepts as finite and unchangeable the make-shift definition), they have empowered themselves to justify indifference, superiority and even hatred.

Extend this idea to the very complex nature of human sexuality. Everyone must act as their own definer and also question their definition. When another person steps in to impose their own pronouncement, a violation occurs. It is this violation that I take issue with.

For me, these are questions of human identity, and any discussion about the processes of human identity requires great meditation.

Last week Robin Gillispie reduced the discussion to a handful of clichés sprinkled over a bucket of relativism. I do not accept his definition of the conflict, nor do I accept his tyrannical solution to "Shut up."

As I said, I don't understand the column, but I would like to. I'd like to understand how Robin can reduce the participants in this dialogue to "Bible thumpers" and "diverse minorities." I'd like to understand the fundamentalists' implication that faith can transcend human reason in times of moral ambiguity.

Consider the things you refuse to rethink.

Jason Thompson is a senior English and classics major. Katie Nelson is a senior biology major.



Illustration by Craig Garretson

## VOICES

### Focus of homosexuality debate lost, lack of respect exhibited unacceptable

To the editor:

For more than a month now, I have been one of many who have sat back and observed an issue that has taken the forefront of discussion within the PLU community.

However, I must sit back no longer.

I feel that I speak for many when I say that I am concerned over this issue of homosexuality. I grew up in a city that has become divided over this very matter. I do not wish to condemn the homosexuals nor silence their voice of free speech. What I hope to address is the lack of respect that has been directed toward many people and to remind everyone where the real focus in this issue should be.

First, I have a hard time understanding when those promoting homosexuality make accusations to those of us who stand on the other side of the argument. Those of you have done such things while asking opponents of homosexuality to have an open mind, to listen and accept your beliefs and way of life, and to do so in a "loving manner."

To me it seems contradictory to completely shut out the opposing view, make judgments and hurl harsh words to those who hold that opposing view, and do so in a manner that is not loving.

### Close-minded ASPLU execs responsible for students feeling ignored

To the editor:

Last Friday I attended the ASPLU special meeting. I want to commend Sam Bolland for his efforts to restructure the executive positions of ASPLU. Senator Bolland's proposal would have taken the Director of Diversity position and placed it under the public relations director. This would have made room for a commuter relations, Christian relations and what would then be called a diversity relations position under one director who would represent the entire campus.

This proposal did not have any real effects on the position of diversity in ASPLU. It would have only strengthened relations with commuters and Christians

"Anti-gay," "anal retentive Bible-thumper," "bigot," and so on are strong words, which should be chosen with much more caution. Not once has an "anti-gay" letter included degrading and hurtful comments directed towards specific individuals.

A certain columnist referred to Lindsay Tomac's editorial as pointing a gun, but he should reevaluate his statement — as he is pointing a finger at her, while other fingers on that same judgmental hand point back towards himself.

I support and encourage perseverance for Lindsay, certain members of the athletic staff and other members of the PLU community who have made their stand while enduring countless attacks on not just their beliefs, but also their personhood.

I would encourage all to stand strong in their faith in these times of persecution, for those who suffer while giving glory to God are considered great in his kingdom.

I have heard proponents of homosexuality talk about the support they have received through various groups and programs here at PLU, and my reaction is one of happiness for them. But when several people have attempted to strengthen the stand against homosexuality, they are quickly cut down. This sort of reverse discrimination is what keeps many people silent for fear of condemnation.

In Professor Glen Van Wyhe's letter it was pointed out that the

central issue is whether homosexuality is good or bad. On our campus there are those who feel that it is OK and there are those who feel that it is wrong. Because we feel that it is wrong, we are acting out of a different kind of love (than what has been previously discussed). It is an eternal love with hopes of informing others that they are doing (or supporting) something bad and should stop.

To further focus our debate over what is right and what is wrong, I wish to make one final point. No matter what we believe or say, the opinion that matters the most is that of God. God has given us all the free will to choose — whether we have made the right decisions or wrong decisions as Christians will ultimately be judged in his eyes on that day of ultimate judgment.

I will continue to keep everyone and this issue in my prayers and trust that God will give us wisdom and guidance to make the right decisions. I would also like to leave you with the following verse from Joshua 24:15: "But if serving the Lord seems undesirable for you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve ... But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Aaron Lafferty  
PLU student

cerning diversity and an unwillingness to include everyone.

It was very good of Sam to stand his ground and present this proposal in the face of these personal attacks. Sam was only presenting a proposal that many students had asked for and that other senators would have been willing to sponsor themselves. Instead, he stood his ground and took the heat amidst a crowd of people who were not very pleased with the proposal.

The problem that students have with ASPLU not listening to them is the fault of close-minded executives and not the fault of hard working senators like Sam Bolland.

Matt Avery  
PLU Student



# CAMPUS

## Frustrated senior? Rewards are worthwhile

### Survey shows financial benefits of degree

By Colleen DeBaise  
College Press Service

The economic rewards of a professional degree is affirmed in a recent U.S. Census Report on the value of higher education.

While a high school drop-out could expect to make only \$508 per month, a person with a bachelor's degree averaged almost five times that amount, or \$2,269 in 1993, the study reveals. A person with an advanced degree can expect to make even more, about \$3,331 a month, the study found.

For those in pursuit of a degree, there's more good news. Compared to a similar Census Bureau report conducted in 1984, the 1993 average earnings of high school graduates have gone up 22 percent, while

the salary gains of college grads were almost double that, or 47 percent.

The reports seems to confirm what teachers, parents and high school guidance counselors have always said: it pays to get a degree.

"If it weren't for my amazing undergraduate experience," said Jacqueline L. Gordon, a graduate sociology student at Princeton University and the first in her working-class Kansas family to finish college, "I would probably be back in Hays, Kan. working at Walmart trying to support three kids."

Still, many young Americans investing in what is increasingly a costly college degree are dubious about its value in an economy that often seems overshadowed by downsizing and cutbacks.

"I have mixed feelings about the value of education," said Melanie Smith, a graduate psychology student at Arizona State University. "I know if I can get a job I will make a lot more money than someone with less education, but lately it seems the key word is 'it.'"

Although she still thinks education is valuable, "we will have to be more flexible in the future as to what kinds of jobs we will take," she added.

Flexibility is only part of the 1990s job search, said Kevin Boyer, executive director of the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students.

While the statistics are encouraging, students should not be fooled by them, Boyer added. It's up to each student to make his or her degree valuable, he said.

In the last few years, "there has been a real

significant change in psychology in the way people view their job prospects," he said, adding that he has witnessed "real anxiety that seems to cross every degree boundary."

Boyer, who works mostly with students who are earning advance degrees, said he hears "horror stories of people who go to interviews, and there are 15 positions opening up in the whole country for their academic discipline, and 150 people show up for the interview."

What all this means, he added, is that students can't assume that simply getting a degree will assure them the job they want. "The answer to all this is for each student to do their research," he said. "Begin the job search well in advance."

Not only should students become more flexible about what jobs they'll accept, but they should develop what Boyer calls an "ends-result" mentality. "The purpose of this process you're going through is to get a job," he said. Even freshman in college should "prepare as if you're looking for the job immediately."

Because of the often fierce job market, students should constantly check help-wanted ads in newspapers and job listings on the Internet to determine what the market is like for their chosen field. If there aren't many employment opportunities, then students "need to switch [their focus] in a rather short period of time," he said.

Aside from an economy in which many corporations are "downsizing," the increased competition for jobs also may stem from the fact that more people are getting college degrees. By 1993, more than one out of four adults, or 27 percent, had obtained a degree of some type beyond high school, a substantial increase over the 21 percent reported in 1984, according to the study.

Although women were less likely than men to have an advanced degree, 28 percent of men and 6 percent of women held degrees beyond high school—only a slight gap, the study revealed.

### What is your degree worth?

Average monthly earnings, by level and degree field. Earnings based on Spring 1993 salary for B.A. or B.S.

Engineering	3,189
Economics	2,923
Mathematics	2,716
Business	2,626
Nursing	2,080
Physical Sciences	2,045
English, Journalism	2,032
Biology	1,990
Social Science	1,993
Liberal arts/Humanities	1,733
Education	1,699

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

## Career services offers advice to future grads

By Alicia Manley  
Mast news editor

Only 23 days until graduation for this year's seniors. Only 23 days until over 300 students are released into the job market and the real world.

Only 23 days until some students begin new jobs.

Only 23 days until others realize they are still unemployed.

The month before graduation is a mixed blessing for many. While they are excited to be completing a major portion of their life and education, the realization that one must now find a job can sometimes be a slap in the face.

Rumors about being unable to find a job begin to circulate and several probably wonder if they will end up homeless with a degree and thousands of dollars in loans.

Beth Alstrom of the Center for Careers and Employment offers words of encouragement and advice for worried students.

Alstrom said that not only is the economy looking up, but more businesses are looking at college graduates for entry level positions and volunteer opportunities offer good transitions for many graduates.

"If you're not quite sure what to do - this (volunteering) is usually a unique transition," Alstrom said.

Alstrom described programs such as the PeaceCorps, who provide room, board, travel expenses, medical insurance and a stipend for their volunteers, as perfect for many liberal arts students.

"They take care of their volunteers," she said.

Alstrom said that many people have majored in one subject, and are now realizing that they don't want to work in it.

But myth dictates that what you major in is what you will do for the rest of your life.

This, Alstrom said, is truly a myth.

Starbucks employers agree.

Holding their first annual college open house during April, Starbucks is looking for everyone from engineers and CAD designers to students with marketing degrees.

According to Alstrom, there's nothing to be afraid of. "The world isn't asking them to do anything they can't do," she said. "Unbeknownst to them, they really can do it."

But for students who are finding it hard to find a job and are wondering how they're going to pay the bills, the CCE has ways to help, even after they graduate.

Alstrom said that once a student graduates, they have one year to use any of the services available in the office such as the job reference books.

Another resource that Alstrom recommends to nervous graduates is Lutelink, a career mentoring and information program for PEU students and alumni, which is run through the alumni center.

Lutelink connects students to alumni as contact people in their specific field of study.

For more information or assistance in career searching, contact Beth Alstrom in the Center for Careers and Employment at 535-7459.



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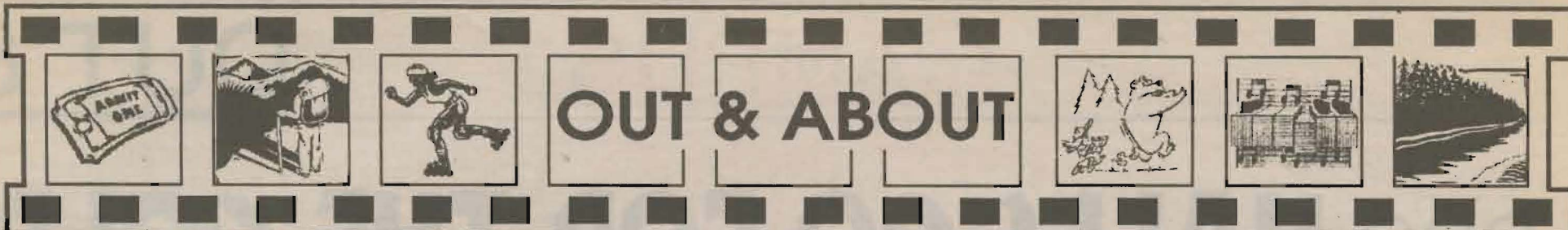
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## STILL LOOKING . . .

THE MAST is still looking for more cartoonists, a photo editor and an Out and About editor.

If you are interested, call Alicia Manley at 535-7493.





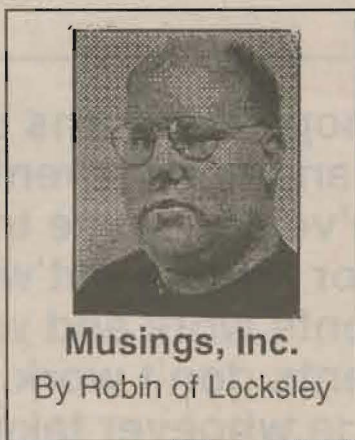
# OUT & ABOUT

## Columnists combats the hum-drums by tackling laundry

Greetings all ... The Bald One here. I didn't just get off the helicopter ordered by the President to bring me home from the secret mission I didn't spend in Africa again, er, I mean for the first time. I didn't unload all my guns and Acme Spy Gizmos and put them neatly in my secret compartment behind my mirror.

I didn't disarm a sixty-five gazigaton thermonuclear bomb attached to the San Andreas Fault with a bobby-pin and some Wrigley's Extra bubble gum. I didn't do this in the dark, with only my sense of touch and the keen eyes of my Navajo tracker friend subtly named Eagle Eye to guide me.

I didn't accidentally cut the wrong wire, accidentally arming the device and I sure didn't solder it back together with some Tabasco



**Musings, Inc.**  
By Robin of Locksley

sauce and Spam, putting MacGuyver to shame.

I didn't fly a stolen helicopter through downtown L.A. with two grizzled commandos who looked uncannily like Mel Gibson and Sly Stallone, and we certainly didn't

blast away at the two mastermind terrorists who didn't look the slightest bit like uncle Adolph and benevolent Benito, with a sexy copilot who had breasts so augmented they had cybernetic wiring, and we sure didn't fly through the infamous L.A. tunnel that's in every film in L.A. Nope.

Naturally, we didn't even try to survive being thrown into the shark tank by the sadistic Master Mastermind, who didn't bear an uncanny resemblance to one of my professors, and no I didn't get the seat of my pants bitten off by some Great White Shark that made Jaws look like a guppy.

Of course, we didn't get shot in the arms or legs or any other conveniently non-crippling location, nor didn't we get blown up by the oldest trick in the book (bomb in the toilet, naturally), although that

one didn't come close to staining Mel's pristine T-shirt, which didn't get a scrap of dirt on it throughout the whole adventure.

And of course, none of us had six bottles of Glenmorangie Fine Single-Malt Scotch whiskey (\$64.95), Mel didn't show his butt, Sly didn't say "Eyyyy" once, and my co-pilot didn't lose her shirt to us in a rigged poker match, although, Sly did.

Nope. I didn't experience a normal, hum-drum week in the slightest. I did something exciting; I combated my laundry.

This is the Bald Eagle, Robin of Locksley, signing off. Good bye, everyone.

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## Mystery Science Theater 3000: The Movie even better than the show

By Alicia Manley  
News editor

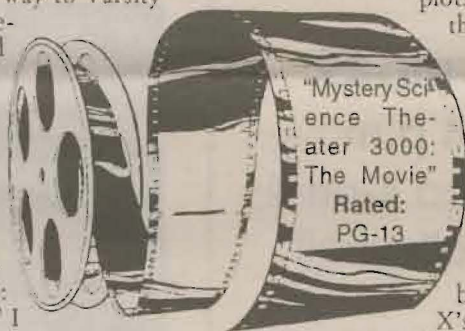
As I walked through the U district on the way to Varsity theater in Seattle and bought the last ticket available for the 9:30 p.m. showing of "Mystery Science Theater 3000: The Movie," I knew what I was getting into.

And as I listened to the grumblings of the people behind me who had to wait for the next showing, I could tell they knew what they were missing.

Honestly, the plot line and content was identical to the television show which currently airs late nights on the comedy channel.

The mad scientist, Professor X,

has placed Mike, an ordinary janitor, in a dog-bone shaped space ship watching corny B-rated movies in attempts to break his spirit so Mike can be used as a pawn in plots to take over the world.



Mike is joined by three robots, Tom Servo, Crow and Gypsy who help him keep his sanity and disband Professor X's attempts to take over the world.

Mike, Tom Servo and Crow have reserved seats at the bottom of the screen where you see only their shadows as they sit in their own movie theater and shoot off comment after comment making a boring movie a million laughs.

The victim of the "MST3K" movie is "This Island Earth." I would never recommend "This

Island Earth" to anyone even as a late night movie.

But as a victim of the Mystery Science Theater crew, it's worth the price of a movie ticket.

A warning to the wary, Mystery Science Theater is a cult classic, so before venturing into the heart of Seattle for this bucket of laughter, I suggest watching the actual show first.

To newcomers not drenched in sarcasm day after day, the format could be confusing and an utter disappointment. It's not your typical movie.

But for those who have laughed at episode after episode, or even only sparse numbers, the laughs seem to never stop.

I would recommend a second viewing for many, as I know I missed at least a dozen jokes due to residue laughter from the never-ending spouting of wit and humor.

Hey, any movie made in Minnesota that is able to work in Kingdome jokes is worth seeing.

# LISTENING BOOTH

## Hootie stays on top with Fairweather Johnson

By Kristin Mark  
Mast music critic

Artist: Hootie and the Blowfish  
Album: Fairweather Johnson

Hootie. Like "Slurpee" and "Nintendo," it's an American household name. They're the poster children for America's new bubblegum rock. And let's just face it - their story contains the happy ending of every college band's dream.

The long-awaited sophomore album, "Fairweather Johnson" is Hootie and the Blowfish's next attempt at continuing their million-dollar musical success.

It's an assumed hit album for this South Carolina-based band. With songs from the multi-platinum "Cracked Rear View" crossing four different radio formats, it's no surprise that Hootie and the Blowfish has the world in love with them.

But this time, the critics may see past the

novelty of the band, and pay closer attention to the musical content.

Although the album contains the successful and ever-so-popular roots-rock sound, it often continues to be the same old song.

There are a few tracks that go beyond the definitive "Hootie" sound, that are harder-edged and instrumentally challenging. These stand out as the best of the album, and may make some radio play as well.

Always a musical treat are lead singer Darius Rucker's talented, warm vocals. With his continuing success, a solo album can be predicted.

In the end, however, unless Hootie and the Blowfish expands its own musical landscape as a roots-rock band by improving "ho-hum" instrumentation, they will remain a candy-coated band forever.

But for now, "Fairweather Johnson" delivers that familiar sound, and even after 50 MTV "Hootie" specials will keep fans pleased.

# CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

## Government provides "Proxy Fathers"

The British government's policy of socialized medicine has recently been broadened to include a service called "Proxy Fathers." Any married woman who is unable to become pregnant during the first five years of her marriage may request the service of a "Proxy Father," a government employee who attempts to solve the woman's problem by getting her pregnant.

The Jones', a young married couple, have no children and the government man is due to arrive soon. Mr. Jones, on leaving, says, "I'm off. The government man should be here soon." Instead, however, a door-to-door salesman comes to the Jones' trying to sell baby pictures. The conversation went as follows:

Ms. Jones: Good morning.

Salesman: Good morning. You don't know me, but I've come to ...

Ms. Jones: Oh, you don't have to explain. My husband told me you were coming.

Salesman: Oh? ... Well, good, I've made a specialty of babies, especially twins.

Ms. Jones: My husband didn't tell me, but come on in.

Salesman: Then your husband probably told you that ...

Ms. Jones: Oh yes, we both agree this is the best thing to do.

Salesman: Well, in that case, let's get right on with it.

Ms. Jones: (blushing) Well ... just where do we start?

Salesman: Just leave everything to me. I usually try two in the bathtub, one on the couch, and perhaps a couple in bed. Sometimes the living room floor works well.

Ms. Jones: Bath tub ... living room floor? No wonder it never worked for Harry and me.

Salesman: Well lady, none of us can guarantee a good one every time, but if we try six or seven times one of 'em is bound to be a honey.

Ms. Jones: Well, have you had much success at this?

Salesman: (opening his briefcase and showing baby pictures) Just look at these babies. They're all jobs I've handled in the past. This one took four hours.

Ms. Jones: Yes, that is a lovely child.

Salesman: But if you want to hear about a really tough assignment, look at this picture. Believe it or not, it was done on top of a bus in downtown London.

Ms. Jones: Oh, my!

Salesman: And here are pictures of the prettiest twins in town. They turned out exceptionally well when you consider that their mother was hard to work with.

Ms. Jones: Oh, was she?

Salesman: Yes, I'm afraid so. I finally had to take her down to Hyde Park to get the job done right. I've never worked under such difficult conditions. People were crowding around four and five deep, pushing to get a good look.

Ms. Jones: Four or five deep?

Salesman: Yes, and for more than three hours, too. But I finally got a couple of buddies to keep them back. I could have shot again before dark, but by that time the squirrels were beginning to nibble on my equipment and I had to give up.

Ms. Jones: You mean they actually chewed on your, ah ... equipment?

Salesman: Yes, but it's all in a days work. I consider my work a pleasure.

Ms. Jones: I just can't believe it.

Salesman: Well, Madam, if you're ready, I'll set up my tripod so we can get to work.

Ms. Jones: Your tripod???

Salesman: Oh, yes, I have to use a tripod to rest my equipment on. It's much too heavy for me to hold in my hand while I'm trying to use it.

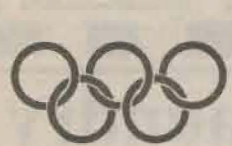
Salesman: Ms. Jones ... Ms. Jones ... Goodness, she's fainted!

And the salesman never did know why.

— Submitted by Karen Leahy, PLU student

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# HALLS GO FOR THE GOLD



photo by Matt Kusche

"I hope this turns out to be an annual event. We've had some trial and error finding out which events work and which events don't work. But I hope whoever takes my position next year will do it again. I like having something during the spring for dorms to compete against each other."

— Arle Seaton  
Campus-wide programmer

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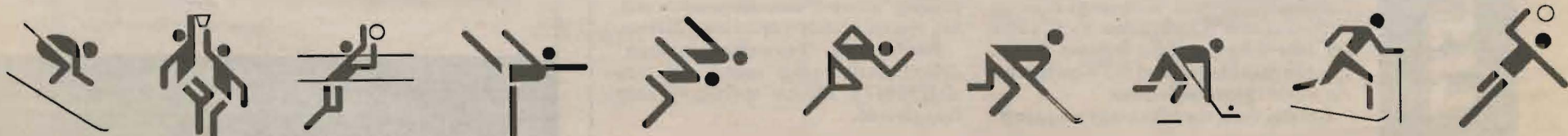
Above: Wednesday night's 5-on-5 basketball proved Foss the gold-medal winners for both the men's and women's competition. Right: Sophomore Phuong Thai launches a rubber bird in the hopes that she can get the gold for her dorm, Alpine. Alpine won the event.



photo by Eric Moody



Things heat up as dorms battle for night.





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## SCOREBOARD

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### Gold-Medal Winners

**Tuesday**  
 Ultimate Frisbee  
*Pflueger*  
 Twister  
 Girls — *Foss*  
 Boys — *Pflueger*

**Wednesday**  
 5-on-5 Basketball  
 Girls — *Foss*  
 Boys — *Foss*

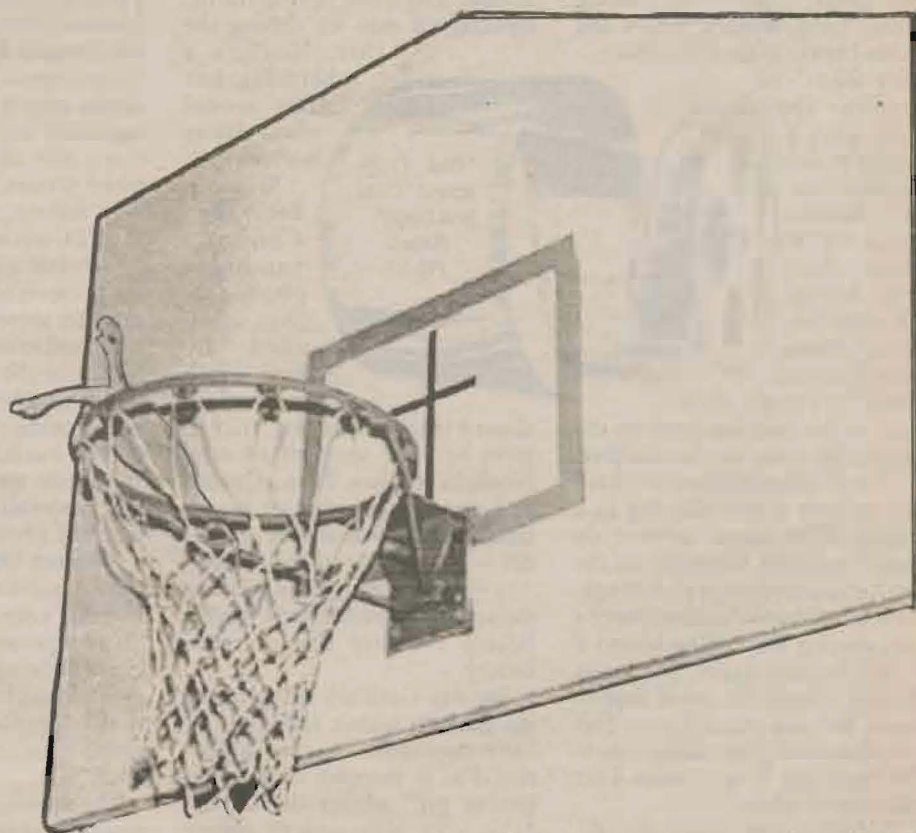


photo by Eric Moody



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ace in 5-on-5 basketball on Wednesday



photo by Heather Anderson

Above: Bombs Away! The big launch ends the competition with a victory for Alpine. Left: The Foss women dominated the Twister match in Tuesday's competition. Pflueger took the competition for the men.





# O&A

## Garofalo takes on first major role in "Cats and Dogs"

By Ian Spelling  
College Press Service

Janeane Garofalo costars with Uma Thurman in the new romantic-comedy "The Truth about Cats and Dogs." She's not stealing scenes from Winona Ryder and Ethan Hawke as she did in "Reality Bites" or getting the biggest laughs in the smallest role as Randy Quaid's blind date from hell in "Bye-Bye, Love." Nope, with "Cats and Dogs," it's really show time — her face plastered on the poster, her name on the marquee.

"I'm shocked and amazed that I got to have a part this big in a movie. Why would anyone do that?" wonders Garofalo, as she sits for an interview at a Los Angeles hotel. "I haven't been offered a part that big since. Who knows if it will happen again. So, I was thrilled. Hopefully, it will happen again, but you never know. This could be one of those things where the critics go, 'Less is more. Less Garofalo is more.'"

The sweet, but creampuff-light film casts Garofalo as Abby Barnes, a witty and warm veterinarian who hosts a popular radio talk show called, appropriately enough, "The

Truth about Cats and Dogs." Abby, who's short and admittedly plain-looking, is decidedly less popular on the romantic front. Then there's Abby's neighbor, Noelle, a tall, blonde and gorgeous woman who tends to stop traffic, especially if men are driving the cars. Noelle's a charming but daffy model who's dating a moron.

When Brian (Ben Chaplin), a handsome photographer beguiled by Abby's on-air advice to him about a troublesome dog, tries to meet her, she arranges to send Noelle in her place. Thus, a Cyrano de Bergerac-like plot is set in motion, and audiences are left to wonder — for an hour and a half, anyway — who will get Brian and if he can see both beyond Noelle's outer beauty and into Abby's inner beauty.

So, was Garofalo scared to be the star? "It wasn't scary, per se, but it does cause me some insecurity. I'm as insecure as the next guy or gal," admits the actress. "I'm very glass-is-half-empty about it, and I'm expecting the worst, so that I'll be pleasantly surprised. I've got my mental image of all the bad sound bites."

Truth be told, Garofalo was actually more scared of working with Thurman than of starring in the movie. "It was intimidating. She's highly professional, committed as an actress, and very well-trained. I'm none of those things. I'm professional in that I'm punctual and not showing up drunk or anything. I like to improvise. She does not. But that's why she's an Oscar-nominated actress, and I'm not. She's very mature. You'd never know she's 24, not in a million years."

Garofalo's fans — and despite her protests of virtual anonymity, there are some out there — may be surprised to see her being quite so likable in the film. Garofalo admits that playing Abby quite so nice wouldn't have been her first choice, but it's what the director and studio wanted, and first-time lead actresses can only make so much of a fuss.

"It's not like I have to give up edgy, sarcastic stuff. It's also not like that's my schtick," she notes. "I, as a person, keep getting accused of being edgy, sarcastic and cynical, and I think what happens is that people mistake you, me, giving an honest opinion for being edgy."

The actress will next be seen in a small role as a reporter in "Touch," about a prophet who heals people, and beginning in April, she joins Lisa Kudrow and Mira Sorvino for "Romy and Michelle's High School

Reunion." So it's back to supporting roles, for the moment anyway.

"That doesn't bother me at all. 'Cats and Dogs' is an aberration," she insists. "I definitely expected to go back to supporting roles."

When those two films open, the Garofalo on screen will be a far more svelte one than moviegoers or viewers of TV's "The Larry Sanders Show" are used to seeing. Garofalo has dropped about 30 pounds since completing "Cats and Dogs," and there were solid, practical reasons for doing so. "I was

tired of getting scripts with a certain description of my character and I just bought a co-op.

"I'm just being very honest," she says, laughing. "I'm trying to increase my odds of working as a woman in Hollywood. The only way to do that is to become smaller. The funny thing about it is that you somehow get more talented as you get smaller. It's a complete sell-out, I know. It's the road less traveled, and I'm not proud of it."

So maybe it's true then: Less Garofalo is more.



### What's Happening...

April 27

California's Northgate High School Instrumental program performs at 3 p.m. tomorrow in Lagerquist. The two-part program begins with a symphonic band performing selections that include pieces from "Les Miserable." A full orchestra will follow with pieces from Mozart, Bartok and Vivaldi.

Ordal Beach Party is tomorrow from 12 to 4 p.m. beginning with a lunch in the Ordal courtyard. The outdoor dance will be held from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

LollaPLUza is in Olson tomorrow night from 5 p.m. to 12:20 a.m. with a line-up of six bands including PLU's own, Who's Your Daddy. Admission is \$5 with PLU ID and \$10 without.



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# SPORTS

## Men's tennis finishes undefeated in conference

Lutes off to Linfield for NCIC championships, chance at national berth

By Jason Benson  
Mast asst. sports editor

The PLU men's tennis team has gotten used to small crowds. In fact, rarely do more than 10 people show up to watch the reigning NCIC champions play. But fans or no fans, the Lutes have quietly gone about their business over the past month, putting together an eight-match winning streak.

"We always see ourselves as a stronger second-half-of-the-season team," Coach Mike Benson said. "I've been very pleased with our season and how guys have played." After going 4-6 in February and March, the PLU squad ended the regular season by winning eight of nine matches in April, improving its record to 12-7. While that record is not quite as good as last year's, the Lutes aren't concerned. "We were expected to be a little bit weaker this year," senior Paul Hemry said. "Then we found out we were stronger than we thought we were. Matches we weren't winning before, we started winning."

### M-TENNIS

**Overall record:** 12-7  
**Next game:** Today, at NCIC Championships, Linfield, McMinnville, Ore.

Personally, Hemry has had particularly big shoes to fill. He jumped from No. 4 to No. 1 after Chris Egan graduated last year. "My season went very well," Hemry said. "I found myself looking forward to matches I wasn't expected to win."

One of those matches was last week's match against Lewis-Clark State's No. 1 player, to whom Hemry had previously lost. Hemry won in straight sets, 6-1, 7-5. Hemry and the Lutes faced Whitworth and Willamette in a double header last Saturday, winning both matches 9-0. PLU was undefeated in conference play for the season, dropping only a few individual matches to NCIC foes. "We're right where we want to be right now," Benson said. Part of the reason for Benson's optimism is the play of his doubles teams. "Our doubles teams have clicked better than I could have expected.

Most of it is liking to play together. You can make an error and not have to worry about what your partner's thinking," he said. The Lutes will travel to Linfield College in McMinnville, Ore., for the NCIC tournament this weekend. The winner earns an automatic berth to nationals. Although practice time has been limited by the rain, the Lutes are confident about their chances. "We have a really good shot at nationals," Hemry said. "We just have to get the job done." But Benson cautions against overconfidence. "If we're not ready to play well, we could get surprised," he said.

## Softball jumps to fourth in national polls with wins

By Erin Rowley  
Mast reporter

The PLU women's fastpitch softball team is close to a celebration: They are just a few innings away from their 10th-straight conference championship. The Lutes swept a pair of double-headers from Linfield College and Willamette University last weekend, but because of a technicality they are just one win away from taking home the Northwest Conference crown. According to Head Coach Rick Noren, the Lutes need to win one more game or Linfield needs to lose one game for PLU to win the conference. A possible rain out for PLU would also secure the title. Linfield can steal the championship only if it wins four games this weekend and the Lutes lose four

behind junior pitcher Erin Needham. Needham allowed six hits and one earned run while striking out three. Freshman outfielder Carli Rasmussen made an impressive showing with three hits in three at-bats; she also scored two runs. "She finally met her expectations this weekend," Noren said. "It was good to see and it was what we had envisioned (for) her to do." Wyatt also contributed, going 2-2 including a double and two runs batted in. Senior designated player Jenny Kindle went 2-3 with a double and two runs batted in. The Lutes faced Willamette on Sunday, shutting the Wildcats down for 11 consecutive scoreless innings. According to Noren, Willamette is in a rebuilding stage and therefore struggled against PLU. "They're a team that tried really hard but they just didn't have as much talent as we did," he said. In game one Gunter struck out 11 in six innings and allowed only three hits. Her record so far this season is 16-4. PLU won easily 9-0. Sophomore outfielder Sheree Deskin, Kindle and senior second baseman Justine Kroehl all had two hits in three at bats. Kindle also contributed three runs batted in. Junior shortstop Lisa Treadwell was 2-4 with two runs scored and two runs batted in. Junior outfielder Danetta Laguna was also 2-4 with two runs scored and one stolen base. Laguna leads the team with 22 stolen bases. In game two Needham raised her season record to 13-4 with her 10-0 win. Rasmussen contributed another three-hit performance and sophomore first baseman Missy Cole was 2-2 with two runs batted in. The Lutes wrap up the regular season this weekend with four conference games. PLU will host Lewis & Clark College Saturday at 1 p.m.



Junior Janelle Gunter whips a pitch toward the plate during the Lutes' 9-0 victory over Willamette last Saturday. The win pushed Gunter's record to 16-4 for the season.

### SOFTBALL

**Overall Record:** 29-8  
**Next game:** Today, at Willamette, Salem, Ore., 4 p.m.

games. PLU has also worked its way up in the national standings. The Lutes were ranked 14th in the nation in the pre-season and they have progressed to a sixth-place ranking. PLU beat Linfield 5-0 in game one of the doubleheader at home Saturday. Junior Janelle Gunter was the winning pitcher, giving up only four hits. Sophomore Krissy Wyatt lead the Lutes offensively, going 2-3. Noren said the game was not an easy win. "Linfield's pitcher threw as well as I've seen her," he said. "To Janelle's credit, she did pretty well, also. It was a pretty good game and it wasn't a blow out." In game two, PLU won easily

## Track continues record breaking performances at UPS

By Roger Brodriak  
Mast reporter

National-caliber performances were turned in by sprinter Sandy Metzger and PLU's contingent of multi-events athletes in track and field action last week. At the NCIC multi-events meet, which was held last Monday and Tuesday at George Fox College, Karl Lerum and David Robinson finished first and second in the decathlon with national-qualifying scores of 6,748 and 6,444, respectively. Kristi Preiskorn finished third in the women's heptathlon with a score of 4,075, also a national-qualifying effort. Lerum, who sat out last spring while rehabilitating a knee injury, had his best performances in the

100 and 400 meters, and the javelin. In each of these events he ranks in the top five in the conference. "I felt a little anxiety in the pole vault," he said. "But I felt confident in most of the events because I've competed in them all year." Senior co-captain, Metzger's pair of impressive sprin victories led the PLU women track squad to a narrow victory in the Shotwell Invitational last Saturday. Metzger's 400-meter race was a literal runaway from the start, as she cruised to a 3-second victory over the rest of the field. Her 200 race provided more of the same aggressive running that has characterized Metzger's half-dozen sprinting wins this spring. Recovering from a stumble at the start,

she accelerated off the curve and powered to an easy win with a time of 24.86, just .05 seconds off the

### TRACK

**Last meet:** Shotwell Invitational  
**Next meet:** Tomorrow, at PLU Invitational, 11 a.m.

school record. "She's just done a great job all season," Head Coach Brad Moore commented. "She's competed at a high level in every race." Junior Jenni Krueger also had a fine day, as she managed to find time to compete and score team points in five events. Krueger began with a 7-foot improvement on

her personal best with her final hammer throw of 138 feet, 9 inches. She followed that up with a solid opening leg on the 4x100 relay, and concluded with fine performances in the triple jump, and the 100- and 200-meter dashes. The hammer event featured yet another Krueger-twins sweep as Krueger's sister, Corie Krueger, improved on her school record with a winning throw of 145 feet, 2 inches. The 1-2 finish marked the fifth time both sisters have finished on top of the field this spring. They have both qualified for the national meet in Georgia. Jenni Krueger said that she and her sister love to compete with each other, but in a positive way. "We're always trying to help each other get better," she said.

Jill Green won the 10,000 meters and Val Wawrzycki won the 3000-meter race walk to round out the women's winners, who needed all the points they could get. Western Washington, a team the Lutes have already beaten three times this season, finished eight points behind in the team standings. The men's team finished a distant sixth behind defending NCIC champion Linfield College, as several athletes were held out of their normal events. Meet highlights included junior Travis Hale's national qualifying hammer throw of 169 feet, 10 inches; Andrew Wilson's come-from-behind win in the 400 hurdles (54.58); and freshman Ryan



# SPORTS

## LUTE SCOREBOARD

### WOMEN'S TENNIS

vs. Portland State

PLU 7-PSU 2

singles

McAneney, PSU d. Delk 6-2, 7-6  
Seals, PLU d. Crawford 6-2, 6-3  
Schmidt, PLU d. El-Mansy 6-1, 6-0

Summers, PLU d. Mowry 6-0, 6-0  
Pinto, PSU d. Ofner 4-6, 6-4, 6-1  
Benson, PLU d. Mammone 6-2, 6-1

doubles

Dorsey-Hemry, PLU d. McAneney-Crawford 6-3, 6-2  
Zumbrunnen-Zumbrunnen, PLU d. El-Mansey-Mowry 6-1, 6-3  
Marsh-Broderson, PLU d. Pinto-Mammone 6-1, 6-0

### MEN'S TENNIS

vs. Whitworth

PLU 9-Whitworth 0

singles

Hemry d. Durr 6-1, 6-1  
Braund d. Weston 7-5, 6-2  
Monick d. Bradford 6-1, 6-3  
Rigell d. Walsborn 6-1, 6-0  
Olson d. White 6-2, 6-0  
Pitzen d. Dufresne 6-1, 6-0

doubles

Hemry-Monick d. Weston-Wrigley 6-1, 6-4  
Braund-Pitzen d. Durr-Walsborn 6-1, 7-6  
Olson-Simons d. White-Dufresne 6-0, 6-0

vs. Willamette

PLU 9-Willamette 0

singles

Hemry d. Jonasson 6-1, 6-2  
Braund d. Dedrick 6-2, 6-2  
Monick d. Dally 6-1, 6-2  
Olson d. Vodak 6-0, 6-2  
Pitzen d. Logan 6-1, 6-0  
Arnold d. Roby 6-0, 6-4

doubles

Hemry-Monick d. Jonasson-McCarthy 6-3, 6-3  
Braund-Pitzen d. Dally-Vodak 6-0, 6-2  
Olson-Simons d. Dedrick-Roby 6-2, 6-2



### SOFTBALL

vs. Linfield

R H E

PLU.....5 8 1

LC.....0 4 1

Gunter and Johnston

PLU.....9 9 1

LC.....1 6 4

Needham and Johnston

PLU Highlights: Rasmussen 1b, 1b, 1b; Wyatt 1b, 2b, 2 RBI; Kindle 1b, 2b, 2 RBI

vs. Willamette

R H E

PLU.....9 11 0

WU.....0 3 4

Gunter and Johnston

PLU Highlights: Treadwell 1b, 1b, 2 RBI; Cole 2b, 2 RBI; Kindle 1b, 1b, 3 RBI; Kroehl 1b, 1b, RBI

PLU.....10 9 2

WU.....0 3 4

Needham and Johnston

PLU Highlights: Cole 1b, 1b, 2 RBI; Kindle 2b, RBI; Rasmussen 1b, 1b, 1b



### BASEBALL

at Willamette

R H E

PLU.....0 3 0

WU.....1 5 1

Barnett and Slagle

PLU Highlight: Baxter 2b

PLU.....7 12 1

WU.....9 14 3

French, Purdy, Wellman, Steiner and Slagle

PLU Highlight: Baxter 2-run HR

PLU.....1 7 6

WU.....8 10 0

Burnett, Olson, Steiner, Willis and Slagle

PLU Highlights: Suehiro 2b, 1b; Slagle 1b, RBI; Beaudin 2b



### TRACK

at University of Puget Sound

J.D. Shotwell Track & Field Meet

Women

PLU 132

Western Washington 124

Linfield 102

Puget Sound 92

George Fox 91

Western Oregon 76

Central Washington 43

Bellvue CC 23

Willamette 11

Northwest 8

Highline CC 0

Men

Linfield 154

Western Oregon 98

Highline CC 95

Puget Sound 86

Western Washington 86

PLU 75

George Fox 52

Central Washington 46

Bellvue CC 36

Willamette 18

Northwest 0

PLU Individual Winners

Women

Hammer- Corie Krueger 145'2"

10,000 Meter Racewalk- Jill Greene

44:25.80

3000 Meter Racewalk- Val

Wawrzycki 15:39.32

400 Meters- Sandy Metzger :56.03

200 Meters- Sandy Metzger :24.86

Men

10,000 Meter Racewalk- Ryan

Pauling 32:58.26

3,000 Meter Racewalk- Dave

Whelan 15:57.9

400 Meter Hurdles- Andrew Wil-

son :54.58

## SPORTS ON TAP

### Men's Tennis

Today, Tomorrow — NCIC Championships, McMinnville, Ore.

### Women's Tennis

Today — at NCIC Tournament, PLU  
Tomorrow — at NCIC Tournament, PLU

### Baseball

Tomorrow — vs. Whitman, PLU, 1 p.m. (DH)  
Sunday — vs. Whitman, PLU, Noon

### Softball

Tomorrow — vs. Lewus & Clark, PLU, 1 p.m.

### Track

Tomorrow — at PLU Invitational, 11 a.m.

### Women's Golf

Today — at NCIC championships, Bend, Ore.

### Crew

Tomorrow — Small College Championships, American Lake, 8 a.m.

### Intramurals

May 3 — Ultimate Frisbee Tournament, Foss Field

May 3 — 4 On 4 Co-Ed Beach Volleyball, Pfeleger Volleyball Court, 3:30 p.m.



### CREW

Meyer/Lamberth Cup  
April 20 at American Lake

Meyer Cup (Men's 2000 meters)  
—PLU 6:07.46, UPS 6:13.11

Lamberth Cup (Women's 2000)—  
PLU 7:18.11, UPS 7:31.88

Women's lightweight eight—PLU  
7:19, UPS 7:58

Men's lightweight eight—UPS 6:21,  
PLU 6:25  
Men's novice eight—UPS 6:31,  
PLU 6:53

Women's novice eight—PLU A  
7:36, UPS 7:37, PLU B 8:09

Women's novice four—UPS A  
9:03, UPS B 9:59, PLU 10:07

Next: Small College  
Championships, American Lake,  
Saturday, 8 a.m.

## Willamette sweep ends Lutes' playoff hopes

By Aaron Lafferty  
Mast senior reporter

Last weekend the Lutes faced second place Willamette for three games, but were unable to come up with a win.

After three losses to Linfield the weekend prior and the 1-0, 9-7 and 8-1 losses to the Willamette Bearcats, the Lutes are in the midst of a six-game losing streak (seven-game conference losing streak).

Due to last weekend's losses, the Lutes have lost their chances for a playoff berth, but still have a chance to give Coach Larry Marshall a third straight 20-win season.

With nine remaining conference games, six of which are at home, the Lutes also have the opportunity to move up in the conference from their current seventh place standing.

PLU could snap its losing streak by welcoming last place Whitman for three games this weekend and a non-conference matchup against UPS on Wednesday afternoon.

Whitman has yet to win a conference game this year and the UPS Loggers have yet to win a game from the Lutes. PLU won both games, 17-9 and 16-0 respectively.

The story of the weekend for the Lutes was their continued inability to score enough runs in the late innings and the continued success of their opponents to rack up runs in the middle innings.

This season, the Lutes have averaged just five runs with eight hits, and have left seven and a half men on base.

They have been outscored by a total of five runs in the fourth, nine runs in the fifth, 11 runs in the sixth and four runs in the seventh.

The Lutes have outscored their opponents in the first three innings and the final two innings of each game, but after giving up

### BASEBALL

Overall record: 12-14

Next game: Tomorrow, vs. Whitman, PLU, 1 p.m. (DH)

the runs in the middle innings, their leads have crumbled and the deficit has made any rallies in the eighth and ninth too little, too late.

One bright spot for the Lutes is senior pitcher Joel Barnett, who had a strong outing in the first game of the three game series against Willamette (6.0 IP, 5 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 4 SO), but went up against eventual NCIC "Pitcher of the Week" Abe Cohen. Cohen shut down the Lutes' offense, giving up just three hits and two walks.

Barnett walked the leadoff batter Joel Belcher in the first inning, and it came back

to haunt him as he scored the only run of the game.

Barnett has had several strong outings recently: two wins against UPS and two tough complete-game losses against the top teams in the league (7-5 loss against Linfield and last weekend's 1-0 loss to Willamette). In those four outings, he gave up just seven walks (15 runs and 29 hits) and racked up 19 K's in 27 innings. His record now stands at 3-3; he has given up just 28 walks, and has 29 strikeouts.

While the first game against Willamette was a pitcher's duel, the second proved to be an offensive one. True to form, the Lutes took an early 4-0 lead with a three-run explosion in the third inning, including a two-run homerun from senior Matt Baxter.

But the Bearcats scored four runs in the bottom of the fourth and (after the Lutes added two in the top of the fifth) four more in the fifth to take an 8-6 lead.

After both squads scored a run in the eighth, the Lutes were shut out in the ninth.

In the final game, both sides were kept scoreless for four innings, but Willamette proved to be too much for the Lutes — scoring one in the fifth, five in the sixth, and one run in both the seventh and eighth innings. Senior Garrett Suehiro scored the only run of the game for the Lutes in the eighth.

## Track

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Pauling's regional qualifying time in the 10,000 meters (32:58.26).

What will it take for the men to defeat Linfield and take the conference title this year? Moore said he thinks it will take a peak performance from everyone on the team. "We're going to have to focus on being our absolute best," he explained. "That's what this sport is all about."

At this stage of the season, the team is beginning to prepare mentally more than physically, Moore said. Athletes are being encouraged to visualize positive performances and eliminate distractions in preparation for top performances at the NCIC conference meet next week.

The final chance for the Lutes to prepare on the track and in the field will come at tomorrow's PLU Invitational. This final home meet of the year will start at 11 a.m.

"This is the most exciting part of the season," Moore said. "From September to October to November, and through the winter and spring, we're pointing towards competing well in May."



# SPORTS

## Crews defeat UPS in Myers, Lamberth cups

By Chris Coovert  
Mast sports editor

The PLU men's and women's crews extended their winning streaks in the Myers and Lamberth cups by defeating UPS last Saturday at American Lake.

In the Meyers cup, the men's open weight 2,000 meter race, PLU defeated UPS by 6 seconds.

In the Lamberth Cup, the women's 2,000 meter open race, the PLU boat won easily, coming in 13 seconds ahead of the Loggers.

In addition to the Myers and Lamberth races, the two crews squared off in several other races.

In the women's lightweight eight PLU's women cruised to a 49-second victory.

UPS took first in the men's lightweight and novice events.

PLU's women's novice A boat pulled out a close victory over the Loggers in the novice eight race and the UPS women's novice four boat easily defeated PLU.

PLU's crews will return to the water tomorrow at American Lake when they host the Small College Rowing Championships at 8 a.m. This is the second time the Lutes have hosted the event.

A field of 13 or 14 teams from the Northwest will compete at the event.

Next weekend the crews will travel to Sacramento for the Pacific Coast Rowing Championships to compete against schools from throughout the West Coast.

## PLU plays host to women's tennis NCIC tournament

*Lutes look to defend their conference title this weekend*

By Jason Benson  
Mast asst. sports editor

PLU women's tennis coach Rusty Carlson would just like to say one thing: The NCIC championships are coming to Parkland!

This weekend, the 16-3 Lutes will be taking on players from seven other Northwest Conference of Independent Colleges teams. Pending decent weather conditions, the tournament will take place on the PLU courts.

Last year, the Lutes captured a thrilling NCIC championship in Salem, edging out Linfield by a single point.

The Wildcats return their entire team, plus an outstanding freshman at No. 1, for this year's tournament. The Lutes beat their nemesis earlier in the season.

Also looking to challenge the Lutes will be strong teams from Whitworth and Willamette. PLU lost 5-4 to Willamette in late March.

Coach Rusty Carlson said, "I think Willamette is the favorite at this point based on their season record. We're going to be pushing them and Linfield will be pushing us."

The Lutes ended an exceptional regular season last weekend with a

7-2 win over Portland State. Many players who ordinarily do not see time in the top six had an opportunity to play in the match.

Three-year veteran Krissy Summers stepped into the No. 4 position and Kristi Benson, also a junior, played No. 6.

Both won their matches easily. Sara Ofner, a freshman from Hillsboro, Ore., was not so fortunate, dropping her match in three sets.

Ofner, who also plays soccer for the Lutes, said that pressure is not a factor on the PLU squad.

"They (coaches Carlson and Doug Gardner) make it fun," she said. "Sports can be stressful and competitive, but we're just out here to have fun."

Molly Delk (No. 1), Jenn Seals (No. 2) and Karen Schmidt

(No. 3) rounded out the lineup for the Lutes.

Now that the regular season is over, the players have had a chance to reflect.

"We all get along pretty well, which has made it nice," said Beth Dorsey. "It's been tough, though, because everyone is so equal. It's hard to make cutoff spots."

PLU's overall season record of the 16-3 is the best ever during coach Rusty Carlson's 10 seasons as head coach.

The Lute's 13-4 mark last season had been the previous best under Carlson.

### SOFTBALL

**Overall record:** 16-6  
**Next game:** Saturday, vs. Linfield, 1 p.m.

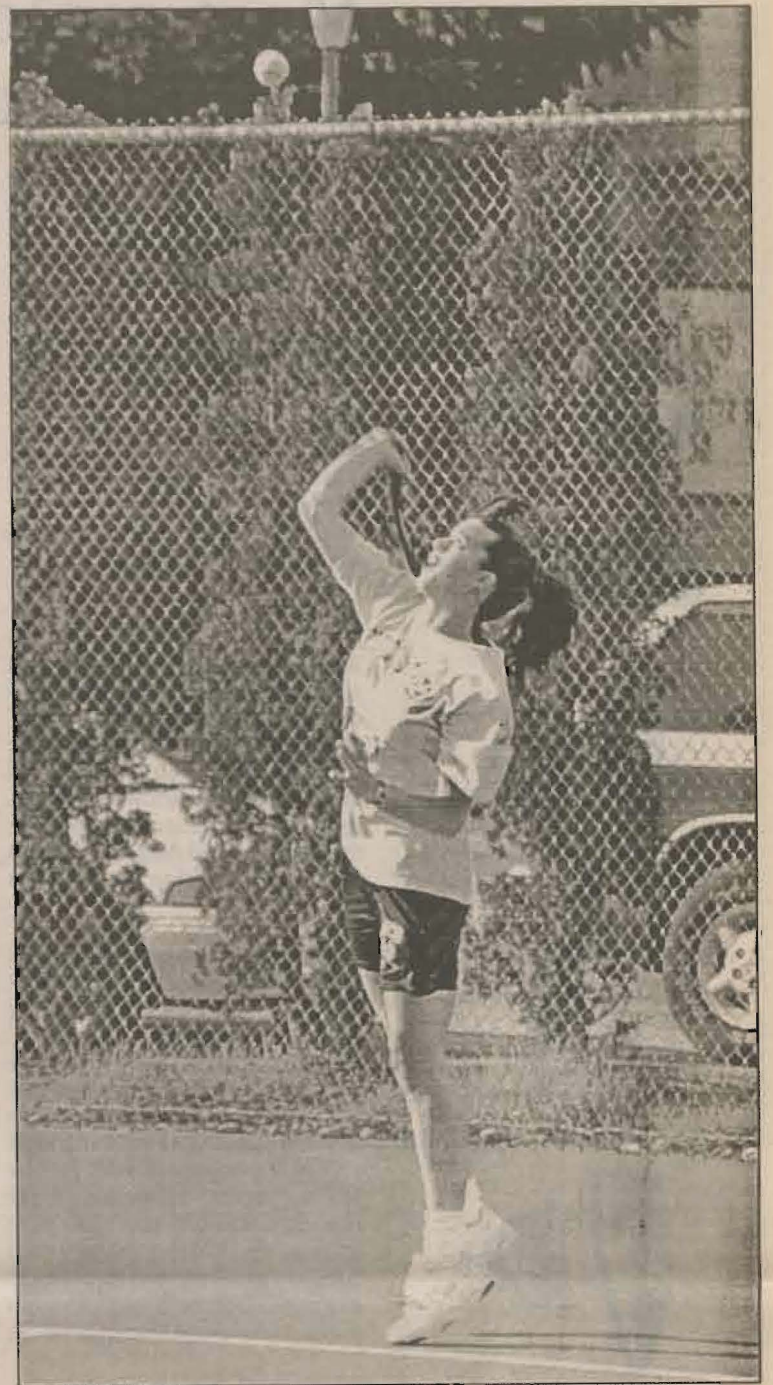


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Joy Zumbrunnen prepares to serve during the Lute's match with Portland State. The Lutes are currently ranked 19th in the NAIA national poll.

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## SPORTS

## Mast major league baseball "experts" separate contenders from pretenders

By Chris Coover  
Mast sports editor  
& Aaron Lafferty  
Mast senior reporter

Even though the major league baseball season is underway, it's still too early to tell the real contenders from the early season pretenders.

Nonetheless, move over *Sporting News*, the Mast's Chris Coover and Aaron Lafferty offer forecasts for the rest of the season:

## AL West

Aaron: The American League West looks to be exciting again this year, thanks to the Mariners and the Angels. However, both teams' managers feel that the other is the team to beat. Lou Piniella and Marcel Lachemann's thoughts represent the thoughts of most people: the Mariners and Angels will again fight to the end for the AL West title.

Chris: In a division which features three teams with powerful offenses and questionable pitching—Seattle, California and Texas—the Mariners should prevail because they have something the other two teams do not: Randy Johnson. Unless the rest of the pitching staff collapses completely, look for the M's to repeat. However, if the Mariners want to put their best team on the field they need to send Alex Diaz to Tacoma immediately and recall Darren Bragg, who can play circles around Diaz in left field.

## AL Central

Aaron: The Indians were great last year, but the Tribe is now the focus of everyone in American League, including the team that will chase it this season: the White Sox. Although the Tribe went out and signed Jack McDowell to add to its starting rotation, you have to question the health of the aging veterans Orel Hershiser (37), and Dennis Martinez (40).

The palehose revamped their outfield and much of their lineup over the break to help solve the problems of leaving runners on base and improving the outfield defense. The White Sox will look to sneak up on the AL champs with a strong lineup of their own and a young, healthy pitching staff.

Chris: The Indians are the best team in the American League; the rest of this division will struggle to stay above .500. The White Sox are overrated; they didn't do much to improve on what they had last year and Terry Bevington is probably the worst manager in the league. The rest of the division will simply be trying to stay out of last.

## AL East

Aaron: The Baltimore Orioles are the team to beat. After years of trying to catch up with the Red Sox and Yankees, the tables will be turned. The Orioles filled holes and answered questions that doubters had in the off season with the free agent signings of Roberto Alomar, Randy Myers and B.J. Surhoff and by trading for Kent Merker and David Wells. Boston and New York will battle for second and a possible wild card berth.

Chris: The pre-season hype surrounding the race between Boston, New York and Baltimore has been overshadowed by Baltimore's hot start and Boston's terrible one. Before the season started, I gave the edge to Baltimore because Davey Johnson is by far the best manager in the division; what's happened so far certainly hasn't changed my opinion.

## AL wild card

Aaron: The White Sox are the favorites if they can't catch Cleveland, while the Angels, Red Sox, and Yankees should also make a run at this spot.

Chris: The conventional wisdom says it will be the second-place team in the East or the White Sox. Wrong. The Yankees or Red Sox could end up in this spot, but whichever team finishes second in the West between Texas and California has just as good a chance at this spot.

## NL West

Aaron: The NL West could be wild with the Dodgers, Rockies and Padres all making bids for the top. The Dodgers have a strong lineup and a starting rotation that, if healthy, is comparable to Atlanta. The Padres' additions of Wally Joyner, Ricky Henderson and Bob Tewksbury solidify their offense and pitching as well. Both the Dodgers and Padres must address defensive woes from last season if they want to win the division.

The Rockies will add their big bats to the mix, but they face a big problem: starting pitching. Last year their starters produced only one complete game and pitched into the eighth only 10 times.

Chris: To listen to many of the so-called baseball experts talk, you'd think the Dodgers were the best team since the '29 Yankees. But if you actually look at the roster you realize this is a team with very little offense to compliment its good pitching staff. That's why the Padres will surprise many and win the West with a strong offense and solid pitching. The Rockies

	Aaron Lafferty	Chris Coover
AL West	Seattle	Seattle
Central	Cleveland	Cleveland
East	Baltimore	Baltimore
Wild Card	Chicago/California	California/Texas
NL West	Los Angeles	San Diego
Central	St. Louis	Houston
East	Atlanta	Atlanta
Wild Card	San Diego	Los Angeles/Chicago

still can't hit outside of Coors Field in Denver, and their bullpen won't carry them again. The Giants still need more pitching.

## NL Central

Aaron: This should be the most exciting division to watch this year, as three teams have legitimate chances of making the playoffs: the Reds, Cardinals and Astros. The Reds could have one of the best outfields in the league depending on the comeback of Eric Davis.

The Cardinals hope their off-season spending and deal-making will pay off. Along with new manager Tony LaRussa and several former Oakland players, the Cardinals signed Ron Gant to solidify both the offense and the outfield, both of which could be the best in the league.

The Astros have a strong lineup and bullpen but must answer questions in the starting rotation.

Chris: Ignore all the hype surrounding the Cardinals and take a look at what they actually added this off-season: a washed up closer, Dennis Eckersley; two mediocre starters, Andy Benes and Todd Stottlemeyer; an aging slugger coming off his best season in years, Gary Gaetti; and a quality hitter in Ron Gant.

But when you consider that Gant replaced Bernard Gilkey, one of the Cardinals other good hitters, you realize that all this adds up to very little improvement.

Houston is the real team to beat in the Central, with a powerful offense and decent pitching. The Cubs are the sleepers here with their solid starting rotation, but a weak bullpen will hold them back.

## NL East

Aaron: In both the East and the entire league, the defending-champion Braves will be the team to beat. They should dominate close to the way the Indians did last year, even though their divisional competition is much improved this year.

They have the best pitching staff in baseball and one of the best lineups in the league. The Marlins and Mets are poised to challenge the Braves, but they will most likely fall short of the division champs. If they don't contend this year, they definitely will next year as their young players continue to develop.

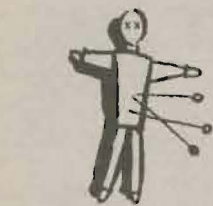
Chris: Atlanta is a lot better than the rest of this division and the league. Barring major injuries, they'll be back at the top. The Marlins, Expos and Mets will battle for second and maybe the wild card.

## NL Wildcard

Aaron: The Padres, coming off of one of the biggest deals in history just a few years ago, should make the strongest run for the wild card spot. The Astros, Reds, and Cubs could make a run as well as they chase the Cardinals, but pitching problems will keep them short of their goal. The Mets and Marlins aren't that far away from making a run at the Braves and could prove to be the sleepers this year.

Chris: The second place team in the West should end up with this spot again, probably the Dodgers. The Cubs could challenge too.

Chris Coover is a junior Economics and Political Science major, Aaron Lafferty is a sophomore Journalism major.



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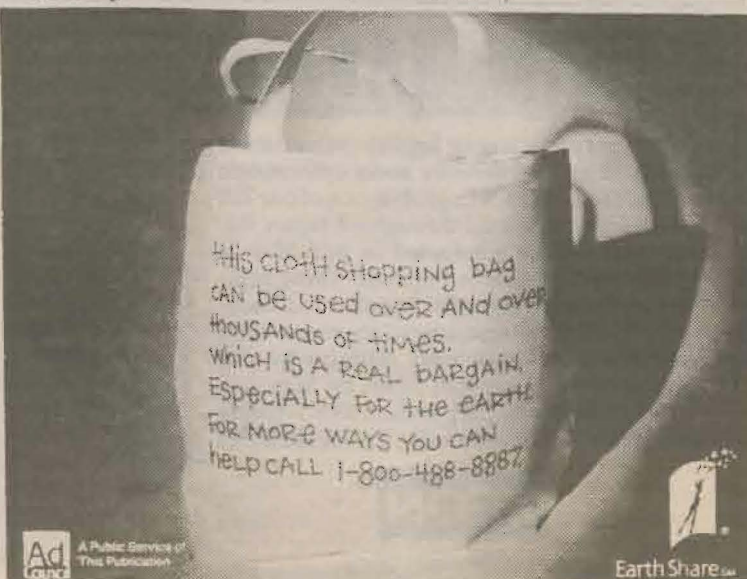


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## Attention varsity athletes

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# NATION

## AmeriCorps help students, budgets

By Colleen DeBaise  
College Press Service

Although some criticize the AmeriCorps program as too costly, a new University of Minnesota study could give the program, one of President Clinton's favorites, a boost.

The 10-month study of AmeriCorps, the domestic equivalent of the Peace Corps, and a similar state program indicates that the benefits to Minnesota communities far outweigh the costs.

The UM study cited one example where a program designed to reduce crime by youth actually decreased vandalism by 33 percent in that community. Reduced police costs, lower property taxes and reduced incarceration produced a savings of \$2.94 for every federal dollar spent.

"We claim that AmeriCorps and YouthWorks [the state program] had an impact," said Robert D. Shumer of the school's Center for Experimental Education and Service-Learning. He added that the study "was done in the service tradition—all by students."

But a dollar figure is not the only measurement of the program's worth. The study noted that corp members fostered cooperation within the communities and served as "a catalyst for people to work together."

"National and state service in Minnesota brought people back together to get things

done in new and constructive ways," the study said.

Because of its apparent success, the AmeriCorps program should be compared to the military, a national service program that costs much more to operate, Shumer said.

The military preserves an American way of life and is considered a "vital interest," Shumer said. "Perhaps that's what AmeriCorps should be valued at."

Now in its second year, AmeriCorps has more than 25,000 young adults working in 438 communities to earn money for college. Corps members patrol streets and recreation areas, tutor high-risk youth, organize neighborhood watch groups and build affordable housing, among other services.

A study released last June analyzed three programs within AmeriCorps and found that they returned \$1.60 to \$2.60 in measurable benefits for every federal dollar spent, Bloch said.

AmeriCorps members receive about \$7,800 for yearly living expenses, then a \$4,700 education grant at the end of their year of service.

Republicans in Congress have worked to eliminate the program, saying it is too costly and pays people to do what should be volunteer work. The program is currently running at 75 percent of last year's budget.

## Teaser rates scorch students

By Christy Heady  
College Press Service

Have you been teased?

The offers on teaser rates—the low introductory rates on credit cards—are as low as 5.9 percent from some financial outfits in the nation, but if you're not careful, these credit cards won't help you reduce your interest payments if you carry a balance.

That's because the interest at the end of the introductory period will likely wipe out any early savings. So, you may end up paying more in interest in the long run.

The ugly news is that credit card balances still are growing. In fact, according to the Bankcard Holders of America, the total amount of outstanding debt that Americans carry on plastic is \$415.7 billion in 1995, compared to \$337 billion in 1994. That's an increase of \$78 billion in just one year—the largest increase since 1980. The average amount of debt per cardholder is \$3,900 in 1995.

That's a lot of plastic for consumers, but it hasn't stopped the industry from crafting new ways to capture more credit card customers, especially using the low-introductory rate strategy. One of the

lowest introductory rates in the nation is from Riggs National in Washington at 5.9 percent. But after six months, the rate jumps to prime plus 7.15 percent.

For people who carry a balance from month to month, the rate of interest is your primary concern. Many credit cards offer the low teaser rates less than 9 percent. However, these "deals" only last six months to a year. In most cases, the rate will double when the promotional percentage expires. The bottom line? Card companies bank on you forgetting about the hike.

TIP: Look for a teaser rate that lasts at least a year. That's enough time to put a dent in your debt.

Other things you need to consider before signing up with a new low-introductory rate:

- If you are looking to transfer your balance, some credit card issuers don't allow transfers to teaser-rate offers from department store cards. Others limit the amount you can transfer, and still others restrict the number of transfers you make.

- Most issuers base interest charges on the average daily balance. If you find a credit card that excludes purchases made during that billing cycle, it's usually a good deal.

## Clinton signs terrorism law

President Clinton signed an anti-terrorism bill into law Wednesday, saying it will give authorities strong new tools to fight forces of hatred and division.

The bill is a watered-down version of legislation Clinton proposed after the bombing of a federal office building in Oklahoma City on April 19, 1995.

It provides \$1 billion for anti-terrorism efforts. It also requires chemical "tagging" of plastic explosives so they can be traced if used in bombings, and makes it easier to expel foreigners suspected of belonging to groups the U.S. government considers extremist.

## US seeks peace in Middle East

U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher indicated Wednesday that progress is being made in efforts to halt fighting in Lebanon.

Christopher met with Lebanon's Prime Minister Rafik al-Hariri in eastern Lebanon after spending almost five hours with Syrian President Hafez al-Assad in talks aimed at reaching a cease-fire. There have been artillery and rocket exchanges between Israel and Hizbollah guerrillas for the past 16 days.

President Clinton met in Washington with Lebanon's president and says he has received encouraging news about halting the fighting.

## Arms shipments investigated

House Republicans say they'll set up a special committee to investigate the Clinton administration's involvement in 1994 Iranian arms shipments to Bosnia.

The panel will be chaired by Illi-

nois Republican representative Henry Hyde, who says he'll seek classified information that has not been available.

The House Intelligence Committee also is investigating the shipments to determine the extent of U.S. involvement

and if laws on covert action were violated.

Two Senate panels will look into reports that the administration did not object to Iranian arms shipments through Croatia to Muslim Bosnian government forces.

## Bill makes gang activity illegal

A bill making gang activity a federal crime was introduced today by six U.S. senators who warned that gang-related violence is spreading across the United States.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D, Calif.,

says members of the Los Angeles Bloods and Crips gangs are operating in 119 cities while Asian, Russian and Chicago-based gangs also are rapidly expanding.

The bill would apply many of the federal laws used against the Mafia to street gangs and double the penalties for any gang member who commits a federal crime. It would also make soliciting a minor for gang activity a federal crime.

## Auction rids torture tools

Property belonging to serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer, including the tools used to kill, and in some cases dismember, 17 young men and boys, will be auctioned to raise money for the victims' families, a lawyer said today.

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## Senate

The proposal did not pass. The final vote was 6-6, and a two-thirds majority was needed for the proposal to pass since it would have been an amendment to the Constitution.

**Act II, Scene I**  
Bolland suggested two more proposals at the Friday meeting. They were passed almost unanimously by the Senate. The first was to create a Director of Christian Activities, and the second was to create a Director of Outdoor Recreations.

"We are a Christian affiliated campus and many people choose PLU for being Christian and I think that not having a Christian activities director we are kind of cheating our heritage," Bolland said.

The main duties of the Christian activities position are to work in cooperation with University Pastors, provide information relating to Christianity and advocate Christian programs, forums and chapel.

"I foresee the position as reaching out to students who are Christian affiliated and don't have a church, and to inform students on where they can go to church and join youth groups, and for non-Christian students as a choice where they can go to find out what this so-called God is all about," Bolland said.

"I hope it encompasses all Christian faiths. It isn't a Lutheran director, it is a Christian director," he said.

Bolland believes the addition of

the position allows more students to be a part of ASPLU. "I believe we have all groups on campus covered...we have commuters, we have Christians, and we have diverse groups which cover all people," he said.

"I think whoever takes this position will have to be knowledgeable in their Christianity to be able to answer of Catholicism, Seventh Day Adventists and Presbyterian, just to name a few," Bolland said.

Bolland was not sure where the non-Christian groups were represented on campus though.

**Scene II**  
After passing the outdoor recreation proposal last month, the Senate decided to create a director to manage the new program.

Many senators felt the students wanted an outdoor recreation program after the Cave's remodeling.

"We made a wrong situation right," Bolland said. "As a Senate, we took care of our obligations to the Cave and now we're taking care of our obligations to outdoor recreation and to the students."

**Act III**  
The Senate passed the budget unanimously at last Tuesday's meeting. However, some major changes were made before it passed.

Ten thousand dollars was allocated to the newly revised outdoor recreation program for next year. To finance the operation, the money was taken from the unfunded budgeted resource account.

Money was taken from the same account to remodel the Cave in February.

The unfunded budgeted account is used by the Senate to fund programs which may arise unexpectedly in the year.

The money will be used to research programs, buy new equipment, and whatever else the Director of Outdoor Recreation sees fit within the boundaries of the position.

The Director of Impact received a raise of \$225, while the Director of Diversity had a salary decrease of \$675 from \$2,700.

Currently the Cave Director receives \$2,925, and senators felt the Director of Impact should receive the same amount of compensation.

The salary cut the Director of Diversity experienced will be used to fund additional programming for Diversity. Senators also said the three main director positions representing the three most distinct groups on campus should be paid the same amount.

The Director of Commuter Relations and the Director of Christian Activities will be receiving \$2,025 each for the entire year.

"The three positions hold the same place on campus," Bolland said. "One of the three cannot be paid more than the other two. It would create animosity otherwise."

The money to finance the new directors was taken from the senate contingency fund. The fund generally is used by the senate to finance miscellaneous expenditures.

## Steel drum purchase waiting to perform

By Mark Lee  
Mast reporter

PLU is drumming up a more diverse musical experience through the purchase of 14 steel drums last fall.

The drums, or "pans," were made in Trinidad last summer. The drums cost the university \$3000.

The university does not have anyone that can play the instruments as of yet. This includes the professors.

"It's a opportunity to see the professors as students," said Gregory Youtz, professor of music.

Youtz and David Robbins, chair of the music department and professor of percussion lab, are learning how to play so they can teach the students.

The class the drums will be used

for is the Music and Culture class. The only ensemble that has used them so far are the Contemporary Arts Ensemble

"The reason we got these instruments is because PLU has a center for cultural studies," said Youtz explaining the reasoning behind the spendy purchase.

Shane Rowe, senior percussionist, is a little confused by the decision to buy the instruments.

"In a way I'm glad, but at the same time, there are other equipment needs that we could use immediately," Rowe said.

Youtz sees many opportunities that the steel drums provides.

"We can use it (drums) as an excuse to bring people in for concerts on the drums," Youtz said.

"PLU is really thinking internationally," Youtz said.

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## Politicians

Smith said he thinks he has a good chance to beat Tate this fall.

"The 9th Congressional District is a pro-choice, pro-environment, pro-union district," Smith said. "Randy Tate is for none of those things."

However, Smith acknowledges that the Democratic Party deserves much of the blame for allowing many government programs to grow too large.

"The people sent a message in 1994 that they were unhappy," he said. "I want to say that the message was received."

Smith said things such as health care, the environment and education are three areas where the government is needed.

"These things don't make money, so Republicans want to cut them," he said.

Smith believes that the Demo-

cratic Party is more unified this year than in 1994.

"When you're No. two, you have to be more unified because your top priority is getting back on top, rather than your personal agenda," he said. "That's one of the reasons the Republicans won in '94."

Both Smith and Goings stressed that government can be a positive thing.

"When people come together, good things will happen," Smith said. "People just need to have a little faith in the democratic process."

"If we spend all our time saying negative things about government, we won't ever go forward."

Both senators have upcoming campaign kickoff celebrations. Students interested in supporting either should call College Democrats Keith Dussell at x8119.

## Striving for excellence rewarded at induction

Twenty-two PLU students were inducted into the Arete society on April 23 in the Scandinavian Cultural Center.

The Arete society was formed by the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, and recognizes excellence in

a broad liberal education, said political science professor Dick Olufs.

The society, which has been established for close to 25 years, requires achievement in a variety of subjects as well as a high GPA for admittance.

Most inductees are science majors, Olufs said, but there are a variety of majors amongst members.

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