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ASPLU hopefuls debate merger

By Randy Danielson
Mast senior reporter

The question of whether or not to merge ASPLU and RHA has been resurrected again by the administrations of both organizations, but support for the merger among the rank and file members is mixed.

Nikki Plaid, ASPLU president, and Jenn Tolzmann, RHA president, proposed to their respective organizations last month a merger between the two organizations.

RHA hall presidents approved the issue in a short half hour. "The presidents thought it totally made sense and was something they thought the students would support," Tolzmann said.

The Senate took the other extreme, and rejected the proposal outright. They are still discussing the issue, and many senators have said they want to see the proposal tabled until next year.

Tolzmann believes the change is necessary. "We have two governments, one that focuses on residential students, and one that focuses on commuters, and they should work together," she said.

There are many changes that will take place if the merger is successful. In addition to the current ASPLU executives and directors, there would be an added Christian activities coordinator who would have the same responsibilities as the current RHA Christian activities coordinator.

The existing executive and di-

rector positions would incorporate new roles to reflect the loss of a residence hall association. Some of the new roles would be the director of finance managing hall monies, and the vice president meeting with hall vice presidents on a weekly basis.

Senate structure would be altered vastly. The Senate is now structured to allow more commuters to serve on the Senate than on-campus students, to reflect the fact there are more commuter students attending PLU than residential students.

In the proposal, the hall presidents will automatically become senators, and there would be room for six commuter senators. According to the proposal, there would be twice as much on-campus representation than off-campus representation.

Tolzmann does not believe taking representation away from the commuter students is detrimental.

"If you look at the PLU community, although resident students are less of a percentage, they are more involved than commuters," she said.

She adds that on-campus student senators would be more prone to be in touch with their constituency than commuter students would be. "You need to have a defined set of constituents to represent (students) fairly," Tolzmann said.

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Student workers honored with awards ceremony

By Alicia Manley
Mast news editor

While not as heavily populated as the Los Angeles stage hosting the Grammy Awards, the Regency Room in the University Center was packed with more than 50 people April 3, ready to recognize this year's Student Employee of the Year nominees.

From a pool of employees suggested by 27 employers across campus, four students were chosen as final nominees.

Among them was Andre Toulouse, who was named Student Employee of the Year. In addition to the distinction, he received a \$150 bookstore gift certificate.

Stuen housekeeper Jo Daniels received the award for Freshman Employee of the Year, a category added to the competition this year. She was nominated by Shelly Rambo and Miekko Riggelman. Daniels also received a \$150 bookstore gift certificate.

To add to Toulouse's surprise at winning the competition, he was informed at the banquet he had also won the state competition for Student Employee of the Year. His

entry will now go on to a regional competition.

This is the second year in a row that a PLU student has made it to the regional level of the Student Employee of the Year competition. Last year's winner was Stephanie Rose of the Office of Development who did not make it past the regional level.

Toulouse was nominated by Campus Safety operations supervisor Ron Pierce. Pierce said the first thing that stood out about Toulouse was his ability to diffuse situations.

"There are times a serious incident happens, and people want to handle it right away," Pierce said. "(Toulouse) makes people think about it and things are handled more intelligently because of it. He's very non-threatening, very kind and caring."

Toulouse said he is pleased with the potential of receiving regional recognition, but considers what he does all just part of his job.

"I don't think I've done anything more than my job," Toulouse said.

Toulouse said his experience
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Dancers swing into spring



photo by Heidi Stout

At the Spring Formal in Union Station, students danced beneath the dome. The musical selection at the formal stood in sharp contrast to Homecoming's swing band, but the European Cafe attracted over 400 students.

By Mark Lee
Mast reporter

Four hundred students took to the dance floor March 30 for this year's spring formal.

Beneath the dome of Union Station in downtown Tacoma, ASPLU's version of a European Cafe provided students with an impressive dance floor and an espresso bar. Balloon decorations added to permanent glass sculptures by internationally-renowned glass artist Dale Chihuly to adorn the station.

The European Cafe theme did not feature a classic '30s and '40s swing band as Homecoming did. "We've heard some negative feedback and some positive things about the swing band," said Formal Dance Chair Amber Davidson. So, the committee decided to take a middle path.

"We decided that it would probably not be a

good idea to have a swing band for both formals, so in hiring Austin (Beaver, a local DJ), our aim was to make this more like an average dance," Davidson said.

ASPLU has hired Beaver before and Davidson said her committee likes him because he plays a lot of requests.

"The music had no relation to the theme, but that didn't bother me," freshman Julie Johnston said. "The music was some oldies and '80s stuff. I loved it, it was awesome."

Planning for the dance started last November. The architecture and atmosphere of Union Station itself inspired committee members to adopt the European theme.

PLU Catering provided refreshments such as fruit, cheese, crackers and water.

Event planners were very happy with the turnout. According to Davidson, it was the most highly

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Campus quality of life surveyed

By Mark Lee
Mast reporter

Students were asked to fill out another of those dreaded Scantron sheets the week before Spring Break, but they weren't commenting on their courses. In fact, students were given the opportunity to grade PLU.

The opportunity came in the form of the Quality of Life Survey.

Students were asked to take about a half an hour to take the survey of 174 questions. The survey's 17 sections covered everything from Food Services to Campus Safety to ASPLU.

The survey is given every three years to students by Residential Life. Results from the survey are still being compiled.

The work is going slowly because each student's comments are being recorded so they can be responded to later.

The results influence how the school does things and lets the stu-

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— Scott Kolbert
junior religion major

vey was given to all on-campus students.

Many students thought it was a good idea but just too long.

"It was in sections, which is good," said sophomore physics major Lori Briggs. "It was just long."

"I like the idea of having it to voice our opinions," Scott Kolbert, a junior religion student said.

The future for the survey is uncertain. "In the future, I think that it needs to happen," said graduate education student Rachel Pedde. She was one of the organizers of the survey.

"I do think that it needs to change, though," she said, adding that it should continue to be comprehensive but shorter.

The survey has grown largely because many departments have wanted in on the act.

"Everybody just sort of jumped on the bandwagon," said Pedde.

CAMPUS

SIDEWALK TALK

Question:

What do you think of this year's ASPLU executive elections?



"I think that the election process has gone very well, but I am concerned by the few number of voting booths available. I think that there would've been a better turn-out if there would have been more places to vote."

Jodi Downs
freshman



"All of the people running seem like very fine candidates. I'm going to really take parking and car safety on campus into consideration when I vote."

Glenn Cockrell
freshman



"I've never voted in the past, but I did this year so something must have changed. I don't see much of a difference between this year's candidates and the ones from years past, though."

Brian Elkins
junior



"It's interesting to see all of the different public relations techniques that the candidates have used. I think all of the people running have done a good job."

Hanne Engelstad
sophomore

FOOD SERVICE

Saturday, April 13

Breakfast:
Waffles
Fried Eggs
Pastries

Lunch:
Chicken Sandwich
Bean Burger
Vegetables and Rice

Dinner:
Beef Stroganoff
Noodles
Carrot Cake

Sunday, April 14

Brunch:
Cheese Omelet
Pancakes
Sausage

Dinner:
Roast Turkey
Mashed Potatoes
Vegetables and Rice

Monday, April 15

Breakfast:
French Toast
Oatmeal
Bacon

Lunch:
Grilled Cheese
Beef Ravioli
Onion Rings

Dinner:
French Dips
Fries
Vegetables and Rice

Tuesday, April 16

Breakfast:
Scrambled Eggs
Waffles
Pastries

Lunch:
Hamburgers
Vegetables and Rice
Cheeseburgers

Dinner:
BBQ Pork
Breaded Shrimp
Calrose Rice

Wednesday, April 17

Breakfast:
Muffin Sandwich
Malt O Meal
101 Bars

Lunch:
Chicken Strips
Vegetables and Rice
Roman Rice

Dinner:
Lasagna
Vegetables and Rice
Cheesecake

Thursday, April 18

Breakfast:
Cheese Omelet
Pancakes
Pastry

Lunch:
Burritos
Spanish Rice
Vegetables and Rice

Dinner:
Pizza
Breadsticks
Vegetables and Rice

Friday, April 19

Breakfast:
Oatmeal
Scrambled Eggs
Waffles

Lunch:
Corn dogs
Calico Skillet
Chips
Vegetables and Rice

Dinner:
Fried Fish
Teriyaki Steak
Vegetables and Rice
Fortune Cookies

SAFETY BEAT

CAMPUS

Sunday, March 31

• A PLU student reported his wallet stolen out of his jacket pocket while he was playing raquetball in Olson Auditorium. The student had left his coat and wallet outside of the courts while he was playing.

Tuesday, April 2

• A student reported his North Face tent stolen from a study lounge in Ivy Hall.

Wednesday, April 3

• A pop machine in Ingram Hall was found damaged by two Campus Safety officers on routine patrol. Campus Safety called the vending service company and requested that the machine be fixed.

Thursday, April 4

• A PLU staff member reported her purse stolen from her desk in her University Center office. The woman had left her purse in the desk while she went to lunch. When she returned it was missing. Estimated loss is \$130.

Friday, April 5

• A visitor to campus reported an odor in the East Campus building that was making people feel ill. Campus Safety sent officers to the scene and called the Pierce County Fire Department for assistance. The fire department arrived, took control and evacuated the building. Over the next six hours, firemen searched the building for the cause of the odor but were unable to find any odor, fumes or gas. The building remained closed for the rest of the weekend as a safety precaution.

• A PLU staff member informed Campus Safety that five students had walked onto the second hole of the golf course and begun playing without paying the required greens fees. Campus Safety found the individuals and escorted them to the pro shop, where they paid their fees.

Monday, April 6

• A Tinglestad resident reported that she was having an asthma attack. Campus Safety officers aided the student in using her inhaler. She soon recovered and required no further assistance.

Tuesday, April 9

• A PLU student reported witnessing two youths vandalize the bathrooms in the library. According to the student, the youths had ripped down ceiling tiles and fluorescent lightbulb fixtures and shattered the bulbs on the floor. They then urinated and defecated on the floor. The student described the youths as white males, both approximately 5 feet, 6 inches tall and weighing 130 pounds. One had blond hair to his shoulders with red streaks. The other had short brown hair in a bowl cut. Their whereabouts are unknown.

• A PLU student reported his wallet stolen from his room in Hinderlie Hall the evening before. A PLU employee found the wallet in a garbage can in the UC and returned it to the student. \$27 had been stolen.

Fire Alarms

• April 8, 9:12 p.m. Ramstad; unknown cause

PARKLAND

Saturday, March 23

• Pierce County Sheriff's deputies arrived at 112th and C streets to assist with a drunk driver stopped there. The driver's breath smelled of alcohol and she had difficulty getting out of her car with out falling down. The officers concluded that the driver was intoxicated after she failed all of the sobriety tests and scored a .26 blood alcohol level on a Breathalyzer test. The officer took her to the Lakewood precinct for citation.

Saturday, March 30

• Two Pierce County Sheriff's deputies responded as

back-up to an assault call from the Mary Jo Trailer Park on Steele Street in Parkland.

Upon arrival the officers spoke with a Parkland Fire Department officer who reported that a man had kicked a 7-year-old boy in the groin and fled on foot.

The officers found the suspect in a trailer five or six spaces north of the incident.

The suspect claimed that the victim had been kicked by a friend when they were wrestling.

The victim, however, maintained that the suspect had assaulted him. The deputies believed the boy and read the suspect his rights. He was escorted to jail.

The victim was transported to a local hospital for treatment of his injuries.

CAMPUS

How will reduction in single rooms affect the student?

By Hillary Hunt
Mast senior reporter

Wings of double-sized rooms housing single students will be disappearing from the PLU campus next year as climbing enrollment numbers increase the demand for on-campus housing.

Tom Huelsbeck, assistant director of RLO, said the loss of "single/doubles" is due to projections which indicate the number of students housed on campus will increase by 100 next year. RLO expects to house a total of 1,625 students in the dorms next year.

Next year's incoming class of freshmen and transfers should be smaller than this year's enrollment boom, but combined with classes from previous years, it will swell PLU's overall enrollment.

"The university is trying to level off the growth, which is why next year's class will be smaller," Huelsbeck said.

Demand for housing has been increasing over the last few years. "The number of rooms guaranteed as single/doubles has stayed the same (over the last few years)," Huelsbeck said. "But this last year we ended up putting some doubles into the singles wings. This has not been the best for people who wanted singles nor ideal for those doubles who wanted more community."

Sophomores Raquel Valenzuela and Heather Schnieder share a double room on a singles wing.

"I don't like it because we haven't had the opportunity to meet that many people," Valenzuela said. "There are people up on second and third floor we'd like to meet, but we haven't had the opportunity to because we were on the single's wing."

"It seems more social if there are two people to each room," Schnieder agreed. "It makes it that much harder to get involved if you're on a singles wing."

In total, the university guaranteed 120 single/doubles last spring but opened with only 80 in the fall.

While the university will be discontinuing the single/doubles wings, it will continue to provide a limited number of rooms designated as singles.

All but three of these 22 single/singles are located on upper campus, because the designs of Tinglestad and Pflueger do not include single/singles, which are half the size of two-person or single/double rooms.

The only dorm which will continue to offer single/doubles is Kreidler. Single rooms will also be available in Delta, Evergreen Court and the university-owned houses.

The remaining single rooms will be allocated first to those students who have documented medical or emotional needs for requiring a single room. The rest will be allocated to those with the highest number of priority points, who are generally upper classmen.

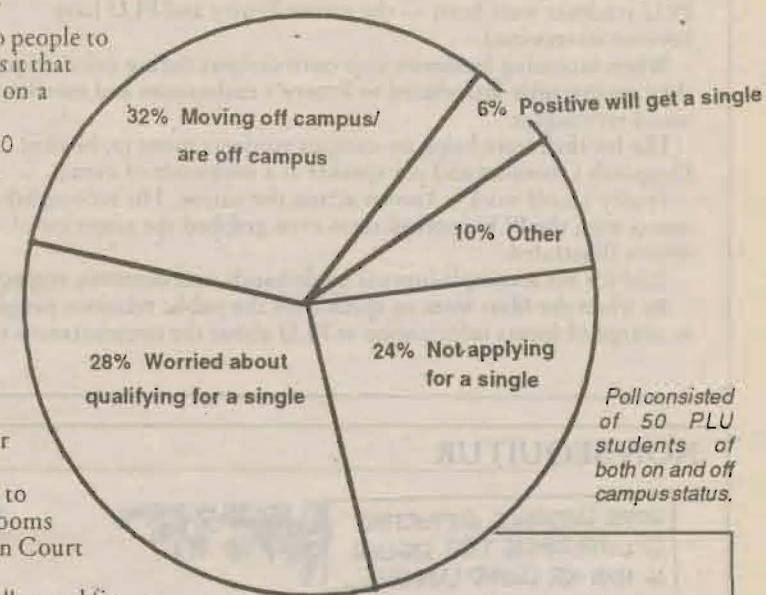
Sophomore Deana Setzke is applying for a residency requirement waiver for next year because she does not want a roommate but she will not have met the requirements needed to live off-campus.

"I'll only be a junior and so I probably won't get off and I won't get a single. It's a no win situation," she said. Setzke said she has not had good luck with roommates. The lack of rooms next year will make it harder to move roommates with conflicts into new rooms.

Huelsbeck said moving has never been the university's first choice in such conflicts, and said that RLO plans to emphasize conflict resolution next year. "Our goal has always been to get roommates to work through a conflict," he said.

Huelsbeck said the rising numbers of students will not result in an increased number of off-campus waivers being granted by RLO for next year. "We have enough room for everyone, we just may not have singles for all those who want them," he said.

Poll question: How will the limiting of singles affect you?



Students suing for solitude

College Press Service

KEARNEY, Neb. - Douglas Rader, a devout Christian, didn't think that his religious beliefs meshed with what he says goes on in a college dormitory - things like alcohol and drug use and casual sex.

So Rader, a freshman at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, requested to live off campus, with other devout Christians. Last summer he asked to be exempt from a university rule that says freshman under 19 must live on campus.

When the university refused to grant his request, he sued. According to his attorney, "Doug Rader wants to be in a place that uplifts his soul."

The university cites research that shows requiring freshman to live on campus improves grades and leads to higher graduation rates.

A decision is pending in the case, heard in March in a federal district court in Lincoln, Neb. Rader has been allowed to live off campus in a Christian center until the case is resolved.

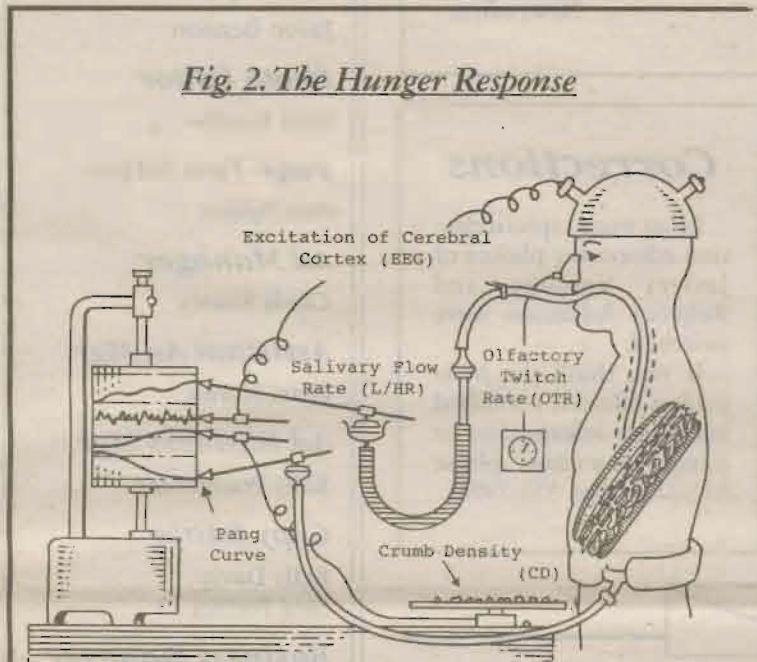


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- Hong - 6
- Foss - 3
- Kreidler - 63
- University owned houses - 14 total
- Delta & Evergreen - 30 total

The university will continue its discussion of possibly lowering the residency requirement to age 20 or the junior year, he said. However such a decision on the issue is not expected for next year.

Sophomore Jami Simmons would like to see the decision made before fall due to the expected lack of singles.

"I'm going to be a junior next year and I'd like to live on campus, but I think it's unfortunate that students don't have the opportunity to have their own space," she said. "RLO ought to provide (singles) for juniors if they're going to have to live on campus."

"By the time you've lived in a dorm room with someone for two years, you've made your friends and it's time to move off or have the university provide you with your own space."

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

Right to privacy: where do we draw the line?

A general purpose public figure is an individual who has assumed the role of special prominence in the affairs of society and occupies a position of persuasive power and influence. — The Associated Press Stylebook and Libel Manual

No one can argue that Frosty Westering is a public figure. Since he began as PLU's football coach in 1972 — before most PLU students were born — the names Frosty and PLU have become intertwined.

When incoming freshmen step onto campus during orientation, they are instantly introduced to Frosty's enthusiasm and motivational techniques.

His football team helps on-campus students move in, he runs Dogpatch Olympics and is a speaker at a multitude of events.

Frosty's hard work is known across the nation. His accomplishments with the PLU football team even grabbed the attention of Sports Illustrated.

And for his accomplishments he demands, and deserves, respect. So when the Mast went to speak with the public relations people in charge of sports information at PLU about the circumstances of

Frosty's recent hospitalization (see story, back page) and was told Frosty did not want a lot of publicity, that was understandable.

On the other hand, being told this was information we weren't supposed to know, and shouldn't report, is not.

As a public figure, Frosty's well-being is of interest to the PLU community.

The purpose of the Mast is to inform the university community about important events and issues.

The hospitalization of a well-known and beloved member of our community is such an event.

The Mast respects Frosty's wish for privacy and does not want to intrude, but the students and faculty of PLU are genuinely concerned.

So, to Frosty: as members of the PLU community, we at the Mast wish you a speedy recovery.

To those in charge of public relations in the athletics department: we're not after a scandal, we're here to inform.

— Alicia Manley
News editor

NON SEQUITUR



Corrections

In last week's special election edition the photos of Javiera Verdugo and Rebecca Adamson were switched.

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

VOICES

Professor calls for debate to deal with central issue of whether homosexuality is good or bad

To the editor:
The exchanges on homosexuality in the last couple of issues of the Mast have been encouraging. They have been carried on in a spirit of politeness and concern which is too often lacking from such conversations.

No doubt this has everything to do with the brave but gentle spirit of the editor Lindsay Tomac, whom I commend. I hope that I can help the discussion along with the following comments.

There is one issue which can easily sidetrack any discussion. It is the contention that, "If you love me you must approve of whatever I want to do." Such an assertion is absurd on its face, as is obvious to any thoughtful person. I, for example, love my children without limit. That, however, does not mean that I approve of everything they do. If they do something bad (e.g., pick on a brother), I condemn such behavior.

Indeed, it is loving to inform them that they are doing something bad and should stop. If they refuse to stop doing what is bad (because they lack self-discipline), then out of love I will punish them (i.e., discipline them in order to help them strengthen their own self-discipline). Because I love them, I condemn bad behavior in them and encourage them to good behavior.

The primary issue with homosexuality is whether it is bad or good. A secondary issue, if we decide that homosexuality is bad, is whether it is bad enough to deserve punishment, or whether it is better to simply ignore it if it does not become too outrageous.

Is homosexuality bad or good? Before we can answer that we must beware of another effort to side-

track the discussion. Someone might argue that, "You have no right to decide what is good or bad." Again, that argument is absurd on its face. The person saying it is in self-contradiction. The person saying it is essentially saying that it is good to not call this bad. That person has made a choice about what is good and bad, and is attempting to deny that choice to another.

For example, some people say that you must accept all people and all forms of behavior. They have made a choice about what is good and bad — i.e., acceptance is good and non-acceptance is bad. But those people do not themselves accept all forms of behavior. They do not accept murder, or rape, or racism, or perhaps pollution or killing sea lions or various other types of behavior. They judge that behavior as bad.

If they have the right to judge behaviors as good or bad, they cannot deny that right to others. By arguing that "acceptance is good" they are really only saying that "acceptance of the behaviors which I approve is good." They are really saying nothing more than that they approve of such behavior — i.e., that they consider it good.

How do we decide whether a

behavior is good or bad? Is it based on feelings? If it feels good, is it good? What about people who feel good when they murder, rape, or hate someone of another race? If feelings are all that matter, then we must say that what they are doing is good.

Shall we say that behavior which causes harm is bad? What if someone disagrees with that assumption? Even if they do not, how do we know what causes harm? A growing pile of evidence shows that in general children raised by a mother without a father in the home are harmed by that situation. Yet only a decade or two ago, people were arguing that children were not harmed at all when their parents took marriage lightly.

Shall we try to determine what is good or bad by appealing to "nature"? It seems pretty obvious that a man's anus was not designed by "nature" for sexual activity. But what of the argument (as yet unproven) that there is something in the brain of a homosexual which inclines him or her to become homosexual? Even if it were true, that proves nothing, because there is something in the brains of particular people which inclines them to alcoholism or rages or other forms of deviant behavior. The fact

that someone has a "natural" weakness does not mean that we have to approve of that person giving in to that weakness. The argument from "nature" is not very helpful in determining what is good or bad.

Lindsay Tomac was perfectly rational when she said that she seeks guidance from God in determining what is good and bad. Many people (myself included) believe that God cares about our welfare, and cares enough to tell us clearly what is good and bad — at least when such actions have serious consequences to us and others. If God tells us that homosexuality is bad, then it is wise and good to not disagree with Him.

While there is a great deal more to be said on this issue, I will leave off at this point, hoping that my remarks will at least help discussants to avoid misleading arguments and deal with the central issue of whether homosexuality is good or bad.

Glenn Van Wyhe
Associate Professor, Business

Letters

Due to the high volume of letters this week they are continued on page 10.

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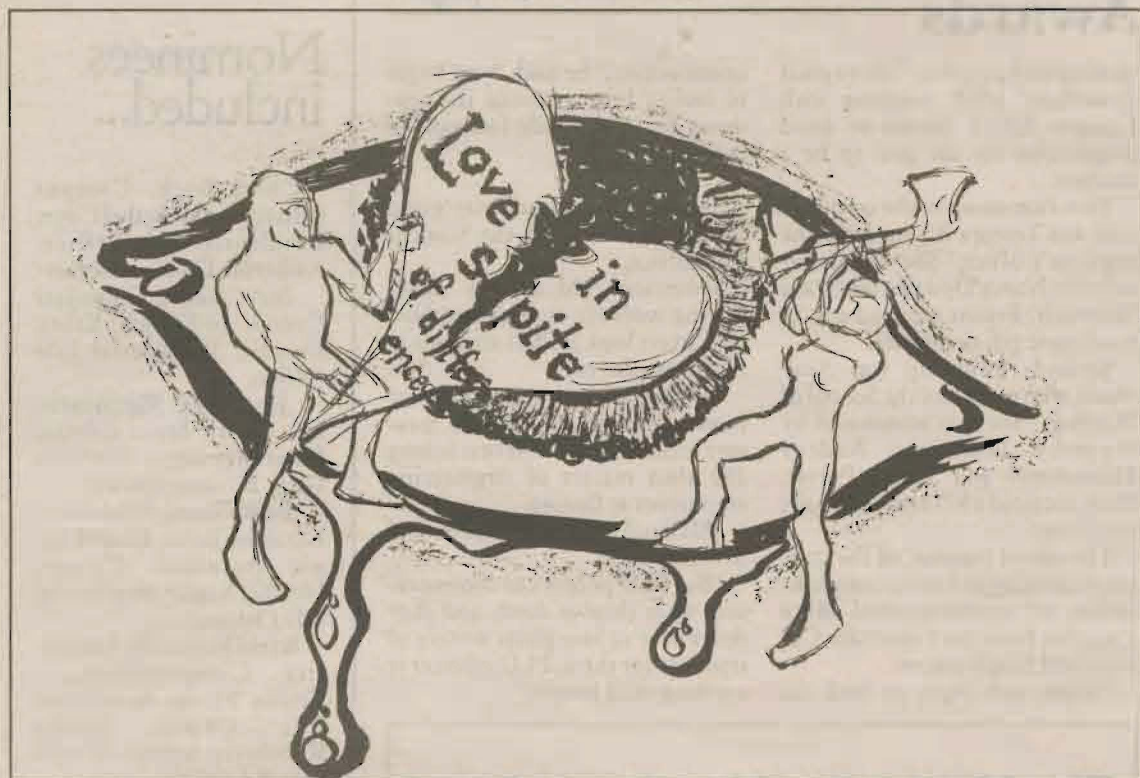


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VOICES

Editor's 'common ground' not an equal compromise for homosexuals

To the editor:

I'm hoping that much of what showed up in your two editorials will strike thoughtful readers as transparently self-indicting, so I'll limit my response to your charge that those who disagree with you are not prepared to be open-minded nor to seek common ground.

Let's examine your claims. You are being asked to reconsider your religious beliefs around the issue of sexual orientation. That's it: the intelligent and necessary re-examination that individuals whose spiritual lives are something other than a rehearsing of orthodox formulas will regularly undertake in order to keep their faith vital and productive. In this respect we are all certainly being asked to do the same thing. Gay and lesbian people (gay and lesbian Christians, in particular) are daily made to rethink our religious beliefs, largely in the face of attacks which seem to suggest that sexual minorities have no religious dimension to their lives at all. This exercise in self-scrutiny, then, is what we share in common.

What you are *not* being asked to

do, however, is to abandon your sexual orientation. No one is denouncing your identity; no one is presuming to indict as sinful and perverse your productive and mutually sustaining relationship with a loving partner; no one is dismissing the totality of your being and your actions as a reductive cartoon called the heterosexual "lifestyle."

Do you see that? Are you so cocooned in majority privilege that you can't see what you're asking of us in the name of "common ground" and "open-mindedness?" A truly open-minded person would demonstrate some sense of the larger context in which these conversations are taking place. You don't do that. You don't acknowledge the asymmetry of our positions: that we and not you are the targets of a presidential candidate's "culture war"; that we and not you are faced with legal discrimination in employment and housing in all but nine states, are denied the civil and legal rights attached to marriage, are threatened with violence on the street and treated with mockery or contempt on the

screen. Until you register the fact that this hardly constitutes a level playing field, it seems more than a little disingenuous to complain of your not being met with open-mindedness on common ground.

You say, "I was surprised at the ease with which some people, who had no prior knowledge about me, made judgments about my character and my capacity to love based on their very limited knowledge drawn from a single editorial." Do you see that this is *precisely* what you've been so blithely doing for several weeks now: "making judgments about my character and my capacity to love based on a very limited knowledge drawn from a single" fact, the fact of my gay identity?

I hope you'll have occasion to rethink some of what you've written, to reconsider what genuine open-mindedness would be and, most importantly, what real common ground might look like. That is something we can all work for.

Tom Campbell
English Department

Human courage and insight important in addressing homosexuality on campus

To the editor:

The intent of this letter is to lend some focus to the latest campus debate on the issue of homosexuality. In particular, it is a response to the letter condemning homosexuality that was submitted by several members of the athletic department and others.

Because the authors are in positions of authority on campus, their letter has the potential to be very harmful and divisive. While it affirms the intolerance of students who share their view of "Biblical righteousness," it serves to hurt, confuse, and divide a large number of young men and women who are struggling with questions of sexuality.

The multifaceted issue of human sexuality on this campus is once again in danger of being thrown into the Old Testament dark ages. For the authors, the issue is stripped of human relevance to become one of, "What does the Bible actually say or not say?"

I say this is not about the Bible. This is not about whether God is

speaking to the football coaches or the gay pastors. This is not a battle for religious supremacy. Humanity, not Christianity, is the common denominator among students at PLU. This is about the human community at PLU coming together and working constructively to bridge their differences. The diversity lecture series upon which the authors "comment" was part of this effort. (Did they actually attend any of these events?)

Concerning homosexuality, the authors say we should "rely solely on what the Word of God actually says, and not look to frail humanity for what is called insight." The attitude that human insight has no place in this issue belittles the tremendous amount of good work that Beth Kraig and the Harmony group (and others) have done for students on this campus.

While the authors may not have anything insightful to add to the development and maturation of young adults at PLU, there are others who do.

What good comes from discred-

iting the positive work of these people?

Football coaches and friends, you need not be afraid of Beth Kraig or other members of the gay community at PLU. Her work does nothing to weaken the Christian stronghold that is the PLU athletic department. But she does provide refuge and guidance to your own student athletes when they cannot turn to you for fear of rejection. Consider her not as the adversarial leader of a rival Christian sect, but as a fellow colleague who is working to help the students for whom this university exists. You should do the same.

Please, please understand the importance of human courage and insight in addressing issues of human sexuality on campus. Humanity is not as frail as you suggest, and the Harmony group has proven this by standing firm in the face of continued intolerance from students and staff alike.

Brett Johnson
1995 PLU graduate

Actions in the name of love can achieve the same goal as those in the name of hate

—Jason—

Disregard (Mast editor) Lindsay Tomac's religious fundamentalism, her alleged intent and your own beliefs about God and sexual orientation.

After her first editorial, people came forward and told her that she had caused pain, sorrow and anger.

One woman's action caused great pain. Knowing the effect of her first editorial, Lindsay wrote a second. She willfully violated all sexually-minority people at PLU. She did it in the name of love.

I am not a "homosexual supporter". I am an advocate for human rights. I have watched Lindsay dehumanize homosexuals, and am baffled and disgusted by the lack of concern expressed by PLU. Can anyone dispute that Lindsay's second editorial was written to further degrade homosexuals?

On page 35 of the Student Handbook, under Racial Harassment of Students, PLU promises "There is no place for conduct that diminishes, uses or abuses another person." If Lindsay had attacked a racial minority, she might have been suspended. If she had "unfairly criticized others on the basis of their race, color, national and ethnic origin" intending to inflict "emotional injury on an individual or group", she might have been expelled.

In the name of love Lindsay has extracted a human quality — sexuality — and turned it into an "issue".

She has pointed a gun at homosexuals and said, "I love you. Do you love me?"

The Student Handbook recognizes the inherent human rights of everyone in the community, as long as they're not gay. According to the Handbook, there are no sexual minorities here. Either that, or they don't have any rights. Is it true that both apply? That they are here and they have no rights?

Can I spray-paint "faggot" on the UC? Or start an anti-gay club? Can I threaten people with impunity, as long as I stick to their sexual orientation? Is there a line?

I know Lindsay Tomac would never do anything like this. I don't think anyone would. These are actions taken in the name of hate. However, those taken in the name of love can achieve the same goals, and they have.

Human beings are hurting.

—Katie—

I read it again last night: "Jesus said 'And love your neighbor as you love yourself.'"

An oft-recited passage from the Bible, I saw it again, described by Jesus as one of the two greatest commandments. The ones that counted. The commandments that summed up the law and made it real, applicable.

Even for nonbelievers, the phrase appears in philosophy's Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you."

The two messages are similar,



Diatoms and Diatribes

By Katie Nelson and Jason Thompson

and for the moment, I will consider them the same, tying the two together for ease of argument.

Love your neighbor as you love yourself. On the surface it seems a simple message, sort of a "care passionately for one another; strive to do good for your friend." Easy enough.

But how do I know how to passionately care?

Love my neighbor as I love myself. How do I want to be loved? What does that kind of intense care mean if I picture myself as the recipient?

I want respect, support, nurturing, love of my whole being, acceptance. I want to be fed with more than the nutrients it takes to keep my body functioning. I want to drink kindness.

What if this is not what my neighbor wants? What if my neighbor's idea of love is something different from mine? If I love masochism, perhaps I should inflict pain on others. This can't be true.

Love my neighbor. We must modify the statement, make it one that benefits the beloved, turns our focus away from the self. Love my neighbor as I love myself, in a way that respects the needs of my neighbor.

A savior or great teacher of the world (however you see Jesus of Nazareth) wouldn't give out commands that were simple. To truly, passionately love my neighbor, I must open my arms, explore their needs, listen with an open heart to how they need to be loved.

This cannot be easy.

There are many rules in the Bible, many regulations and laws to follow, rites to observe and sacred days to remember. Beyond all these is an overarching word of love.

The heart of the Golden Rule is living in harmony.

If my attempt to love results in the suffering of another, I must reexamine my attempt, reconsider my focus.

I must open myself and become vulnerable to those I try to love. I have to seek their needs, what being loved means to them.

Living by commandments or philosophy is never easy.

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Awards

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dealing with people in "not so great situations" while working with Campus Safety should be good preparation for his goal to be a teacher.

First runner-up in the competition was Tomara Bryant from the registrar's office. She was nominated by Nancy Doughty and Dana Shoecraft. Bryant received a \$125 bookstore gift certificate.

Second runner-up was Amy Skare, who works for the School of Nursing. She was nominated by Dorothy Langan, Audrey Masenhimer and Sophia Porter. Skare received a \$75 bookstore gift certificate.

The stated purpose of the contest is to recognize the accomplishments of students, said Mike Quatsoe, from the Center for Careers and Employment.

"When you begin to read the

nominations," he said, "you begin to realize how essential the students are to the daily function of the university."

The keynote speech was given by Ery Severson of the Student Life Office.

Severson told a story about Boeing workers to illustrate how employers look at PLU students as future employees.

He said that if you use salaries of former students as a way to measure success, PLU ranks first among 250 alma maters of engineering employees at Boeing.

"MIT and Caltech may be faster," Severson said.

"But PLU people can communicate what they've done, and they don't have to hire ghost writers to translate for them. PLU is better at working with people."

Nominees included...

Chris Bock, Campus Safety; Bryant; Bethel Cope, Residential Life Office; Katherine Dibblee, Library;

Steve Cook, Computer Center. Jo Daniels; Kristy Daniels, Residential Life Office;

Janel Fox, Residential Life Office; Bryce Gilman, Plant Services; Jennifer Gray, Business Office;

Beth Green, Bookstore; Elizabeth Jayne, Multi-Ethnic Resource Center; Heather Kegley, Residential Life Office;

Kevin Marousek, University Communications; Kristin Merle, Residential Life Office; Sonja Rainsberry, School of Business Administration;

Erin Romine, Residential Life Office; Shane Row, Computer Center; Traci Saalfeld, Computer Center; Steve Schubert, Computer Center;

Sheila Scott, Residential Life Office; Skare; Toulouse; Nicole Urbanec, Human Resources Services; Marci Voeller, Health Services;

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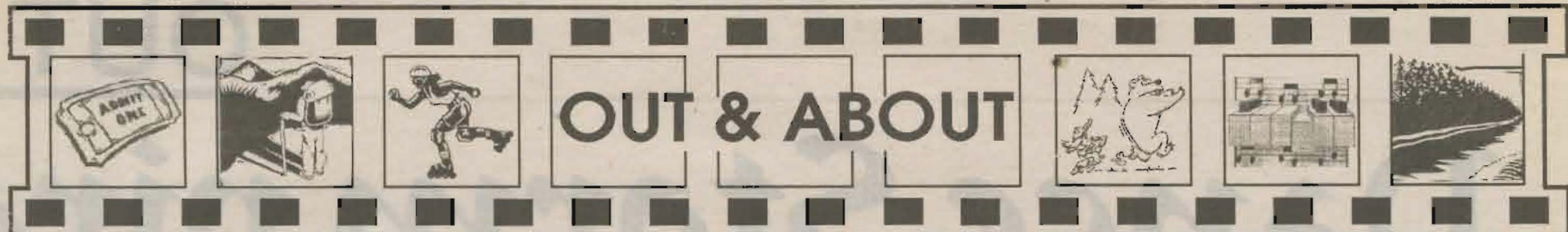
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SIDE BY SIDE COMES TO THE CAVE

Workout benefits more than hearts

A NIGHT OF MUSICAL THEATRE

By Jody Allard
O&A editor

A musical review of the works of Stephen Sondheim, entitled "Side by Side By Sondheim," will take place in the Cave at 8 p.m. April 12 and 13. The free show, which includes such well known musical numbers as "A Boy Like That" and "Send in the Clowns," and songs from musicals such as *West Side Story*, *Gypsy* and *Follies*, is a compilation of Sondheim's work and is narrated by the singers between some numbers. Through the narrations, the singers hope to give the audience a feel for Sondheim's life, and the characters which are portrayed in the musical numbers.

"Side by Side" has a cast of ten, and includes 25 songs. During the intermission between each show, there will be a silent auction to benefit A Night of Musical Theatre.

"Side by Side" is directed by student Angela Kellogg, and the Director of the University Chorale and the University Singers, Richard Nance, is the show's music director.

Heidi Vanderford, who sings the part of Anita in a duet of "A Boy Like That" with Erica Wood, as well as many other songs, says that the best thing about being in the production is "definitely the music." Although Vanderford usually performs opera, participating in "Side by Side" has introduced her to a new type of music and allowed her to work closely with a small group of people.

"It's been incredible," she said.



Brandon Vrosh and Carrie Rice strike a pose from this year's A Night of Musical Theatre offering, "Side by Side By Sondheim."



From left to right: Rebecca Reisch, Louis Hobson, Erica Wood, Darren Kerbs, Angela Kellogg, David Coffey, Heidi Vanderford, Carrie Rice, Brandon Vrosh and Katie Walker.

photos by Matt Kusche

By Jody Allard
O&A editor

Workout for Hope, the largest health and fitness event in the nation, will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 27 at the University of Puget Sound.

Workout for Hope offers more than just exercise bikes and treadmills. Participants may choose from: aerobics, circuit training, weights, walking, in-line skating, step aerobics, aqua-aerobics, court sports, yoga and tai chi. There are no endurance tests, or records to beat; the point of the program is to raise money for AIDS research while having fun and staying fit.

"I'm honored to be part of this worthwhile event, because it offers an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of millions," said Michi Seagrist, leader of the Tacoma Workout for Hope.

Workout for Hope participants collect donations in the weeks prior to the event, then work out for between one and three hours on April 27 with the top fitness teams in the Tacoma area. A minimum of \$50 in donations is required to participate.

In 1995, Workout for Hope raised more than \$1.4 million in donations collected by nearly 20,000 participants. All proceeds from Workout for Hope are used to fund HIV/AIDS related research, and many of the leading treatments used to treat AIDS patients were funded through the program.

For more information, or to register for Workout for Hope, call (800) 934-9196.

Yes, men, women do fart too

Greetings everyone. The Bald Eagle is back from a fairly kick-butt weekend. yawn Unfortunately, this moving forward an hour crap sucks.

I was called upon this weekend to mediate a dispute revolving around the basic nature of humans, specifically women. The argument was that men farted all the time (Warning: Flatulent humor column), thus denoting them as pigs. The retort was that women farted too, they just never admit it. Being the wise and benevolent Child of the Gods, I explained the truth in life regarding this sensitive issue.

1. Men don't fart nearly as often as women like to think.

A man will only fart on three occasions. The first is when he is alone and figures, "Hey, it is only my nosehairs that will get wilted

out of my face." The second is when he is with other guys, who are doubtlessly trying to fart themselves, whereupon they all burst into guffaws about how that one really shook the cat. The third time is when he is drunk and has no real concept of what he is doing. A fart to him is an air-raid siren — no pun intended — which causes his entire inebriated group to seek cover and scream "SCUD!" at the top of their lungs.

On any other occasion, men can be seen with their buttocks clenched tight enough to produce diamonds, walking like a grenade has been jammed up there. In public, this produces a jerky style of walking which is easily detectable and can be disrupted by the sound of a gun shot just behind the person. This will also produce a fart.



Musings, Inc.

By Robin of Locksley

2. Women fart. They will lie, scream in protest, produce fact-filled charts and graphs proving that they do not, in fact, fart — but do not be fooled. It was farting

women who helped the Warren Commission prove Lee Harvey Oswald killed Kennedy.

How do they get away with it, you ask? Well, women, being the cagier of the two sexes, fart strategically. They will fart only in the company of men, preferably the inebriated type, or in the presence of men doing the diamond-buttock maneuver of fart containment. They will, of course, blame the men.

Now, I know you are wondering how men fail to catch on to all of this, but anyone who read my article on women's intuition will not be surprised to learn that women are equipped, at birth, with silencers.

It's true. Women of today are born with the latest X2-VQ75 model sonic suppressor, which is

generations ahead of anything the FBI is using. This prevents the slightest peep from accompanying their violations of the Geneva Convention and makes it quite easy to frame some poor male for the crime.

Men have no chance of successfully installing silencers in their butts; any attempts will merely cause hemorrhoids as well as make these ridiculous trumpeting sounds at the moment of truth.

There you have it. Another enlightening expose in the Battle of the Sexes, proving once more that no matter what you think, God is a woman and the playing field is not level.

Good luck men, and put that away!

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Dance Storm piro



By Jody Allard
O&A editor

Seattle-based choreographers Elisio Pitta and Kristina Dillard have collaborated with student choreographers to present Dance Storm, a collection of original works, at 8 p.m. April 19 and 20 in Eastvold Auditorium.

Pitta, a native of Brazil, began his study of the fine arts when he was 12. He holds a master's degree in modern dance from the University of Bahia, and currently works as choreographer, dancer, teacher and artistic director for the Aluja Dance Company in Seattle. For Dance Storm, Pitta will present a fast-paced tribally-inspired African rhythmic dance.

Dillard is a 1993 graduate of the Cornish College of the Arts, and has taught dance in the Seattle area.

The program includes nine pieces choreographed by PLU students. The pieces range from a work involving 13 dancers expressing the triumph of hope over despair and a tap trio inspired by the

voice of Louis Armstrong. Noelle Bertelson, a freshman and communication major, will perform with a trio of dancers inspired by the song of the group First Call.

Senior history major Kasey Cochran and senior elementary education major Lea Wicklander selected a group of dancers to silently interpret the pain and anguish suffered by battered women and children.

Cindy Andrew, a senior French major, chose to choreograph a modern piece inspired by the sound of Bessie Smith, a blues singer who was murdered in the 1930s, while English major Tara Noyes will present a lyrical piece inspired by the music of Enya.

Monika Sundbaum, a senior international relations major, will add a local element to the show with a quartet of dancers inspired by the local music group Trenchcoats.

A physical exploration of triumph over despair and pain will be presented by a group of 13 dancers choreographed



Angie Hefner and Megan Arno add emotional depth to a dance choreography.

Above: Kacey Cochran practices for one of her Dance Storm routines.

Near right: Angie Hefner interprets the music of her dance.

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mettes into Eastvold

freshman physical therapy major Lina Korsmo.

Sarah Parker, a senior biology major, will present a piece which reflects the dancer's devotion to rhythm.

"Rhythm is the underlying force to which a dancer must surrender. It shapes, directs and breathes life into movement. In a dance in which rhythm is kicked into high gear, a beat is found, the mind is forgotten and the body is given over to the music," explained Parker.

Jami Simmons, a sophomore dance and music major, will showcase a trio dancing to the music of Louis Armstrong.

Maureen McGill Seal, an associate professor of physical education, is the artistic director for Dance Storm. She is also choreographing a piece with music from Johnny Raye and Stephen Halpern's Eastern Peace.

Tickets are \$3 for general admission and \$2.50 for students. For more information, call x7359.



Top: Back: Sarah Parker and Becky Wheeler Front: Beth Anne Kapansky

Above left: Angie Hefner and Megan Arno strike a pose.

Above right: Megan Arno and Angie Hefner move to the rhythm of the music.

Left: Jamie Telford dances in the "rain."

The cast of the Dance Ensemble

Dancers:

- Cindy Andrew
- Brandy Antonius
- Megan Arno
- Julie Barlow
- Bria Becker
- Noelle Bertelson
- Antoinette Boutros
- Chelsea Case
- Kacey Cochran
- Alana Dellatan
- Jeana Erb
- Kristi Giste
- Stacie Hauck
- Angie Hefner
- Jessica Hoffman
- MaryAnne Hoppe
- Farrah Hussain
- Beth Anne Kapansky
- Kristen Kehayas
- Jennifer Kennedy
- Lina Korsmo
- Abe Kyoko
- Jessica Lull
- Alison Miles
- Tara Nelson
- Sarah Parker
- Nikki Plaid
- Heather Schneider
- Jami Simmons
- Monika Sundbaum
- Jamie Telford
- Candi Ulam
- Becky Wheeler
- Lea Wicklander

Student choreographers:

- Cindy Andrew
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lling the triumph of hope over despair.

OPINION

VOICES

Editor's position not accepting

To the editor:

As both a Christian and a gay person, I feel compelled to respond to the last two anti-gay editorials. Obviously, I am frustrated and hurt by what is felt as pure thoughtlessness. It stings. But most of all, Lindsay, I am embarrassed for you.

Bigotry is easily defined as an intolerance for any belief that differs from one's own. You have attempted to sugarcoat your own bigotry by turning this into a religious issue, justifying your inability to love and accept as "God's Plan." It doesn't work.

You probably have not studied the issues as thoroughly as you might think you have. Jesus never spoke against homosexuality. Quite the contrary, in fact. It seems to me that the entire point of his ministry was to create a new unity beyond the divisions of humanity.

It is hard to imagine that anyone who has studied the Bible thoroughly could interpret it at a literal level, as you certainly claim to do. The Bible says women must not be educated, nor speak out in church, that stubborn children should be stoned to death, that a menstruating woman must not touch anything.

It says that a man's semen contains all of the necessary ingredients to produce a new life, that wearing mixed fabric is a grave sin, that the sun revolves around the earth, and that a man must be circumcised to be among God's chosen people. The whole epistle to

Philemon is dedicated to promoting slavery, not to mention other long passages that clearly support it. The Bible also suggests we gouge out our eyes or cut off our hands in order to resist temptation. The list goes on.

In this literal approach of yours, have you just conveniently ignored what the Bible says about these issues? You have said that "there is no common ground for a logical debate." That is because this pick-and-choose theology does not make any logical sense. How does one decipher what to apply literally and what to ignore? History shows us that society has repeatedly used the Bible to discriminate against the current social taboo (the acceptance of the Gentiles, the abolition of slavery, and women's suffrage).

Being gay has forced me to open my mind. I cannot blame Biblical writers for not understanding internal medicine, depth psychology, or gender equality. I cannot blame them for being products of their own time and culture. Instead, I look further to embrace the eternal message of love they tried so hard to convey.

Real love, Lindsay. Not the superficial kind that judges, hurts and eventually divides people. Your position is not an accepting one, in any form. I cannot find solace in your concept of love and acceptance.

Tim Simrell
PLU student

Celebrating diversity includes sexual minorities

To the editor:

We write from the Faculty/Staff Diversity Committee to celebrate diversity in its full range of connotations and to protest the recent attacks in the Mast on gay and lesbian programs at PLU.

Diversity is paid much lip-service on our campus, and in our University's defining documents (PLU 2000, for example). Students, staff, administrators and faculty have, for the most part, supported making PLU a diverse campus, and many have complained that PLU has not diversified enough.

It seems important to remember when we make such claims for "more diversity" at PLU that celebrating "diversity" includes

honoring sexual minorities as well.

Lindsay Tomac makes a troubling claim in her first editorial (on the subject), that the "excessive number of homosexual-based programs" at PLU have served to make heterosexuals uncomfortable — her desire ultimately is voiced as a nostalgia for the days when gay people were closeted, silenced or made otherwise inconspicuous.

Let us also remember that in those days, being gay was cause enough to be beaten or killed, and let us not forget that gay-bashing is still with us. The kind of nostalgia represented in Tomac's editorial is particularly troubling to us, and it is truly a turning away from diversity, away from love.

We respect the gay members of

the PLU community and we support Harmony, Crossroads, the Stonewall Alliance and Diversity Week. We advocate diversity, not the divisiveness manifested in the Tomac editorials.

Dr. Lisa Marcus, Department of English

Dr. Arturo Bibrarz, Department of Sociology

Dr. John Moritsugu, Department of Psychology

Dr. Laura Klein, Department of Anthropology

Dr. Tamara Williams, Department of Languages, Chair of Global Studies

Dr. Michael Bartanen, Department of Communication Arts

Any reading of Bible requires interpretation

To the editor:

As a member of that community which confesses Jesus of Nazareth as the Christ and as an historian of Christianity, I am responding to my faculty and staff colleagues whose opinion you published in the March 29 issue under the headline "Bible is sole standard of truth and error in Christianity."

I am responding because I respect their desire to be faithful Christians and because I value the tradition too deeply to remain silent when it is misrepresented.

The position that my colleagues

present as the normative or "true" position on Biblical authority is held by many Christians, especially in the United States. It is a position that has grown in popularity since the late nineteenth century when scientific fact, however well or badly understood, became the common standard for conceiving truth. It is not, however, an accurate presentation of the historic Christian community's understanding of the Word of God.

From the first-century origins of Christianity the Scriptures have been interpreted by communities of faith. First the Jewish Scriptures, which were the only Scriptures the earliest Christians had, and later the letters and gospels that would become our New Testament were read and interpreted by a community that understood itself to be constituted by the living presence of Jesus in its midst. Not the words in manuscripts, but the Risen Lord, Jesus the Christ, is the Word of God.

The words, in the Hebrew Scriptures and Christian letters and gospels, were the Word of God when the community's encounter with them in faith led to an encounter with the Living Word, Jesus. This should, I think, be the understanding of those who claim to follow in the apostolic tradition: The Bible is the Word of God when our encounter with the biblical texts, read and interpreted in a community of faith, leads us to a transforming encounter with the Living Word, Jesus.

From this perspective the positions presented in my colleagues' opinion column are problematic. First, in claiming that "the sole standard of truth and error in Christianity is entirely and exclusively the Word of God as depicted in Scriptures" and exhorting: "Let us rely exclusively on the Bible, the complete Word of God without addition or subtraction," they minimize, if they do not positively eliminate, the authority of the Holy Spirit in the Christian community.

... Among the Spirit's gifts are wisdom and understanding, both of which are needed for discerning God's actions in our midst and in the process of interpreting Scripture's meaning as we encounter it in the ever-changing contexts of our lives. In short, without the Spirit's presence in the community we cannot know the Word of God—Jesus—through the Scripture, which we also call God's word.

Second, my colleagues claim that "The issue is not a matter of whose opinion is right or of opinions at all. The issue is, 'what does the Bible actually say, and what does the Bible not say.'" They are par-

tially correct, the issue is not opinions. The issue IS faithful interpretation. My colleagues assume that while others may interpret the Scriptures wrongly, and they think that any Christian who claims that the Scriptures do not automatically condemn all homosexual relationships is doing so, they themselves do not interpret Scripture wrongly. Why? Because they do not understand themselves to be interpreting Scripture at all.

Yet, that is precisely what they are doing. As late twentieth-century readers interrogating ancient Mediterranean texts, they are engaged in complex acts of interpretation. There is no other way for human beings to discern the Word of God in the Scriptures except through interpretation. Whenever any one of us says, "The Bible says ..." we are presenting the fruits of our interpretation of the text.

... The Bible is not a pipeline from God to us that is exempt from history and that exempts us ... from engaging faithfully in the act of interpretation.... To pretend that interpretation is not involved in our reading of Scriptures but that interpretation is involved in others' "wrong" readings of Scripture, is to risk falling into Bibliolatry: replacing the worship of God with the worship of the Bible. This is the direction in which I fear my colleagues' positions lead.

Were this just an issue of differences of opinion over how to read Scripture or how to make decisions in the Christian life, I would not speak so strongly. But from my work as an historian of Christianity I know all too well that whenever in the past Christians have been terribly certain that they understood precisely God's word in the Bible, they have turned the Scriptures into a club with which to kill, and through that act assumed unto themselves power that Scripture says belongs to God. The litany is long — persecution of the Jews, the slaughter of Muslims during the Crusades, burning and drowning of heretics, burning of witches, and supporting violence against women and children.

Those of us who claim to be followers of Jesus should approach the Scriptures with a care rivaled only by our willingness to call into question our own limited grasp of truth. Unless we are this careful we may, albeit unwittingly, contribute to adding persecution of gay and lesbian persons to the litany of those occasions when Christians encountered in the Scriptures not the Word of God, but the word of death.

Patricia O'Connell Killen
Associate Professor of Religion

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SPORTS

Softball off to perfect 9-0 conference start

By Erin Rowley
Mast reporter

The PLU fastpitch softball team's continued success on the road has allowed the Lutes to take a commanding first-place lead in the Northwest Conference with a perfect 9-0 record.

Last weekend the Lutes collected six wins as they swept a series of doubleheaders with Linfield College (8-2, 10-0), Pacific University (10-2, 12-3) and George Fox College (5-0, 12-2).

PLU opened conference play March 29 after returning from a Hawaii invitational, posting wins against Lewis & Clark College (6-2, 12-6) and Pacific University (5-

Gunter has a 13-2 record and a 1.05 earned run average.

"She threw very well and it was another learning experience that she can take with her," Noren said.

The coach said Gunter's success has had a positive influence on the team. "She has performed as a leader should and has showed courage and dedication after coming back from an injury," he said. "She gives the team someone to look up to."

Senior designated player Jenny Kindle has also been a standout for the Lutes. Kindle was selected as a NCIC and Regional Player of the Week. In six games, Kindle was 15 for 24 with five doubles and 13 runs batted in (RBI). She is currently hitting .427 and has collected 13 doubles, four triples and 25 RBI for the season.

Another player who has been having a strong season is junior center fielder Danetta Laguna. Laguna has stolen 20 bases thus far, breaking a school record of 17 set in 1986. In game two of the double header against Linfield, Laguna hit three for three, with one RBI, one double, two stolen bases and four runs scored.

Junior pitcher Erin Needham had solid performances in three of the six games. She hurled five shutout innings against Linfield, allowing just six hits and three walks, as the Lutes won 10-0.

In the 12-3 victory over Pacific, junior shortstop Lisa Treadwell was four for four, with three RBI, one double, one stolen base and two runs scored.

In the same game, sophomore outfielder Sheree Deskin was three for three, with two doubles and three runs scored.

The Lutes will host Portland State University on Friday, and



photo Heather Anderson

Missy Cole takes a cut at the ball during the Lutes' game March 31 against Pacific. PLU won 5-0. The Lute softball team has a perfect 9-0 conference record and lead second place Linfield by 3 games.

George Fox College on Saturday. PLU will welcome the opportunity to play at home, as 26 of the 27 games played this season so far have been on the road.

But Noren said the team's success on the road is a good sign. "It is a huge message from this team that they're very good and improving every game," he said.

PLU travels to the Husky Softball Stadium on Sunday to face Washington, which is ranked in the top 10 among NCAA Division I schools.

SOFTBALL

Overall record: 22-5

Next game: Today vs. Portland State, PLU, 3 p.m.

0). A second game against Pacific was rained out, as well as a doubleheader set with Willamette.

Coach Rick Noren said the team played as well as it did because every player contributed.

There were some outstanding individuals, however. Junior pitcher Janelle Gunter was named NCIC and Regional Pitcher of the Week for her three complete-game wins last weekend. In 21 innings of work, Gunter allowed only three earned runs, 14 hits and two walks. She struck out 17. In the game against George Fox on Saturday, Gunter came within two outs of a perfect game before finishing with a two-hitter. For the overall season,

Two more meets, two more wins for Lute track teams

By Roger Brodniak
Mast reporter

PLU's pride of track and field athletes will head south to Newberg, Ore., Saturday to compete in the George Fox Five-Team meet, and for the two-day NCIC Multi-Events meet on Monday and Tuesday.

The women's squad will be looking to continue its undefeated record in team meets this spring, while the men's team is seeking its fourth straight team win after an early setback to defending NCIC champion Linfield College in the first meet of the year.

Several individuals are also riding 1996 winning streaks, including senior co-captain Nolan Toso (110 hurdles), Karl Lerum (400 hurdles), and Corie Krueger (hammer). The men's 1,600-meter relay and hammer throwers have yet to lose an event this year.

Set to compete in the multi-events meet are decathletes Lerum, David Robinson, and Davey Logue. The women feature heptathletes (seven events) Kristi Preiskorn and Kristi Osborne. The two-day competition is the first opportunity to post a total score before the post-season meets in May.

Last Saturday, the men and women emerged from rain-soaked Civic Stadium in Bellingham with their third-straight team titles in the 15th Annual Western Washington

University Quadrangular meet.

Junior Brent Roeger pulled off an impressive double win in the 1,500- and 5,000-meter races to lead the men to a 27 1/2-point victory over Western. Roeger noted that he was especially pleased with his 5,000-meter race, in which he set a 14-second personal best of 15:05.7. "That's the best double I've ever had," he said.

Another distance runner showing improvement from week to week is junior Kelly Pranghofer,

TRACK

Last meet: First at WWU Quadrangular

Next meet: Tomorrow at George Fox Invitational, Newberg, Ore., 11 a.m.

who was named male outstanding meet performer after setting personal bests in the 1,500 and 5,000 meters. Pranghofer's gutsy performance in the 1,500, where he overtook four runners in the last 250 meters, ended with a dramatic finish as he out-leaned Seattle Pacific's Matt Cooper by 0.02 seconds for second place.

The men won 11 of 19 events at the meet. Joining Roeger as event winners were: the 400- and 1,600-meter relay teams, Toso (110 hurdles), Andrew Wilson (400 meters), David Whelan (3,000-meter race walk), Marc Elliot (hammer), Judd Hunter (high jump),

Brian Van Valey (javelin), and Neil Owen (pole vault).

The women's team supplemented a strong showing in the field events with depth on the track to defeat second-place Seattle Pacific University by 15 points.

Corie Krueger (hammer), Lori Grimberg (high jump), and Suzy Hooper (javelin) each won their respective field events for the second straight week, while Jenni Krueger (triple jump) placed first in the triple jump.

The only other event winner was Chandra Longnecker, who made a strong move in the 1,500 meters on Western's Jen Campbell with 200 meters to go. She won in 4:42.88, just one-half second off national qualifying standards. The win was her second in as many weeks.

In a huge breakthrough performance, freshman race walker Jill Green qualified for nationals with a strong time in a very competitive 3,000-meter race walk. The coaching staff later recognized Green as the female outstanding meet performer.

Corie Krueger and Valerie Wawrzycki improved on their own school records for the second time in three weeks, as they posted personal bests in the hammer (141 feet, 4 inches) and 3,000-meter race walk (15:31.7).

The team posted its most impressive effort of the year in the PLU five-team meet March 30,

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Bad weather dampens weekend for baseball

By Aaron Lafferty
Mast senior reporter

The PLU baseball squad battled both George Fox College and uncooperative weather over Easter break.

The Lutes met George Fox last Friday in what was to be the first of three games in two days at PLU, but they could only complete one of the games because of rain.

In that game, the Lutes got on the board first with three runs in the bottom of the second inning, but the Bruins eventually tied it up with a run in the third and two in the fourth.

In the sixth, George Fox grabbed a 5-3 lead and threatened to do more damage. PLU Coach Larry Marshall made the call to the bullpen and brought in junior Jim Wellman to replace senior starting pitcher Matt McPoland. With runners on second and third and just one out, the Bruins looked to increase their two-run lead. But Wellman ended the Bruins' chances and kept the Lutes in the game by getting the next two outs.

In the bottom of the sixth, the Lutes rallied for three more runs, giving them a 6-5 lead.

After Wellman recorded two outs in the seventh, the Bruins struck again. Thanks to a timely double, GFC had the potential tying run in scoring position. Again Marshall went to his bullpen, this time going to the hard-throwing freshmen Craig Willis. Willis

wasted no time, giving the Bruin batter a steady diet of fastballs. He struck him out for the final out of the game, recording a save for himself and a win for Wellman.

In the second game of the double-dip, the Lutes scored a run in the home half of the first to get things going. GFC responded in the second with back-to-back solo homers from Ryan Munoz and Rob Hoover.

The Lutes tied the score with a run in the third, but GFC added two more in the fourth and another in the fifth, taking the lead 5-2. The Lutes responded with two runs of their own in the sixth, pulling within one.

After GFC put up two more in the top of the seventh, the Lutes rallied for three runs off a RBI single by senior Danny Desmond and a two-run single by senior Matt Baxter.

But as soon as the Lutes tied it up, the game slipped away in the top of the eighth as GFC rallied for five runs on four hits, including a three-run homerun by Jeff Janosky. In the bottom of the inning, the Lutes were unable to score and the ninth inning loomed.

Due to darkness, the game was suspended with one inning to go. It was to be continued the following day before the third game.

However, the rains fell and changed those plans, leaving the Lutes unable to play either game.

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BASEBALL

Overall record: 11-7

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

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LUTE SCOREBOARD

SOFTBALL

vs. Linfield

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PLU Highlights: Cole 2b; Laguna 2b, RBI, 2 SB; Falconer 1b, 2 RBI; Anderson 1b, 2 RBI; Kindle 3 1b, 2 RBI
WP: Needham

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PLU Highlights: Johnston 2 1b, 2b, RBI; Laguna 3 1b; Kindle 3 1b
WP: Gunter

vs. Pacific

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PLU Highlights: Deskin 1b, 2 2b; Treadwell 3 1b, 2b, 3 RBI; Johnston 2 1b, 4 RBI; Kindle 2 1b, 2b, RBI
WP: Needham

TRACK

at WWU Quadrangular

Team Scores

Men: PLU 88 1/2, WWU 61, SPU 27, SFU 21 1/2

Women: PLU 67, SPU 52, WWU 47, SFU 29

Individual Winners

Men
4x100 meter relay- (Toso, Wilson, Donaldson, Lerum) 42.68
4x400 meter relay- (Wilson, Oatfield, Owen, Lerum) 3:23.59
110 meter hurdles- Nolan Toso, 14.47
400 meters- Andrew Wilson, 50.48
1500 meters- Brent Roeger, 4:00.39
3000 meter race walk- Dave Whelan, 15.55
5000 meters- Brent Roeger, 15:05.7
Hammer- Marc Elliot, 166-7
High Jump- Judd Hunter, 6-2 3/4
Javelin- Brian Van Valey, 186-6
Pole Vault- Neil Owen, 14-1 1/4

Women
1500 meters- Chandra Longnecker, 4:42.88
Hammer- Corie Krueger, 141-4
High Jump- Lori Grimsberg, 5-3
Triple Jump- Jenni Krueger, 35-4 1/2
Javelin- Suzy Hooper, 129-5

SPORTS ON TAP

Men's Tennis

Today — vs. Pacific, PLU, 3 p.m.
Tomorrow — vs. Lewis-Clark State, PLU, 9:30 p.m.
Tomorrow — vs. Linfield, PLU, 3 p.m.

Women's Tennis

Today — vs. Linfield, PLU 2 p.m.
Tomorrow — vs. Lewis-Clark State, PLU, 3:30 p.m.

Baseball

Tomorrow—vs. Linfield, PLU, 1 p.m. (DH)
Sunday — vs. Linfield, PLU, noon

Softball

Today — vs. Portland Stae, 3 p.m.
Tomorrow — vs. George Fox, PLU, 1 p.m.

Track

Tomorrow — George Fox Five Team, Newberg Ore., 11 a.m.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

vs. Pacific PLU 7-PU 2
singles
Crawford, PU d. Dorsey 1-6, 7-5, 6-4
Henry, PLU d. Morisaki 6-1, 6-0
Broderson, PLU d. Beard 6-0, 6-2
Delk, PLU d. Drayer 3-6, 6-3, 6-4
Joy Zumbrunnen, PLU d. Davis 6-0, 6-0
Schmidt, PLU d. Burnett 6-1, 6-0

doubles
Crawford-Morisaki d. Dorsey-Henry 6-3, 3-6, 7-5
Schmidt-Delk d. Burnett-Drayer 6-4, 6-1
Zumbrunnen-Zumbrunnen d. Davis-Gono 6-0, 6-1
PLU 8-Whitman 1
PLU 9-Whitworth 0

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Crew competitive in San Diego

By Kristy Daniels
Mast reporter

The men's and women's crew teams were well-represented at the San Diego Crew Classic in San Diego on March 29 and 30.

The women's varsity eight placed third in the third tier final; the men's light-weight boat finished fifth and the heavy-weight boat finished sixth.

In addition to the regular eight boat, the women sent an open weight and light-weight four boat.

It was the most boats sent to the Crew Classic in PLU's history.

In the men's light-weight grand final the other competitors were Harvard (which took first), Cal Berkeley, UC Davis, Texas and St. Mary's.

Tim Perkins, a varsity light-weight member said the crew expected to finish second behind Harvard, but the goal wasn't realized because they "had a really bad race." He said, "St. Mary's oars collided with ours."

The varsity heavy-weight qualified for the grand finals by placing in the top six in the preliminary heats. "We didn't do as well as expected, but for our first year it wasn't bad," said Travis Long, a varsity heavy-weight rower.

"It was a good indicator of what we need to do for the rest of the season," Long said. It was fun "competing against different schools, relaxing, and playing in the sun."

Men's Coach Doug Nelson agreed it was a good growing experience. He said the heavy weights making it to the finals their first year was an exceptional achievement.

"The light weights didn't do as well as expected, but it was good to measure their speed against the California teams," Nelson said. The Lutes will meet some of the same teams at the Pacific Coast Rowing Championships.

Attitudes about the San Diego experience were similar among the women rowers.

"We raced well, considering who we were racing against," said Taylor Olsen, a women's open-eight member. "It was a lot of fun just being down there with crews from everywhere."

There was not a light-weight eight race so PLU sent a light-weight four. Kristin Phillipe was the coxswain for the boat.

The boat had a good race with a strong finish Sunday in the petite final. The petite final is the second-tier final for boats which do not qualify for the grand final.

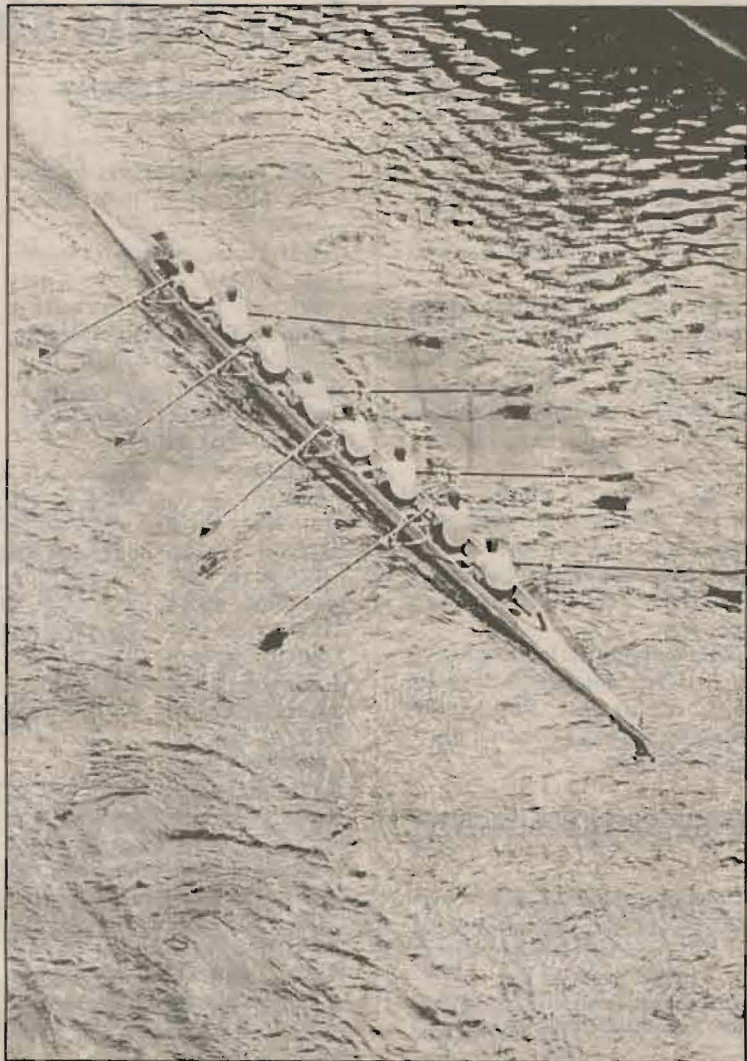


photo by Heather Anderson

The men's crew novice boat rows at the University of Washington on March 30. The varsity crews competed in San Diego over the same weekend.

"We expected to do better, but we weren't sure of the competition," Phillipe said.

It was the first race of the season for the light-weight four.

The San Diego Crew Classic is 2,000 meters long and takes somewhere between 6 and 6 1/2 minutes

for men's teams to complete.

The next big race for the Lute crews is the Meyer-Lamberth race against UPS at 9 a.m. April 20 on American Lake.

"It's one of the biggest races of

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Men's tennis continues conference dominance

Tough early season schedule prepares Lutes for NCIC action

By Jason Benson
Mast asst. sports editor

Last week, PLU men's tennis Coach Mike Benson had a little talk with his players.

"We talked about record," Benson said. "I told them we could have made our record dif-

ferent by not playing teams like Seattle U. and Lewis-Clark State, but would you feel any better? We learn just as much losing 5-4 as we do winning 5-4."

The Lutes' 6-7 duel meet record this season is a far cry from last year's 17-4 team. But that doesn't mean this team is a lot worse, says Benson. It just means the other teams are getting better.

"It's really a product of who you play," he said. "We've lost to six good teams, one of them twice."

That "one" is a much-improved Seattle University team, whom the Lutes played last Friday. The Chieftans won the last meeting between the two teams 7-2 in Tacoma. They repeated that feat last weekend, defeating the Lutes by an identical score in Seattle.

The Lutes picked up a pair of

singles wins from juniors Mike Pitzen and Gil Rigell. Rigell is a perfect 6-0 in singles this season.

Because of work obligations, he has played in only six of the Lutes' 13 matches. A 1981 graduate of Lakes High School, the 32-year old Rigell attended Green River Community College before returning to Lakes to coach tennis and basketball. He is at PLU to finish up his undergraduate degree.

Neither Pitzen nor Rigell were able to play in last Saturday's matches with Willamette and George Fox, but the Lutes had little trouble handling

their conference foes a couple of 0-9 losses. Senior Colin Arnold and freshmen Hao Nguyen and Matt Simons filled in at No. 5 and No. 6.

Nguyen made a big impression in his first appearance, picking up a 6-0, 6-0 win against George Fox. With the wins, the PLU squad improved to 4-0 in NCIC competition, a record it hopes to improve on today when it faces Pacific on the Parkland courts.

Tomorrow morning, the Lutes take on nationally-ranked Lewis-Clark State, then Linfield in the afternoon. PLU lost 2-7 in a March 9 meeting with L-C State.

Both matches, as well as the Lutes' final three, will take place at PLU.

M-TENNIS

Overall record: 7-6

Next game: Today, vs. Pacific, PLU, 3 p.m.

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Women's tennis sweeps Mayor's cup

By Jason Benson
Mast asst. sports editor

Every coach hopes that when the regular season ends, the team will be playing its best.

PLU women's tennis coaches Rusty Carlson and Doug Gardner are not exceptions.

"The goal is to peak at the end of April, towards the conference tournament," said Carlson.

The Lutes are doing just that. For the fifth straight year, the PLU squad swept the competition in the annual Mayor's Cup which was held in Wenatchee last weekend. The event, which is named after former Lute Shannon Tilly's father Mayor Earl Tilly, brings together four NCIC teams for a weekend of matches. This year, Pacific, Whitworth, and Whitman joined the Lutes.

"We really played well this weekend," said Carlson. "This is the best full weekend of play that we've had. Everybody up and down the ladder was really focused and intense."

The Lutes beat Pacific 7-2, Whitman 8-1, and Whitworth 9-0, with two of the three losses coming at the hands of Pacific's Stephanie Crawford. Crawford turned in a three-set victory over Beth Dorsey at No. 1 singles, then teamed up with her partner to beat Dorsey and Heather Hemry in doubles.

W-TENNIS

Overall record: 13-3
Next game: Today, vs. Linfield, PLU, 2 p.m.

Hemry, who dropped one game all weekend in singles action, replaced Dorsey for the Whitworth match and came away with a 6-0, 6-0 win.

"Whitworth was the best team of the three we played, it's just that we happened to be a little bit better everywhere," said Carlson.

"A little bit better everywhere" seems to be the catch phrase for the 19th-ranked Lutes this season. The depth and talent of the PLU squad

has produced 13 wins in 16 matches, the best start in Carlson's 11 seasons as head coach.

Co-head coach Gardner also attributes the Lutes' success to team camaraderie, developed during the team's recent spring break trip to the South.

"We're in an enviable position," said Gardner. "Not only do we have a very talented team, but also a very cohesive team."

With a big match against Linfield coming up, the Lutes can't afford to fall apart. PLU barely beat Linfield for the conference championship last year and the Wildcats were the preseason favorites this year.

"They're very good," said Carlson. "They were second at conference last year and they pretty much have everybody back. It's one of those matches that could go either way."

After Linfield, the Lutes will have four matches remaining before the NCIC tournament. The winner earns a birth to the national tournament in May.

All-Campus Olympics lets halls show spirit

By Aaron Lafferty
Mast senior reporter

"We've got spirit, yes we do; we've got spirit, how 'bout you?"

Has Homecoming returned again so soon?

No, it's the first-ever All-Campus Olympics, intended to rekindle the spirit of rivalry that residence halls experienced a long six months ago during Homecoming week.

Organized by ASPLU programmer Arle Seaton, the Olympics will take place April 22 through 27. Sign-up procedures will be determined by individual halls.

Seaton said that with the up-

coming summer Olympics, he hoped everyone would get excited about the new program. "I am excited as are the hall program coordinators," he said. "This is a competition but is also a time for dorm bonding and spirit. Spring lacks a spirit event and hopefully this will provide that."

Sign-ups have begun in most halls. Deadlines are set by the hall presidents and program-

mers. Everyone is encouraged to sign up and have fun, however.

In the interest of fairness, each team is allowed to have just one varsity player on the court at one time for both the five-on-five basketball and four-on-four beach volleyball events.

The halls will compete in two events each day. The schedule is as follows: kickball and "rubber chicken" basketball on Monday, ultimate Frisbee and Twister on

"This is a competition but is also a time for dorm bonding and spirit."

—Arle Seaton
ASPLU

Tuesday, wacky track and field day and five-on-five basketball on Wednesday, golf Frisbee and whiffle ball world series on Thursday, and four-on-four beach volleyball and Turkey bowling on Fri-

day. There will also be a scavenger hunt during the week for an unlimited number of participants.

Unlike Homecoming, halls will not be paired up. Alpine, Cascade, Evergreen and Ivy halls will compete as individual halls. Halls can compete in just one event or in all the events. The overall winner will be the hall with the most gold medals won.

Track

which produced 64 season bests.

According to Head Coach Brad Moore, most of those were lifetime bests as well. "The was our best meet of the year as a team," he said. "We're progressing very well."

The team standing reflected Moore's assessment. The women won by 67 1/2 points over second-place UPS, while the men defeated the Loggers by 44.

Suzy Hooper qualified for nationals in the javelin, with her season-best throw of 140 feet even.

Kellie German broke national qualifying standards when she established a personal best of 16:53.56 in the 3000-meter racewalk. German and Katie Metzger, who won the long jump with a leap of 16 feet, 4 1/4 inches, were named co-athletes of the meet.

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Freshman Judd Hunter's performance in the triple jump (43 feet, 9 1/2 inches) and high jump (6 feet, 6 inches) earned him co-athlete of the meet honors along with sophomore Neil Owen who cleared 15 feet, 1 inch in the pole vault.

The mark left him just 5 inches off the 17-year-old school pole-vault record.



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Crew

the year," Perkins said. It is the longest-standing dual cup in the Northwest.

The men compete in the Meyer half of the race, and the women compete in the Lamberth half.

The men will be competing for the 33rd year. The women have been competing for about 20 years and have won nearly every race.

Both the men's and women's teams expect to win this year, but

they aren't underestimating their opponent.

"UPS is faster than the past," Long said. "They have a stronger program and more depth."

Nelson said, "UPS beat us in a scrimmage earlier in the season. We were surprised, but not overwhelmed."

Nelson has made some changes in and to the boat, and expects the

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men to win for the fourth straight year.

"It will be the closest race in several years," he predicted.

After the showdown with UPS, The Small College Championships will be hosted by PLU for the second time.

A field comprised of 13 or 14 teams in the Northwest region will compete on American Lake on April 27.

Rain

Friday's suspended game will count as it was called in the eighth, giving GFC the 12-5 win. Saturday's game will not be made up, in accordance with NCIC rules.

"We hope that the two games that we've lost to weather and are not able to make up are not costly to us in terms of making the play-offs," Marshall said.

On Tuesday the Lutes quickly overstayed their welcome at UPS

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as they visited the Loggers for a non-conference game and won convincingly 16-0.

The story of the game was the Lutes' starting pitcher, senior Joel Barnett, who pitched six innings of scoreless ball. In addition, he only allowed two runners to get into scoring position: a two-out double sent a runner to second in the fourth and to third in the sixth. Both runners were left stranded.

Sports information director Nick Dawson described Barnett's performance as "easily his best outing of this year" and "arguably one of the best of his career."

The Lute offense racked up 13 hits and batted through the order six times. Junior Aaron Stevens led the excitement for the Lutes with a grand slam in the third. He recorded five RBIs on the day.

Junior Mike Chunn added a solo homerun to lead off the fourth. Junior David Quiggle finished with four hits and three RBIs, and junior Aaron Slagle hit three for four, including a bases-loaded triple in the fourth. Baxter got three hits.

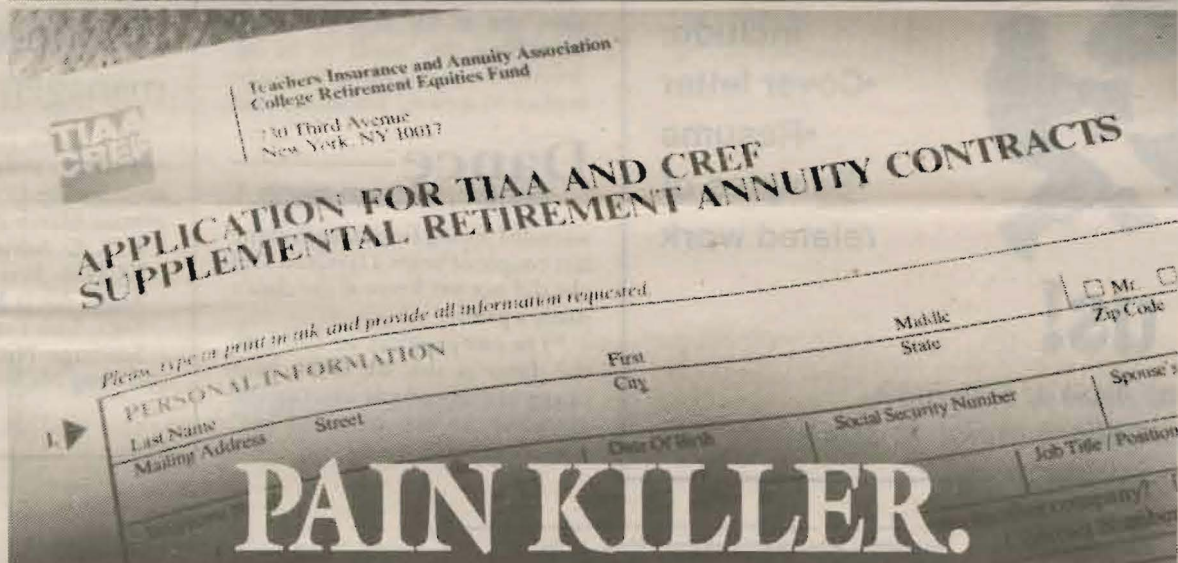
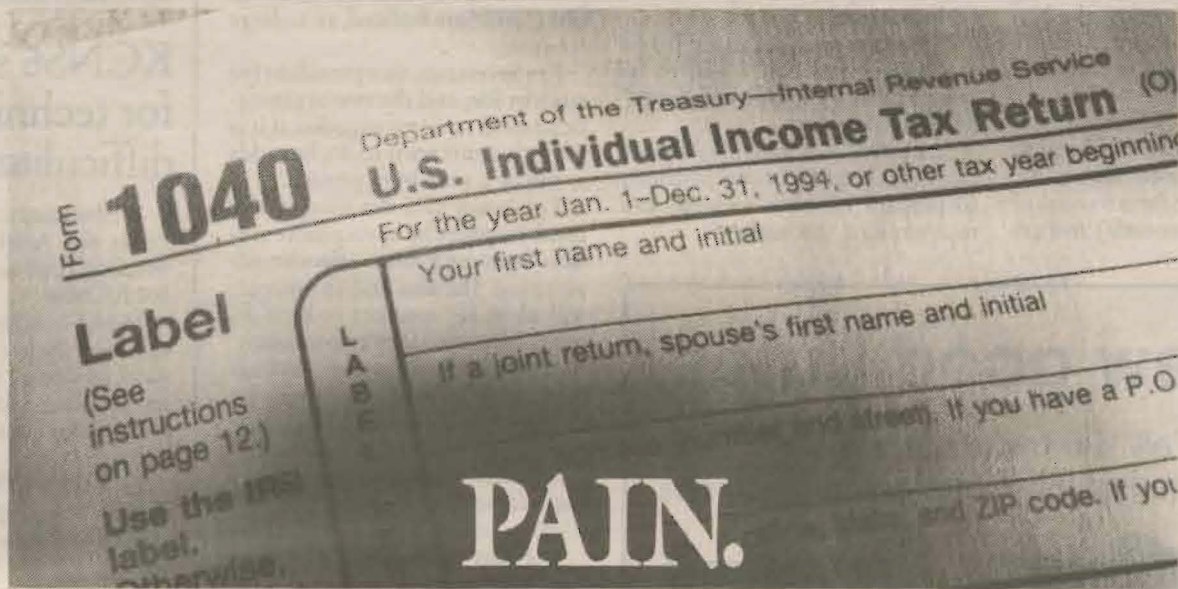
With the impressive win, the Lutes moved to 32-9 against UPS during Marshall's tenure. For the year, the Lutes are 12-8, but have some tough games ahead, including a double header against Linfield this weekend and another at Willamette next weekend.

"Right now, we are at a critical point in our schedule," Marshall said. "That's going to indicate our strength in the conference."

Saturday the Lutes host conference leader Linfield for a double header beginning at 1 p.m.

They meet again Sunday at noon. Linfield has won the conference title the last four years and PLU has an overall record of 4-31 against them during Marshall's tenure. Willamette is 26-35 against the Lutes under Marshall's direction.

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Forensics experts trek the globe

By Randy Danielson
Mast senior reporter

The PLU Speech and Debate team sent five of its members to national and international competitions.

Lisa McDonald, sophomore, went to Athens, Greece the week before spring break to compete in an international speech tournament. McDonald presented a persuasive speech as well as interpreting poetry and prose.

"I think I did my personal best, but the judges didn't agree with me," McDonald said. "To me, it was a greater success to do well personally."

Heide Helgeson, junior, and Anne Hauntz, sophomore, debated as a team at Cal State, Long Beach University at the Cross Examination Debate Association's national

tournament.

The team advanced two elimination rounds before they were defeated, and placed among the top 50 teams in the nation.

"It's really competitive and I'm really happy with how we did," Helgeson said.

Helgeson and Hauntz debated whether the US should change its foreign policy toward Mexico at the tournament, which included over 200 teams.

Chris Covert, junior, and Heidi Stout, sophomore, debated during the end of spring break at the National Parliamentary Debate Association's national tournament in Houston, Texas.

The duo lost their first elimination round but placed in the top 40 of 115 teams, Covert said.

"Our goal was to (win five out of eight preliminary rounds) and get

into the elimination rounds," Covert said.

"We were a little disappointed with the way we debated in our elimination round, but were happy we met our main goal."

This is the first year PLU has sent a team to this three-year-old competition.

The road to debating at a national and international competition is not an easy one. Teams are selected to go to the competitions based on their past commitment and competitive potential, Helgeson said.

"One of the qualifications [to go to Greece] was that I had to be competitive at a national level," McDonald said.

She added that individuals practice over the years of competitions to prepare for elite national and international tournaments.

Merger

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Eric Montague, an at-large senator, does not see merging the two groups as a solution. "The way to change ASPLU is to get better people involved in the student government," he said. "The structure of (student) government has only a small effect in comparison to the effect of the people involved."

Montague and Tolzmann are both campaigning to be ASPLU's next president.

"We need to look at what the real problem is, and it is communication," said Sam Bolland, an at-large senator.

Erv Severson, vice president for student life, said the two organizations need to come together if it is what students want to do, but adds it will be a year-long project.

Tolzmann said the merger will combat apathy by having more student input and more effective advertising. She also said the merger will allow for senators to have direct contact with their constituency.

Tolzmann said some students fear hall presidents may be overburdened by also being senators.

Another question is how to recruit commuter students into the student government, she said.

"At this point, the only thing that can happen is to start discussion, and as for next year, it is something that needs to be addressed in the fall so a plan can be in place by spring," Tolzmann said.

Dance

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attended Spring Formal held in the last couple of years. Davidson said she did not yet know if the dance made a profit.

"The one problem we had with the dance is that we didn't have nearly as many people to set up and clean up as we are used to," Davidson said.

Coach Frosty sidelined temporarily

PLU head football coach Frosty Westering is in the hospital following a routine hip replacement surgery.

The surgery, which originally would have kept Westering for two days, will now keep him sidelined for up to three weeks.

KCNS6 sorry for technical difficulties

Wednesday's attempt to cover the ASPLU debates live didn't pan out as planned for KCNS6.

High hopes for the broadcast were dashed when technical problems were found on deadline and could not be remedied in time for the debate.

KCNS6 was able to produce a wrap up following the conclusion of the debate.

New media management

The Media Board elected new editors and general managers for the 1996-97 school year on March 29.

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