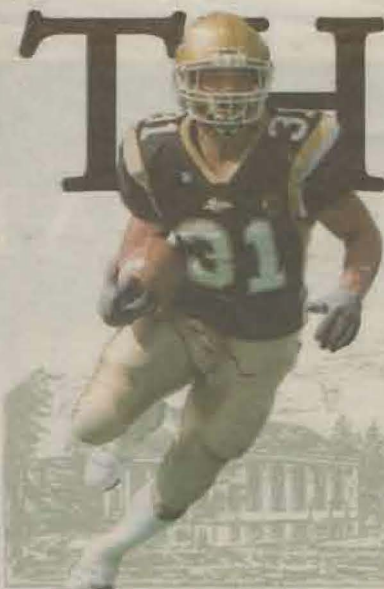


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Walking to educate and erradicate AIDS in the community

Pierce county and PLU come together to raise money and awareness about an important issue in downtown Tacoma

BOBBY PIMENTEL
Mast Intern

A total of 1,200 people from the Parkland community, including 250 PLU students, faculty and staff members, participated in the Pierce County AIDS Foundation AIDS Walk in downtown Tacoma last week.

The Pierce County AIDS Foundation is an organization that aims to prevent HIV infection through education and services. The group also assists people affected by HIV/AIDS, as well as address related health problems and combats stigmas and discrimination.

The event raised a total of \$117,000, and is on track for \$125,000. The money goes to support the Pierce County AIDS Foundation. PLU raised \$5,500, which was considerably more than expected and an increase from last year's mark of \$3,500.

Erik Husa, a senior and team coordinator for the AIDS Walk, was very pleased with the turnout this year.

"[This is] the first time in AIDS walk history that we have met our goal on the day of the walk," he said. Even more money is expected after the actual walk itself.

The participants were divided

into 81 teams, 18 of which consisted of PLU students.

"I go out into the community and I find as many people as I can," Husa added. "For the last two years, we have walked as a solid community."

Pierce Transit offered free transportation for students, which included 400 two-way tickets that were given to PLU. It's only the second year with such a strong turnout for the walk.

"It was a great way (for) us to unite for one cause and I loved seeing the PLU presence in the community," said sophomore Amy Blauman.

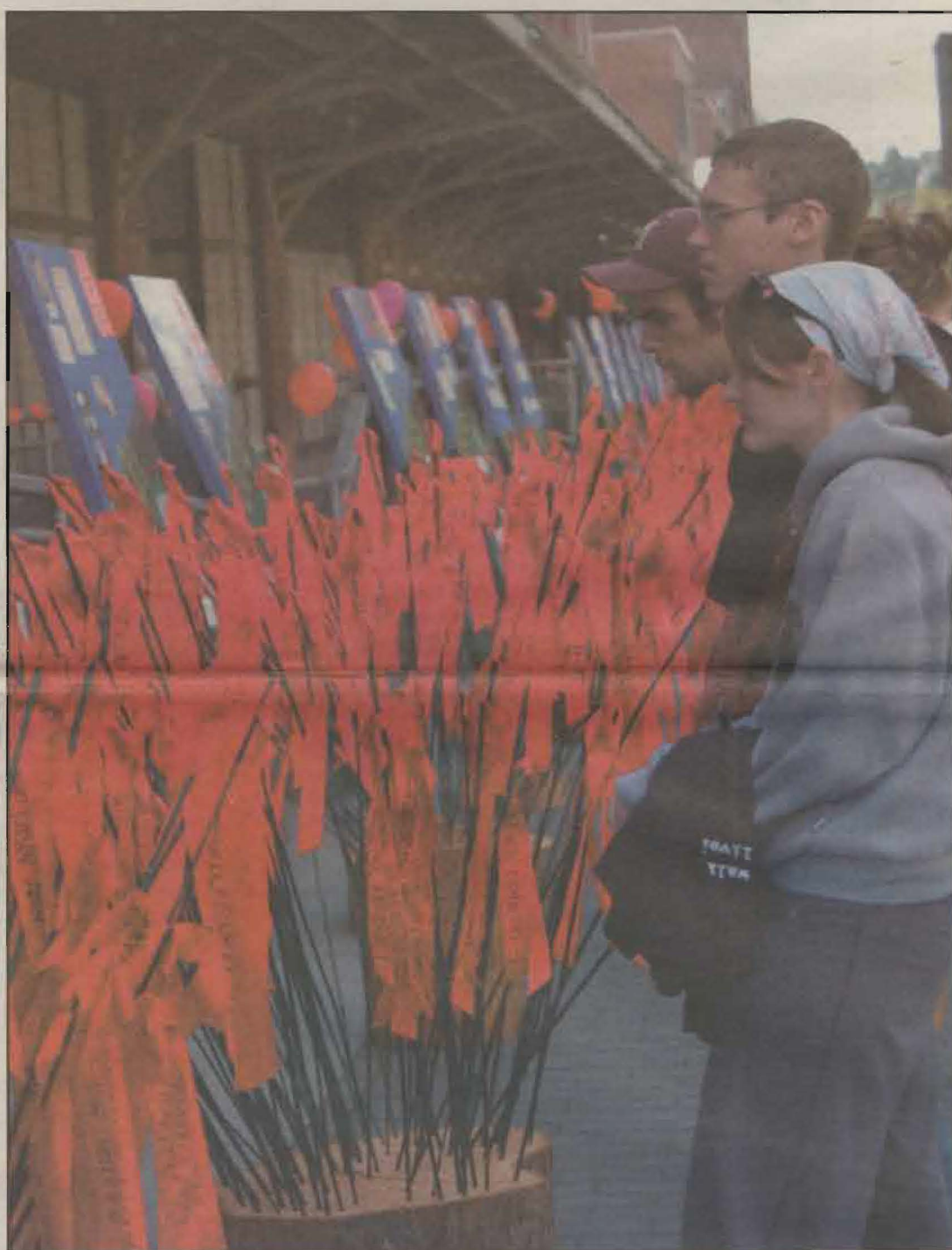
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The Pierce County AIDS Walk is a 2.5-mile walk through downtown Tacoma that begins and ends at the University of Washington-Tacoma campus. 2006 marks the 15th year of the event.

The Pierce County AIDS Foundation has served 1,659 people afflicted with HIV/AIDS, and 627 persons are known to have died from complications related to AIDS as of July 31, 2006.

Pierce County has 9 percent of the total number of AIDS cases in the state of Washington, which is the second highest occurrence in Washington State. Pierce County also has the fastest growth of HIV/AIDS in all of Washington State.



PLU students Audrey Fulk, Jared Miller and Steven Davis look at statistics and the history of AIDS at the Pierce County AIDS Walk in Downtown Tacoma. Photo by Brett Patterson

PLU has a new mission for the year: sustainability

What is PLU doing to fulfill their mission statement?

- » The remodeled Stuen, Xavier, Ordahl, and Foss halls have reduced water usage with the installation of low-flow toilets and faucet motion sensors and faucet aerators.
- » A bioswale near South Hall collects and naturally treats stormwater runoff from the parking lot.
- » Drought-tolerant native plants continue to be planted around campus to reduce the need for watering during the summer.

Gleaned from <http://www.plu.edu/~sustain>

PLU goes to great lengths to conserve energy

BOBBY PIMENTEL
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If you have been paying attention around campus you might have noticed that PLU has a new slogan this year. In an effort to raise student awareness of the effects we have on our environment, our school's slogan this year is "Sustainability."

The university is making a concentrated effort to increase recycling as well as to try to conserve water usage in buildings on campus. Several halls and administration buildings have been remodeled to reduce water usage including Stuen, Foss, Pflueger, Ordahl and Xavier.

Sustainability has been on PLU's agenda for two years now, ever since President Loren J. Anderson signed the Talloires Declaration on April 22, 2004.

PLU is the first university in the Pacific Northwest to sign the Talloires Declaration, which was created by presidents, rectors and vice chancellors from

universities all over the world out of concern for the environmental degradation of the Earth.

By signing this declaration, PLU agrees to raise awareness about "the urgent need to move toward an environmentally sustainable future," set an example of environmental responsibility, and work with the UN and other national and international organizations to "promote a worldwide university effort toward a sustainable future."

Rose McKenney, co-chair in the Campus Sustainability Committee and an assistant professor of environmental studies and geosciences, talks about PLU meeting its goals when it comes to recycling, water usage and electricity.

"It can be as easy as to remember to turn the light off when you exit a room," she said.

McKenney is also looking forward to sustainability becoming an important part of the university's mission statement.

Water usage and electricity are not the only ways the university is moving towards sustainability.

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STATE, NATION, WORLD BRIEFINGS

Local to Global news



AP Photo: John M. Steiner
Members of the Bismarck special forces team move into position Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2006, while assisting other officials in a standoff situation in Jamestown, N.D.

Tentative settlement ends Seattle-area garbage strike: Garbage truck mechanics who walked off the job for three days have ratified a contract with Waste Management Inc., ending a threat to halt trash pickups across most of north King and south Snohomish counties.

The mechanics, members of Teamsters Local 174, voted 28-4 Tuesday night to accept a five-year contract with the Houston-based company.

They had gone on strike Friday, and truck drivers in the same union refused to cross picket lines at sites involving trash pickups for about 170,000 households in the suburbs east of Lake Washington and north of Seattle into Snohomish County as far north as Arlington.

They returned to work after a tentative agreement was reached at the end of a marathon bargaining session early Monday morning, so only one trash pickup covering roughly 34,000 households was missed.

Company officials said supervisors were used to maintain pickups at businesses deemed essential for health reasons, such as restaurants and nursing homes.

Had there been no settlement, union leaders said the strike would have been extended to about 1 million households, including the northern half of Seattle.

The mechanics had been without a contract since Dec. 31.

Waste Management spokesman Eric Rose issued a statement saying the company was pleased with the ratification but was "disappointed and dismayed" by the walkout and believed it "was not necessary."

The company succeeded in a key issue in the dispute as the mechanics accepted having to pay for the first time a part of their health care premiums, according to the statement.

Mechanics said they made gains in other areas, including company pension contributions.

Northern Colorado punter accused of stabbing rival in kicking leg: In a scenario reminiscent of Tonya Harding vs. Nancy Kerrigan, the backup punter at Northern Colorado has been accused of stabbing his rival in the leg - his kicking leg.

Mitch Cozad, a sophomore from Wheatland, Wyo., allegedly attacked Rafael Mendoza in a parking lot this week. Arrested on a charge of second-degree assault, Cozad was freed Wednesday on a \$30,000 bond.

Mendoza, who was treated and released at a Greeley hospital, will miss at least Saturday's game at Texas State.

"Rafael is a competitor and wants to get back as soon as he can," said head coach Scott Downing. "When that occurs, I don't know."

The incident conjured up images of the rivalry between figure skaters Harding and Kerrigan. Harding was banned from the sport for life after her former husband hired a hit man to smack Kerrigan on the knee with a crowbar.

"I guess the only identified motive [in the attack on Mendoza] at this point in time is the competition for that position," Evans police Lt. Gary Kessler said.

But Downing was not so sure.

Cozad and Mendoza, a junior from the Denver suburb of Thornton, were competitive, he said, but no more than players at other positions.

"No different than starting quarterback or starting right tackle," he said. "Everyone was held accountable to the same level."

Asked if there was any jealousy between the two players, he said, "I have no idea. That would all be conjecture."

Cozad was suspended from the university and the team and was evicted from his dorm room, said director of athletics Jay Hinrichs. Cozad had no listed phone number in Greeley, and a phone message left at his Wyoming address was not immediately returned.

The stabbing took place Monday in Evans, a small town adjacent to Greeley and about 50 miles north of Denver. The Greeley Tribune first reported the story in Wednesday's editions.

Kessler said Mendoza, averaging 37.6 yards per punt on nine punts in the two games, was attacked from behind and stabbed in his right thigh after parking his car outside his Evans apartment about 9:30 p.m.

The assailant fled in a black Dodge Charger, Kessler

said. About 10 minutes after the attack, a liquor store clerk told police that two men in a car matching that description stopped outside the store, stripped tape off the license plate and drove away.

The clerk gave police the license number, and the car was traced to Cozad, who was arrested Tuesday, Kessler said.

Gunman slays 1, wounds 19 at Montreal college: A man in a black trench coat and a mohawk haircut opened fire Wednesday at a downtown Montreal college, slaying a young woman and wounding at least 19 other people before police shot and killed him, witnesses and authorities said.

Police dismissed suggestions that terrorism played a role in the lunch-hour attack at Dawson College, where scores of panicked students fled into the streets after the shooting began. Some had clothes stained with blood; others cried and clung to each other. Two nearby shopping centers and a daycare center also were evacuated.

"I was terrified. The guy was shooting at people randomly. He didn't care, he was just shooting at everybody," said student Devansh Smri Vastava. "There were cops firing. It was so crazy."

Witnesses said the attacker started firing outside the college before walking in the front door. Much of the shooting was in the second-floor cafeteria, where students dropped to the floor and lay in terror. At times the gunman hid behind vending machines before emerging to take aim. Teachers ran through the halls, telling everyone to get out of the building.

Police rushed to the scene, hiding behind a wall as they exchanged fire with the gunman, whose back was against a vending machine, said student Andrea Barone, who was in the cafeteria.

Eventually, Barone said, the gunman went down in hail of gunfire.

Briefs gleaned from the Associated Press Wire Service.

SAFETY BEAT

CAMPUS SAFETY

September 4

CSIN was contacted for medical assistance for a student who had stubbed her toe in her room. Ice was applied and CPFR assistance was not needed.

CSIN was contacted for medical assistance for a student who had tripped in the Bookstore and twisted her ankle. Ice was applied and CPFR assistance was not needed.

September 8

A student reported having received a harassing phone call from an off campus number. The matter is under investigation.

CSIN was contacted for medical assistance for a student who had injured her lip while lifting weights in the Fitness Center. The wound was cleaned and the student was taken to Madigan by a friend.

September 9

The automatic fire alarm was activated at a residence hall. CPFR responded and no cause was determined.

CSIN was contacted by a student who was reporting that one of her friends had smashed her car window, grabbed her by the shoulders and shook her while at an off-campus location.

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H.U.M.P. in the Cave draws many students every Wednesday night to enjoy a variety of fun activities including music, food and mindless chit-chat. The new management of the Cave is working so that students will enjoy the food as well as allowing them to pay with meal plans and Lutebucks.

Photo by Chris Hunt

Trying to lighten up the CAVE

ASPLU and Dining Services work together to make The Cave convenient

VANESSA BRUCE
Mast Reporter

ASPLU and Dining Services have merged to provide joint management of the Cave.

Dining Services will now be in charge of all food within the Cave and ASPLU will determine programming.

"This change in management will give students many more options within the Cave," said Jeff Smith, operations manager of the Dining Services management team.

Fresh fruits and produce are now a part of the menu in the Cave. Caesar salads, hot sandwiches, hot dogs and Buffalo wings are also some of the new offerings available for purchase.

"We are working to get meal plans and Lutebucks working in the Cave as soon as possible," Smith said.

Students should be able to use their meal plans and Lutebucks in the Cave as early as Friday depending upon the arrival of computer hardware.

Fountain beverages will also be offered in the Cave, but students will be required to bring their own mug.

"We are not being cheap. We want to help promote the campus-wide commitment to sustainability," Smith said.

Current student manager and senior Joe Cassler points out that the Cave now has not only more options, but it is more accessible to students.

"We are hoping that these changes will keep the Cave busier," Cassler said.

Sustainability

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The newly built, state-of-the-art Morken Center is a key contribution to the sustainability effort. To begin with, 93 percent of all construction waste was recycled. The building's framing was done with steel that has a recycled content of 95 percent and construction vehicles were fueled with biodiesel.

Features of the Morken Center include motion sensors controlling the lights in each room, which means the lights will automatically turn off when no one is in the room. The building is also heated and cooled through a system of 83 geothermal pumps, located 300 feet underground allowing the building to operate without dependency on fossil fuels or any greenhouse gases that are harmful to the ozone.

There are many opportunities for students to get involved on campus. In addition to the Campus Sustainability Committee, there are also Student Sustainability Fellowships, which provide students grant money to conduct research on issues of sustainability. This year, two students were accepted and will conduct research.

Other efforts to get students involved come from GREAN (Grass Root Environmental Action Now) and ASPLU, which are working together to make students more aware of how our choices affect our environment.

Beyond the Lutedome, McKenney would like to see cooperation with the local Parkland community so that everyone can get involved in efforts toward sustainability.

In the end, it is the people who must make the choice to make sustainability a reality.

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Morken Center receives LEED gold award for environmental awareness, provides comfortable atmosphere for students and staff

New math and science building has many "green" innovations; saving money while saving the earth

KATHY CAO
Mast Intern

As you walk through PLU's Morken Center for Learning and Technology, it is easy to overlook the details that make it one of Washington state's leading earth-friendly buildings. PLU is the first university in the Pacific Northwest to pledge environmental sustainability, and the Morken Center proves PLU's commitment to respecting the environment.

Home to PLU's business, mathematics and science programs, the Morken Center was the first building in Pierce County to attain gold-level status in the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program. The LEED council awards points on six evaluation merits: sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources, indoor environmental quality, and innovation and design process. Five levels of certification are awarded: certified, bronze, silver, gold and platinum. Only one other university in Washington, Evergreen State College in Olympia, has earned LEED gold. So far, gold is the highest level obtained by projects built in Washington State.

This commendation didn't happen by accident—and it didn't come cheap. The environmentally friendly and sustainable designs of the Morken Center cost the University \$21 million to build. However, the building is expected to pay for itself in the long run and last for decades with its innovative and efficient features.

Assistant Professor of Mathematics Dr. Daniel Heath sees the benefits of this design.

"I love it here," he said. "Sustainability, in the long run, is the way to go."

Having just come from teaching in Central America when Morken opened, Heath is able to reflect on the building in a global context.

"To what I was dealing with in Central America, this building was magnificent or even opulent compared to where I was," he said. Yet he agrees that Morken's design is "simple, eloquent, and sustainable."

Everyone enjoys the benefits that the Morken Center offers.

"Compared to the Olsen Gym, the Morken Center is high-tech and very up-to-date technology-wise," said sophomore Abdullah Rauf, who is currently taking business and mathematics classes in the new building.

Open to all students, the Morken Center serves

all types of student majors. With its card-swipe access after hours, it is easy for students to use Morken as a study space.

"Morken is welcoming and quiet," senior Anne Lockemy said. "It's a nice place to sit and read."

Many students also find benefits in the Kelley Café, located on the first floor of Morken. Before classes start and in the breaks between them, you will usually find students and faculty lined up for coffee and food.

Outside, plants provide greenery, a sense of the Pacific Northwest, and promote sustainability by requiring less water. The minute you walk in the door you are flooded with natural light and clean open spaces.

"I like the clean, open space in Morken," junior Jon Snyder said. "There's always light in here."

"Sustainability, in the long run, is the way to go."

**Dr. Daniel Heath
Assistant Professor of
Mathematics**

Also, even though Morken just opened this February, it does not smell like a "new" building because low-odor, volatile, organic compounds were used during construction. Additionally, the concrete flooring used in 65 percent of the building reduces the amount of chemical cleaning products and

wax needed to maintain the floors.

Not even the bathrooms were overlooked when it came to finding ways to conserve resources.

"I think the urinals are so futuristic and I do not feel guilty using a toilet because they are so water efficient," sophomore Joey Sternard said.

Heated and cooled through a system of 83 geothermal pumps, the Morken Center does not use fossil fuels. Located 300 feet underground, this closed-loop system uses water from underground wells to change the internal building temperature according to the season. With the temperature of the groundwater constant at 52-54 degrees Fahrenheit, the water's concentrated heat energy is used to warm the building in the winter and cool it during the summer when the air temperature is warmer than the underground temperature. But also his system is 100 percent hydrofluorocarbon-free, meaning that it does not deplete the ozone.

In May, during the Morken Center's formal dedication ceremony, PLU President, Loren Anderson called the center "a symbol of our investment in and our hope for this generation and for generations to come."

With state-of-the-art technology, wireless Internet access, multimedia labs and card-swipe access for students after-hours, it's easy to see why Morken Center earned gold.



Photo by Jennifer Curtiss

Above: The Morken Center was built over a period of 13 months. The building was dedicated on May 5th, 2006. It's located on PLU's lower campus, west of Rieke Science Center on 10th Avenue South.

Below: Students exit the Morken Center after class. Low energy glass was installed, which means lower energy-use for cooling in warm months. Concrete, used in 65 percent of the building, reduces the amount of chemical cleaning products and wax needed to maintain the floors.

Left: Wood on the main stairway in the atrium is made of bamboo, which is a rapidly renewable hardwood. Veneers of maple and fir elsewhere in the building were harvested from certified sustainable forests.

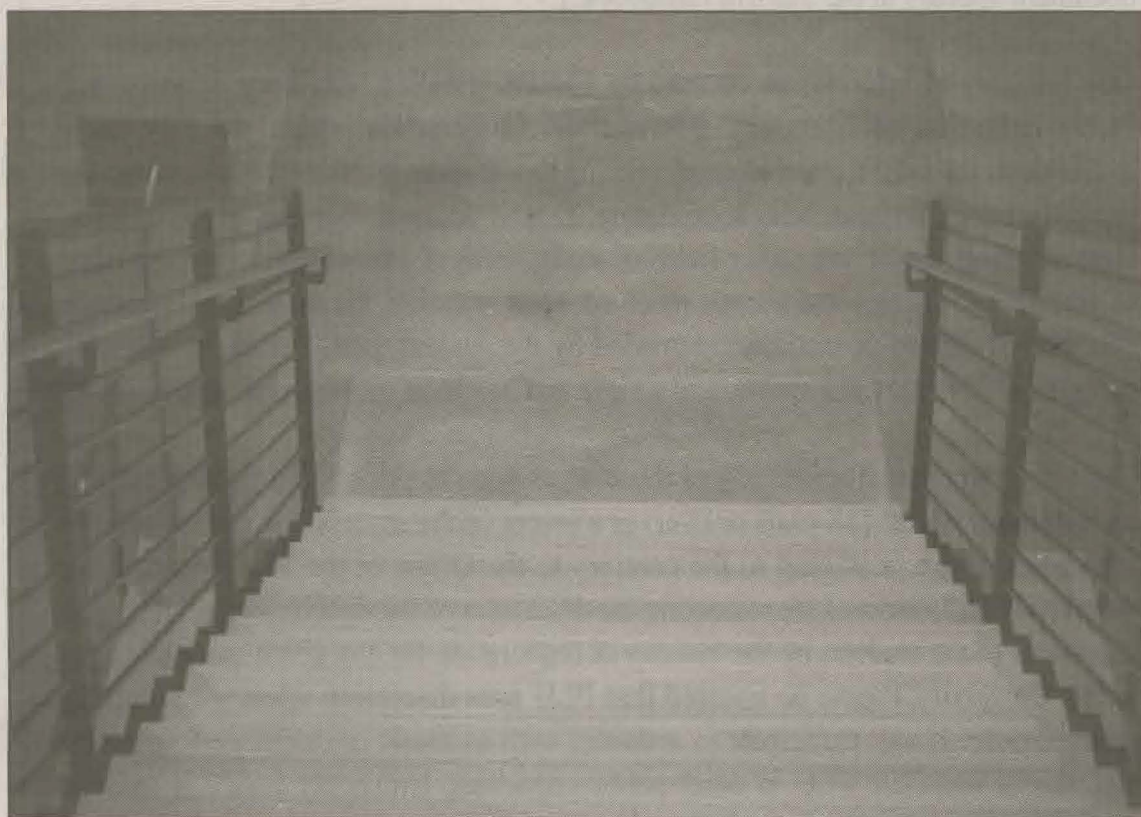


Photo by Brett Patterson



Photo by Jennifer Curtiss

Neat facts about the Morken Center:

- Wheat board, which is made with post-industrial wheat chaff from commercial farms, is the composite material that fills the doors and makes up the cabinets.
- The building's framing was done with steel that has a recycled content of 95 percent.
- Excluding utility areas, every room in the building has access to natural light and a view of the outdoors.
- Ninety-three percent of all construction waste was recycled. Construction vehicles were fueled with biodiesel.

Out with the old and in with the new

Resident halls receive an eco-friendly face-lift

Pflueger and Foss residents move in with new improvements and environmentally conscience dorms

COLLIN GUILDNER
Mast Intern

When students living in the Foss and Pflueger residence halls returned to campus this fall, they returned to a new and improved living situation. Both Foss and Pflueger received facelifts over the summer in order to make the halls more livable.

The improvements to Pflueger were similar to the ones that Foss received in the summer of 2005. When Pflueger residents entered their new rooms during move in, they discovered brand new desks and dressers, along with an improved heating system. Each room also received a white board right outside their door, the bathrooms on every wing now have new sinks and counters and the hallways, lounges and the lobby all received new carpet and paint jobs.

"Pflueger hall left a very good first impression on me," said Bobby Pimentel, a first-year transfer student and new Pflueger resident. "I feel I made a good choice on which hall to live in."

Also receiving a new paint job was Pflueger's exterior, which is now a more conservative mix of browns and greens, different from the peach color it sported in years past. This was a concern for some students who believe the color change takes away from the tradition of Pflueger.

"With the peach color missing, Pflueger lacks the aura and personality that our hall has had in

the past," sophomore Cale Zimmerman said.

One of the most exciting changes is the new furniture in the lounges. There are now brand-new couches and chairs in the lounges, along with a big-screen plasma television in the lounge on first floor. There was also the addition of a study lounge on the third floor.

The improvements to Foss were not as drastic as those done to Pflueger, as it received its large facelift in the summer of 2005.

That being said, the residents of Foss also have some changes to be excited about this school year. The improvements include longer beds in the rooms, a new heating system, and new sinks and counters in the bathrooms. Foss also received new beanbag chairs in the lounge.

Most students who live in these two lower campus residence halls are very excited about the new living improvements. Pflueger

has even dubbed themselves the "Pflueg-air Estates," taking after their "Pfresh Prince of Pflueg-air" theme.

Sophomore Tom Hegblom was especially excited about the new hall and said that he "loves the new digs."

Foss hall students are loving the new improvements. Though some students have a hard time figuring out how to loft the longer beds, most students love the extra room while they are sleeping.

"My feet don't hang off the bed any more, that's really nice," said junior Darrick Steele. "Before this year, Foss was the only residence hall that did not have extra long beds."

"My feet don't hang off the bed any more, that's really nice."

Darrick Steele



Water conserving toilets are one of the new additions to Pflueger Hall this fall. If the flushing handle is pulled upward the toilet will use less water and pressure than if pulled downward.

Photo by Brett Patterson

Hold on, the women's center hasn't moved yet

VOICES AGAINST VIOLENCE

For those who may feel their voices have been blocked off or need someone to talk to, the new Women's Center program, "Voices Against Violence," may be a perfect fit.

"It's education and advocacy for victims of sexual assault, intimate partner violence and stalking," victim advocate Jennifer Warwick said of the program. "Basically, I help students who are victims find resources on campus and in the community to help them."

According to Warwick, while this is a new PLU program, similar ones have been operating out of other universities with positive results.

The events a person may want to talk about are not restricted to recent events either. Warwick says she invites those with incidents that occurred in the past or those who have had friends with issues to also come in and talk.

MEN AGAINST VIOLENCE

While the title "Women's Center" may seem exclusive, the organization wants to reach out to the PLU male population as well, so it created the new "Men Against Violence" program.

This program will address issues of gender, sexism, homophobia and more. The difference, however, is the issues will be discussed with men as the focus and angle of the topics.

Jonathan Grove, the program's project coordinator, also will be holding a Tuesday night film series. The first film to be shown is "Tough Guise" on Sept. 26. Popcorn and drinks will be provided and a discussion will follow the movie.

**WOMEN'S CENTER HOURS:
MONDAY - FRIDAY
9A.M. - 5P.M.**

New location will offer more space while being a safer location for students to visit at the end of this month

BREANNE COATS
Editor-in-chief

The Women's Center is moving to a larger, more conveniently located house. There is only one problem: the group has yet to actually move from 124th St. to its new location on 801 121st St.

"I want people to know we haven't moved yet," said Bobbi Hughes, director of the Women's Center. "The move date keeps getting changed, but after we move we will have an open house. I'm hoping we can have it at the end of the month. It will be a special event."

Dave Kohler, the director of facilities, says Hughes' hope of getting the new house ready by the end of the month is realistic.

The main reason for the move's postponement has been problems with the new location. While the new house is closer to the main campus, it has been difficult for CATS to equip the house with Internet and phone capabilities.

"We're looking at alternatives and we're close," Kohler said. "We're a week to three weeks out."

When the Women's Center does switch locations, its visitors will find the same home-style vibe as found in the group's current location.

"It will still be a house and still have a cozy welcoming feeling our house has now," Hughes said. "Our program is unique and our space reflects that."

There are many attributes to the new building that Hughes is excited to have.

"This building was not intended to stay the Women's Center. People often tell me they feel it's out-of-the-way to come here," Hughes said of the organization's present location. "When we move to upper campus, (we) will only be a block from the Health Center. Putting us nearer to those facilities will make it more convenient and safe."

Kohler agrees the new location will improve safety for the Women's Center visitors and employees.

"They're moving to a lot better building than what they have," Kohler said. "It's better lit for safety purposes. It's a good logistical move all the way around."

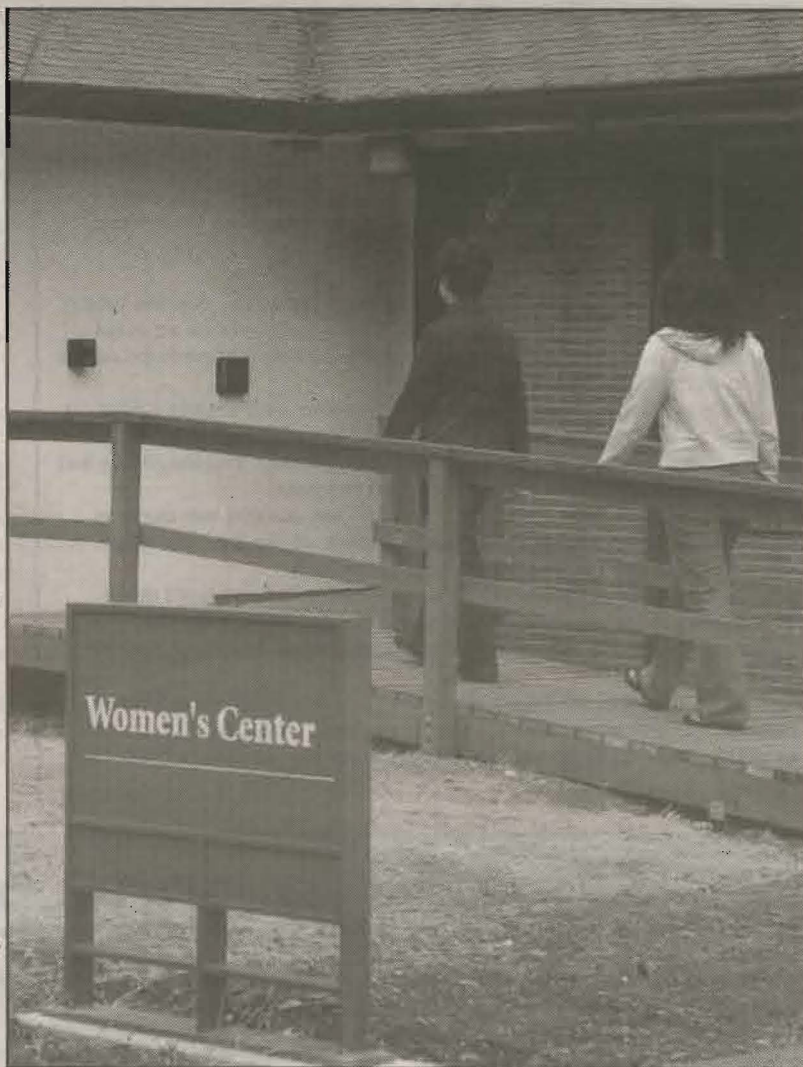


Photo by Brett Patterson

The Women's Center is moving from 124th St. to 121st St. at the end of the month. The Women's Center hopes that the new, more convenient and safe location will attract more visitors.

While CATS and Facilities Management prepare the house for the official move-in date, the staff of the Women's Center anxiously awaits the time when they can all work together in the more spacious location.

"The staff is excited because currently we are not in the same building," Hughes said. "The response on campus has been overwhelmingly positive."

**Women's center's new location:
801 121st Street**

From the editor

Sept. 11 should be a day of peace not terror

Horrible events occurred on Sept. 11, 2001, events that shook every person in this country whether conservative, liberal, republican or democrat. But it's time we stop using this day as a tool to create more fear of terrorism and start using it as a day to create peace.

Sept. 11 brought us all together once, so why not make it into a day where we come together again and focus on peace? We can still commemorate those lost on Sept. 11, but we should also focus our attention on helping people to stop thinking violent and vengeful thoughts on a day that could be used to improve our global society. There are so many things we could do to pay tribute to those that lost their lives, while still promoting peace. We could construct memorials, hold discussions on the differences between our culture and others and gather our friends and families to pray, meditate or reflect on the improvements humanity needs.

An e-mail was sent out from the PLU Asian and Pacific Islander Club president, which was titled "Something else happened on September 11th." Until viewing this e-mail, I never thought about the people who had birthdays on Sept. 11 and how awkward they must feel for wanting to celebrate on a day when so many are still mourning.

The e-mail also mentioned the historic appearance of John Lennon and Yoko Ono on the "Dick Cavett Show" on Sept. 11, 1971. While on the show, the couple promoted peace, understanding, and unity. In no way do I expect Lennon and Yoko's television appearance to be remembered like the events of 2001, but I like the idea of looking at things with an eye for peace and perhaps changing the way we limit this day to one specific event.

We've transformed this date into a lot more than a day. Sept. 11 has become famous, more so than many of the holidays we celebrate.

Yet as always, fame comes with a price. This date has been exploited as a way to promote turbulent relations with other nations and cultures.

We don't need to hear the president speak about how Sept. 11 motivated Americans to conquer their enemies. That message only makes people think about partisan politics on a day when we should be coming together.

Sept. 11 could have gone down in the history books as a day of tragedy that brought all Americans together. Yet, it seems we are always forced to hear that Americans came together so that they could get revenge or punish the enemy. This type of add-on is not necessary and it's a lie.

The truth is this: Citizens sorted through rubble looking for bodies, hung American flags in front of their houses, donated blood and money not in the name of revenge, but in the name of helping their fellow citizens and fellow human beings.

We need to stop politicians from using Sept. 11 as a tool for promoting anything but peace. Yet, this process has to start with the citizens, not the politicians, and we need to start by changing the way we treat the actual occasion of Sept. 11 and our reaction to its famous name.

Changing the way we view a major day in our history is not a new theory. Many holidays we celebrate were once practiced in a different manner than they are now.

The Halloween we all know has roots in an annual Celtic day of honoring the dead. People still think about spirits on Halloween, but the holiday has evolved into a fun-loving night of candy and costumes.

Thanksgiving could be thought of by many as the day the white man came to dominate the new world. This issue could be an acrid reminder of how the Europeans treated the natives and perhaps create rifts in our society, but it doesn't.

Instead, families and friends come together over amazing food on this day to be grateful for everything they have in their lives. While the pilgrims' actions still play a part in this holiday, Thanksgiving has come to mean a lot more than its original purpose.

Even though Sept. 11 is not a holiday, we can still use these as examples of how to keep the commemoration of the day, but throw away the hate and anger people associate with it.

Many would argue this is an unpatriotic act, but I can't think of anything more patriotic than changing a day known for the destruction and fear into a day of commemoration and hope for the future.

In no way will we forget about the people who died on Sept. 11. Instead, we will commemorate their lives and, with peaceful actions in mind, strive to make sure that no lives are lost to violence like this again.



Cartoon by Adam Spry

Paris: city of light or cattle drives?



Bonjour!

Let me take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Kristi Clough and I'm a senior here at PLU. I'm majoring in French and communication, and this semester my studies have brought me to Rennes, France. Throughout this fall semester, I'll be reporting on the life and times of a student abroad.

About a year ago, I started looking into this whole "study away" thing. As a language major, it's pretty much a must to spend time in the country where the language is spoken natively.

And with nearly half of its population studying away each year, PLU makes it fairly easy for students to pick up and leave the country for four months (or longer!).

I narrowed my search down to a few options, and without knowing it, I chose the city with the densest student population in France: Out of Rennes' 240,000 residents, 80,000 are students. Needless to say, I don't think I'll ever be bored.

After what seemed like endless planning, packing and saying my good-byes, I arrived in Paris on Monday, Sept. 4. I was utterly exhausted and in desperate need of a shower and bed on which I could stretch out horizontally—my seat in coach did not prove to be very conducive to getting any sleep whatsoever.

I spent my first days in France in Paris, the City of Light.

I imagined my time in Paris to be filled with haute couture, strolls along the Seine and copious amounts of French bread and red wine.

Boy, was I wrong. Soon after my arrival, I was thrown into a

group of 49 other students from around the U.S.—all participants of the program in Rennes. As you can imagine, getting anything accomplished in a group of 50 takes a painstakingly awful amount of time. I felt like I was in a herd of cattle every time we went anywhere as a group—not exactly as glamorous as my illusions had been.

Needless to say, I survived and I even made a few friends among my fellow cattle.

And to top things off, I actually heard accordion music while walking across one of Paris' ancient bridges with the Notre Dame cathedral to my right and the Eiffel Tower to my left.

As cliché as it was, that fleeting moment made up for at least a few of my frustrations.

Now that we've arrived in Rennes and have been assigned to our host families, I'm assured that the time will fly by.

At this point, I have mixed feelings about this notion, but I'll delve into that sticky subject at a later date.

I'm told that now I must go out and enjoy the nice weather before the sky turns a nice shade of overcast and it starts to rain everyday. I'm beginning to feel at home already!

À bientôt mes amis. Until next time!

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Sidewalk Talk:

How much do you think you spend each time you use a meal swipe?



It depends on what meal plan you have, but average I'd say \$7.

DonRay McKnight, junior



\$7 or \$8, more than it's worth.

Faven, Araya, sophomore



I'm guessing \$7 to \$10.

Carrie Resnik, senior



\$11 because the food is to die for.

Daniel Baker, sophomore



I think each swipe is worth \$5 to \$6, but we don't eat that amount of food.

Katie Choate, first-year

So, how much are you spending? These numbers are based on a 15-week semester.

- 20 meals a week plan is charging \$5.45 per meal
- 15 meals a week plan is charging \$7 per meal
- 10 meals a week plan is charging \$9 per meal
- 5 meals a week plan is charging \$9.60 per meal

For information on meal deals around town turn to page 11.

Jordan's state of change brings insight



Ahlan wa Sahlan!
Jordan isn't what you would expect from an Islamic police state.

There haven't been many political demonstrations, there are numerous five-star hotels and everyone speaks some degree of English. Bombings and sectarian violence are virtually non-existent. Instead, there is exceptional hospitality, whether it is from our hosts or the random person you stop in the street. Just yesterday, a Jordanian stopped three taxis in order to get directions to the Howard Johnson for us, just to be polite. Jordan is diverse, complicated and, above all else, in a rapid state of change. The local residents comment that they benefit from the suffering and upheavals of their neighbors and the investments and tourism it brings. Over the years, foreigners fleeing either conflict or expulsion in their homelands have found a place in Jordan. These groups include Circassians, Palestinians, Iraqis, Lebanese and a large population of Sri Lankans.

Religiously, much of the population is Sunni Muslim, but minority populations of Shia Muslims, Christians, and even smaller groups of Bahai and Druze also reside in Jordan.

This constant state of change in Jordan is echoed in the burgeoning economy. Land value has increased in the city from 75 to 200 percent over the last five years, and construction cranes now dot the landscape. Tourism is increasing as tourists flee Lebanon and Israel. As a result of this economic boom, an emerging affluent upper and middle class have started large-scale consumption of previously unseen luxury items, such as Ferraris and expensive western-inspired restaurants and clubs.

Rapid social change is present in western Amman, where European and American chain stores sit next to small coffee shops and Mansaf restaurants. More and more women are moving about the city in makeup and western clothing. An underground homosexual community is even developing, with some completely open about their way of life.

Christian and Muslim youths have started partying late into the night, and many Muslims have taken to drinking alcohol in some of the many western-style bars that are strewn throughout the city.

However, rapid change brings reaction, and the recent shootings in Amman can testify to the bubbling cauldron that is the Middle East.

In the next semester, I will be sharing with you bits of my journey, including the many castles, religious sites and ancient ruins I plan to visit. But more importantly, I will be sharing descriptions and experiences of a Middle East that is rarely seen.

Letters to the editor...

We must maintain the spirit to fight for the present and future generations

As we remember those Americans lost in the September 11 attacks five years ago this week, it is important to remember that the best way we can honor them is by remaining steadfast in our effort to fight and win the war in which they were the first casualties.

As trying and painful as a war is to wage, and as much as we may all wish it were over, we have no other choice left to us but to fight it as hard and as vigorously as it takes, for as long as it takes. The security and well being of not only this generation, but of generations still unborn, depends upon our willingness to fight and defeat the enemies of democratic civilization today and into the future.

Our fathers and grandfathers accepted this responsibility and confronted these enemies when their times demanded it. Should ours be the generation to forsake their sacrifice and surrender that which they fought and died for on the sands of Iwo Jima and Normandy? Shall ours be the first generation to decline the duty to secure for our children the blessings of peace, security and liberty?

The thousands of brave and heroic men and women now serving in the armed forces have answered this in the negative. They have and continue to answer the calling of their times. May those whom they serve and sacrifice for at home, and those who lead them more importantly, render the identical answer and answer the same calling.

This war is a fight we can and will win, so long as we maintain the will to win it.

Geoff Smock
President, PLU GOP

Column provokes thought, but we should keep Lutheran in our name

Ronan Rooney should be applauded for making an interesting and important observation about PLU's identity in the September 8 Mast: PLU does not try to indoctrinate students in Lutheran religious beliefs, it welcomes persons of all beliefs into its community, and in both its belief and practice it cherishes academic freedom. Rooney is correct in observing that this can create confusion for many people on the outside who simply do not understand that a Lutheran university would be such a place; they see "Lutheran" in our name and think our students must be getting mostly the Lutheran line, from and together with (mostly) Lutherans. After all, many other church-related colleges put a similar slant into their own religious directions.

The solution Rooney proposes, however—reducing the confusion of people on the outside by removing "Lutheran" from the university's name—raises major concerns for a Lutheran university. I'm not sure that would work all that well to correct misimpressions (e.g., Seattle Pacific does not have anything about its religious identity in its name but is still religiously restrictive), but even if it did, there's a further problem. Lutherans dominantly mean by "Lutheran university" something essentially different from "Lutheran church." I'm not a Lutheran, but I know this much about the Lutheran heritage

and outlook: Academic and religious freedom were born in the bowels of Lutheranism, and by a "university," Lutherans mean a diverse place of precisely such freedom. There are, to be sure, a good many particular religious beliefs that mark Lutheranism as a practicing religion, and they should be obvious in, say, a Lutheran worship service. But not all those beliefs similarly mark what is occurring in a Lutheran university. In the latter, worship occurs, but it is not remotely expected to include everyone. Some characteristics carry over, of course (the Lutheran university, like a Lutheran church, is committed to lives of service), but not all.

This situation raises a real dilemma for Lutherans who sponsor and own universities about how to relate to the society around them. Unfortunately, most people in our society now probably think that no church would embrace a truly critically thinking, open university. But that is because they do not realize that there are religions—e.g., the Lutheran version of Christianity—which prize, as a reflection in part of their very religious beliefs, those characteristics in a university. There is no problem in a church associating with such universities when it's the Lutheran church doing the associating, with its understanding of what a good university is. That university is a critically thinking, open place—indeed it must be that to be a Lutheran university. So what are the Lutheran owners of PLU supposed to do in naming their place? Cave in to so many in the society around them whose conceptions of religion as non- or anti-intellectual lead them to think such a place can't really be what a church has founded? Or stick to their own understanding of a university, in which PLU can be exactly the place Ronan Rooney has experienced it to be and still have "Lutheran" in its name?

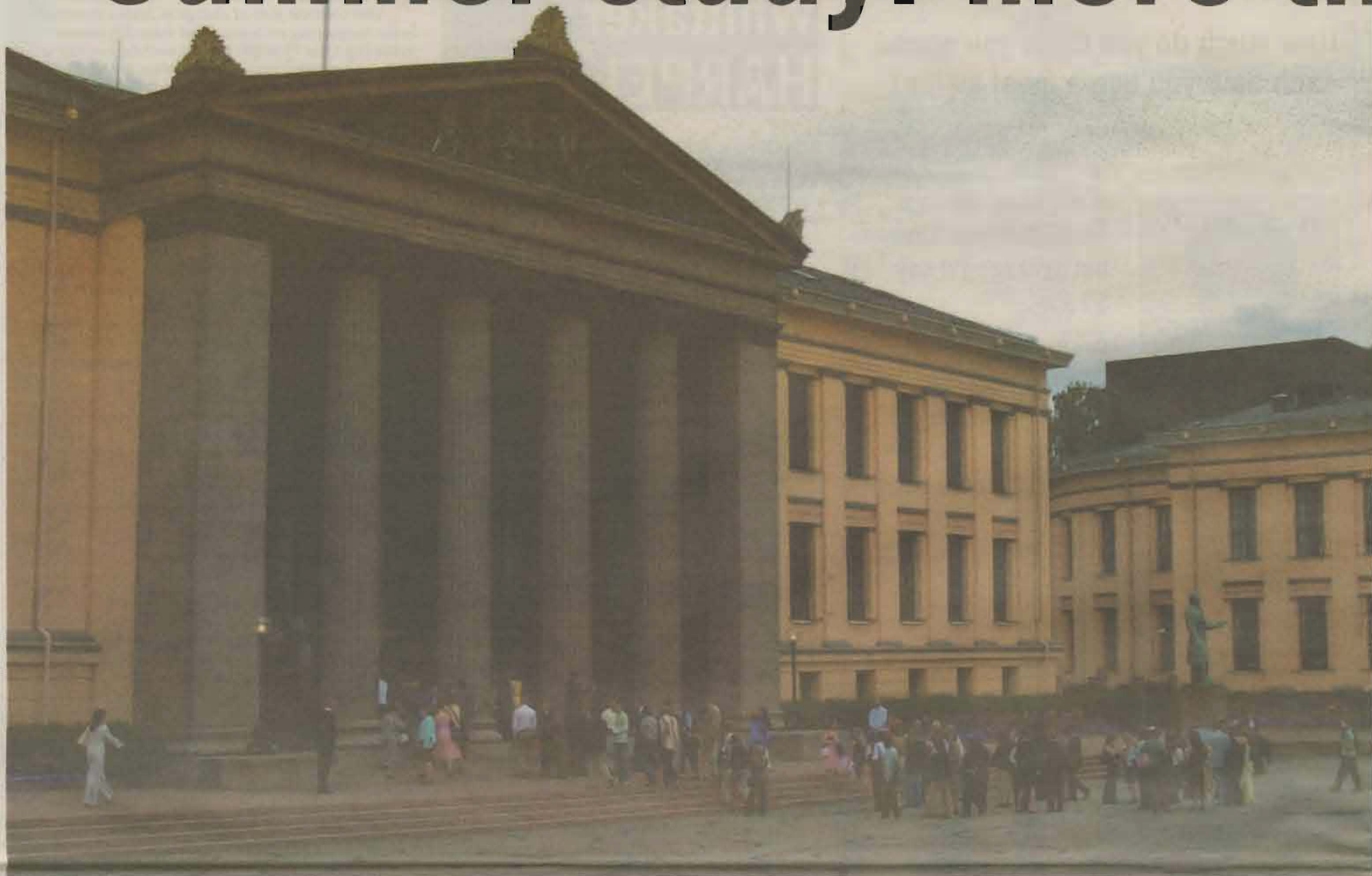
I don't think I would want to give in to those in the society who think that religious belief and sponsorship are at odds with truly open intellectual inquiry. Maybe a bold stance is in order for PLU's sponsors: Here we stand, with our religious beliefs and our critical, open university.

Paul Menzel
PLU Philosophy Department

What do you think?

Write a letter to the editor
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Summer study: more th



Aula, the old campus of University of Oslo

From typical tourist to world traveler

MOLLY KELLER

I'll admit it—I used to be a tourist. Not just any tourist, but the epitome of a tourist. I was that really irritating breed of foreigner: the face gawking out the bus window, the frenzied figure salivating at every trinket shop, the over-ambitious paparazzo who snapped more than 600 photos in two weeks. I was the American who, at 19, had just touched European soil for the first time.

The disturbing truth became evident during my first travels abroad. In May of 2006, I toured throughout Norway, Sweden and Denmark as a musician in the PLU Wind Ensemble. Being a proud one-quarter Norwegian, I relished this unique opportunity to visit my land of heritage.

Little did I know, however, that a single meeting with my Norwegian relatives in Oslo would open the door to something greater, something that took me far beyond the typical tourist's experience.

You guessed it—I ended up returning to Norway this year to study abroad. This summer, I attended the 60th session of the International Summer School (ISS) at the University of Oslo. The program lasted a total of six weeks, running from June 24 to Aug. 4. Talk about excitement; I even got my own student ID card! Surprisingly, I was not alone in this faraway venture. Also representing PLU were four other undergraduate students and two professors, all of whom I ran into at one point or another during the journey.

To say the least, the ISS was extremely academically intensive. It was much like a PLU January term, in that each student attended one or two concentrated courses for about a month. I took "Intensivt mellomkurs i norsk – trinn III," or "Intensive Intermediate Norwegian (third-year level)." This class met every weekday morning from 8:15 a.m.-11 a.m. Indeed, it was grueling—but oh-so worth the free time I had each

afternoon to explore the city.

Despite the fact that I needed to wake up at 6 each morning in order to walk through the classroom door on time, I definitely got the most for my money with Level III Norwegian. This class awards a whopping total of 20 European credits. That translates into an entire year's worth of language credits at PLU!

This doesn't even include the fact that the class provided a wonderfully unique atmosphere of language immersion that I couldn't have gotten anywhere else. Each day I was blessed and challenged with the opportunity to practice a high level of Norwegian with my international peers, discussing current world issues and sharing cultural viewpoints. My classmates came from China, Georgia, Hungary, India, Iraq, Kenya, Latvia, Nepal, Russia, Turkey and Zambia. Establishing skills and friendships with each other was a truly amazing international experience.

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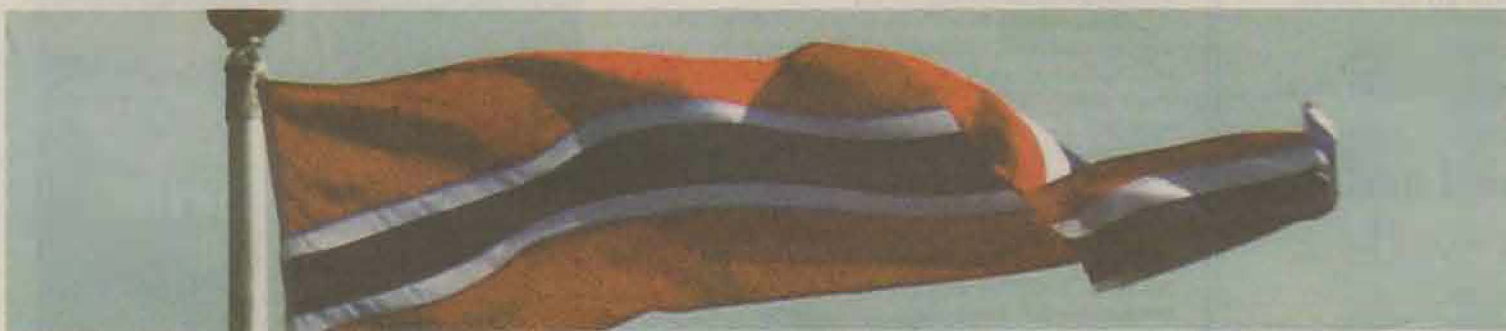
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PLU student bec

DREW GARDNER

My study abroad trip to Norway—was one of the best I have ever done. Words cannot explain how much I enjoyed myself, others and the world I lived in from Norge, and I have a lot of fun experiences to share. My first visit, experiencing Norwegian culture was a new experience for me. What was new for me was meeting others from around the world.

The program that I attended at the International Summer School hosted by the University of Oslo involved students from all over the world, ages 18-75. ISS has often been called a "cultural melting pot" because people from different countries peacefully and interact with each other first hand. One of my roommates was from the Chechnya region. I had never heard about Chechen rebels fighting in Chechnya, but my two roommates had no problem talking to each other. This made me see that



an just homework



ISS combines quality education with international focus

EMILY DOOLEY
International Editor

Originally called the Summer School for American Students, the International Summer School of Oslo is aimed towards students from the United States and Canada. Since its first summer session at the University of Oslo in 1947, the program's popularity has increased dramatically. With scholarships available to students attending ISS, the school currently attracts over 500 students from 90 countries.

Academics are key at the International Summer School Course offerings focus on various aspects of Norwegian and Scandinavian culture along with a variety of international

courses as well at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Along with the usual academic programs, the ISS offers a wide range of cultural and social activities for the students, including film seminars, debate meetings, sporting events and tours. There are also extensive excursion programs offered with trips to tourist sights within Oslo, as well as to the mountains and fjords of rural Norway.

On-campus participants are housed in the Blindern dormitory, which is a private-run institution leased by ISS during the summer. Students are assigned to a double room that they share with a

roommate and are provided with meals on all weekdays. Campus facilities include a bank, post office, travel agency, bookstore, library, photo service, pharmacy, grocery store, salon and a restaurant.

The motto "Six Weeks of Academic Achievement and International Goodwill," is alive and vibrantly expressed in the words of those who have experienced the program. Close interaction with people from all around the world establishes a foundation for deeper understanding and confidence between people of different backgrounds.



photo courtesy of Drew Gardner

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Peter Grosvenor, Audun Toven, Megan Getman, Molly Keller, Lars-Erik Nesvig and Drew Gardner at the 60th ISS opening ceremony. (Not pictured, Kevin McGuiness)

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part in conflict. Additionally, my roommate from Chechnya is Muslim. I had never had an in-depth conversation with a Muslim person, so our conversations were very informative to me—and I think that he learned about Americans, as well. Whether it was speaking and hearing Norwegian or eating Norwegian ice cream (which is really good). I have so many great stories and memories from my two months in Norge this summer. I loved hearing Norwegian being spoken all around me, and being able to speak Norwegian instead of English when talking with people.

This helped me fully immerse myself into Norwegian culture and the way of life. And this doesn't even include the many different languages that I heard spoken during my time at ISS.

And, believe it or not, when I was in Bergen, I got to eat whale—and it was really good. I had never had it before that, but I plan on having it again when I go back next summer.

Four days after we arrived in Oslo, there was the ceremony celebrating the opening of the International Summer School. This year was the 60th session, so it was a

big deal. An American who participated in the first session was present, along with the Crown Prince Haakon. Crown Prince Haakon addressed us and spoke about the importance of a global education. He talked about his experience studying at the University of California, Berkeley and how he learned more outside of the classroom by interacting with Americans and experiencing the American culture. He told us to go out and enjoy Oslo and Norway and all the things it has to offer and not to study too much. I thought that that was really cool, coming from the mouth of the future king of Norge. Meeting him and getting to hear him speak was something that I will remember for the rest of my life.

I think PLU is on the right track for globally educating their students and faculty. This shows in the fact that four students and two professors from PLU were in attendance at the ISS. PLU was well-represented, and we should be proud of this. Taking the advice of the prince, we had a lot of fun outside of class. It was interesting that although I met people from all around the world, I hung out with American college students most of the time. Most memorably, we celebrated the Fourth of July together with a BBQ in Sognsvann.

How to be a better listener



Photo by Brett A. Patterson

Sean Norman leads the KCCR interest meeting. KCCR is trying to expand this year by becoming more involved with concerts on campus while also reach a larger audience.

KCCR and the future of radio

JON HARTHUN
Mast columnist

Let's face it. The concept of radio is slowly but surely losing its appeal, and quite apparently losing ground. Between its constant battle with the ever-so-abundant army of better technology and the drought of quality material from major record labels, mainstream radio is just treading ground—the familiar ground it's been stumbling over for years.

In 1978, Elvis Costello put it best when he sang, "They don't

give you any choice 'cause they think that it's treason/ So you had better do as you are told /You better listen to the radio." His song "Radio, Radio" holds just as true today, if not truer, than it did the first time around. Coincidentally, Costello, a musical icon to many, has remained a success regardless of radio play. His situation, among many others, allows us to wonder: Is and has radio acted in our best interest as listeners? Or as consumers, are we force-fed what sells? As radio "progresses" into the future, my money's on the latter of these two.

Don't get me wrong. True talent still graces the airwaves, whether it's pop, rock, rap or country. Writing a hit song is down to a science, but then again, doesn't science ruin the mystery of pretty much everything? Is it fair to say the music industry is just another form of science? Of course we need a Justin Timberlake, a

Britney Spears and a 50 Cent, but at the end of the day, can we really look back and say other people out there must be going through the same emotional retrospection when they hear "Sexyback"?

Where is our generation's Beatles, our Otis Redding, our Bob Dylan? They're out there somewhere, but if they can't be marketed to spoiled preteens and deadbeat rockers with a credit card, they might as well not exist. Our generation's Bob Dylan is still

Bob Dylan.

If we can't turn to mainstream radio for a helping hand, we must keep our eye out for something better. The future of radio, if not the future of music, lies in the hands of colleges, bloggers, independent record stores and stations, and satellite radio.

If you flip through Rolling Stone's article on the Top 50 albums of 2005, you'll notice that many of the artists mentioned are products of independent labels and never see mainstream radio play.

This should be a wake-up call to all of you. If you rely on your presets and major labels to tell you what to listen to, you're missing out!

You may be asking yourself, what do I need to do to stay in touch? First of all, read up. With the ever-so-popular blog communities emerging, hundreds of music-based blogs have developed themselves as credible sources. Some of the biggest

have even gone on to host their own shows on XM radio.

Secondly, be aware of emerging trends in technology. The concept of podcasting is gaining popularity by the day. With podcasting, you're given the ability to access and download backlogged radio shows and personalized playlists, putting them all on your computer, CD or mp3 player.

In the very least, remember to turn that dial. There's a fair amount of smaller, independently run radio stations available right through your radio as well as a

great deal of them streaming on the web.

I'd be lying if I said this issue of the downfall of radio wasn't hitting pretty close to home. KCCR, Pacific Lutheran's own student-run radio station, has both a lot of room to grow and a lot of ground to gain. If mainstream radio remains successful in the state that it's in now, a large responsibility will be placed on college, nonprofit and independent radio stations.

This responsibility is to offer what others haven't, won't or just plain can't; a responsibility to play not only what people want to hear, but also what people need to hear.

This year, KCCR has a responsibility to spread its outreach across campus and across the greater Seattle area. Ventures into podcasting and in-studio recordings, as well as interaction with students, bands, concert venues and record labels will broaden KCCR's outreach and add new areas and audiences to market the station. In addition, KCCR will continue and strengthen its involvement with school events and concert sponsorship.

In 1971 alone, B.B. King, Ike and Tina Turner, the Steve Miller Band, the Righteous Brothers and Neil Diamond entertained the Pacific Lutheran community. Twenty five years later, what does PLU's event calendar really have to offer? Perhaps another half dozen Justin Klump concerts.

Quality, originality and broader selectivity are in order, and in all hopes, KCCR will begin to aid in that way starting this school year, whether it be on air or onstage.

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Football...the great american past-time



Jared WIGERT J.R. SALO

There is no better time of year than the fall. Only then can we spend an entire weekend slouching on the couch, eating chips and pizza, drinking pop and, since we are 21, live off campus and are American citizens, enjoy the occasional non-alcoholic beer. That's right, it's the season when personal hygiene, relationships and academics take a backseat to our national pastime, football. In fact, there are so many reasons that we love these next 17 weeks that we found it difficult to narrow the list to just seven. So here are the Top Ten reasons why we love football season.

8.) Fan spirit: After last weekend's win over the University of Texas, Ohio State students rioted in the street and started numerous mattresses and cars on fire. We're not saying that we condone this sort of thing, but you've got to admire the kids who'll face arson charges to pay homage to their team. A slightly more legal alternative: Torch your roommate's bed sheets in a garbage can. Be sure to have a hose handy, both in case the fire gets out of hand and in case your roommate gets home early.

9.) Rivalries: There's nothing better than feeling like you belong to something greater than an individual. For example, we both are die-hard, uncompromising fans of our respective teams. As a result, we both take great pride in what they accomplish, and like to remind each other of our successes, no matter how insignificant. This leads to arguments that can sometimes get out of hand. It has only been football season for two weeks now, and members of our house have made three trips to the ER for various cuts, scratches, second-degree burns and head lacerations. Becoming a rabid fan isn't for the faint of heart, or the anemic.

2.) Tailgating: This goes against our principles of not leaving the couch, but we make exceptions when it's possible to see a game in person. The best part is walking through the parking lot, which miraculously turns into some sort of heavenly food court. We've found that a tailgate is the best place to fill your daily nutritional needs. Free food from the back of a stranger's car never tasted so good. There's something for everyone to eat, as long as you like meat and high cholesterol.

6.) Fantasy football: As if we don't have enough reasons to fight, we joined a fantasy football league. We now get the chance to fulfill our fantasies of having control over our own team,

Top Ten: We love...Football on TV.

and to mock each other's stupid coaching moves. For example, a certain sports columnist named Tim Kelly does an especially poor job of managing a team. Not that we're into personal attacks or anything.

10.) Alone time: It has been our experience that as the football season progresses, fewer and fewer people stop by to visit us. We generally just assume that this is due to their jealousy of our teams' successes. Or it may be that we don't shower between September and December, as this takes up precious viewing time. Either way, we've learned to treasure our time alone. And by that we mean with each other. Unrelated subject: We're still single.

4.) Merchandise: Before ESPN came along, we had no idea that merely cheering for a team was inadequate. We now sport our team logos on nearly all our possessions. For example, we recently finished a life sized mural of Matt Hasselbeck and Shaun Alexander on our living room wall. We're just scared that our landlord is a Pittsburg fan.

5.) Mascots: No other sports mascots are as high profile or as revered as college football mascots. The fact that most of them have their own Facebook account speaks for itself. (Yes, we've looked them up, and that is in no way sad.) There is no greater sense of accomplishment than when your mascot makes it onto Sportscenter. Hopefully the PLU mascot will make an appearance someday.

3.) Procrastinating: We used to have to actually work to find excuses to avoid doing our homework. During football season, we have ready-made reasons four nights a week. Add to this the time spent on our fantasy league and these equal whole semesters of time at PLU. Lots of people are in college for six years, right?

7.) Homecoming: School spirit in full swing, old men reliving their glory days, and dances that we never get asked to. What's not to love? It's like Christmas for a university, with boosters and alumni, as well as anyone associated with the university joining together in the common bond of destroying that week's opponent.

1.) ...And twins! Here's to football, as well as to all those commercials that are only aired around this time of year. Where else can you see a creepy Burger King making tackles and scoring touchdowns?

Eating for cheap off campus



Katy NELSON-PENLAND

Save money for those expensive textbooks

Welcome back to PLU, fellow food connoisseurs! I want to start off the year with a how-to for college budget dining. Although I will give major props to Dining Services and the improvements they have made in the past, sometimes you just want to eat off campus. Thus, I am here to help you do this with the least financial hardship possible.

1. Free appetizers and water: Many restaurants offer a free appetizer—usually either bread or chips and salsa—that is quite delicious and filling. The Azteca in Burien even has an awesome bean dip to go with their salsa. Plus, you can almost always get water on request if it isn't already on the table. With these free appetizers, you only have to order something small and inexpensive to justify going to the restaurant in the first place!

2. Happy hour (if you are over 21, that is.): Happy hour is one of the many joys of being 21. You can go into a bar or restaurant with a bar section and enjoy happy hour prices. At the Melting Pot, happy hour prices are half the usual price of fondue, salads and selected drinks, but only in the bar. However, many restaurants run happy hour prices throughout the entire restaurant for everyone to enjoy. For example, you can get half-price appetizers from 9 p.m. to close every night at Applebee's, so check at your favorite restaurant to see if they have a good happy hour deal.

3. Lunch menu: Plenty of quality restaurants offer a lunch menu that has similar entrees as the dinner menu. Lunch menus usually feature slightly different side options or the portion size is different, which makes it a cheaper option. From the Bayou on Garfield Street offers such a menu.

4. Getting people to take you out: Maybe your parents are in town for a visit and want to take you to a nice meal. Perhaps you are lucky enough to have a generous best friend or significant other with a job. Both are good ways to get yourself a free meal other than being swiped into the UC. My suggestions? Order with dessert in mind and take half of your entrée home to enjoy later. That way, you can forget about either the UC (for those on-campus folks) or cooking (for those off) for another meal and you can get dessert for free!

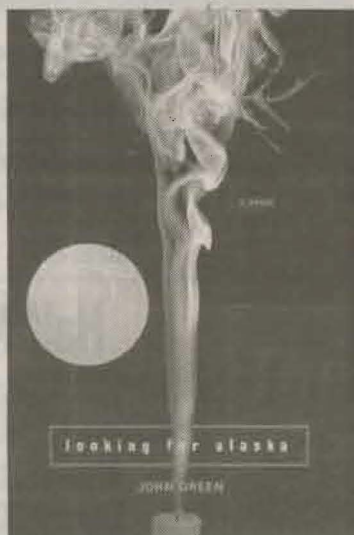
Hopefully these tips are helpful to you and your hungry stomachs! Remember, eating for cheap is an art that is crafted over time, so don't get discouraged if it doesn't come easily to you at first. Just keep at it, and pretty soon you'll be able to recall all of this information as easily as I could!

"Looking For Alaska" A novel by John Green

MEGAN CHARLES Mast columnist

We all know that leaving home in order to go to school isn't easy. So, when 16-year-old Miles Halter decides to attend Culver Creek Preparatory School in Birmingham, Ala., his parents are more than a little curious about why he's choosing to leave his native Florida town. Using the famous last words of the French poet Francois Rabelais, Miles explains to his parents that he's going "to seek a 'Great Perhaps.'" However, unlike Rabelais, Miles doesn't want to wait until he dies to start his search. So begins John Green's inspired and poignant first novel, "Looking For Alaska."

Upon his arrival at Culver Creek, our narrator goes through a series of activities that are reminiscent of most school-age stories: surviving rigorous classes, pulling pranks under the administrator's noses and eating deep-fried burritos because the cafeteria has nothing better to offer. Miles, though awkward and shy, manages to befriend kids from many different backgrounds and beliefs, including his outspoken roommate Chip, the leader of the



group who prefers to be called "The Colonel," and Takumi and Lara, a Japanese hip-hop lover and a Romanian girl who's working on her pronunciation, respectively. His list of friends also includes the most beautiful, fascinating, and yet troubled girl in Culver Creek, Alaska Young—for who the book is named.

Through this weave of page-turning moments and day-to-day ventures, we come to realize that John Green is a master of creating

characters that are human, real and flawed, and whose actions and speeches are at times as hilarious as they are heartbreaking.

"Looking For Alaska" makes the reader ask themselves all sorts of hard-to-answer questions, perhaps the biggest of which comes from Alaska's interpretation of Simon Bolivar's last words, "How will I ever get out of this labyrinth?" or simply, how does someone steer clear of suffering in life? In his relationship with his schoolmates—particularly Alaska—Miles faces the challenge of answering these questions while also confronting the norms of adolescence with its sequence of fun adventures and first loves, as well as its devastating losses. Miles's final resolution makes this book's message so genuine and personal. "Looking For Alaska" won the Michael J. Printz Award for Young Adult Literature in 2006 and received praise from critics all over the country. Kliatt Magazine proclaimed in its starred review of the novel that "the spirit of Holden Caulfield lives on." This book is a must-read for people of all ages, particularly young adults who are searching for meaning in some of life's hardest lessons.

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Karaoke lets students sing their homework woes away



Photo by Brett A. Patterson
The Cave sign lit up last Friday night as the doors were opened to the PLU student body. Students enjoyed the time away from studying while singing karaoke.

KAT JENKINS
Mast Reporter

PLU students had the chance to be the center of attention in the Cave last Friday night, if only for a few minutes. Karaoke night was the first official event of the year in the Cave, which is the place to hang out, listen to music and eat snacks in the University Center.

The room was full of students with people coming and going throughout the night. The energy was high as the excited crowd of new and returning students greeted each other and talked over ice cream. There was also a steady stream of students to and from the stage, where they had the chance to display their musical talents.

"The atmosphere was lively and fun," sophomore Christina Tieu said. "The outlandish karaoke participants were highly entertaining. It was great to see the audience participating by singing along with the singers."

Students chose to sing selections from radio, TV and the movies, with hits from Sir Mix-a-lot, Backstreet Boys and the musical "Grease" being the major crowd pleasers. It also added to the entertainment when participants danced along with their serenade.

"Karaoke night was a great release from homework and the dancing was amazing," sophomore Luke Weinbrecht said. "The Backstreet Boys by Ordal boys was great."

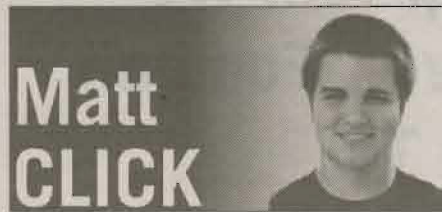
Weinbrecht, along with a group of boys from Ordal performed "Show Me the Meaning of Being Lonely," complete with back-up dancers.

The Cave has many various events throughout the year and this one was a great kick-off to another year of entertainment. Karaoke night proved to be an event where students could share their talents, or lack of talents, and relax a bit after the first week of classes.

"I wish there would be more karaoke throughout the year," Weinbrecht said. "It would be amazing."

"Karaoke night was a great release from homework and the dancing was amazing,"
sophomore Luke Weinbrecht

And the format wars rage on: HD-DVD vs. Blu-Ray



Cry havoc and let slip the discs of the format wars! With the release of both the HD-DVD and Blu-Ray high-definition videodisc formats, videophiles are lining up on both sides of the battlefield. As a film enthusiast, I've taken a look at both contenders. Sorting through the marketing hyperbole isn't easy, but I've come to an inescapable conclusion: there are no winners in this war, and the only loser is the consumer.

The history of home entertainment is marred with war and strife. One of the more famous battles was waged between the VHS and Betamax formats. VHS, as we all know, emerged from the rubble victorious. You can now find Betamax players collecting dust in attics across America (and you might come upon one in the occasional yard sale).

Then came DVD, which took a few years to catch on. But with strong support from studios and no competition to speak of, DVD eventually became the reigning champ of home entertainment. Offering vastly improved picture and sound, menu systems, filmmaker commentaries and a slew of other cool features, you'd now be hard pressed to find a house devoid of a DVD player. For film fans, DVD has been a blessing.

Case in point, how humanity ever survived without the five-disc unrated director's cut of "Carrot Top Rocks Las Vegas" (with three minutes of added footage!) is beyond me. DVD made it possible.

But just when your DVD collection peaks at 500, two new formats hit the market. HD-DVD, developed by Toshiba and NEC, is the cheaper of the two. Blu-Ray, created by Sony, Matsushita and Philips, offers greater disc capacity, but at a higher price.

So, what's the benefit of investing \$1000 in a new format player? Both formats offer a hi-definition picture (1080 lines of resolution versus the 500 of DVD). Many films, especially digitally recorded features like Pixar flicks and Dreamworks animated movies, will benefit from the upgrade. But what about older

movies? Unfortunately for features recorded on film (i.e. almost every movie ever made), it's only a marginal improvement in picture quality.

The sad truth: There really isn't much of a difference in features between regular DVDs and the new discs. If it wasn't for the fancy new logos splashed across the DVD case, the average consumer wouldn't be able to tell the difference. A good quarter of the population doesn't understand why "black bars" appear on widescreen DVDs—who's to say they'll notice a slightly improved picture?

And herein lies the rub: In order to enjoy the hi-def picture, you need an HD-enabled TV. According to studies, only 15 percent of American households own a hi-def capable television, and only 15 percent more are considering purchasing one in the future.

Are these formats going to succeed when only 15 percent of America is even capable of watching them? The chances are exceedingly slim.

But the winner of this format war stands to generate billions of dollars in licensing. Some suggest that Sony is using its overpriced PS3 (set to sell in small quantities later this year for \$599) as a host for the Blu-Ray format.

Yes, the PS2 is firmly established as the No. 1 gaming console worldwide, but that doesn't mean that gamers are willing to fork over \$600 for the new machine. Sony is using the PS3 as a stealth infiltration device to establish a beachhead in this format war, and they expect gamers to line up and foot the bill. Personally, I think they're shooting themselves in the foot with their own marketing strategy. If Blu-Ray fails, Sony may go the way of Sega and surrender the console war to Microsoft and Nintendo.

So, what should we, as consumers, do? Let the studios duke it out and watch the carnage from afar. There's simply no compelling reason to invest in any particular format at the moment.

Trust me, if there's one thing I remember from the four-disc, ultimate, unrated, director's cut of "Alien vs. Predator," it's this: Whoever wins, we lose.

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From the stage to the gridiron, C.J. Buttenschoen proves being a walk-on takes heart and devotion

Walk-ons are the players that everyone loves—the perennial underdogs. They are the players who were told they weren't good enough to get a scholarship (or in PLU's case, a "generous athletic financial aid package"), and maybe they should try their luck somewhere else.

Many times players are walk-ons because they are following a dream to play at their favorite college (See a la Daniel "Rudy" Ruettiger of Notre Dame fame).

But C.J. Buttenschoen is a little different than the typical walk-on.

Buttenschoen, a senior from Portland, Ore., played football in high school. After his lone year of action playing for the freshman team of the Centennial High Eagles, Buttenschoen felt he needed to make a choice between the footlights and the Friday night lights. He had been both acting and playing football, but decided that after high school he would have a better chance making it as an actor than on the football field. So, he dropped out of football to concentrate on his first love—drama.

Buttenschoen has been very visible around the PLU acting community. During his previous years at Pacific Lutheran, he was involved in almost all the of the theater

productions, including last year's "The Laramie Project" and "Twelfth Night." He has also contributed to the PLU film community with his work on the satirical shorts "Jurassic Park: The Musical" and "Indiana Jones: The Musical."

Last year, toward the end of spring semester, Buttenschoen decided that something was missing in his life. It had been missing for the last six years: a chance to get back on the football field.

Football is a game he has always loved, and, according to him, it's right up there with family, friends and faith. Football was always in the back of his mind and as luck would have it, his schedule allowed an open semester during the fall of 2006. He kept his plan to return private, discussing it only with close friends. But soon he decided to take the plunge and set up a meeting with PLU head coach Scott Westering. Westering outlined what Buttenschoen would need to do to make the team.

Fortunate circumstance aided his plan. Being the best man in a wedding would keep Buttenschoen from performing in the first play of fall semester, while the second will feature an all female cast, which excludes him completely.

"I decided to put my money where my mouth was," Buttenschoen said. "So I needed to go for it and follow my passion."

Training began this summer. Butten-

schoen worked out an average three hours a day, four days a week. He was not alone in his training as he enlisted the help of an old school friend who had played a year of football at Mesa Community College in Phoenix, Ariz. By the end of the summer, Buttenschoen had added 20 pounds of muscle mass.

During tryouts, the walk-ons had to run the 40-yard dash, participate in the three-cone drill, vertical leap, bench press and a push-up test. The learning had to be fast after the tryouts because walk-ons have to become acclimated to teammates who have been working together for two weeks.

Just trying out doesn't guarantee a spot on the team, but the suspense lasted only five days. Coach Westering broke the news nonchalantly as he walked up to Buttenschoen and congratulated him on making the team. No special meeting, no fanfare, just the confirmation that he was going to be a part of Lute football.

"I have known C.J. for a few years now and he has been interested in football, especially PLU football," fellow football player junior Sean McIlraith said. "He has always asked me about the team and the philosophy behind it. I know he is a hard worker and has a great attitude. I see no problem with him not fitting in with the team."

Even with the stigma of a walk-on, Buttenschoen feels accepted just like any other

member on the team. He is proud to be on a team that represents important values, such as unity, citizenship and honor.

"It is one of the greatest decisions I have made in my life," Buttenschoen said. "This has been life changing and I haven't even put on pads yet."

Though the walk-ons know that there is a small chance that they will play this year—or any year, for that matter—there is no negativity from Buttenschoen.

"Even though I have a small chance of playing, I know this is a choice I will never regret," he said.

Pop quiz:
Who was the most recent PLU football all-American?
Answer on page 15

Everyone get on the bus!

Free shuttle to Sparks Stadium for Lute home games hopes to spur attendance, school spirit

TYLER OCHSNER
Mast sports reporter

There's one transportation outlet to PLU home football games that students may not know about.

With Sparks Stadium sitting about 10 miles away, making for a 20-mile round-trip, the free PLU fan shuttle eliminates students' worries and frustrations concerning transportation, gas, traffic and parking.

"Students who don't have a car or transportation have a free ride to the game with this shuttle," said Sandra Kostelecky, assistant to the athletic director. "Right after the game, the shuttle brings them back to PLU."

One or more shuttles will arrive at PLU on home-game days in front of Harstad Hall at 12:15 p.m. Students will depart on the buses around 12:30 p.m., and will make it to Sparks Stadium in plenty of time for the 1:30 p.m. kickoffs. Shuttles will then return around 4:30 p.m. after the game is completed.

"I don't think students should have a reason not to go," Kostelecky said. "If you don't have a car, it's absolutely a free function. You can go to a football game...and it's free."

Students who do have cars can still save on gas and parking by electing to ride the free shuttle. The Puyallup Fair, which runs until Sept. 24, will create parking problems for those planning on driving to Saturday's 1:00 p.m. game versus Wisconsin-River Falls.

"Parking is at a premium if you are driving your own car, especially this weekend," said Jen Thomas, assistant athletic trainer and assistant athletics director. "The cost would be pretty high.

The free shuttle is a convenience factor," Thomas said. "For first-year students, it is a convenience not to have to worry about where [Sparks Stadium] is, how to make it to the game, or any other issues."

Thomas believes there are social benefits for students who choose to take the free shuttle. She said that it is a great way to foster relationships between wing members in a residence hall.

"I hope students take advantage of [the free shuttle] to support athletic teams in general," Thomas said.

Furthermore, if students don't take advantage of the opportunity, then free transportation to the football games may disappear, Kostelecky said.

Shuttle buses are scheduled to pick up students in front of Harstad Hall for the remaining four home football games. The Lutes play at Sparks Stadium on Saturday against Wisconsin-River Falls, Oct. 7 vs. Whitworth (Homecoming), Oct. 21 vs. Linfield, and Nov. 21 vs. Willamette.

Don't forget:
The shuttle leaves from outside Harstad at 12:30 p.m. this Saturday for the game. Remember to wear your black and gold!

Ladies kick Cal Lutheran, Evergreen State to the curb

Soccer team goes 2-0 on the road, now home to play Northwest Conference opponents

TYLER SCOTT
Mast sports intern

Fresh off back-to-back shutouts on the road last week, the Pacific Lutheran women's soccer team begins the Northwest Conference schedule this weekend, with its first two home matches on Saturday and Sunday against Pacific and Lewis and Clark.

In what could be a preview of many good things to come, the team won two tough games on the road last week, relying on defense and some late offense.

The Lutes defeated Cal Lutheran 1-0 on Thursday in Salem, Ore., on senior co-captain Nicole Roeder's goal in the 82nd minute of play. Sophomore Amanda Tschauer had three saves in the goal and sophomore Lauren Northcut had the assist on Roeder's score.

The ladies followed it up on Saturday in Olympia with a 2-0 shutout of Evergreen State. First year forward Jenny McKinsey scored both goals in the match, as goalkeepers Alyssa Blackburn and Kamryn Morgan combined efforts for the Lute's third shutout in their first four games.

"The girls possessed the ball better in the Evergreen game," fifth-year coach Jerrod Fleury said. "And our defense is much stronger than it has been."

A big question mark coming into the season was where the offensive production would come from as the team had lost its two leading scorers. According to coach Fleury, however, the strong defense has given the team some extra "time to develop."

The 3-1 Lutes have their first conference game at noon on Saturday, taking on Pacific, which has a roster full of returning players.

Coach Fleury said that in the Northwest Conference, everything is a challenge, and the team looked to schedule a competitive non-conference season to prepare.

"The biggest challenge is back-to-back," Fleury said in reference to the five times the Lutes are scheduled to play games on consecutive days during the conference season.

"I'm pleased with where we're at," he said. With a strong defense and an experienced team that tied for third in last year's Northwest Conference, these Lutes promise to be a tough matchup for any team. They aim to prove those who ranked them fifth at the beginning of the season wrong.

"We've been able to hold off teams and get a goal late in the game," Roeder said. She added that the team is looking forward to the first games at home this weekend.

Your first opportunity to come out and support your Lutes soccer team is the first conference game—versus rival Pacific—this Saturday at noon.

"Pacific is one of our biggest rivals and we did well at home last year, so we hope to continue that this season," Roeder said.

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Jerrod Fleury
Head Coach

Mile-high mediocrity

Volleyball team loses to conference foe Linfield, beats Concordia and Elmhurst

CALE ZIMMERMAN
Mast sports intern

The PLU women's volleyball team wrapped up their second preseason tournament last weekend in Colorado Springs, Colo. The Lutes split the four games played, finishing 2-2 for the tournament.

The Lutes prevailed over Concordia College

of Texas and Elmhurst out of Chicago, Ill. The losses came from conference opponents Linfield and Colorado College, the latter being the host school of the tournament.

Gina Di Maggio and Stacie Matz earned all-tournament honors for their game-changing performances. Although the outcome could have turned out better, the team gained some valuable experience and knows what it takes to finish at the top of the conference.

The Linfield Wildcats came into the tournament ranked 15th in the nation, making them not only a tough opponent, but a good measuring stick for the PLU squad. The Wildcats went on to win the tournament with wins over 25th ranked Elmhurst and Concordia-Austin.

There are eight first-year players on the team this year. Although the team consists of a lot of youth, captains Katie McGinn, a senior, and DiMaggio, a junior, look forward to stepping up and showing the youngsters the winning tradition of PLU volleyball.

All of the games played so far do not count toward postseason play. Conference games begin this weekend as the Lutes travel south to Portland to face off against Lewis and Clark State College and Pacific University. The following Wednesday, Sept. 20, the Lutes travel across town to take on storied-rival UPS. The Lutes would love the friendly support in the hostile environment of the Logger's Fieldhouse.

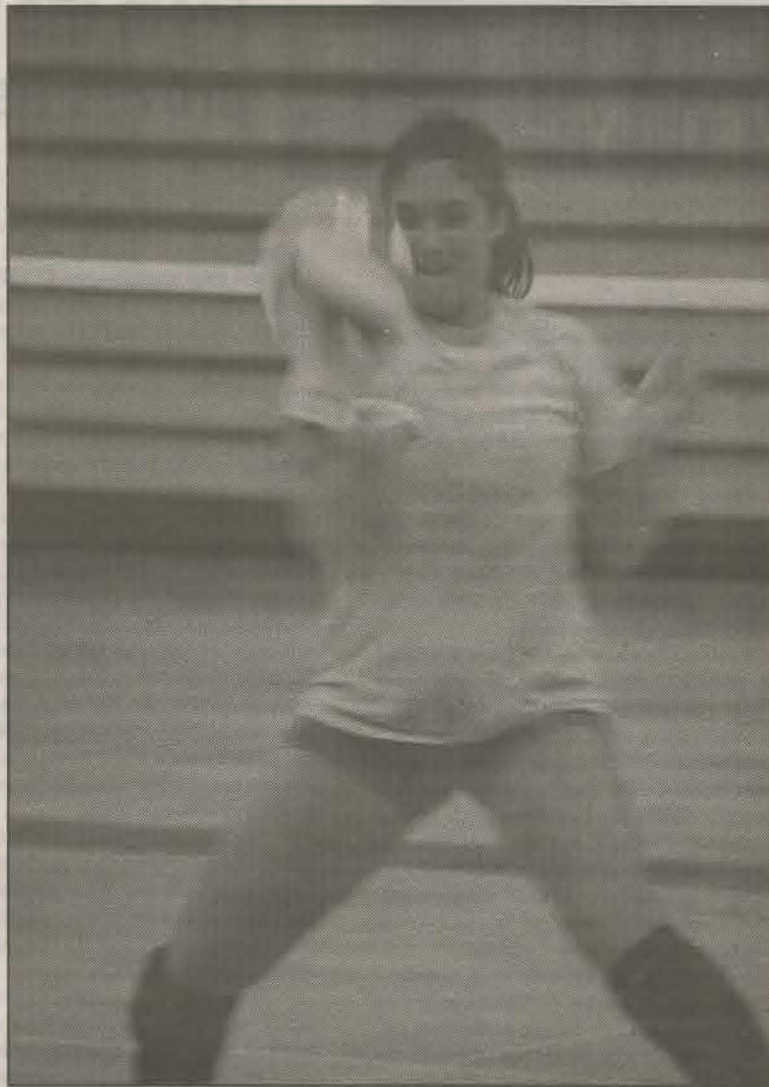


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Junior co-captain Gina Di Maggio works on ball control at practice Wednesday. Di Maggio and the rest of the team will be in Oregon this weekend to play Lewis and Clark along with Pacific.

2006 Home Volleyball Schedule

Sept.		
22	CAL STATE EAST BAY	7 p.m.
23	WILLAMETTE	5 p.m.
29	* WHITMAN	7 p.m.
30	* WHITWORTH	5 p.m.
Oct.		
13	* PACIFIC	7 p.m.
14	* LEWIS and CLARK	7 p.m.
18	* PUGET SOUND	7 p.m.
20	ALUMNI	7 p.m.
Nov.		
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Sibling rivalry:
healthy competition
or is it in their blood?



Kristi BRUNER

Do you remember when you and your sibling would fight over the last cookie, the remote or who got to be Mario on Nintendo 64? Negotiations would begin; both of you would refuse to back down, yet you were still unwilling to involve the parents in fear that no one would win. Eventually, you decided to race or maybe arm wrestle for it. For some, that may work, but what if your brother was a professional football player or possibly on his way to the top of the Mariners ball club?

Seeing as Peyton and Eli Manning faced off this week for the first time in their athletic careers, it seemed appropriate to examine the dynamics among siblings in sports. The rarity of family affairs in professional sports makes it interesting for fans and players alike. Once a successful duo comes around, everyone follows it. How often do a father and son play simultaneously in the major leagues, let alone hit back-to-back home runs? History tells us it happens only once in a lifetime. Beginning with Ken Griffey Sr. and Jr., Seattle has made a name for itself among sports families everywhere.

Before the Mannings ever played against each other, two Seattle brothers met in an NFL game. Raiders third-string quarterback Marques and Eagle fullback Zach Tuaiasosopo were competitors on the field and brothers off. To top it off, they're not the only athletes in the family.

As Ashley Tuaiasosopo made her state tournament debut this year playing volleyball for Woodinville High School, she marks the fifth and final sibling to get a taste of post-season play. After playing volleyball at UW for four years, her sister Leslie chose to stay close to the sport through coaching. She is now entering her seventh season as the assistant coach to UW's 2005 NCAA championship

volleyball team. Lastly, Matt Tuaiasosopo plays baseball in the Mariner's minor-league system. A 19 year old, he holds the record as the youngest player on the team. It's safe to say that talent runs deep in this family.

Were the Tuaiasosopos bred for competition or simply born with remarkable athletic abilities? I decided that a look at the collegiate level might shed some light on the phenomenon of sibling rivalries. Here at PLU, twin brothers Alex and Drew Eli begin their second season on the tennis team together.

Beginning in kindergarten, the Eli's played sports. Everything from soccer and basketball to baseball and ultimate frisbee, if there was a game to be played, the Eli twins were involved. So when did they begin their collegiate sport of choice of tennis?

It all began because their mom wanted them to get involved when they began high school in ninth grade. After ruling out the other fall sports of football and cross-country, they decided to try tennis. There was one catch: they were awful.

They found themselves below the top 10 on JV, barring them from playing real matches. But it didn't matter to them; they love the game. After the season ended, they were motivated to improve their skills and began taking year-round tennis lessons.

The next year they made varsity with the struggles of the previous season well in their rear-view mirrors. They have been playing tennis year-round ever since. This past summer they even taught lessons together. Amazingly, they have never been burned out and continue to show a real love of the game. Looking to the future, the brothers believe that they will continue playing tennis for the remainder of their PLU careers.

For their entire high school careers, the Eli brothers played doubles together, showing dedication and friendship in a situation that could easily breed intense competition and create rifts between them.

"I'm not the type that will yell at people to try and win," Drew Eli said "But I like win-

ning—winning is nice."

Although they grew up as active kids, the Eli's didn't have the natural abilities to immediately succeed at tennis. Most people aren't born with the skills to succeed, but a genuine appreciation of the sport and hard work are enough motivation to make anyone an athlete.

Plus, when you come from a prominent athletic family, you gain the confidence that that could be you. You can relate to your other family members and even hope to take it one step further and surpass the accomplishments of your famous brother or dad. The desire to be the best can only make you better.

So, there's no secret. Good genes didn't get the Mannings to the NFL or the Tuaiasosopo family their multiple achievements. It was their competitive edge that bred an inspiration to succeed.

Before this week's matchup against his little brother, Peyton Manning told a reporter that he hasn't lost a sporting event to Eli since a pickup basketball game years ago. He was playing at Tennessee and Eli was still living at home.

Monday, they met again, and Peyton is still the winner. Now, how would you like to arm wrestle him for the remote?



Drew (left) and brother Alex Eli (right) are beginning their second season playing tennis for PLU. Photo courtesy of Brett A. Patterson

Lutes elevate game in Colorado

Men's soccer
needs no breather,
posts two wins

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Coming into the first full weekend of competition, the PLU men's soccer squad posted two shutouts in the Colorado two-day tournament.

The first came in the shocker of the week as the Lutes, seemingly unaffected by the altitude, flattened out Colorado College 6 to 0.

After the big win, PLU squared off with Buena Vista College of Iowa. Keeping with this week's theme of shutouts, the Lutes again posted a clean sheet with a 1-0 win.

Colorado College, ranked seventh in the Western Region, came into the game with three wins and no losses. Notably, one of these wins came against Linfield, one of the Lutes' Northwest Conference opponents, with a score of 2-1.

PLU cleaned up their defense and had an offensive party, manhandling the Tigers with six goals. Leading the offensive attack was freshman Mattis Ostvold, who connected for a goal and earned an assist within the first six minutes.

"Our guys were ready to go today, and they believe in each other," said PLU head coach John Yorke.

Coach Horst Richardson, currently in his 41st season at the Tigers helm, called it "a despicable loss."

Because the Lutes stunned the Tigers with a quick 2-0 lead, PLU was able to rotate players frequently, giving them a breather at the high altitude.

The first goal came 3:23 into the game as Ostvold received a floating ball that he headed into the back of the net for a quick 1-0 lead.

However, the Lutes didn't want to end the scoring party. Ostvold connected with junior Mike Ferguson as he scored his first goal of the afternoon.

The Lutes received big contributions from first-year forward Baard Asker as he netted two goals in the first half.

With a comfortable 4-0 lead at half-time, the Lutes showed no signs of slowing down as sophomore Derek Karamatic scored two goals, while Asker dished the two assists.

"I [was] able to chip the defender and took a few dribbles, and again I was able to chip the keeper who was out at the top of the 18-yard box," Karamatic said.

Sophomore keeper Andrew Croft from Kenmore, Wash., shared the clean sheet with first-year Joshua Hooley, who came in to replace Croft in the 72nd minute.

Following the emotional victory over the Tigers, the Lutes showed that they were for real as PLU faced Buena Vista out of Iowa: The Beavers were outshot 27-9 by the Lutes.

Croft had another clean sheet as the Lutes dominated in all facets of the game except for the scoreboard. Croft only had to make five saves, all coming in the first half, to Mark Maguire's seven.

The lone goal of the game was scored by Derek MacLean with less than two minutes left in the first half. PLU took the corner and MacLean cleaned up the mess in the box and blasted it past Maguire on his second attempt, which ended up as the game winner.

The first-half shot disparity was 16 for PLU to the Beavers 7.

The second half didn't net results, but the Lutes showed their domination in terms of shots. PLU had 11 shots as compared to Buena Vista's 2.

Coming up for the Lutes is their conference opener at home against the Pacific University Boxers. The Boxers come into the match with 2 wins and no losses.

The Lutes come into the game with a 3-1 record, but, more importantly, with confidence after the solid performance in Colorado Springs.

This Week In Sports

Friday, Sept. 15

- Volleyball at Pacific, 7 p.m.
- Men's Tennis at Linfield Tournament, TBA

Saturday, Sept. 16

- Women's Soccer vs. Pacific, Noon
- Men's Soccer vs. Pacific, 2:30 p.m.
- Football vs. Wisconsin-River Falls, 1:30 p.m.
- Cross Country at Sundodger Invitational, 9 a.m.
- Volleyball at Lewis and Clark, 7 p.m.
- Men's Tennis at Linfield Tournament, TBA

Sunday, Sept. 17

- Women's Soccer vs. Lewis and Clark, Noon
- Men's Tennis at Linfield Tournament, TBA
- Seattle Seahawks vs. Arizona, 1:00 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 18

- MNF: Pittsburgh at Jacksonville, 8:30 p.m. on ESPN

Tuesday, Sept. 19

- Seattle Mariners at Texas, 5:05 p.m. on FSN

Wednesday, Sept. 20

- Women's Soccer at Puget Sound, 3 p.m.
- Volleyball at Puget Sound, 7 p.m.

Answer:
Casey Carlson
-Wide receiver
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Lutes bow to Kingsmen 17-14



Photo courtesy of Chris Hunt

PLU receiver Chase Reed is tackled during the Lute's 17-14 season opener loss to Cal Lutheran at Sparks Stadium on Saturday, Sept. 10. PLU's next game on Sept. 16 against Wisconsin-River Falls is at 1:30 pm at Sparks Stadium.

Lutes lose in final minutes after leading most of the game

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PLU football suffered a frustrating 17-14 loss at Sparks Stadium in the season opener Saturday.

Through three quarters, it appeared the Lutes had their first win lined up.

But with PLU clinging onto a 14-7 lead only a minute into the final period, the Kingsmen of Cal Lutheran had other ideas.

The Lutes opposition scored 10 unanswered points, capped off by a 38-yard field goal with 2:15 remaining.

"Sixty percent of the time, teams beat themselves in sports," said sophomore defensive lineman Andy Holden. "This was one of those games when [we] beat ourselves. We were obviously the superior athletic team."

The Lutes proved their athleticism early when their defense forced a Cal Lutheran fumble in the first minute of the game. PLU's offense took advantage of the Kingsmen turnover, piecing together a seven-play, 34-yard scoring drive, which climaxed with an eight-yard touchdown pass from Chris Maine to Craig Chiado.

"As a defense, it's really good to see your offense score so early," Holden said. "We knew if we could keep stopping [Cal Lutheran], it would be a great day."

On the next PLU possession, however, Maine's pass was intercepted by a Cal Lutheran defender, which set up excellent field position for the Kingsmen. Three plays and 27 yards later, Cal Lutheran knotted the game at 7-apiece.

The Lutes regained the lead a minute into the second quarter on a 15-play, 76-yard scoring drive that ended with a one-yard quarterback run by Maine.

At halftime, PLU went into the locker room with confidence.

"There wasn't a time when I didn't feel like we were the better team," said senior defensive back Andy Hamilton. "We had the determination to win."

But other players felt like the Lutes gave Cal Lutheran too many opportunities to come back, especially in the second half.

"We just couldn't get it done on offense," said junior receiver Chase Reed. "They [Cal Lutheran] just kept inching back."

The Kingsmen waited until the fourth quarter to inch back on the scoreboard. Maine threw his second interception only a minute into the final period, giving the ball to Cal Lutheran at its own 41-yard line. On the next play, a 59-yard touchdown pass tied the game up at 14.

"They [Cal Lutheran] called the perfect play," Hamilton said.

"They called a big screen play down the [left] sidelines. They just happened to get one right. Even at 14-14, I had the confidence we would win."

But PLU was forced to punt on their next possession, leaving the Kingsmen with enough time to set up a field goal or touchdown.

Cal Lutheran drove from its own 40-yard line to the PLU 22. Facing a fourth down situation, kicker Connor Pearce connected on a 38-yard field goal, which put the Kingsmen on top by three.

With two minutes remaining, the Lutes had one last shot to tie or win the game. On the first play of PLU's last possession, Maine's pass landed in Cal Lutheran's hands for the third time in the contest. The Kingsmen ran out the game clock and came away with the 17-14 victory.

"This game was similar to last year," said junior Sean McIlraith, who spent last season sidelined with a knee injury. "We made mistakes that hurt us and Cal Lutheran capitalized on them."


PLU had three turnovers, all of which were interceptions. Maine connected on 18 of his 29 passes for 157 yards and one touchdown. Chiado had eight receptions for 67 yards and junior halfback Anthony Canger ran for 49 yards on 14 carries.

However, the Lutes were shut out in the second half and could only generate 74 yards of offense. The Kingsmen offense gained 299 yards compared to PLU's 225 throughout the game.

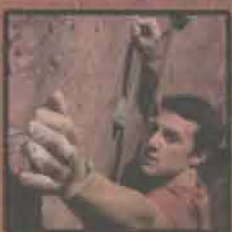
"It's frustrating knowing that we are better than we performed," Hamilton said. "It is burning in people's stomachs... if we didn't beat ourselves, we can play anybody in the country."


The Lutes (0-1) will have another opportunity to play at home this Saturday when they host Wisconsin-River Falls in a 1:30 p.m. contest at Sparks Stadium.

"River Falls is night and day compared to Cal Lutheran," Holden said. "In their last



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