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kicks off alumni
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Campus Sex

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Seniors Alexa Folsom-Hill and Andrew Romberg address college sexuality issues through a skit at this annual event. Campus Sex was held this year in the Chris Knutzen Center, Wednesday, Sept. 17.



Students warned about file sharing, piracy

JAY JAHNSEN
Mast news intern

Napster's reign as the king of file sharing was destroyed a few years ago by a lawsuit from the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA). Still, many sites such as Grokster and Kazaa continue to allow people across America, including students at PLU, to swap their mp3 files across cyberspace.

The RIAA filed 291 additional lawsuits against piracy as of Sept. 7. However, this time the lawsuits were aimed not at the Web sites themselves, but at the patrons that used the sites (www.cnetnews.com).

While no PLU students have been sued by the RIAA, the university has

adopted policies to limit file sharing on the campus network. These rules were put in place over the past few years to remove liability to the university should such an incident occur.

Currently, companies like Universal Studios and Media Force, in addition to the RIAA, search for downloaded files by looking for frequently shared songs and movies such as Bobby McFerrin's "Don't Worry Be Happy," Green Day's "Minority," and Avril Lavigne's "Complicated."

When suspect files are spotted, the companies use the IP numbers associated with the files to trace them back to the original user. The university is notified when this turns out to be an on-campus student.

PLU often receives these notices in

large groups; for example, PLU will be notified one week of several Metallica complaints and another week of several complaints by Universal for stolen movies. When PLU receives these notices, it passes them along to the students in question with warnings not to let it happen again.

"We try to make it clear to the student what their responsibilities are," David Allen, assistant director of Network & Communication Services

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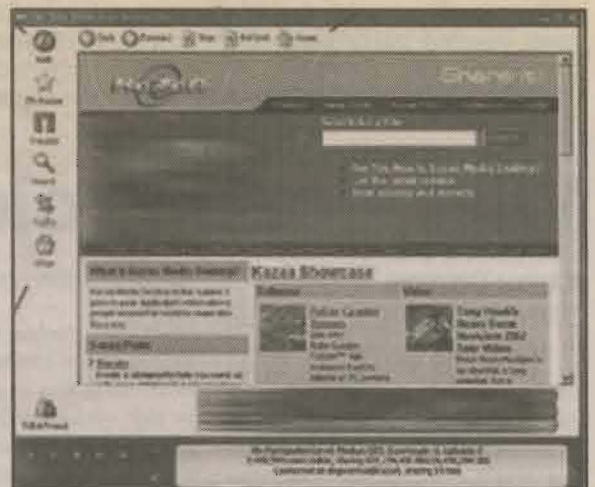


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Gone are the days of free downloads.

Campus Concierge: Link to all things PLU and beyond



Photo by Minerva Rios

Senior Michelle Oulette waits for the desk worker at the revamped UC information center. Campus Concierge now offers a variety of services including phone directory info and community box office.

EMMA COULSON
Mast news intern

Like a hotel go-to person for information and event organizing, the Campus Concierge can help a student talk to a professor, find the nearest Wal-Mart, and try to answer other miscellaneous questions. A student can even purchase a bus pass through Campus Concierge.

With a new name and added services, the former Lute Card and Information desk is the one-stop place to put bucks on a Lute Card, customize a meal plan, get campus and community information, and buy tickets to local concerts and sporting events.

"It is good work experience to help the students," said junior Heather Nathan, a desk-worker at Campus Concierge. "Everyone is very friendly."

The University added these new features to present a more professional and easier way of helping students, and especially to manage the meal plans. Previously, the staff kept track of all

meal plans on paper; now the system is on file on the Internet, which is faster and more straightforward, said Nathan.

The desk also hosts the Community Box Office for local events. A student can either call or walk-up during the desk hours or use the online Web site (<http://www.plu.edu/~cbo/home.html>) to purchase tickets to football games and other PLU events during the year. The box office is open online 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and 365 days a year.

"I bought tickets to Hamlet for my dad and me last year," said sophomore Erin Donnithorne. "It is nice to be able to buy tickets [at the Campus Concierge] without having to stand in line."

There is also a weekly survey in which visitors to the site can partake. It asks a simple question like this week's "Where is the best pizza within 5 miles of PLU?" then the site selects a participant to receive five dollars in Lute Bucks.

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Environmental Services donations help charities

CATHERINE ENGSTROM
Mast news intern

Every year Environmental Services donates extra food, bedding, clothing, books and personal care items to charities like The Tacoma Rescue Mission, Lacamas Community Center, Platinum HM, the Roy Food Bank and Goodwill Industries. This year, more than 8,000 pounds of items were donated.

Although clothing donations were higher this year, food and personal care donations were down. In addition to the end-of-year donations, blankets were also collected over the summer from the Conference and Events group and given to charity.

Environmental Services Coordinator Barbara McConathy said items donated had, "lost their PLU life, but to me they were not so bad."

With this attitude she has made an enormous effort through her department to prevent PLU overflowing the "waste stream" with re-usable

products.

Environmental Services collects all the recycling from the stations in the residence halls and other buildings. Last year PLU saved \$26,000 by recycling. McConathy said the school recycles 338 plus tons of material a year.

From the donations of the students and faculty, Sallie Brown, a retired PLU Student Life employee, took the best items and sold them to raise money for charities.

She donated the money raised to Habitat for Humanity and her church, which provides services for the Manito county.

Brown ironed and washed all the clothes and sold them to earn about \$1,320 for her causes. What didn't sell she donated to the Tacoma Rescue Mission.

This is the second year in a row that Brown has helped with the donations.

Recycling savings:
Last year, PLU saved \$26,000 owing to its recycling program



Photo by Andy Sprain

Environmental Services Coordinator Barbara McConathy headed up the donation project this year. More than 8,000 pounds of donation material were given to local charities.

Lutes gather in Red Square for nationwide prayer

KARYN OSTROM
Mast news reporter

On Wednesday morning, members of the PLU community gathered in Red Square for a time of prayer and reflection sharing a moment with students around the country and world.

See You at the Pole (SYATP), a 14-year-old nationwide student-led event, is practiced in every state. National Network of Youth Ministries reported that more than 2.5 million teenagers participated in SYATP last year.

It was also reported that the program boasted participants from countries including Australia, Bahamas, Canada, China, Dominican Republic,

Germany, India, Japan, Kenya, Romania, South Korea, Philippines, United Kingdom and Uruguay.

RHA Christian Activities Director, Jaime Skarshaug, and ASPLU Director of Religious Relations, Ryan Schulz were responsible for bringing SYATP to PLU. Skarshaug said the event has not taken place on campus for a number of years and she would like to see it become a tradition.

Skarshaug, who participated in SYATP throughout her high

school years, said the unity resulting from praying for her school and nation with her peers was the most valuable part of the prayer time.

"It is an awesome experience. It means a lot to me to be with fellow students who are here for the same reason I am."

Junior Elizabeth Galbraith

Junior Elizabeth Galbraith, who was at The Pole Wednesday morning, remembered a particular SYATP gathering during high school as being a time for prayer and healing after the loss of a member of her student body. It is now an important day for her.

"It is an awesome experience," Galbraith said. "It means a lot to

me to be with fellow students who are here for the same reason I am."

The theme for See You at the Pole this year was "Consumed." Skarshaug read from I Kings 18:36-39 which told the story of the Israelites' surrender to God.

"...Elijah stepped forward and prayed, '...let it be known today that you are God...that you are turning their hearts back again...'...then the fire of the Lord fell, and consumed the burnt offering...when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, 'the Lord, He is God...'" —1 Kings 18:36-39 (NIV, NAS).

For more information, visit www.syatp.com

Wild Hope Project funds vocation exploration

KARYN OSTROM
Mast news reporter

"What are you going to do with your one wild and precious life?" President Loren Anderson asked students during the Convocation Welcome and Address.

The question, quoted from a poem by Mary Oliver, is the emphasis of The Wild Hope Project: Exploring Vocation at Pacific Lutheran University; a five-year project funded by a \$2,000,000 grant from the Lilly Endowment, Inc.

Anderson's State of the University address on Sept. 3

identified three visions for the project:

"[The] Project is designed to 1) challenge students to grapple with vocation in an intellectually rich and world-engaged way, 2) nurture students appropriately to claim meaning and purpose for their lives, and 3) cultivate faculty and staff to become more reflective, and to discover the resources that our Lutheran heritage offers for this task."

The purpose of the Exploring Vocation Project is to provide resources and encouragement for students to reflect and focus on vocation, purpose, and meaning. The four disciplines

of development that will be stressed through the project's activities are intellect and imagination, connection to the larger world, personal development and faith/spirituality.

Specific resources may include enhanced service-learning courses, reflection groups for returning study abroad students and appearances by outside scholars.

First-year students may take part in an extensive orientation program, while Advising, Career Development, and Campus Ministry may hire more personnel. More training may be available for residence

hall staff.

Faculty and staff will be encouraged to focus on vocation and reflection in their respective subjects. In turn, they may partake in study seminars and retreats for advisors and new faculty members.

The project is staffed by Professor of Philosophy Paul Menzel, Assistant to the Academic Advising Director; Opal Huston, Director of Student Involvement and Leadership; Kathleen Farrell, and Professor of Religion Patricia Killen.

Members of the Lilly family founded the Lilly Endowment,

Inc. in 1937 for philanthropic purposes. Lilly is a pharmaceutical company based in Indianapolis. Money from the endowment was distributed to 38 other institutions this year.

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Chinese Culture Fair

PLU celebrates Chinese music, art, theater and games

LINDSAY TAYLOR
Mast news intern

The Chinese Culture Fair offers students opportunities to experience Chinese music, art and theatrical performances. Sponsored by the Wang Center and PLU's Chinese Studies, the fair is scheduled for Sept. 20 from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. in the Mary Baker Russell Music Center.

Tomorrow, Chinese Kunqu opera masters grace Pacific Lutheran University on their first tour of the Northwest. The performance is scheduled for 7 p.m. in Eastvold Auditorium. Kunqu opera, an

ancient tradition, is renowned for its elegance. Originally shown only to royal or wealthy families, the Kunqu opera uses symbolism and is known for poetical dialogue and gentle dance movements.

The performers strive for beauty in every word, song and movement. Harmonious bamboo flutes and other traditional Chinese instruments accompany performers.

Interactive workshops, music demonstrations, painting, and cultural videos are available to attendees. The two-person Chinese Lion dance, a Chinese New Year tradition said to bring good luck,

will also be preformed.

Weiqi, an ancient Chinese game known in the West as "Go," was once considered one of the four necessary skills of Chinese gentlemen. The game's popularity is quickly covering the globe. Attendees of the Chinese Culture Fair will have a chance to learn how to play from regional masters. This event is co-sponsored by the Tacoma Go Club.

For more information about the fair, call (253) 535-7577 or e-mail wangctr@plu.edu.

Chinese Culture Fair Schedule of Events

Watch the Regional Masters of Go!
11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Mary Baker Russell Music Center, Room 322

Music, Painting and Calligraphy Workshops
Noon to 5 p.m.

Mary Baker Russell Music Center

**Kunqu Opera
performance**

7 p.m.
Eastvold Auditorium

Regents' award recipients invest fresh energy into school and interests

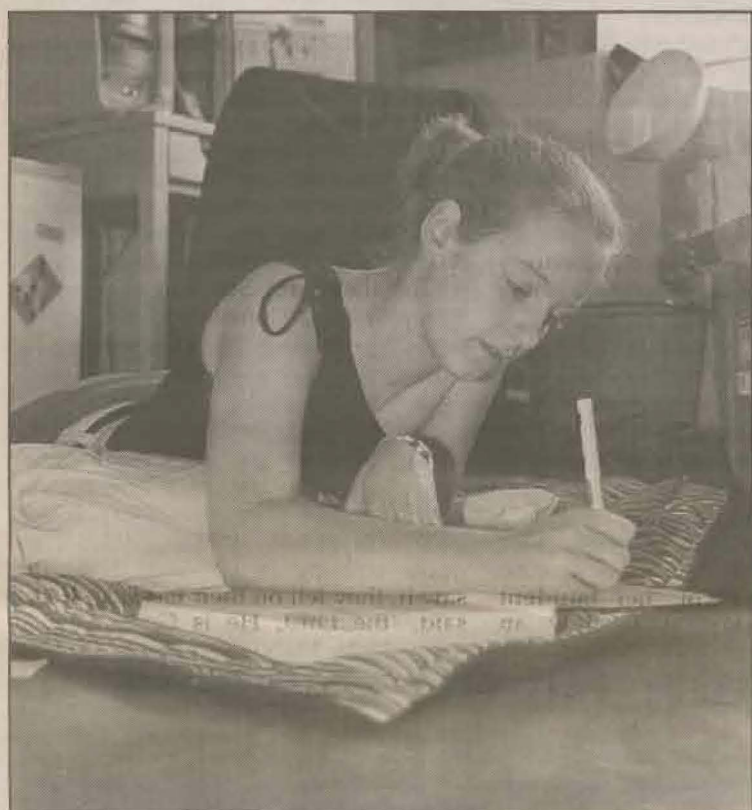


Photo by Andy Sprain

Three freshmen receive the annual Regents' Scholarship award, renewable for four years and equal to full PLU tuition. Above: Alyssa Hertel is taking her experience at PLU beyond the textbooks.

JANE KO
Mast news reporter

Convocation was in high spirits as incoming freshman piled into Olson Auditorium, greeted by applause and smiling faculty on Monday, Sept. 8. Many scholarship recipients were acknowledged, including the three freshmen awarded the Regents' Scholarship this year.

The Regents' Scholars of the class of 2007 are Alyssa Hertel, Amanda Patton and Ronan Rooney. Recipients are required to maintain a 3.3 GPA to retain their scholarship.

Hertel finds that being a Regents' Scholar is more than just meeting expectations and standards.

"You [have] got to get involved, meet people and get to know them better," Hertel said. "The more things you try out, the more you will find your passion."

This year, she will participate in several activities such as, crew, swing club, University Singers, Catholic Student Association, and the Young Democrats.

Patton and Rooney are equally involved.

This year, Patton wants to participate in Campus Ministry and Bible studies; run for ASPLU; is involved in the art department; and plans to volunteer off campus.

"[PLU has] a nice atmosphere because everyone is friendly here. The trees and landscape make PLU seem like its own little world," Patton said.

In addition, Patton is determined, "to be as involved as possible, taking some challenging classes, wanting to do well, work hard, and to try a little bit of everything, and see how it goes."

Rooney said Hinderlie Hall is "the place to be" on campus.

"I got to meet the people in the lounge," Rooney said, "Everything else still seems new

and pretty exciting, so I'm looking forward to this year."

Rooney is currently running for hall council; involved in speech and debate; and has a substitute position at the Hinderlie front desk. When asked about his goals for this year, Rooney confidently replied, "To get 4.0 in all my classes, but I don't need the A's for the scholarship; it's for myself. I also would like to work on trombone in concert band, and continue the abilities I had practiced musically in high school."

Rooney puts reciprocating his rewards on the top of his list.

"I also feel that PLU has given so much to me, considering that I'm a kid from Alaska, so ...if I feel like I was giving something back to PLU in the four years I'm here, I'll be satisfied."

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Ronan Rooney
Regents' Scholar



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Ronan Rooney is also getting involved by running for a hall council position in Hinderlie Hall.



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Amanda Patton plans to invest her energy into running for ASPLU office.

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Nguyen awarded Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellow

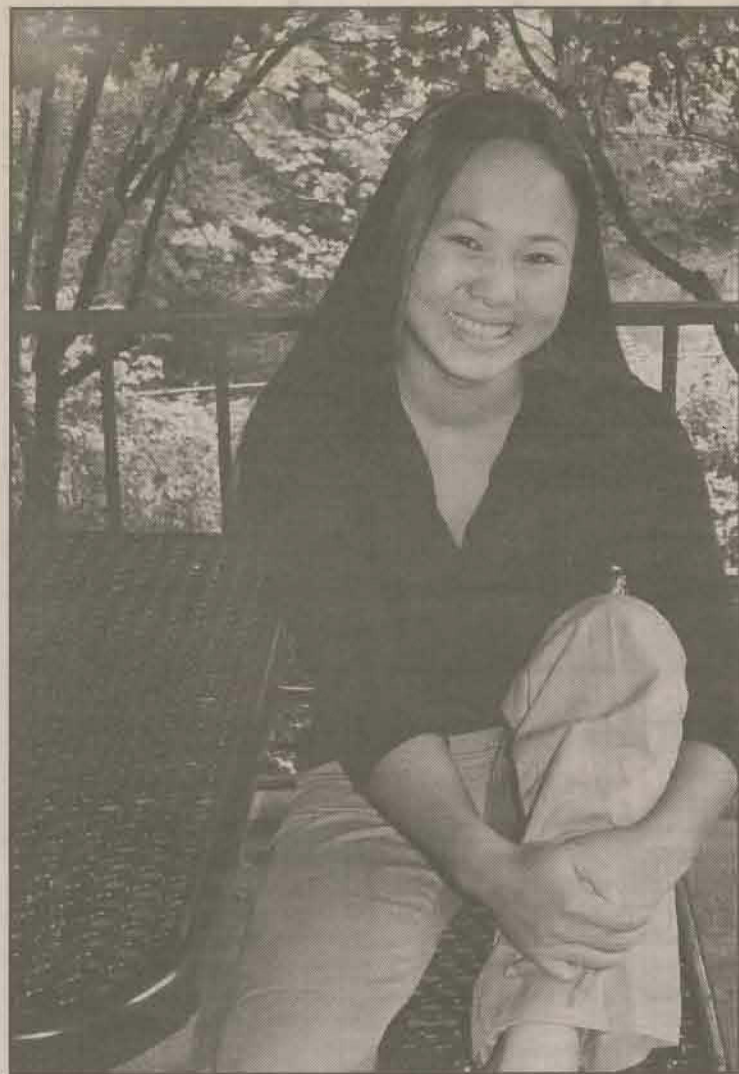


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Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellow Thu Nguyen is one of only 20 students nationwide to receive the award. The award funds the rest of her undergraduate work and grants her a position with the U.S. Foreign Services for a five-year term.

CHRISTINE CREVLING
Mast news intern

At the age of nine, Thu Nguyen was thrust into American society without a word of English to communicate with. On May 16, 2003, she flew from Washington to Virginia to the Foreign Service Institute for her interview as a finalist for the Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellow award.

Last spring, at the age of 20, Nguyen received the Pickering Fellow award as a second year student at Pacific Lutheran University.

The award assures that she will have the funds to finish her undergraduate degree and may go on to earn her masters with all expenses paid. The award also grants her a position with U.S. Foreign Services for five years.

As one of 20 students nationwide to receive the award, Nguyen is now recognized as one of PLU's most accomplished students. During the next two years, the Pickering Fellow scholarship will place her with internships located in places such as Washington D.C.

For Nguyen, the scholarship means security, "it makes me feel a lot more comfortable with what I'm doing. I know I'm going to get my masters."

Nguyen balances her time with a triple major in political science, global studies and math. When she entered college, she expected to go into law and so began studying political science. Eventually she picked up global studies since she had changed her field of

interest to foreign services. Math, Nguyen said, "is just something to keep me on my toes."

Nguyen has traveled a long road. She moved to the United States with her parents and her two older brothers from Vietnam at in the late 1980s. She went through fourth grade without speaking a word of English and didn't excel in the language until her fifth grade year.

Nguyen continued to excel and going into college, she was offered various scholarships. She received the President's

Scholar which paid for half of her tuition at PLU, the Washington Achiever which granted her \$3,500 and she received the Washington Scholar which was funded by Bill Gates and meant for low income students. Since her parents lived so close to school, she lived at home though her second year at PLU.

By the end of her first year at PLU, Nguyen was offered two grants to study the connection between music and politics on location in Vietnam. The first grant, worth \$2,000, came from the Ceverson Grant in the Social Sciences department at PLU.

The second was from the Wang Center which had been granted four million dollars to begin its program. They gave her another \$1,000 to further her research.

As an intern in Vietnam with U.S. Foreign and Commercial Service, Nguyen helped preparations for market research trade missions to Vietnam. She attended conferences, seminars and on her second summer in

Vietnam, she spoke at a development seminar for the UNESAP, a branch from the U.N. In addition to all this Nguyen somehow has found time to commit to volunteer work. Inspired by her birth place, Nguyen taught Vietnamese dancing to a group of 16 girls

for eight years. During her second year at PLU, Nguyen volunteered at a juvenile detention center, tutoring residents in math, writing, and reading.

"You're just there to help them," she said. In addition, Nguyen has also been one of four Diversity Center advocates and the Key Society coordinator at PLU.

"I think PLU is really a community; a place to expand," Nguyen said.

Through all her endeavors, Nguyen still manages to find time to play tennis and get six to seven hours of sleep every night.

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**Thu Nguyen,
Pickering Foreign
Affairs Fellow**

Catering service cooks up tasty new menu choices

STEPHANIE MATHIEU
Mast news intern

The Pacific Lutheran University catering service has made some changes to its menu, both in the price and the selection of food provided.

Some prices have risen simply because of inflation, but the catering department has tried to balance the rise

in prices by making some new items and packages more affordable.

Two new items are the panini brown bag lunch, priced at \$7.50 per person, and the more traditional Mac and Cheese dinner buffet at \$7.00 per person.

"[The panini brown bag lunch] makes for a great lunch and is easy to serve," said Catering Senior Office Assistant, Carolyn Wilsie.

Although some items have risen in cost, the prices for scones has remained at \$12 per dozen.

"Scones are always a hot, hot item," said Wilsie.

They also have a seasonal desert menu. For fall, some items include a white chocolate lemon cheesecake and a pumpkin praline cheesecake.

"We want to make sure we are keep-

ing it fresh," said Wilsie.

The catering services are used by many different people at PLU. Clubs and departments use them for meetings on campus and students have used them to cater graduation parties.

The new catering menu can be found on the PLU Web page.

Nursing association hosts campus-wide blood drive

CASSANDRA RUSSELL
Mast copy editor

The Tacoma area is suffering from a serious shortage of blood plasma, jeopardizing the lives of many. In response to this crisis, PLU's chapter of Delta Iota Chi, a national nursing association, is sponsoring a blood drive for Cascade Regional Blood Services (CRBS). The drive will be in the U.C.'s Chris Knutzen Hall on Sept. 24 from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. and Sept. 25 from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

"A significant amount of our blood supply was sent to the Army hospitals in Iraq to support our troops during the war," Christina Pendrak, Delta Iota Chi member and blood drive organizer, said. "In addition, a large portion of our area's repeating donors are soldiers who are currently deployed."

Many people do not fully understand the profound impact a single donation can make. More than 60 percent of the American population is eligible to participate in blood drives, but only five percent actually donate.

"People don't realize three lives can be saved by a single pint of blood," Pendrak said. "PLU students who gave blood last year saved more than 2,000 lives. That's a powerful contribution to society."

PLU students wanting to donate can prepare their bodies by increasing consumption of non-caffeinated beverages, limiting smoking and eating a high-protein meal the morning of the blood drive. It is essential participants get between six and eight hours of sleep prior to donation.

"It's unusual someone has problems giv-

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Christine Pendrak, Delta Iota Chi member and blood drive organizer

ing blood," said Pendrak. "But those who are properly hydrated and well rested tend to recover more quickly."

A signed permission slip downloaded from www.cascadebloodcenters.org is required from donors under 18-years-of-age. First-time donors with CRBS should bring picture identification.

Individuals who recently received a body or ear piercing using a sterile technique at a commercial establishment are still eligible to give blood, but people with a tattoo less than one-year-old cannot participate. Students returning from abroad can still donate, but students may be deferred if they have recently traveled in malarial areas.

"Students who are ineligible to donate can still drag a friend to the blood drive," Pendrak said. "Who do they know can donate in their place?"

For more information about donation eligibility, please 1-877-24BLOOD or Cascade Regional Blood Services at (253) 383-2553.

RHC training: Through an environmental director's eyes

ANGEE FOSTER
Mast news intern

As Environment, Justice and Diversity Director (EJDD) for Harstad Hall, I recently completed a quest for fun activities and good programs to offer PLU students. I found Seeds of Simplicity, an organization that sponsored a conference about simple living at Seattle University on August 24.

The simplicity movement is fairly new to our society, its growth encouraged by the PBS movie *Affluenza*. The film points out that American over consumption has high non-monetary costs such as environmental degradation and strained social relationships

(www.pbs.org/kcts/affluenza).

People with very diverse goals in social, political and environmental fields have adopted the simplicity movement. The binding factor for conference attendees is the belief that a simplified, less consumer-driven lifestyle is a step in the right direction. After seeing *Affluenza*, I would have to agree.

More than 400 people paying a registration fee of \$25 and a core of dedicated volunteers who spent hours preparing, attended the simplicity conference. As the Harstad EJDD, I was looking for some practical and appealing ways to tell people about environmental, social justice and diversity issues on

campus and around the globe. Touted as a participatory event, I thought that the Simplicity Conference might offer just that.

The conference exceeded my expectations. I was motivated by the speakers to be conscious of the impact my lifestyle has on the world the depth of the simplicity ideology amazed me throughout the day. It is a far-reaching concept, as evidenced by the great range of issues that people said most impassioned them.

The simplicity movement challenges people to redefine the American Dream. Instead of slaving away to "keep up with the Joneses", simplicity advocates urge people to enjoy their

families, make time to relax, and active participants in their communities. For people who want to be socially active, the draw of the simplicity movement is living a lifestyle that doesn't require an 80-hour workweek.

Voluntary simplicity is about surviving on less, freeing up time and resources, and never doing a job that you would not do for free. PLU does a good job of encouraging its students to take part in volunteer activities. In fact, the university mission statement is, "Educating for lives of service."

Service is important to a well-functioning community, but some world problems might require us to think out-

side the box and change our core lifestyle habits. One great thing about simplicity is that it is very individualistic. Many people express it in different ways.

We as students are forced to live monetarily simple lives, but there is more we can do. Make a commitment to service as a life-long goal and see how much you can accomplish with a university education and a willing attitude.

Many of the conference attendees are doing just that. They see a lot of hope for the future if the people of our generation continue in their footsteps.

Editor's note: This article was written as a first-hand account.

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(CATS), said. The University doesn't officially take a stance on file sharing and, "Only has rules for the good of the system," he added.

To this end, CATS tries to settle all complaints on campus and in extremely rare circumstances have notified civil authorities.

Last year at PLU, 57 students were warned by CATS to stop sharing computer files. Five of those students were referred to the student Conduct board for continuing to violate campus policy. CATS stresses with

approximately 1405 online students last year and only 57 complaints filed with PLU, most students act responsibly with their file sharing.

Allen expects filing sharing to continue to be a small problem on campus this year, but adds that the university won't actively search for violators, nor will it block filesharing sites such as Kazaa. Instead CATS will continue to work with students to help them make responsible decisions with sharing files.

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Stop by the desk for tickets to the first football home game tomorrow. The tickets are free for students and faculty, but are always needed to get into the games.

For all services apart from directory phone numbers, call

535-7457. For directory assistance (campus offices and student numbers), call the operator (0) during working hours, and a Campus Concierge member will connect you.

After Campus Concierge hours, dialing "0" will redirect

students to Campus Safety (x7441). Dispatchers will look up directory information; other services can be accessed via the Campus Concierge Web site.



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In next week's issue of The Mast:

We strive to give the most complete and accurate information. Therefore, stories may be delayed. We apologize for the cliff hanger.

Look for Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology awards and South Hall flooding stories in the Sept. 26 issue of *The Mast*.

Fire Drill

There will be a fire drill in the afternoon during the week of Sept. 22-26.

Faculty: Please be prepared to take roll at the emergency assembly point, if you are in class when the drill starts. Give your roll sheets to the emergency building coordinator at the assembly point.

Students: Go to the emergency assembly point for the building you are in at the time of the drill. Check in with your instructor, if you are in class when the drill starts.

Others: Go to the emergency assembly point for the building you are in at the time of the drill. Check in with the emergency building coordinator.

For emergency assembly points, go to <http://www.plu.edu/~safety/directory>

Announcement from Jennifer Wamboldt, Environmental Health and Safety Manager

From the editor

Don't be afraid to get your hands dirty

It's that time again. The interest groups are preparing their wish lists. The candidates are preparing their promises. Arnold is polishing up his English grammar. The political season is in full swing. And PLU offers opportunities for students to become educated, active citizens.

On Nov. 11, former Illinois Senator Paul Simon will visit campus. He will speak to gathered students, faculty and religious leaders on "The Ethics of Leadership: In Search of Leaders of Character and Integrity."

Simon, a former presidential candidate, is founder and director for the Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University's Carbondale campus. There he teaches public policy, journalism and history, while working to instill a reasoned and ethical approach to public policy and legislation.

His search for ethics in leadership may strike a cord with many college-age students. We are the generation so jaded and cynical toward government, our voter turnout is the lowest of any demographic.

And it is not hard to see why. One former president said "read my lips; no new taxes," and then raised taxes. The next one said he did not have "sex with that woman" only to later confess his sins in a well-rehearsed apology to America.

And the sitting president is overseeing a controversial war with an enemy unlike any other we have faced before. And regardless of your views of whether the war was justified, it is our peers fighting and dying abroad.

This says nothing of the congressman some believe had a role in the disappearance of his young intern, the professional wrestler who became governor of Minnesota and the over 120 Hollywood rejects, porn stars and lifetime bureaucrats now running for California governor in an unprecedented recall effort.

No wonder my generation rolls its eyes when election season starts.

But that is no reason to give up on the process.

The American government was designed to be an involved process. But involved also means getting messy. And Americans do not like messy. We like quick answers.

So we turn to our elected officials and say "don't cut my taxes," "cut my taxes," "protect us from future terrorism threats but don't make us unnecessarily afraid." Americans complain about politicians and the bureaucracy that is the political process, but we often do nothing more than complain.

There are more opportunities to become involved in politics than just complaining about America's self-government. Since our government is largely representative, the first logical step is to talk and listen to the right people. Get to know your senators and representatives. Know where they stand on issues important to you. Let them know what is important to you in a well-educated, non-antagonistic way.

Get informed about the issues. Read a newspaper. Watch a legislative session on C-SPAN. Watch the Congressional record and see how your representatives voted on issues important to you.

And of course, the best way to get involved in your representative government is to vote. You can have a voice in who makes the decisions in government. You can choose leaders of integrity and high ethical standards.

And you cannot complain about the government if you did not bother sacrificing an hour to elect your representatives.

Become educated. Events like the Paul Simon visit in November provide invaluable opportunities for learning about government, politics and leadership in America.

We can only hope PLU will provide more opportunities to get involved in the political process. The political season is heating up fast. The governor race in Washington is wide open. And Washington may prove to be critical in the presidential primary with its primary election early in the election season, March 2, 2004.

So while the interest groups list their needs and the politicians polish their speeches, you can start learning more about what is important to you by investigating what the candidates really believe. The political process is messy, but there is hope for those who make the effort to get involved.

Just don't be afraid to get your hands dirty.

For more information about Senator Paul Simon's visit, visit the PLU Office of Church Relations web site at www.plu.edu/~c-rel.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

University needs a true center in search for identity

A kind of Renaissance is underway at PLU, evidenced by reorganization and restructuring within several departments. Some of these changes are difficult; others are delightful and have been eagerly embraced.

I believe the result will be better service that is more effective and student-oriented in its delivery. Better coordination between departments and services will promote PLU's ability to successfully fulfill its mission: to prepare its student for

lives of service, teaching this by example.

May I suggest one more change? I have heard much discussion during the last three years about diversity, sense of welcome, and opportunity for a wider population of students and faculty. I agree this is important. However, a certain symbol, steadily relegated to the edges, holds considerable significance for PLU's future. I refer to the sculpture of Jesus in the library. If one looks closely, one sees represented the idea of

every ethnic group upon that cross. All are welcome, and all are equal.

I do not mean to insinuate that every person on campus be a Christian, a certain kind of Christian, or even religious at all. My point is this: the university cannot have true diversity without a true center. The question is not one of control, but of identity.

Theresa Clark
PLU Alumnus, 2003

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Sidewalk Talk:

Are you concerned about the recording industry filing suit against individuals who download music off the Internet?

I deleted Kazaa because I didn't want to get sued. I fear for my life.

Graham Murtaugh Junior



No. I haven't figured out how to work the thing yet so I'm not worried.

Sara Burkes Sophomore

It's not something I'm concerned about personally, since I don't download music. But for those who do, there is reason for concern.

Susan King Freshman



I'm not concerned. If you're smart, there are dozens of programs that keep people from seeing you. If you use something obvious like Kazaa, you're screwed.

Erik Nelson Junior

Reasons for stating the obvious may be less than, well, obvious

Sitting inside a hotel lobby in Seattle with my dad last week, it started raining. My dad, a talkative fellow, chatted with an indifferent hotel clerk as I thumbed through a magazine on Seattle and all of its treasures.

That's when my dad said it - "It looks like we're getting some rain."

In his defense, he was right. However, anyone with a perfectly good set of eyes could see it was raining. The doors were open and you could even hear the rain splattering down on Spring Street. I certainly did not need anybody telling me there was strange liquid pouring from the sky.

A little later, as we drove down the street, my father noticed people jogging on treadmills inside a building.

"There are people working out in there," he said.

He was right again. After all, it was a gym.

My dad was doing something everyone does, stating the painfully obvious. He's the type of guy who likes to think

out loud. Everyone does it sometimes. Maybe you even did it today. I know I did. When I catch myself in the act of stating the obvious, I usually just laugh it off.

A few weeks ago, I was in South Hall on move-in day when I saw a friend carrying a

mutual appeal.

Have you ever been alone in an elevator with one person? This might be an awkward experience for some. To ease the tension, you might mention the phrase "nice day" and then proceed to have a meaningless conversation about the weather.

It's better than looking straight ahead, stealing occasional glances from the corner of your eye, while the other person clucks his tongue or checks her watch. In reality

there is nothing wrong with stating the obvious. It's harmless ... boring, but harmless.

Novelist Douglas Adams offered an interesting explanation for a human's ability to state the obvious in his book, *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*. A character in the book noticed that humans always said things like "nice day" or "you're very tall." His theory was humans must keep their lips in motion, because if they stopped talking something would happen to their brain.

They might actually use it.

Jace Krause is a senior communication major. He writes a column for The Mast.

Loose Translation Jace Krause



load of boxes stacked past her eyes. Of all the things I could have said to her, the brilliant anecdote I gave was, "Moving in?" Of course she was moving in. I do not know many people who carry stacks of boxes up three flights of stairs for a good time.

Stating the obvious, as absurd as it seems, really does

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serves a purpose. It's a great way to strike up a conversation between strangers, or even friends. It's a comfortable starting point that usually has a

Growing up

An unwilling adult merely a kid at heart, waiting for summer

Do you remember the first day of school when your teacher forced you to write a paper entitled "My Summer Vacation?" It never failed. Every year, that paper served as the final reminder another summer was dead. The fall semester has been in session for only two weeks, but I am left pondering about where my summer vacation slinked off to.

When classes ended last May, I returned to the working grind. Eight hours a day, five days a week I sat in my office trying to keep busy.

June rolled by. July came, winked and left me at the window. Finally it was August, my last chance for fun in the sun before returning to PLU.

My fiancé and I decided to vacation in Truckee, California, his hometown. Truckee is a small town more than 15 minutes from Lake Tahoe, nestled in the mountains of northern California. Its one claim to fame is the Donner Party, a group of pioneering settlers who dabbled in cannibalism while wintering there.

We spent a lot of our time driving around, looking at the

beautiful scenery, and visiting my fiancé's boyhood haunts. Besides the sun and relaxation, the best part about the whole trip was the stars. Yes, you can see the stars in Parkland, but the view is nothing compared to that from the Sierra Nevadas.

All too soon I found myself in my little Hyundai Accent heading north on I-5. Time to go home and return to PLU. The first week of September rushed by as I bought books and other supplies. Now classes are in session and my homework is

dorm room. I was so excited; my only worries were how much homework I had and what activity to try next.

I am still excited, but in a different way. I look forward to graduation and finding a job in the "real world." I just have to get through my last year here.

The dreaded senior year, which often takes three or more semesters to complete, is upon me. If all goes well, I will finish after two semesters and one night class at a local community college.

As I struggle to comprehend the magnitude of what I face this year, my mind wanders back to my last summer vacation as a "care-free college student."

I'm still not sure where all the time went, but I'm glad I had one last vacation before school started.

This year, I did not have to write a paper entitled "My Summer Vacation." Perhaps this was just another sign I have left my childhood behind. Although I am now an adult, I will always be a kid at heart, looking forward to my next summer vacation.

What now? Jamie Shipman



quickly piling up.

Looking back at past summers, I realize I have grown up since beginning my PLU career. I am the dreaded "A" word: an adult.

I do not know how this happened. After all, I still think of my future in terms of "when I grow up." But reality must set in; I am grown up. I am 20-years-old senior who is graduating in May.

It seems like yesterday I was a first-year unpacking in my

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PLU Professor shares business, goodwill

BILL YAGER
For The Mast

Reynerio, surrounded by his six siblings and cousins, looks smilingly into the camera, his usual cheerful disposition reflected in his 12-year-old face. Strange, though, that as the oldest, he is the only child sitting for the picture, until one sees he has no legs.

Four years ago, as Reynerio was walking to school, he was struck and run over by a truck, crushing his legs. Since that time, each morning his mother gets up at 3 a.m., prepares what food they have for the family that day and gets Reynerio ready for school.

She then carries him in her arms for two hours along a deeply rutted, muddy "road" to a place where they catch a bus for the rest of their trip to a special school in San Marcos. She stays with him in school and then reverses the process to return home.

In this slight, very poor Nicaraguan mother, the Herculean drive for her disabled son's education and a better life was gripping. We had to find a way to help them. Through friends in Diriamba, we arranged to hire a "moto" to pick them up at their house, take them to the bus stop and return them each weekday through September.

As a longer-term solution, we are in the process of raising funds to have a new house built in the town close to Reynerio's school.

One family. Two disabled children (Reynerio's younger brother is deaf). A fiercely dedicated mother with a huge heart for a better future... Just one story in a sea of poverty and need.

My first-hand engagement with poverty in Nicaragua began during my sabbatical in 2001-02. I taught international business and was the acting director in the Latin American Studies Program in San Jose, Costa Rica, one of nine study abroad locations administered by the Council of Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU).

The year-long experience living and teaching in the third

world was nothing less than life changing. The time in Nicaragua was life shaping.

Several independent trips to Nicaragua have provided us the opportunity to broaden and deepen our network of relationships with friends there.

We have now become deeply involved with several Nicaraguan helping organizations, two schools and a growing number of families in Diriamba, Masaya, Granada and Managua.

During our semi-annual sojourns we load up duffel bags of medicines and vitamins, using our stopover in San Jose to purchase excellent children's books in Spanish and colorful, educational posters for bare-walled classrooms.

Reynerio is one of "Los Pipitos" - the little gentle ones - more than 500 disabled children just in the area of Diriamba, the focal point for our efforts to alleviate some of the poverty-induced suffering of these very special people.

Sixteen-year-old Jenny now has a hearing aid. Rosa's family and others have new metal roofs so the torrential rains don't turn her dirt floors into mud. Francis is getting expensive

drops to save the vision in her remaining eye. Children with cerebral palsy and other motor control problems have specially designed

toys. Blind children have collapsible canes. Juan Eliet, on the verge of starvation, is getting much needed food...

During our last trip in July, we were able to celebrate the installation of a water tank at Ruben Dario School, made possible by donations from friends in Tacoma and Puyallup.

The school's water is turned off at 7 a.m. and 500 elementary students endure their days in tropical temperatures without anything to drink. Now the tank fills during the night and provides water for the next day.

Having overtaken Haiti in the race to the bottom, Nicaragua is now the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere and is in particularly dire straits. Plagued by successive civil wars that have

exacerbated their economic and social situations, most families in poor barrios have only single mothers - frequently without skills or the opportunity to obtain them.

Beyond government statistics to the contrary, unemployment ranges up to 50 percent in most areas. In the coffee-producing regions of the north, there is no work at all in the aftermath of the collapse of global coffee prices and little near-term hope for improvement. Death by starvation is not uncommon.

Globalization has brought some employment in Korean and Taiwanese garment contract factories, but working conditions are questionable at best and wages are very low - alternatives nonexistent.

Nicaragua's competitive advantage on the world business scene is that they are so poor they will work for anything and under any conditions just to stay alive...

Government-to-government aid was largely siphoned off by a corrupt president (now in jail) and his cronies. Well-intentioned non-governmental organizations efforts, representing billions of dollars, have had measured local success, but have not slowed the inexorable spread of poverty and its wake of misery,

A fiercely dedicated mother with a huge heart for a better future... Just one story in a sea of poverty and need.

... with virtually nothing in the way of government safety nets, poor people struggle to survive in the face of grinding poverty, powerlessness and hopelessness.



Reynerio, 12, sits in the middle of his six siblings and cousins. While he is the oldest, he

disease and death.

In a country frequently reeling from hurricanes, floods, volcanoes and earthquakes, with virtually nothing in the way of government safety nets, poor people struggle to survive in the face of grinding poverty, powerlessness and hopelessness.

Clearly the situation calls for an innovative approach to development education and training. Across the broad spectrum of poor people in Nicaragua, the hope for sustainable social and economic

improvement seems to lie in micro-enterprise development and its potential for meaningful work, ownership and sense of purpose.

In July, we conducted our first weeklong micro-enterprise seminar in a church in Diriamba focusing on basic economics and business concepts. Having informally passed the word to friends, I anticipated a response of 12-15 participants for the initial outing. We were

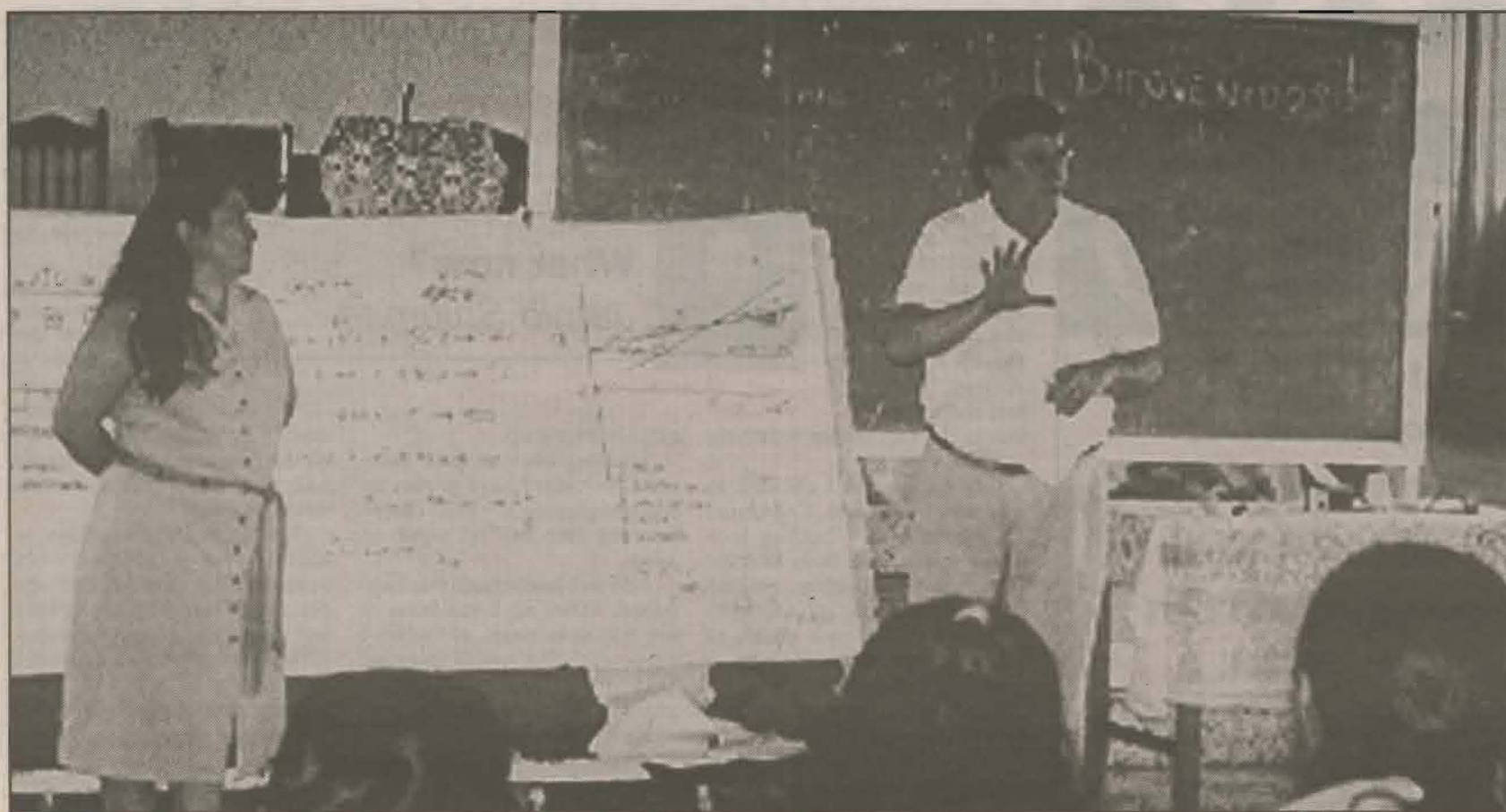
surprised and gratified to have 21 on Monday growing to 30 by Wednesday - and they stayed for the rest of the week.

Juanita is blind, selling tortillas from her home to sustain her family. Another member of the church who was with us

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Photo courtesy of Bill Yager, Ph.D.

Yager helps impart valuable basic concepts of international business to the people of Nicaragua in hopes of improving the social and economic conditions of the country. He used experimental activities to teach supply and demand, cost and pricing relationships, planning and other important theories.



ll in Nicaragua



Photo courtesy of Bill Yager, Ph.D.

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ensions. Afflicted people need
urvive the short term and be able
ultivate a sense of hope for the

future for the long term to make any
sense. And long term solutions like
micro enterprise development need
to take root to provide that hope.
Jesus reinforced the holistic
nature of the Law and the Gospel
when he acknowledged the
Pharisee's reply that we need to
"Love the Lord with all your heart,
soul, mind and strength and your
neighbor as yourself" (Luke 10:25-
37). Those four elements define the
emotional, spiritual, intellectual and
physical dimensions of each of us -
who we are and how we develop.
But he then went on to relate the
parable of the Good Samaritan to
define who our neighbor is - whom
we are supposed to "love as our-
selves." He has a way of defining
that issue for each of us as we move
along our respective journeys...

**William Yager, Ph.D. is a professor
in the School of Business. Yager taught
international business while on sabbat-
ical in the Republic of Nicaragua dur-
ing the 2002-2003 school year.*

Some Facts About Nicaragua

- * Official Name: Republic of Nicaragua
- * Capital City: Managua
- * Language: Spanish, English Creole, Miskito
- * Religion: Catholicism and some Protestant sects
- * Currency: Gold Córdoba
- * It is the largest country in Central America.
- * Population: 5.2 million

Source: www.lonelyplanet.com/destinations/central_america/nicaragua/



**Editor's
note: Campus
Safety and
Information provides The Mast
with weekly updates of reports
every Tuesday.*

9/11/2003

Central Pierce Fire and Rescue and Campus Safety officers responded to a report of an Ordal Hall resident having abdominal pain at 2:59 p.m. Officers arrived on scene and contacted the PLU student. The student was stable at that time but had no idea what was causing her abdominal pain. CPFR later transported her to St Claire's hospital for evaluation. Hospital staff released her several hours later.

Campus Safety officers were contacted by a PLU student in regard to a possible hit and run accident she had just witnessed in the East Hauge parking lot at 4:17 p.m. The student stated that she had just observed a gray truck with a canopy back into a parked, unoccupied green van. The impact left a dent in the side of the green van. The driver of the gray truck then fled the scene. At the time of this report officers were unable to locate or contact the victim.

Campus Safety was contact-
ed by an Ordal Hall resident
assistant at 9:52 p.m. in regard
to a resident who was vomiting
and severely dehydrated. Officers
arrived on the scene and
contacted the resident. The
resident stated she had been
vomiting all day and had been
unable to keep anything down.
She commented that she had
recently been advised of a death
in her family. CPFR was called
and responded to the scene. The
resident was found to have no
immediate medical emergency
and stated that she would have
a friend drive her to the hospi-
tal to be checked out later. No
further action was taken.

9/12/2003

Campus Safety officers contact-
ed a PLU professor at 121st
& Park in regard to a vandalism
complaint at 2:04 p.m. The pro-
fessor stated that sometime
since 10:30 a.m. an unknown
suspect(s) broke out the driver's
side window of his vehicle. A
further check of the vehicle
revealed nothing had been
stolen from inside. The profes-
sor had no further information
or evidence.

A PLU student contacted
Campus Safety at 9:30 a.m. to
report that her vehicle was bro-
ken into. The student stated
that sometime during the night
an unknown suspect(s) entered
her vehicle and stole \$100
worth of her property. No fur-
ther action was taken.

At 7:16 a.m. Campus Safety
officers responded to the report
of a suspicious male seen sleep-
ing on the second floor of the

Campus Safety Beat

administration building.
Officers eventually contacted
the male who was only margin-
ally cooperative and coher-
ent. The male, later identifi-
ed as a 50-year-old PLU
student, was found to be a
resident of a nearby "halfway"
house.

A further check on the male
revealed a no-bail felony warrant
for his arrest. The Pierce County
Sheriff's Department was
called and the male was even-
tually arrested and booked
into Pierce County Jail, by PCSD,
without incident.

Campus Safety officers
were contacted by Tingelstad
Hall resident assistants at 6:05
p.m. Both stated that they had
smelled the strong odor of
marijuana coming from inside
of a resident's room. Officers
decided to accompany the resi-
dent assistants to search the
room, which was unoccupied
at that time. A search of the
room yielded and small
amount of marijuana and
paraphernalia.

PCSD was contacted and
responded to the scene. PCSD
was able to make contact with
the sole resident of the room.
The student later admitted that
he had smoked a small
amount of marijuana inside his
room. The student was issued a
citation and released on scene,
by PCSD. PCSD will be con-
ducting the criminal investiga-
tion. The incident has been for-
warded to student conduct for
review.

9/13/2003

Campus Safety officers were
advised by witnesses of a stu-
dent carrying alcohol at 11:16
p.m. The witnesses directed
officers to a male in front of
Kreidler Hall, who was later
identified as a PLU student.
Officers contacted the student
who was carrying a backpack.
The student was informed of
the witnesses' complaint and
asked if he had any alcoholic
beverages.

The student admitted he had
one beer inside his backpack.
The student then opened his
backpack revealing a single can
of Busch Light beer. The student
was informed of PLU's alcohol
policy and the can was emptied
and later placed into evidence.
The student was advised the
matter would be forwarded to
student conduct for further
review.

Campus Safety officers contact-
ed a PLU student at 2:16
p.m. in regard to a motor vehi-
cle theft complaint. The stu-
dent stated that on Sept. 9 she
had parked her 2000 Dodge
Neon in the 12400 Block of
Yakima Avenue. Saturday she
came out to find her vehicle
missing. She was advised to
contact PCSD to file a stolen
automobile report, which she
later did. PCSD will be con-
ducting an investigation.

Campus Safety officers were
contacted by a PLU student at
6:21 p.m. in regard to a vehicle
prowl complaint. The student
stated that sometime since Sept.
11 unknown suspect(s) had tore
out the driver's side door lock
of his vehicle to gain access to
the interior of the vehicle. Once
inside the suspect(s) stole his
stereo. No further action was
taken.

9/14/2003

While on patrol inside South
Hall at 12:50 a.m. Campus
Safety officers came upon sev-
eral empty alcohol bottles and
cans in the hallway of the
fourth floor. Upon further
investigation officers could hear
what sounded like a party com-
ing from inside an apartment.

Officers attempted contact at
the room and were initially
refused entry by the resident.
The student went back inside
his room at which time officers
could hear the sounds of plas-
tics bags and clinking bottles.
After several minutes the stu-
dent re-emerged and allowed
officers inside.

Once inside officers found
people hiding inside the show-
er and inside the bathroom,
most of who claimed to not be
PLU students. One person
claimed to live with the resi-
dent. Officers eventually found
several empty alcohol contain-
ers inside the room. Officers
seized the containers and
cleared the scene with no fur-
ther action taken at that time. A
copy of the incident report has
been forwarded to student con-
duct for review.

Campus Safety and PCSD
officers were responding to a
report of a party inside South
Hall at 1:33 a.m. when they
observed three males walking
inside South Hall. The male
suspects, later identified as two
PLU students and a non-PLU
student, all smelled strongly of
alcoholic beverages. Two were
also carrying open cups of a liq-
uid that also smelled of alcohol.

Officers stopped and con-
tacted all three. One person was
extremely uncooperative and
gave officers several false state-
ments about where he lived.
Officers eventually followed
the student to his room. The
student gave the officers per-
mission to enter his room and
opened his refrigerator, which
revealed two bottles of alcohol.
The items were seized and the
report was forwarded to stu-
dent conduct for further review.

9/15/2003

CPFR and Campus Safety
officers responded to a medical
aid call at 9:43 a.m. in a
Tingelstad Hall room. Officers
arrived on the scene and con-
tacted the student who was
complaining of a possible con-
cussion she had sustained while
playing softball earlier in the
day. She was checked by para-
medics and was found to have
no obvious immediate medical
problems. Pierce County Fire
Department left the student in
the supervision of a friend who
stayed with her overnight.

9/16/2003

Campus Safety officers
responded to a report of a stu-
dent having a throat problem in
Harstad Hall at 1:47 a.m. Of-
ficers arrived on-scene and
contacted the student. The stu-
dent was complaining of her
throat feeling tight and that she
had been having stomach prob-
lems. She was found to be sta-
ble at that time and declined to
have CPFR called for further
medical assistance.

Officers cleared the scene
and made periodic checks on
the student throughout the
night. By 4 a.m. she stated she
was feeling fine and needed no
further assistance.

Matchstick Men: Unmasked United States of

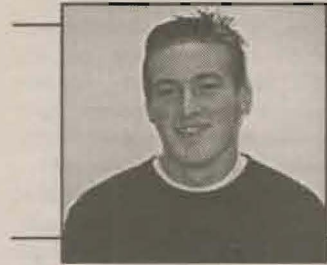
There are just some inherent qualities possessed by conmen in the movies that an audience graciously accepts. When I think of a real-life con-

films range from science-fiction to drama to historical genre. His films include; *Blade Runner*, *Alien*, *Thelma & Louise*, *Gladiator*, *Hannibal*, and

comedy is smart and quick, and the dramatic scenes are not overplayed and forced. The father/daughter relationship takes up a lot of the storyline but is not overbearing. The scenes with Roy and his daughter are sweet and funny, seeming genuine and natural.

And Sam Rockwell, well Sam is just such a badass you have to love every scene he is in. I am serious, right after you go see *Matchstick Men* rent *Confessions of a Dangerous Mind* and you will better understand the greatness that is Sam Rockwell.

Matchstick Men is one of the best movies I have seen this year. Clever, sharp and witty with an unpredictable ending, *Matchstick Men*, is rated PG and is in theaters now.



Someone sneezed in my popcorn: at the movies with Matt McVay

man, I picture a greasy, mullet wearing, dirtbag trying to get people into a pyramid scheme.

But a movie conman is smooth, clever, sexy and always lovable; making an audience root for their success. Films like *Ocean's Eleven*, *Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels* and *Confessions of a Dangerous Mind*, offer criminals who are ultra cool.

Matchstick Men is no different. Nicholas Cage plays the lead character, Roy, who suffers from obsessive-compulsive disorder and happens to be a fantastic conman. Co-star Sam Rockwell, who is one of the most talented but also underrated character actors in Hollywood today, plays his protégé.

Roy is urged by his psychiatrist to find his estranged ex-wife. After making contact, he learns he has a fourteen year-old daughter Alicia who wants to meet the father she never knew. Alicia bombards Roy, disrupting his highly organized lifestyle. Although he may not know it, Roy loves every minute he spends with his daughter.

Ridley Scott, one of the most diverse directors in film, is responsible for "*Matchstick Men*." Scott's

Black Hawk Down. Not only have these films become cult classics, but they have also received many prestigious awards. *Matchstick Men* will fall into both those categories.

The film is sleek and clever, hitting a variety of styles. The



Electronica Interview: Playing tonight at 9 p.m. in the CK

MEGGAN JOHNSON
Mast Intern

The Hinderlie Toga Party is ready to rock the C.K. (next to the bookstore in the University Center), Friday at 9 p.m. Voted best Experimental/Avant-Garde/Electronic band by *Seattle Weekly*, United State of Electronica (U.S.E.), is adding a twist to the event. I recently sat down with the divas and gentlemen of U.S.E. and inquired about everything from their break-out success to playing concerts at nursing homes.

M = The MAST
U.S.E. = United State of Electronica

M: What inspired you to play at PLU?

U.S.E.: We want to spread the love to all corners of the earth. And we haven't made PLU sweat yet.

M: How does it feel to be receiving such positive reviews from prestigious papers like *The Seattle Times* and *Seattle Weekly*?

U.S.E.: You must be confusing us with United State "S" of Electronica [*The Seattle Times* misspelled their name]. Actually, it feels stupendous. It's been non-stop positive press so far, even from *The Stranger* [an online paper that critiques the Seattle music scene], the most cynical publication around.

M: Many critics compare you to Prince crossed with Daft Punk. How do you feel about that? Do you think it is an accurate comparison? Why or why not?

U.S.E.: Both acts have been extremely inspirational to us. You can pick up elements of each within our music, but when you see us play, it's a live rock & roll dance extravaganza that probably won't bring either of these acts to mind.

M: Were there any artists who inspired you? If so, who?

U.S.E.: Besides the aforementioned acts, we are constantly inspired by such groups as Flaming Lips, The Beatles, The Beach Boys, Underworld, Andrew WK, Dolour, Friends for Heroes, Wonderful, New Order, and Gold Chains.

M: Do you think it is beneficial to be one of the few bands in the Seattle music scene playing upbeat, happy dance music? Why or why not?

U.S.E.: Absolutely. Our experience has been that most people are tired of boring and depressing shows. It is a wonderful thing to bring people joy through music.

M: Do you write all your own music?

U.S.E.: Yes. It is written collectively.

M: What would you tell people who don't normally like dance music if asked to recommend your band to them?

U.S.E.: There is as much pure rock power and pop melody in our music as there are elements of dance. Your musical tastes will become irrelevant to you once you find yourself on a sweat-soaked dance floor surrounded by the sound we are making.

M: How and when did you guys come together?

U.S.E.: Most of us have been playing music together for 7 years in a band called Wonderful. We met at Seattle Pacific University through a mutual love of making fun and beautiful music. U.S.E. came about through divine coincidence about a year ago. It began as a humorous side project and unexpectedly exploded from there.

M: I noticed on your concert tour schedule that you've played at WWU. Do you like to play at universities a lot? Why or why not?

U.S.E.: We love to play anywhere there are people that want to have a good time, from nurseries to nursing homes. Actually, some of our most enthusiastic crowds have been at Western. So PLU, get ready to step it up!

M: What is your favorite place to perform? Why?

U.S.E.: We love playing house parties. Wherever people feel like they can let loose and have fun.

M: Have you made any other CD's besides the demo CD you sent K103? Can people buy that CD? Can people buy other CD's by you? Where?

U.S.E.: We are in the process of recording a full-length album which will be completed this fall. We have a vinyl available on B-Side Records and a self-released three-song E.P. that is available at our shows and at Sonic Boom record stores. Songs can be downloaded from our website as well: www.usemusic.com.

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- >Los Straitjackets on the 20 at Tractor Tavern.
- >George Clinton & Parliament/Funkadelic on the 21 at the Showbox.
- >Spearhead on the 23 at the Showbox.
- >The Long Winters on the 23 at Tractor Tavern.
- >Rooney on the 24 at Studio Seven.
- >Those are the main events K103 would recommend checking out for this week and visit us on the web at <http://www.plu.edu/~kccr>

PLU's student radio station K103 Top 10 for week of 9/16/03

- 1 RADIOHEAD Hail To The Thief
- 2 JANE'S ADDICTION Strays
- 3 GUSTER Keep It Together
- 4 DANDY WARHOLS Welcome To The Monkey House
- 5 COMMON HEROES Bent Fender And Ever...
- 6 VENDETTA RED Between The Never And The Now
- 7 SPITALFIELD Remember Right Now
- 8 MANDO DIAO Bring 'Em In
- 9 YEAH YEAH YEAHS Fever To Tell
- 10 THURSDAY War All The Time

Brand New... reviewed

Hey everyone in Luteland. This week's review features Brand News' second CD

solo and shouted pop-punk chorus. "Sic" is little disorienting at times, but is a solid

this song starts a craze. / The kind of song that ignites the airwaves. / The kind of song that makes people glad to be where they are with whoever they're there with."

Iron Maiden metals out new album

LONNY SULFARO
Mast Critic

British heavy metal rockers Iron Maiden released their latest album last week entitled *Dance of Death*, which follows up the band's 2000 *Brave New World* and is the second album since lead singer Bruce Dickinson's glorious return.

The album is typical Iron Maiden with blistering guitars, hammering drums, and Dickinson's amazing vocals. Dickinson can still wail like he did on Iron Maiden's 1982 *The Number of the Beast*, featuring the classic hit "Run To The Hills."

Dance with Death's first single "Wildest Dreams" has received a lot of playtime on MTV2 and various heavy metal radio stations. In these dreary days of heavy metal it's great to see a true metal band still going strong.

Some music categorized as heavy metal drives me nuts. Half the metal bands on the market have vocalists who can't sing a lick, so they scream instead. That's not metal. There are very few true metal bands still in existence, but Iron Maiden is one of them. The band recently toured worldwide with Motorhead and Dio, playing to sold out arenas. It's a true hallmark of greatness when a 20-year-old band can still sell out concerts.

Dance of Death is a must have for any true heavy metal fan. The music is amazing and the lyrics are clean. This album is appropriate for all ages and lacks a parental advisory warning label. Iron Maiden has never used profanity in their music and I would love to see a new generation of headbangers follow their lead.

There are so many good songs on the album. Actually there aren't any bad songs on the album. My favorite tracks are back to back. Tracks seven and eight "New Frontier" and "Paschendale" respectively are the top two tracks on the album. All of the songs on the album with the exception of the first two tracks are over five minutes in length. "Dance of Death" and "Paschendale" both run over eight minutes in length with the title track being the longest on the album.

So, what is the bottom line? Buy this album. It's fun for the whole family. It'll have everyone head banging till it hurts. Till next week...rock on!



Funk as Puck
Mike Sethney

"Deja Entendu."

"Deja Entendu," is a French word that means 'already been heard.' The title is cleverly designed and pokes fun at parody in the music business (especially the pop-punk scene), which is crowded with similar sounding bands.

The first track, "Tatou," begins on a somber note with lead singer Scott Lacey half-whispering, "I'm sinking like a stone to the sea." This song transitions into the upbeat track "Sic Transit Gloria." That fades with a great guitar

effort. The more you listen to this CD, the more you like it; "The Quiet Things that No One Knows," is a great track. The single has heartfelt lyrics and good guitar riffs and is played on MTV2.

"Deja Entendu," has a lot of variety. "Tommy Gun," uses various speeds from the slow and laid back to fast and frantic approach and it sounds fantastic.

Brand New incorporates profound lyrics with a point to prove; intending to stimulate their audience. For example, the lyrics of "Tommy Gun," are as follows, "I hope

Brand New reminds me of a less theatrical and sinister band, A Fire Inside. They have a punch to their lyrics and well orchestrated songs.

Brand New definitely has a rebellious edge, saying there is no new music under the sun and knowledge has set them free. This is Brand New's basic commentary on popular music. It's either insanity or genius, but I have a feeling it works. The band plays good songs that are well laid out lyrics with creative instrumental accompaniments.

"Deja Entendu," is a little darker and deeper than most of your mainstream music, but it is worth a shot. If you like punk music you should defiantly give these guys a listen. We may have heard it all before, but whose says that's a bad thing.

Van Halen, a walk down spandex lane

LONNY SULFARO
Mast Critic

In 1978, David Lee Roth, Eddie Van Halen, Alex Van Halen, and Michael Anthony introduced the world to a sound that had not been heard before with the release of the band's first album simply titled, *Van Halen*.

This album set the tone for what would later become known as the 1980s glam rock era. With Eddie Van Halen's blistering lead guitar combined with Roth's charismatic and often flamboyant singing style, the band was destined for success from the get go.

Van Halen was first discovered by Kiss guitarist Gene Simmons while the band was playing a show at a club in Hollywood, California. After cutting a demo and submitting it to Warner Brothers Records, the band was signed to the label.

Van Halen contains 11 classic tracks and is a little over 35 minutes in length. That's not very long, but this album is still a must have for any hard rock fan.

The opening track on the album "Running With The Devil" signifies how the band lived life in the late 70s and early 80s. Van Halen personified partying and having a good time; making the band a long time favorite on MTV.

There are not any band songs on this album. Of the 11 songs on the album, nine of them were originals. The other two songs were covers of "Ice Cream Man" and The Kinks classic hit, "You Really Got Me."

This would not be the end of Van Halen use of other band's songs on their albums. In 1983, the band released *Diver Down*, which half of the songs were covers including a classic cover of Roy Orbison's "Oh Pretty Woman." I highly recommend picking this album up too.

Other tracks on Van Halen you may have heard on the radio include, "Eruption," "I'm The One," "Little Dreamer," "Feel My Love Tonight," "Jamie's Cryin'," and my personal favorite track on the album, "Ain't Talkin' 'Bout Love."

Van Halen would go on to release five more albums after their self-titled debut with Roth as the lead singer. All of the albums are great, but this album stands out as the top one of the six.

Shortly after the release of the band's 1984 album, named album of the year, was released and featured Van Halen's biggest hits till then, "Panama" and "Jump," the band split up. Ironically the same flamboyance and partying style that brought the band to the dance would be the downfall of the band.

Roth claimed he quit the band, while the three remaining members of the band claimed they had fired Roth. Roth went on to a successful solo career and recently

released a new album. The remaining members of Van Halen brought Sammy Hagar in to be the new lead singer and went on to even greater success.

Van Halen was first discovered by Kiss guitarist Gene Simmons while the band was playing a show at a club in Hollywood, California.

This led to a war of words between Hagar and Roth that lasted for about a decade. Hagar then met the same fate as Roth and was kicked out of the band in early 1996. Roth rejoined the band for a short period and recorded two new songs that can be found on the album *Greatest Hits Volume 1*. After appearing together at the 1996 MTV Video Music Awards, Roth was again kicked out of the band.

Van Halen would go on to release one more album with extreme front man Gary Sharone as the lead vocalist, but the album flopped and the band hasn't done anything else. Sharone was also kicked out of the band.

It kind of makes you wonder if the real problem was with the lead singer or the rest of the band? It is quite ironic that both Roth and Hagar have toured successfully together for the past two years?



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Even though the glory days of metal may be over, Dickinson returns for more.



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Men's soccer earns two shutouts

MEG WOCHNICK
Mast sports intern

If the PLU men's soccer team was looking for a challenge, it played the wrong team on Friday. Taking on Northwest College at home, the Lutes looked good while shutting out the Eagles 7-0.

"I was happy that we stayed focused for the whole game defensively and were able to get a shutout," said second-year head coach John Yorke. "It was definitely a team effort, as we got 23 players into the game."

Midfielder Jay Pettit scored an unassisted goal in the 11th minute in the first half. Forward Michael Rosenau scored his first goal of the game in the 19th minute on an assist from teammate Willy Devgun. With two minutes left in the half, midfielder Krister Freese stole the ball

from the Northwest defense and beat the goalkeeper one-on-one to put the Lutes up 3-0 at halftime.

In the second half, PLU wasted no time adding to their lead, as defender Kelly LaProwe headed in a corner kick from Pettit, taking their lead to four, just minutes into the half. At this point, the Lutes were just warming up. Once again, Rosenau came

College at home. The Lutes (4-1) earned their third consecutive shutout as they defeated the Warriors 2-0.

The first half ended in a zero-zero tie, but that was broken in the 23rd minute of the second half when forward Trevor Jacka dribbled through four Warrior defenders and delivered a pass to Rosenau, who scored on an open net.

The Lutes' second goal

came in the 27th minute from Freese, who broke free from a defender and put the shot in the lower corner of the net.

"We played an outstanding game defensively, and stopped Western Baptist's (Taurai Daka), who is the NAIA's all-time leading scorer," said Yorke.

Goalkeeper Jared Harman had three saves in the shutout as the defense allowed only

seven shots on goal.

PLU heads into conference play next week as they host the University of Puget Sound Sept. 24 at 5 p.m.

After scoring a hat trick on Friday and another goal on Saturday, forward Michael Rosenau was named the Northwest Conference Offensive Player of the Week. Rosenau leads the Lutes with five goals and ten points.

Men's Soccer NWC Standings (Thru 9/15)

	NWC	ALL
Linfield	0-0-0	5-0-0
Whitworth	0-0-0	3-0-0
Pacific	0-0-0	2-0-0
PLU	0-0-0	4-1-0
Puget Sound	0-0-0	2-1-0
Whitman	0-0-0	2-1-0
Willamette	0-0-0	1-1-1
George Fox	0-0-0	2-2-0

through with his second and third goals of the game in the 58th and 66th minutes, making it 6-0.

"We limited (Northwest College's) opportunities to

score, and our goalkeepers, Jared Harman and Rob Grolbert, did a good job of eliminating the few chances they did get," added Yorke.

Finally, with a minute left in the game, midfielder Jason Shaffer found the back of the net, making the final score 7-0.

That momentum carried over to Saturday, when PLU took on Western Baptist



Photo by Andy Sprain

Defender Willy Devgun stretches to put his foot on the ball before his opponents from Western Baptist can reach it.

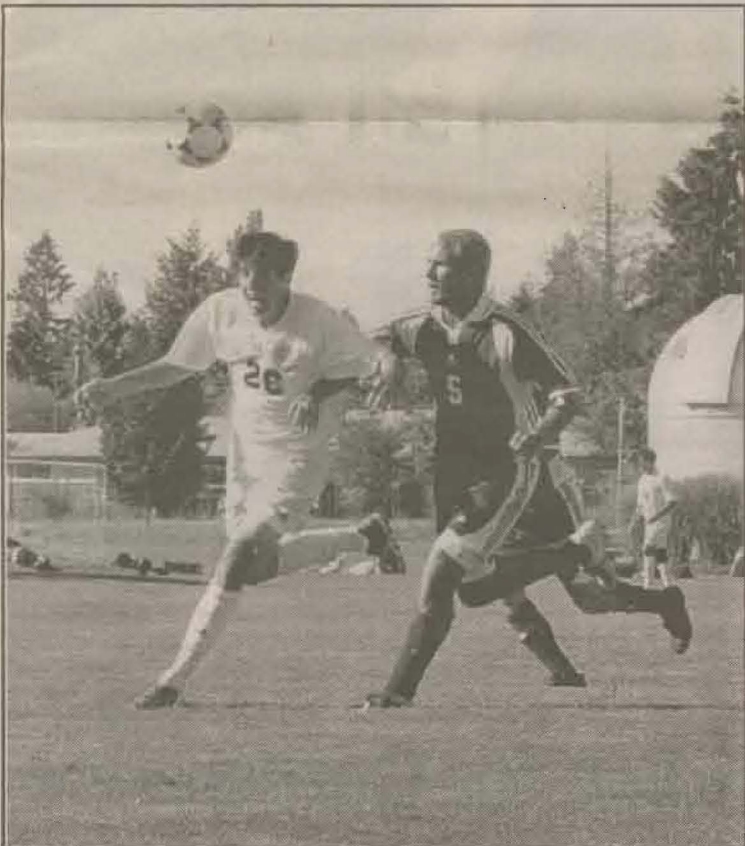



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Matt Atwood tangles with an opponent from Western Baptist while trying to head the ball on Sept. 13.

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The men's soccer team will be playing its Alumni game at PLU tomorrow at 10 a.m.

The next home game will be against the University of Puget Sound on Sept. 24 at 5 p.m.

Be there!

Volleyball wins 4 of 5 matches

KRISTEN LABATE
Mast sports intern

The PLU volleyball team dominated several good teams at the PLU/UPS Invitational Sept. 12 and 13.

"The volleyball team is such a thrill to watch," said PLU volleyball fan Sean Dunn. It is cool to see your friends and classmates participate in athletic events."

The PLU volleyball team

met their toughest challenge in their first two matches against California State-Hayward University (24-30, 30-27, 27-30, 30-26) and Whitman College (30-25, 30-20, 22-30, 30-20).

With their combined seven blocks, newcomers Lina Peloli and Kati McGinn greatly contributed to the match against CSU. On the defensive end, Nicole Potts finished with 10 digs. Good teamwork

brought PLU's victories against CSU and Whitman.

PLU continued to win the third match against Chapman (30-17, 30-17, 31-29). Outside hitter Meghan Fagerberg's ace, served in the last game, helped win the match in three straight games.

Outside hitter Stephanie Turner produced good stats in the Chapman match, ending with 11 kills. Middle hitter and tri-captain Heather Johnson had eight kills and outside hitter Julie Locke had nine kills. Setter Jenne Heu-Weller, recently named volleyball player of the week for the Northwest Conference, totaled 31 assists.

The third game was dominated by California Lutheran, but PLU did not settle. Outside hitter April Lee backed up the team's defense with 22 digs. Johnson had several kills and two solo blocks to win the third game.

The PLU winning streak continued into their fourth match against California Lutheran (30-19, 30-27, 30-28).

The Lady Lutes volleyball team won all four matches, making the PLU/UPS Volleyball Invitational a success and a great start to the season.

"My goal for the team is not to be distracted with rankings, but to work hard in practice and play to the team's fullest potential," Heu-Weller said. "This year, the team is going for it all. We want the season to last as long as possible."

The PLU volleyball team traveled to St. Martin's on Tuesday for one last preseason match.

Though the Lutes led two

games to one after the third game, St. Martin's came back to win the match (25-30, 30-18, 25-30, 30-26, 17-15).

The Lutes had 66 kills, including 17 by Johnson, 14 by Turner, and 10 by Locke.

"This year, the team is going for it all. We want the season to last as long as possible."

Jeanne Heu-Weller
Volleyball captain

Lee had 32 digs, Locke had 15, defensive specialist Gretchen Reuker had 13 and Potts had 10.

Heu-Weller had 17 digs in addition to 53 assists.

Johnson and McGinn each had a pair of solo blocks, and McGinn also assisted on a block.

The team's first Northwest Conference game is Sept. 19th against Willamette University at 7 p.m. in Olson Gym.



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Outside hitter Lina Peloli leaps up to hit the ball during the PLU/UPS Invitational.

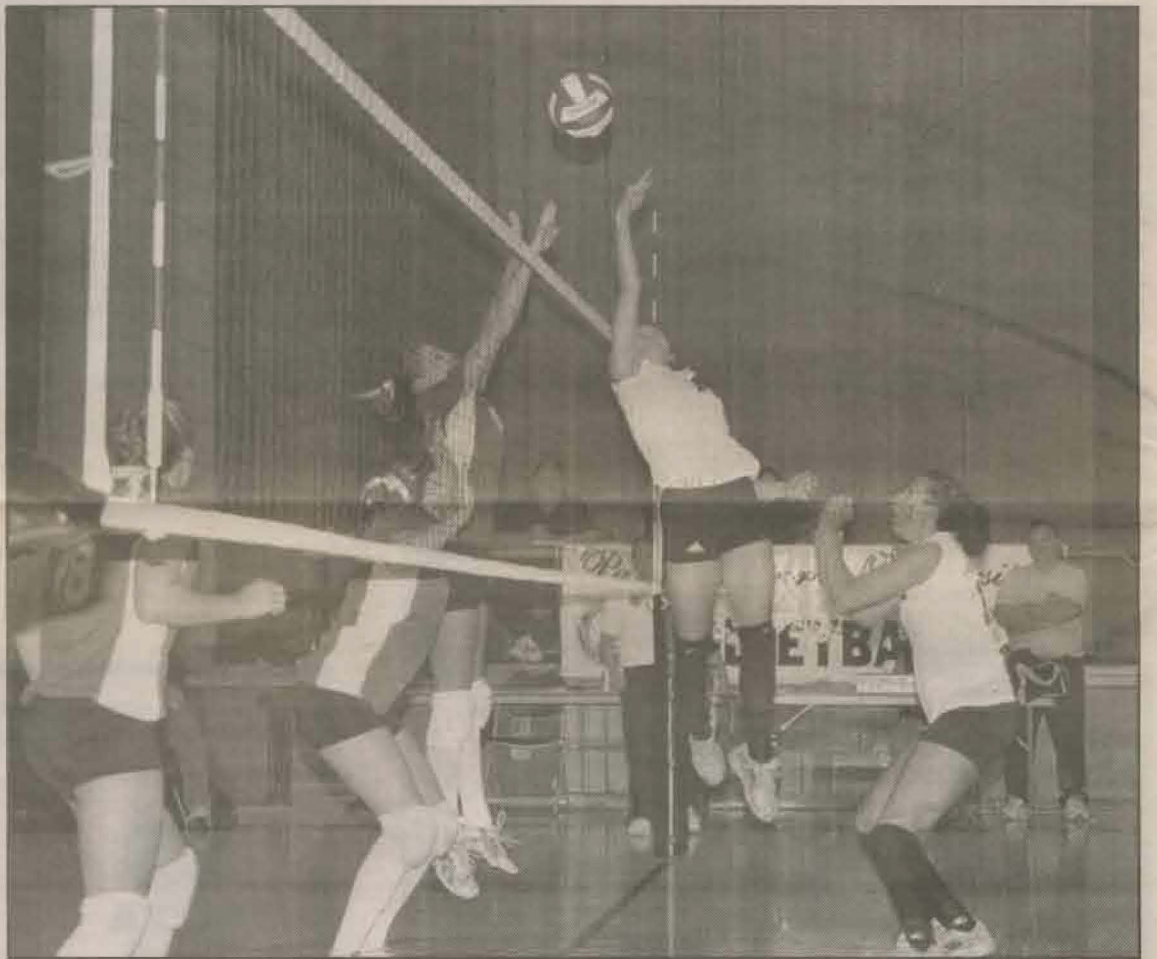


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Outside hitter Stephanie Turner sets the ball for teammate Jenne Heu-Weller at the PLU/UPS Invitational.

Women's soccer beats Alumni, readies for Conference

JAMES LEFEBVRE
Mast sports intern

The Pacific Lutheran women's soccer team was off to a solid 4-1 start this season as they hosted their annual Alumni game Saturday. The Lady Lutes topped the Alumni by a score of 3-1 with goals from midfielder/forward Maja Pedersen, forward Angela Karabaisch, and midfielder/forward Heidi Lyman.

As in her previous five games, Pedersen was a dominant force throughout the match, scoring the Lutes' first goal at the 17-minute mark. The Lutes got their second goal from Karabaisch's right-footed rocket into the upper left corner at the 19-minute mark.

Lyman added one more goal as she tapped the ball in

before the Alumni's goalie and Lutes' backup goalie Alyssa Blackburn charged. The Alumni erased the zero from their side with 1987 alumna Stacy Waterworth's chip shot at the 13-minute mark.

Although the Alumni game is unofficial, it helped prepare the team for the conference play, which begins when PLU hosts Chapman University at noon on Sept. 20 and continues when the Lutes play a home game against the University of Puget Sound on Sept. 24 at 3 p.m. It helped the team prepare to face Chapman University at noon on Saturday, Sept. 24 at PLU and then host the University of Puget Sound on Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 3 p.m., signifying the beginning of conference play. The win does not count towards the Lutes' record, but

Women's Soccer NWC Standings (Thru 9/15)

	NWC	ALL
Willamette	0-0-0	5-0-0
Linfield	0-0-0	4-0-0
Whitman	0-0-0	3-0-0
Whitworth	0-0-0	4-0-0
Puget Sound	0-0-0	3-0-0
PLU	0-0-0	4-1-0
Pacific	0-0-0	2-1-0
George Fox	0-0-0	1-2-1

it did give the Alumni a chance to return to their alma mater and celebrate the time they spent at PLU.

There was a great turnout for both teams as many of the Alumni's families were present and also a significant student body section. The student body continued the tradition of bringing couches out to home soccer games and cheered on

the Lady Lutes. The students' loyalty has been well received by both the women's and the men's teams with great appreciation and can also act as the twelfth player on the field.

The Lady Lutes have been hot this preseason with transfer Alyssa Burleson leading the way. Burleson, who transferred from Lynn University in Bacon Raton, has seven goals in five games with three two-goal games so far. The Lutes have also had contributions from Forward Brita Linder, who has two goals and an assist for the season, while both midfielder Andrea Gabler and defense/forward Nicole Roeder have one goal for now.

The team's only loss came in overtime of the season opener to Hardin-Simmons, a school from Texas.

The Northwest Conference coaches have picked the Lutes to finish seventh in the preseason polls. Coach Jerrod Fleury feels the team is much better than that, and tells his girls "to use that on the field."

The NSCAA, National Soccer Coaches Association of America (www.nscaa.com) currently has ranked the women's team seventh in the NSCAA/Adidas National Regional West rankings, just behind Northwest opponent Linfield.

The team's first half of the season has been a success but as the second half nears, conference play will begin. There will be three games in one week, beginning with the always-tough University of Puget Sound. For the women's soccer team, the second season is about to begin.

Lutes fall short in season opener

SAM CHREST
Mast sports reporter

The road to winning number 300 became a little longer this week after the PLU football team stumbled in their season opener to 11th ranked Azusa Pacific, 21-12, on Saturday, Sept. 13.

The Lutes trailed the Cougars from the beginning and never caught up as costly turnovers ended scoring

Azusa Pacific proved to be timely on defense, forcing turnovers on their end of the field, and effective on offense, with running back Ben Buys rushing for 158 yards. The Lutes had one last chance towards the end, with Chris Pitzer scoring on a two-yard run with 4:08 left in the game. A final turnover sealed the game, however.

For PLU, McCall had five catches for 91 yards and Pitzer finished with six recep-

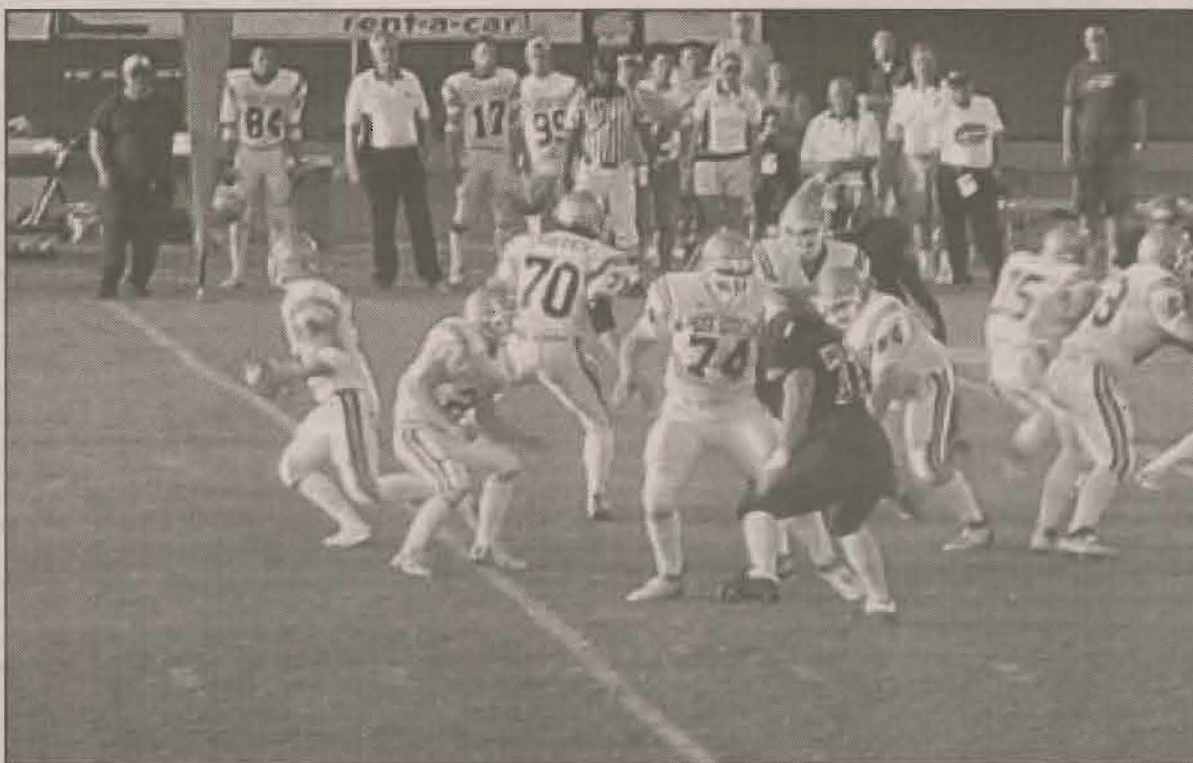


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Offensive linemen Scott Manning and Mark Renne, running back Mike Ramirez, and teammates work to keep control from the Cougar's grasp. Although the Lutes lost their season opener to Azusa Pacific, they have another chance at Frosty's 300th win against Chapman, Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

Football NWC Standings (Thru 9/15)

	NWC	ALL
Lewis & Clark	0-0-0	1-0-0
Linfield	0-0-0	1-0-0
Willamette	0-0-0	1-1-0
Whitworth	0-0-0	1-1-0
Puget Sound	0-0-0	0-1-0
PLU	0-0-0	0-1-0

drives throughout the game. Giving up two interceptions and two fumbles, the Lutes essentially took themselves out of the game. A 77-yard play was negated after a fumble on the Lutes' second possession.

Cougar wide receiver Nate Farris returned a 76-yard punt early in the second half after a Lute touchdown proved to be a pivotal point in the game, effectively shutting down any PLU momentum. PLU could never quite overcome their turnovers.

The passing game, led by PLU quarterback Dusty McCauley, was effective but turnover prone. He was 19 of 35 for 309 yards and a 58-yard touchdown to PLU quarterback Mark McCall, but was intercepted twice.

tions for 64 yards. Mike Ramirez led the running game with 51 yards on 10 carries.

Despite the losing effort, PLU's Travis Eby was named the co-defensive player of the week. The senior linebacker, playing in his first game since transferring from Chapman University two years ago, registered seven tackles, including one for a loss, and a forced fumble against Azusa Pacific.

The next chance for coach Frosty Westering's 300th win will be Saturday's home opener against Chapman University at 1:00 p.m. Chapman University comes in at 1-1, and looks to avenge a loss against PLU last year. It will be their first meeting at Sparks Stadium.

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An honorable mention



Prior to the Lutes' football game on Saturday, Sept 13., head coach Frosty Westering received an award from Azusa Pacific vice-president Terry Franson in recognition for his 39 years of coaching college football.

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Mariners down, Seahawks up, WUSA gone

Apparently, the Mariners all have great plans for the off-season. As the 2003 regular season draws to a close, the Mariners seem eager to start their vacations early by not making the playoffs.

It's September now and the Mariners are slowing down. The double plays aren't so effortless. The hits don't always come at key times; recently, hits have been followed by baserunning errors.

Even worse is when the hits don't come at all- you can't

The shine of the Gold Glove defense and the Silver Slugger offense is beginning to tarnish.

The Gold Glove is an award honoring the best defensive player at each position. Winners from the Mariners include John Olerud and Mike Cameron, as well as Bret Boone and Ichiro Suzuki, who have each won twice.

The Silver Slugger trophy goes to the best hitter at each position. Bret Boone and Ichiro

Suzuki have each won one, and hitting machine Edgar Martinez (who deserves to retire on a more positive note) has won four.

The Mariners have missed opportunities to gain ground on the AL West-leading Oakland Athletics and the Boston Red Sox, who lead the AL Wild Card race. Every day it seems more doubtful the Mariners will advance to the postseason.

But let's look at the positive side of Seattle sports. The Seahawks beat the Arizona Cardinals on Sunday 38-0, capitalizing on the six turnovers that the Seattle defense forced the Cardinals to commit. It was the first shutout victory the Hawks had recorded since September 1998.

With the game time temperature at 98 degrees, dehydration seemed a more formidable opponent than the Cardinals.

This year marks the first time the Seahawks opened a season 2-0 under head coach/general manager Mike Holmgren.

While Holmgren was lauded as an infallible genius with the Green Bay Packers, some suspect that his genius left when he came to Seattle- minus Packers QB Brett Favre (as worshipped in Green Bay as Nomar Garciaparra in Boston and Michael Jordan in North Carolina in 1982). The Seahawks are alone in first place atop the NFC West. Their next game is at home on Sept. 21 against the St. Louis Cardinals. They have a bye in Week 4.

There is, however a more significant "bye" in the sports world than the Seahawks' day off.

The WUSA, a professional women's soccer league, folded Monday, just before the 2003

Women's World Cup begins tomorrow. The WUSA was only around for three seasons and showcased the best female soccer players in the world. Its inception was right after the popularity of women's soccer boomed following the USA's exciting victory in the 1999 Women's World Cup.

The league struggled to stay afloat, despite the fact that the owners invested over \$100 million and many players took big pay cuts (quick-name another league that had players taking pay cuts). There were eight teams in the league: Atlanta, Boston, New York, North Carolina, Philadelphia, San Diego, San Jose, and Washington, D.C. Last month, the Washington Freedom became WUSA champions.

The 56 now former WUSA players set to participate in the 2003 Women's World Cup are crossing their fingers that their league will be revived.

As someone who loves soccer but can only remember ever watching 3 WUSA games (though I was up at all hours of the night in 2002 to watch World Cup games, even the first round game between Uruguay and Senegal) I can't help feeling guilty. In 1999, I went to a Women's World Cup game in Portland. I was even lucky enough to meet Kristine Lilly and Mia Hamm afterwards. And I still only watched three WUSA games. Granted, with only 8 teams, there weren't a lot of games- but they were on at normal hours. So, on the off chance that the WUSA is revived, I plan to watch, and I encourage you to watch, too. Soccer is underrated enough in the US. Just because the score never reaches triple digits does not mean it is boring.

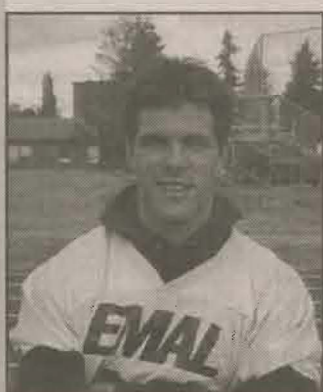


On the ball
Trista Winnie

even have baserunning errors unless you have baserunners to begin with.

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Aaron Binger

Although captain Aaron Binger spent his first game sidelined with a knee sprain against NAIA opponent Azusa Pacific, he will soon be ready to begin his senior season.

Binger, an all conference

running back who stands at 5'11" and 190 pounds, is no stranger to injury.

"Aaron has been an inspiration for several years, always playing through injury," said 32-year head football coach Frosty Westering.

"He is a very unselfish player who always shows concern for his teammates."

Due to the hard hits and high demands of the running back position, injury has been a persistent problem in Binger's football career. He encountered multiple injuries at Mt. Si High School (North Bend, WA.) before his collegiate career began. However, adversity has not been a deterrent as he has continually been one of the top running

backs in the conference. Because of his high esteem and status, he has been selected an All-Northwest Conference player three times.

Last season, Binger rushed for 640 yards on 96 carries (6.7 yard average), recorded eight rushing touchdowns, and 22 receptions for 337 yards. Similar to his outstanding statistics, Aaron's team goal for the season is simply excellence in every aspect of the game.

According to red-shirt first-year player Brett deVries, "Aaron has bought into the program 100 percent and is a model of the perfect PLU football player whom everybody should emulate."

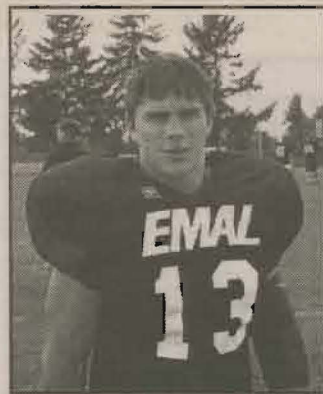
Among the three senior captains "Casey is identified as the spokesman," said PLU football coach Frosty Westering. "He is an inspirational, respected linebacker who plays without an ego and is known for his amazing (quarterback) sacking ability."

Carlson, a 5'10," 200-pound outside linebacker from Woodinville High School (Woodinville, WA.), recorded 52 tackles and 18 tackles for a loss in the 2002 season. He also made 9.5 quarterback sacks last season; a stunning statistic considering only nine games were played.

Carlson's leadership on the football field extends into other aspects of his life. Like the two other captains, he has been a strong leader in both the outreach program and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. According to defensive lineman Travis McGrann,

"Casey is a great motivator, speaker, and mentor. He is usually the one who gets everybody excited for practice and drills."

This leadership will help Carlson and his teammates "play as long as they can," a team goal of Casey's entering his final season. Returning to regional and national compe-



Casey Carlson

tion will be a difficult task, as PLU will be fighting Linfield and Willamette at the top of the Northwest Conference.



John Bailey

"John is respected because of his constant leadership on and off the field," said red-shirt first-year linebacker Justin Wojciechowski.

Bailey is considered one of the anchors of the defensive

line. Outside of football, he has built multiple bonds with teammates and students through his friendly nature.

"Bailey is a quiet leader and is captain because he walks his talk," agrees head football Coach Frosty Westering.

John is as steady as a rock, and is admired for his toughness and dedication.

Bailey, a 6'2," 250-pound Defensive Lineman from Kelso High School (Kelso, WA.), has been an integral part of the defensive line at PLU. In 2002, he recorded 41 tackles, 12 tackles for a loss, and three quarterback sacks, earning him first-team All-Northwest Conference

honors.

Individually, his exceptional statistics have demonstrated the huge contributions that he has made to the team. As a team-oriented player, Bailey remarked,

"Our number-one goal is to have fun and do everything we can to honor Frosty. There is a chance for us to win the conference title, and it can be done."

After he finishes his final season of collegiate football, Bailey hopes to be remembered "as a hard-nosed guy who always played hard." He is a football player with a lot of compassion who showed great care for the people around him.

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