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Mast newspapers disappear from stands

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The Mooring Mast found itself in a familiar situation last weekend.

Friday morning, 500 copies of the May 6 issue, an unheard of number of copies for students to pick up in one evening, went missing from news stands on upper campus.

By Monday morning, 200 more copies had vanished from lower campus newsstands.

The total value of these 700 copies was \$1,450.49 in printing costs and staff compensation.

Editors raised concerns with the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership and Campus Safety. The consensus between parties was theft.

After talking with the staff

responsible for distributing the paper and the concierge desk worker from the morning of the theft, Campus Safety Director Greg Brevis said that the most likely window for the upper-campus thefts was between 8 a.m. and noon Friday, and any time between 6:30 p.m. Friday and 10:30 a.m. Monday for the lower campus thefts.

Reporters captured a similar theft on camera last spring, resulting in the termination of the janitor disposing of copies.

Assistant Director of SIL Amber Bailon highlighted the severe nature of last weekend's treatment of the publication.

"It's important for people to understand that it's university property," Bailon said, "and that vandalizing copies of The Mast is ruining the work product of many students' hours and theft of university resources."

COLLEGE:
 Reporters reprint, press on

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Somewhere in the pantheon of thankless jobs is the college newspaper staffer.

Not at the top, certainly. But somewhere on the list is a place for those who work long hours for little money just because they think it's important. In return, they absorb the shots from family and fellow students that they are devoted to a dying craft.

It all becomes worth it, though, when the paper comes back from the printer and when someone - anyone - picks it up and reads it.

So, if you want to hit the staffers where it hurts, deny them that psychic satisfaction. Steal the papers before they can be read. That's what happened over the weekend at Pacific Lutheran University in Parkland.

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ResHall Congress passes gender-neutral housing resolution

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The Pacific Lutheran Residence Hall Congress unanimously passed a resolution supporting the formation of gender-neutral housing April 20.

The resolution, formed by the Gender Neutrality Committee, was then sent to the Division of Student Life and Department of Residential Life for review. If it meets their criteria, the resolution must receive final approval from the Board of Regents.

"This resolution doesn't guarantee anything," said senior Thomas Siburg, chair of the Gender Neutrality Committee. "It's just hoping to affirm equal protection and equal rights to all individuals of society and the PLU community."

The resolution aims to change three specific policies in order to create "a more inclusive campus."

1. The housing questionnaire will become more inclusive of students identifying as part of the Queer community.

2. South Hall roommate assignments will not consider gender.

3. Certain residence halls will each designate a gender-neutral housing wing. Flueger, Tangelstad and Hinderlie are being considered because they are the only residence halls on campus with lockable shower doors.

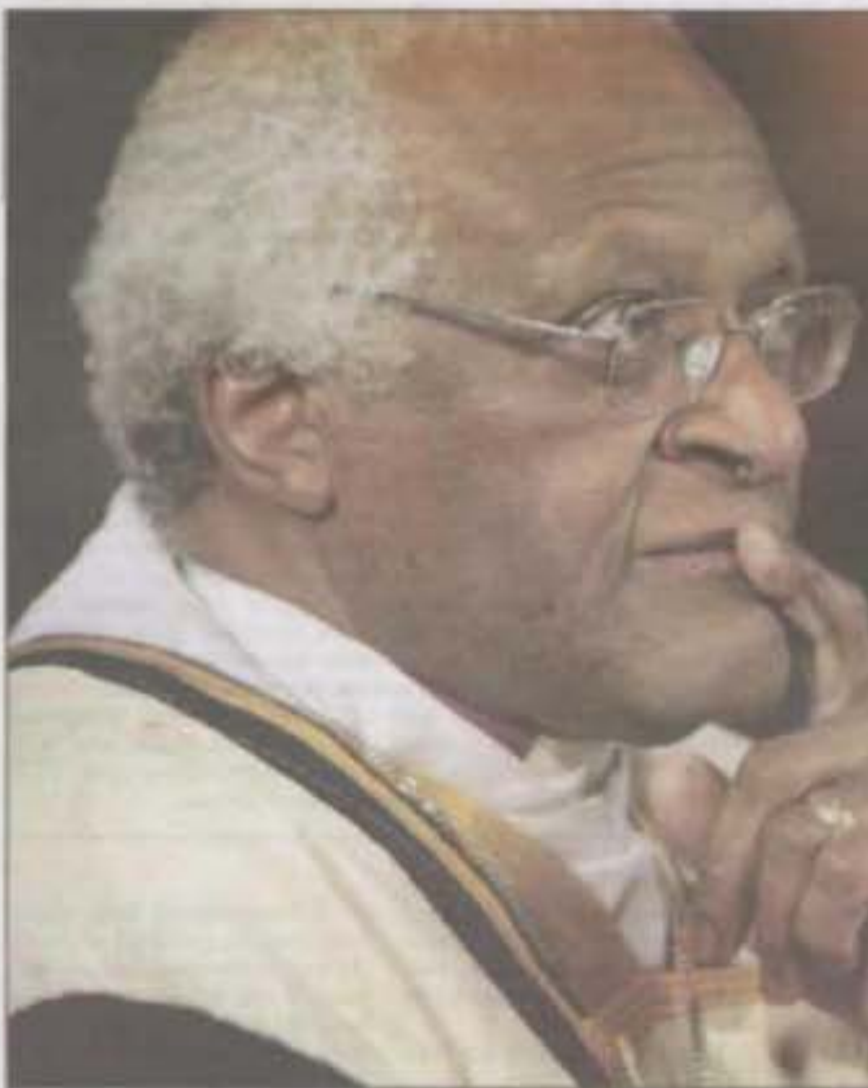
"It's trying to make a more equitable living situation and social situation for the entire PLU community," Siburg said. He also added that another purpose of the resolution was to make sure living situations were safer for everyone.

Senior Brianne Burnett, an ASPLU senator, also became involved in the resolution as an additional project.

Burnett said she believes ASPLU's involvement with the resolution will improve its chances of acceptance within the PLU community.

It means more if ASPLU's name is on it, she said.

Siburg said that the goal for the committee is to have the resolution's initiatives implemented no later than the 2013-2014 academic year.



Archbishop makes last US appearance

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The Youth Against Violence dialogues sparked the attention of not only the Tacoma community, but also the interest of Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

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'It's detrimental to the surroundings' Nursing students push for campus-wide smoking ban

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Pacific Lutheran University is breaking Federal and State laws as well as its own policy, according to a nursing leadership class.

Washington State law states that "smoking is prohibited within twenty-five feet of public places or places of employment." Smoking on walkways publically used by non-smokers is also against the law, said senior Marlee Call, a group leader of the nursing class.

According to PLU policy, "signs posted on campus prohibit smoking within 50 feet of buildings." However, 50 percent of designated smoking areas are under 20 feet away from buildings, Call said.

"PLU is at high risk to being fined, as well as anyone caught smoking out of line with Washington law," Call said.

As part of the nursing program, students take a leadership class where they attempt to create a healthy change on campus. One of the groups in this class wants PLU not only to adhere to state laws

but ban smoking from campus grounds entirely.

"Our main goal is to eliminate second-hand and third-hand smoke," senior Shameca Fraser said. "Third-hand smoke is smoke that sinks into an object, which can then be inhaled by people who use that object."

The group's research notes that third-hand smoke affects nerve and brain tissue and increases the risk of developing several types of cancer.

According to the group's presentation, "second-hand is the third leading preventable cause of death in the United States; each year, 53,000 people die from second-hand smoke-related heart diseases and cancer."

Due to the risks of smoking, the nursing leadership group wants to "ban anything that has second-hand smoke potential from all school grounds," Fraser said. This includes cigars and cigarettes, along with other smoking devices such as hookahs.

This is not a new idea. Smoking was previously banned from all Pacific Lutheran grounds in the same fashion alcohol was.

"It's amazing that the alcohol ban stayed but the smoking ban did not," Fraser said.

The leadership group is trying to make sure smokers are considered in the banning of smoking from campus. For example, they are trying to make sure campus safety will escort anyone off campus who does

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Marlee Call, senior

not feel safe smoking alone.

So far, the leadership group has not encountered any organized resistance to the no-smoke policy. However, they have received a lot of negative feedback from individuals.

"We are trying to make a smoke-free campus, not a smoker-free campus," Call said. "We are trying to increase the health and wellness of students."

There are many different opinions on campus about this non-smoking policy.

"I think it's a personal choice, but I also think it's detrimental to the surroundings," junior Melanie Deane said.

First-year Rebecca Barter said that banning smoking on campus altogether seems "a little extreme."

Other students, such as first-year Daniel Robertson, remain neutral as they do not smoke and do not care if others do.

The nursing leadership group is worried about international students because smoking is often popular in other cultures, Fraser said.

"We are working to help them [international students] understand that American shift to a healthier non-smoking lifestyle," Fraser said.

The leadership group will need to garner support from various PLU organizations, as well as show precedents set by other non-smoking campuses, as well as how they have performed.

Call said their leadership group has gained support from Delta Iota Chi, ASPLU, the health office and PLU President Loren Anderson.

TUTU CONTD. FROM PG. 1

Desmond Tutu, who retired on Feb. 1, chose Tacoma as the location of his final U.S. appearance. He will be speaking at the Tacoma Dome on May 13. Tutu comes to Tacoma as part of the "Be the Spark Campaign," a program started by the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation that seems to inspire students to take action and make their community a better place.

"A year and a half ago, I was involved in a task force that was trying to find a way to get people involved," said MaryAnn Anderson, chair of the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation board of directors. "We wanted a convening event that would highlight the potential and

power in Pierce County."

Anderson also said that the board of directors wanted to find someone who has a "representation of power in the world."

The Youth Against Violence campaign, part of inner city Tacoma, strives to eliminate violence in hopes of creating a more peaceful community.

"I really hope that students can understand and learn from the event that anyone is capable of making a difference in the world no matter age, race, gender or cultural differences. In each and every individual there is a spark within them that no other person has the same," junior Rebecca Coyle said. "Having

that spark to use their talents and special characteristics is up to them to sprinkle in the world that has such great potential to change a life or lives."

Coyle participated in the Youth Against Violence Dialogues last fall and was also a Youth Against Violence facilitator at Foss and Lincoln high schools in Pierce County.

"I am so proud of how much the community and PLU has come together, working side by side, helping youth against violence, creating and building back up a city with such talent and drive to change the world," Coyle said. "I'm honored to be a Lute and be a part of this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

I have butterflies every time I think about being in the Tacoma Dome knowing Desmond Tutu is there and being surrounded by amazing individuals."

Tickets sold quickly for both the event in the Tacoma Dome and a dinner, where Archbishop Tutu will also be speaking for 600 community business individuals who stepped forward to sponsor the event.

"We had a three-week marketing plan for the dinner and tickets sold out before we even put them on sale," Anderson said.

Close to 15,000 people are expected to attend the event, seven thousand of which are youth from Pierce County.

"I have always been really interested in apartheid in South Africa," sophomore Taylor Astel said. "I am looking forward to hearing Desmond Tutu speak because he is one of the key figures in the social movement to end apartheid."

Collaboration between Pacific Lutheran University and University of Puget Sound, as well as support from a major sponsor Franciscan Health Systems, have made this event possible.

"At every turn we have just been awed and hardened by the response of the community," Anderson said. "Tutu is just a tiny little man yet he fills a room with such great compassion."

'Unfair' housing stipends

Campus safety considers eliminating living expenses

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Campus Safety may stop giving housing stipends to safety officers starting this fall.

Director of Campus Safety Greg Premo said housing stipends are "unfair" because only 24 stipends are available, and they are reserved for officers working 16 hours or more per week. Out of the 30 officers, Premo said 22 received a stipend this year.

"Some were compensated much higher for doing the same work as others," Premo said.

Instead, he wants to redistribute the money by increasing the salary for all officers. Those who patrol the campus and provide escort for students would get a \$2 per hour raise, while those handling surveillance and communication would get a 25 cent per hour raise.

"I want it [the salary] to be fair and equitable among all that are doing the same work," Premo said.

He submitted the idea to the President's Council as part of next year's budget proposal. The council will decide next week whether or not to approve the new pay structure.

The housing stipend is the main reason why many students apply for Campus

Safety jobs, said senior Mark Schreiber, who worked as a safety officer this year.

"For most [safety officers] it's a means to an end to pay for their room," he said. "It was for me when I started."

Sophomore Ruben Skaalevik feels the same way. When he came to Pacific Lutheran University, he applied for two jobs: safety officer and resident assistant, both of which come with a housing stipend. He said he wanted the stipend simply so he could afford to attend PLU.

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Greg Premo, campus safety director

"PLU is not the cheapest university around," Skaalevik said.

He said that equal work demands equal pay and understands why the change has been proposed. With the new pay raise, he said working for Campus Safety would "still be a very good deal."

The stipends would not be cut off for everybody right away, Premo said. In an e-mail on April 31, he notified all safety

officers that they could choose between keeping their stipend next year or accepting the pay raise instead.

But if the proposal gets approved, stipends would no longer be an option next spring.

Schreiber said some of his coworkers are considering quitting Campus Safety because they took the position to pay for their housing.

"I've talked with a few, and a lot of them are considering switching jobs or becoming RAs [Resident Assistants]," he said.

The housing stipends were originally meant to encourage safety officers to live on campus so they could work night shifts and be on call for emergencies, Schreiber said. He thinks the new system would actually encourage officers to live off campus instead, because the \$2 raise makes it more affordable than living at PLU.

Even so, Schreiber also thinks Campus Safety will remain an attractive employer on campus.

"\$12 an hour is still more than what any [other] campus job currently pays," Schreiber said.

Campus Safety spent about \$170,000 on housing stipends this year, Premo said. Another portion of the money saved would go toward hiring a professional communication officer to handle "peak times" with the most phone traffic, he said.

BRIEFS

Engage the World campaign exceeds \$100 million goal, continues fundraising

Pacific Lutheran President Loren Anderson said the \$10 million alumna Karen Hille Philips donated posthumously pushed the Engage the World Campaign past the \$100 million goal.

The announcement was made May 7 and the total amount donated to PLU since the campaign started is \$102 million with more than 20,000 donors giving gifts of varying amounts.

Renovations to Eastvold, Rieke and the athletic fields are some of the projects the donated money will fund. The campaign will continue through May 2012.

PLU graduate will speak at class of 2011 graduation ceremony

The class of 2011 will attend the commencement ceremony on May 29 in the Tacoma Dome, and they will be in good company.

Not only will the class be surrounded by family and friends, but Class of 1984 Pacific Lutheran University graduate Sean Parnell was selected to give the commencement speech.

Parnell is the current governor of Alaska, as he took over for Sarah Palin after she stepped down in 2009. Parnell values education and has spearheaded a "Choose Respect" campaign in Alaska to denounce sexual abuse and domestic assault.

The commencement ceremony will take place May 29 in the Tacoma Dome at 2:30 p.m.

Hong International Hall premieres 3 German short films

Do you enjoy watching movies in German? If so go over to Hong International Hall on Thursday from 7-8:30 p.m. to watch three professionally-produced short films.

These movies include Andreas Dresen's "Zug in die Ferne," Ingo Raspe's "Duft" and Peter Wedel's "Die Rechnung."

There will also be three short films produced by students and each will tell "an untold story" from one of the professional shorts being shown the same night.

The films will be subtitled and introduced in both German and English. The event is expected to last approximately an hour.

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BUILDING ON FOUNDATIONS

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Pacific Lutheran University students can expect to see a number of changes to campus as construction takes place on and around several buildings and facilities.

Eastvold

Construction is underway to add a black box theater to Eastvold Auditorium.

"Phase 1 is the complete renovation of the North part of Eastvold," said John Kaniss, construction projects manager. "It will be turned into a black box theater taking the place of intimate seating that Eastvold typically has for shows and puts it in the new part."

The Black Box Theater can also be used for numerous rehearsals, including dance and theater.

Other changes to Eastvold include chapel restoration and the modernization of the building's interior.

Fitness Center

Plans are in the making to build a new fitness center, which will eventually take the place of the swimming pool, Memorial Gym and Names Fitness Center.

"This project is a ways out," Kaniss said. "It is going to be very cool when it finally comes around though. We are looking at a long timeline for this one."

Cross country runner sophomore Suzy Olsen thinks a new fitness center would be advantageous to all students in the PLU community.

"The PLU fitness center could use an upgrade with new equipment," Olsen said. "It would benefit all of the athletes as well as the PLU community as a whole."

Campus Entrance

Planning is also underway for a new entrance to campus in front of Harstad Hall.

"We have the permitting for it and the design has been approved," Kaniss said. "Construction will begin in the near future."

The new entrance to campus will offer directions and parking for campus visitors along with a campus "front door."

Olson Auditorium Renovation

Improvements to Olson Auditorium are in the "preliminary planning stages," Kaniss said. Renovations include improvements to classrooms, offices and training facilities. The building will be modernized to include locker and team rooms, along with rooms for storing athletic equipment.

Other Small Projects

PLU is going to be experiencing several other smaller renovations beginning June 1.

"We are going to be re-doing the track," said Lyle Kendall, project coordinator for Facilities Management. "We are also going to upgrade the track facilities."

The track is not the only place to receive new treatment, as several classrooms

including Ingram 100 and Hauge 202 will also be remodeled.

"We want Ingram 100 to be more like Leraas Lecture Hall," Kendall said. "We will also be painting South Hall and inside of Kresler."

The Rieke Science Center will also be re-roofed this summer.

Seniors say goodbye

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In two weeks, I will become the fifth member of a family full of Lutes to graduate from Pacific Lutheran University. As graduation swiftly approaches, many seniors are looking back at their time here at PLU.

When I look back, it's not the last four years that I see; it's the last two decades. PLU has been shaping my future ever since I was a baby. Even longer, when I take into consideration that PLU is where my parents met and got engaged. The campus was never a second home or a 'home away from home' for me. It simply was home.

One thing I have learned over the years is that PLU is not confined between 121th and 125th streets; it is not limited to the Lutedome.

Rather, PLU is a strong spirit and a binding tie which can be found all over the world, and throughout my entire life. PLU alumni, faculty and staff members have been my teachers, my church leaders and my personal cheerleaders in all aspects of my life, and they always will be.

Soon-to-be graduates: Once you leave campus, you won't be leaving PLU behind you. Lutes are everywhere, and they are constantly cheering you on and supporting you in every endeavor. Don't lose sight of everything PLU has done for you and means for you now - it only gets better. Embrace the education you have received and the community which has encouraged you all along.

I for one will never forget where my heart belongs. Graduation is not a time of farewell. It is merely the closing of one chapter in a life fully entwined with PLU.

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End of the school year projects, papers and finals have helped distract me from the thought of graduating in sixteen days. Transitioning from PLU, a place where I have devoted three years of my life, is exciting, sad and nerve-racking all at the same time. I have grown and changed during my time, and value every experience I have had.

The amount of my involvement at PLU outside of class has largely been with student media. With no prior experience or knowledge of what I was choosing to get involved with, I made my decision and luckily had the opportunity to pursue it.

When I started my involvement with student media during my second year, I quickly became passionate about my responsibilities as Business and Advertising Manager of The Mooring Mast. With a steep learning curve and opportunity for

substantial growth, this position was a great opportunity for me outside of the classroom.

I still hold this position for a few more weeks and can truly say that I have gained the most valuable experience and knowledge from this unique opportunity, compared to other jobs and even some classes I have had. If it hadn't been for friends, the support structure and commitment of advisers, the experience would not have nearly been as rewarding. It is because of them I have learned and evolved as a student, colleague and professional.

I want to recognize Amber Dehne Baillon, assistant director of Student Involvement and Leadership, for her guidance, insight, and constant support. Without this, my experience in student media wouldn't

have been as rewarding or valuable. I want to express my many thanks and sincere gratitude for everything you have done, Amber.

From classes to budgets to generating revenue, the past three years have honestly flown by. With only sixteen days until graduation, it is hard to believe that I am going to move on from something I have been so dedicated and passionate about. The experience gained and lessons learned from this position will help me well into the future. The connections made and relationships created will hopefully continue even when I no longer attend PLU.

Get involved at PLU while you can, it will be the best decision you make while you are here. I wish the best of luck to those who continue where I leave off. May your experience be as rich and fulfilling as mine was.



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Sitting down to write the final column of my college career I was hit with an ironic case of writer's block. Every writer suffers from it, but the irony was that I have no excuse to experience such a shortcoming. Student media at Pacific Lutheran University has provided me with a variety of amazing and unique opportunities that have enriched my life as a journalist and as a human being.

Covering our country's most historic presidential election, coordinating a stadium in buildings after hours and helping rebuild a faulty business model that led to the first monetary surplus in more than a decade are just a few of the many experiences that have defined my identity as a journalist. This publication

has served as my stomping ground as I have discovered my writing style, my passions and my strengths as a leader.

I held nearly every position at The Mooring Mast throughout my four years at PLU. To my surprise, I was given the opportunity to serve as Editor-in-Chief my junior year, making me one of the youngest patrons to hold the position. This was a turning point for my leadership involvement and my growth as an individual.

I was thrown out of my comfort zone when Amber Dehne Baillon, Media Board adviser, sent me a daunting multi-page e-mail that made me shake in my heels. My new title included not

only learning more about what I already knew, but learning a lot about what I knew nothing about. Despite the steep learning curve, I learned more about myself and my vocation in a year than I had in the years leading up to that moment.

The people I worked closely with are the reason for my success. My partner-in-crime, TJ Hecker, turned out to be the best business decision I ever made. Hiring him as Business and Advertising Manager not only financially re-established the organization, but also helped established an unprecedented image of credibility and integrity.

My advisers and mentors, Eva Johnson and Amber Baillon, taught me the importance of owning my leadership and reflecting on its impact. I credit them for the success that student media has accomplished and their unwavering support has made all of the blood, sweat, tears and ink worth it.

Success never comes without its challenges. During my time here The Mast faced opposition from staff, students and administration. In fall 2009, a janitor was terminated from PLU for disposing of hundreds of copies of The Mooring Mast. Now more than a year later, a similar act has

been committed, resulting in the theft of even more copies than the crime preceding it. PLU set the precedent—this act is unwarranted and punishable by termination.

Hopefully the perpetrator understands, whether it was a student or random culprit, this wasn't just a loss of hundreds of dollars worth of university property and advertising, but also the hard work of dedicated editors and writers who are committed to creating a quality product. Not for themselves, but for the readers.

This disappointing assault on my second-to-last issue of the paper ever morphed into an inspiring rally around a common cause. Fellow student leaders and administrators like President Anderson have expressed concern and empathy for the apparent theft, and even an esteemed News Tribune columnist has alerted the greater Tacoma community of its implications.

It is this form of community support that fosters my passion for journalism, adding value to this publication. This community is what has added value to my identity as a journalist, which I will carry with me as I say farewell in a short 16 days.

My writer's block does not come from a lack of things to talk about. Rather, it comes from a lack of words to describe the wild and precious life I have found at PLU. Without my student media family, I would cease to have a voice and would be at a loss for words.



Plog

Grab Bag Graphics: Goodbye



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In response to the letter to the editor written by Lara Major on May 6, 2011

The letter written by Lara Major highlights an important point of view on the discussion of creating a smoke free environment for PLU. Unfortunately, not all of the information presented is accurate.

Washington State law prohibits smoking in public buildings and in campus vehicles. Smoking is prohibited within 25 feet of building entrances, exits, windows that open, ventilation intake and other areas through which non-smokers must traverse. Signs posted on campus prohibit smoking within 50 feet of buildings. Pacific Lutheran University smoking policy found in the student handbook honors Washington State law.

A physical survey of campus shows that PLU falls short in upholding its own smoking policy and fails to meet Washington State law. In fact, more than 50 percent of the smoking areas on campus (i.e. designated ashtrays) are less than 25 feet away from building entrances, the closest can be found 12 feet from a doorway. Also, the majority of ashtrays on campus are placed on major walkways in which non-smokers must traverse.

Philosopher, John Stuart Mill said, "it is a basic principle of libertarian politics that no one should be forcibly prevented from acting in any ways he chooses, provided his acts are not invasive of the free acts of others." Major is missing the key point, which is, "... provided his

acts are not invasive of the free acts of others."

Those who live in dorms above smoking areas have reported having smoke waft into their rooms. This is incredibly invasive to others on campus.

According to the Surgeon General Report: How Tobacco Smoke Causes Disease, "There is no safe level of tobacco smoke. Any exposure to tobacco smoke – even an occasional cigarette or exposure to second hand smoke – is harmful."

Creating a smoke-free campus is in no way an imposition of beliefs. It is an attempt to establish an environment that supports the health and well-being of all students, staff and faculty on campus.

To show your support in making PLU smoke free or to voice your concerns visit: <http://www.facebook.com/PLUsmokefree>.

Thank you,

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Concerning the Food Drive and Harmony's drag show

Dear PLU Community,

With the Food Drive on campus this month, I am reminded of how important it is to critically consider how we choose to practice philanthropy. As a senior at PLU, I have been a part of some amazing efforts to help those in unfortunate situations. I have been so humbled by how many opportunities this institution and its members offer to students for them to "make a difference." From donating money for relief efforts, to supporting nation-wide organizations, PLU truly embodies what it means to give and give often.

Since attending and performing in Harmony's Drag Show last December, I have become increasingly vigilant about how and what opportunities for goodwill I choose to support. "Generosity," "philanthropy" and especially,

"donations" are bullet-proof words (and rightly so). But often, we can become so bombarded by the awareness of our personal privileges and the expectation to compensate that we may jump at any opportunity that seemingly offers relief from this anxiety. Without much more consideration, we will donate a dollar there, sign our name here, until the cows come home because "it's the right thing to do."

This event made me realize that it is possible for philanthropy to not always be the platonic ideal we buy into when we support it. We are in love with generosity. That love, however, can sometimes blind us to any possible implications hiding behind that kindness.

But what are the implications of these free and easy generous actions? We've been rightly taught to help those in need whenever we can. But when you are in a position of privilege, and you are given "a quick way" to be nice, it is often more-so instant gratification than anything long-term beneficial.

True change, as any community-leader, volunteer coordinator, or paradigm-shifter will tell you, takes time and effort. Instead of buying a cheap item like Top Ramen at the OMM to donate to this month's Food Drive, perhaps consider spending a little bit more money on nutritional items. These items will be more beneficial for these individuals who will not be able to afford the health problems that poor diets (high in sodium and corn starches) can cause. I love this university and the values it upholds. I'm not demonizing donating; I'm demonizing thoughtless philanthropy. If you analyze the motives and means by which you practice generosity, there is no doubt it will lead to great things. I am only asking that we make sure we do not get too enraptured in the idea of generosity that we lose the chance to actually make long-lasting, sustainable contributions that more appropriately show our love and respect to those around us who are in need.

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Growth and leadership: here are two words inherent and inseparable from my time as editor-in-chief of The Mooring Mast. And I'm not talking about myself.

I had a rare opportunity this year. I was humbled over and over again by a team of young men and women who worked late into Wednesday nights and early into Thursday to create and refine Pacific Lutheran University's one student newspaper. Passionate journalists. Leaders. Musicians and thespians, elementary school teachers and snowboarders. A sports editor with a talent for word play (to put it mildly) and an award-winning photo editor and his love of bad movie quotes. These are the 2010-2011 editors of The Mooring Mast.

I learned more from these people than I have ever learned from any professor. How to listen carefully and still have the conviction to make hard decisions, to how to swallow my pride and admit when I made mistakes, of which I made legion, to how the hell to get rid of the random spaces between lines of text.

I learned that a dedicated team can do extraordinary things, that genuinely caring and energetic college students can demand the truth about undocumented students, about invisible children and about the history of our own Rose Window.

Last weekend, hundreds of copies of our student publication disappeared from newsstands across campus. Either someone didn't want something read, or that same someone felt like taking out their lack of respect for their peers by stealing copies of PLU's forum for student expression.

My initial rage and indignation paused at this thought: someone read our paper, and probably saw a truth about themselves in that issue they didn't want read. Sobering as this thought was, it meant we were doing our job. We held up the mirror, and someone took a long, hard look.

What's more, PLU responded in grand fashion, rose to defend its student publication with conviction. PLU Administration and Campus Safety went straight to work with the Mast team to create timelines for the events of the weekend and follow leads. There was a sense of support that shot life into my love for journalism.

This publication is growing and maturing, and it is happening because students care about journalism, about being informed. This, more than anything, makes me proud of my team.

As 2011-2012 Editor-in-Chief Heather Perry takes over at the helm, I want to look at my team, and our readers, and say thank you. Thank you for teaching me a lifetime of lessons.

See the reprinted and inserted May 6 issue of The Mooring Mast for stories on the spring 2010 softball season, undocumented scholars across the nation and students' responses to the events following bin Laden's death.

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Where do you think smoking should be allowed on campus, if at all?



"I honestly don't think it should be allowed on campus. I think it should be allowed a set distance away from campus."

Cesar Ureño
Freshman



"In designated, covered areas that smokers can go to be away from non-smokers."

Anna Kosatka
Sophomore



"I think that it needs to be in a specific place, because people don't follow the 25-foot-away-from-buildings rule."

Megan Anderson
Junior



"If it's a dry campus, I don't think it should be a smoking campus."

Caitlyn Hoert
Senior

NOT School's out for summer

Costa Rica

Sophomore Kaaren Hatlen will be studying abroad in Costa Rica with a program called Beyond.

Former assistant coach for the Willamette men's basketball team Josh Erickson and former Willamette University quarterback Grant Leslie founded Beyond. The program is a study away program primarily for student athletes. The goal of the program is to connect people through sports.

Hatlen, a Spanish major, will travel to Costa Rica this summer to study at the University of Costa Rica. At the university, Hatlen will study Spanish for the first four weeks of her travels. The last two weeks, Hatlen will be working at a summer sport camp

teaching softball to kids age five to 12 years old. "I want to be a teacher and a coach," Hatlen said.

Hatlen explains the difficulty she faced when trying to find a time to study abroad. Softball is a year-round commitment and leaving for a month or more during training in the season sets an athlete back promptly.

Through the six-week duration of her studies, Hatlen is able to train for softball with professional trainers four days a week. "It was kind of a perfect fit," Hatlen said. Studying during the summer months and finding a program that allowed her to keep training was the ideal study abroad program for Hatlen.

Ecuador

First-year member of the PLU women's basketball team Chrissy Swope also encountered the issue of finding a time to study abroad that wouldn't interfere with her sports schedule.

Like Hatlen, Swope decided studying abroad in the summer would be most ideal. Swope, a biology major, will be spending seven weeks in Quito, Ecuador this summer studying environmental biology.

The IES Abroad program, formerly known as the Institute of European Studies, has more than 85 programs in 34 different cities across the globe. The program was founded in 1950 when 20 students traveled to study in Vienna. The program now serves 5,300 students a year.

While studying at the University

San Francisco Quito, Swope will learn about the environmental issues Ecuador struggles with and will study the Ecuadorian ecosystem. Within the IES study abroad program at USEQ, Swope will have the opportunity to study in the Galapagos for three weeks and the Amazon for four days.

Swope said the significance studying abroad has to her academic goals and interests. "It will prepare you for challenges in life, it will help you solve problems with people from different cultural backgrounds."

Swope said she hopes studying biology in the summer will help solidify her plans to major in the subject. Swope also hopes that her study abroad experience will help guide her to an internship in the future.

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Pacific Lutheran University is known for encouraging students to study abroad. Megan Green, one of best study away advisors at PLU's Wang Center, explains that a PLU degree often signifies some experience studying abroad.

Through PLU's Wang Center, students are able to study abroad for a 1-term semester or year. Although PLU has no official study abroad program for the summer months, the Wang Center offers guidance to a number of students seeking to study abroad during those months.

"We connect students to different resources and programs," Green said. Study Away advisors meet with students one-on-one in order to find a program



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Senior Ron Martin-Dent will be traveling to Scotland this summer to study modernist literature and creative writing at the University of Edinburgh.

Martin-Dent will be studying through Arcadia University, which was founded in 1853. The university offers more than 100 programs in 16 countries. The programs include graduate work, undergraduate work and internships.

Martin-Dent, an English literature major at PLU, is excited to experience contemporary life in Edinburgh.

Martin-Dent will live in a dorm from mid-July to the end of August. Since the program is specifically designed for international students, Martin-Dent will be living with other students from all over the globe. Students will attend large lecture classes in the morning, followed by smaller discussion based groups in the afternoon.

Although Martin-Dent has traveled abroad before, he has never studied abroad. He makes an important point regarding the difference between the two. "It's valuable to study abroad rather than just travel abroad because that way you can really immerse yourself in the culture," Martin-Dent said.

In order to find the program right for his academic goals and interests, Martin-Dent asked the Wang Center for guidance. He said that since the Wang Center doesn't usually have summer programs, the Wang Center directed him on the right path using catalogs.

"We want students to be independent but have guidance," said study abroad advisor Megan Gruver.

Switzerland

Scotland

Four PLU students will be traveling to Geneva, Switzerland to intern at the United Nations. Junior Ali Shaffer, sophomore Jack Stronskin, senior Jacob Pugh and junior Bob Dedson will spend the summer attending press conferences and learning about life in Geneva while reporting on their experiences through blogging and writing for newspapers in the U.S.

PLU Associate Professor of Communications Joanne Lisosky is responsible for organizing the independent study. Lisosky is in frequent contact with a business acquaintance, journalist Robert James Parsons.

Parsons writes freelance articles for a number of papers, such as the Geneva daily *Le Courrier*. The PLU students will be interning specifically with Parsons at the United Nations where they will be exposed to once in a lifetime opportunities.

"The last class Joanne took to Geneva had the opportunity to go to the Gaza strip,"

Shaffer said.

Shaffer, a journalism major, is excited to spend his summer in Geneva. "You can focus on whatever you want, there are so many options available," Shaffer said.

In order to report and intern with Parsons, the students had to receive accreditation letters from local newspapers. If published, the student's articles will be in newspapers such as the *Tacoma News Tribune* or *United Press International*.

"I always wanted to work for the UN. I didn't think I would get the opportunity, but the more I worked at it, the more it became a reality," Pugh said.

Pugh, who also traveled to Uganda a year ago, explains the significance of studying abroad. "It shows you how the majority of the world lives and how privileged our situation is back home."

Junior Nicole Gray will study business in Shanghai, China this summer. Gray will be studying through the program AsiaLearn, which explains the significance China has in the world's economy.

According to the AsiaLearn website, "as of August 2010, China became the second largest economy in the world... [China] has over 1.3 billion potential consumers. Therefore, it is more important than ever that students gain international experience in China..."

AsiaLearn works with the Professional Development for Academic Credit internship program, based out of Chapman University in California. Students participating in PDAC study for up to 10 weeks in Shanghai.

Students interning with PDAC and AsiaLearn in Shanghai will intern at least four days and 32 hours each week. However, the majority of internships will be set up in a traditional five-day, 40-hour work-week schedule.

China

PLUtonic gets '26 Kicks' with new CD

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As the school year draws to a close, members of PLUtonic, Pacific Lutheran University's male a cappella group, reflect on what they say has been a highly successful campaign.

"This has been an incredible year for PLUtonic," sophomore music major Julian Reisenhel said. "Every single person in the group is extremely talented."

Members hope to release their first CD in time for a performance at the Friday appearance in Tacoma by Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

PLUtonic's recording, titled "26 Kicks," has been a year in the making.

PLUtonic members first began discussing the possibility of a CD nearly two years ago. Recording began in early May 2010 when the group camped out at the home of senior Daniel Gilbertson and started working with a cappella producer Peter Hollens. Hollens co-founded the University of Oregon's male a cappella group, On the Rocks, in 1999.

Hollens has since created a studio of his own, Peter Hollen Productions, which offers a cappella vocalist and production services in the Northwest.

"There was always someone recording," Reisenhel said of the May 2010 PLUtonic sessions overseen by Hollens. "He made them sing their hearts out."

Recording lasted about two weeks, followed by photo shoots, the creation of graphics, mixing tracks, mastering, editing and copyrighting.

"Recording our first album, we weren't really sure what we were getting into," said John Marzano, PLUtonic's president. "The recording experience was so interesting to watch since we had never done it before."

The CD features 13 members who were in the group during spring semester 2010. Marzano says the 12-track CD features crowd favorites such as "Low," by Flórida, and "Down," by Jay

Sean. The disc also contains two original compositions by senior Phil Serino, a four-year PLUtonic member.

The matching argyle sweater vests, bow ties and Converse athletic shoes worn by PLUtonic members at their performances inspired the album title, "26 Kicks," which refers to the 13 pairs of sneakers worn last year by the group's 13 members.

PLUtonic has three shows scheduled in May, including the annual LollaPLUza event and a performance on Friday, May 13, when Tutu appears at the Tacoma Dome.

"We encourage people to come out and watch all the acts," Marzano said. "We are saying goodbye to our seniors. It's kind of bittersweet."

PLUtonic will lose four seniors this year, including Serino, the group's musical director.

"He represents a generation of PLUtonic that we are going to lose," Reisenhel said. "The group is going to be completely different next year."

The current members of PLUtonic will have a few performances together this summer during a trip to Europe. Traveling with Choir of the West, PLUtonic will participate in an international competition in Germany.

With respect to new members, much about PLUtonic's future is uncertain, Marzano said. Nonetheless, he looks forward to next year, including the annual International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella (ICCA), which will begin in January 2012. PLUtonic has participated in ICCA for the last four years.

In the 2011 competition, PLUtonic advanced further than ever before. Serino won best soloist and the group took first place in the quarter finals. The group placed third in the semifinals.

The group also spent two weeks in Hollywood last summer competing on the NBC television show "America's Got Talent."

"What we do is so much fun," Marzano said. "We're going to be just as strong, if not stronger, next year."

"This has been an incredible year for PLUtonic."

Julian Reisenhel, sophomore

Unique indulgence Local hookah lounge provides alternative hangout environment

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Located in Tacoma right off of Pacific Avenue, The Cobra Lounge is a self-described "hangout for rebels, bandits, and adventurers." With eclectic tobacco flavors, a unique environment and comfy couches, it is the only hookah bar of its kind in the Tacoma area.

As you step through the mirrored glass doors from the stillness of Commerce Street, you are greeted by loud hipster rock and light that is not much brighter than the night around you. A chalkboard above the front desk boldly announces the flavors of the night, from the unambiguous Princess Peach to an original mixture called Midnight Rider. There is also free water and Wi-Fi. A friendly and knowledgeable staff member is happy to tell you about the different flavors.

The main lounge is cozy and eclectic. Elegant Arabic hookahs rest on low tables, silhouetted against the dim colored lights, giving the place an eerie glow. Despite the numerous groups of teenagers puffing away, the room is not smoky. The ventilation system is very efficient, and no other form of smoking is allowed indoors. Armchairs, couches and ottomans are set up in circles surrounding the tables, and larger areas have two or three hookahs in the middle. The furniture is unbelievably comfortable.

The original Cobra Lounge was founded in Bellingham in 2007 by two 19-year-old men with a dream, according to the company website. It has since expanded, opening locations in Seattle and Tacoma. Jay Grocott is

one of the co-founders working out of the Tacoma lounge, along with Brent Duncan, Erin Cobb and Hank Richards.

"It's a place for young adults to hang out with friends," Grocott said. "A lot of college-age kids aren't old enough to drink and wind up going to house parties and stuff. We wanted to provide an alternative."

The Cobra Lounge has a wide selection of shisha (flavored tobacco), which is imported from Dubai. They choose five different flavors to serve every night, so there is always something new to look forward to. While they serve simple fruity flavors such as grape and peach, they also make their own concoctions, mixing different flavors to form such original creations as the Billy Mitchell or Triple Threat. Legal herbs including kava kava, wormwood and damiana are added for different effects. The bowls, which can burn for more than an hour, cost between \$14 and \$21. Split between four to eight people, which one bowl can easily serve, it's really not a bad deal. The second bowl is half price.

Patrons must be 18 years or older and memberships are required at The Cobra Lounge. There is a one-time cost of \$5 and the card is valid for one year.

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A challenge of BeHemoth proportions

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For my final column of the year, I decided to try something completely different and attempt a food challenge instead of finding a lesser-known restaurant. I've only attempted one food challenge before, a foolhardy attempt at the appropriately named Train Wreck Breakfast Challenge at the Depot Grill in southern Idaho. I was feeling confident while doing reconnaissance on the BeHemoth Challenge, the colossal five-pound burger from The Ram on the Tacoma waterfront.

The challenge has been bested by many over the years, and a protein-laden challenge seemed more feasible than the carb-heavy challenge I'd failed at with the Train Wreck. With no time constraints and the reward of a specialized T-shirt, I planned to have my redemption with this challenge.

The Ram was as busy as expected on a Sunday evening, made even busier by the coincidence with Mother's Day, but we were seated

soon enough and placed in the direct center of the restaurant. Our waitress didn't bat an eye when I asked for the BeHemoth; was this a sign that the burger wasn't much of a challenge, or was she just playing it cool? I'd soon know the answer.

In no time, the beast appeared. Teeming with nearly every burger topping the kitchen has to offer, the BeHemoth requires not just a steak knife, but three additional wooden skewers to maintain its structure. Fried peppers, pickles, mushrooms, bacon, ham, onions, lettuce, tomato and cheese all melt atop surprisingly well-cooked meat.

I requested medium-rare, and the kitchen did a pretty good job hitting just the right doneness. After taking photos and a quick strategy session, I dove in, throwing the top bun aside and attacking with a knife and fork. I mowed through layers of crunchy and salty toppings, ignoring the heaping pile of fries and pillow-y bun at first.

Each component of the burger was excellent, until I hit the plate. Lettuce had been stacked under the patties and soaked up a lot of

grease, turning them into inedible, slimy sheets. The bottom bun had also been compressed under the weight of the BeHemoth and soaked up enough liquid that it had almost completely disintegrated. These two complaints are minor in the grand scheme of the challenge: defeating the BeHemoth.

I was destroying the BeHemoth. Fifteen minutes passed and I was nearly halfway through the five-pound monstrosity. I still hadn't touched the fries or top bun, opting to leave the starch and bread for the end of the challenge.

My strategy was to get as much done as quickly as possible and slowly make my way through the rest as I had no time limit. I could certainly feel "the wall" approaching, after which I would not be able to eat any more. I decided to settle back for a little break, gather my bearings and take another stab at the BeHemoth. Was it my day to conquer, or would I be crushed under the weight of the enormous challenge?

For the rest of the story and for more photographs, visit <http://eatboldly.blogspot.com>.

REVIEW



Choir of the West competes, tours abroad

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For the first time in its history, Pacific Lutheran University's Choir of the West will compete in an international competition while on tour in Germany and France this summer. Richard Nance, the choir's director since 2007, couldn't be more thrilled at the prospect.

"The Choir of the West has never taken part in an international [competition]," Nance said. "The opportunity to share our music with nearly 200 choirs from 47 countries and to be absorbed in that atmosphere for four days in a beautiful German village—what's not exciting about that?"

The upcoming tour will begin the day after Commencement and last for two weeks, meeting PLU's orchestra halfway through in Paris for a week. Participation in the competition and the chance to learn on an international level is an opportunity that has the whole choir excited.

"I think the acceptance into that festival has inspired the choir to grow more and produce the best sound and best quality of musicianship for each choir member to achieve," said junior soprano Lauren James.

Throughout the year, Choir of the West has become a close-knit group through its hours of practice each week and several performances throughout the year at venues like Benaroya Hall in Seattle. Nance sees the tour as yet another opportunity for the choir to grow closer together and use music as a means of international exchange.

"Sharing travel experience is really beyond compare, especially singing in historic churches that are centuries old, visiting beautiful cities that we might not ever see without involvement in a music tour and meeting people of other cultures," Nance said. "I believe that touring is the most important activity the choir undertakes."

For Nance, the upcoming tour is not only a chance to come together as a group but to grow as musicians as well. The uninterrupted time to practice away from daily distractions and academic work is invaluable in developing the pieces to their greatest potential while improving the choir's reputation.

"I would like for the choir to develop a more national presence through touring, conference performances and by getting our recordings out in wider distribution," Nance said.

Nance hopes to develop the presence of the choir on a national level while maintaining their high standard of excellence. Collaboration with multimedia services will soon hopefully bring Choir of the West to the next level of national recognition, with their recordings available on iTunes, Amazon and through CD distribution.

"Conducting a choir like this is every choral conductor's dream. I work with fantastic undergraduate singers, and they are equally fantastic people," Nance said. "They have a serious purpose about them—they love singing in this group and understand what an honor it is to be a part of it. I feel the same way."

Choir members are just as enthusiastic about their participation in the ensemble. For many, the opportunity to take part in such a high-caliber group while pursuing non-music related majors is an opportunity only PLU could provide.

"It is so amazing to be a part of a group that has a great work ethic, cares so much about what they do and are so expressive and simply love having fun singing," said junior bass Kelvin Adams.

Though several members will be graduating this year, those who have been with the choir and seen its development aren't worried that the high level of talent and commitment will decrease.

"Here at PLU we are so blessed with such a depth of talent that every year a big group of singers are right there, ready to step right up to the plate and raise the bar to the next level," Adams said. "I think the choir just will continue to maintain the level of excellence that we always have and will continue to even raise the bar higher."



ArCade flash-back

Dorky's provides food and fun for gamers

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Walking into Dorky's Arcade is like stepping into a 1980s flashback. Yes, the '80s, when legs were warmed, hair was sprayed up into the stratosphere and a dollar in coins could get you four shots at rescuing the princess. Fashions may have changed since the heyday of video arcades, but at Dorky's, 25 cents can still get you an extra credit at Donkey Kong.

On an average Saturday morning, the air in Dorky's Arcade brims with the clanks, whirrs and whistles of pinball machines as an old "Jem and the Holograms" cartoon plays on a television set mounted above the coin machine. Old-school arcade titles are spread out in every direction, everything from Pac Man and Asteroids to Mortal Combat and Bubble Bobble.

Dorky's Arcade is a recent addition to the Downtown Tacoma scene. Since it opened in September, Dorky's has built up a steady fan base of video game hobbyists, families with children, college students and aging Gen-Xers looking to relive their younger days.

Co-owner Caroline Dennewith said that the busiest times tend to be Friday and Saturday nights, as well as a noticeable spike during the middle of the week. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Dennewith said, "we get more business than most of downtown."

Dennewith and her co-owner, Les Voros-Bond, are

passionate about their business.

"I love games," she said, her hair tied back in a ponytail beneath a brown baseball cap. "They're like my children."

While Dorky's already has an impressive selection of arcade and pinball machines, they are constantly looking for new titles. Additionally, they often swap machines with other arcades around the country so every month players can find new games to play.

The best, and perhaps most surprising, part of these machines is the price—every game costs only 25 cents per credit and 25-50 cents for each round of pinball. With enough change on hand it's easy to lose track of time.

"The more you play, the better you get [at these games]," Dennewith said.

The arcade also has a snack bar on hand in case players get hungry. While their idea is to eventually serve beer alongside food such as nachos and grilled cheese sandwiches, the owners of Dorky's have no plans of turning their arcade into a regular bar. Their focus will always be on the games.

Dorky's isn't for people who need to be drunk to be there, Dennewith said.

"We're here for people who love to play," Dennewith said.

Dorky's Arcade is located at 754 Pacific Ave., on the corner of 9th and Pacific. It's open 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11-1 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and noon-7 p.m. on Sunday.

Lutes

From the Sports Editor

Thank you, Lutes

For the past four years I was able to be a part of the Lute community, who really cares and appreciates each other. Working with the Mast, as well as the Sports Information Office, helped me develop skills that I would only be able to practice for so long in the classroom. Along the way there were long hours, mistakes, fixing faults, but most importantly, being proud enough to publicly support our Pacific Lutheran athletes who are our friends and fellow students. The only thing I regret is feeling alone in my support, aside from the help of my few and talented writers. I hope that in years to come, a renaissance arises for the appreciation of sports writing and for those who compete, and I pray our athletes receive the respect they've earned.

-Brendan Abshier

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Men's Tennis

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NWC Standings		All		%	
Team	NWC		%		%
Whitman	12-0	16-6	0.727		
Willamette	11-1	13-6	0.684		
Whitworth	8-4	11-10	0.524		
Pacific (Ore.)	7-5	8-10	0.444		
Linfield	5-7	6-8	0.429		
George Fox	5-7	4-10	0.286		
PLU	4-8	6-12	0.333		
UPS	2-10	3-13	0.168		
L&C	1-12	0-16	0.000		

Singles

- Aarvold 6-9 (4-5 NWC)
- Berg 3-14 (3-9 NWC)
- Colton 6-11 (4-7 NWC)
- Dickey 7-10 (5-6 NWC)
- Gunstone 7-11 (6-6 NWC)
- McNally 1-1 (1-1 NWC)
- Pharrell 0-2 (0-1 NWC)
- Sheldon 7-11 (4-8 NWC)

Doubles

- McCoy/Sheldon 2-5 (1-2 NWC)
- Ah Yui/Berg 5-6 (4-5 NWC)
- Cotton/Gunstone 0-2 (0-2 NWC)
- Gunstone/Patrella 0-3 (0-2 NWC)
- Cotton/Patrella 2-5 (2-4 NWC)

Women's Tennis

as of 5/11

NWC Standings		All		%	
Team	NWC		%		%
Whitworth	12-0	17-3	0.880		
Linfield	11-1	15-4	0.789		
Whitman	9-2	11-9	0.550		
Willamette	7-5	10-7	0.588		
L&C	6-6	6-8	0.429		
UPS	5-7	5-10	0.444		
Pacific (Ore.)	3-9	3-12	0.200		
George Fox	1-11	4-14	0.286		
PLU	0-12	2-15	0.133		

Singles

- Aarvold 2-15 (1-11 NWC)
- Ellmer 6-9 (4-7 NWC)
- Hoer 2-13 (1-14 NWC)
- Newell 7-10 (5-7 NWC)
- Refaat 3-12 (1-9 NWC)
- Rife 3-14 (1-11 NWC)
- Ro 3-3 (2-2 NWC)

Doubles

- Aarvold/Newell 7-10 (4-8 NWC)
- Ellmer/Rife 2-8 (1-7 NWC)
- Hoer/Refaat 4-8 (2-6 NWC)
- Peterson/Refaat 2-0 (1-0 NWC)
- Ellmer/Hoer 0-1 (0-1 NWC)
- Rife/Ro 0-1 (0-1 NWC)

Baseball

as of 5/11

NWC Standings		All		%	
Team	NWC		%		%
Linfield	20-1	31-9	0.775		
UPS	15-9	17-17	0.500		
George Fox	14-10	26-13	0.667		
Pacific (Ore.)	14-10	21-16	0.564		
Whitworth	13-11	20-20	0.500		
PLU	13-11	19-20	0.487		
Willamette	12-12	22-17	0.562		
Whitman	4-20	5-30	0.143		
L&C	3-21	5-32	0.156		

Team Average Leaders (min 40 at bats)

- Kuffman 390
- Gates 331
- Aarvold 317

Team Home Runs Leaders

- Gates 4
- Frost, Johansen 3

Team Runs Batted In Leaders

- Gates 21
- Aarvold 25

Team Pitching Leaders

- Wall (6-2) 3.86 era, 79.1 ip, 28 h, 36 r, 19 bb, 67 k
- Beatty (5-4) 3.75 era, 81.2 ip, 82 h, 37 r, 20 bb, 65 k
- Johansen (4-4) 4.23 era, 66.0 ip, 67 h, 39 r, 14 bb, 50 k

Softball

as of 5/11

NWC Standings		All		%	
Team	NWC		%		%
Linfield	29-1	49-7	0.951		
PLU	23-6	47-13	0.788		
Whitworth	17-13	24-19	0.553		
Willamette	16-13	19-19	0.500		
Pacific (Ore.)	12-16	22-18	0.556		
UPS	9-19	11-27	0.289		
George Fox	6-22	12-28	0.300		
L&C	2-26	6-31	0.260		

Team Average Leaders

- Gates 412
- Matsunaga 411
- Hatten 410

Team Home Runs Leaders

- Matsunaga 10
- Hagensen, Hatten 8

Team Runs Walked In Leaders

- Matsunaga 44
- Hagensen 39

Pitching Leaders

- Hagensen (2-6) 2.30 era, 163 ip, 124 h, 63 r, 34 bb, 90 k
- Hatten (0-4) 3.43 era, 87.2 ip, 105 h, 52 r, 13 bb, 46 k
- VaeSchoof (0-2) 5.89 era, 75.2 ip, 43 h, 33 r, 16 bb, 17 k

And that's the ball game

Lutes finish below .500 for first time since 2003

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The Pacific Lutheran 2011 baseball season came to an end last weekend at the Inland Cellular Tournament, where the Lutes managed to win one of three games making the long return home from Lewiston, Idaho.

PLU managed to grind out a win against Northwest Conference opponent George Fox, but succumbed to NWC Champion Linfield and Lewis-Clark State College from the NAIA.

The final games brought PLU's overall record below .500 at 19-20 on the season, the first time since 2003.

On a positive note, PLU had seven players recognized by the NWC for their outstanding play in the 2011 season.

Senior Ryan Aratani, junior Brock Gates and first-year Jacob Hoffman were selected First Team All-NWC for their respective positions and second

team honors were awarded to juniors Corey Moore and Dan Johansen and senior Scott Wall. Sophomore Max Beatty received an honorable mention.

In game one, a late 4-run rally in the ninth inning gave the Lutes what they needed to succeed in the 6-4 game against George Fox.

Moore led the offense with an astounding 4-4 day, including a home run in the top of the third, giving the Lutes an early 2-0 lead.

George Fox battled back to tie the game in the sixth, only to take a 2-run lead in the seventh. The Lutes response in the ninth began with a single by junior Zack Halverson and ended with a clutch double by Aratani.

Pitcher sophomore Scott McGallian acquired his first win of the season.

"I was really pumped we got the win," McGallian said. "It feels good to come in and throw after Beatty and Delikat, who



Wall Linfield 10-4 and LCSC 5-4.

The PLU baseball program closed the curtains on the 2011 season and will begin rebuilding for 2012. As for the seven seniors on this year's squad, this marks the last time they will compete as collegiate athletes.

"My experience at PLU has taught me just as much about life as it has about sports," said Wall, a four-year veteran of the program. "Playing baseball at PLU has been one of the highlights of my life and I wouldn't trade it for anything."

Editor's note: Brock Gates is a member of the PLU baseball team.

both pitched great, along with Frosty who was able to shut the door in the ninth."

The spark found in game one didn't carry over to games two and three, as the Lutes lost to

What time is it?

Pwn time

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I've gotten through PLU for two reasons: Call of Duty and EA Sport's FIFA Soccer. And, I love it.

Electronic gaming provides people with important learning skills in a digitally powered age. But, beyond the highly technical and scientific aspects of digital programming lies the basis to why people love video games. We like competition.

Players enjoy competition, and according to a research study from the University of Calgary, this satisfaction is a result from multiple factors.

For some, competition helps participants improve their performance while having little or no regard for winning, according to the study. For others, competition provides motivation for putting forth effort, which will eventually lead to improved results.

Researchers for the

study also found evidence that competitive people are motivated to perform well while some are simply attracted to difficult tasks.

Any way you look at it, the profile of the study's results correlates with the population of Pacific Lutheran University, which is generally accepted as striving for excellence in the classroom while pushing to find progressive results in each student's respective studies.

This means PLU students are competitive, whether they admit it or not.

Even further, an MSNBC report showed that 70 percent of college students are involved with video games.

Therefore, the answer for what it means to be a college student isn't about reading boring text books, writing pointless papers about history when you are a math major or scavenging quarters to wash your clothes once a month.

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LollaPLUza shuts down Garfield street for 3 hours

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This Saturday afternoon, Garfield Street will shut down entirely for the community-wide event LollaPLUza.

It is the cornerstone and culmination of ASPLU's entertainment program, said Rick Eastman, associate director of Student Involvement and Leadership.

"It's kind of a bridging between that Garfield and PLU community," said junior Melanie Deane, ASPLU programs director. "We wanted to create an environment where everyone feels welcome."

LollaPLUza is an annual event

where many student and non-student bands perform from 1-4 p.m. Even though music is a focus of LollaPLUza, "it's more than just a music concert," Eastman said. "It's a festival."

Many Pacific Lutheran clubs and organizations, as well as Garfield businesses will take this event as an opportunity to advertise for next year.

There will be food catered from some of the Garfield businesses, such as Farrell's, as well as other kinds of free stuff, said LollaPLUza

co-chair sophomore Paige Griffith. PLU dining services will also be contributing to the food available at LollaPLUza.

LollaPLUza also has an open dunk tank where students and community members can submerge their friends and family in water.

In an effort to make all community members welcome, there will also be roped-off beer gardens at LollaPLUza.

"We try to cater to older people," Griffith said. As well as trying to cater to people

of all ages, ASPLU will also try to cater to people of different music tastes, Griffith said.

Many bands playing at LollaPLUza are composed of students, including PLUtonic, Under the Covers and many solo artists. The only non-student band is the LollaPLUza headliner Macklemore and their opening band Rockwell Powers, which is a band composed of alumni.

"It was a huge deal for PLU to get Macklemore to come out and play," Griffith said. "Students are really pumped and excited about this."

Deane said ASPLU hired Macklemore for \$7,500, which comes out of the \$15,000 LollaPLUza budget.

"We wanted to create an environment where everyone feels welcome."

Melanie Deane, junior

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Editor Reno Sorensen first noticed something was odd when the paper stand in the library was already empty Friday morning. The Mast isn't so popular that all copies of an edition that usually sticks around all week would be snatched up in less than a day.

On Friday evening, another staff member told Sorensen that all 300 papers in the University Center were gone. There were no papers in the Administration Building either. It got worse when they discovered that papers still available on Friday in Olson Auditorium, the science building and the math building were missing by Monday.

Of 1,500 papers distributed, some 700 were missing.

Random act? Not spread over four days. Booze-fueled vandalism? Not on Sunday (hopefully). Recycling run amok? Then why leave the remaining issues from the week before?

"The person was clearly targeting the latest edition," said Doreen

Marchionni, the paper's faculty adviser and former News Tribune assignment editor.

Mike Hiestand, an attorney in Ferndale, Wash. who consults for the Student Press Law Center of Arlington, Va., said thefts of college newspapers are nearly always based on the content. And it is a growing problem nationally. Hiestand says incidents range from 15 to 38 a year, from a few hundred papers to thousands.

"There was a big learning curve by police to get their heads around the notion that you can steal a free newspaper," Hiestand said. But even free papers cost money to produce and print, and advertisers expect their ads to be seen.

What in the May 6 issue might have caused someone to take it? There was coverage of the student rally against gender and sexual violence, a column on the propriety of students celebrating the death of Osama Bin Laden, a treatment on

whether colleges like PLU should accept undocumented students and a story on a record-setting baseball player.

But one article was controversial even before it was printed. "PLU Perseveres" celebrated the women's softball team's first 30-win season since 2003.

But it also told how the team responded to controversy last year over complaints that the coaching staff used profane and abusive language with players.

Writer Kari Plog said an athletic department administrator sent her copies of an e-mail from some players objecting that the story would focus on the player grievances that led to a college investigation but no findings of misconduct. (Note: Plog works as a part-time sports clerk at The News Tribune).

Coach Erin Van Nostrand said Wednesday she didn't know papers were missing and doubts anyone associated with the team is involved.

"They're not those kinds of kids," Van Nostrand said.

Greg Brewis, PLU's director of communications, said the university takes the matter seriously.

"This was both a theft and an assault on the integrity of our journalism program," Brewis said. "We are conducting a thorough investigation and will bring disciplinary action against the thieves."

In the meantime, Sorensen and his staff are doing what they should do - covering a news story and commenting on why they think it is important.

And to make sure the right people win - the people who create the paper rather than those who destroy it - they will reprint the purloined paper and insert it into this week's final Mast of the year.

I can see the teaser now: "Inside: The stories someone at PLU doesn't want you to read!"

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