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Wang Grants

Annual awards presented to students and faculty for research abroad

EMMA COULSON
 Mast news reporter

Wang Center grant application season was more successful this year with more students and faculty applying for and receiving grants than in 2003.

The Wang Center for International Programs announced its research awards to faculty and staff last Wednesday, but students have another opportunity to apply in September. The total value of the grants awarded is about \$37,000. Each student could potentially receive \$1000 or less and each faculty member could receive \$2,500 or less.

"For students, (researching abroad) is important because it builds on international experience with new types of opportunities," Wang Center Program Specialist Pat Bieber said.

The Wang Center awarded the student-faculty research team consisting of juniors Rebecca Floyd and Carrie Swarthout and assistant psychology professor Michelle Rosell a total of \$4,500, the maximum amount that could be offered to any individual or group.

The Wang Center Grants have given them the opportunity to research at the University of Lancaster, England during January 2005. Half of their project, titled "Adult Perceptions of Sexuality in the U.S. vs. England," is already complete.

Last summer, Floyd, Swarthout and Rosell began studying the patterns of views regarding sexual roles and reasons for sexual intercourse. The team interviewed 50 male and female PLU students in a small group format, focusing mainly on the climate in their high schools.

The team chose England because of its ease in communication and because of its close cultural relation to the United States. Their project will also include the extent of European sexual education and its effect on the level of perception.

The team left Wednesday for Phoenix, Ariz. to present their project at the Western Psychology Association Conference on Saturday, along with 15 other PLU students and professors. Other psychology

Fire in parking lot sparked by electrical problems



Photo by Brian Bradshaw

A student's car caught fire in the Olson parking lot Tuesday. Central Pierce Fire and Rescue arrived on the scene minutes later to help put out the fire. The fire started at 3:30 p.m., while the student was in class. Although the fire spread soot and rubber particles to nearby cars, no other cars were damaged. CPFR ruled out criminal activity as the cause of the fire. Instead, they determined the fire was caused by a damaged battery.

Guilt-free night out benefits AIDS program

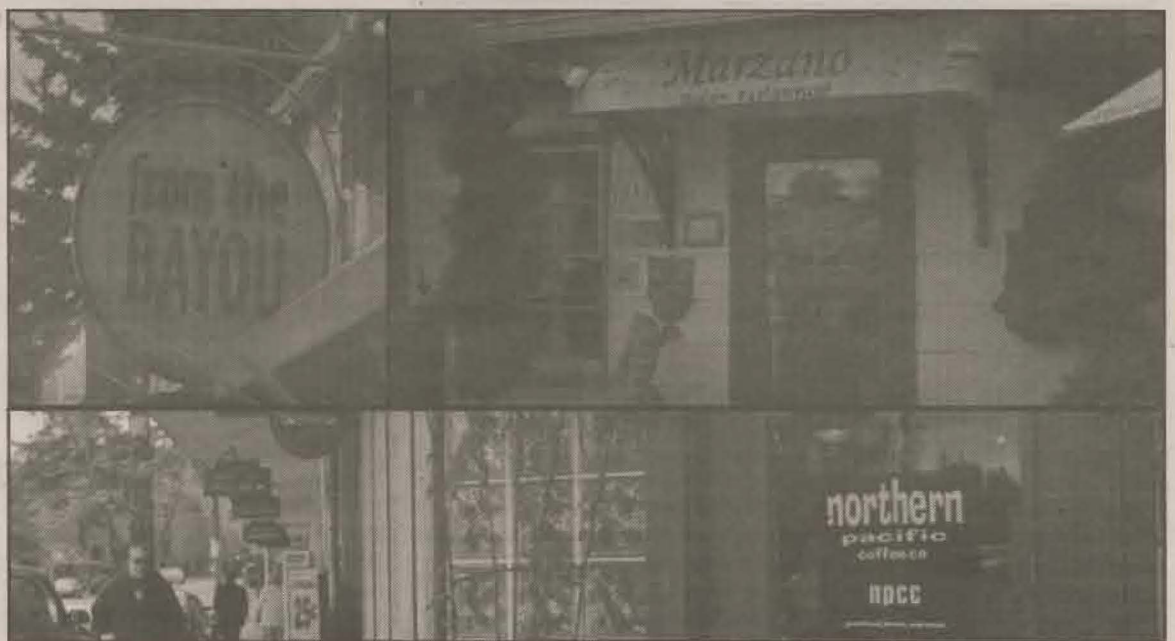
MYRA WALDHER
 Mast news reporter

Thinking about taking that special someone out to dinner? Want to help fight HIV and AIDS? Here is your chance to do both in one sitting. April 29 is the 10th annual Dining Out for Life, where more than 55 local restaurants will donate 25 percent of their proceeds to the Pierce County AIDS Foundation.

Dining Out for Life takes place all over the nation, sponsored by various groups fighting against HIV and AIDS. Last year PCAF raised \$15,000 with the support of 30 local restaurants. This year 37 are participating and PCAF hopes for an even greater success, PLU alumna and PCAF development associate Anne Kalunian said.

Kalunian said the money will go to prevention services, an area of PCAF not fully funded by the government. PCAF provides services and support for more than 1,450 people in Pierce County with HIV/AIDS, and provides an even larger number with education and prevention information.

Among the participants in Dining Out for Life are local restaurants From The Bayou, Marzano's, and a new addition



Photos by Hakme Lee

Local restaurants From the Bayou, Marzano's and Northern Pacific Coffee Company will participate in Dining Out for Life next Friday. These restaurants, along with more than 55 other local eateries, will donate 25 percent of their profits to benefit the Pierce County AIDS Foundation.

this year, Northern Pacific Coffee Company. Marzano's has participated in Dining Out for Life since it began 10 years ago.

"I feel great about doing it, it's very well worth the effort and cost, everyone who comes in is very nice and they always thank us for what we do," Elise Marzano, owner of Marzano's, said.

From The Bayou has partici-

pated in the event for the last three years and plans to continue in the future, head chef Matt Johnson said. Johnson said it is pretty busy that night because so many people come to support the cause. Kalunian said among those dining out will be the Tacoma mayor, members of the Tacoma city council and state legislators.

On the Web:

Dining Out for Life :
www.diningoutforlife.com

Pierce County AIDS Foundation:
www.piercecounyaids.org

PLU professor publishes on Northwest religion

RONAN ROONEY
Mast news reporter

When it comes to religion, The Pacific Northwest sets itself apart from other U.S. regions, according to *Religion & Public Life In The Pacific Northwest: The None Zone*, a book co-edited and published this year by PLU religion department chair Patricia O'Connell Killen.

"The Pacific Northwest," Killen said, "has the fewest number of people in religious communities, the highest percentage of people claiming 'none' as their religious affiliation, and the second most, after the South, conservative evangelicals of any region in the United States."

Killen added, "Our region is more varied than other parts of the United States. Only 63 percent of people subscribe to the one of the region's top four denominations."

In the book, statistics from the

American Religious Identification Survey show 62.8 percent of respondents in the Pacific Northwest claimed no religious identification (dubbed "nones"), whereas this number was only 40.5 percent on the national level.

Most notably, of the Pacific Northwest individuals who chose 'none' as their religious identification, 67 percent said they agreed or strongly agreed with the statement that God does exist; 69 percent likewise agreed with the statement that God performs miracles.

Southern Oregon University professor Mark Shibley wrote the chapter entitled "Secular but Spiritual in the Pacific Northwest" which contained information about the nones' beliefs.

According to Shibley's chapter, one of several possible reasons for the region's low religious affiliation, but strong spiritual identification, is the region's history of having "a frontier ethos where there is a strong emphasis on individualism and

people making their own way."

Killen offered several suggestions as to why citizens of the Pacific Northwest might experience such low religious adherence. One explanation suggests the western movement of people caused many to break bonds with their "old world institutions" which were never reestablished.

She also hypothesized in our contemporary times the religious character of a region remains stable and people simply adopt that region's characteristic when they move to it.

Although the book offers a great deal of insight, there is much more Killen said she wishes she knew.

"The Religion by Region series is the first time scholars have put forth a study of religion by region. We brought together national projects that had never before talked," she said. "I was pleasantly surprised that the large studies with which we worked supported some of my

hypotheses, although I was intrigued by some of the questions the project raised that we didn't have data to answer."

Among these unanswered questions are if the nones are moving towards atheist beliefs or are preparing for another religion, if conservative evangelicals will become the region's dominant voice and the means by which religious institutions will involve themselves in public debates on social issues (i.e. physician assisted suicide) if their numbers decline.

As Killen wrote in the book's conclusion, "What this regional religious ethos means for the ways that Pacific Northwesterners negotiate the challenges of public life in the twenty-first century remains to be seen."

The Library has a copy of the book ordered but has yet to process it. The book can also be purchased online at www.altamirapress.com, or ordered by phone: 1-800-462-6420.

Take Back the Night



Photos by Minerva Rios

Left: Senior Sara Bergman and sophomore Angee Foster hold up signs Tuesday for PLU's participation in *Take Back the Night*, a national annual rally and march that raises awareness about and fights against sexual assault. PLU has taken part in the event since 1992. Junior Carolyn Mahon, organizer of this week's event and member of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Education Team at the Women's Center, said this year saw the largest PLU turn out for the march, more than 35 people. Students gathered in Red Square to hear readings and then marched across campus.

First DOVE awareness week

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Harmony Club brings gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender awareness to Pacific Lutheran University with DOVE Week.

DOVE Week is April 19-23. DOVE stands for Days of Vocalization and Education and centers around the National Day of Silence on April 21.

The Day of Silence is a day people can choose to spend refraining from speech. It represents the silence gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals face everyday. "It helps straight people understand what it's like to be in the closet," Heather Waymack, PLU senior and leader of Harmony, said.

Students in more than 600 schools across the country support making anti-alternative lifestyle bias unacceptable by taking a vow of silence from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on April 21. Students signify their participation in the Day of Silence by wearing pins and carrying note cards explaining their silence.

This is the first DOVE week

Harmony has created but the sixth year PLU has honored the Day of Silence with weeklong events. Waymack said this is the biggest group of events around the Day of Silence PLU has produced.

Harmony hopes to accomplish a consciousness of alternative lifestyle prejudice with DOVE week. "I'm excited for the awareness it will bring," junior Jamie Marble said. "It's a good way for allies on campus to show support."

DOVE Week began April 19 with "Living Life in the Closet." The informational seminar featured PLU psychology profes-

sors discussing what it is like to live life in the closet.

The week of events closes with the Queer Film Sleep-Over. Harmony invites all students to watch queer films from 2 p.m. to 2 a.m. tonight in the South Hall Main Lounge.

First-year Erik Husa, a Harmony member, said he hopes a lot of students will participate in DOVE week. "No matter what the level of participation, take a minute and learn a little bit more about it."

For more information go to the Diversity Center or log on to www.plu.edu/~harmony.

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Inspirational PLU woman works to improve the environment

Environmental services coordinator enjoys working with people...and cows and horses, too

LINDSAY TAYLOR
Mast news reporter

Editor's Note: Three weeks ago the PLU Women's Center gave special recognition to four inspirational and accomplished women. Each week, The Mast will feature one of these four women.

Barb McConathy has worked at PLU for eight years, impacting the daily lives of its community.

McConathy is the Environmental Services Coordinator and is responsible for the daunting task of providing this campus progressive environmental awareness and stability. Her hard work is not the only noteworthy aspect of her personality, but she has also been recognized as an inspiration to others. In March, the Women's Center presented a special award to her as an inspirational woman in the PLU community.

McConathy grew up in Trout Lake, Wash., a small town of less than 500 people near Mount Adams, Wash. Surrounded by wilderness, she regularly enjoyed the splendor of the Pacific Northwest's great outdoors.

After graduating from a high school

class of nine students, she worked at Wilcox Farms milking cows. McConathy enjoyed working there, and stayed for more than 18 years. She said bad cow smell is a misconception. "You get used to it...it's not that bad," she said.

After all those years at Wilcox, she decided she needed a change.

Environmental Services at PLU intrigued her. It was something new she had not tried, so she decided to apply. She said her favorite part of this community is the people. In fact, three-quarters of her job is working with people, something she considers "fantastic."

Beyond the community, McConathy values the impact she is able to make. She feels that her job is a little step to making the world a better place. To her it is imperative to take care of natural resources, and work toward this goal every day.

She encourages the PLU community to focus more on recycling as one way to preserve resources. As Environmental Services coordinator, her duties include running the campus recycling system, and expanding campus awareness of environmental issues.

Honoring PLU Women



Photo by Andy Sprain

Barb McConathy brought her love for the environment to PLU eight years ago. In charge of the recycling program and educating others about environmental issues are duties she enjoys, but her favorite job aspect remains working with people.

McConathy said she was surprised she was honored as an inspirational person. "It's good having someone tell you to respect yourself and to respect everything around you," she said. This important lesson was passed on to her by her parents and grandparents.

McConathy's mother has been a great inspiration to her life, who encouraged her daughter to be herself and pursue her interests to the fullest. McConathy's interaction with PLU students embodies the idea that passing knowledge onto others is important.

She said everyone must be willing to keep their mind open. She also said she feels students, just as much as professors, can be teachers. She has truly enjoyed working with the students at PLU.

This hardworking coordinator is actually a PLU student herself. After taking a

four-year "hiatus" from classes, she now fits night classes in her schedule. This will bring her closer to achieving an important dream of hers—earning a college degree.

Along with work and classes, McConathy has been a member of a mounted drill team for 36 years. The team, Tacoma Lariettes, performs different drills that are basically square dancing on horseback.

McConathy is the captain of the group, and has traveled all around the Washington to perform. One of the Tacoma Lariettes' specialties is the "black light drill" which is done in darkness while wearing glowing décor.

For more information on Tacoma Lariettes, visit the Washington Ladies Riding Club Association at www.wlrca.com.

Little-known facts about Barb McConathy...

Favorite Color:
Green

Food she hates:
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Hobby:

Mounted drill team

Most used nickname:

Barb (her name is Barbara, but she doesn't think anyone knows that)

Favorite TV show:

Friends

Sunset or sunrise:

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If she could go one place in the world she would go to:

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Lutedome: Not immune to STDs

TIM GALLEN
Mast news reporter

People between the ages of 15 and 24 accounted for 50 percent of new STD cases in 2000, according to the January/February issue of the Allan Guttmacher Institute's journal *Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health*.

PLU Health Center Director Sue Mkrkichian said, "It's not just those other 15 to 24-year-olds; it's right here on campus."

The most common STDs on PLU's campus is caused by the human papillomavirus (HPV), also known as genital warts, Mkrkichian said. The second most common is the herpes simplex virus (HSV) or genital herpes. She said half of those infected with herpes don't know they have it.

Mkrkichian said the Health Center does not keep numbers on STD cases, but because of the number of questions about warts and herpes the center receives, she knows those are the most common diseases on campus.

Genital warts is caused by a virus and may cause cervical cancer in women. A lot of the time people do not know they are infected because of lack of symptoms, Mkrkichian said.

According to a pamphlet from the Health Center, warts can look like other diseases so tests are done for other STDs when testing for warts. Also,

women need a pap smear when testing for warts to look for cancer.

Herpes symptoms vary, according to the American Social Health Association's Web site, but may include sores, blisters, cuts, itching, burning, or tingling in the genital area, flu-like symptoms such as headache and fever, or painful urination or discharge.

Individuals who have questions or concerns or want to discuss STDs are encouraged to visit the Health Center, Mkrkichian said. Mkrkichian wants students to know there is help available on campus.

Though genital warts and herpes are incurable, they are treatable, Mkrkichian said. She added if people have had more than one sexual partner they are at a high risk of contracting genital warts or herpes.

Mkrkichian said people are shocked when they hear they have an STD. "Just knowing you have an incurable STD is shocking," she said.

In college people are at the age where they think they're immortal, Mkrkichian said. Students do not like to think they are vulnerable to STDs. "Some students think the LuteDome protects them. It ain't true," she said.

For more information visit the Health Center or the American Social Health Association's Web site at www.ashastd.org.



Photo courtesy of Lacie Runolfson

From left: Sophomore Megan Coughlin, RNTDA Director Deborah Potter, junior Lindsay Marshall, junior Lacie Runolfson and sophomore Carla Miller pose for a picture at the BEA/RNTDA/NAB Convention in Las Vegas last weekend. The weekend featured a breakfast with FCC director Michael Powell, a career fair and a lunch with Oprah Winfrey.

KCNS staffers rub shoulders with Oprah

LACIE RUNOLFSON
Mast news intern

Editor's note: The Mast acknowledges that the reporter is one of the KCNS students who attended this event. This story is an account of what she experienced.

For those of us who are involved with KCNS, our lives are pretty saturated with everything that falls into the category of broadcasting. However, for some of us dedicated staff members, being saturated is not enough, we want to be immersed in the world broadcasting.

Last weekend four of KCNS' finest, junior Lindsey Marshall, sophomore Megan Coughlin, sophomore Carla Miller, and I, packed our bags and headed toward the bright lights of Las Vegas for the annual Broadcasters Education Association, Radio Television and News Directors Association and National Association of Broadcasters convention.

Every year, KCNS selects several staff members to go to these conventions to get ideas, learn, hand out business cards, "shmooze" and meet future employers.

Ignoring the bright lights of Las Vegas, our days were packed with sessions: Breakfast with the FCC and Michael Powell at 9 a.m., a career fair at 11 a.m., an award ceremony with Oprah Winfrey at noon, and dinner with Ted Coppel at 7 p.m.

This year Oprah Winfrey received the 2004 NAB Distinguished Service Award. This award is given to those who have made a significant contribution in the broadcast industry. Ted Coppel of ABC Nightline News received the RTNDA's Paul White Award.

Thanks to associate professor of communication Joanne Lisosky, we students were allowed past the velvet rope into dinners, luncheons and sessions to have a drink and a cocktail weenie with some of the heads of RTNDA and NAB. Standing among some of the giants of the broadcast industry, it became clear we were not just students; we were future broadcasters.

Marshall, KCNS promotions director, said, "Coming to RTNDA has been amazing

because we are not only surrounded by peers and educators, but also people in the industry, and to hear what they are doing is inspiring."

Blinded by our stack of text books and ever looming research papers, it is hard to see what is awaiting us in the "real" world after graduation.

This opportunity gave us the chance to take off those blinders and see our future. Throughout the sessions the reoccurring theme aimed toward students was the importance of writing skills as well as a determination and desire to succeed.

Bill Silcock, RTNDA board member, said, "RTNDA is the greatest professional organization that I'm aware of that helps you as a broadcast journalist to be involved early on as a student. That's the beauty of the organization."

Attending the RTNDA, NAB and BEA convention was an invaluable experience. Both educators and professionals continually stressed the importance of being active in student media.

The KCNS staff is in the process of creating a RTNDA chapter at PLU. By creating a chapter at PLU, students involved in radio and television will be recognized nationally by professionals.

The benefits include support, professional contacts, education and yes, attending the annual convention in Las Vegas.

Bill may replace diversity director

STEPHANIE MATHIEU
Mast news reporter

The necessity of an ASPLU diversity director came into question at the senate meeting Tuesday evening with the introduction of a bill to replace the position.

After much debate between senate members and directors, roll was called, and Bill 32 was sent to committee.

Bill 32 states the diversity director position was established at a time when there was no Diversity Center, and the Diversity Center is capable of meeting students' diversity needs without a director position.

Author of Bill 32, senator Jonathan Bongard, said his intention was not to eliminate the diversity director position, but instead reevaluate it and replace it with a diversity liaison

position. "We now feel the position is unfocused and ambiguous," he said.

"We don't want this to seem like we're attacking the diversity director position," senator Cassy Anderson, who co-sponsored the bill along with senators Bongard and Tim Gallen, said. Anderson said she believes the Diversity Center is strong enough on its own.

If Bill 32 passes, the diversity liaison will be hired by and work for the Diversity Center, then report back to the Senate during meetings.

Senior Marita Quiroz, the current diversity director, does not entirely agree with the bill. "The diversity liaison position is not going to have that direct voice or be able to work as closely with senators and other directors."

Quiroz also said the proposed diversity position will

work so closely with the Diversity Center that other diversity outlets such as the Wang and Women's Centers will not get as much representation. "The big picture was not kept in mind," she said. "We need to look at the future."

Senator Elizabeth Lamb expressed concern for other reasons during the meeting discussion of the bill. Lamb said Bill 32 is an "inefficient use of senate time and senate energy." Lamb said she would rather see the diversity director position reevaluated along with all other positions at the beginning of next fall.

Bill 32 will be decided at the Senate meeting Tuesday.

For more information, see next week's Mast or attend the next ASPLU Senate meeting Tuesday 8:30 p.m. in the Regency Room.

PLU switches to Mozilla browser

TIM GALLEN
Mast news reporter

New Web site. New browser. PLU changed its standard browser from Netscape version 4.7 to Mozilla, a free Web browser available by download, when the university launched its new Web site in February.

PLU webmaster Kevin Freitas said the old Netscape browser was out-of-date in terms of technology. "This doesn't justify a switch in and of itself," he said, "but what does is a need to support newer Web design techniques that allow the content of a site to be separated from how it looks or its style."

When the site's style and content are separated, Freitas said, it allows for more flexibility in regard to how the Web site will look on different media and devices such as printers, cell phones and other hand-held devices. Flexibility allows a Web site's content to be adjusted to the different devices' capabilities.

"Mozilla strives to meet Web standards that make the Web more accessible to anyone want-

ing to access it," Freitas said.

Another reason the university switched to Mozilla is because of the combination of e-mail and browser in one software package, much like Netscape, Freitas said. Mozilla also offers additional tools such as junk mail filters, e-mail searches, pop-up blocking and tabbed browsing.

Freitas said computing and telecommunications is in the process of installing Mozilla on all faculty and PLU computers.

"CATS is installing Mozilla to replace Netscape's browser and e-mail programs," he said. "They're working carefully to transfer employees' e-mail and address books to the new program."

Internet Explorer, the most dominant and most widely used Web browser in the world, is so closely tied with the Windows operating system, there are too many security problems, Freitas said. "There are many security problems that inflict users of (Internet Explorer) and (its) e-mail companion Outlook."

Freitas said security innova-

tion is lacking because Microsoft has not released a new version of Internet Explorer since version 6.0 in 2001.

Another reason for the switch is Mozilla may be used with any operating system, including Windows, Macintosh or Linux.

Since the new Web site launched in February, many students have noticed sluggish network connections. Freitas said since the new Web site uses newer Internet techniques such as style sheets, server side includes and dynamic page generation, the school's network may experience added strain.

"Now that the new site is launched we're gathering statistics like download speed and common searches so we can enhance the site for easier access to online resources," Freitas said.

The Mozilla browser is not necessary in order to access the new PLU Web site.

Mozilla is a free program and may be downloaded from www.mozilla.org.

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students from the Western United States will be attending the conference, as well.

"This conference is one that PLU really pushes for its students," Floyd said. "It is the kind of stuff that students would be doing if they went into the field professionally."

Not only will the students

receive research practicum credit and a senior capstone fulfillment for the project, but it should also prove to be a truly unique and exciting experience for the whole team.

"It's going to be great chances to see how different the attitudes are about sex in Europe," Floyd said. "Being in a European university will be a great experience as well."

"We hope to find that the English have a more adaptive

and positive way of looking at the beginning of sexuality," Swarthout said.

Other award-funded research trips include junior Laine Walters' and associate professor of communication Joanne Lisosky's "Peace Journalism at United Nations in Geneva and the Balkans" and professor of music Mira Frohnmayer's trip to identify possible study abroad opportunities for music majors.

**Coming soon:
improved J-Term**

SOLVEIG BERG
Mast news reporter

"January term has never been given a clear description and definition as a term. Working together, we (the faculty) decided it needed to be done," English professor Charles Bergman said of a recent proposal sent to the Educational Policies Committee and faculty board Friday.

In an effort to more clearly define J-term as a unique pedagogical opportunity, Bergman, vice-chair of the faculty board and previous director of the First-Year Experience Program, and professor Tamara Williams of the languages and literatures department decided to spearhead a committee to create a proposal for the restructuring and redefinition of J-term.

J-term has always been a powerful and distinctive part of the PLU academic calendar.

However, in recent years, Bergman said he believes it has become a dumping ground for General University Requirements and majors' courses from other terms.

Many of the courses that work in the 14-week terms (fall or spring) cannot be taught in the same manner during J-term. The classes need to be redefined, and as Bergman said, "take advantage of the short and intense nature of J-term."

According to the motion, all "academic offerings in the January term should be those that are suited to the intensive, four-week pedagogical context."

In response to this, Paul Menzel, professor of philosophy and fellow committee member said, "This takes the

pressure off departments to offer courses that aren't really pedagogically suited for J-term."

The committee was formed not only to redefine J-term, but also to secure its place and definitive purpose in PLU's entire academic structure.

This was also an opportunity for the faculty to determine what works well in J-term, and how these classes link with PLU's future planning and definition of a distinctive education, an idea that forms the basis of the PLU 2010 program.

The faculty motion also focused on the First-Year Experience. The motion states, "J-term is a unique opportunity for new students to combine rigorous academic study with co-curricular activities that serve the goals of the First-Year Program—thinking, literacy, and community." A pilot program for first-years will commence in the fall in hopes of making the courses offered more exciting, interactive and community based.

"PLU has great experience with this kind of pedagogy, such as J-term on the Hill. It would be great for PLU to offer more of these kinds of courses; the goal is to be intentional about the kinds of courses that are offered in J-term," Bergman said.

The committee took the motion to the faculty board last Friday, and it was approved unanimously.

A version of the motion will eventually appear in the university catalogue.

For more information, visit www.plu.edu/~plu2010.

Other Wang Center Grant winners:

Students:

- Hannah Brandt
- Jennie Krauszer
- Megan McDonald
- Chenda Minn
- Jennifer Newman
- Christopher Pearson
- Andy Sprain
- Samantha Thompson
- Anna Whitwell

Faculty:

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- Teru Toyokawa, assistant professor of psychology
- Glenn Van Wyhe, associate professor of business

Woes continue for Tingelstad lot, potholes are here to stay

STEPHANIE MATHIEU
Mast news reporter

"They should pave it or something," sophomore Jamie Salmon said. She stood next to her Jeep Wrangler after just navigating the obstacle course of potholes in the Tingelstad's gated parking lot.

If only it were that easy.

The Tingelstad lot is not entirely on Pacific Lutheran University property. Approximately one-third of this lot, and the fir tree growing on it, are owned by a California resident who inherited the land from his mother less than a decade ago. So far, this man has not allowed the lot to be paved.

"He believes a gravel lot will protect the ground water more

than a paved lot," Sheri Tonn, vice president for finance and operations, said.

Tonn said she believes the lot has some sentimental value to the owner. The owner and his mother lived in a home on the land that is now a parking lot. Tonn said the owner's deceased mother used to get angry with PLU students parking on or in front of her property.

The owner's emotional attachments, coupled with the fact he earns \$2,140 each month leasing the lot, makes negotiations for the property difficult.

"We know he will want a lot of money for the lot," Tonn said.

For now, Plant Services is making changes to the Tingelstad lot that director Dave Kohler said would at least

temporarily fix the potholes. Last week, the rough terrain was filled in with gravel. "But the gravel just gets kicked out by tires," Kohler said.

Plant Services officials plan to level the lot this summer, instead of simply filling the potholes.

Until then, students parking in the Tingelstad lot will have to deal with bumpy driving conditions. Junior Mark Westland said he has a strategy for avoiding the potholes. "Right now in the middle lane when you come in, there's one really big one that you have to swerve around," he said.

For more information, tune into the Tuesday evening news broadcast on KCNS, channel 26.

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FROM THE EDITOR

We don't work this hard for awards

Last weekend was the Society of Professional Journalists Region 10 Conference in Portland, Ore. This may not mean much to the rest of the PLU community, but it means a great deal to the staff at *The Mast*. It is at the conference that the annual Mark of Excellence awards are announced.

Mark of Excellence is a competition for the best in college journalism. In the past, *The Mast* usually walks away with a few awards. Last year, we took second place in the region in the all-around weekly newspaper category.

But this year was not our year, and we came home empty-handed.

This was, of course, disappointing. We work hard at *The Mast*. But at the end of the day every one of us on staff knows awards really don't mean a thing. That's not why we work so hard.

Allow me to give you a glimpse into the life and motivation of the student staff at *The Mast*. Our staff is made of students of all years and a variety of majors. Our editors spend an average of 12-20 hours each week writing, editing and designing the newspaper you pick up every Friday.

Wednesday nights are a zoo at *The Mast* office, on the third floor of the University Center. These are our production nights. The staff filters in after dinner and stays in the office until the paper is done, usually in the wee hours of Thursday morning.

We like to mix a little fun in with our hard work. There is always a good amount of laughter, teasing and junk food in the office - the fuel needed to put out a paper week after week.

This is a huge time commitment. Working at *The Mast* means many hours a week we are not doing homework, sleeping, spending time with friends or participating in other extracurricular activities.

So why would any person in their right mind dedicate themselves to this newspaper?

Well, it's a combination of career goals and ideals. No one will deny working on the newspaper is great on a resume. But I like to think it is more than that.

The role of a newspaper is to be the voice of a community. That is what we try to do. *The Mast* finds out what is going on in the community, finds out what students are concerned about, and tries to find answers. Those answers may be to why the lines are so long in the University center Commons or why tuition is so high.

We do not always find a satisfying answer, but we contribute to the dialogue.

We run editorials, guest columns and letters to the editor. We run articles explaining the implications of potential changes to the university. We attempted to find clarity in the midst of confusing and complicated issues.

Last year, as the United States prepared to enter the war in Iraq, *The Mast* covered student opinions from students attending support our troops rallies at Fort Lewis to students attending anti-war protests in Tacoma and Seattle.

The Mast has reported this year on concerns about the militarization of campus, academic reconstruction and the future of PLU.

Two editors have been conducting a readership survey of *The Mast*. We have asked you how you thought we are doing. I have not read through all the results yet, but at first glimpse it seems like the students, faculty and staff of this campus think we are doing a pretty good job.

We certainly have room for improvement. We need consistency in editing and design, depth in our coverage and we would all love to see color photos. But we are covering the issues important to this community and the community has noticed.

People read this newspaper, not just the students, but faculty, administrators and staff.

Sure, I would have liked a nice little certificate that says we are the best newspaper in the region. But the staff and I don't need it. We know why we work so hard.

It's not for the glory.

It's all for PLU.



Take a deep breath, don't panic and get ready to graduate



What now? Jamie Shipman

It's now the end of April. And it has just dawned on me there is only a month left until I graduate.

I think, cool, one month and I will finally have my degree. Yay!

Stop. Rewind. Let me rethink that. One month. One month to complete all my outstanding assignments. Ouch.

That means only a month to finish my multitude of projects and presentations.

Only a month to write, edit and perfect the never-ending number of term papers popping up everywhere. I swear, a week ago I did not have all these assignments!

Then the light bulb goes on. We've reached the next critical point in the semester.

You should all know this one very well by now, the

make-it or break-it point.

It's that time where all the organized people are studying, finishing up all their assignments and preparing for finals.

Unfortunately, it's also the time where all of us unorganized people are panicking.

As those deadlines creep closer we are trying to figure out exactly how it is we are going to pull off another all-nighter to finish those malevolent papers.

You know those papers, the ones professors assign you at the beginning of the semester, and you think, hey, I've got the whole semester to do it, why start now?

Yeah. It's those papers that have reared their ugly heads and caught me completely off guard.

The realization the semester is more than half gone and all of those deadlines are fast approaching has totally thrown me for a loop.

Well, it's now time to dig in and start writing.

Again, enter panic. There is so much to do and so little time to do it in, where do you start?

This is the time to force yourself to organize, or at

least make a feeble attempt at it. You don't have to be that overly super organized person that drives us all nuts. Just make an effort at straightening out some of the chaos in your homework load.

To simplify things, sit down and figure out what has to be done and when it's due.

Make a list. Lists are good. Lists are your friend. They will help you to not forget what you are supposed to be doing.

I know it is hard to concentrate right now, especially since the sun has begun to make a more routine appearance.

So, once you figure out what has to be done, organize your tasks by due date or importance, whatever works for you.

Next, take a deep breath. Just looking at my list is a bit overwhelming.

Then start at the top and work your way down.

Before you know it, all of your assignments will be completed and summer fun will be here.

Good luck. I know I'll need it.

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Sidewalk Talk:

Do you think sexually transmitted diseases are a problem at PLU?



"I don't think they are much of a problem. I think most people practice safe sex."

Kyle Nowadnick
First-year



"As far as I know, I don't think it is a problem. I haven't heard anything."

Candice Sparks
First-year



"I think they are a problem. I think there is miseducation and misinformation about STD's on campus."

Jen Redding
Senior



"Moderate. It exists, but it's not epidemic. I don't have any friends who complain about their gonorrhea."

Reid Bakken
Junior



"I've heard of one person on campus with an STD. Either it's in the closet or it's not a big problem."

Josephine McCulley
Sophomore



"I think it's a big problem. More than one-fourth of PLU students reported having one, but we don't talk about it. We skirt around the issue."

Amy Smith
Junior

Chinese university student lives between two worlds



Correspondance from Chegdu Ben Rasmus

Sichuan University student Yu Zeng, also known as David, appears to be a stereotypical first-year student found on any college campus.

David is awkward during social situations and tends to be, well, a bit dorky, even though his braces and large assortment of t-shirts adds to his boyish charm.

At first glance, David might be given the brush off, but there is more to this 19-year-old than one would expect.

While studying in China, I have learned the people, customs, history, language and food of different countries have more importance than their surface value.

Applying this principle, I found David was not a dork, but a young man living in a unique socio-cultural situation.

David's country is changing, trying to catch up to more highly developed nations while still

retaining its unique and precious traditional identity.

"I was basically raised under the Confucian standard," David said. "Respect towards elders especially filial piety was the centerpiece. I also learned our family's and country's most significant cultural and traditional and values."

One of these important traditions is instruction on the proper department of a Chinese gentleman.

"If eating in a formal setting, I would pick small portions of food out of the center dish, then place them in my personal bowl, afterwards I would pick up the mouthful of food with a spoon," David said.

"Eating this way appears more delicate, displaying qualities of a gentleman."

David admitted he rarely eats like a "true Chinese gentleman" and may face greater cultural predicaments when he studies at the University of Washington next fall.

"Here at Sichuan University I do everything as a common student my age would do," David said. "But when I will study abroad in the U.S. I hope to act in a more traditional manner," David said.

"This way the outside world can learn from me and what I consider to be the cream of Chinese culture, like Kung Fu, Confucianism, Daosim, Beijing Opera and our cuisine."

It is difficult to tell if David is

fearless or naive about bringing his cultural customs across the Pacific Ocean.

David mentioned, with a giggle, that he still has not kissed a girl, but is nonetheless excited to be thrown into western culture for one full year. He makes no mistake about sticking to certain aspects of his Chinese livelihood.

"Society in China and around the world is changing. If I don't remember certain customs and aspects of Chinese culture who will remember them?" David said.

"If we do not act like this all Chinese around the world and in China will face a problem: losing our identity," he said.

Like so many other Chinese students his age, David hopes to take the knowledge he learns in the United States and infuse it into back into developing China.

David has a cousin studying physics in Cambridge, an uncle working and doing medical research in the United Kingdom and an aunt at a university in Melbourne.

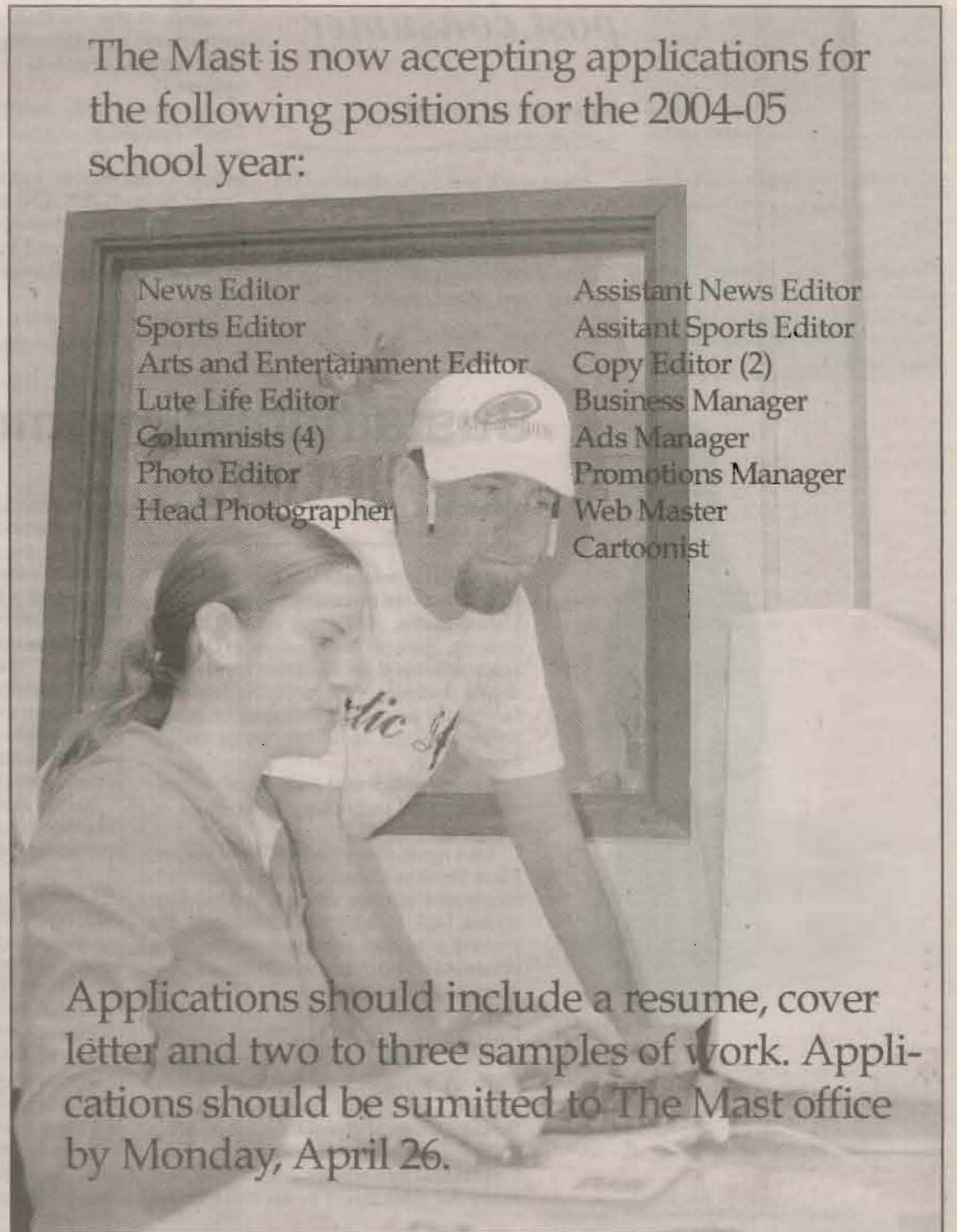
"Many of my classmates and family members are either working or studying abroad. When they are finished they will return to China with international knowledge and help construct their country into a world leader," David said. "I wish to be a part of this construction."

The Mast is now accepting applications for the following positions for the 2004-05 school year:

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Assistant News Editor
Assitant Sports Editor
Copy Editor (2)
Business Manager
Ads Manager
Promotions Manager
Web Master
Cartoonist

Applications should include a resume, cover letter and two to three samples of work. Applications should be submitted to The Mast office by Monday, April 26.



Earth week honored all year

President commits to sustainability

LAINA WALTERS
LuteLife editor

President Loren Anderson signed a statement Thursday committing PLU to a path of sustainability. His endorsement of the Talloires Declaration on Earth Day makes PLU the first institution of higher learning in the Pacific Northwest formally associated with such sustainability efforts.

The declaration is an official state-

ment made by university administrators, and includes a ten-point action plan for incorporating sustainability and environmental literacy in research, teaching and campus operations.

Members of the Sustainability Committee approached the President to ask him to sign the declaration. Laura Polcyn, executive assistant in the President's Office, said Anderson agreed to sign the statement because the ten-point action plan included

activities that the university already has underway or plans to work on in the future. Signing the statement makes PLU's commitment public, Polcyn said.

Anderson's actions adds PLU to a list of more than 300 universities in more than 40 countries ranging from Brown University in Rhode Island to the People's University of China, Beijing. The declaration was composed at an international conference in 1990.



Richard Thompson of Solar Tracking System sits out in Red solar power to run numerous electrical appliances. He was in

Quick environmental facts:

—We buy 74.9 million gallons of water annually, at .1 cent per gallon or around \$82,000 for water. The cost of water in a vending machine is approximately \$4 a gallon.

—We pay 3 cents a kilowatt hour for hydropower from Bonneville Power Authority, but the rate will likely double in 2006 when rates are renegotiated.

—85-90 percent of our heating comes from electric heating systems.

—The Morken Center for Learning and Technology will be heated by the captured energy of ground water, which moves below PLU at record rates according to Geoscience professor Duncan Foley.

—The undeveloped area beside Tingelstad is the water runoff location, called a bioswale, for South Hall and related parking.

Information provided by Vice President of Finance and Operations Sheri Tonn, Geosciences professor Duncan Foley and Plant Services Director Dave Kohler.



Earth Day speaker

Sandra Postel, one of the foremost authorities on water issues spoke on "Rivers for Life: Managing Water for People and Nature" for Thursday's annual Earth Day lecture.

Image courtesy of World Watch Institute

G.R.E.A.N. convinces school to give

PLU switches to 30 percent post consumer

HEATHER GILLESPIE
LuteLife writer

Hard work and dedication has led to a "tree-rific" change for PLU. All campus printers and copiers will now be using recycled paper.

The change began March 17. Now, all standard sized paper used on

PLU's campus will be Boise Cascade 30 percent post-consumer recycled paper. In addition to being used in all copiers and printers, it will also be used as the standard paper for University Printing and Publications, unless otherwise requested.

The change is the result of a Smart Paper Campaign started more than two years ago by the student activist group Grass Roots Environmental Action Now. G.R.E.A.N. took action and worked collaboratively with University Printing and Publications to facilitate this change campus-wide.

Seniors Kate Dunlap and Sara

Bergman have worked with the campaign since the beginning. "We had to establish ourselves as legitimately concerned," Bergman said referring to the University's past buying policies.

Prior to G.R.E.A.N.'s involvement, only 10 percent of the paper purchased by the University was made from recycled materials. Director of University Printing and Publications Kathy Berry has worked since her hiring in 1997 to increase this percentage. She also has paid close attention to whether the companies they purchase from use old growth or new growth trees to make their paper.

The research done by and University Printing Publications resulted in PLU to use a Boise Cascade paper company signed a declaration last year stating their paper growth free.

Smart Paper Campaign led these dedicated staff to struggle with issues of quality of paper and what new product would satisfy everyone on campus.

In the fall, tests were two different brands of post-consumer paper to the paper would not jam and copiers. Overall, the

Sustainability committee, other factors create

LAINA WALTERS
LuteLife editor

British citizens use less energy, half in fact, than their counterparts in the United States, yet Britain is a developed country, geosciences professor Duncan Foley tells his class. He loves to bust student's myths about everything from the safety and petroleum economy of sports utility vehicles to where water comes from.

Energy efficiency and social awareness of smart technology is the name of the game.

Last week, Foley invited Dave Kohler, Plant Services Director, to show his environmental science class a behind-the-scenes look at how PLU functions. He poured a bucket of water on the new permeable concrete, which looks like gray peanut brittle, outside Stuen Hall and explained the value of stopping water runoff.

Kohler talked about the geothermal wells in the ground next to the Rieke Science Center, and how they will use the circulation of glycol through aquifers to heat and cool the Center for Learning and Technology when it is built. He then made the class sweat in the 1950s boiler

room of the University Center, the traditional method of heating and cooling.

Using the university's buildings and grounds as an instructive tool for environmental science classes is one of the most positive differences Kohler has seen in his one and a half years at PLU.

The recent Grass Roots Environmental Action Now victory in convincing the university to switch from virgin paper to 30 percent or greater post-consumer waste paper in all its paper orders is another example.

Kohler said he appreciates the greater cohesion and interaction between the operational and academic sides of the university.

Class or club projects can provide valuable data for Plant Services in making smart decisions on how help the university make the most of its resources, Kohler said. Last year, a senior wrote his capstone after recording water use in the residence halls.

The sustainability committee, formed three years ago by faculty and students, is heavily involved in the coordination of such projects around campus. When everybody gets on board, such as buying paper together in bulk, making responsible and smart decisions gets cheaper,

Kohler said. Some people have worried about the quality of the paper, but Kohler does not see grounds for dissatisfaction. "I don't think (a commitment to saving money and being good stewards) is a reduction in the quality of life."

The PLU Sustainability committee launched a water awareness campaign this week in honor of Earth Day.

"People in the Pacific Northwest believe we have too much water. We abuse it, and we are too close to running out," committee member Chuck Bergman said.

Bergman said the student and faculty committee hopes to make PLU a model of water sustainability. PLU has received \$80,000 over two years from the Russell Family Foundation towards efforts such as restoration of the pond behind the University Center, increased campus environmental awareness through curriculum cohesion and summer workshops for staff.

A long-term goal is a sustainable residence hall where "nobody would know the difference" between it, a building that does not create a negative impact on the environment and an energy hog.

"We are going to walk the talk, but not break any banks along the way,"



Graphic courtesy of the Sustainability Committee

long at PLU



Graphic courtesy of the Sustainability committee



Photo by Brian Bradshaw

Square to demonstrate his company's ability to capture... invited to the Earth Fair Monday by G.R.E.A.N.

“Green” Center for Learning and Technology will save PLU greenbacks

LAINE WALTERS
LuteLife editor

A much larger example of the university's commitment to energy conservation will be the Morken Center for Learning and Technology. The building, scheduled to open fall 2005, will be certified at the second-highest level of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design.

Rain stores, the 83 geothermal wells that will heat and cool the building, and a large amount of recycled building materials will qualify the center for a silver standing. The building will also house vending machines with sleep mode motion detectors and waterless and odorless urinals.

The biggest obstacle to installing

more resource saving devices is upfront money, Kohler said. However, the geothermal heating and cooling system will cause a quick payback in the initial additional outlay in money by not needing to buy fossil fuels in the future. The number of condensers throughout the building provides greater temperature flexibility.

One area can be heated while another is cooled, said Vice President of Finance and Operations Sheri Tonn. Tonn said this is especially important since some areas will have heat-generating computers and others will not.

The building will also have better natural lighting than other buildings on campus and will have operable windows.

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successful. However, PLU has not switched to 100 percent post-consumer paper because of the price. The price for one ream, or 500 sheets of printing paper, is \$1.60 to \$2.00 more expensive than paper not made from any recycled material.

The members of G.R.E.A.N. have taken the first steps in presenting the benefits of moving to a higher percentage of recycled paper in the future. They plan to continue their campaign next year towards making PLU a sustainable campus.

Senior Michael Henson, who has been involved in G.R.E.A.N. for four years, said, "Achieving a sustainable campus will benefit PLU greatly by

ensuring that we can continue to be a vibrant, healthy learning community well into the future."

Bergman and Dunlap encourage students and staff to "make sure before you throw anything away that it can't be recycled." "PLU recycles a lot," Dunlap said. "Take advantage."

G.R.E.A.N. works to "promote environmental awareness and action on campus and in the community," according to their mission statement. Meetings are held Mondays at 8 p.m. in the University Center grey area. For more information visit www.plu.edu/~grean or email at grean@plu.edu.

Energy costs to increase in future

Rates will be renegotiated with new contract

LAINE WALTERS
LuteLife editor

PLU lies at the heart of the Pacific Northwest where water is seemingly abundant and energy flows readily from the Bonneville dam.

It would seem resource conservation would take the back burner to hotter items like budget deficits and staffing shortages.

However, in 2006, an eight-year energy contract expires and renegotiated rates will most likely substantially increase, Kohler said.

The university currently receives some of the cheapest electricity in the nation at three cents a Kilowatt hour from the Bonneville Power Authority.

PLU pays an annual \$450,000 electric bill to Parkland Light and Water, Kohler said. The tuition of 22.5 students goes to electricity alone.

cohesion

an said about slowly turning the is into a functional classroom of visible resource management. He last year's information resources on to limit free student use of computer paper in university facilities. students were required to pay for copies past 100 a semester, paper went down. Information Services or Chris Ferguson told *The Mast* ear that the drop in numbers is a n waste production, not in what ts actually need.

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une the committee will construct a sity master plan for sustainability. e environmental movement is at unstream at what the next century to be: thoughtful and conscient- of the way we live," Bergman said.

Residential halls save water

LAINE WALTERS
LuteLife editor

Renovations to Stuen Hall's plumbing and lighting systems last summer have already saved the university \$2,500 in sewage and water costs. Ordal will be next on a 10-year retrofit list that cycles through the residence halls.

Stuen's significant improvements, cost \$380,000. Tingelstad cost \$760,000 without significant replumbing due to expensive elevator replacement. Plumbing will still need to be done in the future for Tingelstad. Ordal will receive the same retrofitting as Stuen and cost about \$500,000.

Standardizing showerheads at two gallons per minute and installing new half gallon per minute aerators in the sinks are some of the simple measures PLU is taking to tread lightly on the earth and save money. Before the standardization, facets were running anywhere from 1 gallon to 10 gallons per minute.

There is no additional cost to the university for these efficiency measures, Kohler said. Modernization, which runs about \$600,000 a residence hall, was necessary anyway. He decided against going any lower than two gallons per minute in the showerheads so that there would still be substantial water pressure. "You almost have to strike a balance," he said.

Safetybeat

4/15/2004

A pool staff member contacted Campus Safety at 9 a.m. and reported a "ticking" sound emitting from one of the lockers. Upon investigation, the locker was found empty and vibrations caused the "ticking" sound.

4/16/2004

Campus Safety stopped at a room in South Hall because of a noise disturbance at 2:26 a.m. On making contact with the occupants of the room, they were all given an alcohol write-up, and several received non-cooperation write-ups in addition.

Campus Safety responded to a request for medical assistance in Harstad Hall at 5:26 p.m. Upon arrival, Campus Safety made contact with a PLU student. The student stated that she was "stair racing" and sprained her ankle. She requested an ice pack to reduce the swelling. The student was given an ice pack to reduce the swelling.

4/17/2004

Campus Safety and Information was contacted by the desk worker at Harstad about a visitor that was vomiting in the first floor bathroom. On arrival, Campus Safety was told that the student had passed out once before arriving at PLU, and twice since arriving, hitting their head on at least two occasions which prompted the vomiting. The victim agreed to be transported by friends to the emergency room.

4/18/2004

Campus Safety and Information responded to a possible alcohol infraction in Hinderlie Hall. The resident was found to be quite intoxicated. Central Pierce Fire and Rescue was contacted to make sure that the student would not suffer from alcohol poisoning.

Campus Safety and Information responded to a report of an injury in Memorial Gymnasium. Two students had collided while playing basketball, resulting in one of them receiving a 3/4" laceration above their eye. The victim refused medical transport, but agreed to get checked out at the hospital.

Campus Safety and Information was contacted for directions to a nearby hospital for a student who was suffering from food allergies. After brief questioning, the victim refused medical transport was issued directions to the hospital for a friend to drive them.

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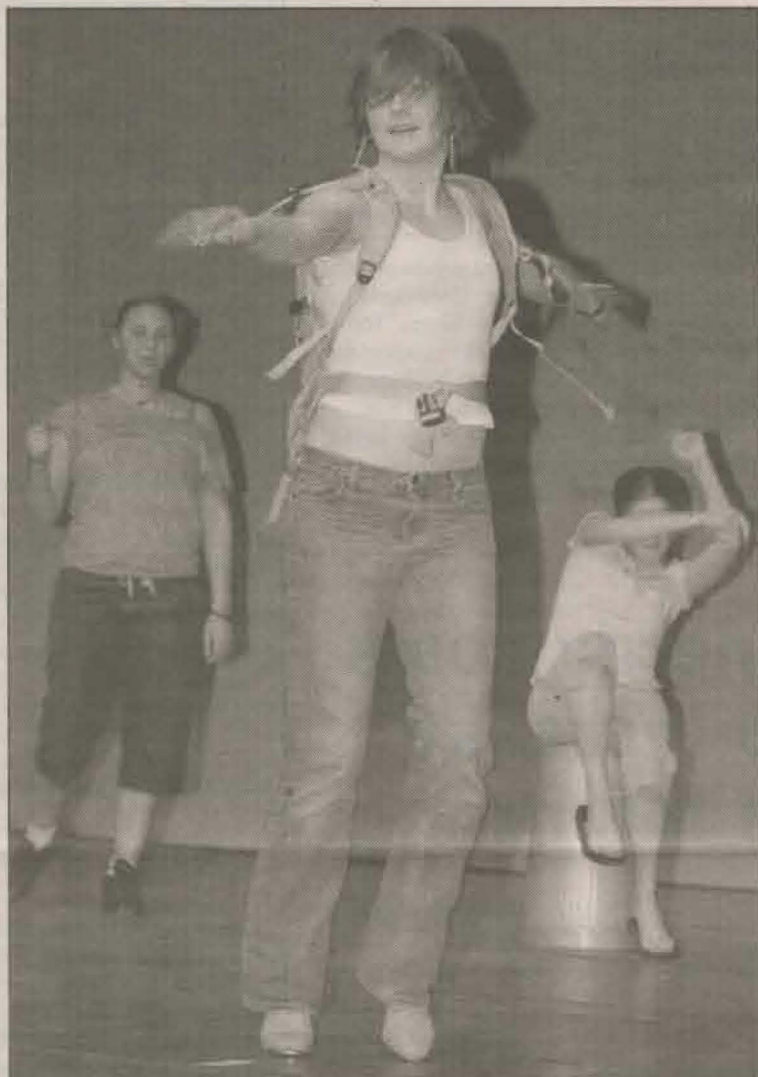
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DANCE ENSEMBLE 2004



Senior Jane Berentson and sophomore Colby Grab perform during "Pedestrian Beat," choreographed by Berentson.



Left to right: Senior Annelise McDougall, first-year Emily Berentson, and junior Jenn Dutcher perform during "Pedestrian Beat."

Toe tapping and tears

MEGGAN JOHNSON
Mast A&E critic

PLU students and families alike flocked to Eastvold Auditorium to watch PLU's dance ensemble at their yearly performance, Dance '04. The performance, held Friday and Saturday evening, was well worth the \$3 cover charge, entertaining the audience with a variety of musical selections and dance styles.

This year's performance included 12 distinct musical pieces, ranging from contemporary favorites like the Outkast, Britney Spears and Sara McLaughlin, as well as famous jazz star Peggy Lee and a variety of classical selections.

The participants of dance ensemble planned this event since September. At the onset of the school year, returning dance ensemble members held open auditions for new dancers. Dance Ensemble Director Maureen McGill said students trying out for the program did not need to have any experience prior to the September auditions. Therefore, that this year's cast boasts 45 members is quite impressive.

Due to the fact dance ensemble practiced for this performance all year, I expected them to feel energized, and I was not disappointed. However, I did not predict the energy level of the audience. Throughout the performance, friends and family cheered loudly and proudly. Even those who did not know the performers made themselves heard.

"This year, the students participated a lot more in every aspect of production than in previous years. They helped hold auditions, planned their own rehearsal schedule and selected all of the music we are performing this year," McGill said.

Many pieces for this year's performance were choreographed by students.

For example, the piece "Hot Little Number," choreographed by junior Jane Berentson absolutely wowed me. The sassy, sexy number included the song "Fever," by Donna Summers, as well as selections from Peggy Lee and Foreigner.

Other audience favorites by students included "Pedestrian Beat," a fun number reminiscent of the musical *Stomp* choreographed by junior Sarah Davis. Davis said she choreographed the number to anticipate audience participation.

"As the dance developed through rehearsals, I tried to choreograph audience participation right into the dancing. It's difficult to explain because more than

choreographing, I felt like I was orchestrating. The dance never fully worked until opening night, when we had our first live audience. That was the first time the dancers had an audience to play with and make music with," Davis said.

Very different from "Pedestrian Beat," but nonetheless popular with the audience was "Dream."

Choreographed by senior Terfawna Watts and performed to the eerie, classical music of Simon Boswell, Dream constituted the one true ballet of the entire performance. But this did not prevent Watts from taking risks with her choreography:

"A lot of the ballet I had done in the past was focused heavily upon portraying the music and for my piece, I wanted to focus on becoming the music. With that in mind I taught without counts and really tried to make the movement flow with the music," Watts said.

"I liked the backdrop and costumes in 'Dream,'" first-year student Hakme Lee said. "Combined with the music and dancing, they had a very ethereal effect."

This is not to say, of course, those pieces not choreographed by students did not earn audience applause and awe. Indeed they did.

In particular, McGill's piece, "Heartfelt Valor," had a poignant effect on the audience. The piece focused on military homecomings, both joyful and sorrowful. In addition to a wide array of music ranging from the swing of World War II as well as contemporary songs, Heartfelt Valor also included sound bites from various news broadcasts in concert with pictures of the joyful homecomings and the heartbreaking funerals of the men and women who have dedicated their lives to protecting the United States.

The piece most popular with the audience and the members of dance ensemble itself was their grand finale, "Deflated." Choreographed by senior Allison Gaboury, Deflated included hip-hop music from many eras.

"I really wanted to show the different styles of hip-hop by meshing together old school and new school," Gaboury said. "Even with hip-hop dancing's short history it still has evolved into quite its own genre. In regards to my music, I wanted to follow through the timeline of hip-hop. Therefore, I began with Sugarhill Gang's 'Rapper's Delight,' and then naturally moved to Kris Kross's 'Jump,' moved onto Black Eyed Peas 'Bringing It Back,' and then ended with a fun popular song of today which was Outkast's 'The Way You Move.'"

"You could tell the performers were having fun. And when the people performing have a good time, so does the audience," Lee said.

The spirit of fun and joy characterized the whole of Dance '04 and is undoubtedly part of the reason why it was such a smashing success.

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Bowie: Out of the labyrinth

A self-declared fan is wowed by Britain's finest at Reality Tour



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For the second time in four months, Seattle's Key Arena housed Britain's greatest export April 14. Back by popular demand, the incomparable David Bowie brought his Reality Tour to the United States.

Just so we are on the same page, I may be a little biased concerning the Goblin King of the Labyrinth. Let me explain, the Reality Tour first passed through Seattle in late January.

I was scheduled to go to Australia for January term. I actually called the Wang Center to find out the fines for withdrawing from the class. That's right, I would have given up a month in the Land of Oz for Bowie.

Honestly, had he come on stage during the concert and talked to a rubber chicken all night, I would have been awed. I am an avid, biased fan.

The show opened with Polyphonic Spree, a 23-member band hailing from Dallas, Texas. For those of you preaching that rocking out while playing the harp could not be done, Polyphonic would beg to differ.

The rock band featured a rabid, Pentecostal-like choir, nine-piece orchestra, complete with French horn and harp, and one Christ looking singer, all attired in robes.

Their performance was like a bad scene out of *Andrew Lloyd Webber's Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, but with better music.

Although watching the ecstatic gyrations of the band might send you into an epileptic fit, their music is clearly inspired by the Beatles' Sgt.

Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band and *Yellow Submarine*, roots that should empower even the humblest of musicians to produce great rock and roll.

And Polyphonic is indeed empowered.

The combination of chorus, orchestra and rock provides great music and inspirational sound. Although the group is one tambourine away from being a baptismal revival choir, according to an online interview, on the Polyphonic Spree's Web site their music is not about any god or worship, but is merely meant to help people feel they can achieve and be joyous.

The main event started with pre-recorded music and an animated sequence of Bowie's bands jamming broadcast on a giant screen over the stage. This screen featured numerous short films and animated sequences throughout the concert to remind the audience of Bowie's multi-talented artistry and diverse range. (Bowie created and initially managed his own Web site.)

Shortly, the real band appeared on stage and picked up the riff, prepping Bowie's arrival. He did not keep fans waiting long. He sauntered on stage, and burst out a rendition of "Rebel Rebel" with virile enthusiasm, as though he had not been singing the song for 30 years.

The outrageous costumes of Bowie's previous years have rested, and Bowie appeared causal layered in several velvet conductor's jackets, which he slowly peeled off throughout the first songs.

Bowie's gradual stripping produced shrill, ecstatic shrieks from the audience that would rival the hormonal shouts of 14-

year-old groupies at a Justin Timberlake concert.

Although an aging, pasty Brit, with a gaunt body that never fully recovered from the cocaine days, Bowie can still make the ladies, and the fellas, sweat.

Bowie filled the night with music showcasing his near 40-year-long career, and featuring hits from his latest release *Reality*. Bowie and his band prepared more than 50 songs for this tour, changing the set between gigs to hold their interest as well as the audience's.

Holding a rotating set is the only way Bowie can possibly fit his numerous hits into one tour. The true testament to the quality of the show was the absence of all the great hits there was not time to play.

Bowie kept the talking to a minimum, claiming to be sick, and finding relief in the songs. Always the poet, the audience agreed with his sentiments. Bowie's voice never faltered during the performance, and I would venture to say, his vocals have never sounded better than they do at the age of 57.

He has developed a sense of sincerity and power in his voice that lends new credence to such classics as "The Man Who Sold the World" and "Ziggy Stardust."

The best features of the night came in the second half of the act. Bowie and bassist Gail Ann Dorsey graced the audience with the duet "Under Pressure."

Dorsey, who recently released her first solo album, covered the late Queen front-man Freddy Mercury's part. As, I said above, I am biased, but Dorsey's vocals almost swept the floor with Bowie. The earth shook.

The next major concert event came with the singing of "I'm Afraid of Americans." The song, Bowie said, originated out of emotions about the United States's capitalism, and has recently taken on a new meaning.

The screen became an active member of the band in the piece as it featured several animated couples moving in ways that blurred the lines between dancing and fist fighting. It was a great moment of clarity to see the way the outside world views my culture.

The piece was powerful, and I was impressed Bowie had the tenacity to sing the tune. Some people walked out, which only cleared my view of the stage.

Bowie finished the set with an inspiring rendition of "Heroes." Unlike Polyphonic Spree, without the use of horns and harps, Bowie used his tremendous, veracious voice to inspire people. And that's what the Reality Tour is. Not a plug for the same titled album, but a showcase of Bowie's veracious, honest talent.

Horoscopes

DAVOR MITROVIC

Special to the mast



Aries March 20 - April 19

Work: Just forget it! There is no way in h'll you are going to accomplish anything remotely substantial this week. Stay in bed and watch TV instead. **Love:** And if you feel lonely lying there, you might want to invite somebody over to share it with you. Chances for finding your soul mate are extremely high. **Health:** You pine for good ol' pampering. **Lucky Numbers:** 16, 25, 35, 41, 44



Taurus April 20 - May 19

Work: A certain somebody at your place of work is majorly annoying you. Don't let it bother you too much, as it may impede your overall performance. **Love:** Couples, prepare yourselves for some serious turmoil these next seven days. Bear in mind that only simpletons hold on to grudges. Forgiveness is the way to go. **Health:** Fever. **Lucky Numbers:** 4, 8, 95, 40, 56



Gemini May 20 - June 20

Work: Rawr! The lion within is on the loose, empowering you with a seldom seen force. Be careful, though, so you don't claw anyone. **Love:** A relationship needs care, which is why you should make some effort in turning this weekend into a feast of romance. Express your emotions! **Health:** Nothing of importance. **Lucky Numbers:** 12, 19, 25, 38, 42



Cancer June 21 - July 21

Work: There is a significant difference between being purposeful and being a rigger. Even if short-term goals are alluring, you have to mind a broader perspective. **Love:** Falling from grace is usually a devastating experience, but try to squeeze something positive out of it. Think happy thoughts, think happy thoughts, think... **Health:** Pregnancies are at risk. **Lucky Numbers:** 42, 58, 61, 63, 73



Leo July 22 - Aug. 22

Work: Conventions, and various forms of gatherings, are excellent places for networking. Put on your best outfit and mingle, mingle, mingle! **Love:** Why bother? No matter how hard you try, you always seem to end up disadvantaged. Screw Cupid and enjoy your weekend with friends. **Health:** Anemia. **Lucky Numbers:** 28, 46, 50, 65, 80.



Virgo Aug. 23 - Sept. 21

Work: Listen to your inner self and succeed. People surrounding you are generally aggravating, so bring down that iron curtain of yours. **Love:** This is an ideal period for buying significant possessions, like a car or a house, together. Single Virgos are best off flirting with other Virgos in the same situation. **Health:** See a doctor about your condition. **Lucky Numbers:** 3, 46, 66, 82, 83



Libra Sept. 22 - Oct. 22

Work: Having a big ego is good, but turning Gargantua on everybody is just obnoxious. Try out your acting skills in order to appear compassionate. **Love:** Live a little! Become a bit more daring and surprise your beloved with passion, instead of breakfast in bed. Or just do both. At once. **Health:** Fatigue. **Lucky Numbers:** 5, 16, 17, 38, 66



Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Work: Even though your work ethic is applaudable, you must allow yourself some leisure time. Get outside for a walk, or down to the gym for a workout. **Love:** This attitude of "all work and no play" is seriously messing up your social life. Forget the walk/gym and merely get together with your friends and have a good time. **Health:** Your knees are at risk. **Lucky Numbers:** 3, 36, 45, 52, 89



Sagittarius Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Work: This time of year can indeed be rather straining, but you shouldn't let it get to you. Keep your head high and the good work up. Teamwork is impossible. **Love:** Lying has never been a flourishing ground for relationships, which is why it would be a good idea to, once and for all, talk things through. **Health:** When was the last time you paid your dentist a visit? **Lucky Numbers:** 28, 35, 36, 42, 43



Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

Work: Like the spider in its net, you are expanding your body of work slowly but steadily. A woman older than you can, if you let her, be of much help. **Love:** Jealousy really isn't your color, so slip into something more comfortable. Why don't you realize the entire world is to your disposal? Shine and smile, please. **Health:** Watch your blood pressure. **Lucky Numbers:** 3, 28, 60, 71, 92



Aquarius Jan. 20 - Feb. 17

Work: My, how touchy you are! That definitely isn't of any good, making you more labile than Winona Ryder. You have to sort those issues out ASAP! **Love:** Considering your emotional imbalance, you should avoid any contact with others. Spend a day, or two, in peace in quiet by yourself. Retreat. **Health:** Drink a lot of water. **Lucky Numbers:** 7, 8, 21, 73, 79



Pisces Feb. 18 - Mar. 19

Work: Making decisions in the state of confusion won't lead to anything productive. Calm down, dear. Contemplate on how to switch perspectives. **Love:** Sensual pleasures without love are like topping without ice cream. Think twice before acting foolishly, as sense precedes sensibility. **Health:** Take care of yourself. **Lucky Numbers:** 17, 19, 36, 59, 100

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First-year Laurent Nickel raises the bet during a recent Texas hold 'em game in Hinderlie hall.

Hold 'em hits Hinderlie

Card game made popular by ESPN comes to PLU campus

SAM CREST
Mast A&E reporter

From Johnny Chan to Phil Ivey to Chris MoneyMaker, World Poker Tour players have become household names. It should be no surprise, then, the poker phenomenon has hit the PLU campus as well.

With the recent wave of poker tournaments airing on ESPN and the Travel Channel, the popularity of a game called Texas Hold 'em has skyrocketed, seeing games pop up all over the country. Poker tournaments can be found as close as Paradise Bowl and Casino for those who are 21 and over.

"We started our poker tables August 22. They have been a really good success for us," Rick Mertz, manager of the tables at Paradise said. "We are full every day with alternates."

Known as the "Cadillac of poker," Texas Hold 'em has become popular in a tournament style play, similar to the games seen on TV. In Hold 'em, each player has two cards dealt to them that only they see, called the pocket.

They will also have five "community" cards that all players use. The players use the best five cards out of the seven available to make the best poker hand. The extra strategy that comes with the joint community cards makes Hold 'em a particular favorite for strategists.

"It involves more skill than most poker games," junior Alan Markley, a Hinderlie resident said. "All players share five cards, so when a player bets you see what they are representing. The skill is in deducing what they actually have."

No-limit Hold 'em is the most popular variation of the game, in which players all start with the same amount of chips. Players play until they lose all of their chips, until only one player is left. This tournament style of play usually requires a set amount of money as a buy-in, with the top player or players taking a portion of the bank. The draw of no-limit is, at any time, a player can bet all of his or her chips at once.

"There is a lot more betting in Hold 'em, which makes it more exciting," Markley said.

Tournaments can be found throughout the campus, usually between friends in individual residence halls. Playing with friends can be a fun, time-consuming activity while the players can still feel like the pros.

"I know of tournaments a couple of times a month here," sophomore Adam Harden, a resident of Foss said. "I think that now that we are getting older, we're not necessarily into things like video games anymore. This is something that lets us still be social with our friends but be competitive. It has ups and downs and is exciting. It encompasses lots of emotions."

Playing Hold 'em is not limited to live tourna-

ments, however. Websites connecting poker players across the world have also risen in popularity. Party Poker is one of the many sites that allow play for both real money and fake money.

Some online tournaments feature prizes in the hundreds of thousands of dollars and a spot in the WPT championship.

In fact Chris MoneyMaker, last year's winner of the \$2.5 million dollar purse, won his spot through an Internet tournament.

Games can run anywhere from a \$5 game between friends to \$25,000 seats against 800 other people at the WPT. However, not all tournaments are played for money.

With gambling on campus being against policy, RAs can sometimes have a difficult time determining the nature of on-campus games. It can be difficult to prove the seriousness of the games, which can lead to confusion. Compounding this confusion is the fact many residents do not know gambling on campus is a policy violation.

"We tossed around the idea of playing for money earlier this year," sophomore Tyler Killen, a Hinderlie resident said. "In the end, we decided to just play for fun. An RA misunderstood our intentions, and wrote us up. It's kind of a good thing that she did...it let us know that it was against policy."

While \$5 are relatively low stakes for poker, there are deeper consequences.

"The danger lies in the fact that people will always want to up the stakes when money is involved," Hinderlie resident assistant with additional duties Dustin Smith said. "It tends to draw lots of attention. It can lead to hurt feelings and potentially draw people from off-campus. There are poker sharks around here, and college students are the type of

people that they prey on."

Gambling aside, many people see poker as a potentially positive thing.

"On campus we have to live with integrity under the policies that we have signed," resident director Mike Smolko said. "If there is no actual gambling involved, I think it's great because it gets people out and involved. If it crosses the line, however, it obviously has to stop."

Weekly or bi-monthly games can be found in most of the residence halls across campus, but Hinderlie seems to be the center of the phenomena.

"It started in Hinderlie," Killen said. "A lot of us watched *Rounders* and started watching the poker tour on ESPN, and we decided that we should try to play. We've gotten more people and it has spread out across campus through stories of Hinderlie."

Whether it is considered a positive or negative, Hold 'em is entrenched in the activities at PLU. To see it in action, the Travel Channel shows Hold 'em tournaments every Wednesday at 9 p.m. Otherwise, you could simply check out your local lounge.

Rules for Texas Hold 'em

-Each player is dealt two cards in their "pocket." These are for their eyes only. A round of betting ensues.

-Three cards are dealt in the community, called the flop. These are for every player to use, and is called the "community." Another round of betting takes place.

-Another card is flipped over. This is called the turn, or fourth street. Yet another round of betting happens.

-A fifth community card is turned over, called the river. A final round of betting happens.

-Each player uses the best five cards out of the seven available. The best five card poker hand wins the pot.

rules provided by worldpokertour.com

Top 15 action flicks

ADAM KING
Mast A&E critic

The comic book movie genre is not only taking the silver screen by storm, but is causing a resurgence of popularity for action films. A good action flick is more than a colossal clash between a protagonist and antagonist; it must also have an even balance between special effects and quality dialog.

To celebrate the action film's comeback, I have created a list of features films that display the classic battle between good and evil at its very best.

10. *The Warriors*: Loose and hip retelling of the Greek novel by the same name. The film plays out like a comic book complete with colorful costumes and names, exciting fighting sequences and characters who respect loyalty, democratic order and philosophy.

9. *Terminator Trilog*y: Three films that provide consecutively stronger enemies who are increasingly harder to kill. This film shows its audience one person can make a difference, even if the challenge is our own technology.

8. *The Good the Bad and the Ugly*: A long western with a fascinating look at three antiheroes remaining true to their humanity during a time of war. Their deadly rivalry keeps you in suspense from beginning toward the final showdown.

7. *The Great Escape*: A reenactment of a real escape from a Nazi war camp. Portrayed in fascinating documentary style, we see MacGyver-like methods of escape and some interesting and human characters.

6. *The Wild Bunch*: A sad but exciting film about aging bad guys living in the end of the Wild West era.

5. *Robocop*: A young cop is gunned down by a ruthless gang

of psychopaths, but is resurrected as an unstoppable crime-fighting cybernetic knight by a greedy corporation. This film playfully (and spitefully) focuses on the issues of capitalism, media and privatization of public services. It shows over the top violence and is undeniable glory. Pretty heavy for an action film.

4. *Battle Royale*: A morally bankrupt government creates a system to control youth and population growth by making high school kids play a sadistic game where they have a limited time to kill one another. The film plays like a mixture of *Lord of the Flies*, *The Most Dangerous Game*, *The Thing*, and *Clockwork Orange*. Disturbing, intelligent and fascinating to watch.

3. *Kill Bill Vol. 1 and 2*: Female samurai assassin takes revenge on an assassin organization that tried to kill her on her wedding day. Quentin Tarantino's love letter to action films, pays homage to Akira Kurosawa samurai epics and 70s exploitation martial arts action.

2. *Indiana Jones 1 and 3*: A two-fisted archaeologist goes on missions to find the Ark of the Covenant and The Holy Grail. That is if he can get through the Nazis and survive hidden perils. In the first film, the theme of the human spirit pitted against a dominating, all-consuming force. The third focuses mainly on the father and son relationship.

1. *The Seventh Samurai*: A rag-tag group of samurais defend their village from an army of bandits. An action epic with realistic sword fights and a deep philosophy on heroism, growth and the power of the minority. It is an action epic that lives in our hearts forever.

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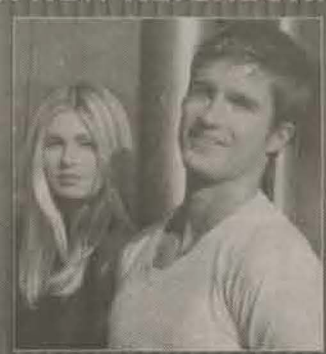
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Men's tennis drops NWC Championship

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Mast Sports Reporter

The PLU men's tennis team's season ended last weekend after being upset by Whitman in the championship match of the Northwest Conference Tournament. The Lutes defeated Willamette and UPS to earn a spot in the final match. Senior captain Luke Roloff and sophomore Matt Larimore were both named to the First Team All-Conference Team at the conclusion of the tournament.

In the first round match against Willamette, the Lutes swept every match in straight sets to defeat the Bearcats 7-0. Roloff posted a double bagel at number two singles with a 6-0, 6-0 win. Also picking up victories for the Lutes were Ben Shaefer, Erik Husa, Boyd Massie, Kevin Yoder and David "Skippy" Edmiston.

To get into the championship match, the Lutes first needed to

NWC Men's Tennis Standings (4/13/04)

School	NWC	ALL
PLU	10-1	11-6
Whitman	9-1	12-6
Linfield	8-2	8-9
UPS	7-5	9-6
Whitworth	6-5	7-7
L&C	6-6	6-9
Pacific	2-9	2-9
Willamette	2-8	2-8
George Fos	1-13	1-13

get by cross-town rival UPS in the semi-finals.

The Lutes had no trouble with UPS, as they took the match with a 6-1 victory. In the win, PLU swept all three doubles matches to earn the team point and won five of the six singles matches to secure a meeting with Whitman Saturday.

Larimore won his match easily

at number one singles with a 6-2, 6-4 decision to remain undefeated in conference play. Other winners included Roloff, Husa, Jeff Loranger and Massie at three through six singles, respectively.

"Everyone played tough tennis from top to bottom against Willamette and UPS," Larimore said. "We were all poised and ready for the championship match."

In the title match, the Lutes were faced with the challenge of defeating a young Whitman team, arguably the most talented team in the conference. PLU won two close matches against Whitman earlier this season.

It looked as if the Lutes would defeat Whitman once again as they came out strong, winning two doubles matches to take the early 1-0 advantage. At number one doubles, Larimore and Roloff remained undefeated as they won four straight games to win the match 8-6. Husa and Loranger fought off two match

points to escape with 9-8 (8-6) decision at number three doubles.

"The doubles point was a super highlight for us, as we needed it for the edge in the match," Larimore said.

In the singles, however, the Missionaries had the Lutes' number. Whitman took five of the six singles matches, all in straight sets. Larimore was the lone winner, winning his match 6-0, 3-6, 6-4 and adding to his undefeated conference singles record.

Roloff ended his PLU tennis career with a 7-6, 6-3 loss at number three singles. The singles victories handed Whitman the match and the NWC title with the 5-2 decision over PLU.

"Whitman played some real tough tennis," Larimore said. "They came out hot in singles and never looked back."

The Lutes finished the season with a final record of 12-2 in conference and 13-7 overall. Although the Lutes have won the conference title 25 times since

1970, they have not won since the 2001 season, when they knocked off Linfield.

Following the match, Roloff and Larimore were voted by the coaches as First Team All-Conference Team members. Larimore, however, was surprisingly not named conference player of the year despite having an undefeated conference singles record. Linfield's Tim Layman, who Larimore easily beat twice during the year, was named player of the year.

Former Lute and last year's conference player of the year Reid Wiggins was in attendance and said he was shocked to hear Larimore did not receive the award.

"This is ridiculously unbelievable," Wiggins said. "How do you not give the award to the guy who was undefeated at number one singles. It just doesn't make any sense, especially since the other guy's (Layman) team didn't even make it to the final match."

Track attends Spike Arlt invite

MATT MOORE
Mast sports reporter

The PLU's men's and women's track teams each finished seventh at the Spike Arlt Invitational April 17. The meet was in Ellensburg, Wash. where there were marginal weather conditions.

"It was a blustery kind of day," junior sprinter Scott "Greased Lightning" Peterson said.

The seventh place finishes by the men's and women's teams were not indicative of the Lutes' usual results. This was partially because the Lutes have been preparing for the Northwest Conference Championships, which start tomorrow. Many Lute

track and field team members are saving themselves and their best performances for this weekend's meaningful meet.

There were a few mentionable performances at the Spike Arlt Invitational, though. Sophomore Michael Johnson had personal bests in the hammer and shot put, while first-year Andy Holden had personal bests in the hammer and discus. Senior Jamie Smith had a personal best in the pole vault, which helped her earn a spot in the NWC meet.

Numerous other PLU track team participants earned spots in the NWC meet. The top 16 athletes in the conference for the sprinting events, hurdles and the 800 meters each earned an invite. For the field events, the top 12

athletes, and those who met the conference invite standards, get to go as well.

Unfortunately, this marks the end of the season for other track stars. Burly man Troy Hanson, a junior, wasn't too disappointed. "I'm just glad I got the opportunity to wear those tight spandex speed suits," Hanson said.

This weekend is going to be very important for the Lutes. "The Northwest Conference Championships are the focal point of the season for us," head coach Brad Moore said.

Look for the Lutes to perform especially well in the throwing events, where they have shown their strength all year long.

The big meet will take place Saturday and Sunday at UPS.



Photo by Jennifer Furumasa

Andy Sprain is stroking, while Jenae Yandell is coxing, the men's 8+ race in the Meyer Cup. The men's varsity 4 won their event, beating UPS by .5 seconds.

Crew in Cascade Sprints tomorrow

MELANIE MCGARY
Mast sports reporter

The PLU crew team have only two more weeks of racing this season, but the most intense regattas are yet to come.

"This is when we really see the results of stiff competition," men's varsity co-captain Andy Sprain said.

At this point in the season, racing is less about the experience and more about winning.

PLU's final two regattas feature the greatest number of competitors and the highest level of athletic determination.

Saturday's Meyer/Lamberth regatta was a more subdued event than in recent years, but it gave PLU a good idea of where they stand competitively. PLU roughly split wins with the University of Puget Sound, taking four of the nine races.

UPS holds the Meyer and Lamberth Cups for another year, but PLU won several key races. Though neither the men's nor the women's varsity 8+ reclaimed a cup, both varsity 4+ pulled victories over UPS.

The PLU men's varsity 4+ finished with a time of 7:30.1, just half of a second ahead of UPS. The women's varsity 4+ won their race with a time of 8:23.2, beating UPS by five seconds.

The women's novice 4+ claimed another victory for PLU. In addition, PLU novice women

contributed a new cup to the PLU boathouse. The novice 8+ won the first-ever Little Lamberth trophy with a time of 8:18.7 to UPS's 8:35.3.

Little Lamberth and Mini Meyer, trophies for the novice women and men respectively, were introduced this year. They have been dedicated in remembrance of Al Lawrence, a former UPS coach.

While Meyer/Lamberth highlights rivalry and tradition, the next regatta offers medals, and factors into which crew attends the NCAA Championships.

PLU makes an appearance at the Northwest Collegiate Rowing Conference Championships on Lake Stevens this Saturday. This regatta, also known as Cascade Sprints, draws schools from all over the Pacific Northwest.

PLU will race Western Washington, Willamette, Humboldt, Seattle Pacific, Lewis & Clark and UPS to determine the top schools in the Northwest region.

This is PLU's opportunity to display what they have been working toward for the entire season.

Sprain pointed out Cascade Sprints is the last chance for Northwest competition. "It's great," Sprain said. "We all come together as a conference before heading down to California."

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Senior Standouts

JENN HENRICHSEN
Mast sports reporter

Senior PLU pitcher Jewel Koury was selected as First Team All-American, First Team All-Conference Utility/DP Player and Northwest Conference Player of the Year in 2003. Koury was also picked as PLU's Most Valuable Player in 2003.

Last season Koury had a 17-1 win-loss record with a 1.81 ERA and set a new school record with a winning percentage of .944. In 2001 and 2002, Koury was named PLU's Most Inspirational Player and was selected All-Conference, First Team All-Region and Second Team All-American Utility player.

"Jewel is one of the best softball players that I have ever played with," teammate Resa Lee said.

Koury is majoring in envi-

ronmental studies and minor- ing in geoscience. After gradu- ation, Koury wants "to make some money" working for the state of Washington's Department of Ecology. Koury eventually plans to work for a non-profit organization in fish or wildlife.

Koury is a very supersti- tious softball player and admits to having worn "the same pair of socks every game since freshman year," until a few weeks ago. After repeated losses this season, Koury threw out her "magical" socks in a symbolic and inspirational gesture.

"After I had done that I think everyone was very will- ing to try anything, even if it meant having our parents go buy us new socks that night," Koury said.

The next day, PLU had a



Jewel Koury

double header, but still lost the games. Koury said, "It kind of worked, but not the way we all hoped."

Although Koury said this is "a very different year for PLU softball," she said this season has been one in which "we have all learned and gained so much. Don't forget to live life hard."



Resa Lee

Senior softball catcher Resa Lee is from Chehalis, Wash. While at W.F. West High School, Lee led her team to first place in the 3A State Championships in 2000.

Lee also made the All- League Team two years in a

row and was the Pac-9 Athlete of the Year in 2000. Lee was selected to the All-Academic team for Southwest Washington and was a President's Scholar Award recipient.

Last season at PLU, Lee hit .296 with seven doubles, three home runs and 25 RBI in 30 games and was selected to the Regional Tournament Team.

According to teammate Jewel Koury, Resa is "one of a kind. She says it how it is. If you want honesty, talk to Resa."

Lee is majoring in psycholo- gy with minors in religion and art. After graduation, Lee plans to attend graduate school in psychology, with a goal of eventually becoming a coun- selor.

For the past three years, Lee

has played with a condition called sublex, which causes her shoulder to partially dislocate. After last season, "the doctors advised me to get surgery or not play my senior year," Lee said.

Lee decided to play her sen- ior year and was doing well until she injured her shoulder last week while throwing to first base. "My shoulder dislo- cated and it would not snap back into the joint," Lee said. She was out for the weekend, but plans to play in this week's games.

Lee has learned it is impor- tant to "keep a positive atti- tude even when times are tough," she said. "Even in bad situations there is a bigger pic- ture." This season Lee said she knows "that we gave it our best."

Senior infielder Sara Shideler attended Leland High School in San Jose, Calif. where she began playing soft- ball when she was five years old in order "to keep up" with her older sister.

Shideler's sister eventually attended Stanford on a soft- ball scholarship, and it was "watching her play and have fun" that made Shideler fall in love with softball.

Last season, Shideler was named to the first team All- Conference and All-Region teams. She hit .400 with 12 doubles, six home runs and 25 RBI.

Shideler also set a school record with a .997 fielding percentage, recording only one error in 287 chances.

Shideler said there is still a possibility of winning confer- ence, if the team takes things one inning at a time and wins every inning.

Teammate Resa Lee describes Shideler as one of the most competitive players she has known. "She is always trying to change and make herself better," Lee said.

"She strives for her ideal self," pitcher Jewel Koury said.

When someone always strives to be the best, tension can build up. "It's hard for me to relax," Shideler said.

When she gets tense at the plate, she always remembers to "look at the mountain," because "there's something bigger out here than softball," Shideler said.

When Shideler started playing softball at PLU, there were eight first-year softball players. By the time she became a senior, only three of the original players remained.

"Resa and Jewel are my best friends," Shideler said. "I'm glad we are the final



Sara Shideler

three."

"We've really grown as friends and teammates," Koury said.

Shideler is majoring in ele- mentary education with a minor in social studies. Eventually Shideler plans to teach grades three through six. "I like school," Shideler said. "Teaching would be fun every day."



Photo by Lindsey Paxton

Outfielder Jackie Nuechterein slides into home, beating the throw to the plate in one of the Lutes' wins last weekend weekend.

Softball wins seven

JAMES LE FEBVRE
Assistant Sports Editor

The Lutes' softball team got back to its winning ways this weekend with doubleheader sweeps against the University of Puget Sound, Pacific and Lewis & Clark.

As a result, the Lutes' longest winning streak of the season has reached seven games and a significant record has been broken.

With the wins, head coach Rick Noren became the all-time winningest softball coach in the history of PLU's program in his tenth year as head coach. Noren's record is 314-79 and counting.

With six games remaining, the Lutes sit five games behind first- place Linfield, and with each game their playoff hopes are dwindling. Expectations are high in such a successful program and the Lute women know that.

"I think we're a little disap- pointed in the way we were going to finish," infielder Gretchen Ruecker said. "But we've been playing at a higher level recently, so we are also really proud as a team to keep getting better and keep playing hard."

The Lutes continued playing hard in the first doubleheader against UPS. The first game saw Ruecker lead the way. After two leadoff singles during the first inning, Ruecker delivered a two- run double to give PLU the lead. In the second, Ruecker, blasted a two-run home run, her seventh of season.

"I am seeing the ball really well right now, and I am also just trying to have fun with it," Ruecker said.

With a 5-2 lead after the first two innings, the Lutes turned to first-year pitcher Candace Howard, who pitched well for her eighth win of the season.

The second game was a pitch- er's duel with senior pitcher Jewel Koury leading the way for the Lutes' 2-1 win. Koury went the distance with one earned run, two hits and five strikeouts.

The Lutes' win was secured when pinch-hitter Ashley Lopez came to bat with two outs in the bottom of the sixth. Lopez came through in the clutch, delivering a two-run double to give the Lutes the lead then Koury closed the door for the sweep of UPS.

Saturday saw the Pacific Boxers venture to Lute Land only to be sent away with two losses.

The first game, a 5-4 win for the Lutes, had a wild finish. After going into extra innings with a 3-3 tie, the Lutes allowed one run in the top of the eighth inning.

With the game on the line, catcher Mary Jo Marquardt stepped to the plate for the Lutes,

singling to center. Outfielder Leia Conners then laid down a bunt single leadoff hitter Andrea Wells singled to load the bases.

Pinch hitter Missy Quam hit a ground ball to the second base- man, who tried to throw out pinch runner Elizabeth Stuhlmiller but failed. The Lutes tied the game at 4-4. Ruecker, who was already 2-2 at the plate with two RBIs in the game, drew a walk to bring home the winning run (Conners).

The second game was not as close, with the Lutes slaughtering the Boxers 11-0 by the fifth inning. Led by infielder Wells' first career PLU homer and senior Sara Shideler's 3-3, two runs and four RBI performance at the plate, the Lutes cruised to victory.

Three runs in the first, second and fourth innings gave pitcher Koury run support, but she didn't need it, giving up only two hits and striking out one.

The doubleheader could have been described as the Sunday Slaughter. PLU won 9-1 and 8-0 due to the mercy rule.

The first game featured Howard's three hit and six-strike- out performance for her tenth win of the season. The second was led by Koury's dominating three-hit pitching performance. In those two games, the Lutes saw their batting star in Ruecker go 6-6 with five runs and six RBIs.

Fittingly, Ruecker got her second consecutive NWC hitter-of-the-week award.

"I think it helps to be sur- rounded by good hitters," Ruecker said about her hitting tear. "I also think just team sup- port and knowing your team has confidence in you helps you have confidence at the plate."

Koury earned her first NWC co-pitcher of the week award. Koury allowed one run on seven hits, striking out seven in 16 innings pitched. She is 8-2 with a 1.73 era.

Ruecker went 11-17 with 12 runs and 10 RBIs.

"I was nervous to come in this year and to try to live up to the expectations (of last season)," Ruecker said.

Ruecker fooled us. She leads the league in batting average (.500), on base percentage (.590), RBIs (45), doubles (15), triples (5) and is second to only our very own Jewel Koury in home runs, with seven home runs to Koury's eight.

"Next year though, I think I will be more prepared and know it's not as much luck as I thought," Ruecker said. "It helps to have two good seasons as well."

Expectations are building but in this program expectations are always high.

NWC Softball Standings (4/18/04)

School	NWC	%	GAMES BACK	ALL	%
Linfield	12-2	.917	-	29-7	.806
Whitworth	18-6	.750	4	26-7	.788
PLU	16-6	.727	5	22-10	.688
UPS	11-11	.500	10	14-16	.467
Willamette	12-12	.500	10	16-19	.457
Pacific	10-14	.417	12	19-17	.528
L&C	3-21	.125	19	7-27	.206
George Fox	2-22	.083	20	4-28	.125

Two days in the life of a PLU baseball player

Baseball player Tyler Ochsner recounts his experiences on the team's recent trip to Oregon.

Saturday April 17, 2004

6:27 AM
Load the charter bus to begin the trip to Willamette. Upperclassmen get two seats to themselves while the leftover first-years are forced to squeeze together.

6:38 AM

Finally depart after waiting for the last player to board, who was seven minutes late! We are on our way to Salem, but wait...

6:43 AM

Pull into QFC to stock up on food and drinks for the two-day trip. For me, it is Fuji apples and peanut-butter coated crackers. Those were winners during the Lewis & Clark roadtrip so, I can't break up the karma.

6:54 AM

Load the buses one last time for the trip. Some watch *Rounders* while the smart ones get a couple more hours of sleep to prepare for the day's doubleheader.

10:18 AM

Arrive at Keene Stadium. Some of us have just woken up while others are beginning to focus on the games.

10:29 AM

Change into black socks, gray pants, yellow warmup jerseys and black hats. Some of us polish our cleats. Unfortunately, one of our infielders has forgotten his most important piece of gear: the jock strap and cup. He is in luck because another player has extras.

10:36 AM

Run, stretch, do agility and warm up our arms. There is very little time because we still need to take a round of batting practice.

10:47 AM

Batting practice on the field. The ball is carrying well so a lot of us try to hit home runs.

11:39 AM

Infield-Outfield practice on the field. Our team looks very sharp despite the quick warm-up.

12:01 PM

The game finally begins after player introductions and the Star-Spangled Banner.

1:59 PM

The excitement builds as Willamette is down to their final two outs. Our closer is on the mound and we are holding a 2-1 lead. With a runner on first base, the next batter grounds into a game-ending double play!

2:06 PM

Our UC lunches are passed

out and we disperse to eat with family, friends or teammates.

2:28 PM

The second game begins. We get off to a great start with a 6-0 lead in the top of the first inning.

5:56 PM

We find ourselves with a 13-12 lead with two outs in the bottom of the ninth. A ground ball to second ends the game and we are victorious once again! We sweep the day's doubleheader but know we have business to take care of tomorrow.

6:18 PM

Load the bus for a short trip to the Red Lion Inn. It has been a long 12-hour day and we are all ready to get some food and sleep. However, we are all in high spirits because of the two wins.

6:36 PM

Arrive at the hotel. We are given room keys and load the elevators as we look forward to warm showers and a big dinner.

7:22 PM

Leave our separate ways for dinner. Some go to Pietro's Pizza while others eat at Subway, McDonald's and a seafood restaurant.

8:48 PM

Watch the NBA playoffs and a Chris Rock comedy show in the hotel room.

10:37 PM

Curfew. Two coaches come in to check on us. We are all in the room and ready for bed.

11:02 PM

Lights are turned out and we are off into dreamworld.

Sunday April 18, 2004

8:00 AM

Wakeup call.

8:12 AM

Continental breakfast. This is a pretty decent one; it has small muffins, various pastries, bagels, fruit and a couple of juice choices.

9:08 AM

Prayer session in the Mt. Hood Room near the hotel lobby. Our coach reads passages from "Amazed by Grace."

9:33 AM

Change into uniforms and pack up the bags.

10:16 AM

Arrive at Keene Stadium for the third and final game of the series.

12:02 PM

Game time!

2:56 PM

Bottom of the ninth. We find ourselves in a similar situation to yesterday. We are leading 5-3 with one out but the bases are loaded. The tension is building. After a couple of balls, the Willamette hitter crushes a ball

deep to right field and it easily clears the tall green fence. Just like that, Willamette wins 7-5.

2:57 PM

Stand there in disbelief as our playoff chances drift away. We are stunned and dismayed by the grand slam home run.

2:59 PM

Shake hands with the Bearcats, at whom we can hardly bear to look.

3:02 PM

The mood is somber. We slowly make our way to rightfield and Coach Loomis gives a short but fiery speech about the reasons we lost the game. We all know the significance of this particular loss. Our conference record has fallen to 12-6 and we are now out of playoff contention.

3:12 PM

Load the charter bus one more time for the trip to PLU.

4:20 PM

Stop off at a Safeway near Portland. Some of us eat there while others get food at Burger King or Taco Bell.

6:48 PM

Arrive at PLU. It has been a long trip and we are all tired. We are disappointed about the loss but we know we will play another day. We have practice tomorrow and we can look forward to two more weeks of baseball!

Golf places third

TRISTA WINNIE
Mast sports editor

The PLU women's golf team ended their season with a fifth place finish in the Northwest Conference Tournament held Sunday and Monday in Sisters, Ore.

PLU shot 379 Sunday and 376 Monday for a two-day score of 775. Pacific won with a score of 693.

Individually for PLU, first-year Lindy Ramstad tied for seventh place. First-year Kelli Barclay finished in a tie for 12th place.

Junior Carrie Thorpe earned a 20th place finish and first-year Allison Palmer ended up in 29th

place. Prior to the NWC tournament, PLU placed third in the Pacific Invitational in Banks, Ore. April 12 and 13.

PLU shot a tournament-low round of 367 April 12 and 391 the next day for a total score of 758.

Ramstad placed second individually, shooting a tournament low round of 80 Monday. She finished with a total of 173.

Kelli Barclay had a two-day score of 188, Thorpe had a two-day score of 197. Junior Jenny Barclay finished at an even 200 and Palmer shot a total of 216.

The tournament concluded the 2003-04 season for the women's golf team.

"I think it was a learning experience for a lot of us," Ramstad said. "I think we did pretty well, considering we're not a big team."

The women's team looks to be even smaller next year, since only two team members will be returning. Since a team must have a minimum of four golfers to compete, the Lady Lutes hope to recruit potential golfers to PLU.

They plan to email prospective golfers this summer to encourage them to attend PLU, Ramstad said. In addition, "there's an interest fair in the fall, so we're going to be hitting it up pretty hard," she said.

Women's tennis finishes sixth

KRISTEN LABATE
Mast sports reporter

The PLU women's tennis team competed in the Northwest Conference Tournament in Yakima last weekend, where they finished sixth.

"We did not place as well as hoped, but for the circumstances, we did wonderful," coach Janel McFeat said. PLU defaulted their number one and number five singles against Whitman because of injury, and the doubles line-ups were moved around to compensate.

The Lady Lutes lost 7-2 to George Fox April 16. "The George Fox match was a disappointing loss for our team," first-

year Bria Smith said. "Granted, there were some unfortunate circumstances that contributed to our loss."

First-years Tracy Fujitani and Nicole Petzelka won the number two doubles match 8-6. Petzelka also won at number two singles. Smith and senior Liz George put up good fights, taking the number four and five singles matches to three games.

PLU played Whitworth in the consolation semifinals and defeated the Pirates 8-1. PLU swept all three doubles matches, and won five out of the six singles matches.

First-year Amanda Anuraga defeated her opponent in number one singles, Petzelka won at

number two, Smith won at number four, George won at number five and junior Elizabeth Galbraith won at number six.

The Lutes played Whitman for fifth place April 17. PLU dropped the match 8-1. Whitman won all three doubles matches and five of the six singles matches. Petzelka was PLU's lone victor.

"Overall this season has been great," Petzelka said. "Everyone has improved, and I am looking forward to growing as a team again next year."

The Lady Lutes finished with an 8-6 conference record and 9-10 overall record.

"For such a young team, I feel my girls played remarkably well," McFeat said.

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On the Ball (small) Northwest Conference Players of the Week

TRISTA WINNIE
Mast sports editor

There's a saying in journalism about stretching content to fit the space. This week, Jim and I tried to find a way to stretch our space to fit the content.

That means a condensed version of my usual long-winded rumination.

I could find space anywhere to talk about the Mariners finally beginning their climb out of the cellar of the AL West. They went on a four-game winning streak and earned their first series victory of the season, over the Texas Rangers.

They were shut out by the Rangers Friday, but came back with 4-1 and 4-2 victories Saturday and Sunday. They followed those games with two 2-1 wins over the Oakland Athletics.

Monday's win began as a pitcher's duel and ended on a

pitcher's mistake.

After a 14-inning marathon, which was filled with climaxes, the game finally ended when A's reliever Justin Duchsherer was called for a balk.

The balk allowed Quinton McCracken, who entered the game in the 12th as a pinch runner for Edgar Martinez, to score from third base.

M's starter Freddy Garcia came away with a no decision, since A's rightfielder Jermaine Dye led off the ninth with a homer off M's reliever Eddie Guardado to tie the game.

The M's victory Tuesday came courtesy of leftfielder Raul Ibanez. After hitting a homer in each of Sunday and Monday's games, Ibanez hit one to tie it and then one to win it Tuesday.

The M's winning streak ended Wednesday when they lost to the A's 7-4.

Still, things are looking up.



Jewel Koury

Koury, a senior Tumwater, Wash. native was named Co-NWC Pitcher of the Week. Earlier in the year she was named NWC Hitter of the Week. In the Lutes' six wins, Koury:

- went 3-0 with two complete games

- allowed one run on seven hits with seven strikeouts



Gretchen Ruecker

Ruecker, a sophomore from Hillsboro, Ore. was named NWC Hitter of the Week for the second straight week. In the Lutes' six wins during the weekend, Ruecker:

- went 11-17 at the plate (.647 average) with three doubles, two triples and one homerun.

- drove in 12 runs while scoring 10 times

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Lacrosse playoff hopes fade

JAMES LE FEBVRE
Mast assistant sports editor

After a severe 25-2 beating of the Washington State Cougars Saturday, the PLU men's lacrosse team had only division foe Gonzaga standing in their way. With a win against Gonzaga the Lutes would advance to their fourth consecutive postseason.

Unfortunately for the Lutes, the Bulldogs were "firing on all cylinders," Lutes attacker Chris Jensen said. "They came out more fired up than us. They got ahead of us early and we couldn't make up for it."

According to Gonzaga's report

on the Pacific Northwest Collegiate Lacrosse League (www.pncll.com) the Bulldogs scored on their first four shots and at the end of the first quarter led 4-1. Two goals in the last ten seconds capped an 8-1 lead after two quarters. After a two quarter deficit the Lutes could not close the gap, losing 12-5.

Jensen's three goals and captain Adam Burke's one goal and two assists were the only highlights for the Lutes.

"They just flat out played really well," Jensen said.

Saturday's game against WSU saw the Lutes' Josu Zubizarreta tally 11 points with six goals and

five assists. Ten different players scored for the Lutes. Attackers Jensen and Burke both had four, while defensive captain Ryan "Gus" Tootell had two goals and three assists. Kris Olsen also had a good day with his three goals and three assists.

Burke and Jensen still sit in the second and third in the league with 60 and 59 points. Burke is assisting more than scoring this year, tallying 29 assists and 30 goals. For Jensen it is the opposite, scoring 40 goals and 20 assists.

The Lutes' playoffs hopes still have life, but only if Gonzaga beats Oregon State tomorrow.

Baseball team wins 20 games

SAM CHREST
Mast Sports Reporter

A shot at the NWC title is slipping away, but PLU baseball made great strides this year by winning 20 games in a season for the first time since 1999.

The Lutes (20-13, 12-6) won two of three against Willamette University during the weekend, and remain behind George Fox and Linfield in the standings. The Lutes swept a doubleheader Saturday, winning both games by one run.

The first game of the day saw PLU starter Matt Serr pitch a gem, giving up three hits, two walks and a run in seven innings. He struck out six batters and improved to 5-1 on the season.

Justin Whitehall drove in the first run of the game in the fourth on a sacrifice fly. David Fox drove in a second run in the sixth inning with a double. Lute closer Aaron Roetcisoender pitched the final two innings for his eighth save. PLU won the game 2-1. Jeff Jensen took the loss and fell to 4-5.

PLU opened the second game of the series with a bang. Nolan

NWC Baseball Standings (4/18/04)

School	NWC	%	GAMES BACK	ALL	%
Linfield	18-3	.857	-	27-7	.794
George Fox	17-4	.809	1	26-8	.764
PLU	12-6	.667	4.5	20-13	.606
UPS	9-9	.500	7.5	15-16	.484
Willamette	8-11	.421	9	15-16	.484
Pacific	7-11	.389	9.5	15-18	.455
Whitworth	7-11	.389	9.5	11-19	.367
Whitman	4-14	.222	12.5	7-23	.233
L&C	3-16	.158	14	13-20	.394

Soete hit a grand slam in the first inning, and Whitehall drove in two more with a single. Tyler Ochsner and Fox each drove in a run in the fourth, and three more runs scored in the fifth to give PLU an 11-3 lead.

Willamette attempted a comeback in the fifth, scoring six runs off six hits. Catcher Travis Shull drove in three of his five runs on the day with a home run. Soete and Tyler Stevenson each drove in a run in the sixth, however, putting the Lutes ahead 13-9.

Willamette scored three more runs, but Roetcisoender picked up his ninth save by closing out the ninth. Jeff Caley pitched 2 2/3 innings in relief to pick up the win and improve to 4-2. Chris Murrel took the loss, and saw his record drop to 2-4.

The Lutes collected 22 hits in the game, the most they have hit in a game this season. Whitehall and Soete each had four, while Ochsner, T.J. Cafferty and Jason Miller each added another three.

The Bearcats won the final game of the series, hitting a walk-off grand slam with one out in the ninth. After a walk loaded the bases, Colin Griffin ended the game with a home run off Roetcisoender. Lute reliever Steve Hagel took the loss, his first of the season.

PLU took an early lead, with Justin Whitehall scoring on a wild pitch in the first. Soete continued his strong series, driving in two in the fourth inning.

The Lutes will host a series against Whitman this weekend starting at noontomorrow.