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Snow day decisions not 'cookie cutter'

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Commuter students and faculty know the anticipation – wondering, on a snowy night, whether they will chance the dangerous trip to school the next day. Administrators argue that they have a lot to consider, while some students say certain issues are ignored.

"This is not a cookie cutter decision," Executive Associate to the President Emily Isensee said.

The president, provost and vice presidents convene around 5 a.m. to analyze various weather reports and advisories from the Washington State Traffic Department in order to decide whether to call a snow day. Another meeting around noon decides whether to cancel evening classes.

PLU-area weather reports are not only taken into consideration, but also those where commuter students and professors live.

The cancellation of morning classes is announced on all media outlets by 6 a.m. Afternoon classes are announced in the same fashion around 1 p.m.

"What you try to do is take in all different factors," Director of Administration Vicky Winters said, in regards to the decision-making process.

The academic effect of that day's school cancellation is also considered. For example, school is rarely cancelled during finals. Administrators also take into account what other schools choose.

It is then at the discretion of professors whether to cancel their own classes when a snow day is not called.

"It is my understanding that we should be willing to be flexible if students can't make it," professor of Religion Erik Hammerstrom said.

Even with this system in place, some commuter students are occasionally still dissatisfied with the administration's decision regarding snow days.

"It seems unorganized and haphazard," commuter student intern sophomore Stephanie Noyes said.

Noyes is a commuter student who lives in Graham, which is about 25 minutes away from PLU.

It's not arriving to school that is the problem for these students, it is getting back home.

"Once it gets dark it's going to ice over, so I didn't go to class [one day] because I knew I couldn't get back," Noyes said.

Sophomore Brianne Ankeman has heard of similar experiences.

"I've had friends who are scared to drive home so they're glad they have a friend on campus [to stay with]," Ankeman said.

First-year Micaela Ingraham, who lives 20 minutes away in North Tacoma, has been stuck on campus multiple times when she felt road conditions were too hazardous to chance driving home. Ingraham spent those night with a friend who lives on campus.

Campus safety offers non-used rooms in residence halls for commuter students who cannot make it home, but no bedding or other amenities are offered.



PHOTO BY TED CHARLES

First-year Miranda Mason-Jewett thoughtfully composed dozens of miniature snowmen that dotted the bricks and rocks in Red Square during a bout of snow Feb. 27. Students took advantage of the snow with snowball fights and excursions to the ski slopes while Noyes flew for several hours before melting the next day.

Two ASPLU senators resign, replaced without election

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Pacific Lutheran's student government appointed two new students to the senate, and chose not to hold an election.

The Associated Students of PLU confirmed first-year Caitlin Borges and junior Helen Lee as new senators during a Feb. 22 meeting. The students

will serve with 11 other senators until the end of the academic year.

The positions became officially vacant on Feb. 8 because two senators had chosen to resign the week before, ASPLU President junior Alexis Ballinger said.

When a vacancy happens, the by-laws give ASPLU 15 days to fill the seat again. They can do so either by holding an election or by having the ASPLU president appoint someone for senate approval. Ballinger said they decided against an election this time because an

executive election is already underway.

"Too many elections in too close time, and you lose voters," she said.

ASPLU advisor Rick Fushman agrees. He said that even though campus voting is easier now than ever before, getting students interested in the process is still a challenge. He thinks that by appointing the two senators directly, ASPLU was able to tap an existing

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'Elect Her: Women Win' workshop

Inspirational speakers encourage women to pursue politics

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Traditionally a male dominated arena, the world of politics is becoming increasingly accessible to women. One such workshop that aids in closing this gender gap is Elect Her: Women Win, put on by American Association of University Women and Running Start on Saturday, Feb. 27.

Forty-seven Pacific Lutheran students attended the conference and listened to Pierce County auditor Julie Anderson, one of six inspirational speakers throughout the day. She spoke about her unusual political life.

"I took an unusual path. I'm a high school dropout with a master's degree and a kick-ass career. I am an accidental politician," Anderson said. "Historically, it has been men and men's organizations dealing with money and politics."

Keynote speaker and PLU Elect Her Facilitator Allison Dunatchik spoke about problems often connected with

getting women interested in politics.

The United States ranks 90th in the world for women's political representation, according to Dunatchik's research. Compared to how progressive our government claims to be, she said, this is a pathetic ranking.

"There is only 16.8 percent women in Congress and 22.5 percent women in state executive and legislative positions," Dunatchik said.

WOMEN HOLD ONLY
22.5%
of state executive and legislative positions

At PLU, there are more women than men in the general population. PLU's population is 63 percent female, but only 45 percent of the student government is female. This creates an inconsistency, as a government is

supposed to be a representation of a group of people.

"Many women don't want to get involved in politics. Women tend to think that politics is dirty or won't make the positive changes," said Dunatchik. "But in politics you have the opportunity to make a real difference in people's lives."

One such woman who got involved in politics at PLU in order to make a difference was junior Alexis Ballinger, ASPLU president.

"I made office hours so people can just stop in, and I had no idea people would actually do that," Ballinger said. "I had a guy come in who wants a wrestling team and I told him, 'I don't know if the school lawyer will like the liability, but I'll give you her number and you two can talk about it.' People like having someone to talk to who is accessible."

Another event put on by AAUW will take place March 21. The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders will be held at the University of Maryland and all college women are encouraged to apply.



PHOTO BY TED CHARLES
Student Liaison for Elect Her sophomore Paige Griffith introduces Payalup Mayor Kathleen Taylor to the podium for the closing speech during Pacific Lutheran's Elect Her: Women Win on Saturday, Feb. 27.

Career and Internship Fair highlights organizations

The Spring Career and Internship Fair brings numerous organizations in multiple disciplines to Pacific Lutheran University.

EDUCATION - March 9

Bethel School District; Chief Leschi Schools; Federal Way Public Schools; Franklin Pierce Schools; Highline School District; Peace Corps; Pacific Lutheran University; Renton School District

FOR PROFIT, HEALTH CARE & MILITARY - March 9

Aerotek: A leading staffing agency that matches qualified candidates with top companies worldwide.

BNY Mellon: A leading asset management and securities services company that is focused to help clients manage and move their financial assets.

CampusPoint: Helps people find local entry level jobs and internships in Washington and Oregon. Users of the website can search for jobs to start their careers.

First Investors Corporation: Connects "Main Street" to "Wall Street" through a network of registered representatives located in offices coast-to-coast.

Franciscan Health System: Includes five full-service hospitals, a large primary-care and specialty-care medical group, in-home and inpatient hospice and palliative care, same-day surgery centers, occupational health and physical therapy clinics and centers for advanced medicine.

Northwestern Mutual: Helps people obtain financial security through life insurance, disability insurance, investment management and other financial services.

Providence Health & Services: A not-for-profit organization which includes hospitals, health plans, clinics, physicians, long-term care facilities, low-income housing and assisted living.

Symetra Financial: Handles employee benefits, annuities, life insurance and medical stop loss for employers.

Tacoma Community College: Offers more than 40 study are Pierce County auditor as and 60 professional and technical degrees and certificates to choose from through intimate class sizes that make getting to know teachers and classmates easy.

Target: Offers MBA opportunities in Brand Management, Buying & Planning, Finance & Accounting, Global Sourcing, Organizational Management and Strategy.

U.S. Army Health Care: Offers more than 88 medical career specialties within six Health Care Corps.

U.S. Navy: From the high-tech to the high-growth to the awe-inspiring, America's Navy offers careers and jobs that fit all backgrounds and interests.

Smith Patton Financial Group: Offers security through investment management, life insurance, disability insurance, long-term care insurance and other financial services.

GRADUATE SCHOOLS - March 10

Antioch University Seattle; Fuller Seminary Northwest; Mars Hill Graduate School; Seattle Pacific University; Seattle University; University of Medicine and Health Sciences; University of Washington Bothell; Walla Walla University; Willamette University

GOVERNMENT & NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS - March 10

L'Arche Tahoma Hope: Their mission is to make known the gifts of people with developmental disabilities, foster an environment in community that responds to the changing needs of our members and engage in their diverse cultures.

Peace Corps: Volunteers work with governments, NGOs and entrepreneurs to address changing and complex needs in education, health and HIV/AIDS, business, information technology, agriculture and the environment.

Port of Seattle: The authority managing international trade and travel in King County. It operates harbor facilities and the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

Puget Creek Restoration Society: Protect, enhance and restores the Puget Creek Watershed and other streams, wetlands and green spaces. Invites participation through hands-on restoration, research, education, advocacy and by promoting a sense of stewardship.

Tacoma/Pierce County Habitat for Humanity: Works in partnership with people in need to build and renovate decent, affordable housing. The houses then are sold to those in need at no profit and with no interest charged.

YMCA for Pierce and Kitsap Counties: As a leading non profit organization committed to strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility, the Y offers a career with a chance to make a lasting difference in your community.

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"You want these positions filled by students who want to do that work," Eastman said.

Anytime there is a vacancy, ASPLU has a discussion about whether to hold an election and let students vote on candidates. But Eastman said "there would have to be some compelling reason" to hold an election, because appointment is the most efficient method, given ASPLU's current structure.

ASPLU Human Resources Director Kelly Fenton is in charge of the ongoing executive election, and said reaching out to students is hard, even with just one election going on.

"Students are already bombarded with advertising for clubs and so on," Fenton said.

Still, special elections have been done before. Last September, when ASPLU

had three vacant senate seats, they chose to incorporate it into the senate election already planned for that month, Eastman said.

Two senate elections are normally held in April and September.

During the executive election, students will pick their new ASPLU president and vice-president. Students were able to meet all the candidates in the University Center March 3 to shake hands and ask them questions. After midnight, candidates are no longer allowed to do active campaigning on campus.

The primary election begins March 7 at 8 a.m., and students will be able to vote either online or in the UC. The final candidates for each position will then appear again in the UC March 10 at 6 p.m. for a political debate. The general election begins March 14 at 8 a.m. and ends March 15 at 5 p.m.

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CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT

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FIRE ALARM

The automatic fire alarm was activated in Kreidler Hall Feb. 26. Campus Safety and Central Pierce Fire & Rescue responded, and the cause was determined to be burned food in the second floor kitchen. The alarm was reset without incident.
A student re-entered Kreidler during

the fire alarm against the instructions of Campus Safety personnel. The student was removed from the building after returning to his room, and the matter was forwarded to Student Conduct.

THEFT

A student had his unattended laptop and cellphone stolen from a study table on the third floor of the library Feb. 24. The student was given the number for the Pierce County Sheriff's Department. No suspect information is available.

Campus Safety received a report of a burglary in Foss Hall Feb. 27 at 5:55 p.m. The ongoing investigation revealed that someone entered an open residence room and took a \$20 bill from the victim's wallet and a \$100 bill from the victim's desk.



BRIEFS

International Women's Day promotes equality for women

In support of women and women's organizations, International Women's Day is celebrated annually all around the world and with a new theme each year.

This year's theme is equal access to education; training, science and technology and pathways to decent work for women.

International Women's Day is celebrating its 100-year anniversary Tuesday, March 8 with a screening of the film "Where the Water Meets the Sky." The screening will be held in the University Center room 133 at 7 p.m. A faculty panel discussion will follow the 60-minute film.

Relay for Life sign-ups available on Wednesday nights

Relay for Life is an 18-hour outdoor fundraising event that takes place annually at Pacific Lutheran University; this year's event is set for April 29-30.

Members of the Relay for Life planning committee will be tabling in the University Commons every Wednesday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. to provide information and a place to sign up. If you have any questions please check the PLU Relay for Life website, www.plurelay.org.

Parenting workshop focuses on parent-child relationships

ParentMagic, Inc. will put on a workshop to help parents create better relationships with their children and ease household stress.

The workshop, 1-2-3 Magic, teaches parents how to discipline their children and show affection in three steps: controlling obnoxious behavior, encouraging good behavior and strengthening relationships. It will take place Tuesday, March 8 from 5:30-8:15 p.m. at the Garfield Book Company.

Education lecture focuses on adolescent literacy

Donald Desher, Director of the Center for Research on Learning at the University of Kansas School of Education, will discuss issue in adolescent literacy on Thursday, March 10 at 7 p.m.

Desher will focus on how many adolescents' inadequate literary skills prevent them from being successful in a career or continue in higher education. The lecture will be given Thursday in the Scandinavian Center.

For more information or to RSVP for the lecture, call 206-536-7272 or e-mail desher@plu.edu.

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Desmond Tutu tickets sold out

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Desmond Tutu, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize and an international symbol of peace, will make his final appearance in the United States on May 13.

Tutu officially announced his retirement on Feb. 1, 2011 and selected Tacoma as the location of his final speech in the United States before moving to South Africa.

Tickets went on sale for this event Feb. 11 at the Pacific Lutheran Campus Concourse in honor Archbishop Desmond Tutu speak May 13 at the Tacoma Dome.

"Last year the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation approached President Anderson about partnering on a yearlong movement

to make the area around Tacoma a better place," Executive Associate to the President Emily Isensee said. "Originally they wanted some sort of rallying event as the conclusion. However Desmond Tutu ended up selecting Tacoma as his final speaking place."

PLU sold all of their 1,500 tickets within seven days.

"Initially PLU had 1,000 tickets to sell. Those sold out within a day," Isensee said. "Another 200 tickets that we put on sale Monday, February 14 sold out within one day as well. The last 300 tickets that we received on Wednesday, February 16 sold out the following day."

Any PLU community member who had an ID card had the opportunity to purchase tickets.

"On February 10, the day before tickets

went on sale, we had a call to action for faculty and staff," Isensee said. "This whole event is about being the spark."

A student kick-off held Feb. 15 encouraged students to buy tickets and help them become excited about the event.

"This is a great opportunity to witness a moment in history," sophomore Ellen Washburn said. "If I do not go, I know that I will regret it."

A large portion of the tickets were sold to various campus groups - one of which encompasses Resident Assistants. More than 200 grants were awarded to faculty members who applied, wanting to take their students.

"Desmond Tutu is a really inspirational person and I am very excited to hear him speak to become more educated," Resident Assistant sophomore Nina Hartsel said.

PLU increases scholarships for graduate studies

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Pacific Lutheran University presents a new, rare opportunity with recently developed graduate scholarships that will cover half or full tuition for students pursuing PLU's graduate programs.

The Pacific Lutheran Admissions office created a new position called the graduate program director and hired Rachel Christopherson to fill it on Sept. 7.

After the hiring of Christopherson, the Board of Regents approved the opportunity for substantial graduate scholarships for students in January 2011.

"Never before has the University so broadly supported graduate programs by offering really chunky significant scholarships for full [and] half tuition scholarships across the majority of the programs that we offer," Christopherson said. "That is pretty unusual for higher education."

In terms of scholarships and grants, funding for graduate programs has been declining because of budget cuts.

According to U.S. News, "the majority of public universities are reducing graduate support because of budget cutbacks." These new graduate scholarships will make it possible for students to get a high quality education and pursue a higher profession in the workforce.

Christopherson hopes these scholarships will "drive the number of inquiries in applications," showing the public that PLU graduate programs will offer an excellent education that is also affordable.

"I think it is going to speak to the community that PLU wants to see you here, wants you to apply, wants to give you the opportunity to better your life and further your profession," Christopherson said.

As part of PLU 2020, some considerations for graduate education are the development of new programs and the providing of tuition and financial aid for students.

New programs that are under consideration are the Master of Science in Finance through the

School of Business, doctorate for family nurse practitioner through the School of Nursing and doctorate in educational leadership through the School of Education.

There is a fear that the funding for these new scholarships will diminish the resources for undergraduate programs, but Christopherson says that this is not the case.

"We are not talking about grad students suddenly teaching courses or taking faculty time away from the undergrads," she said. "The goal is to provide critical education opportunities, responding to community and global needs and helping to enhance the PLU mission of service to the community and the world."

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Ban hypocrisy, not bottled H2O

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Pepsi products. Lemonade. Iced tea. Juice. Water. What do these beverages have in common? They all are sold in the Old Main Market, and they all come in plastic bottles which may find their way to a landfill. They are not sustainable.

ASPLU's recent decision to ban bottled water on campus strikes me as more of a jump on the bandwagon than a legitimate attempt to protect the environment and promote positive behaviors on campus.

Of all the bottled products available on campus, water is the healthiest option. All the other products contain ingredients such as added sugars, artificial flavors, caffeine and calories.

The argument for banning bottled water is that other methods of drinking water are available around campus including taps, drinking fountains and the occasional water cooler.

While this is a valid and legitimate argument, it doesn't address the hypocrisy of continuing to sell other liquids in bottled containers, which promotes unhealthy decisions regarding purchasing bottled drinks.

If Pacific Lutheran University is serious about sustainability, there are many more steps we can take toward promoting a consistent message. Why is it that we still print assignments and class handouts despite students having access to e-mail, Google Docs and Sakai? Why is it that we continue to buy textbooks despite the surge of e-readers and online textbooks? Why is it that notebooks continue to outnumber laptops in classrooms?

We can't address all these issues overnight. For now, however, if we're going to ban bottled water under the pretense of sustainability, I believe we need to reevaluate all the products we sell on campus. Soda and juice are available in the fountain in the University Center. Maybe fountains should become available by Old Main as well, allowing us to effectively eliminate those bottled products entirely.

As long as the Old Main Market bans bottled water but not all bottled products, I will boycott the market. There are more positive ways to support the university than to encourage ridiculous moves that threaten healthy decisions. It's time to reevaluate our sustainability goals. Let's take pride in our sustainable reputation at PLU; let's honestly be sustainable.

Libya fights for freedom

Columnist, US government call for reform



The political potato

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Regions of the Middle East and North Africa have seen a number of uprisings over the past three months primarily in Tunisia, Egypt, and Bahrain. Until recently, these have been relatively nonviolent movements.

This trend of peaceful protest appears to be at an end however, as Libya, the latest country to feel the revolutionary pulse, has been using sadistic tactics and mechanisms of war to curtail anti-government protestors. Colonel Qaddafi, the militant leader of Libya, announced he will "cleanse Libya house by house" in a speech on Feb. 22 according to The Economist.

Qaddafi has been hiring mercenaries and using helicopter gunships to fire on protestors. Rough estimates indicate that approximately 1,000 people have been killed, according to BBC.

Colonel Qaddafi has ruled Libya for 41 years. Prices for food and petroleum in Libya are astronomically high and unemployment is epidemic. Libyan education is in shambles and even the five story national library in Tripoli only contains one book, Qaddafi's "The Green Book of the Revolution." Throughout the years Qaddafi

has exported insurgency and destabilization. His agents have brought down airliners and are currently arming the Janjaweed militia in Sudan, according to Al Jazeera.

For the last ten years, though, Qaddafi's regime has begun to open its doors to the world economy and allowed trade agreements to tap into the country's vast oil reserves. However, Qaddafi's recent methods of suppression have deterred other countries

from trading with the Libyan government. Since 2007, weapons have been sold to Libya in exchange for oil rights from Italy, the United Kingdom, China, Russia and the U.S.

In the past months, it has been interesting to see western democracies react to events in allied states within the region namely Egypt and Bahrain. The ultimate issue is that we as Americans are afraid of change. A perfect example was when President Mubarak in Egypt stepped down. We

love democracy, but it was a struggle for our government to go against an old ally even though he was such a tyrant. I endorse these revolts as a chance for democracy to grow but up until this point these new regime changes seem to be unorganized and disingenuous, according to The Economist.

President Obama has asked Col. Qaddafi to step down, an action he withheld until the last moment with Mubarak. The European Union has set up embargos and frozen many of Libya's government assets abroad. The United Nations may establish a no-fly zone over the country which would end the Libyan military's actions against protestors from the air.

The U.S. needs to make as many friends as it can in this ever changing region and nothing will stifle that endeavor more than by continuing to support authoritarian dictatorships. President Obama is just the man to change that view in the Middle East.

As Americans, we are very privileged to live under a democracy. It is only natural to support Libya's pro-democracy supporters. Even though we have ignorantly endorsed these tyrants in the past, we must change our policy in the Middle East. The current road we are on is unsustainable. I hope that Qaddafi steps down and the Libyan people finally obtain a government that they desire. Pacific Lutheran University is a global university, and I encourage all students to keep an eye on the events in Libya.

As Americans, we are very privileged to live under a democracy. It is only natural to support Libya's pro-democracy supporters.



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Serendipity: Snow Day



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Tear down the Lutedome

Campus belongs to the community, local youth

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Pacific Lutheran students should open their minds to the presence of Parkland and Tacoma area residents being on campus, high school students in particular. PLU students seem to have a disdain for Parkland Youth being on campus.

It is our responsibility, as residents of the Parkland community, to share our campus with the world, especially with the people in our own backyard. We cannot call ourselves "global citizens" and ignore our neighbors at the same time.

There is a stigma on campus that Parkland is ghetto, dangerous, a slum. PLU students have a unique opportunity to make positive changes in teenagers' lives, and all it takes is allowing Parkland teenagers to sit on our benches after they get out of school.

This negative belief towards the Parkland residents disconnects PLU from the surrounding community that it resides in. This disconnect is something the Diversity Center battles everyday. Junior Diversity Advocate Angela Pierce spends her days working with high school students. Pierce

has heard many stories from her high school students about not feeling welcomed at PLU.

"When they come [to PLU] they see a white campus...the Lutedome secludes us," Pierce said.

This negative persona of Parkland Youth is one brick in the wall of the Lutedome, a social barrier that we should work to tear down. There are many former Parkland residents now attending school at PLU, such as senior RHC President Emily Tolussen.

The negative stereotype of Parkland residents, particularly Parkland youth, needs to be reexamined, because the stereotype is not true.

Junior George Culver is also a former Parkland resident. Culver grew up in Parkland and enrolled at PLU in the fall semester of 2008. PLU was not his first choice for college though, it was Western Washington University.

"PLU was not the school I was going to go to at first," Culver said, "but some of the friends I made before I started brought me here."

Culver said that he loves everything about this school. However, he has noticed and experienced the hostility towards Parkland residents.

One of Culver's professors told his class to "lock your car doors 'cause the PY are around," Culver said.

This statement is unacceptable when you consider that Parkland teenagers aren't the ones causing problems.

Campus Safety Operations Supervisor, Peter Moran said that "approximately 85 percent of the cases of vandalism, theft and other policy violations come from PLU students."

The negative stereotype of Parkland residents, particularly Parkland youth, needs to be reexamined, because the stereotype is not true. Students, faculty and staff need to embrace the community that surrounds this campus.

"Where do we all live right now?" Culver asked. "In Parkland, so we are all PY."



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ASPLU Executive Elections are upon us, which means campaigning, candidate debates and students hitting the polls. This upcoming election allows students to select who will lead the student body this coming academic year as president and vice-president.

The following are important dates concerning the election:

- March 3, 6 p.m.:**
Candidacy debate and meet and greet with candidates, UC Grey Area
- March 7-8, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.:**
Primary Elections, www.plu.edu/aspluvote
- March 10, 6 p.m.:**
Final Debate, UC Grey Area
- March 14-15, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.:**
General Elections, www.plu.edu/aspluvote

Another exciting opportunity being brought to you by ASPLU, the interfaith room, is located under Tower Chapel in Eastvold 230. This space is open to all students, staff and faculty for individual prayer, worship or meditation weekdays from 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Senior ASPLU Diversity Director Idaisbe Zhou said that guidelines for the space are posted outside the door and are there to ensure that people of all faiths are respected while using the interfaith room. Plans for a resource library in the area are underway, but in the meantime students should bring any necessary materials, such as scripture, with them.

If you have any questions regarding elections please e-mail fentonkm@plu.edu.

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SIDEWALK TALK Where were you during the Nisqually earthquake in 2001?



"I was in my fifth grade class. I screamed, and my teacher told me to shut up."
Jordan Flynn
senior



"I was in the kitchen eating ice cream, not knowing about it."
Garrett Whitnoyre
junior



"I was in California, where real earthquakes happen."
Kate Miller
senior



"I was in my third grade classroom. I could see the water in the teacher's fishbowl sloshing around."
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first-year

@revolution



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Mohamed Bouazizi departed on the morning of December 11, 2010 for his daily walk to the market of Sidi Bouzid, a small town in Tunisia. He was on his way to sell produce to support his struggling family. He was on his way to becoming a martyr.

Bouazizi's December morning

walk soon took an historic turn when he was approached and harassed by local police, an event Bouazizi's family described as a daily occurrence. The police officers beat Bouazizi and confiscated his produce stand, citing his lack of a vendor permit as a crime. A disgruntled Bouazizi sought retribution at the local municipality, but was refused a meeting with any town officials.

Bouazizi returned later that day with two cans of paint thinner and a match. The match was used to ignite himself in protest; Bouazizi's life and death were used to ignite a fire of revolution that spread across a Tunisia crippled by unemployment, high living costs, rising food prices and political corruption.

On January 14, 2011, weeks after Bouazizi's demonstration, Tunisian president Zine El Abidine Ben Ali fled the country after 24 years of autocratic rule.

While the Tunisian revolution is remarkable for its instigation of the wave of revolutions across North Africa and the Middle East, media commentators and political analysts are more intrigued with the Tunisians' use of social media sites such as Twitter and Facebook as tools for organization and revolution. As protest spread across Tunisia, citizens posted videos of police arrests and public demonstrations on the social networking sites and used Twitter and Facebook for crowd-sourcing and event planning. At the end of January, when protests over similar issues began in neighboring Egypt, Twitter and Facebook were used to advertise protests and marches, including the now-famous rallies in Cairo's Tahrir Square, where approximately 1 million citizens gathered for the "March of a Million" on February 1, 2011, as reported by Al Jazeera.

@Morocco Rights groups and labor groups staging protests in the streets of at least six cities across country. Protesters called for political reform in the country, marching on capital city Rabat chanting "down with tyranny" and "the people demand change." Demonstrations have caused little violence, and appear to be welcomed by the government. Khalid Naciri, Moroccan communication minister, said "rallies and protests are common in Morocco," and that the demonstrations are part of democracy.



@King Mohammed VI Described by CNN as "widely revered" among his subjects, King Mohammed VI has ruled the country since July 1999. The king supports reform in the country, but is not respected by all of the nation's youth.

@Tunisia Protests began in December when Mohamed Bouazizi set himself on fire in front of a town municipality. Revolts broke out calling for the resignation of Tunisia's 24-year president and the address of rising food and housing prices, unemployment and political corruption. After weeks of protest, President Ben Ali resigned on January 14 and fled Tunisia.



@Zine El-Abidine Ben Ali In power since 1987 coup. Resisted calls for resignation for a time, eventually ceded power. The demonstrations in Tunisia sparked the wave of protest across the region.

@Libya The wave of dissent soon spread to Libya, where citizens broke into a delayed government housing project and took up occupation. The protests have been spurred by high unemployment rates and concerns for political freedom. Protests are ongoing, and leader Moammar Gadhafi has refused to step down.



@Moammar Gadhafi Controlled Libya since 1969 coup. Is currently under investigation by the International Criminal Court. In a speech aired on state television, Gadhafi promised "a bath of blood" should the United States or United Nations Security Council attempt to enter Libya.

@Egypt Demonstrations. Protesters indicted President Morsi without free elections. Unemployment also a concern. Morsi resigned on February 11, 2011, where citizens are un-



@Hosni Mubarak Was quiet Egyptian property

@Algeria Protests over the rising expense of food and housing erupted January in Algiers, the nation's capital, and soon spread to cities across Algeria as protesters found motivation in the revolutions of neighboring Tunisia and Egypt. President Abdelaziz Bouteflika lifted the nation's 19-year state of emergency, which restricted Algerian freedom of speech. Some political analysts say Bouteflika's move was an effort to avoid revolts similar to those in Tunisia and Egypt. Protesters are calling for his resignation.



@Abdelaziz Bouteflika In office since 1999, President Bouteflika is the chief of state and the head of the Algerian government. Prior to 2008, the nation's prime minister served as the Algerian head of government, but a 2008 constitutional amendment separated the two positions.

@Sudan Protesters in Khartoum. Bashir's National Congress government's possible. Rights Watch, "authorities" protests on January 30



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For full news coverage on the revolution in Cairo, the Muslim Brotherhood and the role of social media, watch PBS Frontline's documentary "Revolution in Cairo" for free on the PBS Frontline website.

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Social media impacts North African and Middle Eastern protests

@Syria The wave of dissidence has reached Syria, though no large-scale protests have taken place. Opponents of President Bashar al-Assad's government charge that human rights violations have taken place in the country.



@Bashir al-Assad President since July 2000. Opponents have begun to organize protests demanding improved living standards and an address to human rights grievances. In an interview with the Wall Street Journal al-Assad promised reforms.

Dereen Marchionni, visiting communication professor and Morning Mail advisor, specializes in studying and analyzing journalist-audience communication through social media. For experts in social media, the role of Facebook and Twitter in the North African and Middle Eastern revolutions is of particular interest.

"The conditions in that country were such that they were primed for change," and reform was looming and inevitable, he said.

Rowe's critical examination of social media in the wake of revolution stems from what he posits is the division between revolt and revolution. Revolt is the initial overthrow or cessation of a political or social practice citizens find disagreeable; revolution is the process of reestablishment and construction of a viable alternative.

"The revolt phase was sparked in part by this social media...suddenly the world was conscious," he said. "But when the spark has burned out, there is still the need for revolution, and that is a longer process. Now what will the social media do within that phase?"

Rowe said he believes social media is and has been beneficial in instigating interest and involvement in dialogue regarding Tunisia, Egypt and other countries' future. But when faced with the decision of how to proceed into the future, "is this kind of media sufficient? I don't think so," he said.

Rowe said the revolution—the reconstruction of a nation—requires a media "that allows you to step back, go into depth and do more analysis," and he is not confident that social media is useful as much of an analytic tool. "It's more the moment, here is what we're saying now." Progress, however, relies on "media that's going to step back and pull all that together." While he said that traditional, analytical media may utilize social media as they structure their stories, he currently sees the two as different functions.

Marchionni sees social media's involvement in the developing revolutions as more active. "[A]ll it takes is conditioning the masses to use a medium for communication," and the citizens of the North African and Middle Eastern countries have now become accustomed to social media as an outlet of communicating ideas, she said. "Why would it not be instrumental in reorganizing a government?" Marchionni said.

she believes the people in revolting countries have learned how to make their voices heard and will continue to utilize their new resource. "They have shown that they have a voice, they have chosen the channel, and they will continue to use these instruments of communication as these governments reorganize."

Both journalists agree the success of social media can be attributed to the current age demographics of the global population. Marchionni is not surprised young citizens are using social media for their revolutions. "They are the right age, they are of that generation, and they are comfortable using social media," she said. Rowe echoed her thoughts regarding the youth of the global population.

"It wasn't just the youth, but I think they are the ones that were most eager," he said. "These countries are now realizing they've got catching up to do in a lot of ways, particularly in areas of democracy."

"There is no doubt!" the websites were both an "instrumental communication medium," Marchionni said. "As with any revolt, the channels of communication are integral" to the success of the movement.

Cliff Rowe, communication professor and journalist with experience spanning decades, has a more questioning view of the role social media played in the revolutions. While he acknowledges the events were expedited by Facebook and Twitter, he said he believes the revolutions would have ignited without the influence of social media.



@Kuwait Protesters in Kuwait have violently met with police forces. Demonstrators are demanding rights for longterm, non-Kuwaiti citizens. The CIA World Factbook lists 1.3 million people as "non-nationals."



@Sheikh Sabah IV Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah Emir of Kuwait since 2006.

@Iran Opposition in Iran has been fomenting since 2009 when hundreds of thousands of Iranians protested President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's re-election. Since then calls for protests have increased and Iranian authorities have begun to arrest political opponents. Protests have been reported in Tehran, where small groups of demonstrators have met with violent government police.



@Mahmoud Ahmadinejad Elected president in 2005 and re-elected in 2009, though the election was disputed. Ahmadinejad shares power with Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who was appointed in 1989 and has the final confirmation of all matters of state, including election results.

@Yemen Protesters demand the resignation of Ali Abdullah Saleh. Citizens find themselves between a Shiite Muslim revolution and United States pressure on al Qaeda operatives. Concerns over high unemployment, growing poverty, government corruption and water shortage have instigated the demonstrations.



@Ali Abdullah Saleh Ruled Yemen since 1978. Though refusing resignation, has promised to not seek re-election. Saleh has blamed the United States and Israel for controlling the revolutions across the region.

Egypt followed the revolution in Tunisia. Hosni Mubarak's 30-year reign over Egypt corruption, rising food and housing costs and led to protestors' list of grievances. Mubarak protests continue in Cairo's Tahrir Square, new government to enact reforms.

President since 1981 assassination of Anwar Sadat four times, though legitimacy of elections. Early this week, it was announced that military general will seize all of Mubarak's former power and force him from leaving the country.

Protesters are calling for an end to President Omar al-Bashir's rule. Accusations have been raised as to the use of excessive force during largely peaceful protests in Khartoum and other northern cities.

Osama bin Laden gained power after 1989 military coup. Facing a disputed 2010 election. The International Criminal Court has issued an arrest warrant for al-Bashir for charges of genocide in Darfur.



Protesters gather in Cairo, Egypt's Tahrir Square demanding the resignation of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. The rally, sponsored by Al Jazeera, is having reached its peak of 1 million attendants, utilizing social media to disseminate event invitations to Egyptian citizens. February 1, 2011.



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hello, adorable

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Hello, Cupcake is an overwhelmingly adorable bakery in downtown Tacoma, situated directly across from the Union Station building.

The spacious, softly-colored interior houses a dedicated party-room, with walls decorated with chalk-board drawings of Tacoma landmarks. The bakery is lit mostly with natural light through the enormous front windows, but intricate chandeliers keep the store brightly lit while adding a touch of upscale elegance.

If the aesthetics of the building are impressive, then the cupcakes are a work of art. Grab one of the few seats in the bakery if you're sticking around, or get your treats to go; either way, don't waste time getting up to the counter to order. You really want to get what's next.

The menu remains fairly constant, with seasonal specialties making a rotating appearance. There isn't a big push for new-wave flavor combinations here; classics like vanilla with chocolate buttercream frosting adorned with a single sugar flower and red velvet with cream cheese frosting are done simply, beautifully and from scratch every day.

There is enough density that you can enjoy each bite and feel like you actually have a real treat on your hands. The cupcakes, however, are light enough that you won't be feeling weighed down and in search of a nap right after. Each cupcake has the right balance

of frosting to cake, and the frostings aren't just there to look pretty—they are ridiculously tasty. Don't be embarrassed to lick the frosting right off the top; been there, done that. The mocha cupcake is capped by a single chocolate-covered espresso bean, and while it's beautiful to the eyes, it's even more attractive to the taste buds.

The bakery is family owned and has been in operation since the summer of 2007. As the owners were kicking around names for the store, they kept returning to the catchy "Hello, Cupcake" because "it's simple and sweet and makes you smile," Reina Beach, head baker and co-owner of the bakery, said.

Getting the customer to smile is not just a gimmicky cliché. Beach makes it a point to note that customers are her single greatest source of inspiration in her work.


"Whether it's the look on a child's face while picking out their cupcake or seeing photos of glowing brides and grooms on their wedding day, enjoying our cupcakes," Beach said, "it's all very inspiring."

Hello, Cupcake has earned a reputation around Tacoma, and for obvious reasons—the atmosphere is fun, the cupcakes are delicious and the location is great. It all comes together to showcase what Beach and her team at Hello, Cupcake have been able to create.

Beach said the company philosophy at the bakery is straight forward.

"It's simple," she said. "Cupcakes make people happy!" Indeed they do.

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PLU students rock first-ever Guitar and Lute Festival

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Saturday, March 5, Pacific Lutheran University will hold its first Guitar and Lute Festival in the Mary Baker Russell Music Center. This day of events is designed for guitar enthusiasts of all levels and is open to the public as well. The registration fee is \$30 for students who are middle school age and older, and \$60 for general.

The event will be led by PLU's guitar faculty Elizabeth Brown and Stephen Howland, and workshops will be taught by a variety of PLU students and alumni. The workshops will focus on jazz, flamenco and classical/fingerstyle technique.

"We are really trying to make this as inclusive as possible, with sessions geared towards all levels of players," Brown said. "Folks who know a few chords will get some good foundational material, but there will also be cool tips and tricks for more advanced players."

The idea behind this event was to create the opportunity for guitarists to come together.

"While we have this great music department here that's open to everyone, a lot of students just don't have time for lessons or other music classes," Brown said. "I know that describes a lot of great guitarists here on campus."

A complete schedule can be found at www.plu.edu/music under the PLU Guitar Festival tab.

Guitar and Lute Festival Registration:
Students, Middle School: \$30
General price: \$60
Where:
Mary Baker Russell
When: Saturday, March 5

HITTING HIGH NOTES

HERmonic makes its mark at ICCA competition

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The International Competition of Collegiate A Cappella (ICCA) quarterfinals were hosted in Berkeley, Calif. this year, and both HERmonic and PLUtonic were invited to compete. For the women it was an opportunity to grow and was an exciting first-time experience.

"We're still catching up on the idea that we went and competed," senior Abby Spadaro, HERmonic vice president, said.

The five-year-old group is full of talented, young PLU musicians who come together to sing, dance and have fun. Members of HERmonic decided to go to ICCA this year to gain exposure and help push the group forward.

"It's a very new group this year but we were all really excited to go and we had a solid performance," junior and President of HERmonic Kylie Lewinski said. "We were really well received by the audience."

According to the Varsity Vocals website, all students who compete must be full-time college students, and each group was required to submit three songs with an application back in early November.

Both HERmonic and PLUtonic were accepted into the quarterfinals and traveled to Berkeley to compete. The trip started with a 4 a.m. start on Saturday, Feb. 26, competing until 11:30 p.m. and waking up Feb. 27 to catch a flight back to Seattle.

Even though the women will not move on to the semifinals for ICCA, they still managed to make an impact on the crowd.

"Even though we are a new group, we can still accomplish great things," Spadaro said.

HERmonic is not only a talented group, but a talented group of tight-knit friends. Spadaro said it was important for them to view the competition as a learning experience for the group as a whole.

"We didn't go to win, just to experience something new with each other," Spadaro said. "We went to have fun, and we did that, so mission accomplished."

The group members said it was this mentality that set them apart from the other teams. There was no vicious rivalry, just an excitement to perform.

"It wasn't about competing, it was about doing it with each other," Lewinski said. "And it was one of the best performances we have ever done."

Both groups will sing in joint performances tonight at 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. in Lagerquist Concert Hall for the annual Spring Show. PLU students can attend for free with reserved tickets; however, the groups encourage donations. HERmonic t-shirt order forms will be available to those who are interested and wish to support the group; the cost is \$12.

After the ICCA performance, the women are happy to be back performing at PLU for an audience, which is always encouraging and fun.

"It's a good time to show some people, who know what we've been up to with ICCA, what we are capable of," Spadaro said.



Sophomore Julian Amador, junior Anthony Kelly-Olson, senior Eric Crabtree, sophomore Alex Darrow, junior Luke Stronberg and senior Phil Serino from PLUtonic rehearse on Monday, Feb. 28. PLUtonic will compete at the ICCA quarterfinals for the first time on March 26 in Los Angeles, Calif.

PLUtonic qualifies for ICCA semifinals

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PLUtonic attended ICCA, the International Competition for Collegiate A Cappella, for the fourth time. However, this year something different happened—PLUtonic not only placed first, but the men qualified for the semifinals.

"We didn't expect to win," sophomore John Marzano, president of PLUtonic, said. "We just expected to do really well because we knew that we were one of the better teams."

Across the country, the top two groups from quarterfinal competitions qualify for the semifinals. The men will head to the competition March 26 in Los Angeles, Calif.

After games, singing and a 13-hour car ride to Berkeley, Calif., PLUtonic members were given a chance to compete at the ICCA with their sister group, HERmonic. The excitement was evident and while nerves were high, the idea of performing resonated

from singer to singer.

This is the first year PLUtonic has placed in the top three of ICCA. Two years ago, however, they won the award for Best Choreography.

The group not only won first place by more than 100 points, but they also received an individual award. Senior Philip Serino was awarded Best Soloist.

"We didn't expect to win."

John Marzano, sophomore

As soon as the competition was finished all the teams were standing on the stage waiting for the judges' deliberation. Marzano said nerves were high as PLUtonic and HERmonic stood next to each other waiting.

"We wanted to stand next to our girls," Marzano said. "They are our sister teams and it was important to be

together."

As soon as the judges announced that PLUtonic had received first place, there was instant joy resonating from the group.

"We just went nuts, jumping around, crying, hugging," Marzano said. "It is a feeling I will always remember."

PLUtonic members feel that they have a great chance to show off their talents at the semifinals; however, their biggest competition is Brigham Young's a cappella group Vocal Point.

PLUtonic is performing the same set from quarterfinals, with a few tweaks. Marzano said it is important for the singers to stick to what they know.

Marzano said the ultimate goal is to go to the ICCA finals in New York on April 16. However, the team is adamant on the idea that the score doesn't define a group, the people define the group.

"Now the a cappella world needs to watch out for both PLUtonic and HERmonic because we mean business," Marzano said.

The Oscars manifest white privilege

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The Academy Awards is a production of glamour, excellence and fame. It's designed to showcase the best of the entertainment industry and challenge the years prior in cinematic prestige. However, watching the second half of the awards on DVR Sunday evening, a familiar, yet constantly ignored, image of The Academy was staring its nearly 40 million viewers in the face. That image came in the form of the faces of old, straight, white men.

Being blinded by a Hollywood whiteness is nothing new to the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. There have only been four black men to ever win the Oscar for Best Actor, and the last time a black man won the award was Forest Whitaker in 2006 for his role as Idi Amin in "The Last King of Scotland." In other words, the last time a black man won the award was for a performance as an oppressive, corrupt leader of an African country.

The last black woman merely nominated for Best Actress was

Gabourey Sidibe for her role in "Precious" in 2009, a story about the 16-year-old Claireece "Precious" Jones who experiences a life of abuse, poverty and mental anguish in her Harlem home. The Oscar that year was awarded to Sandra Bullock for her role in "The Blind Side," where she played a wealthy, privileged Southern belle who takes an underprivileged, orphan black high school student under her wing.

This is a common theme in mainstream Hollywood storytelling, and speaks to a romanticized, borderline self-righteous perspective of a white person "rescuing" a black person from situations of unfortunate socio-economic status.

American motion pictures paint a very bleak narrative to the lives of black citizens. There are no screenplays written for average black Americans to relate to in Hollywood, and the result is a cinematic manifestation of white privilege.

British aristocrats, Harvard hackers and prestigious ballet dancers dominated this year's ceremony. Oprah Winfrey praised the nominees for Best Documentary for refusing to "let people escape

from the social issues of our society. As one of the few women of color in attendance speaking to a white-washed audience, the irony of Winfrey's statement should resonate with viewers.

The most visually shocking juxtaposition during the awards came at the very end, following a dramatic prelude by co-host Anne Hathaway explaining that anything can happen if you dream big. The glamorous event concluded with a performance by the PS22 Chorus from Staten Island, N.Y. It is a group of 60 to 70 fifth graders who, according to The Huffington Post, have come from struggling families, with about three-quarters of them eligible for free school lunches. Others have academic difficulties or are English language learners.

PS22 Chorus performed "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" with the Oscar winners standing behind them. The diverse faces of the children's choir resembled an image that the Academy has lacked in its 83 years. Society must acknowledge the presence of white privilege and not allow it to continue to manifest in American motion pictures.

Lutes SPORTS SCHEDULE

Baseball

March 5 — at George Fox, 11 a.m.
— at George Fox, 2 p.m.
March 6 — at George Fox, noon

Softball

March 5 — *vs. Willamette, noon
— *vs. Willamette, 2:30 p.m.
March 6 — *vs. Willamette, noon
— *vs. Willamette, 2:30 p.m.

Men's Tennis

March 4 — vs. Whitman, 6 p.m.
@ UPS Tennis Pavilion
March 5 — at Lewis & Clark, 2 p.m.

Women's Tennis

March 4 — vs. College of Idaho, 6 p.m.
@ UPS Tennis Pavilion
March 5 — vs. Lewis & Clark, 6 p.m.
@ UPS

Rowing

March 5 — Mills
Women's V: 8 and JV 8 only

Golf

March 13-14 — PLU Invitational
@ Oakbrook Golf & Country Club,
Lakewood, Wash.
* represents a PLU home game

Lute underdogs, overtaken

Men's basketball just shy of upsetting No. 2 Whitworth



Junior James Conly drives to the basket in a Northwest Conference game this season. The Lutes finished 15-10 overall, 11-5 NWC, an improvement over last year's team which compiled a 9-14 record (7-9).

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The Pacific Lutheran men's basketball team saw its season end Feb. 24 when it lost control of its lead over the No. 2-ranked Whitworth University Pirates. The Lutes were knocked out of the Northwest Conference Playoffs with the 63-74 loss to the Pirates.

PLU led 32-28 at halftime and held a 54-53 lead with 7:20 remaining in the game, but a 17-7 run by the Pirates in the final five minutes dealt the Lutes their final blow.

"I feel like we had them," senior Kyle MacTaggart said. "It's sad obviously, but at the same time it's a good way to go out."

Now that the Lutes' season is over, their hard work is being recognized throughout the league.

MacTaggart, senior Victor Bull and sophomore Andrew Earnest were selected to All-Northwest Conference teams.

MacTaggart, named to the All-NWC second team,

started 20 games for the Lutes and appeared in all 25. MacTaggart also led all Lutes in scoring, averaging 12.2 points per game.

"To get that honor is kind of mind boggling," MacTaggart said. "It's something I can hang on to and remember."

He also left his mark in the PLU history books, ranking 20th on the all-time scoring list and becoming the 22nd Lute to record 1,000 points, according to a release by the PLU Sports Information Office.

Bull, who earned All-NWC honorable mention, started in all 25 games and averaged 8.9 points per game while grabbing 6.4 rebounds per game. He also tied for first among conference opponents with .88 blocks per game, according to the PLU Sports Information Office.

Earnest also made his way onto the All-NWC honorable mention list after shooting 48.4 percent from three-point range, which ranks as Pacific Lutheran's fourth best single-season three-point percentage.



MacTaggart

Scorecard

Men's Tennis

as of 3/2

Team	NWC	%	All	%
Whitman	5-1	1.000	3-2	0.714
George Fox	3-1	0.750	3-1	0.800
Willamette	2-1	0.667	2-1	0.667
Pacific (Ore.)	2-2	0.500	3-2	0.600
Linfield	2-2	0.500	2-2	0.500
Whitworth	2-2	0.500	3-5	0.375
UPS	1-2	0.333	2-2	0.500
PLU	0-3	0.000	1-3	0.250
L&C	0-4	0.000	0-5	0.000

Singles

Alyal 1-3 (0-3 NWC)
Berg 1-3 (1-2 NWC)
Cotton 2-2 (1-2 NWC)
Dickey 2-2 (1-2 NWC)
Gunstone 3-1 (2-1 NWC)
Sheldon 2-2 (2-2 NWC)

Doubles

Dickey/Sheldon 4-0 (3-0 NWC)
Alyal/Berg 1-3 (0-3 NWC)
Cotton/Gunstone 0-2 (0-2 NWC)
Gunstone/Pargado 0-2 (0-1 NWC)

Women's Tennis

as of 3/2

Team	NWC	%	All	%
Linfield	4-0	1.000	4-1	0.800
Whitworth	3-0	1.000	4-2	0.667
Whitman	2-1	0.667	3-3	0.500
Willamette	3-2	0.600	3-7	0.300
Pacific (Ore.)	1-1	0.500	1-1	0.500
UPS	2-3	0.400	3-3	0.500
George Fox	1-2	0.333	2-2	0.500
L&C	1-4	0.200	1-6	0.143
PLU	0-4	0.000	1-4	0.200

Singles

Aarsvold 1-4 (1-3 NWC)
Ellmer 3-2 (2-2 NWC)
Hoerr 2-3 (1-3 NWC)
Newell 3-2 (2-2 NWC)
Rafael 1-4 (0-4 NWC)
Rife 2-3 (1-3 NWC)

Doubles

Aarsvold/Newell 2-3 (1-3 NWC)
Ellmer/Rife 1-4 (0-3 NWC)
Hoerr/Rafael 2-3 (1-3 NWC)

Baseball

as of 3/2

Team	NWC	%	All	%
Pacific (Ore.)	3-0	1.000	7-3	0.700
George Fox	0-0	0.000	9-1	0.900
Linfield	0-0	0.000	6-3	0.667
Willamette	0-0	0.000	5-3	0.625
Whitworth	0-0	0.000	4-4	0.500
PLU	0-0	0.000	4-5	0.444
UPS	0-0	0.000	2-3	0.400
Whitman	0-0	0.000	1-10	0.091
L&C	0-3	0.000	1-7	0.125

Team Average Leaders

Hoffman .500
Shum .429
Beal .385

Team Home Runs Leaders

Frost 2
Moore, Myers 1

Team Runs Batted In Leaders

Moore 9
Frost 5

Team Pitching Leaders

Newell (1-2) 0.00 era, 14 ip, 9 h, r, 3 bb, 8 k
Eisenhauer (1-1) 2.25 era, 12 ip, 11 h, 3 er, 4 bb, 13 k
Frost (0-0) 3.86 era, 11.2 ip, 14 h, 5 er, 2 bb, 6 k

Softball

as of 3/2

Team	NWC	%	All	%
Linfield	0-0	1.000	4-0	1.000
Pacific (Ore.)	0-0	0.500	6-3	0.667
Willamette	0-0	0.500	2-4	0.333
George Fox	0-0	0.000	3-5	0.300
L&C	0-0	0.000	2-4	0.333
PLU	0-0	0.000	1-3	0.250
UPS	0-0	0.000	0-4	0.000
Whitworth	0-0	0.000	2-10	0.167

Team Average Leaders

Goings .429
Hogenson .377
Martinez .333

Team Home Runs Leaders

Hagensen 1

Team Runs Batted In Leaders

Hogenson, Nilsen 2
Martinez, G. Haller, Lowrey, Cochran 1

Pitching Leaders

Hagensen (1-1) 0.55 era, 9.1 ip, 2 h, er, 4 bb, 11 k
Haden (0-1) 4.38 era, 8.0 ip, 8 h, 5 er, 3 bb, 2 k
Voorhees (0-0) 6.00 era, 4.2 ip, 7 h, 4 er, 2 bb, 3 k

Cyclists pedal for support

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The Pacific Lutheran University Cycling Club will be back in the saddle again for its 18-hour-spin-a-thon March 7 in the upper level of the University Commons.

In a effort to raise funds, club members will ride stationary bikes from 7 a.m. to 1 a.m.

"We want students to be aware that there is a cycling club which is part of the reason why we are doing this fundraiser," Co-President Brandon DeJong said. "Our goal is to make \$600 or more this year to help support our race fees."

The Cycling Club, which began four years ago, is open to all skill levels and any PLU student with an interest in cycling is welcome to join the club.

"Our main agenda is to connect Lute students to cycling," DeJong said. "We work to provide information about the safe routes around campus and throughout Tacoma."

Students, faculty and staff can place donations in water bottles located near the cyclists. The team will also be selling cowbells, water bottles and jerseys to benefit the team.

PLU strokes into offseason

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The Whitworth men's swim team won its ninth consecutive Northwest Conference championship and the Whitworth women gained their second on Sunday, Feb. 27, topping all schools at the NWC Championships.

The Pacific Lutheran men's swim team came in fourth place overall behind Whitman, third, and Puget Sound, second.

In the women's competition, Puget Sound finished second, Lewis & Clark placed third and Whitman came in fourth. The bottom four consisted of Pacific in fifth with PLU close behind in sixth, Linfield then Willamette.

PLU's fourth and sixth place finishes show improvement over past results. The men jumped up three spots from

last year while the women improved two spots.

"Having a strong first year under me is so important because it really helps fuel the progression," first-year head coach Matt Sellman said. "It really helps boost the nitro so to speak."

Lute sophomore Jacob Deines placed third in the 200 butterfly with a time of 1:56.87 Sunday, which helped the Lutes to their fourth-place finish.

Senior Alex Limoges finished eighth in the 2100 backstroke in 2:01.57 and first-year Kevin Jones placed ninth in 2:05.50.

Sophomore Michael Brasqalla finished 10th in the 1650 freestyle in 18:15.03 and 14th in the 200 breaststroke in 2:26.88, according to the PLU Sports Information Office.

"The stress of the big meet gets people reserved a little early," Sellman said. "Once we got into the meet, we started to have a little fun on deck and

the times really showed that."

The PLU men's 400 freestyle relay team placed fourth in 3:14.46.

For the women, first-year Kina Ackerman earned her second sixth-place conference meet finish, swimming the 1650 freestyle in 18:15.52. First-year Megan Wusterbarth finished 16th in the same event posting a time of 19:47.91.

Seniors Casey Jackson, Jessie Klauder, Kasey Dorcas, and first-years Darla Avis and Joanna Griffiths also placed in the finals Sunday.

"They got excited and that enthusiasm really showed in how they swam," Sellman said. "It gives them a very positive, lasting image of the season."

Sellman also said the team has seen how it can be successful and that it's up to the swimmers to "commit themselves to doing what they need to do to stay focused and stay fit" in the coming offseason.

Men win one, lose one

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The Pacific Lutheran men's tennis team split its weekend matches, cruising past College of Idaho 7-2, Saturday Feb. 26 and losing to George Fox 5-4, Sunday Feb. 27.

With the results, the Lutes record moves to 1-3 overall and 0-3 in the Northwest Conference.

In their win Saturday, the Lutes snagged two doubles and five singles wins. Four of the singles victories came in straight sets.

Sophomore Taylor Dickey and senior

Scott Sheldon took an 8-3 win at No. 1 doubles and junior Zack AhYat and first-year Neal Berg also netted an 8-3 win in the No. 2 doubles spot.

Dickey's No. 1 singles match against the C of I Coyote, Chenjerai Simpson, reached three sets before Dickey who pulled away with a 4-6, 6-1, 7-6 (6) victory.

Sheldon, AhYat, junior Daniel Cotton and first-year Reed Gunstone each had singles victories.

In Sunday's match, the George Fox Bruins rallied in doubles play, getting two

of three points sliding by the Lutes in NWC action.



Sheldon

With the win, George Fox broke its 14-year losing streak to PLU.

Dickey and Sheldon served up their second 8-3 No. 1 victory of the weekend, but that was the only doubles win the Lutes would get.

Sheldon won a three-set match at No. 2 singles, tackling Peter brown 6-1, 3-6, 7-5.

Cotton also went three sets, battling back for the win after dropping the first set. He beat Justin McClain 2-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Gunstone snatched the final singles victory for the Lutes in the No. 6 spot, sweeping first-year Andy Tweet 6-1, 6-4.

PLU returns to action today against Whitman at the Puget Sound University Tennis Pavilion at 6 p.m. and tomorrow at Lewis & Clark at 2 p.m.

Lutes gain experience Women's tennis sees improvement

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The Pacific Lutheran women's tennis team lost two of its three matches last weekend Feb. 25-27. The George Fox Bruins topped the Lutes 3-4 Friday, Willamette handled PLU 8-1 Saturday and the Lutes rallied passed Mills College 8-1 Sunday.

The losses dropped the Lutes to an 0-4 record in the Northwest Conference (1-4 overall).

First-year Leah Newell and sophomore Tina Aarsvold started the Lutes off strong, winning the No. 1 doubles match 8-6. Newell and Aarsvold then went on to win the No. 1 and No. 2 singles matches respectively. The Lutes got another win from senior Caitlyn Hoerr who edged out the Bruins' Bethany Nguyen 7-5, 2-6, 1-0 (10-8).

Despite losses, the team is noticing improvements.

"This weekend we all improved significantly," Newell said. "We all worked through physical and mental obstacles."

On Saturday Feb. 26, PLU took on the Willamette University Bearcats in a NWC match. Junior Deanna Elmer earned the only win for the Lutes, squeaking by the Bearcats' sophomore Kate Thurber 6-3, 1-6, 1-0 (10-7).

The Lutes played strong against Mills College on Sunday, winning all three of the doubles matches and all but one singles match. After a long, hard-fought weekend of tennis the women said they learned a great deal from their playing time.

"It was great to see us compete with some tough teams," Newell said. "We

are a pretty young team, so gaining some experience under our belts is exactly what we need."

Newell, Elmer and sophomore Hailey Rile all pulled out wins in straight sets. Hoerr and first-year Salyare Refaei had both of their matches end in super tiebreakers.

"We applied what we learned from our previous two matches and succeeded," Newell said. "Hopefully, we will continue to improve at this rate with our other matches coming up."

PLU will play a non-conference match on Friday, March 4 against College of Idaho at 6 p.m. at the University of Puget Sound Tennis Pavilion. The Lutes then return to the UPS Tennis Pavilion to take on Lewis & Clark March 5 at 10 a.m.

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Leah Newell	First-year
Chelsey Oedevoldt	First-year
Amanda Peterson	First-year
Salyare Refaei	First-year
Hailey Rile	Sophomore
Sophia Ro	First-year

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Lutes prepare for hefty conference matchup

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A weekend of wild weather postponed the opening home stand for the Pacific Lutheran University baseball team. The Lutes were set to play games against St. Martin's on Feb. 23 and 24, but snow reduced the PLU baseball field to frozen tundra.

The games have not been rescheduled. These postponed matchups were the last before the Lutes Northwest Conference season opener this weekend against the George Fox Bruins.

PLU will travel to Newberg, Ore. this weekend to open conference play against the Bruins Saturday and Sunday. Saturday's games start at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and Sunday's series closer begins at noon.

The matchup between these teams has a highly competitive history. Last season, PLU finished second in the NWC standings with an 18-6 record, just ahead of George Fox's third-place, 16-8, standing.

Although this heated series is early in the season, the Lutes said it is an opportunity for either team to gain ground in their hunt for the conference title.

"It's about us playing better week to week," PLU head coach Geoff Loomis said. "We do that and we'll have a successful season."

Since Loomis began coaching the Lutes in 2003, George Fox leads Pacific Lutheran with a 13-15 head-to-head record.

The George Fox Bruins enter the weekend series strong with a 9-1 overall record.

The Bruins saw a nine-game winning streak come to an end Feb. 27 against Division I opponent University of Portland, in a 7-2 defeat.

George Fox's junior right-handed pitcher Brian Ranta and junior shortstop Taylor Hunter received NWC Student-Athlete the Week awards for Feb. 14-20.

PLU said it enters the weekend with some momentum after winning three of four games at the Cascade Northwest Challenge.

"We have been practicing well and hard all week



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Junior Blaine Myers stands at bat for Pacific Lutheran. PLU's last four games were postponed because of inclement weather.

and we are definitely up for the task at hand," senior Ryan Aratani said.

Last year, PLU took two of three games from the Bruins including two late inning comeback wins.

This season, PLU's top pitcher, sophomore Max Beatty is 2-0 with a 0.00 ERA. He has allowed just nine hits in 14 innings while striking out eight and walking three.

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

Lutes proud to make it Reign

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What happens when football, a flying disc and 19 women of Pacific Lutheran University collide? It Reigns. And when the women's ultimate team, PLU Reign, take to the field, it pours.

Last year the Reign won the first-ever Division III National Championship and the Reign are looking to repeat as champion this year.

The team captured third place at the Stanford Open at Stanford University Feb 26 and 27.

Although entering the tournament with the eighth overall seed, the Reign rocked the 24-team field, finishing in the top three.

"We did not really know what to expect going into this tournament," junior captain Flannery Spinhirne said. "But we are very excited about our results."

PLU faced teams from all across the country and the University of Victoria from Canada.

Captains senior Geli Boyden, junior Jihan Gretchenberger and Spinhirne said the young team possesses a lot of talent.

"A lot of our rookies stepped it up this weekend and that was exciting," Spinhirne said. "Only a handful [of players] have played more than a year."

Students can see the talent of the PLU Reign March 12 and 13 at the PLU BBQ held at Heritage Park in Puyallup. The barbeque will feature some friendly competitions by the men's and women's ultimate teams.

The Reign are also selling tickets for a dinner and silent auction March 11, to raise money for the 2011 Division III National Championships.

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