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## Lucia lights up Lutedome



*Courtesy of photo services*

The Sankta Lucia festival of lights is a yearly tradition at PLU. These brides from two years ago, line up next to the chosen Sankta Lucia bride, Scyller Borglum, after her crowning.

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## PLU jogger attacked, suspect still at large

BY ERIC RUTHFORD  
Mast reporter

A female PLU student was attacked Nov. 21 at the Sprinker Recreation Center. According to campus safety, she was not seriously injured, but her assailant is still unidentified and at large.

The suspect apparently attacked the student under the assumption that she was a woman he had been waiting for.

The unidentified PLU sophomore was jogging alone on a wooded trail at the recreation area approximately 1 1/2 miles from campus.

Around 4:20 p.m., a large white man tackled her and pinned her to the ground with his hands on her neck, telling her, "Shut up or I will break your neck!"

Campus Safety described the suspect as a six-foot tall white male in his mid 20's with brown hair, a beard, wearing large glasses with tan frames, a red stocking cap and a royal blue jacket possibly bearing an Adidas logo.

When the suspect realized that he had not attacked his intended victim, he let her go.

He told her to run toward Spire Rock, which is a man-made mountaineering practice rock just out-

side the woods at Sprinker.

At Spire Rock, she found two climbers who were packing up their climbing gear after an afternoon of practicing on the rock.

"She ran out of the woods, screaming. It scared us half to death," said one of the climbers, a male PLU freshman who requested anonymity.

He and his climbing partner, another PLU male freshman, drove the jogger to campus safety.

The Pierce County Sheriff's Office was then notified of the attack.

PCSO interviewed the victim and began an investigation.

Walt Huston, the director of Campus Safety, said there was little his organization could do to prevent something like this from happening again.

Dan Nielsen, operations supervisor of PLU, sent a campus-wide voice mail advising students against jogging alone.

"It didn't do much good; people are still jogging alone," said Huston.

At the beginning of the year, Campus Safety sent officers to each dorm meeting to advise students to jog in groups.

Huston suggested jogging on the PLU track by the Olson Auditorium to avoid more incidents like this one.

"I know how boring it is to run in circles, but sometimes you have to do that to be safe," Huston said.

## Rocket lands back in UC after students protest

BY KARA KLOTZ  
Mast copy editor

Erv Severtson, vice president and dean of Student Life, announced Tuesday that The Rocket, a free bi-weekly Northwest music magazine, is again available at the PLU campus.

However, instead of being stacked in the UC lobby, The Rocket, along with all other available free publications, is now in the bookstore near the magazine rack.

The decision was made by Severtson, UC Executive Director Roberta Marsh, bookstore Associate Director Angela Zurcher, President Loren Anderson and acting Vice President Jeff Jordan.

When The Rocket was initially removed the week of Oct. 31, both Severtson and Marsh said considerable student response would persuade them to bring it back.

This week, Marsh received a petition signed by 39 people asking for The Rocket to be rein-

stated.

"The notable interest in bringing it back was obvious to us," said Marsh.

One of Severtson's main reasons for pulling The Rocket was because it made a mess in the UC.

"I was genuinely interested in addressing what I thought was a housekeeping issue and it turned out to not be a housekeeping issue," said Severtson.

All free publications are being relocated from the UC foyer to their own rack in the bookstore.

Marsh said the bookstore is the logical location.

"I started thinking of places that might be more appropriate," she said.

It will be the bookstore's responsibility to keep the rack filled and tidy.

Marsh is also trying to resolve the customer service issue between PLU and The Rocket.

"We are going to ask them to not just dump it inside the door, that they actually deliver it to the bookstore," said Marsh.

## A touch of Christmas

PLU students help bring Christmas joy to needy kids

BY GEOFF BEEMAN  
Mast senior reporter

For the 12th consecutive year, PLU's East Campus will host a Christmas party for local children Dec. 11.

The children attending the party come from the Parkland/ Spanaway area and would otherwise be facing a Christmas without presents.

There will be 240 children from 115 different families attending the party, all under the age of 12.

All have been referred to the PLU Center of Public Service as needing the clothing and gifts that will be provided.

PLU students have been involved working on the project leading up to the day of the event.

It is estimated that 30 students will volunteer on the day of the event and many others have donated toys and clothing for the party.

The event is organized as four individual parties which will be separated by the different agencies involved in the program.

Those attending the party will be divided into three different groups. One group of children will enjoy snacks while, in another room, the second meets Santa and receives wrapped gifts. The third group will be in childcare, waiting to rotate into one of the other areas.

The childcare gives parents the opportunity to attend the clothing room, where they are able to pick up donated clothing for their children.

The event begins at 1 p.m. and the last group begins its party at 5 p.m.

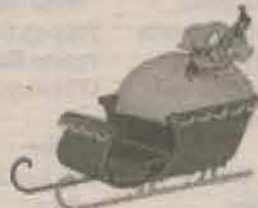
Over the years the program has helped many needy families, but exact numbers are not available.

Last year 260 children attended this Christmas party.

Sigrun Freeman, of the Center of Public Service said, "There is still a great need for donations of both toys and clothing. Those who would like to make a donation can find drop off points in both the UC and on East Campus."

Donated clothes and toys will go to children up to age 12.

The deadline for donations is Dec. 9.



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—Sigrun Freeman



## Best and worst Safety Beat incidents of the semester

Profound thoughts from your page two editor

Prepare yourselves, folks; it's here: The Best of Safety Beat for Fall 1997.

Let's start with religious events, like our visitor who called Campus Safety to inform them that he was going to light himself on fire, in an attempt to "meet the anti-Christ." In our own community we have the student who — attempting to play Jesus, me thinks — was found in the bushes outside of Foss Hall with a thorn in her scalp. Amen, sister.

Many of the students who make it into Safety Beat don't have such high goals. Losing control of a golf cart? Trying to run over a grounds crew worker? Dressing up like Campus Safety just for the pure joy of confiscating alcohol? Answering the phone while trespassing in a room? Getting stuck in the Tinglestad parking lot without an access card?

Many of the incidents in Safety Beat are physical ailments. Abdominal cramping (too many potatoes au gratin at the UC?), choking on hamburger, at least one injured index finger per week, swollen testicle (too many ex-

tra-curricular activities?), a twisted ankle from freshman initiations, kicked in the face while dancing, falling down the stairs twice in the same night thus twisting both ankles, abrasions from astroturf.

I think we should pay homage to a few of our off-campus visitors. The irate Parkland man who confronted the golf shop manager over the stray golf balls hitting his house. The bum who wanted his inheritance from Mary Baker Russell. The Parkland Youth who was caught stealing candy, and due to the bomb threat, had to wait for five hours in the Campus Safety office, only to be told that he was no longer allowed on campus.

Don't rule out the non-human aspect of Safety Beat. When the Memorial Artificial Intelligence Lab intrusion alarm went off, Campus Safety officers found no evidence of malicious mischief or theft. (Who said computers couldn't think?)

An ode to the joy of laughing at other's mishaps: David Letterman does it, and with Safety Beat, we all can.

## SAFETY BEAT



- Nov. 17 —
  - A PLU student contacted Campus Safety and Computing and Telecommunications to report a series of harassing phone calls. A PLU phone trace revealed the names of two students who are both suspected in the incident.
- Nov. 19 —
  - A PLU student reported to Pierce County deputies that her Ford Escort was stolen from the West Administration parking lot.
  - A PLU staff member reported that her 1996 Subaru Outback had been broken into and her cellular phone stolen.
  - A PLU student lost consciousness following an intense swimming workout. Campus Safety contacted Fire & Rescue as they were concerned about possible head trauma. Fire & Rescue discovered and dressed a head wound.
- Nov. 20 —
  - A PLU student requested medical assistance for a burn she received from hot water while preparing coffee. Campus Safety applied cold water and a loose dressing to the second degree burn.
  - Two PLU students reported a suspicious male loitering at the Harstad Hall front desk. The non-student was making inappropriate comments concerning the female residents of Harstad. The Pierce County Sheriff's Office was notified. Deputies contacted the man and informed him that his presence on campus would now be considered criminal trespass.
  - A PLU student requested medical attention for a swollen thumb suffered while playing basketball.
- Nov. 21 —
  - A PLU student reported that she had been attacked while running through the wooded area surrounding Sprinkler Recreation Center. The suspect had made numerous verbal and physical threats on the student's life, but later allowed the student to leave, saying he'd mistaken her for someone else. A full description of the suspect was given to Pierce County deputies, and the student was referred to Counseling and Testing.
  - A PLU student requested emergency medical response for a laceration sustained in his left eye while playing hockey in the Memorial Gymnasium. Campus Safety bandaged both eyes. Fire & Rescue transported the student to the Saint Claire ER. Due to the serious nature of the injury, he was later brought to the Harborview Medical Center in Seattle.
  - A PLU student reported the theft of her backpack from the UC kitchen area.
- Nov. 22 —
  - During routine patrols, Campus Safety officers have repeatedly noticed a Toyota Corolla that has remained unmoved from 123rd Street. The owner is not a PLU student.
  - Several Stuen residents complained of a suspicious male possibly looking into the women's restroom on the third floor. The suspect was later spotted in Ordal Hall, where Campus Safety identified the student and his friend. The student admitted to being in the women's wing at the time identified, but denied having looked into the women's restroom. He said he had inadvertently walked down the wrong hallway.
- Nov. 23 —
  - A PLU student requested medical assistance for a bruised left thigh, received while playing basketball.
- Nov. 24 —
  - A PLU student requested assistance getting out of his room; his door had been maliciously barricaded. Campus Safety successfully freed the student and his roommate.
  - An East Campus staff member reported the theft of a TV, VCR, and stereo from the Upward Bound Office and the theft of a VCR from the third floor American Cultural Exchange office. The Pierce County Sheriff's Office was notified. A local youth is currently being sought for questioning.
- Nov. 26 —
  - A PLU staff member reported having nearly been run over by a black Nissan pickup truck with Oregon license plates while she was doing grounds maintenance on Foss Field. The driver of the vehicle noticed the worker, but chose not to avoid a near collision with her, then drove onto Foss Field. The vehicle then quickly turned around and departed campus. A search of PLU records identified a possible suspect.
  - A Franklin Pierce School District bus driver reported that her bus and a PLU food service van, parked in the East Campus lot, had had their side-view mirrors broken.
- Nov. 27 —
  - During routine patrol Campus Safety discovered that PLU Van #46, parked in the UC lot, had been vandalized with spray-painted with extensive expletives.
  - During routine patrol Campus Safety discovered a leak from the water pipe on the second floor of Olson Auditorium had caused flooding on both the first and second floors of the building.
  - During routine patrol Campus Safety discovered that three PLU Plant Services vehicles had been broken into via the use of a "slim-jim."
  - Two Tinglestad residents were reported throwing items out of their sixth floor window and tampering with an internal exit sign.
  - During routine patrol Campus Safety discovered an Audi 5000 had been broken into in the North Residents parking lot.

## In Brief...

### Campus Closure Hotline available

With approaching winter weather, the president's office would like to remind students of the Campus Closure Information Hotline. Students can dial 535-7100 for information on possible closure or cancellation of classes due to either weather or crisis. The number is listed in the back of the Student Handbook, with other campus and emergency phone numbers.

In addition, for weather related changes, the university will contact the following TV stations: KIRO, KOMO, KSTW, KING, KCNS, and the following radio stations: KPLU, KIRO, KOMO, KNWX, KHNO, KCCR.

### Help fight against gender violence

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence is an international campaign that PLU is participating in with the support of ASPLU CARE (Creating a Rape-free Environment) committee, the Women's Center and Feminist Student Union.

Over the course of the 16 days, from Nov. 26 to Dec. 10, there have been and will be several activities dealing with gender violence.

The Hands project in the Administration lobby runs until Dec. 9. A banner reading, "These PLU hands will not be raised in violence" is hung in the lobby. PLU community members are encouraged to plate their handprints and signa-

tures on the banner.

On Dec. 8 two speakers will be on campus to speak about sexual assault from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Todd Denny, a sexual assault educator from Olympia, will address men about communication between the sexes, its affect on sexual assault and men's roles in sexual assault awareness education. Tamatha Thomas, a representative from the Pierce County Sexual Assault Center, will speak to women about sexual assault and women's role in it. Denny will speak in UC 210 and Thomas will be in the Regency Room.

Maureen Seal will lead a relaxation seminar Dec. 9 from 12 to 1 p.m., in the Harstad main lounge. 16 Days will wrap up on Dec. 11 with a party at the Women's Center at 4:30 p.m.

### Learn about Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

A seminar on the effects of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome will be held Jan. 16, 1998 at the Silverdale Community Center from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. "Affecting Their Future: Understanding and Responding to Children and Youth with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Effects," will help people appropriately respond to children with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Effects.

The seminar costs \$20. Limited scholarships are available. Call Project Family at 360-373-0985 for more information.

## FOOD FOR THE WEEK

<b>Fri. Dec. 5</b> Breakfast Belgian Waffles Fried Eggs Cake Donuts	Sandwich Black Bean and Rice Soup	Lunch Grilled Cheese Pasta Bar Lentil Soup Graham Crackers & Frosting	<b>Wed. Dec. 10</b> Breakfast Belgian Waffles Fried Eggs Cinnamon Rolls	Veggie Wrap Pasta Bar
Lunch French Bread Pizza Cheese Pizza Pasta Bar Cookies	Dinner Chimichangas Cheese Enchilada Casserole Mixed Vegetables	Dinner Theme Meal: Caribbean Beach Party Jerked Chicken Grilled Tuna	Lunch Grilled Turkey & Swiss Sandwich Peppers Salsa 'lito Potato Bar O'Henry bars	Dinner French Bread Pizza Cheese Pizza Breakfast Bar Yogurt Sundaes
<b>Sat. Dec. 6</b> Breakfast Biscuits and Gravy Scrambled Eggs Quartered Red Hashbrowns	<b>Sun. Dec. 7</b> Breakfast Continental Old Fashioned Donuts	<b>Tues. Dec. 9</b> Breakfast Pancakes Tator Triangles	<b>Thurs. Dec. 11</b> Breakfast Blueberry Pancakes Tator Tots	<b>Fri. Dec. 12</b> Breakfast Biscuit Sandwich Scrambled Eggs Bacon
Lunch breakfast cont. Fried Chicken	<b>Mon. Dec. 8</b> Breakfast French Toast Scrambled Eggs	Lunch Chicken Club Pasta Sub Sandwich Bar Toll House Cookies	Lunch French Dip Sandwiches French Fries	Lunch BBQ Chicken Sandwich Cheese Ravioli with Pesto Low Fat Burrito Bar
	Dinner Teriyaki Steak Pad Thai Entree Salad Bar Lemon Poppy Seed Cake	Dinner Chicken Crisпитos Rice and Cheese Enchiladas Fruit Bar	Dinner Chicken Fried Rice Vegetable Lo Mein Pasta Bar Green Pea Soup	Dinner Chicken Enchiladas Vegan Burritos Pasta Bar Tartlets

Backpacks stolen to date: seven.  
Car break-ins to date: a whoppin' 43.  
Bicycles stolen to date: still eleven.

**And the winners are...**

The winners of the first annual Mooring Mast Thanksgiving Day coloring contest are Erika Dahl and Sally Cole. Both winners will receive a pair of tickets to Zoolights. Honorable mention goes to Sharlene Rittgam and Heather Wendt. Thank you to all who entered.



## Sankta Lucia crowning 'more of an honor'

The traditional crowning of the Sankta Lucia bride has taken on new significance with the development of a scholarship and new requirements.

BY HEIDI RAMSETH  
Mast intern

The Sankta Lucia Festival of Light, an annual celebration of PLU's Scandinavian heritage, has experienced a small transformation.

This year candidates are required to write an essay on the importance of learning about another culture. Also new is a \$500 scholarship the Queen of the Festival will receive.

The queen is chosen based on her essay and a short interview. The SPURS Club, a sophomore honors group, along with its advisor Susan Young, made the changes.

SPURS junior adviser Ahna Lietke said they wanted to in-

crease interest and make the Sankta Lucia title more of an honor. The festival honors 13 female PLU students tonight in Lagerquist Concert Hall.

Along with music, dancing and other Swedish traditions, one of the students will be



crowned Queen during the ceremony, which begins at 7:30 p.m.

The Sankta Lucia tradition commemorates the life of Lucia, a Swedish martyr and saint. She embodies the honorable traits of faith, dedi-

cation and service.

PLU brides are selected because they possess the same characteristics.

They rehearsed regularly throughout November to prepare for tonight's ceremony.

A reception in the Scandinavian Cultural Center immediately follows the ceremony, with more live music and dancing.

Tickets are \$3 for PLU students, \$5 for SCC members and \$7 for general admission.

## Summer sessions planned with environmental theme



BY DMITRY WHITE  
Mast reporter

The theme for the 1998 summer sessions will be the concerns of living in a fragile environment.

Summer sessions are held each year for anyone who wishes to graduate early or who needs to make up credits.

Despite the environmental theme, there will be a wide variety of classes offered.

Each year, PLU holds special academic programs over the summer, allowing students to pick up extra credits for timely graduation.

This year the Summer Sessions office has collaborated with participating schools in the Western Association of Summer School Administration.

WASSA's chosen theme is health and the environment.

Because of the involvement of

schools from the Western United States in a common topic, there will be an abundance of related activities to accompany the academic program this summer.

**"(it's) something that people can participate in instead of just catalogs and graphics."**

—Kirsten Workman, Junior

the University Art Gallery in Ingram, a UC window display in the spring regarding recycling, a new environmental science course, a

scheduled movie night, and speakers who will address environmental topics.

The speakers are yet to be announced.

On a national scale, a federal subcommittee on the health effects as a result of Hanford will meet at PLU.

The school will also be applying for several grants, one for hosting a speaker to talk about global warming, another to create a course for middle and high school teachers about the environment.

Administrators Dr. Judy Carr and LeAnn Evey hope that the focus on the ecological state of the world around us will create enthusiasm for the environmental studies minor and hopefully develop into a major.

Kirsten Workman, a student office assistant for the program,

is also excited that unlike previous themes, this summer's theme will be "something that people can participate in instead of just catalogs and graphics."

Special Academic Programs and Summer Sessions will have a course list for the summer available before Christmas vacation and a course catalog in circulation by February.

There will be four terms over the three summer months: Term 1 from May 26 to June 19, Term 2 from June 22 to July 17, Workshop Week lasting from July 20 through 24, and Term 3 from July 27 to August 21.

For more information regarding planning and registration, contact your advisor or Carr in the Special Academic Programs and Summer Sessions office, Administration 107, or call her at x7130.

**Surprise yourself, graduate on time!**



**Summer Sessions 1998**

- ☀ Summer tuition is cheaper--\$320/credit
- ☀ Classes are intense, but short--one month
- ☀ Choose from 3 sessions or a workshop week
- ☀ Take GUR and major/minor courses
- ☀ Lighten your regular semester load

**\*\*Look for a preliminary course listing before Christmas Break\*\***

Lots of classes and events around this year's theme:  
**Health and the Environment**

Any classes in particular you need to have offered?  
Let us hear from you!

Questions?

\*call x7129

\*stop by Admin.#107

\*or email: [spacsummer@plu.edu](mailto:spacsummer@plu.edu)



## Rocket returns, questions remain

The Rocket returned to campus this week. The entire "Rocket issue" has been grossly misunderstood by a majority of people on this campus. The issue wasn't even The Rocket itself, but the procedures that took place to have it removed from the UC.

This raises multiple questions:

Who determines the atmosphere of the University Center and its contents? Is it Roberta Marsh, associate director of conferences and events? Or should it be the students who live, eat and work within the confines of the building?

Aren't ASPLU and RHA the representative bodies for students on campus? Why wasn't Paris Mullen, ASPLU president, and Scyller Borglum, RHA president, consulted on the issue?

How can one administrator make a decision to remove something from campus based on a claim to keeping the campus tidy? It seems apparent, based on current and historical events, there are no procedures for the policies in the University Center. Obviously, a tour of Tingelstad needs to be taken to see some of the other places that are "cluttered" (see story, page 8).

What is the policy for issues like this?

We need to establish the roles of ASPLU and RHA on these issues, so they can serve the student body and hold the administration accountable.

—NL

## Re-thinking our 'Lutedome' concept

We like to think that many of the students who live and learn within the confines of PLU are from suburban families. Two parents, 2.1 children, a dog, white-picket fence.

We forget in our day-to-day self-centeredness that the people around us are a microcosm of the greater American society, and we wrestle daily with issues of who we are spiritually, sexually and philosophically.

Some of us struggle financially and need to work two to three jobs while taking 12 credits to maintain our scholarships or grants.

There are also those of us who come from broken homes, abusive parent, and poverty-stricken cities.

Nontraditional students, who make up 25 percent of the student body, may have two or three children, live on welfare, or be a disabled veteran.

Still, they are all Lutes.

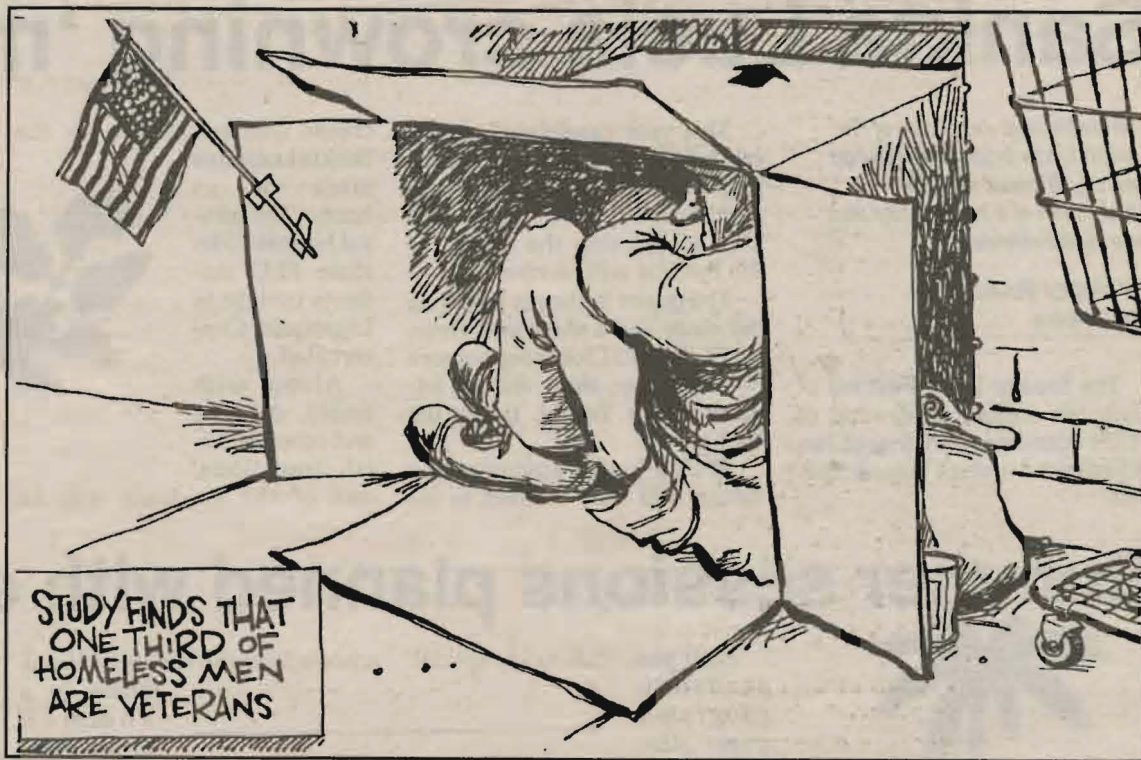
They come together to form PLU.

Take some time this Christmas season to rethink our "Lutedome" and reach out to understand those with whom you see each day.

Our proverbial "Lutedome" doesn't exist.

Many of us are in the real world.

—NL



## Our never-ending Christmas



Kaia Benson/  
**LUCIFEROUS**

Ah...Christmas-time once again.

(Or should I say: Damn...Christmas-time again.)

Colorful bulbous lights are poorly strung from windows and roof-lines.

Annoying high-pitched Christmas carols with infinitely terrible back-up noises are blaring from loud speakers.

Shiny red, green and gold thingamabobs, dohickies and whatchamacallits litter the aisles and fill picture windows at the mall and in the grocery store.

The choir and band hold Christmas concerts, three-hour chunks of butt-numbing time spent listening to classical music all hailing the praises of a 2,000-year-old dead guy.

Grandma and Aunt Sue head to the mall every day spending inordinate amounts of money on useless items their relatives will hide in the back of the closet.

Millions of beautiful green pine trees have their lives abruptly ended, only to sit and rot in gas station parking lots.

Yet everybody loves it. Even my Jewish friends whom I spent Thanksgiving with were putting up the Christmas tree, sneaking into mom's closet to peek at their gifts, and listening to the Hanson Christmas album. As if Hanson weren't annoying enough by themselves.

I hate it. It's not the actual holiday that I hate. I don't mind eating loads of holiday food (lots of

mashed potatoes and lefse, in my case, since I'm a vegetarian. Not that I really want lutefisk). I don't mind spending a day with my family. I've even learned to give up and just enjoy the candlelight church service. And I'm not going to argue if you want to give me presents. That whole day is quite tolerable.

But give it up already: it's still a month away. People drag out this holiday like it may not come back next Halloween. Sometime around daylight savings I start getting attacked with cheesy Christmas music and little decorations. A few days after Halloween I start seeing red — everywhere — and illiterate corporations hang posters about some warped fantasy of theirs called X-mas.

Thanksgiving is the worst. The minute children come home from college for turkey day, parents flick on the gaudy house lights. Ceramic Jesus and Mary and sheep appear on the fireplace mantle. Woven Santas hang from the front door. Don't even attempt to go shopping for anything. A different Christmas carol is blaring in every store. Red tags with percentages decorate clothes rack. Every power tool has a name tag that reads, "Dad."

It just goes downhill from there. (Incomprehensible, I know.) The only topic of conversation is Christmas—this and Christmas—that. Mom wears

her light bulb necklace once a week. Your neighbor hangs flashing lights around the house that she doesn't turn off until midnight, long after you've tired of dreaming about cop cars.

Industrious friends tell you all about the gifts they're making for people, guilt-tripping you over the fact that you were just going to send out cards this year. Friends with lookism whine about not yet having a Christmas dress. Mom calls you three times a week to check and make sure that she has your flight number and time of arrival.

It goes on forever: that's my problem with it.

Life is made up of incredible amounts of boredom interjected with great highlights. It's all this nonsense of turning the highlight into a boredom. How am I supposed to enjoy a (theoretically) peaceful day, when I'm sick of hearing about it two months before it happens? The only reason I like Christmas is for the relief I feel that it is finally done.

I'd much rather just have a hint of something coming.

A little whisper that maybe we'll all get together in late December. A tease that I've got something to give you later. I don't want to know what's going to happen before it actually does.

(What, then, would be the reason for going through with it?)

Nope. I just want to live my boring life and wait for the exciting surprises that stretch my notions of the myself, others, the world. I don't want another disgusting peppermint candy cane.

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## Finding solutions to apathy, campus clutter

Let's talk.  
It seems to me there are more than enough activities planned for students that offer diverse and wide ranging topics. Personally, I have a hard time trying to decide what I can make time for. Yet time and time again, I hear the compliant, "There is nothing to do." Well, if there is nothing to do, how can I have such a hard time deciding? Maybe I have too many interests. I doubt it.

My concern is that, with the attitude that there is nothing to do, we won't learn to take risks. Sure, you may be doing well academically, but if you can't take a risk in your social life, it makes me worry that when you graduate from this fine institution, are you going to be able to take a few risks?

Who wants to be around someone who refuses to take a risk, only to sit and complain about their state of boredom? Mom was right, crying is not going to solve the problem.

One recent PLU-sponsored event that sticks out in my mind is the Jumbalassy concert held Nov. 14 in Xavier. Although I had to work until midnight, I still managed to take in a little of the concert.

Two dollars with your PLUID card was all it cost for great music and good times. Is that too much? So, you can't wash your clothes for a while, at least you

Kristin Sluiter  
GUEST SPEAKER

went and checked the band out.

Another concern I have, related to this, is that a lot of time and energy is spent to bring big-name concerts and lectures to PLU and the student response is not worth the effort. In addition to the hours of work, a lot of money is thrown around to sponsor these events. ASPLU and RHA aren't bringing us these activities for their political health.

Given our track record this semester, soon there will be nothing to do because the money will

be put into deserving projects.

There's this little word that needs to be re-introduced into our vocabulary:

responsibility. You are the only person who should take the responsibility for your fun. I hate to break it to you, but the fun is not always going to come and find you.

There is no reason to say there is not enough media coverage, because there are signs posted everywhere, keeping us informed and up to date on upcoming events at PLU.

We have the Daily Flyer and the Mooring Mast. Or do these publications just clutter the UC?

If you want to talk clutter, think about all the unnecessary clutter created by 50 different news letters, every few weeks or so.

The Mast, the Daily Flyer and KCNS6 are here at our disposal, to use and exploit.

Every trash can is full of The Campus Voice, flyers from the Volunteer Center, International Programs, and countless organizations on campus.

PLU should seriously rethink the way they use student media like the Mooring Mast and the Daily Flyer. These publications provide a wide-read basis for all of campus.

*Kristin Sluiter is a freshman communications major from Hingham, Mont.*

## Many thanks to the movers and shakers of Pepper

Dec. 3, 1997 is a day that will live on in infamy...

Unlike another day in December that will live on in infamy, PLU's day is one that brought it to the forefront of technology. SAGE is now the new primary server for the institution, and PEPPER will phase out.

Many questions arise everyday, and the folks at Computing and Telecommunications have been working overtime to solve and answer many of these arising situations.

I wanted to take this week to thank all the people who have played a role in the upgrading of our campus. I am not going to list each of them individually, but many of them deserve more than



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just a pat on the back.

Changing an entire university from one type of computer networking system to another is not a small feat, but considering everything it entails, the switch went quite smoothly.

I don't know everything that went on the evening of the switch, but I do know what went on with the migration of the PLU

web site.

Dispite a few missing files, the switch was a success. Everyone who worked on the switch learned something. We discovered that when transferring files you can force the files to transfer in all lowercase, we also learned that if you aren't careful that a file that you think has been moved could still be residing on

the old system. One thing is certain, we learned with a little bit of patience and a whole lot of team work, a seemingly impossible project can be accomplished with only minor hiccups.

I do want to thank Layne Nordgren for keeping me on track and being supportive when I thought that the site would never get moved. Continue thanks to Gene Gatlin, the "Wizard," for making all of those image files so small. It's amazing how quickly over 200 files transfer when most of them could fit on one floppy disk.

Most especially I want to thank the student staff. Jason Miler, Peter Loo, Eric Dennon and Korb Rim have been outstanding and really deserve

everyones thanks and respect for having to deal with my madness, for as weird as it was, there is a method.

While there still may be some minor wrinkles to iron out, and a ton of information that needs to be updated, the major task has been completed. We have survived with only a bit of tiredness from long nights and given up weekends. What we have to show for our toils can on'y be classified as progress.

Thank you, again, to all who have worked so hard.

*Joel is a senior music arts major. This concludes the end of his next to last semester. He wishes everyone a merry Christmas, and looks forward another semester of columns this spring.*

## Non-consensual labels subvert individual voices

To the Editor,

As I read the Nov. 21 article covering the "Getting to Know Your Neighbor" series, I was dismayed to find that I had been identified as homosexual despite the fact that I had self-identified as bisexual during the panel discussion.

Firstly, when a label is placed upon an individual in a non-consensual manner, that individual's voice is subverted.

Reclaiming the power to name is an important step in any individual or group's path towards what we call liberation.

I feel it is necessary to reclaim my right to self-identify as bisexual to demand validation for my experience, increase bi-visibility, and claim my existence for

my own.

Secondly, the binary nature of gender and sexuality in our culture does not allow for a fluid view of gender and sexuality and is therefore inherently biphobic and monosexist.

In our culture, individuals are divided into binary categories of male/female, homosexual/heterosexual, black/white, abled/disabled, normal/deviant, etc. The notion of bisexuality does not fit into such simplistic categories of either/or.

Lastly, it is crucial that we respect individual experiences and perspectives and avoid assumptions. When self-identifying voice was disregarded.

A first step would be to deliberately use inclusive language such as queer or sexual minority

and only to use more specific terms/labels when an individual has accepted them. Also, in discussion of sexuality, it is important to discuss bisexual issues as well as issues of transgender, s/m, leatherfolk, erotophobia, polyamory, etc. in order to consider a larger part of the sexual spectrum.

I refuse to be a label tacked on to the end of a title in the name of "political correctness," or a superfluous afterthought, or an annoying exception.

I want to help spark further informed discussions about this topic and others while trying to prevent any future casualties in our quest for relevant community discussions.

Brian Norman  
Junior

## Predjudice extends from ignorance of minorities

To the Editor,

As a student who is actively involved in working for social justice and is openly gay-affirmative, I was more than disappointed when I was misquoted in the last issue of the Mooring Mast (Nov. 21).

In the article, Discussion Flows Without Controversy, I was quoted as saying, "I think it was aggravating there were so many gay-affirmative people here."

Besides the fact that I was not the person being interviewed by the reporter, and my name and misquote were printed after having told the reporter that I did not wish to appear in the paper, the quote was taken completely out of context and was not given an ounce of explanation.

When I made the comment that appeared incorrectly in the paper, I was talking to another student who had attended the presentation and we were discussing our perceptions of the evening's discussion.

Within the context of our discussion I made the comment that I was a little frustrated by

the fact at that particular presentation as well as other similar discussions I have attended, virtually all of the people present have been gay-affirmative, and therefore it seems we are not reaching the people who could benefit most from such presentations.

One of the things continually mentioned during discussions about sexual minorities is that prejudice stems from ignorance and lack of knowledge about sexual minority people.

Yet, somehow it seems as though we still are not quite reaching out to those people so what we end up with is a group of sexual minority affirmative people sitting around talking about how everyone else needs to be more educated. I hope in the future there will be a greater awareness on campus that such presentations and discussions about sexual minorities, race, prejudice, and other social justice issues are for all students, not simply those who are already educated on such topics.

Sarah Lord  
Sophomore

## Proud Lutes lend helping hands

To the Editor,

Last Wednesday I had the opportunity to help deliver Thanksgiving food baskets for the PLU First-Steps program with Lael Petersen '96, PLU FirstSteps staff member and coordinator of this event. PLU staff, faculty and students adopted over 60 families throughout Tacoma and Pierce County.

It took us all afternoon and well into the evening. When we were finally done, we had delivered to eight families—it seemed

like forty. I was overwhelmed with emotion and mentally exhausted. Here's two things I walked away with that I'd like to share:

First off, there's much more that makes up life that just the people I am involved with. Yes, I am very fortunate, have lived a good life, and am supported by family and friends. But there's much more than just my life in my world. Last Wednesday was a happy, humbling experience.

Secondly, I'm proud of PLU. We all had our reasons why we

helped out—either we wanted to, felt like we had to, could understand or have been there ourselves—but we gave.

We stepped out of our own personal world and shared good things with someone outside. And when you can experience something like this as first-hand as I did, I realize what a blessing to be able to give. It was a proud day to be a Lute.

Darren Kerbs '96  
Assistant Director,  
Alumni & Parent Relations

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errors, please contact our office at (252)535-7494, or via e-mail at: mast@plu.edu, so we may correct the error.



## J-term continuation called into question

BY TAMRA MILLER  
Special to the Mast

ASPLU members, students and faculty gathered in the Cave to discuss the future of January term at a Nov. 24 interest meeting. The continuation of J-term was called into question at the meeting.

J-term, between fall and spring semesters, offers students a way to fit in more classes in a shorter period of time. Classes that are usually taught over a three-month period are condensed into one month of fast-paced learning.

Freshmen are required to take a J-term class on campus.

However, after the freshman year students can either study on campus, study abroad, or to take the term off.

Attendees of J-term 1997 filled out an interest survey relating to the future of J-term at PLU. According to the survey results, both students and faculty like the intense month of study and instruction for various reasons.

Of those students surveyed, 90 percent wanted to keep J-term alive. Seventy-four percent of the

faculty agreed.

Some students said it was nice to take a course they've been dreading and get it over with, while other students enjoyed the opportunity to study abroad.

PLU records indicate that 60 percent of the student body took advantage of J-term 1997.

At the J-term interest meeting, Provost Paul Menzel boasted about the character of that 60 percent.

"It's a mark of maturity that students want to take part," he said. "Offer it and they will come."

The PLU faculty also like J-term, but for a different reason: flexibility.

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Huelsbeck, anthropology professor, said that while J-term traditionally makes for an exhausting month of instruction, it also can allow the faculty to have one month out of the classroom for scholarly research, to prepare for a new semester class or to attend academic conferences.

Menzel said faculty involvement is the catalyst that could possibly kill J-term in the future.

"The faculty likes the option, but they don't want to teach it every year," he said.

**"It's a mark of maturity that students want to take part."**

—Paul Menzel

## Speaking out: International student forum 'a success'

BY LAURA RITCHIE  
Mast intern

Over 20 students gathered in the Cave on Nov. 20 to participate in an international student forum organized by ASPLU.

Students took advantage of this forum to express concerns, ask questions and learn more about various issues and opportunities on campus.

Students expressed a variety of concerns during the forum. Many mentioned problems with billing and other Student Services functions. One student said bills meant to go to him were sent overseas to his home address.

Several students also expressed concern over incorrect billing statements and difficulty in getting problems corrected.

The level of diversity on campus was also discussed.

While asserting that "PLU has a real commitment to diversity," Emily Davidson, ASPLU director of diversity and human relations, acknowledged a need to focus on issues of diversity on campus.

"I'm sort of frustrated that we haven't made more progress than we have," said Erv Severtson, vice president and dean of Stu-

dent Life, pointing to the 1960s as a period at PLU when more students of different ethnicities were present, due, in part, to better government funding.

"If you meet students or know students whose ethnicity is different than the majority, encourage them to come and take a look at PLU," said Severtson.

He said the attempt to increase minority enrollment to a "critical mass" that makes minority students more comfortable on campus is "a real job...we need everyone's help."

Relations between international and American students on campus were discussed at length. Peter Lamb, American Cultural Exchange Language Institute tutor, said his students had mentioned incidents where American PLU students had reacted negatively to international students speaking their native languages in public.

"There seems to be kind of a paranoid attitude that if someone's speaking another language, they must be speaking about you," he said. "Some students have actually been told

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## Students gather to explore relationships



photo by Sarah Allen

Brad Henning talks about gender differences and premarital sex to a PLU audience Wednesday.

BY PAMELA WATKINS  
Mast intern

"Sex in relationships before marriage is killing us."

This was the theme of Brad Henning's discussion on developing relationships in a sexual culture, given Wednesday to about 150 PLU students.

From the differences between men and women to the definition of love and consequences of sex, Henning covered it all and kept his audience roaring with laughter.

Henning began the evening by outlining the three primary differences between men and women.

"These differences are generally true," he said, "but they aren't always true. There are exceptions."

Difference No. 1 he said, is that men are impersonal and women are very personal.

Similarly, men are goal oriented and women are detail oriented. This difference, Henning said, tends to annoy

and frustrate members of the opposite sex.

Another main difference between men and women is the language they use.

Men talk when they're thinking and women talk when they're feeling

"Not to say that women don't think," Henning said.

It is important for men and women to recognize and understand their differences, Henning said, because differences aren't wrong, they're just different.

"Love," Henning said, "is choosing the highest good for the other person."

He encouraged people to seek a real love that is honest, willing to admit wrongs, able to forgive and open to change.

This kind of love, based on actions and not words, will last a lifetime.

Henning also compared the stages of a relationship, with both the good and the bad times, to his own growing relationship with Jesus.

The last topic Henning dis-

cussed was sex and the importance of saving sex for marriage.

By practicing abstinence, couples have the opportunity to get to know each other and develop their communication skills without sex being a distraction.

"All people want to marry a virgin" he said.

He warned students to treat their next date with respect because he or she is going to be somebody's future spouse.

Brad Henning has been sharing his message with young people across the western United States full time for four years now, and has been to PLU many times before.

Matt Rygg, a Foss RA, organized this visit this year.

"I heard him last year and he's a great speaker," Rygg said.

"I was really pleased at the turnout, and I think he gave an excellent message. There was a reason for people to be here tonight."

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The annual Yule Boutique offered a number of stalls and Christmas cheer on Nov. 22.

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## Superstition : Rituals before exam time have become tradition on some college campuses

BY LISA BERTAGNOLI  
College Press Service

Finals week means it's time to study, eat too much (or too little), freak out and indulge in a little ritualistic behavior.

When it's exam time, students around the nation report they'll try almost anything to invoke the gods of good luck.

James Farmer, public information officer at Lamar California Community College in Lamar, Colo. said, "One student rubs a redhead before taking a test. Another writes to her mother before every test or 'she is cursed.'"

Still another student reported that she does not take a shower during finals week."

Others take a more simple approach.

"I pray a little more," said Mike, who's on the staff of the Orion student newspaper at California State University, Chico.

Believe it or not, a little ritual or two actually might help you pass that exam, said George Howard, a professor of psychology at Notre Dame University.

Engaging in such rituals also can put a student in a good frame of mind, which is crucial for good test-taking, Howard said.

At many colleges, finals-week superstitions and rituals have been elevated to a campus tradition.

Here's a sample of some of the rituals that superstitious students

indulge in year after year:

**\* The smell of success.** Test-takers at Colorado Electronic Community College are encouraged to wear a fragrance they've never worn before while studying, then wear it again while taking the final.

"This actually works; our sense of smell evokes the strongest and most vivid memories," said college president Mary Beth Susman.

"Of course on exam day the whole classroom smells like a fancy whorehouse," she adds.

**\* The primal scream.** At 9 p.m. the Sunday before finals, the 8,000 or so students at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., throw open their windows and scream at the top of their lungs.

It's been going on "since time immemorial," said Stefani Sarvadi, adding that students off-campus let it all out too.

**\* The petting zoo.** A water fountain at Ball State University, Muncie, Ind., holds a statue of a small child holding a frog. Students rub the child's nose before taking a final for good luck.

Similarly, students at Miami University in Ohio pet the little

turtles that decorate a sundial on campus for good luck.

"The turtles have very polished heads," said Claire Wagner of the school's

news bureau.

**\* Watch your step.** Miami University students also avoid a metal seal embedded in concrete in the middle of campus if they want to pass their first final.

"Some people press their luck and jump on it, but most people stay away," said Melissa Morris, a Miami University graduate. Likewise, students at Bowling Green University in Bowling

Green, Ohio, walk on the right side of the school seal for luck.

**\* Stay-away study area.** Students at Baldwin-Wallace in Berea, Ohio, avoid a concrete study area built last year near the library.

"People say that if you study near it, you'll forget what you studied while you were there and fail your finals," said Jason Miller.

**\* Light a candle about it.** A grotto on campus at Notre Dame University, South Bend, Ind., gets a heavy workout during exam week, said Dennis Moore, director of public relations for the school.

Students can light a candle if they wish, and during finals week the shrine blazes, Moore said.

"It's not superstition, though," he said. "Eighty-five percent of our students are Catholic and they've been raised to turn to prayer when they need to get through something."

**\* Eggstra credit.** Professors at Oglethorpe University in Atlanta cook and serve breakfast to students the night before finals week.

"Everybody enjoys the fun and stress-relief this time provides," said Randy Robertson of the school's public relations office.

The same goes at Berry College, Rome, Ga., where administrators serve breakfast to students at 9 the night before finals ... the same time NU students are screaming out their windows.



When asked what rituals they designed for themselves before finals, some PLU students said:

"I pray, it takes a miracle."  
—Jennifer Licht, sophomore

"I dress up; it makes me feel more prepared ... Often I do something crazy the night before to let off tension."

—Lesley Hampton, junior

"I eat breakfast on those days — it's the only time I ever eat breakfast."

—Matt Holum, junior

"I wear the same underwear to every exam."

—Corky Canaday, senior

"I go to Starbucks and buy three almond biscotti cookies, dip them, eat them and read a magazine of Omni. Then I drive 90 mph all the way home."

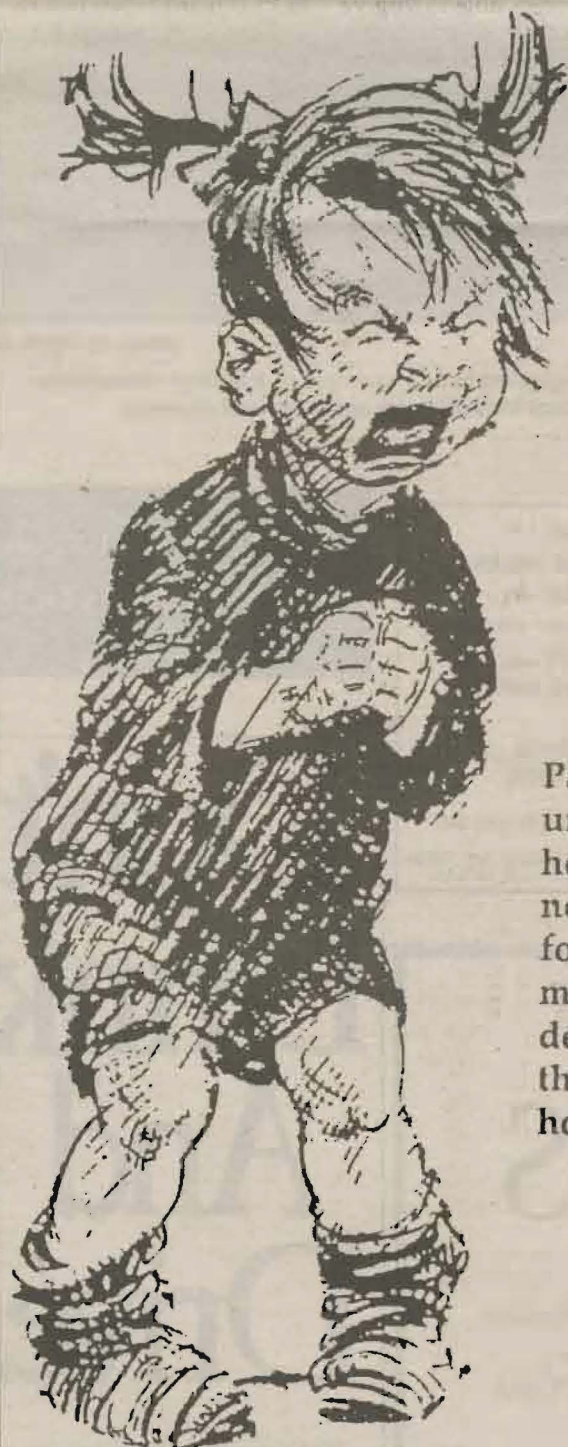
—Ainslie Kopperud, junior

"Usually I don't shower; I like to go in nice and dirty. I go in the same state I was in when I learned all of this."

—Shelly Cano, senior

"Zach Hyatt plays a round of Mario Kart before he goes to take his test."

—Dave Krueger, junior



## HELP PREVENT THIS YULETIDE TRAGEDY

Pacific Lutheran University is hosting a Christmas party for 200 underprivileged children in the Parkland/ Spanaway area. This party is to be held on December 11th from 1-6 pm on PLU's East Campus. We desperately need volunteers, monetary donations, and toys/ clothing that are appropriate for children (infant - 12 years of age). If you choose to donate toys, please make sure that they are age appropriate and non-violent. Donations can be delivered to Tingelstad Hall, the Information Booth, Olson Auditorium, or the Center For Public Service in Harstad. Thank you and have a blessed holiday season.



## December graduates reach final week

BY LISA PATTERSON  
Special to the Mast

As finals week begins to rear its ugly head, some students are stressed out. But 231 students are smiling because Dec. 13 is the date for December graduation.

"I can't wait for graduation," said Sara Palmbush, who will graduate next week. "I can't believe I am almost there."

The ceremony is at 10:30 a.m. in Olson Auditorium. Ann Kelleher, dean of the Division of Social Sciences, will be the faculty speaker.

There will also be faculty excellence awards presented and an honorary doctorate given to the head of the board of regents. A small reception and luncheon will follow the ceremony.

Roberta Marsh, the associate director of public programs and conferences is responsible for coordinating May, December and August (summer) graduation ceremonies.

She said the December graduation is different from the spring and summer graduations in many ways.

"It is a beautiful ceremony," Marsh said. "With the lights, the trees, the decorations and the wind ensemble, it is a truly classy occasion," she said.

According to Marsh, the graduation date is scheduled before finals week in order to

duce a quality ceremony.

"During this time of year people tend to get in their cars and race home as soon as they can," said Marsh. "We hold graduation earlier to avoid this. We need students to provide the music, and to help out in other ways."

Since graduation is held before final grades can be posted, students

who currently have honors standing will be designated as such in the program.

Bonnie Atwood, who works in the registrar's office, said honors aren't determined until final grades are posted.

"If a student's grades drops, honors will not be put on their diploma," she said. "They don't get their diploma on graduation day, it is sent to them later. This gives us time to make necessary adjustments."

Waiting for a diploma a few more weeks won't seem like much time to those who have been working toward their degree for years.

According to Larry Nelson in the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment, 99 of the graduates started at PLU as freshman, while 127 students graduating are transfer students.

The remaining five graduates are classified as special cases.

Of the 99 graduates who started as freshman, only 21 percent are finishing their degrees in

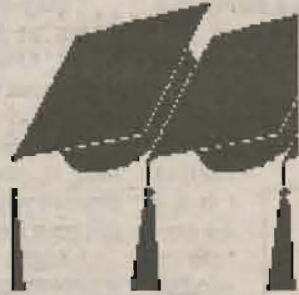
four years. It has taken 72 percent of graduates five years to graduate. Nineteen percent of students took six years and 9 percent have taken seven years or more to complete their degree requirements.

This graduation is about the same size of previous graduations.

"There is usually extra space," said Marsh. "It is open to all students who want to see their friends graduate."

Seating becomes an issue in spring graduation, when an average of 600 students graduate.

"At first I wanted to graduate during the spring just because it was bigger and I assumed it was probably better," said Palmbush. "But I am glad I don't have to worry about tickets and who to invite."



## Campus clutter breeds contempt

BY DMITRY WHITE  
Mast reporter

PLU students, Residence Hall Council members and an ASPLU official have expressed their dissatisfaction with the slovenly state of the entire campus, especially Tingelstad Hall.

Greg Martin, a Tingelstad RA, recalls parents voicing complaints about the mess in the halls, the overflow in the recycling room and the unsanitary conditions in the central staircase.

Martin said people aren't deliberately trying to demolish the hall.

"It's not...malicious acts to mess up Tingelstad," he said, though he admitted that "residents do cause the mess."

Jenny Vrendenburg, president of Evergreen House, has a different opinion.

"Students are really disrespectful," she said.

She said she suspects a lack of accountability from student housekeepers is another important reason for the unclean state of hallways and common areas throughout the hall.

She and the Evergreen Hall

Council voiced their concerns over the mess to ASPLU vice president Lisa Birnell.

"They weren't pleased with the way it had been, and their parents weren't pleased with the way it was being kept up," said Birnell.

According to Marty Mogk, ASPLU executive director for Commuter Relations, the problem of clutter is not confined only to Tingelstad.

He said the UC and classrooms in several buildings are being left in an unclean condition.

What triggered his closer examination of overall conditions was the cluttered state of the two commuter lounges on campus.

Excess cardboard from recycling bins had been stacked in the Administration building's commuter lounge.

Mogk then looked more critically at the unattended messes all over campus.

He described overflowing recycle bins in the UC entries, messy tables in the commuter lounges and a lack of vacuuming in all parts of the UC.

Mogk said he was also concerned about the clutter in many classrooms.

He referred to the stacks of broken tables in the back corners of Xavier 201, and the abundance of chalk dust in nearly any classroom still using the traditional chalkboards.

Though Mogk said he has always been impressed with this campus and the way the grounds are kept, he said the untidiness of the classrooms accentuates the "difference between what everyone can see and what those of us who are here every day can see."

Last year, Mogk said, Plant Services staff did an excellent job recovering the campus from the winter windstorms.

However, he said, "The UC has not been kept in the same condition that it was last year."

Dave Wehmhoefer, director of Plant Services, was not available for comment.

Acknowledging the student and resident contributions to the clutter problem, Mogk also expressed concern that in the midst of financial cuts, the budget for maintenance staff and services had been cut to drastically.

Mogk said, "Students obviously contribute, but it [maintenance and cleaning] is not being done as it used to be done."



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Clutter in Tingelstad is one example of a lack of cleanliness which is evident in numerous areas around campus.

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## FLUBBER: Antics of Williams and special effects pull in the crowds despite thin storyline

BY DAVID HEGGE  
Mast reporter

What do you get when you cross rubber? Well, if you're an absent-professor, you get flying rubber, or "Flubber," for short. In the latest incarnation of its film "The Absent Minded Professor," Disney is attempting to prove that cool special effects and the zany antics of Robin Williams are all that are needed to not only pack theaters full of little tykes, but to make them anxious to see a film that is so sloppily written and riddled with cliches that it will drive their accompanying parents to the brink of insanity. Unfortunately, their ploy seems to be working.

Williams stars as professor Phillip Brainard, a scientist who is so absent-minded that he seems to be physically unable to remember anything. In fact, he is so forgetful that he has already left his long-time fiancée Sarah (Marcia Gay Harden) at the altar three times ... and counting. When his discovery of "Flubber" distracts him from yet another attempt at marriage, all bets are off as Sarah finds solace in the arms of his scientific archival Wilson Croft (Christopher McDonald), who has conveniently stolen and profited from all of Brainard's past experiments.

However, it turns out that Brainard had invented Flubber in attempts to save the fledgling Medfield College, where Sarah is president and he is employed. After an interesting basketball game, where Brainard secretly arms Medfield's team with Flubber-enhanced shoes, the magic goo is usurped by the bumbling henchmen of an evil corporate scoundrel.

Much wackiness ensues.

Although Williams gets marquee billing, the real star of this film is, of course, "Flubber." This stuff is green, lean, and very keen. All actors become insignificant when the Flubber hits the floor (and bounces right back).



Weather it's boogying down in huge, Busby Berkley-style choreographed dance numbers, or shooting through one unfortunate person's intestinal tract, "Flubber" makes for a great time.

Doing his best not to be outdone by the films technical wizardry, Williams manages to overpower the lack of material he is given and win his audience over on sheer force alone. Although, at times, he seems a little more subdued than in past roles, this absent-minded professor makes for an interesting reincarnation of the one who Fred McMurry inhabited in the original film.

Unfortunately, not much can be said for the rest of this Motley Crew of characters. In an apparent homage to "Home Alone," Harden and McDonald are joined by the awful performances of the two thuggish brutes who are hired to steal the "Flubber" from Brainard's lab. The roles of these two unlucky fellows consist of being hit on the head repeatedly with as many blunt objects as possible while falling over each other and looking stupid at the same time. However, this is kind of interesting because one of the thugs is played by Ted Levine, who freaked out filmgoers as the psychopathic Buffalo Bill in 1991's "The Silence of The Lambs." My, how things have changed.

Written and produced by John Hughes, the filmmaker



Professor Phillip Brainard, played by Robin Williams, accidentally creates a glue that looks like rubber that enables objects to fly through the air at remarkable speeds.

who seems to be making it his life goal to bombard the film-going public with as many horrible-yet-kid-friendly films as possible, "Flubber" seems to be telling us that such minor things as story, character, and emotion are no longer important for a film to be entertaining. He's wrong, very wrong. Fortunately for Hughes, in a film like "Flubber," it doesn't really matter.

With its dazzling special effects, and the presence of the always-amazing Robin Williams, "Flubber" is the kind of film that adults will be able to stomach and maybe enjoy once. Unfortunately, their kids will definitely love it and will probably want to see it again, and again, and again ... until the end of time.

Rating: For kids: 3.5 gobs of gelatinous goo  
For adults: 1.5 gobs gelatinous goo

## CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Sankta Lucia Festival of Light  
Dec. 5 7:30 p.m.

A Scandinavian celebration that honors the advent of Christmas takes place in Lagerquist Concert Hall. Tickets are \$7 general, \$5 for Scandinavian Cultural Center members, \$3 with PLU ID and free for children 12 and under.

Christmas Festival Celebration

Dec. 6 8 p.m.  
Dec. 7 4 p.m.

The Choir of the West, University Chorale and members of the University Symphony Orchestra present highlights of Francis Poulenc's "Gloria" in Eastvold Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 general and \$5 for seniors and with PLU ID.

Christmas Oratorio

Dec. 13 8 p.m.  
Dec. 14 3 p.m.

Northwest Sinfionetta and PLU's Chorale Union, in collaboration with the Broadway Center for the Performing Arts, perform J.S. Bach's Christmas Oratorio at the Rialto Theatre, 901 Broadway, Tacoma. Tickets are \$22 general and \$18 students and seniors and are available by calling (253) 591-5894.

A Trio of Scandinavian Christmas Events

Dec. 20  
• Fifth Annual Julefest  
6 p.m.

A holiday extravaganza of Juleboard, a feast of foods from the five Nordic countries, as well as live Scandinavian entertainment. Tickets are \$25 and include the "Christmas in Scandinavia" concert and gallery tour. Dinner reservations are required. Call (253) 535-7349.

• "Christmas in Scandinavia" Concert  
8 p.m.

Choral Arts Northwest presents a collection of Yuletide pieces from the Scandinavian countries. Tickets are \$15 general and \$10 students and seniors.

• Ancestral Hallucinations

Following the concert

A gallery tour of "Ancestral Hallucinations," featuring mixed media portraits by PLU art faculty Kathryn Sparks.

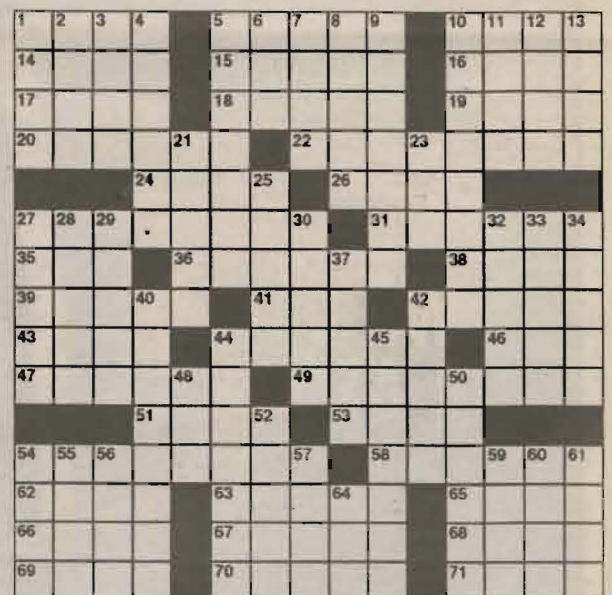
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- 24 Son of Seth
- 26 Little light
- 27 Trade
- 31 Rubs out
- 35 Past
- 36 Sitting room
- 38 Covered with gold
- 39 Metal fastener
- 41 Abate
- 42 High nest
- 43 Equal
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- 47 Mexican shawl
- 49 Provided with guns
- 51 Red planet
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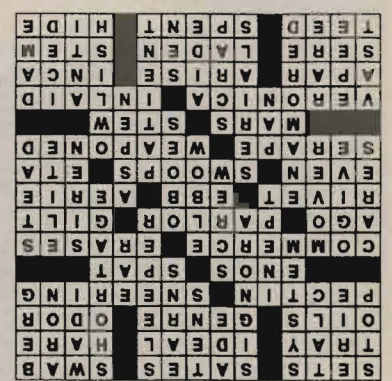
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## ANSWERS

- 9 Old railroad car
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- 21 Not talented
- 23 Hearing organ
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- 27 Worries
- 28 Molding style
- 29 Activist
- 30 Arm joint
- 32 Warning sound
- 33 Best of class
- 34 Place
- 37 Musical instruments
- 40 In love with
- 42 Tree
- 44 Continued stories
- 45 Doctor's client
- 54 Immense
- 55 Fencing sword
- 56 Uncommon
- 57 Helper



- 59 Against
- 60 Chilled
- 61 Titled lady
- 64 Japanese coin



# Welcome to PLU

## DON'T FORGET TO LOOK

### Parkland crime pierces the Lutedome: students feel threatened, look for solutions

BY BRIAN HOLLER  
Special to the Mast

Approximately seven cars were broken into on the 1000 to 1100 block of 120th Street on Nov. 21.

According to Pierce County reports, PLU and its surrounding areas have reported 268 cases of vandalism this year.

While looking at the Campus Safety guide may lead one to believe PLU has no crime, the Pierce County reports say the opposite.

The Campus Safety guide only shows statistics of what happens on campus, not around it—not even across the street from it.

According to Curt Benson, public information officer for Pierce County Sheriff's Office, Parkland has the second highest crime rate in Pierce County.

Although Nov. 21 was unusual, that should not stop awareness of the situation. Jill Jenke, a PLU student who lives on the block, is concerned.

"It's really tough to feel safe at night," Jenke said. "This isn't the first time that we've been victimized either."

Their neighbors across the street are equally concerned and are devising a plan. Chris Hippe, a resident and PLU student, said, "We're not sure of the details yet, but we are going to start some sort of neighborhood watch."

"There are three houses of PLU students on this

block, and we all got victimized. If the school or the police are not going to do anything about it, we will."

While vandalism and car break-ins are the crimes students are most often affected by, they are not the only ones. A couple of weeks ago, a PLU student was attacked while jogging. A few days ago, some students were walking and someone in a car drove by and threw pop cans at them.

There is more than vandalism to be worried about here. Weapons, sex offenders and drugs have been reported this year.

Most students are quick to point the finger at

Parkland youth, but as Benson points out, that is sometimes not the case.

"Everyone could be a criminal," Benson said. "Age, sex, race, gender doesn't matter. You can suspect anyone."

— Chris Hippe, senior

### District 9

	Sept.
Vandalism	6
Weapons	1
Prostitution	0
Sex Offenses	0
Drug Offenses	2
DWI	0
Liquor	0
Disorderly Conduct	0
Trespassing	0
<b>Total Offenses</b>	<b>9</b>

## PLU vs. UPS

BY SHANNON HERLOCKER  
Special to the Mast

While PLU and UPS are similar in many ways, the differences between their Security Services and Campus Safety reach beyond their terminology used to define the

UPS and PLU share many characteristics. The size of the student population is about the same, both in Pierce County and both are public universities.

However, the surrounding areas of each school directly reflect the crime each campus faces.

Walt Huston, PLU's director of Campus Safety and Information, said vehicle break-ins were reduced to 166 last year after peaking at over 200 a few years ago.

Last year, there were 11 car break-ins on UPS university property, according to Todd Badham, UPS director of security. Badham said this year there have been two car vandalisms have been reported, both in October.

Comparing crime statistics is difficult. PLU's statistics include a larger realm than UPS' since some of the thefts occur in the gray area of off-campus parking.

On the other hand, UPS' statistics only reflect university-owned property. Badham said vehicle vandalism do occur off campus, but it is almost impossible to gauge how many.

For quite some time, the differences in crime statistics between UPS and PLU has been blamed on the differences between the districts surrounding each area. The Pierce County Sheriff's Office has divided the county into districts and tracks crime rates for each district. Many feel that Parkland and its youth, are living up to the image as crime-ridden and un-

Car vandalism is one of the most common crimes that affects PLU students.  
Photo by Eric Dennon





# LOCK YOUR DOOR



## Students prime crime targets

Many students have had run-ins with crime. A few Lutes share their stories.

### PIERCE COUNTY CRIME STATISTICS

Year to date	District 10	Sept.	Year to date
110	Vandalism	17	158
6	Weapons	3	3
0	Prostitution	0	0
26	Sex Offenses	4	33
32	Drug Offenses	3	19
0	DWI	2	6
5	Liquor	0	4
0	Disorderly Conduct	0	0
4	Trespassing	0	0
183	Total Offenses	30	226

PLU is on the border of District 9 and District 10. 121st is the border between the two districts. District 9 lies north of 121st and includes buildings such as Knorr House and Lundquist House and some parking lots. District 10 lies south of 121st and encompasses most of the campus.

## Surrounding areas reflect crimes committed, universities respond with varying degrees of campus security and sheriff support

While UPS is situated in the relatively calm District 2 neighborhood of Tacoma's north end, PLU is primarily based in Pierce County's District 10, with a few buildings on 121st street that land in District 9. Either way, both districts have earned a reputation.

Curt Benson, Pierce County Sheriff's public information officer, used to patrol PLU's area and currently has a daughter living in Parkland. He said the area has the second highest crime rate in the county, due in part to the high concentration of population in the area.

Benson, Huston and Badham all agreed that college campuses are a natural hot spot for vehicle break-ins, especially at the beginning of a new school year. Benson said these areas have "decent cars with decent toys."

Vehicle theft and vandalism is not the only campus crime that occurs. Larceny, otherwise known as petty theft, is the stealing of an unattended item and happens in both the Lutedome and the Loggers' realm.

Badham said petty theft is the biggest problem for UPS because of two things, "frequency and frustration." In many situations, larceny could be easily prevented, said Badham.

However, it seems that all is not lost. While UPS suffered from a total of 27 bikes being stolen from campus last year, only two bike thefts have been reported this year, said Badham.

Huston also had some encouraging words for PLU's placement in Parkland.

Huston called PLU an "oasis in the middle of the desert." After directing PLU's Campus Safety for 10 years, he said he's noticed that the university's student population is a cut above the rest.

After serving as secretary for the Western Association of Campus Law Enforcement, Huston was recently elected as vice president of the organization. Huston said that although PLU is smaller than most, the university looks good in comparison.

Huston said Parkland youth are not to blame for the area's high crime rate. While they do commit some of the vehicle break-ins that occur, "they can't do everything," said Huston.

Even though no one group is to blame for all the campus crime that occurs, Benson and Huston were both able to break down the general gist of who does what.

Benson said those 18 years old and under are responsible for much of the shoplifting, auto theft, burglaries and rapes; harder crimes like rape and assault are usually committed by criminals who are over 18.

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Huston was much more specific in his description of who is doing what at PLU. The car vandalism, which is obviously immature, (smashing windows etc.), said Huston, comes from middle school to high school students.

"Those that are 16 to 24 years old steal things and hock them for profit," said Huston. "Since there's no way to trace CD's, any pawn shop will take them."

He said Pacific Avenue has more than one of these shops.

While the edges of PLU are a little rougher than the corners of UPS, the core of campus crime seems to mimic itself in both settings.

PLU may have a higher crime rate in its surrounding area, but doesn't have to deal with what Badham called the, "noise, alcohol and sometimes fighting" of UPS' Greek system. The two problems are not synonymous, but do take up time and energy from each university's campus security.

To help combat security issues that arise on campus, the local police department (in UPS' case) or Pierce County Sheriff's Office (in PLU's case), are notified of emergency issues.

At UPS, all campus security officers carry a radio that is able to contact an on-duty PCSO officer in case of emergency. The university has also hired a full-time campus safety officer who oversees students and helps out at night.

PLU has taken similar steps, but in a different way. The university has hired a deputy to help patrol the area from 10 p.m. to between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. every day in exchange for college tuition. Instead of the student officers having a direct radio, the deputy is given a PLU campus safety radio and monitors it throughout the night.

"They cut the phone lines, unscrewed the outside lights and ripped through the backdoor. But all they stole were three backpacks. The worst thing they stole was our security."

— Wendy Kennedy, senior

"My freshman year my windows were bashed in while parked in the Tingles-tad lot and all they stole were two small speakers sitting in the back. The windows were worth a whole heck of a lot more than those two speakers."

— Tyler Kechley, junior

"I think my jeans have been stolen from the laundry rooms on campus."

— Erin Tilney, sophomore

"This guy just wouldn't stop e-mailing me. It was almost like a stalker-type thing. I even got a hold of our webmaster, but they couldn't do anything about it."

— Katrina Johnson, junior

"My car was broken into in Rieke parking lot. There was nothing to steal out of it except my AM radio. They broke my lock and my car was found open."

— Alexandra, senior

"My bike was stolen from the rack in front of the UC."

— Lindsay Daehlin, sophomore

"I had coffee syrup drained from its bottle when I was gone for Christmas break last year."

— Don Early, sophomore

"My car got hit in the parking lot and nobody even bothered to leave a note or anything and Campus Safety didn't do anything."

— Sara Brady, freshman

"Someone used my address and phone number to rent videos and I got charged with the late fine."

— Sarah, freshman.



# BULLETIN BOARD

## MUSIC

Tacoma Symphony presents Sounds of the Season at Pantages Theater Dec. 5-7. The performances begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$16-\$48.50. Call (253) 591-5894 for more information.

Tacoma Youth Symphony presents Young Artists Orchestra Opening Night on Dec. 6 at the Rialto Theater at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 or main floor by free-will donation. Call (253) 591-5894 for more information.

This year's Christmas Festival Celebration, featuring Choir of the West, University Chorale, and members of the University Symphony Orchestra, highlights Francis Poulenc's "Gloria." Performances are on Dec. 6 and 12 at 8 p.m. in Eastvold Auditorium; Dec. 7 at 4 p.m. in Eastvold Auditorium; and Dec. 14 at 4 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 1013 8th Ave., Seattle. Tickets are \$10 general and \$5 PLU ID/seniors.

Tacoma Youth Chorus performs at the Rialto Theater at 4 p.m. on Dec. 7. Call (253) 591-5894 for more information.

PLU music faculty David Harkness, trumpet, and Kathleen Vaughn Farmer, horn, join University Organist David Dahl for a concert in Lagerquist Concert Hall on Dec. 9 at 8 p.m.

PLU music students perform original compositions at 8 p.m. on Dec. 11 in Lagerquist Concert Hall. Admission is free.

Northwest Sinfonietta and PLU's Choral Union, in collaboration with the Broadway Center for the Performing Arts, perform J.S. Bach's Christmas Oratorio. The concert begins at 8 p.m. on Dec. 13 and 3 p.m. on Dec. 14 at the Rialto Theater, 901 Broadway, Tacoma. Tickets are \$22 general, and \$18 students and seniors, and are available by calling (253) 591-5894.

## THEATER/SHOWS

A traditional Scandinavian Christmas celebration, Sankta Lucia Festival of Light, will take place on Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m. in Lagerquist Concert Hall. Tickets are \$7 general, \$5 for Scandinavian Cultural Center members and seniors, and \$3

with PLU ID. Tickets are available at the door.

Tacoma Little Theatre presents *A Little Night Music*. The performance is based on Ingmar Bergman's film, *Smiles of A Summer Night*. The story looks at the lives of a half-dozen couples whose romantic liaisons seem to be the only point of their middle-class Victorian lives. The play will finish its month-long run with a performance on Dec. 5 and 6 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$12-\$14. Call (253) 272-2281 for more information.

Lakewood Players present *Dial "M" for Murder*. at the Lakewood Community Theater Dec. 5-7. It begins at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$10 general and \$8 seniors, students and military. Call (253) 588-0042 for more information.

*A Little Princess* is being performed by The Performance Circle Dec. 4-7, 11-14 and 18-20. It begins at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$9 for seniors, students and military, and \$6 for youth ages 15 and under. Call (253) 851-7529 for more information.

Tacoma Actors Guild presents *Lonely Planet* by Steven Dietz at the Theatre on the Square, Tacoma through Dec. 21. Tickets are \$25. Call (253) 272-2145 for more information.

Tacoma City Ballet presents *The Nutcracker* Dec. 12-21 at the Pantages Theater. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 1 and 5 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are \$18-\$25 and can be ordered by calling (253) 591-5894.

Puget Sound Revels perform at the Rialto Theater Dec. 19-21. Tickets are \$13-\$16.50. Call (253) 591-5894 for more information.

Stomp, an international percussion performance, returns to the Fifth Avenue Theatre, Seattle Jan. 6-18. In addition to covering over 50 cities in the United States, Stomp has also been performed in Korea, Brazil, Chile and Greece. Tickets are \$22.50 to \$37.50. Group discounts are available. Call (800) 714-5331 for more information.

## ART

December bachelor of fine arts and bachelor of arts graduates display their best work Dec. 3-13

in the University Gallery in Ingram Hall. A reception will take place on Dec. 13 from noon to 7:30 p.m. Food and drink will be served. The gallery is open Monday through Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 535-7386 for more information.

Tacoma Third Thursday Art Walk takes place downtown Tacoma on Dec. 18 at 5 p.m. Call (253) 593-4331.

The Tacoma Art Museum presents the "Landscape in America: 1850-1890" exhibit. The exhibit includes major paintings by Albert Bierstadt, Frederic Church, George Inness, Winslow Homer, John Kensett, and Thomas Hill. The exhibit will be open through Jan. 4. The Tacoma Art Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday noon to 5 p.m., and closed Mondays. Admission is \$4 adults, \$3 students and seniors, and free for children under 12. Call 272-4258 for more information.

## LECTURES

PLU psychology professor John Moritsugus speaks on "Resilience in the Face of Racism" from 2:30-3:30 p.m. on Dec. 12 in room 202 of the Administration Building. This free talk is part of Perspectives in the Social Sciences, a faculty lecture series at PLU.

Mary-Ellard-Ivey, professor of biology, presents "A Quick Visit to the Pacific Northwest: 10 Years Later" on Dec. 12 at 3 p.m. in room 208 in the University Center. Ellard-Ivey is originally from Ireland and will speak on her perspective of the Northwest and her current research with plants. This free lecture is part of the Feminist Scholarship Series.

## MISCELLANEOUS

Pierce County is sponsoring First Night, a New Year's Eve Day celebration with musical comedy, children's performances and a variety of music groups. It takes place from 1-4 p.m. on Dec. 31 at PLU. The non-alcoholic, family-oriented arts festival continues in downtown Tacoma until midnight. Admission buttons are \$10 general the day of the event, but discounts are available if you buy early. Children under 12 are free. Call (253) 591-7205 for tickets.

## GROWING

I'm leaving now to slay the foe —  
Fight the battles, high and low.  
I'm leaving, Mother, hear me go!  
Please wish me luck today.

I've grown wings, I want to fly,  
Sieve my victories where they lie.  
I'm going, Mom, but please don't cry —  
Just let me find my way.

I want to see and touch and hear,  
Though there are dangers, there are fears.  
I'll smile my smiles and dry my tears —  
Please let me speak my say.

I'm off to find my world, my dreams,  
Carve my niche, sew my seams,  
Remember, as I sail my streams —  
I'll love you, all the way.

## PLU student published in 'Chicken Soup'

BY PAMEL WATKINS  
*Mast intern*

A published poet is in our midst. PLU freshman Brooke Mueller had a poem published side by side with stories by Bill Cosby and actresses Jennie Garth, Jennifer Love Hewitt and A.J. Langer in the book, "Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul."

Her poem, entitled "Growing," is about a child growing up and finding her place in the world. It is dedicated to her mother, with whom she has a strong relationship, and also to the rest of her family as a tribute as she headed off to college.

Mueller, a native of Anchorage, Alaska, has been writing since she was 8. She received no pay for her writing but was given five free books to distribute to family and friends. Mueller sent her poetry to "Chicken Soup" because she enjoys the faith and compassion-oriented style of the stories.

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## PLU professor assistant artistic director of Tacoma Actors Guild

BY KRISTEN SLUITER  
Mast reporter

If you've ever wondered if there is a theater in downtown Tacoma, here is your chance to find out.

Tacoma Actors Guild (TAG) was founded in 1987 by PLU theatre professor Bill Becvar and his wife Cheri Sorenson and UPS theatre professor Rick Tutor and his wife Hazel Tutor.

TAG's first show was "Guys and Dolls" and ran three days. The performance was well received by the Tacoma community. However, the founders took the next year off to reevaluate and improve the organization.

After the yearlong sabbatical, TAG moved into a building on Yakima Street that was leased from Saint Leo's Catholic School. TAG was located there for 15 years.

TAG is mainly for professional actors, who are hired from around the country.

Becvar said, "This is a professional theater and runs like a job. Actors work from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and it is work."

It is possible for non-professional actors to get a part if there are extra parts that can't be filled by TAG actors. This usually happens with large productions.

Becvar was on the board of TAG for nearly 20 years and resigned this fall, but now holds the position of assistant artistic director. The current production artistic director is Pat Patton, who comes from the Oregon Shakespeare Festival and has been in the position for about one year.

### Upcoming Shows

"Lonely Planet"  
Dec. 6-21

"Twelfth Night"  
Jan. 24 to Feb. 14.

"Duet for One"  
Feb. 28 to March 15

"Quilters"  
April 4-19

Ticket prices begin at \$8. For shows starting between noon and 8 p.m., students get a half-price ticket with their student ID.

For more information on dates, times and prices call the box office at 272-2145. Any question about group rates can be directed to Kamella Tate at 272-3107, x204.

## Campus Connections

Top 10 ways the Bible would be different if it were written by college students:

10. Loaves and fishes would be replaced by pizza and chips.
9. The 10 commandments would only be five because it is double-spaced and in a large font so it looks like 10.
8. The forbidden fruit would have been eaten because it wasn't University Center food.
7. Paul's letter to the Romans would have been Paul's e-mail to the Romans.
6. Reason Cain killed Abel: they were roommates.
5. End of the world takes place not on the Plains of Armageddon, but during finals week.
4. Both testaments would have had a syllabus.
3. Reason Moses was in the desert for 40 years was because he didn't ask directions and he looked like a freshman.
2. Tower of Babel would be blamed for foreign language requirements.
1. Instead of God creating Earth in 6 days and resting on the 7th, He would have procrastinated until the night before it was due and pulled an all-nighter.

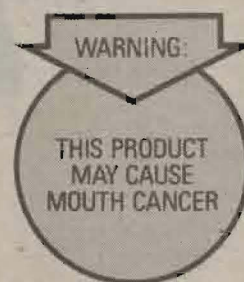
### Things you can do to annoy people

- Leave the copy machine set to reduce 200 percent, dark, 17-inch paper, 99 copies.
- In the memo field of all your checks, write "for sensual massage."
- Specify that your drive-through order is "to go."
- Insist on keeping your car windshield wiper running in all weather conditions "to keep them tuned up."
- Reply to everything someone says with "that's what YOU think."
- Practice making fax and modem noises.
- Highlight irrelevant information in scientific papers and "cc" them to your boss.
- Finish all your sentences with the words "in accordance with prophesy."
- Signal that a conversation is over by clamping your hands over your ears.
- Adjust the tint on your TV so that all the people are green, and insist to others that you "like it that way."
- Repeat the following conversation a dozen times: "Do you hear that?" "What?" "Never mind, it's gone now."
- As much as possible, skip rather than walk.
- Ask people what gender they are.
- While making presentations, occasionally bob your head like a parakeet.
- Sit in your front yard pointing a hair dryer at passing cars to see if they slow down.
- Sing along at the opera.
- Go to a poetry recital and ask why each poem doesn't rhyme.
- Ask your co-workers mysterious questions and then scribble their answers in a notebook. Mutter something about "psychological profiles."
- Send this list to everyone in your email address book even if they sent it to you or ask you not to send things like this.

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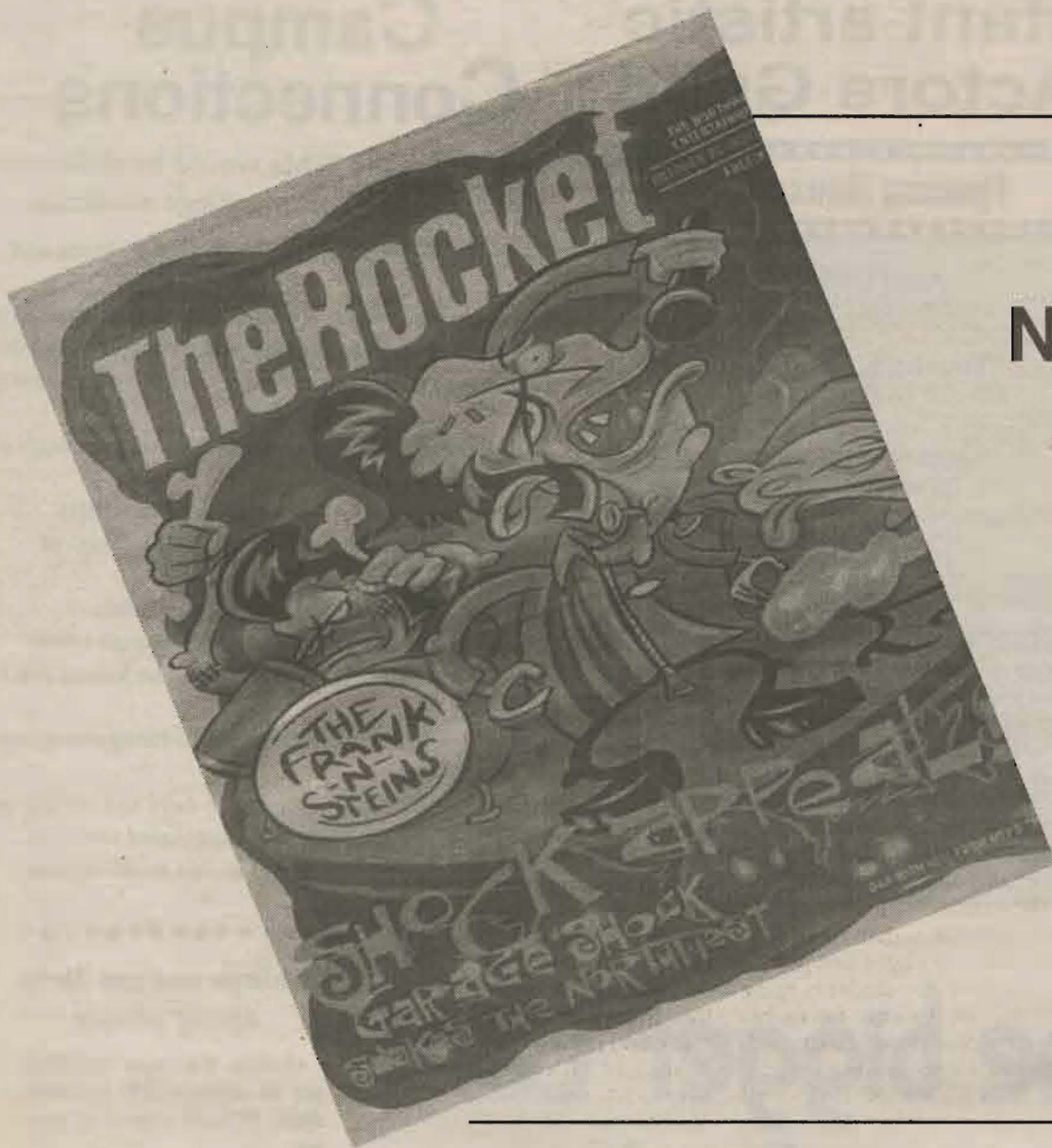


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## Team roles needed for Lutes to pull together

BY JASON BREITENBUCHER  
Mast reporter

The 1997-98 season for the Pacific Lutheran men's basketball team has started off a bit sloppy, but the Runnin' Lutes have managed a 1-1 record through the opening two weeks. The sloppy start of the season has a lot to do with the need of the players to become more familiar playing with each other and the players finding what their roles are on the team.

The Lutes opened up the 1997-98 campaign in Olympia against a college that didn't even have a basketball program previously in their school's history, The Evergreen State College.

PLU jumped ahead to a 35-28 lead over the Geoducks at the half, mainly due to their 52 percent shooting from the field and 4-of-7 shooting from three-point range. The Lutes also kept TESC off-balance shooting, as the Geoducks only shot 30 percent from the field during the first twenty minutes of play.

The Geoducks caught fire the  
**See ROLES, page 17**

## Ski team ready for serious bonding

*Lutes prepare for J-term training with a full men's and women's team, plus a month-long stay at White Pass*

BY ERIN ROWELY  
Special to the Mast

After missing a chance to compete at the regional competition last season, the PLU ski team has high hopes for a successful winter on the Northwest slopes.

The 1997 season saw the Lute men finish in 11th place, three spots short of going to regionals. The women placed 10th, two spots short of securing an advancing position.

Senior Melissa Bakos said this year offers the best possibility of advancing since her freshman year.

"This year's team is the most solid that it's been and we have the potential to go far," said Bakos, a four-year member of the team.

Senior Mike Schlitt said consistency will be the team's key to success.

"Last year our problem was consistency, and this season if



photo provided by Melissa Bakos

The 1997 PLU ski team, left to right. Top row: Mike Schlitt, Noal Cattone, Nate Ennen, Jon Coumbes, Jeff Spencer, Trevin Carlson. Bottom row: Sally Cole, Kari Wagner, Melissa Bakos.

we get everyone to finish races, then we have a good chance at going to regionals," he said.

Bakos, Schlitt and junior Jeff Spencer, are student coaches for the ski team. Team members depend on them to lead the Lutes on the slopes, as well as to instruct and organize the team.

Bakos said coaching her peers is not difficult with this team because they are a tight-knit group.

"It's hard for students to be leaders, but it's easy for us because we're so close," Bakos said.

"We never discount anyone's input. It's a team effort and we all help each other out. Sometimes there can be problems with com-

munication, but for the most part we have respect for one another."

A significant amount of team bonding occurs because the Lutes train and live together during January at White Pass. Training on the mountain begins Jan. 5. when they stay in the Village Inn condominiums during the week and come back to PLU on the weekends until competition begins.

"We're the only team that does this, live up at the mountain and train, and it's also our strength," Bakos said. "It's an asset we have over other teams. We are close friends and still hang out after the season."

Schlitt agreed that a good deal of bonding takes place on the mountain.

"We learn a lot from everyone else and get to see what everyone's about," he said.

The Lutes will race the last weekend of January at Brundage in McCall, Idaho, and compete the first two weekends of February at Mount Hood and Spokane. This year, the regionals will be held in mid-February in Park City, Utah.

The team will feature six returners and four rookies, but Bakos said they all have experience.

"Everyone on the team has solid skiing experience, so the physical aspect is taken care of," Bakos said. "One of our strengths is the number of people we have. This is the first time in three years that we've had a full girls' team to compete. Last year, the girls struggled with injuries, but this year we're starting the year out with a full roster."

Five men and five women represent the Lutes. Rounding out the Lutes' roster are junior Kari Wagner, sophomore Ellin Wendt, freshman Annie Grimm, senior Sally Cole, sophomores Noal Cattone and John Voight, and senior Ben Haigh.

PLU will compete against schools such as Puget Sound, WSU, and UW.

## Side by side

*Siblings take over PLU athletic teams*

BY LINA KORSMO AND  
CHRIS REINMUTH  
Special to the Mast

Christine, Sarah, and Michelle Axley have been running together since they were in elementary school. Along with these sisters, siblings Josh and Jeb Sneva and Aaron and Ross Stewart are competing together at the college level.

The fact that these athletes have followed in each other's footsteps, by being part of a PLU team, shows that they have a competitive but healthy bond. "We compete together, but not negatively, because we workout together and run the same events," Sarah Axley said.

For the 1997-98 season there are numerous siblings competing with each other in their respective sports. A few that stand out are the Stewarts, football; the Snevas, wrestling; and the Axleys, track.

Aaron and Ross Stewart  
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High School are seniors on the PLU football team. They say that playing with each other has made them better players. "Practicing with my brother gives me that extra edge because he has played against me for years and knows my every move," stated Aaron Stewart.

The fact that Aaron plays defense and Ross offense, they are able to anticipate each other's every move from years of experience

together. "Playing against my twin brother is great because we both want each other to succeed, and the fact that we play against each other is just that much more beneficial," stated Ross Stewart.

Moving out of the football season and into winter sports, two brothers stand out on the wrestling mat.

Josh (senior) and Jeb Sneva (sophomore) from Mount Vernon have been wrestling together since they were 6 and 4 years old. They will wrestle at 178 and 155 pound weight classes this winter. Jeb, who transferred from Arizona State University, said that having a brother on the team means, "there's always a family member there to help motivate and push you harder, which produces a tighter bond."

The Sneva's come from a family of six kids who all share a close bond with each other. "Our friendship as brothers helps our relationship as teammates as well," said Jeb. "There's always a family member there to help motivate and push you harder, which produces a tighter bond."

Looking ahead at spring sports, Michelle Axley (freshman) joins her two sisters, Sa-

—Aaron Stewart

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## This boy is on the market



Geoff Beeman/  
RIDING THE PINES

I'm declaring myself a free agent.

You're probably a little confused by this statement, but I will explain myself in full.

I am firmly convinced that every aspect of life can be related to sports, so this is my analogy of how my life is like being a free agent.

Here is a little list of definitions for those not able to understand me.

Management in this case refers to a female. The management of any sports team has almost all of the control. That is unless you are Ken Griffey, Jr. I'm sure you can make some sort of parallel to a male who would be the Ken Griffey, Jr. of relationships. I use the word team interchangeably with management.

Athlete is used to describe the male.

So ladies I'm single and I'm on the open market.

A season is an academic year. Summer is the off-season.

See, at this time last year I came to one of those complicated contract disputes that always ends with the man-

agement and the athlete parting ways.

In my case it wasn't too ugly, we just came to the point where the management and I couldn't see eye to eye.

I'm sure any athlete has similar trouble coping when he realizes the team he planned finishing his career with has decided to go another direction.

But like any athlete in the prime of his career, I wasn't ready to retire just yet.

It wasn't long until I found a new team. Unfortunately my stay with this team only lasted for the remainder of the season and I was once again a man without a team.

After a while I realized this wasn't such a bad thing. But don't think this decision was easy to come to by any means.

I would occasionally have a tryout, but in every case either the team didn't need someone with my particular attributes or I decided the team didn't have what I truly desire, a shot at the championship.

So here I am a free agent in the relationship market.

In case there are any interested parties out there, here is a sort of scouting report on me.

I have a proven loyalty to the

team I am with. Even if another team comes along and seems to be offering bigger bonuses, I know that nothing beats the commitment to one team and bringing the banner to the loyal fans.

I'm not into moving from team to team. This is what you do when you're in the minor leagues.

I want to be signed by a team that is building towards a championship. I'm not getting any younger and the market for washed-up athletes is not very strong these days.

Most of all I realize how the game works. Sometimes you get to the point when the needs of the team and those of the athlete aren't the same. That's when it's time for both to go their separate ways and find a better match.

But it is important to stay in good relations with past teams, those are friendships that last forever.

Funny that I relate my life to sports. I wonder what would happen if pro athletes would relate their sports lives to real life

Free agency—not such a bad concept. At least it's better than being traded to a really bad team.

By the way, if the Denver Nuggets call, I'm not home.

*Words of Wisdom: Even if you have a contract, you always have to play hard. Do you think Cal Ripken, Jr. will ever be a free agent, and he plays every night.*



# Sports on Tap

## Weeks of Dec. 5 - 31 Men's Basketball

Dec. 5 — vs. Pacific 8 p.m.  
Dec. 6 — vs. Linfield 8 p.m.  
Dec. 12-13 — Golden Rule Shootout TBA  
Caldwell, Idaho

## Women's Basketball

Dec. 5 — vs. Pacific 6 p.m.  
Dec. 4 — vs. Linfield 6 p.m.  
Dec. 9 — vs. SIMON FRASER 6 p.m.  
Dec. 13 — vs. CENTRAL WASH. 7 p.m.  
Dec. 19 — Holiday Classic 2 p.m.  
University of Puget Sound

## Swimming

Dec. 5-6 — Northwest Invitational all day  
Ellensburg

## Wrestling

Dec. 5 — HIGHLINE/CLACKAMAS 7 p.m.  
Dec. 29-30 — Sunshine Open  
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

HOME GAMES IN BOLD CAPS



The Lutes have won the women's conference championships 11 out of the last 14 years.

photo by Sarah Allen

# Swimmers spanked by Loggers

BY NEAL MASSIE  
Mast intern

Last weekend the Lutes ran up against the Puget Sound Loggers, who's men are the defending NAIA champions, and the women took second last year. The Lutes fell behind at the start and slowly lost the meet, but not before four PLU swimmers took first.

This match handed the men's team their first loss of the year. The recent upset against No. 4 ranked Whitworth has been the highlight of the year so far. For the women the recent loss knocks them down to 2-2 this season.

Key freshman performers Randy Webster, Ryan Wiley,

Julie Dames, and Krysa Postma have showed significant improvement and have added a much needed spark to the team. Junior Mike Simmons and senior Aurora Bray live up to their strong reputation with consistently good times, in both practice and competition.

This weekend the Lutes go head to head with conference teams at the Northwest Invitational held in Ellensburg this weekend.

The Northwest Invitational was started 14 years ago by Johnson, which used to be called the PLU Invitational. It was changed this year to a larger facility to hold the nine teams competing.

"This is not the most talented

team I've ever coached, and this year has been greatly rewarding. The only way we are going to win is to outwork our opponents," said Johnson on upcoming meet.

## J-term Swimming on Tap

home meets start at 1 p.m.

- 10 Central Wash.
- 17 Willamette
- 24 Linfield
- 31 Whitman

home meets in bold

# Heavy backpacks can burn off UC calories

BY MARGARET ANN CROSS  
College Press Services

You ride your bike to class, always take the stairs instead of the elevator and carry a heavy book bag wherever you go. Does any of this count as real exercise?

New thinking in the fitness industry says it does.

Today's guidelines indicate that exercise of any kind adds up to better health, said Christine Bourgeois, membership and fitness director at the University of California at Berkeley. Experts used to emphasize that exercise

had to be done in bouts of at least 20 minutes, three times per week.

"But fitness organizations have changed their perceptions and now say any exercise is better than nothing," Bourgeois said. "You should use your muscles as much as you can."

Yet even though you're getting health benefits by moving your body in everyday life, you can—and should—do more.

Adding regular, sustained exercise to an already active lifestyle increases health benefits tremendously, Bourgeois said.

"Exercise reduces stress, increases energy and strengthens

the immune system."

**Everyday workouts**  
The American College of Sports Medicine in Indianapolis, Ind., advises adults to get at least 30 accumulated minutes of exercise five to seven days a week.

Exercise can be done in short durations several times a day, as long as it adds up to at least a half-hour of activity.

Things like walking to class and dancing at a club count toward that goal, said Anthony Wilcox, associate professor and chairman of the Department of Exercise and Sport Science at the University of Oregon in Eugene.

Yet that level of physical activity is not going to produce high levels of fitness. Studies show the amount of exercise positively affects risks for chronic diseases such as heart disease, diabetes and cancer.

A more vigorous, planned workout schedule can bring additional and immediate results.

For example, lifting weights for an hour every day after classes helps David Amejka, a sophomore at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, look and feel better, he said.

"It gets my blood going and takes me mind of school for a while," he said.

Even during busy times like

finals week, Amejka fits exercise into his day by making sure he does it before he settles into studying for the night.

"Sometimes I'm tired, but I go and do it anyway," he said. "It gets rid of a lot of stress, and I end up feeling better. I have more energy and can study better after working out."

**Real need**

As active as college lifestyles seem, some things can put student at risk and increase their need to exercise.

College students' diet can be high in calories and fat. That means they have to do more than the minimum amount of exercise to gain balance and stay out of a weight-gaining situation, the University of Oregon's Wilcox said.

And huge amounts of time spent in class, studying or in front of a computer means students are sitting a lot and need more than just "maintenance" level of exercise to stay physically fit.

Exercise has psychological benefits as well. Overly stressful times such as finals are when students can benefit the most from exercise, Bourgeois said.

While college life can mean students need to exercise more, it also gives them plenty of opportunities to fit workouts into their

routines. Most schools have recreational facilities close to classrooms or dorms.

They often feature workout equipment and classes. Intramural sports are popular, too.

Taking elective activity courses such as tennis or ballroom dancing also is good way to learn new exercise skills and have fun, Wilcox said.

"Exercise can be a significant part of students' college experience if they want it to be," he said. "The college environment offers students convenient opportunities to be active. These are opportunities that are less accessible once people are off campus, where exercise requires more travel or higher fees and things like that."

**Scheduling it in**

About half of the 30,000 students at the University of California at Berkeley exercise and use the sports facilities on campus.

About a year ago, senior Linda Castellanos realized she was beginning to enjoy working out. So she decided to do aerobics for an hour five days a week.

"It's a stress-release process for me, and I wanted to build up my stamina," she said. "Now I can't imagine not doing it. For me, it's a need."

Castellanos also fits in weight training when she has time and takes modern dance classes through the university. She's been able to keep up with the exercise plan because everything is easy to get to, she says.

"Colleges foster an exercise-friendly environment," she said. Like Castellanos, all students should set up an exercise routine that they can follow through on, said Berkeley's Bourgeois.

"One of the biggest factors in keeping it going over time is convenience," he said.

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# Wrestlers head south for Sunshine Open

**Lutes look strong, with Jordan Ottow and Matt Werner qualified for nationals one month into season**

BY LENA TIBBELIN  
Mast reporter

Numbers don't mean a lot for the wrestling team, team spirit and speedball at the beginning of practice, is more important.

One month into the Lute's wrestling season, the number one keeps appearing. Both co-team captains, seniors Tuan Nguyen (118) and John Aiken (150) are ranked No. 1 in the NAIA pre-season poll in their respective weight class.

"It is tough to handle two No. 1's on the team," said head coach Brian Peterson, "but at the same time it is nice to get the recognition for Tuan and John."

Aiken also talked about the recognition, but added he does not look at the numbers, and Nguyen agreed.

The team itself is ranked No. 10 in the nation.

"I think that we are a better team than No. 10," said Peterson. "The team has the potential to place top 5 at the nationals."

Peterson plans to bring more than six wrestlers, the number of Lutes who qualified for last year's national championships. Nguyen said, "(the rankings) doesn't do our team justice."

Two Lutes have already qualified for a trip to Las Vegas, Nev. for the National Championship tournament. They are freshman Jordan Ottow (126) and junior Matt Werner (142) who won their ticket by winning their respective weight class at Pacific Open on Nov. 29.

Ottow, a native from Monroe, Wash. has wrestled since he was five years old. Wrestling runs in the family; his father is a high school coach. Four times during high school, Ottow placed in the top six and is a two-time state freestyle winner, as well as a three time Greco-Roman state champion.

Ottow plans to wrestle all four years at PLU and will probably be a education major. It is hard to balance the time between homework and wrestling, Ottow said.

The tournament win was not a dig deal according to Ottow. "I just went out and did my best," said Ottow. He won three matches, beating Tracey Sato of Pacific 8-2 in the championship match.

Peterson said about Ottow, "he has a great future here (at PLU) and he is the one to watch."

The other Lute to earn his ticket at Pacific Open was Matt Werner (142). He won the championship match over North Idaho's Shane Anderson with 9-8.

Ottow and Werner were not the only Lutes to wrestle at the tournament; 16 other Lutes were in action as well, 12 of them placing among the top six.

Third-place finishers were Mark Robuck (134), Mark Cypher (167), and Mokii McClendon (275). Fourth-place finishers were Mark Nickels (142), Aiken (158), and Clayton Hudiburg (167). Fifth-place finishers were Kyle Wright (134), Jeremy Nimrick (158), Josh Sneva (177) and Matt Nelson (190). Sixth place went to Abe Porter (158) and Jeb Sneva (167).

"It was positive to see many of the new guys win some matches," said Peterson. He mentioned

Nickels, Nimrick, Robuck, and Cypher who all came back to win matches in the consolidation bracket.

Cypher lost in the semifinal to Portland State's coach Fred Phillips, a three-time All-American, by 6-2, but then he went on to win over teammates Jeb Sneva and Hudiburg to claim third place in the 167 weight class.

Nimrick took fifth place after first losing to Porter in the winners bracket, only to get a forfeit win over Porter later. On the way to that match Nimrick had wrestled both David Chew (158) and Aiken from PLU, winning the first one, losing the latter.

Nickels won two matches in the consolidation bracket before losing the third place match to Yakima Valley's Matt Ballard, 7-4.

Robuck wrestled his way through, beating teammates Tom Brown and Wright before winning third place over Jeremy Wynia from North Idaho, 8-3.

At Southern Oregon Open tournament on Nov. 22, Aiken lead the Lutes with a third place, followed by Nguyen who placed fifth. They were the only Lutes to place at the tournament.

The first home dual meet will

take place tonight against Highline and Clackamas Community Colleges.

The double-dual meet for the

See SUNNY, page 18

## J-term Wrestling on Tap

starting times will vary

- 6 Central Wash./ N. Montana St.
- 9 Clackamas CC
- 10 Clackamas Tournament
- 17 Portlant St.
- 23 Yakiman Valley
- 24 Washington Collegiates
- 30 Simon Fraser

no home meets in J-term

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## Roles

second half, igniting the nets as they shot 62 percent from the field, including 64 percent from behind the three-point arc. PLU's inability to hit their free throws at a high percentage as they shot for only 54 percent from the charity stripe, and their 22 turnovers contributed to their 85-77 loss to the Geoducks.

PLU's 6'9 senior center Donny Schlottmann had his best performance of his Lute career tallying 20 points and a game-high 16 rebounds in a losing effort.

The Runnin' Lutes rebounded from the defeat as they edged out Cascade College 75-72, in PLU's season opener at Olson Auditorium last Tuesday.

Both teams struggled with shooting, as the Lutes and Thunderbirds shot for only 41 percent from the field. The Lutes improved on their handling of the basketball, as they only turned the ball over 12 times, 10 less turnovers than in the previous game. The Lutes did struggle from three-point range as they hit only 3-of-19 attempts (16 percent).

PLU was holding onto a 62-51 lead with nine minutes to play in the game, when Ken Roberts drained a three-pointer, capping an 11-0 run, which tied the score at 62-62 with 4:51 left in the match-up. At the 2:30 mark, junior Brad Brevet provided PLU a 71-66 lead, scoring five straight points for the Lutes. Junior guard Torey Swanson stroked a pair of free throws with six seconds left to ice

the victory.

Senior wing Jason Maners led the Lutes with 15 points. Brad Brevet added 14 points and a team-high 8 rebounds, and senior Seth Albright contributed 12 points. Brad McKnight provided a solid all-around performance off the bench with 11 points, 6 rebounds and 4 block shots.

Pacific Lutheran will try to smooth rough edges when they face defending NCIC champions Pacific, tonight in Forest Grove, Ore. The Lutes' endurance will be tested when they play tomorrow night in McMinnville, Ore. against Linfield.

How they fair against the two conference foes back-to-back could forecast where the Lutes might finish in the NCIC this season.

## J-term Men's basketball on Tap

all games start at 8 p.m.

- 9 Puget Sound
- 10 **Seattle**
- 13 **Lewis & Clark**
- 16 **Whitworth**
- 17 **Whitman**
- 23 **Willamette**
- 24 **George Fox**
- 27 **Lewis & Clark**
- 30 **Pacific**
- 31 **Linfield**

home games in bold

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Sports commentary

# First, last, and only touchdown for inspirational senior player

BY BRIAN HOLLER  
Special to the Mast

An article in the Nov. 21 issue of the Mooring Mast told of the seniors who had played their last football game the previous Saturday.

"[The Lutes] were led by seldom used senior reserve back Tadd Foote," the article noted at one point. "Foote led the Lutes with 69 yards on 12 carries, including his first collegiate touchdown, which ironically occurred on his final game as a Lute."

For most, that might draw a smile, a feel good reaction, but Foote's friends see it as much more.

Jed Rietz, one friend, was there to see the play.

"Watching Tadd's touchdown in the fourth quarter of his final game was a big release of frustration and excitement," Rietz said. "Not only for Tadd, but for those of us who are close to him."

When Foote came to PLU, he wanted to play two sports, football and baseball. He was much more heralded for his baseball skills than his football skills.

However, he got cut from the baseball team.

After the disappointment wore off, Foote knew that he could devote all of his time to becoming the best football player he could be. Working out, learning plays, he did what most PLU football players do — try to do the best he could.

However, all of this hard work was getting him no playing time. He had to be noticed to accomplish his goal.

In the second game of his junior year, the player in front of him on special teams got injured. They sent Foote in, and he knew what he had to do.

After making a few tackles and hustling, Foote was named special-teams player of the week.

After that, Foote had a starting spot on special-teams for the remainder of his Lute career.

Enter senior year. The Lutes were in the playoff hunt and with the injury to Peter Finstuen, other running backs were getting opportunities. So, throughout the year, Foote would run the ball.

In two games, Foote carried the ball more than 10 times. In those two games, he led the team in rushing.

By now, Foote was playing more than he'd ever imagined, so he was happy, but one thing kept eluding him — a touchdown.

Nov. 16, in the fourth quarter, PLU was crushing UPS with hopes of keeping their playoff chances alive. The game was in no jeopardy and many of the second-string Lutes were on the field.

Foote was the primary running back at that point. Up the field, Foote drove the Lutes to the one-yard line.

One yard to go, and many in the stands wanted to see Foote get the ball. That is just what they got.

With five minutes to go in what would turn out to be an insignificant game, as the Lutes missed the playoffs, a young man accomplished a goal that had taken him five years to get to.

Travis Hale, senior captain of the team, has seen how Foote's hard work has paid off.

"Tadd is a constant reminder of what it means to be an EMAL (Every Man A Lute)," Hale said. "Tadd shows that heart, spirit, and commitment will get you a lot farther than pure athletic ability."

And his friends and family are not the only ones who have noticed Foote's triumph.

At the football awards banquet, Foote was named EMAL Player of the Year, signifying that he exemplifies everything that EMAL stands for.

A perfect cherry on the top of Foote's amazing story.



Senior runningback Tadd Foote

photo provided by Brian Holler

# Soccer players named to all-conference teams

Two members of the PLU men's soccer team took a spot on the Northwest Colleges Independent Conference list, and three received honorable mention.

NCIC All-Conference team includes senior defender Mike Halter, and freshman forward Geir Thune. The Lutes who received honorable mention are freshmen goalkeeper Jonas Tanzer and midfielder Johan

Wahlgren, and junior John Evermann.

Seniors midfielder Alyssa Fishback and forward Amy Gardner, and junior forward Carrie Boers were named to the NCIC first team. Fishback finished her Lute career with four goal and a team-high eight assists this season, having made 16 goals over her four years. Gardner wrapped up her four years with 27 goals.

## Sunny

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Lutes is their first step to nationals. December and January are two important months for the team.

In December is the Sunshine Open, an important meet according to Peterson. The team will wrestle against East coast schools who have a different style of wrestling.

"It helps to prepare for the nationals," Peterson said.

January is the critical month, Peterson said, that's when the wrestlers can qualify to the nationals.

More than half of the season is taken care off for PLU's part in January. Four tournaments on the weekends, and dual meets between that.

"January weeds out the weak," said Aiken. "The ones who will become champions are the ones who gets through January because of the schedule."

## Siblings

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rah (sophomore) and Christine (senior), from Bothell High School to help strengthen the track team.

Three quarters of the 400-meter relay will be occupied by the Axley sisters.

The Axley's say this will give them an advantage over opponents because they have been running together all of their lives.

There is a strong relationship between the sisters, on and off the field.

"We have an advantage because we're so willing to work

around each other's schedules. This produces a support system because we know we're always going to be there for each other," said Sarah.

One might think the sisters just can't get enough of each other. They often eat together as well as hang out on weekends. Sarah said, "By sharing a common interest, it has made us closer friends."

All of these siblings consider competing together as an asset not only to their team but to their personal relationships as well.

# Chemistry key to Lady Lutes' tough players

BY ANDREW BENTZ  
Mast reporter

PLU's women's basketball team carries big goals into the season; to win the division of Northwest Conference of Independent Colleges (NCIC) and make it to nationals. The first stop on the schedule for the Lutes is a conference game against Pacific

on Dec. 5.

The Lutes are admittedly a more defensively set team, but they are trying to improve on their offense.

"I think that we are going to have a lot more contributors on offense," said guard Tasie Hampton.

PLU was renown for their defense last year and both the players and coaches expect the same

for this year.

"Last year and this year we are tough defensively. We are known for our tough defense," said head coach Gil Rigell.

Each team has their strengths and weaknesses, and PLU is no exception. PLU's main strength is their experience through returning starters, guards Kim Corbray and Tasie Hampton and center Tara Millet.

Last season, Corbray became the first in PLU women's basketball history to earn NCIC Player of the Year honors. Corbray finished the season the fourth highest scorer in the NCIC with an average of 11.7 points per game (PPG). She was selected to the All-NCIC First Team for her third straight year.

"We don't have one good player on the team. Everybody has something to contribute," said Corbray.

Two other returning starters are Hampton and Millet. Hampton averaged 9.4 PPG and scored in the double digits in 12 of her last 16 games. Millet earned honorable mention all-conference honors after averaging 10.3 points and a team high 8.7 rebounds.

The weakness in the Lutes is all of the youth on the team, but when they get into the flow of things, the Lutes are going to be a tough match.

"We have a good combination of youth and experience," said Hampton.

One of the factors of a championship-winning team is chemistry, and the Lutes have plenty of it.

"At this point, our team chemistry is better than I saw it at any point last year. They all like each other, and that is an added plus for us," said Rigell.

For the remainder of Decem-

ber, the Lutes hope for a sweep of their conference and take a lead in the NCIC.

"In December, we want to make sure that we go 2-0 and get the early jump in our conference," said Rigell.

For being a first year head coach, Rigell has high spirits and is looking forward to the season.

"It has been more fun than I thought it would be. We have a lot of fun together," said Rigell.

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## International

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"You're in the United States now. You should speak English."

Severtson said students making such comments are likely to be in the minority on campus.

"Unfortunately," he said, "they're the ones who seem to have the loudest mouths and are the most insensitive."

More activities involving a wide range of students from different backgrounds were men-

tioned as one possible solution to this problem.

David Gerry, international student coordinator, addressed the need for international students to be sensitive in group surroundings to Americans and international students from different countries who may not speak the same language.

International students said better communication about cam-

pus policies might be helpful during the application process.

Swedish student Lena Tibbelin said, "A lot of students don't expect all the housing rules with living on campus coming from countries where we have a lot more freedom."

Forum participants also decided that additional information about international student programs and issues would be help-

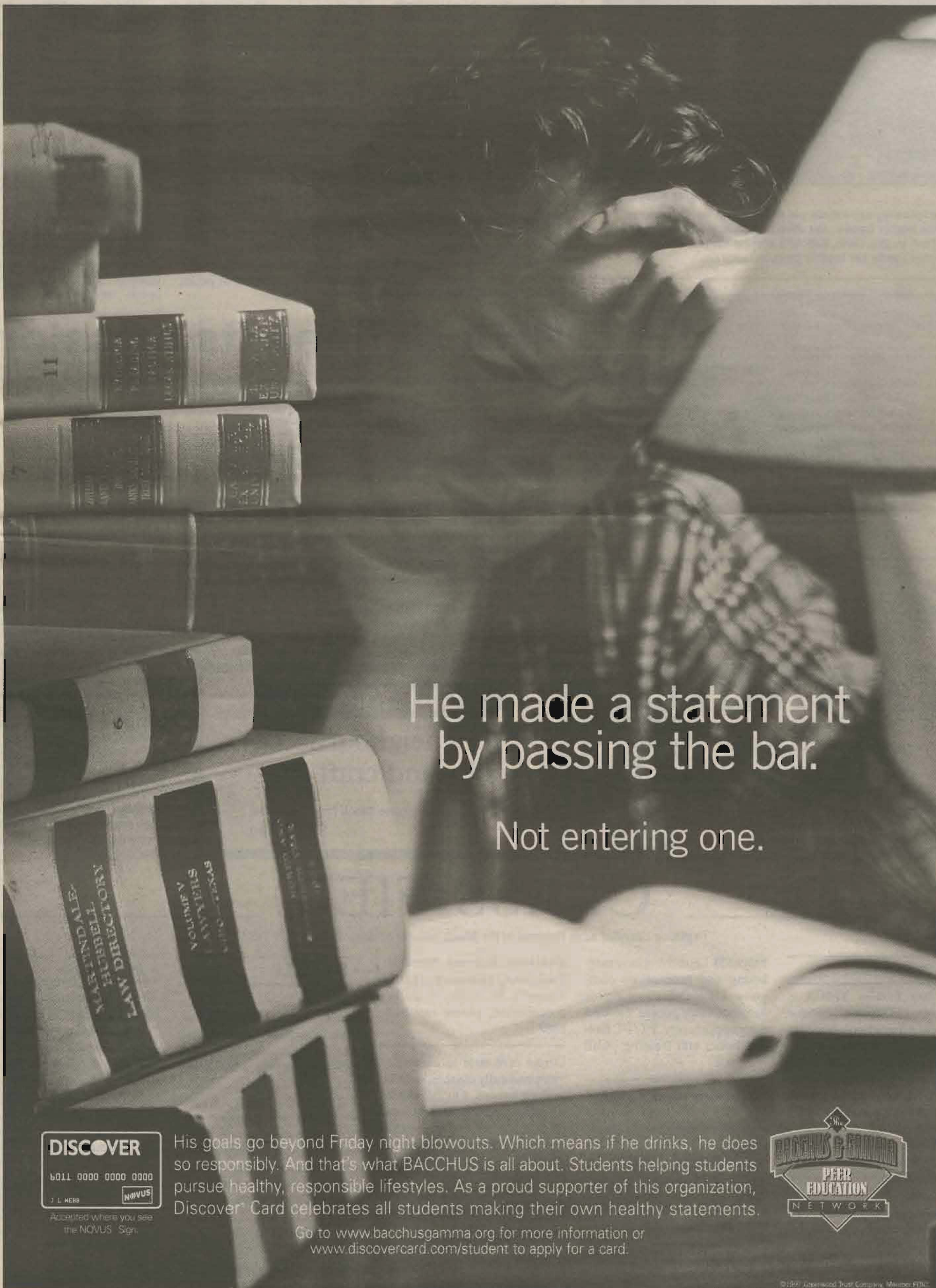
ful for increasing visibility on campus.

ASPLU International Student Senator Hanne Engelstad saw the forum as a success.

"I wish there had been more people, of course, but the people who came were pretty interested in talking about stuff," she said. Engelstad also announced that she plans to revive the international student club, which has

been inactive in recent years.

Approximately 150 international students are enrolled at PLU, with an additional 120 students taking classes at the American Cultural Exchange Language Institute located on Park Avenue, one block from campus. The ACE Language Institute helps students improve their English skills before enrolling in college-level courses.



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## Correction



photo by Kathi Munro

The following caption did not run with last week's picture: While Mother Goose, aka Joan Peckham, reads a "From Head to Toe" by Eric Carle, Kali Adix stomps her feet like an elephant while her brother Dawson looks on.

### Mission Statement of the Residence Hall Association

We in the Residence Hall Association commit ourselves to:  
 Represent the residence halls to the administration;  
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## ASPLU gets down and dirty on campus

ASPLU members plow the earth and shuttle students around in an effort to give back to the community

BY SHEREE RYAN  
Mast reporter

In the interest of doing more than implementing policy, ASPLU gave back to the PLU community in the past month.

On Nov. 22 ASPLU executives, directors and senators worked with Holly Goddard, director of Ground Services, on a landscape improvement project.

Each semester ASPLU performs a service for the PLU community. The idea of cleaning up the campus landscape sprung when Paris Mullen, ASPLU president, contacted the Volunteer Center, which referred him to Ground Services.

"Everybody had fun helping clean up PLU and I cannot wait to do it again," said Upper Campus Senator Marc Bryant.

First, they dug up and rooted out invasive species behind Rieke. Then various vegetation

was planted in hopes of creating a bird sanctuary.

"We used shovels, rakes, and we were fully gloved, and the work took some real manpower," said Clubs and Organizations Senator Shelly Bleek. "It built a lot of camaraderie within ASPLU."

Second on the agenda was clearing the area around the married and single housing that had been torn down. There was a lot of debris, such as bricks, nails, pieces of wood, glass and trash.

Keith Pranghofer, new student residence senator, said, "I feel we got a lot accomplished as a group and it brought ASPLU closer together and enabled us senators to communicate outside of the senate meetings."

Twenty five members of ASPLU participated. Some thoughts since Mullen showed up in khakis and a nice shirt he would not put his hands in the dirt.

"Paris wanted to prove to everyone he would get dirty so we went rolling around in the mud," Lisa Baldwin, director of public relations, said.

Sabrina Stabbert, ASPLU commuter-at-large senator, said "I thought it was really great because it is important that our student leaders demonstrate our leadership through our actions."

ASPLU provided a shuttle bus to SeaTac airport on Tuesday and Wednesday before Thanksgiving. The proposal was made and organized by At-Large Senator Christina Sarrensen.

"The purpose was to provide a ride for people to get to the airport and to save money," said Sarrensen.

ASPLU members Heidi Johnson, Sarrensen, Geoff Ledgerwood, Keith Pranghofer, Marty Mogk and Sierra Rowe transported students in a PLU van.

A total of 37 people took advantage of the service and only paid \$5, compared to \$12 to \$15 for an airport shuttle or a taxi. ASPLU made no profit.

"Since it has been so successful we are going to offer it at Christmas break and hopefully it will be something students come to count on every major break," said Sarrensen.

## RHA defines its mission

BY RANDY DANIELSON  
Mast asst. news editor

For the first time in RHA history, the association has created a mission statement.

"I felt it was a good way for our executive board to come together and collaborate on our goal, and decide where we wanted RHA to go," Scyller Borglum, RHA president, said.

Campus unity is a fundamental RHA goal, Borglum said, achieved through campus-wide programming, Christian activities, hall programs, environmental activities and events like Coffee Night.

RHA members want to be a

resource for on-campus students. As in past years, RHA meetings are open to all students to listen or voice their concerns.

Each member of RHA is expected to follow the policies of PLU and be involved with campus life.

"We have to be extraordinary students on campus in that we have to be a little of everything," Borglum said. "We have to obey policy, be involved with sports and all the different facets of PLU life. Essentially, we have to be involved in what makes our campus PLU."

When a member of RHA, especially a dorm president or someone on the executive board,

breaks a policy, several steps are taken to either discipline the member or remove the member from office.

"I do know hall council members have broken policy in the past, but it is still our job to lead by example," Borglum said.

Being servants of God, the community and the environment is also part of the mission statement. Members of RHA are elected to involve students in campus activities which incorporate fun and education.

The mission statement concludes by saying board members are here to participate and experience college life.

"We're just students in that we need to participate in on campus activities, too," Borglum said.

The mission statement serves as a guide to RHA and future executive boards, said Borglum.

Executive members are elected by old and new hall presidents. Each current and incoming hall president gets half a vote.

The sitting executive board members each get one full vote. They elect all six executive board positions. The serving president does not vote.

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