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## New Lute mascot makes surprise debut

by Katherine Hedland  
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Fans were taken by surprise at Saturday's football game when a "man" sporting a bright yellow outfit and matching brimmed cap pranced around the field waving his large, white, gloved hands at the crowd and cheering for his team.

Only a select few had knowledge this new mascot would be premiering at the PLU vs. Western Washington game, and even fewer knew who the mysterious man inside the costume was. Both ASPLU President Bruce Deal and PLU President William Rieke were left in the dark about the entire affair.

The mascot was dedicated during halftime and Vice President of Finance and Operations Perry Hendricks revealed himself as the one hidden inside.

"They told me it was the last person I'd expect. . . ." Deal said, "and it was."

The mascot is a parting gift from Hendricks, who will retire in May after 14 years at PLU.

"I've been working on the idea for a long time," Hendricks said. "I realized I was in my last year . . . time was running out."

Hendricks said he began working on the concept and was put in contact with the ASPLU mascot committee. They have been working privately on the idea for about the last six weeks.

"I wanted it to be a secret," Hendricks said. "I'm kind of crazy that way."

Mascot committee member Sandra Krause said initially even they were not given much information about the project.

"We knew the financial backing was there," she said, "but that was all."

Krause said her committee recently conducted a survey in which three-fourths of the respondents reported they would like to see a mascot created for PLU. The main concern among students, she said, was that it not be made to portray a "Lute."

Hendricks incorporated this student input into his designs. He said he wanted a "happy man mascot." He modeled it after a fisherman with oilskin trousers, a raincoat, and a hat, "but it doesn't really look like that," Hendricks said.

Hendricks sought the help of Eric Nordholm, university technical director, and Terry Tenneson, an alumnus of



Vice President of Finance and Operations Perry Hendricks models the PLU mascot costume which he donated to the school.

PLU with his own business in Seattle.

"We turned the designers loose," Hendricks said. He just told them, "It's got to be happy."

"I think it looks just great," Hendricks said. He said he wanted it for the sole reason of "adding an extra dimension and a little more fun. If it serves that purpose, that's all it was ever meant to do," he said.

Krause said, "We hope everyone likes it. Once people start seeing it more and more they will accept it."

Hendricks said he was pleased with the reaction the mascot received on its first appearance.

"You take a risk with things like this. . . either it lays a rotten egg or fires imagination and some fun. I'm satisfied that it got off to a good start."

photo by Clayton Cowi

## Former staff members file lawsuit

by Doug Drowley  
Mast reporter

A lawsuit has been filed by a former PLU employee in connection with the spraying of toxic chemicals in the University Center from October 1985 to March 1986.

Caroline Vaughn-Young and Joann Jones, both former Student Life employees, are named as the plaintiffs against W.B. Sprague Co. and the various manufacturers of the chemicals PT 270 and PT 230 Tri-Die, diazinon, and pyrenone.

PLU is not a defendant in the case and Jones emphasized there was no lawsuit against the university.

"PLU was not responsible for the spraying," Jones said.

Legal bindings release PLU from liability, according to Perry Hendricks, vice president of Finance and Operations.

"The law prohibits them from suing their employers when they are under workman's compensation," Hendricks said.

Following Jones' and Young's repeated illnesses, the food service, which used the chemicals as a preventative measure against insects and roaches, switched to non-toxic boric crystals.

"There is no pest control problem as far as I know," Kathy Mannely, associate dean for Student Life, said.

At the time of the incident last year, Mary Lou Fenili, former vice president of Student Life, contacted the state health department to have them check for any potential health hazard, according to Jim Phillips, director of the physical plant. The health department is currently compiling a report.

The areas the insecticides allegedly affected were the offices located on the lower floor of the U.C., across the hall from the Minority Affairs office.

Phyllis Lane, director of Minority Affairs refused to comment. "I am being very mindful of the people involved," she said.

The university also investigated other materials which could have attributed to the illnesses, Phillips said. Proper ventilation of the offices is also being questioned, he added.

It was found that Jones' and Young's offices were not cross-ventilated with

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## Hendricks announces spring retirement

by Matt Grover  
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Perry Hendricks, Vice President of Finance and Operations at Pacific Lutheran University, will retire at the end of the 1987 spring semester.

Hendricks said he based his decision on age.

"I'll be 65 in April," Hendricks said. "I told the president (William Rieke) that at the end of the school year I wanted to retire."

Hendricks has worked at PLU since September, 1973.

Hendricks said he and his wife plan to do missionary work after his retirement.

He said they are working with several organizations and contacts before making any definite plans.

"I've enjoyed every minute of my 14 years here at PLU," Hendricks said. "It hasn't always been easy, but I think that's just an indication of the satisfying kind of job I've had."

Hendricks said one of the best aspects of his job was the interaction with students and faculty members.

"You can't be here this long without working with a lot of neat people," he said.

"I think the rich relationships I've had with some students has been one of

the most rewarding aspects of the job," Hendricks added. "I worked with some of the Christian organizations on campus, and that's really been neat. I worked with Inter-Varsity and Marantha Coffee House...the spiritual dimensions of this campus are particularly neat."

Hendricks said his job kept him from working with students and faculty as much as he would have liked.

"I haven't always had as much contact with the students and faculty as I would have liked, mainly I've just worked with the president and other offices," Hendricks said. "But that's just the

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