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Senior Xochilt Coca, a resident assistant in the Spanish wing of Hong, leads students from Hong to the Anderson University Center for the Dia de Los Muertos event on Nov. 1. Coca organized the event, which the diversity center hosted.

Campus celebrates Dia de los Muertos

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While most kids dug into Halloween candy, some Pacific Lutheran University students were enjoying an entirely different kind of celebration: Dia de los Muertos. The diversity center hosted an event celebrating the Mexican Day of the Dead on Nov. 1.

The event began with a short lecture on the history of Dia de los Muertos by Enrique Salas, assistant professor of Hispanic studies.

Salas described the origins of the custom; the ancient belief is that when people do not die from natural causes, they must walk a long way to their final resting place. Families leave out offerings of water and the deceased's favorite things to help them on their way.

Students who participated

in the festivities learned that Halloween and Dia de los Muertos are very different, despite some thematic similarities and their proximity on the calendar.

Between the two holidays, "the main difference is that in Halloween you protect yourself from bad spirits and in Dia de los Muertos you welcome the spirits," Salas said.

Xochilt Coca, resident assistant for the Spanish wing of Hong, organized the entire event and commented on common misconceptions. "A lot of people associate Halloween and Dia de los Muertos as one, but in reality they're two separate events," Coca said. "Day of the Dead focuses mainly on celebrating the dead and inviting them into our homes."

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Panel includes first PLU transgender staff member

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Asuka Goya is the first staff member at Pacific Lutheran University to identify as transgender.

Goya, who is a web developer for university communications, was one of the three members of the Queer Ally Student Panel hosted by Stuen Hall's Social Action and Leadership organization on Nov. 2.

Goya graduated from PLU last year and was hired as a staff member this year.

Goya said the coming out process was "nerve-racking," because "you're afraid someone is going to say no and excommunicate

[themselves] from you," she said.

It took Goya one year to come out to all of her friends and family.

She read a novel called "Whipping Girl" by Julia Serano that made her want to come out and show who she really was.

During the panel, she read a quote she said she loved: "I can't tell you I want to be something I've never experienced, but I can tell you I don't want to be a boy."

This is when she knew she wanted to be female.

Growing up, Goya said, "I [was] very masculine in my appearance and how I presented myself in public." This included being captain

of her varsity soccer team in high school, camping, going to the beach, surfing, working out and sporting "buzzed-cut hair."

At PLU, Goya has found that "everyone is accepting" of her life choices.

"I think I have it really good being here at PLU," Goya said.

When Goya first told her employer on campus about her transition, an email was sent out to all of the staff members in Goya's department informing them of her official name change.

She said she received supportive responses from the PLU community as a whole.

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Campus Safety catches suspected bike thief

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An off-campus pursuit ended in the arrest of a bike thief by Campus Safety on Monday.

Two Campus Safety officers were conducting rounds on lower campus and noted an individual lounging against a light pole outside Rieke Science Center. The two officers considered both the suspect's odd location and that he appeared too old to be a typical student.

Director of Campus Safety Greg Premo said "the individual, a 39-year-old male, asked the officers for the time." They answered his query and walked away, keeping him in sight. The suspect then proceeded to

take a bolt cutter to the cable on a student's bike. He then mounted the bike and fled.

The Campus Safety officers took chase at a safe distance and radioed ahead with the suspect's description.

The suspect arrived in the lot of Morken Center for Learning and Technology and loaded the bike into his waiting car. An escort officer heard the officers' report, spotted the culprit's car and gave further directions about his whereabouts. Finally, an off-duty deputy intercepted and apprehended the culprit off campus.

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Participants braved the rain and proceeded to lower campus while singing a traditional Dia de los Muertos song that describes the midnight hour when ghosts come out to ride bikes and drive cars. The procession ended in the Anderson University Center.

At the AUC, participants were given hot chocolate and pan, traditional bread baked for Dia de Los Muertos. They were then invited to decorate sugar skulls and observe a traditional alter.

The event was also meant to draw attention to social issues surrounding immigration, including death rates among immigrants. Posters on the wall described the situation.

"I think it's an impo tant

thing to plan because Dia de los Muertos is a huge cultural event, especially in Mexico," Coca said.

First-year Alex Clayton said, "As a Mexican, seeing this much of my culture being brought to America is just amazing." Clayton added, "It's really great to come here and have something familiar."

Hong's next event will be a discoteca, a Spanish music dance party, on Nov. 16.



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TOP LEFT: Junior Wendy Martinez decorates a sugar skull at the Dia de Los Muertos event hosted by the diversity center and organized by senior Xochilt Coca on Nov. 1 in the AUC. LEFT: The shrine set up for Dia de Los Muertos included photos, leaves and candles. ABOVE: Decorated sugar skulls.



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Spanaway. "He was booked on multiple felony and misdemeanor charges for this one incident," Premo said. There is a search warrant pending for the culprit's car, and the bike will be returned upon implementing the warrant, Premo said.

"Although this was a great arrest, there is still much more to be done," Premo said. On Tuesday, the night following the arrest, another bike was stolen. Premo advises students to secure their bikes with U-locks which, unlike cable locks, cannot be foiled by bolt cutters. Premo noted that of the four bikes outside Rieke on the night of the crime, all had cable locks.

Water main breaks near T-Stat, floods

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A public water main broke outside Tinglestad Hall Tuesday morning, flooding the streets.

Pacific Lutheran University President Thomas Krise sent out an email shortly after 9 a.m. informing students that Parkland Light and Water



PHOTO BY BEN QUINN

A Parkland Light and Water sign is set up outside Tinglestad Hall after a public water main broke Tuesday morning.

had shut off the main, leaving Tinglestad without water.

Carlos Solorzano, Tinglestad's resident director, said the breakage was due to a tree trunk that had grown around the pipe, building up pressure in the pipe until it broke. Solorzano said he first learned of the incident when

he was going for a walk in the morning and saw "a lot of gushing water."

When Solorzano contacted Campus Safety, they were already aware of the situation, having received multiple calls. "People seemed to take initiative," Solorzano said.

The Central Pierce Fire

and Rescue came to ensure the loss of water did not put the sprinkler system at risk, and cleared the area of fire hazards, Solorzano said. The Parkland Light and Water company then began repairs, using heavy construction equipment to tear up asphalt and access the main.

Though Solorzano said the main was fixed at around 8 p.m., the road repair at 125th St. South and Yakima Ave took longer and drivers had to use an alternate route.

As stated in the email to the student body, parking lots were unaffected and completely accessible. PLU's webpage provided updates as the situation unfolded and repairs progressed.

Prior to the email alerts, many residents were unaware of the problem until they discovered for themselves the water was not working.

Taylor Brunstad, a resident assistant on Tinglestad's seventh floor, said she discovered the water problem at 6:30 a.m. and called Campus Safety. She then put up signs on the bathroom doors to alert residents and texted a few other RAs to let them know about the issue.

Brunstad said the lack of water was irritating, but "what can you do? It's no one's fault." She said most people went to Pflueger to use its bathrooms.

"Everyone seems to be handling it pretty well," Brunstad said.

The road reopened late Tuesday night, but Parkland Light and Water will return to finish street repairs.

washington BRIEFS

Voters approve I-502

SEATTLE (AP) — Washington joined Colorado in voting to become the first states to legalize a d tax the sale of marijuana for recreational use, but people shouldn't expect to be able to buy a bag of legitimate weed any time soon.

Though Washington's Initiative 502 decriminalizes the possession of up to a ounce of marijuana beginning Dec. 6, the state has a year to come up with rules governing the growing, processing and labeling of pot before sales to adults over 21 can begin.

In addition, marijuana remains illegal under federal law, so the big question is whether the federal government will allow the measures in Washington and Colorado to take effect without a fight. The Justice Department is offering no enlightenment on that front.

R-74 projected to pass

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — Supporters of gay marriage in Washington state declared victory Wednesday, saying they don't see a way for their opponents to prevail as votes continue to trickle in on Referendum 74.

"The numbers point to victory," said Zach Silk, a spokesman for Washington United for Marriage. "We're really feeling good."

The referendum asked Washingtonians to approve or reject a state law legalizing same-sex marriage that lawmakers passed earlier this year. That law was signed by Gov. Chris Gregoire but has been on hold pending the election's outcome.

With just over half of the expected ballots counted Wednesday night, R-74 was passing with 52 percent of the vote. Because Washington is a vote-by-mail state, and ballots only had to be postmarked by Tuesday, votes will continue to trickle in throughout the week.

Inslee to beat McKenna

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — Democrat Jay Inslee expressed confidence Wednesday that his early lead in Washington's race for governor would hold as his Republican opponent held out hope that late ballots would tell a different story.

Inslee stopped short of declaring victory over Republican Rob McKenna, acknowledging that the election's final result may not be known until the end of this week. Inslee held a promising advantage after more than 2 million votes were counted through Wednesday, carrying 51 percent of ballots.

Sensing a potential win, he began setting up a transition team that would help him prepare to take office in January.

"I'm just getting ready to lead the state of Washington," Inslee said.

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To students with friends or family going through transition, Goya said "just treat them as a person."

Goya said she conducts her personal life according to the same guideline, and doesn't "make assumptions about anyone."

Although she said there aren't many resources out there, Goya told students at the event that she is available to answer any questions.

The remaining two panelists were students who shared their own experiences with the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer (LGBTQ) community.

Sophomore Nellie Moran, a student panelist who identifies as an LGBTQ ally said people in the LGBTQ community are "part of our humanity and we need to advocate for their rights as well."

Students who have friends or family members exploring their gender and sexuality should affirm that "we're still going to be there for them," Moran said.

Moran's older sister "came out, saying she was bisexual." Moran said she was uneducated about the LGBTQ community at the time, but has been "constantly learning" since then. "As an ally, you always have to have an open mind because you don't want to step on anyone's toes," Moran said.

Moran is the treasurer for the Queer Ally Student Union (QASU) and is a self-defined "strong advocate" for the LGBTQ community.

Sophomore Cady Smith, co-commissioner for QASU, said she wants students to know there is a support system at PLU standing behind the LGBTQ community, "no matter what help you need." She also told students no question is an awkward question.

QASU meets Mondays at 6 p.m. in the diversity center. All students are welcome.

Additional resources on campus include the counseling center, diversity center and Crossroads, a weekly conversation group for people who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, queer, transgender, intersex or questioning their identity.

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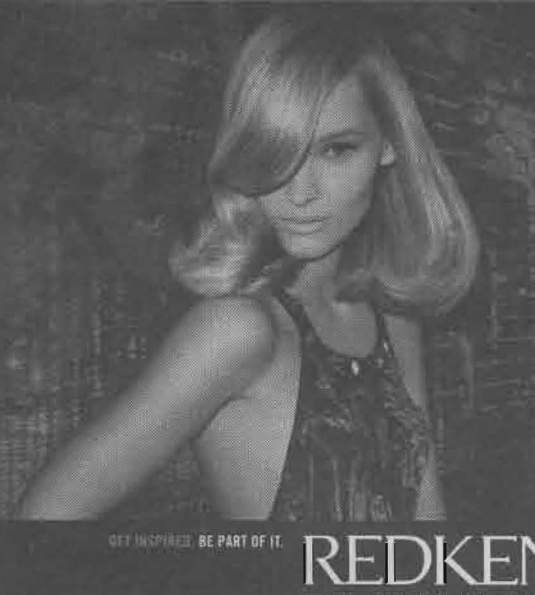
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Friday

ASPLU and GREAN host speaker and folk songwriter Dana Lyons in a free concert as part of his "Great Coal Train Tour." Lyons will teach the community about the proposed coal exports along the West Coast. Free food will be available and the event is open to the public. *Friday, Nov. 9, 7 p.m. in The Cave. An optional coal workshop to follow.*

Zumba. Hosted by SIL. *Friday, Nov. 9, from 9-11 p.m. in the Colombia Center Main Hall.*

Saturday

Local author Megan Bostic visits Garfield Book Company for a reading and signing of her book, "Never Eighteen." *Saturday, Nov. 10, from 12-2 p.m. in Garfield Book Company Community Room.*

PLU junior runs for office

Democrat Eric Herde loses state representative race

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After months of double duty as a full time student and aspiring politician, Pacific Lutheran University junior Eric Herde lost his bid for State Representative on Tuesday. Republican Bruce Dammeier won the district 29 position instead.

Herde ran unopposed in the blanket primary election on Aug. 7. Dammeier won the general election on Tuesday 60.94 percent to 39.06 percent. Herde fell short by 7,551 votes, according to the Washington Secretary of State webpage.

"We don't have any student voices in the legislature and that would have been something I could have provided," Herde said.

However, he said he still plans to pursue a career in politics after graduation. He decided to run for office this fall because Dawn Morrell, a representative from district 25, "thought I would do well," Herde said. Though he campaigned in a primarily Democratic district and had the party affiliation advantage, Herde was the underdog against his older and more experienced Republican opponent.

Herde started campaigning in June. The hardest part of the campaign, he said, was



PHOTO BY VALERY JORGENSEN

Junior Eric Herde, a quadruple major in Norwegian, political science, math and environmental studies, ran for the public office position of state representative of district 29. Herde lost to Republican opponent Bruce Dammeier.

raising money, because "it is really difficult to call someone up and ask them to give you money for politics. Especially with the perception politics has nowadays." He added, "we [Herde and his team] knew from the start that I would have much less money than my opponent."

Another major challenge for Herde was garnering name recognition as a first-time political candidate. Sophomore Kjersten Braaten said she had "no idea who Herde was" and was "surprised that a student at

PLU was running for such an important office."

As a student, Herde said he was hoping to get "a fair amount of volunteers from PLU, but who knew college students have a lot of homework?"

Herde said he tried to raise awareness by "going out and knocking on doors." He said he "was very busy and definitely wasn't getting enough sleep for a normal person," but that it "is par for the course while in college or running for office."

Herde is pursuing

majors in math, political science, Norwegian and environmental studies. Though he is in his third year at PLU, Herde said he entered PLU with enough credits that he has had "senior standing for a while now." Herde expects to graduate in spring 2014. Outside of class, Herde runs cross-country and works in the dining services office.

Heading into election night, Herde knew it "was going to take a lot to win," and said from the start it "was going to be an uphill battle."

Dammeier has years of experience in politics and has represented district 29 in the Washington state House of Representatives since 2008. He decided to aim for State Senate in this election.

Despite the outcome, Herde said the campaign was a learning experience and had a "positive" reaction to the race. He said he is proud of the fact that he was "about three percentage points higher than the last guy who ran against my opponent," and has "a lot more name recognition in the district now."

Herde's plan for the near future is to focus on school and "catch up on homework." Herde said he has high hopes for his future in politics. "I think if I were to try again in two to four years I would do a lot better."

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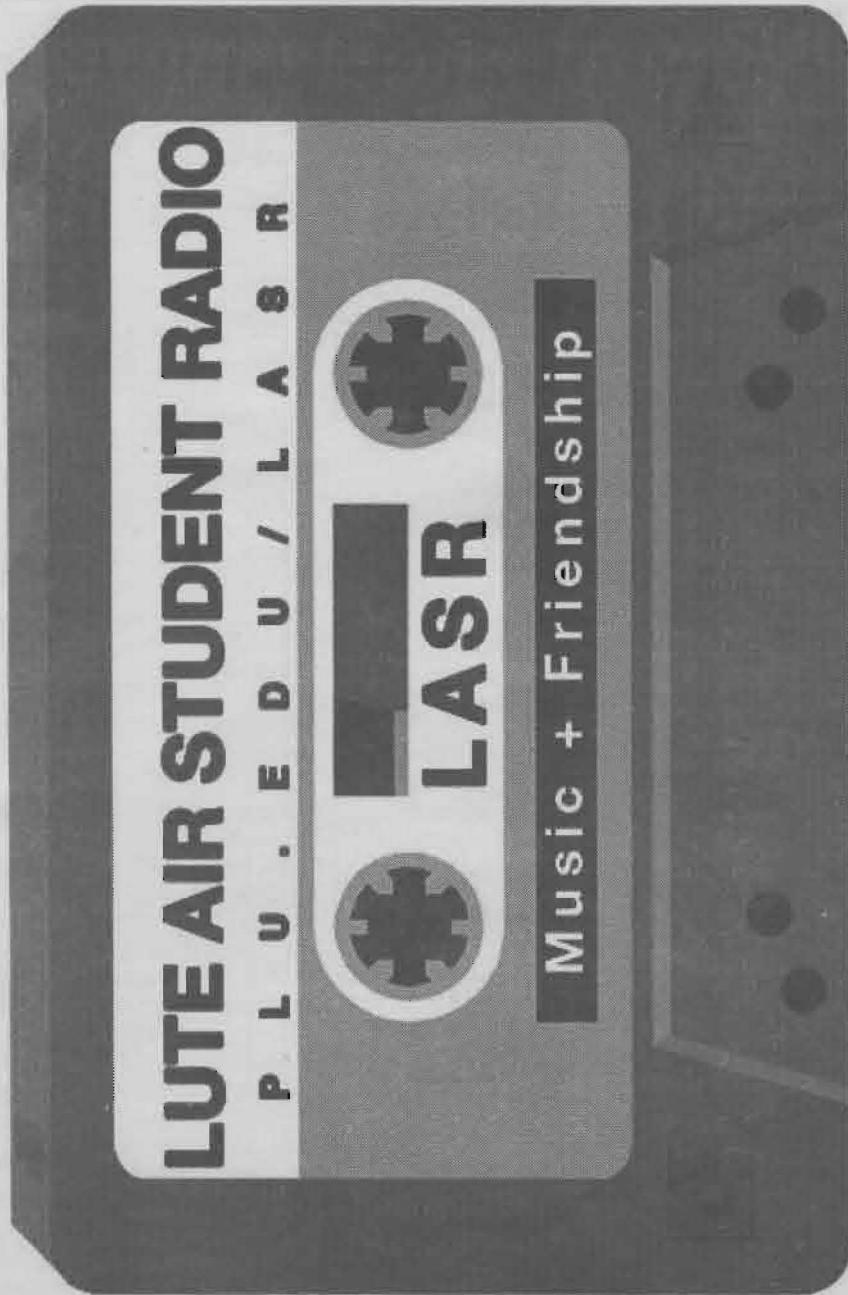
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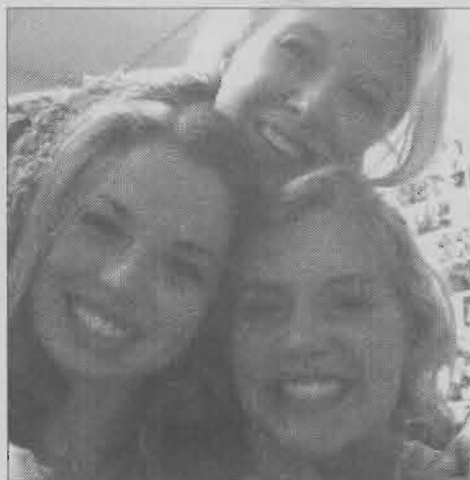
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LuteNation stomps the AUC

PLU step team plans surprise for Halloween visitors

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Students in the Anderson University Center got a surprise treat Halloween night. Pacific Lutheran University's step dance team, LuteNation, organized two flash mobs at 6 p.m.

The dancers emerged from the Regency Room where they were practicing and began their routine almost at once. All the members of LuteNation were in costumes, ranging from a zebra to a "Grease" pink lady.

They performed to an up-tempo version of Michael Jackson's "Thriller," playing on the Halloween theme with a flash mob classic. After "Thriller," LuteNation performed a more traditional step dance routine, with breakout moments for several members.

The team also hosted a table with candy and more information about LuteNation for any observers who were interested.

First-year LuteNation member John Adams said, "We did it to just do it, put our name out

there a little more and celebrate the spirit of Halloween."

LuteNation decided to do the flash mob on Halloween because PLU has a tradition of inviting children to trick or treat through the residence halls. "I thought it would be something different, and cool for kids to see," junior Mamie Howard, captain of LuteNation, said.

"It was really entertaining," first-year Tricia Bodgan said, who caught the show. "I had no idea there was a step dance team. It kinda made me want to dance with them."

Step dancing is a form of performance art with African roots. It involves performers making percussive noises and complex rhythm patterns with their bodies.

LuteNation underwent a transformation last year, partnering with the Office of Admissions to tour local schools and promote interest in learning and higher education.

"I wanted it to be something different, something more purposeful," Howard said. "[We dance] for a purpose, for a good

cause. We promote that learning, being active and getting good grades are all really important."

"I love LuteNation," said Adams. "It teaches really important things like balance, discipline and time management. It teaches you that if you really want to do something you have to be dedicated."

No experience is necessary to join LuteNation. The team performs at many events throughout the year on and off campus, including Multi-Cultural Night, and the Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration at the Tacoma Dome.



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Remake review

Editor reviews best and worst remakes of classic movies

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As much as we all love classics, sometimes it's nice to see our favorite 20th century movies get a face-lift. From updating special effects to modernizing social themes, improvements on even the best films can always be made.

Unfortunately, some directors find it difficult to recapture the original movie magic. With the new version of "Red Dawn" due to blow up theaters Nov. 21, a review of recent remakes and a preview are in order.

1. Footloose – Original: 1984, Remake: October 2011

This musical drama is about a Chicago teenager who moves to a small town where dancing has been banned. Protagonist Ren McCormak struggles to bring back dancing, which he sees as a vital form of expression.

In the original, Kevin Bacon plays Ren McCormak while the remake features Kenny Wormald.

The new movie is modernized, replacing

boom boxes with iPods and transforming both music and dancing to fit with current trends. It was in these aspects the movie faltered.

Classic "Footloose" moves were lost in a standard modern mash that looked more like another Step Up sequel. The music suffered as well, replacing catchy, danceable tunes with a lot of rap.

In this case, the classic has all the right moves, and beats out the attempted remake by a long shot.

2. Total Recall – Original: 1990, Remake: August 2012

In the 1990 version, Arnold Schwarzenegger delivers his standard macho role as the leading figure in this dystopian action film.

The story follows protagonist Douglas Quaid who goes to the company Recall, in order to experience the implanted memory of

his dreams. In doing so, he accidentally discovers he's a spy who worked for anti-government rebels as a double agent until said government wiped his mind clean and planted him in a new, false life.

The reboot begins in

was just plain weird. This year's "Total Recall" included a far slicker, more visually appealing setting, and pruned the story of some of the original's oddities.

My advice: skip the 1990s snooze-fest and enjoy quality, updated entertainment.

3. Red Dawn – Original: 1984, Remake: Nov. 21, 2012

A product of Cold War tensions, the first "Red Dawn" depicted a 1980s in which the Soviets invaded and took control of the U.S. The film focuses on a group of

teens who engage in guerilla warfare to try and take back the country.

Similarly to "Footloose," the remake is modernized to fit today's political atmosphere and technology, swapping Soviets for North Koreans.

In the original "Red Dawn,"

future "Dirty Dancing" duo Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey star, as does the now infamous Charlie Sheen. The update includes "Thor" star Chris Hemsworth and "Hunger Games" star Josh Hutcherson. But whether they and the other actors can step into Patrick Swayze's talent-filled shoes is debatable.

The one potentially awkward point for this film is racial profiling of the characters. The new film portrays the "pure evil" Koreans against the "good" – and almost entirely white – valiant teen combatants. It might have been nice to include a Korean-American kid in the group of rebels, driving home the point that ideological, not racial differences, are what cause conflict.

Though I'm not expecting an insightful revelation into the themes of liberty and oppression, I am looking forward to this film as simply a fun action movie. Hopefully character development and plot aren't too lacking, or all the snazzy actions scenes won't be enough to keep me entertained.

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delivers his standard macho role as the leading figure in this dystopian action film.

the same fashion, though slight Colin Farrell makes a very different Quaid than Schwarzenegger.

All in all, the remake was a huge improvement. The Schwarzenegger film was slow, cheesy and had a mutant-related plotline that

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Annual student-directed musical packs black box studio theatre for a weekend of shows

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Pacific Lutheran University's annual Night of Musical Theatre (NOMT) brought down the house last Friday despite pre-show complications.

The evening started off with disappointment for many. By 7 p.m., the line at the entrance stretched around the corner of Eastvold Auditorium, although doors didn't open until 7:30 p.m. Many performers had complimentary tickets reserved for friends and family, which left very few seats available for general admission.

Construction on the Eastvold main stage means that all productions this season must take place in the Karen Hille Phillips black box studio theater where seating is limited.

The shuffle was forgotten when the show began, however. This year's NOMT contained an engaging mix of sad and funny songs.

When the songs were sad, they were heart-wrenching, including the show's title

piece "Falling Slowly" from the movie musical "Once," which featured excellent choreography by Jack Sorensen. Another was "Freedom's Child" from "The Civil War," which was preceded and followed by audio clips from John F. Kennedy's assassination, 9/11 and other justice-related historical events.

When the songs were funny, they were hilarious. Marina Pitassi gave a standout performance with her solo "My Strongest Suit," a song about dressing well. The audience also loved "Baptize Me" from "The Book of Mormon," a duet between Pitassi and Kraig Partridge.

Though the cast lit up the stage during group numbers, there were notable solo performances.

Anna Rassmussen had two strong solos: "I Dreamed a Dream" from "Les Miserables" and "Once Upon a Time" from

"Brooklyn." Samuel Chapman charmed the audience with his singing as Billy Flynn from "Chicago," as well as with his acting — his part in "What is This Feeling?" though wordless, was hysterical.

The show was also a subtle commentary on inequality. Some performers wore elaborate clothes and had a fancy set on one side of the stage. Others wore torn and ratty clothes and their set consisted of nothing but a doorstep.

Most of the songs were specifically

chosen to accentuate the difference between the lives of the rich and the poor. The rich characters performed "Everybody Ought to Have a Maid" and "Ladies Who Lunch." In contrast, poor characters' songs included "God Help the Outcasts" and "No One is Alone."

In the end, the entire cast joined hands for two final songs, "I Believe" and "Sunday," songs about the power of conviction, and an ordinary day in an ordinary life respectively. It was an interesting choice by director senior Alex Domine to end the show with a sweet, quiet song rather than a showstopper, but it worked.

It was a typical Friday, but for the NOMT cast and crew, it was a time to shine.



Left: Senior Allen Heffelfinger sings in front of the chorus of poor characters in Night of Musical Theatre 2012, directed by senior Alex Domine and choreographed by seniors Jill Heinecke and Jack Sorensen. The show juxtaposed a group of actors playing the 'poor' and a group of actors playing wealthy, affluent members of society. **Below right:** Sophomore Sam Chapman sings "All I Care About is Love" from "Chicago" in a chorus line of women at the end of this year's chair dance, choreographed by senior Jack Sorensen. **Below center:** Juniors Kameron Jacobs, Taylor Capellaro and Cori DeVerse perform in "One Day More" from "Les Miserables." **Below right:** Junior Cori DeVerse belts "Ready to be Loved" from the relatively new musical "Edges." **ALL PHOTOS COURTESY OF ELISABETH HAVENS.**



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Fulbright scholar takes on cross-cultural learning

Pacific Lutheran University was recently ranked among the top U.S. master's institutions to produce Fulbright scholars. The Fulbright institution, established by the U.S. Congress in 1946, is the largest U.S. international exchange program to offer students, scholars and professors the opportunity to participate in international graduate study, advanced research and teaching from the primary to university level worldwide.

Guest writer Sonja Schaefer sat down with Linfei Zhu, Fulbright scholar and professor at China's Xidian University, to discuss the transition from teaching English in China to teaching Chinese at PLU and what she hopes to take back to her students.

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Sitting on the edge of her seat, eager with a pencil in hand and a smile playing across her lips, the soft-spoken and polite Linfei Zhu speaks with a different voice.

On Weibo, a popular Chinese "Twitter," Zhu writes, "Obama can't represent me completely because he doesn't have a vagina!" This is just one example of the culturally revealing statements one of this year's Fulbright Scholars shares with her friends back home in Xi'an, China.

Through her posts, Zhu exemplifies the capacity of her generation to observe and then share ideas about culture and politics. At 28 years old, she comes from a generation that grew up with a constant economic growth rate of roughly 10 percent.

"This generation of Chinese students has more confidence than any other generation in modern times," Mahlon Meyer, visiting professor of history, said. "They are curious about the world and want to connect with both Chinese and foreigners."

This Fulbright experience is the first time Zhu has been to the U.S. However, she is not new to English. She studied English for 10 years and has taught English to Chinese university students for three years. Zhu said she became familiar with many aspects of American

culture through books she read while in China. She said she remembers reading that cars wait for pedestrians to pass by here.

She came to PLU and found this to be true right out on Garfield Street.

Most of the examples of cultural difference Zhu highlighted concerned education.

In China, students sit straight, remain silent and diligently take note throughout the class period while the teacher is on the "stage." There is no group

This type of learning community is not the norm in China. Her professors at PLU encourage students to challenge books and other sources.

Zhu blogs back to her fascinated friends in China: "No book is the authority, so one needs to evaluate everything."

Zhu said of the public conduct of the average citizen: "When people want to pass you in the grocery store, they say, 'Excuse me,'" said Zhu. "In China, they push past."

China's academic settings could also learn something

she did on a quiz and makes sure they are in a secluded setting and that the student feels comfortable.

Because of her slightly biased schooling in China – a required government class at her university focused on socialism and communism – Zhu said she is learning much about American government that she did not know before arriving. She said she plans to take what she learns from her time here in the United States back to China to apply in her life by teaching her English students through a

"This generation of Chinese students has more confidence than any other generation in modern times. They are curious about the world and want to connect with both Chinese and foreigners."

Mahlon Meyer
visiting professor of history

discussion. Even calling on a student in a Chinese classroom is rare, but if it happens, the student stands erect to respond.

Zhu said she is still getting accustomed to teaching in the relatively laid-back school setting in the U.S. Students in her classes lounge in their seats. Some do not take notes. Others unwrap goodies to munch on.

Most speak their minds. Zhu giggled as she remembered how appalling seeing a student sitting on the desk once was.

from American education, Zhu said. At Xidian University, Zhu and other teachers post grades and rankings with the name of the student on the wall in the classroom. Teachers also openly comment on a student's strengths, weaknesses or grades during class.

Since she started teaching Chinese at PLU, Zhu said she has made changes to her practices. She said she checks herself before directly talking to a student about how he or

more interdisciplinary method of both grammatical English and American culture.

Although some details still confuse her, Zhu said she understands the foundation of the government system here, such as the voting procedure, the benefits and detriments of the Electoral College, the attitudes of the political parties and dichotomy of federal versus states' rights.

Though Zhu's general goal for her Fulbright experience

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Washington voters' priorities out of order this election



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On Dec. 8, same-sex couples will be able to tie the knot and 21-year-olds will be able to smoke a joint.

Washington made major changes this election. We became one of the first states to pass same-sex marriage by a popular vote along with Maryland and Maine, and one of the first states to legalize recreational marijuana along with Colorado.

Regardless of your personal stance on these issues, Washington's stance was clear: smoking weed is somewhat more acceptable than same-sex marriage.

Of the 39 counties in Washington State, only two voted more in favor of same-sex marriage than legalizing marijuana as of Wednesday night.

One was our neighbor King County, the other was San Juan County.

We had barely broken into the election results when I-502 to legalize marijuana passed, with 55.2 percent of voters in favor of it as of Wednesday night.

It wasn't until late Tuesday evening that same-sex marriage pulled ahead and was projected to win. It was finally confirmed on Wednesday afternoon that it passed by a slim margin.

It's a sad thing when your state is quick to legalize weed but more hesitant to legalize love.

Legalizing marriage for all consenting adults is going to bring tolerance, equality and above all joy to couples across the state. It holds more value to those it affects.

Next time you fill out a ballot, remember to give a little more weight to the measures that fight for equality. In a choice between love and drugs, it's clear what our priorities should have been.

Don't talk politics online



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If one were to search the words "Anna Sieber" on Google, approximately 1.2 million results would pop up. Of those first few, one is my Facebook account, a few are art websites in languages other than English, two are Pinterest accounts — only one of which actually belongs to me — a list of images of older women and a few genealogy links. Needless to say, it is not very representative of who I am.

As the Internet continues to boom, there is a growing awareness of people's online

presence. You can become "Tumblr famous" and your Facebook account is starting to become a brand name. Twitter, Instagram and a whole slew of other websites are geared toward getting followers and expanding your presence further. Beyond that, each site can advertise the others.

While I am sure we have all heard that we need to be careful about what we project about ourselves online, there seems to be a large segment of the population missing the point. There are still endless pictures of people at wild parties and drunken status updates.

There seems to be a very interesting side effect of these social networking sites being so readily available at the touch of our fingers: the widespread sharing — no, more like thrusting — of opinions, particularly regarding politics. On one side is "I hate Romney" and on the

other is "I hate the Barackster, vote for Mittens."

There are blow ups and long-winded disputes about who is right and who is wrong, when it is all just a bunch of angry typography on a webpage screen. Just last week I saw a photo someone posted on Facebook of her ballot, filled in for Obama — no question who she is voting for there.

It seems understandable to come out in support on one issue, such as Referendum — 74. But when one is saying, "I'm a Democrat. Democrats rock. Death to Republicans," we get into a bit of an issue.

Think about this: what if you supported Candidate X by blasting him on your Facebook wall and tweeted about how great he was. Let's say Candidate X was elected and ended up becoming the next Adolf Hitler. Sure, you would be set when it came to Candidate X looking for his

true supporters, but when he was eventually overthrown, you would be that idiot who supported a diabolical dictator.

In a similar vein, there are people who go out and say online, "If Romney wins, I'm moving to Canada." Alright, but let's say Romney wins.

Are you actually going to move to Canada? Would you even be able to move to Canada? Yeah. Either put up or shut up: you are walking on eggshells.

You leave a footprint when you openly support an issue, but your opinion might change.

The thing is, once something is put on the Internet, there is no guarantee that it can ever truly be removed.

Hindsight is 20/20, so in 30 years, we may look back at the things we posted — whether it be drunken pictures or anti-gay marriage posts — and realize how stupid we were.

Hall policies limit dorm life



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Almost every college student gets sexed sometime. Although getting kicked out by your roommate is an accepted part of the college experience, it is against Residential Life policies.

A recent survey by the Residence Hall Association may indicate impending changes for dorm life. The survey asked students' opinions on the current layout of gender-specific halls and the overnight visitation policy.

The visitation policy has been the subject of debate for many years. Currently, members of the opposite sex are barred from visitation between 2 a.m. and 8 a.m. on weekdays and 3 a.m. to 8 a.m. on weekends.

Enforcement, however, is

difficult. Short of nightly room checks, there is no sure way for Student Conduct to know what is going on in every dorm room. The overnight policy should be done away with, while retaining limitations on how many nights guests can stay.

We can all agree we would rather not have Resident Assistants pounding on doors to check for unwanted visitors. The question remains whether or not the visitation rule has any real value.

As with any rule, there will always be some who abuse it. Every year, some roommates find themselves in the awkward situation of suddenly having a third roommate. Getting kicked out for a roommate's guest may be a timeless tradition, but it is also a nuisance.

The room may no longer feel like home, but instead a place to avoid. Having a comfortable rooming situation is one of the keys to a good college experience, especially

for first years. In this sense, the visitation rule can be a useful tool for those who find themselves dreading the return to their room.

Many students believe visitation should be a private matter between roommates. With the current system, the

This is when the support system of RAs and the threat of Student Conduct come in handy. Serious roommate conflict often leads to an RA intervention. As each roommate gets a chance to present their own side of the issue, an individual may feel more comfortable espousing the demands of outside authority, rather than making it a personal issue.

Unfortunately for some, the visitation policy curbs sleepovers, movie nights and hanging out.

College is a place where each individual gets the freedom to choose how to live his or her life, and many are irked by the parental-like limitations of the visitation policy.

We should be able to stay up until whatever we choose, with whomever we choose, doing whatever we choose. In order to keep the peace between roommates, limitations on visitation are necessary, but the current restrictions are ineffective.

There is no sure way for Student Conduct to know what is going on in every dorm room.

issue often comes down to the roommates themselves.

However, just as sleep schedules change with the start of college life, some individuals may find that other personal values and habits change as well.

What begins as a pact between roommates in the early fall may quickly dissolve as the year goes on. Sometimes boundaries are overstepped.

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Donate blood, but don't stop there



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Although Halloween has passed, Pacific Lutheran University is about to get a whole lot bloodier. The second blood drive of the year starts Tuesday, and many students will soon be sporting either neon bandages or well-honed excuses.

For those physically able, blood drives are a simple way to put a polished shine on their "good deeds" badge. Donating is no more challenging than strolling into the Anderson University Center.

Students can sign up for the blood drive ahead of time to ensure they get an appointment, but walk-in appointments are available as well.

The process doesn't take long — usually an hour at most — during which hopeful donors answer some questions and are tested to ensure they're healthy enough to give blood.

Finally, in a Herculean

effort, donors have to relax in a comfortable chair, are poked with a needle and then have cookies and juice forced upon them.

Giving blood is clearly stressful. The people avoiding exsanguination have no idea the trauma some donors go through.

Blood is only the beginning. If you want to give your "good deeds" badge a gleam that could out-sparkle a "Twilight" vampire, consider bone marrow.

The first image that comes to mind when considering bone marrow donation may be a long, wicked needle and pain that makes donating blood seem like child's play.

The truth is that the donation is performed with anesthetic so there is no pain during the procedure. After the donation, many donors experience some fatigue and an achy feeling, which can be painful or easily ignored depending on the donor.

Unlike donating blood, this is not something you do every 56 days. Many people who register to be donors may never receive the call to actually give bone marrow.

Even in families, the necessary genetic matches can

be rare, which is why the bone marrow registry — Be the Match — encourages as many people as possible to join.

The more DNA samples on hand, the more chances that someone with blood cancer

preparations for your demise may not be the cheeriest use of your time, it is nice to be organized. As much as we love our hearts, lungs and eyes now, our corpses won't have much use for them.

If you didn't volunteer to be an organ donor when getting your license, registration is easy to complete online. The site provider varies from state to state, but <http://www.organdonor.gov/becomingdonor/index.html> can guide you to the proper place.

Although it's nice to think you'll die in your sleep at 100 — probably after giving a speech to the PLU class of 2093 — some of us may not reach that goal.

We'll probably die at 80 while trying to bungee jump out of our windows because all the retirement home food tastes like applesauce.

The important thing is we won't be too old to donate organs, even then.

Doing the right thing doesn't have to be as daring as saving children from a burning building. It can be as simple as recognizing these unique structures of bones, meat and skin can make do with a little less — and give someone else so much more.

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or another life-threatening disease will be able to find a match.

Registering is simple and slightly exhilarating. After filling out the online information at <http://marrow.org/Home.aspx>, the registry sends four cotton swabs to your address. In a very CSI-esque moment, you get to take your own DNA samples by swabbing the inside of your cheek.

Even if your needle phobia or fears of pain prevent you from helping now, you still have a chance to help after you leave the land of the living through organ donation.

Though making

Letter to the EDITOR

Dialogue Day has potential benefits

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As a Pacific Lutheran University student, I am a little concerned about some of the viewpoints expressed in the story about the 'Lutedome.'

It seems as though the intentions and opinions of Community Dialogue Day are jumbled. The students and ASPLU representatives referred to in the article did not efficiently speak on the issue of whether or not Community Dialogue Day would benefit PLU students.

Senior Jeff Toulman had the right idea when he stated, "The main idea right now should be PLU focusing on itself."

The program is essentially supposed to help Parkland residents feel more welcomed by PLU. However, I feel the opposing perspectives are overlooking the benefits PLU can gain from the program.

In regards to the focus of terminating the term 'PY,' it is important to reach out to PLU students who are directly affected by it. I believe some people are discrediting the program from what its fullest potential can be, which may be a reason for the lack of support.

Community Dialogue Day should not just be a program to make Parkland residents feel more welcomed by PLU or for PLU to become stronger.

Community Dialogue Day should also be a program for PLU students who want to feel closer to the community and genuinely want to understand all the people who encompass the Parkland community.

In order to achieve the expressed goal and purpose of Community Dialogue Day, the line between the PLU and Parkland communities must be blurred. There needs to be a genuine mutual desire for education on sought issues.

It should be recognized that the PLU community consists of students, alumni, faculty, professors and donors. If money designated to outreach clubs and programs is really the problem, that issue should be addressed to all the people who fund them.

Those who are opposed to the program fail to see the benefits of Community Dialogue Day's potential, the benefits in discussions regarding issues like campus safety and the benefits of community progression in sustainability.

Maybe my suggestions and opinions are a stretch, but I think the main issue in this article was not the "cost of words," as the title of the article proposed. From the information presented, I believe it was the issue of whether or not people care.

Corrections

For the Nov 7, Issue:
The story "Twilight" on page 6 should say that the fundraiser was for the Washington State Coalition against Domestic Violence, not the Women's Center.

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Electoral college outdated



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At an election event, I saw 12 of my colleagues gathered around a small computer screen watching, waiting and barely breathing for the election results to come in.

Finally, the state everyone was waiting for, Ohio, turned blue. Cheers overwhelmed the room. People were crying and celebrating the re-election of President Barack Obama.

As people's cheers filled the room, it was hard not to wonder how much their votes actually mattered.

The fact is, the popular vote — or our individual vote — barely counts when it comes to the presidency. Our founding

fathers warned about big states having disproportional influence over small states. Thus, the Electoral College was created.

By having an Electoral College, candidates need a state campaign strategy rather than one focusing on the most populated states in the nation.

The idea of the Electoral College fails. In the 2012 election, the swing state happened to be Ohio. The Washington Post found that swing states Florida, Virginia and Ohio received more combined advertising dollars than all other 47 states combined. Because of the Electoral College, presidential candidates isolate their focus on key swing states.

According to the Federal Voting Assistance Program, in 2008, critical swing states Florida and Ohio both had more than 66 percent of citizens voting, while larger states like New York and

Texas only had 59 percent and 54.1 percent, respectively.

Now more than ever, larger states are feeling as though their vote does not matter. In the Electoral College, one Wyoming vote equals 4 California votes. In a fair democracy, everyone's vote is counted equally.

Abolishing the Electoral College would force presidential candidates to focus on the individual voters rather than swing states.

In the last two months of the 2008 election, the presidential candidates visited Ohio 62 times. Ohio was a huge deciding factor in this election, because of the Electoral College.

Our founding fathers feared the ignorance of the people to choose their elected officials. The Electoral College was their way of adding a check and balance to the system.

The founding fathers were right to think this. Our nation

knows more about SpongeBob than our president's views on domestic policies.

This system may have worked during the 19th century as political parties started to gain influence, but it is now outdated and elitist.

I know that SpongeBob lives in a pineapple under the sea and I am knowledgeable enough to cast my ballot for who I believe is the best candidate to represent our nation and my ideologies.

Yet the Electoral College takes my right as a voter away. The Electoral College has overturned the popular vote three times in our nation's history. Three errors in 55 elections is a failure rate of five percent.

We got lucky this election — the Electoral College did not overturn our votes. But we have not been lucky in the past.

At least with the popular vote, every vote will count.

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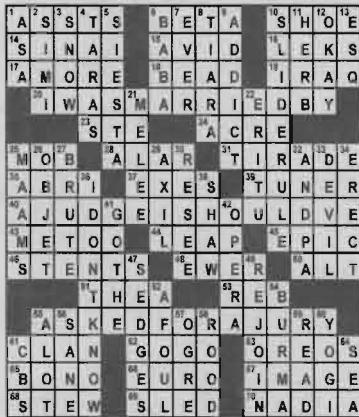


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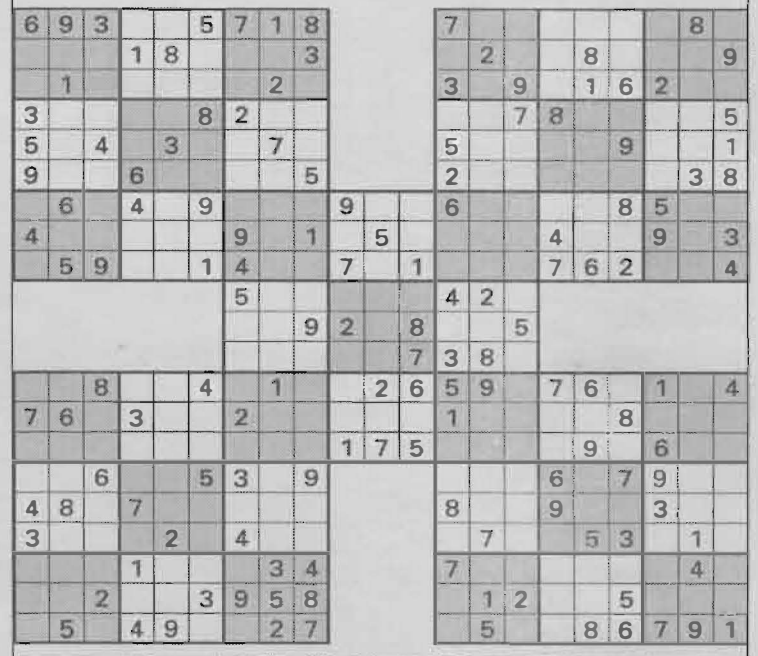
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 - 52 Sound rebound
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 - 58 Now, say
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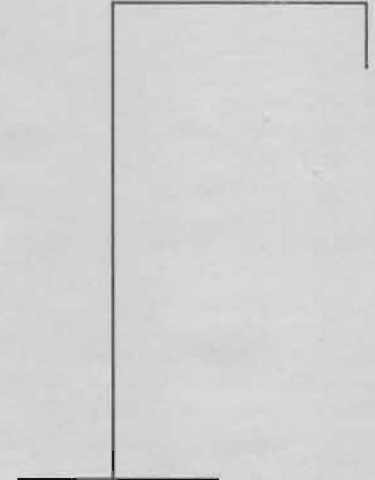
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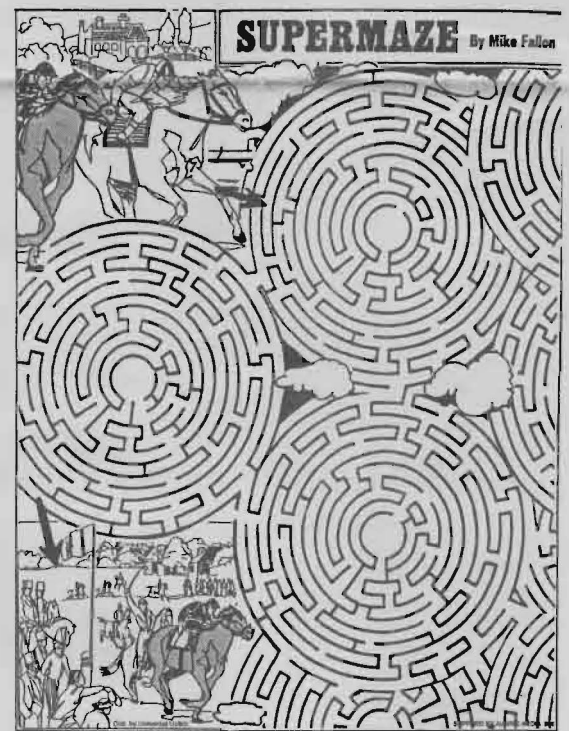
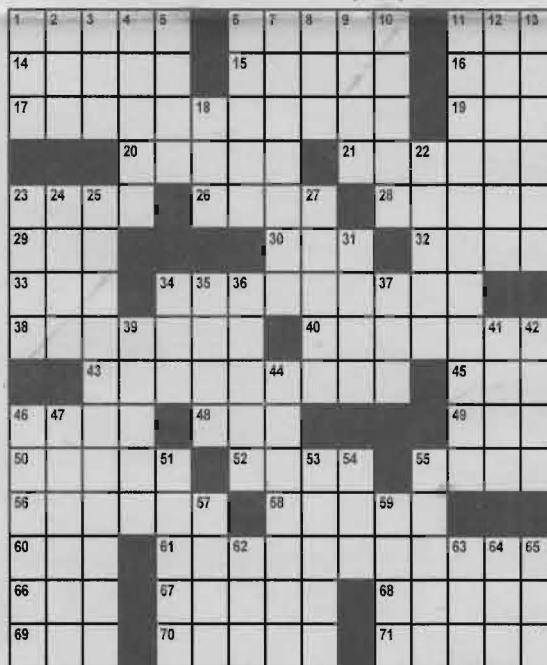
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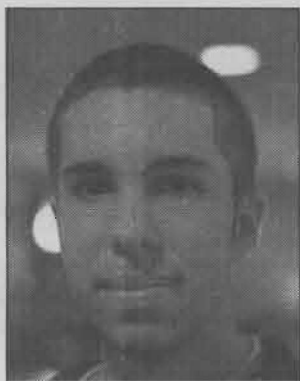
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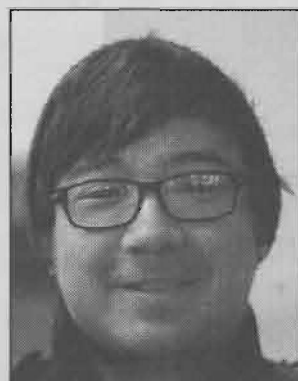
"I think it's a good thing because the government shouldn't tell us what we can and can't smoke."

Gregor Uvila, first year



"I think if it's taxed responsibly it will be beneficial for our state's deficit and free up jail space."

Kelli Blechschmidt, sophomore



"It's a step forward for civil rights because the law was historically used as a way to arrest minorities."

Kai Hirayama, junior



"I do not approve. It was illegal for a reason. It's not good for you, and I don't like the idea of sharing a road with people using it."

Jordanne Perry, first year

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Football

Upcoming Games
Nov. 10 at Menlo, noon

Previous Games

Win (35-14): Nov. 3 vs. Whitworth
Win (41-14): Oct. 27 at Puget Sound

Volleyball

Upcoming Games
Nov. 9 at Chapman, 12:30 p.m.
Nov. 10 tbd

Previous Games

Win (3-2): Nov. 2 at George Fox
Loss (0-3): Oct. 31 vs. Puget Sound

Men's Basketball

Upcoming Games
Nov. 16 vs. Texas-Dallas, 6 p.m.
Nov. 17 vs. New Hope Christian, 5 p.m.

Previous Games

Loss (48-72): Nov. 2 at Seattle Pacific

Women's Basketball

Upcoming Games
Nov. 17 at Western Oregon, 2 p.m.
Nov. 27 vs. Warner Pacific, 6 p.m.

Previous Games

Loss (59-75): 2011 vs. George Fox

Cross Country

Upcoming Games
Nov. 10, NCAA West Regionals, 9 a.m.
Nov. 17, NCAA Championships, 11 a.m.

Previous Games

Oct. 27, NWC Championships
MXC (9th), WXS (9th)

Women's soccer finishes strong

Program has first winning season since 2006



Head coach Seth Spidahl and junior reserve goalkeeper Laurie Reddy celebrate one of the Lutes' two goals last Friday in a 2-0 win over Willamette. It was the Lutes' second win of the season against the Bearcats.

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The women's soccer team ended a seven-game scoring drought, and its season, last weekend. The Lutes defeated both Willamette and George Fox with final scores of 2-0.

The two victories improve the Lutes' season record to 6-5-7, 4-5-7. It is the first time since 2006 the team finished with a winning record.

The perfect weekend began Friday when the Lutes hosted Willamette for the final home game of the season. It was the final home game ever for senior midfielder Mimi Granlund and senior defender Erica Boyle.

The Lutes scored their first goal since the Oct. 7 game against the same Bearcats, in the 17th minute. Lauren Larson followed her blocked shot with an immediate goal for her team-leading eighth goal of the season.

In the second half, Willamette pressured Pacific Lutheran and got off its first shot of the game from Shannon Scott, but first-year goalkeeper Marisa Gonzalez was there for the easy save.

Larson nearly added an insurance goal but was denied by the outstretched hand of Bearcat keeper Nicole Price.

Six minutes later, Larson and sophomore midfielder Hannah Bush assisted a Kristi D'Allesandro goal, doubling

PLU's lead in the 74th minute. It was the junior defender's first goal of the season.

The defense also played a huge role in the victory, leaving the Bearcats with only three total shots and two on goal. Gonzalez easily blocked each one.

After the game, the Lutes hopped on the bus for the trek down I-5 to Newberg, Ore. to play George Fox in the season finale.

The Lutes scored first midway through the first half when Granlund, playing her final game as a Lute, fed the ball down the middle to Larson. Showing off her athleticism by running past defenders, Larson finally scored against Bruin keeper Alyssa Montero for her ninth goal of the season.

Larson's nine goals this season are second best in the conference.

The Lutes maintained the 1-0 lead until the 80th minute when Hannah Bush, after an assist from Samantha Benner, beat a defender and scored from 15 yards out.

Once again PLU's defense stood firm by limiting the Bruins to only four shots on goal. Lute keeper Gonzalez made all four saves, marking her eighth shutout of the season.

The Lutes will return 28 players for the 2013 season.

Four interesting women's soccer facts

1. The women's soccer program, which originated in 1981, is 4-3-1 against Pac-12 schools. Pacific Lutheran has played the University of Oregon, Oregon State, Washington State and the University of Washington.
2. Head Coach Seth Spidahl tied seven games in this, his first season at the helm. Jerrod Fleury, who coached the women's program for five years, tied seven games in his entire tenure. The seven ties this season matched the NCAA women's single-season record.
3. Since 2007, the women's soccer program has lost 13 games every season with the exception of 2008 when it lost 11 matches. The program dropped five matches this season.
4. Between 1981, the first year of the program, and 1992, the Lutes won the conference championship every year with the exception of the 1984 and 1989 seasons. PLU finished second those years.

SHOUP SHOTS

Lutes win conference title in unique fashion

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The Lutes volleyball team won the Northwest Conference Friday with a 3-2 win over George Fox.

That was not unusual.

It is the Lutes' fifth conference title in eight years.

How the Lutes did it, is unusual.

On Oct. 19, game day, the Lutes owned a two-and-a-half game lead over the second-place Puget Sound Loggers.

Sophomore All-American setter Samantha North was well on her way to earning All-American honors for a second straight season.

"I went up for a normal jump set, nothing felt weird at the time," North said.

When she landed, her knee collapsed. North was participating in a warm up drill before the game.

"As I began to fall I heard popping and a few other noises," North said.

Her season was over.

"Then the next thing I knew, I was laying on the ground."

She tore her ACL and partially tore her MCL.

It happened so quickly that senior backup setter Brienne Vincent didn't have time to get nervous.

The Lutes went on to beat Linfield 3-1 that Friday night.

With North watching from the sidelines, the Lutes went 5-2 in their final seven games to finish one game ahead of University of Puget Sound for the conference crown.

But North isn't complaining about her new viewing perspective for Pacific Lutheran volleyball games: the bench.

"I admit that I want to get back out there and play, but being a part of PLU volleyball isn't about playing time," North said.

Filling North's shoes, Vincent has managed to rack up 6.21 assists per set — 11th best in the conference.

"Bri[anne Vincent] has stepped in



PHOTO BY THOMAS SOREBNES

Junior outside hitter Haley Urdahl lays out in front of teammates senior defensive specialist Blair Bjorkman (white top) and sophomore outside hitter Chelsea Nelson during the Lutes 0-3 loss to Puget Sound last Wednesday. The loss made Friday's game at George Fox a must-win to capture the conference championship. Senior setter Brienne Vincent, who replaced sophomore Samantha North after her season-ending injury, is on the far right.

and performed outstanding," junior middle blocker Bethany Huston said.

Vincent credits her ability to successfully step into the starting role to support from North and the staff.

"I'm speechless at the way she is playing," North said.

Last Wednesday, the Lutes hosted Puget Sound. A PLU win would have secured the conference championship. But the Lutes fell in straight sets, 0-3.

They were given another chance two days later.

The Lutes needed a win Friday over the Bruins to earn an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

Because UPS won Saturday, a loss would have earned the Lutes a co-conference championship and an NCAA tournament bid would be up to the opinion of the NCAA West Region Selection Committee.

Holding a 2-1 lead, the Lutes dropped game four, 19-25.

The following fifth set would potentially determine if the Lutes' season would end that night. The fifth set of volleyball matches are played to 15 points as opposed to 25.

Leading 12-11, Vincent assisted the two following points to give the Lutes a 14-11 lead.

"I was screaming the whole time," North said. "My blood pressure was skyrocketing, it couldn't have been healthy. That is how strong my emotions were."

The Lutes won the ensuing point, and thus, the conference championship.

"I knew on that last point that we would win and it felt amazing when my teammates and I pulled it out," Huston said.

Up next for the Lutes in the first round of the NCAA tournament are the Chapman Panthers. The game is set for today at 12:30 p.m. in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

With a record of 23-6, 14-2, the Panthers won the Southern California Intercollegiate Conference post-season tournament to earn an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

The Lutes are 5-2 all-time against Chapman. The Panthers knocked off the Lutes 3-2 in 2010 with the fifth set going to 19 points.

In the NCAA tournament last

season, the Lutes fell 2-3 to Occidental College in the first round. After jumping out to a 2-1 lead, the Lutes lost the following two sets, and their season.

"I believe we have the potential to beat them [Chapman] but we need to look at one point at a time," senior outside hitter Kelsey Pacolt said.

If the Lutes escape the first round, they are guaranteed to face a familiar opponent. Waiting for the Lutes would be Colorado College, who beat the Lutes 3-1 Sept. 8 in Colorado Springs.

Or the Lutes would play their cross-town foes, Puget Sound, who received an at-large bid from the selection committee.

Either way, the Lutes will be without their usual on-court compass, North, who made the trip to California with team.

The Lutes have played seven games since North's injury and have adjusted to their new setter.

"I am focusing on what I can control — my hard work and attitude — and the rest of the game will come," Vincent said.

The Mast Monday Night Football pick 'em

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Gutierrez screwed up.

He tried to be brave last week and picked the Eagles over the Saints, in New Orleans. He was the only person to pick Philadelphia. And thus, he was the only person who picked incorrectly last week.

Gutierrez's failed attempt at heroics created a five-way tie for first place at 6-2. Lance Lute and Ritchey trail the pack by only one game.

The Post Sunday Society is truly — cue the football cliché — up for grabs.

Only two more games will be picked by our group following today due to *The Mooring Mast's* production cycle.

With the growing log jam at the top of the standings, it is important that the Monday Night Football games are tough decisions for our league members, creating varying

predictions.

That is not the case this week. The 1-7 Kansas City Chiefs travel to Pittsburgh to play the 5-3 Steelers.

Loomis said it best.

"No one in their right mind will take KC."

And for that reason we are breaking the rules.

The Post-Sunday Society is picking the Sunday night football game this week.

The 7-1 Texans travel into Soldier Field to play the 7-1 Chicago Bears.

If Chicago wins, the five-way tie at the top is reduced to four.

If Houston wins, McDaniel will sit in first by herself — just when you thought you have seen it all.

Houston at Chicago

Shane Gutierrez
men's soccer player

pick: CHI
record: 6-2

After a 4-0 start, Gutierrez is 2-2 in the past four weeks. He went with the pack this week and chose the home team. The courage that led him to pick the Eagles last week seems to have disappeared. I think he hears the footsteps.

Geoff Loomis
men's baseball coach

pick: CHI
record: 6-2

Fall practices for the Pacific Lutheran baseball team have ended and Loomis' mind is as focused as ever. Don't expect him to fall back in the standings.

Steve Dickerson
men's basketball coach

pick: CHI
record: 6-2

The men's basketball team has started winter practices so Dickerson has a lot on his plate between preparing for his season and predicting games in the final stretch of the Post Sunday Society. We'll see how he handles the load.

Stacey Hagensen
all-world softball player

pick: CHI
record: 6-2

Hagensen has worked her way into first place — how original.

Allison McDaniel
Lute sports fanatic

pick: HOU
record: 6-2

McDaniel had the most difficult decision this week. I have the seven consecutive texts to prove it. Could the king of the Post Sunday Society be a queen?

Lance Lute
trustworthy mascot

pick: HOU
record: 5-3

Lance has clearly been focused on the volleyball team's run to the NCAA tournament and the football team's five-game winning streak.

Dalton Ritchey
PLU quarterback

pick: HOU
record: 5-3

Ritchey's football team is riding a five-game win streak and personally he is riding a four-game win streak in *The Mast Monday Night Football pick 'em*. Wins all around for the Ritchey party.

What sophomore slump?

Wide receiver Kyle Warner thriving in second season

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He has become the go-to man for sophomore quarterback Dalton Ritchey.

Sophomore wide receiver Kyle Warner leads the team in receptions with 50, yards with 911 and touchdown catches with seven, showing drastic improvement from his first year in the program, when he caught 22 passes for 303 yards and four touchdowns.

Reigning from Tumwater, Wash., Warner excelled at Tumwater High School, earning the Washington State 2A Player of the Year award and leading his team to a state title.

Against Whitworth on Saturday, Warner caught two touchdown passes, including a 47-yard catch and run for a touchdown. In addition to his two scores, Warner caught five passes for 127 yards.

Pacific Lutheran University sits in second place in the Northwest Conference with a record of 6-2, 5-1. The Lutes play a non-conference game tomorrow at Menlo while the first-place Linfield Wildcats host Pacific.

If the undefeated Wildcats are upset by the 2-3, 3-5 Boxers, the Lutes would earn a share of the conference title.

Warner is satisfied with how well his team has performed.

"We kind of started slow because we're pretty young," Warner said. "We're starting to pick it up towards the end which is good."

PLU lost two of its first three games before starting its five game winning streak.

Warner said he hopes the "momentum" of the fledging team's achievements will carry over into next year.

Warner got his chance to step up as a starting player when sophomore wide-receiver Kellen Westering was

benched for the season after suffering an injury during the Oct. 13 game against Pacific.

Westering caught 26 passes for 433 yards with three touchdowns in the five games he played before suffering the injury.

"They've been calling my number a lot more," Warner said. "When he [Westering] was in, we played off each other well."

Warner said he feels that he has developed as a key offensive player for the Lutes and has loved being able to "do some pretty great things."

Like most receivers in their prime, Warner enjoys running the deep routes.

"Dalton [Ritchey] throws a good deep ball so those are fun to catch," Warner said.

For the remainder of the year, Warner hopes his team keeps doing what they do best.

"Hopefully we keep winning," Warner said. "We kind of have that little glimpse of hope that we might make it to playoffs."

After graduation, Warner hopes to combine his athletic and academic experience to become a high school teacher or high school football coach. Warner is majoring in business with a minor in education.



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Warner, no. 17, runs off the field following a touchdown against Linfield Sept. 29. The wide receiver is 89 yards short of 1,000 yards going into the final regular game of the season, tomorrow. Warner said he prefers running deep routes. His 18.2 yards per catch leads the team.

Swimming teams off to quick start

Men's and Women's teams make quick work of Pioneers, Boxers



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Sophomore butterfly and individual medley competitor Andre Tacuyan performs the butterfly stroke during a practice last week.

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Two: the number of meets the Pacific Lutheran University swim teams have won so far this season. Incidentally, two is also the number of matches the PLU swim teams have taken part in.

Thus, the PLU women's and men's swim teams are undefeated.

Pacific and Lewis and Clark universities fell victim this past weekend to Pacific Lutheran University's talented lineup of swimmers.

The Lewis and Clark men's team was left in the Lutes' wake, 147-54. The PLU women's team stood steadfast and survived a close match against the Pioneers, 111-94.

The PLU women opened the meet with the 400 meter medley relay as sophomores Michelle Hogan, Rachel Althaus, Toni Castillo and first-year Kelly Jernigan set the tone for the meet, winning the event with a time of 4:12.89.

Junior Kina Ackerman and first-year Hanna Armstrong dominated the field of competition as well, obtaining two more wins: Ackerman took the 1000 meter freestyle in a time of 11:18.92 and Armstrong

earned a first-place finish in the 200 meter freestyle with a time of 2:00.97.

Armstrong won by nearly five seconds.

"The chemistry [on the team] is very good," sophomore Ramy Carter said. "During the meets, we're all there for each other." Carter spoke about the team's coaches too, saying "they show us that we're family-based and together. We can achieve anything."

"I think we're going to blow away the conference this year."

Andre Tacuyan
sophomore swimmer

The Lute men won eight of the 11 events, picking up an easy victory against Lewis and Clark. Sophomore Basil Whaley, first-year Brian Ruggles, senior Jacob Deines and senior Chase Mesford opened up their portion of the meet with a victory in the 400 meter medley relay in a time of 3:43.32.

Senior Phil Rempe, first-year Daniel Simons, first-year Tyler Meade and Whaley closed the

meet with a winning time of 3:29.27 in the 400 meter free relay.

Mesford received first place in the 200 meter freestyle in 1:50.51, and Rempe won in the 50 meter freestyle in 23.12. Sophomore Andre Tacuyan triumphed in the 200 meter butterfly in 2:05.98, and Corban Elliott took first place for the Lutes in the 200 meter backstroke with a time of 2:04.26.

"Our coach did such an amazing job at recruiting so we have some really good freshmen," Tacuyan said. "[I think] everyone on the whole team is going to be placing in the top 16 in their events. I think we're going to blow away the conference this year."

Each year comes with a new dynamic for returning athletes. Carter said he feels more confident because of the undeniably improved team chemistry. He also said he feels more positive going into practice than he did last year.

"My goal is to help my team at the conference meet by scoring as many points as possible," Carter said.

The Lutes will face Linfield and Willamette this upcoming weekend. The Linfield Wildcats have not won a meet yet, and the Willamette Bearcats are winless as well.

Football team smashes Whitworth

35-14 victory pushes win streak to five games, into national poll



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Senior running back Brandon James eludes a Whitworth defender during the Lutes 35-14 win over Whitworth Saturday. James finished with 88 yards on nine carries. Pacific Lutheran concludes its regular season schedule tomorrow at Menlo College.

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The Lutes jumped into the top 25 in the country following a 35-14 victory over Whitworth. Pacific Lutheran is now no. 24.

The game was the last of the season at Sparks Stadium.

"I was pretty excited, it was an awesome feeling to see that we were ranked with the best in the nation," sophomore Blake Petersen said. "But we just have to keep working hard to finish this season the right way."

The offense clicked through the air and ground.

Sophomore quarterback Dalton Ritchey continued to display his skill set in the pocket. He hit his main target, sophomore wide receiver Kyle Warner, twice for touchdowns, one from 10 yards out. And the second was a 47 yard strike downfield.

Ritchey had 15 completions on 27 attempts for 280 yards and two touchdowns.

The air assault began late in the second quarter, but the Lutes found the end zone three times before Ritchey and Warner connected. Sophomore

running back Niko Madison had two touchdown runs in the first half. One was from two yards out and the second was a seven-yard run.

Senior running back Cody Pohren recorded his fourth touchdown of the season after a one yard run to pay dirt coming in the middle of the second quarter.

"I think the reason we were so successful on offense this week," sophomore offensive linemen Paker Browning said. "Was because the bomber defense gave us great looks, and the schemes our coaches put forth against Whitworth's defense were great. Our plays were set up for success."

It was Browning's first start of his young collegiate career.

The Lutes' defense was all over the field.

Whitworth's first touchdown came with only 2:35 left in the third quarter, on a one-yard pass from quarterback Bryan Peterson to wide receiver Austin Ehlo. But it took them 17 plays to score on the resilient Lutes' defense.

The Pirates managed 140 yards of rushing between three players. The most was 90 yards by their running back

Ronnie Thomas.

Junior safety Sean McFadden and senior linebacker Derrik Larson both recorded interceptions.

The announcer mentioned junior linebacker Jordan Patterson's name a lot on, since he made 14 tackles, leading the team.

The leap to no. 24 in all Div. III comes following the Lutes' five-game winning streak.

With one non-conference game remaining against Menlo College, there is still a chance the Lutes could get a bid into the playoffs.

The Lutes had the fourth toughest strength of schedule in the country and with their continued success on the field, an argument could be made the Lutes are deserving of a postseason bid.

"All we know is that we are guaranteed one more week, one more game of playing together," sophomore safety Greg Hibbard said. "We are focusing on having fun while trying to get better each day. Just as always, we will let the scoreboard take care of itself." The Lutes play the 4-5 Menlo Oaks in California tomorrow.

Kickoff is at 12:30 p.m.

Lutes will make the postseason if...

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The Lutes will need help to get into the 32-team NCAA Div. III Football tournament. And then they will need some more.

Linfield is first place in the Northwest Conference with a record of 8-0, 5-0. The Wildcats host fifth-place Pacific tomorrow.

The Boxers are 3-5, 2-3. If the Boxers can shock Linfield, the Lutes would share the Northwest Conference Championship with Linfield.

However, to earn an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament from the NWC, a team must win the conference outright.

Sharing the conference crown, the Lutes would still need to receive an at-large bid from the West Region Selection Committee.

The selection committee consists of various athletic directors and coaches from within the West Region.

Regardless of the Linfield-Pacific outcome tomorrow, the Lutes cannot receive an automatic bid to the postseason.

Since 2002, four PLU football teams have finished in second place. None received an at-large bid.

In 2010, the Lutes finished 8-1. The lone loss came to Linfield, 20-35. With only a one-possession difference in the fourth quarter, the Lutes muffed a punt in their own territory that Linfield recovered and turned into a touchdown.

That team did not receive an at-large bid.

This year's team has two losses.

A co-conference title will certainly look better in the eyes of the selection committee, but either way, the Lutes' fate will lie in the hands of that committee.

The Lutes did earn an at-large bid in 1999. They finished 13-1, 4-1.