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Students talk sex fetishes

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All they could talk about was sex.

Fetishes were the main topic of the first Sex+ (Sex Positive) series event of the year on Monday. Room 133 of the Anderson University center (AUC) ran out of chairs with more than 100 students, some only able to stand on the side lines or sit on the floor, listening to the topic of fetishes.

Four panel members from the Center for Sex Positive Culture in Seattle shared their experiences with fetishes, answered questions and discussed the center.

Members include Jim Duvall, member of the board for foundation of Sex Positive Culture, Koe Sozuteki, professional educator for the center, Allena Gabosch, executive director of the Center for Sex Positive Culture, and Kayla Glenn, a volunteer at the Center for Sex Positive

Culture.

The panel was asked multiple questions, including what the potential dangers of indulging in fetishes could be.

There can be health hazards with blood fetishes or physical dangers when using materials such as rope.

Common types of fetishes, which involve leather, power exchange, bondage, role play and even body parts, were the types of sexual preferences discussed.

The speakers also educated the audience about sexuality and fetishes as a whole, explaining its naturalness, and that exploring those aspects of sex can be beneficial.

Gabosch has been talking to students about BDSM (bondage, dominance, and sadomasochism), multiple relationships and kink since 1994.

"I am passionate about what I do. I think what we do makes a difference in people's lives," Gabosch said. "I didn't get that kind of education. I had to learn it on my own. This way we're giving people



PHOTO BY ERICA MOEN

Koe Sozuteki, professional educator at the Center for Sex Positive Culture in Seattle, answers student questions at the end of the first Sex+ event, on fetishes, Oct. 1. The next Sex+ event will be Oct. 29 in Anderson University Center room 133 on the topic of bisexuality.

an opportunity to get an idea of the things that make them tick at an early age. We, at the center, give people the permission to be the sexual beings that they already are."

The panel explained that

fetishes are not just defined by what people are attracted to. Fetishes can be for material things or situations, as well as people's characteristics.

Aspects such as body hair and even construction

equipment, like bulldozers, can be fetishes.

"You could be attracted to anything, anything can get

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No. 3 Linfield runs away from Lutes

After jumping out to early 14-0 lead, football team cannot hang on

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Pacific Lutheran's homecoming game Saturday nearly spoiled no. 3 Linfield's run at an undefeated season before the Lutes fell 31-24.

The Pacific Lutheran Hall of Fame members were introduced and the National

Champion Softball team received their rings in front of over 3,500 spectators.

The Lutes jumped out to an early 14-0 lead in the first six minutes of the game.

"The beginning of the game was real important; it established control early and let Linfield know we were here to battle," junior linebacker

Jordan Patterson said.

The Pacific Lutheran offense was the first group to set foot on the field and the Wildcats got a taste of the 2012 Lutes. It only took four plays for the first points to be put up on the scoreboard.

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Students go 'off to the races' for Homecoming 2012



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Students dance at Homecoming 2012 Saturday at Emerald Downs Racetrack in Auburn. The theme of the dance, put on by ASPLU, was "Off to the Races" and 365 tickets were sold, according to ASPLU public relations director Hillary Powell.

For more on Homecoming 2012, see *ACE* pp. 6-7.

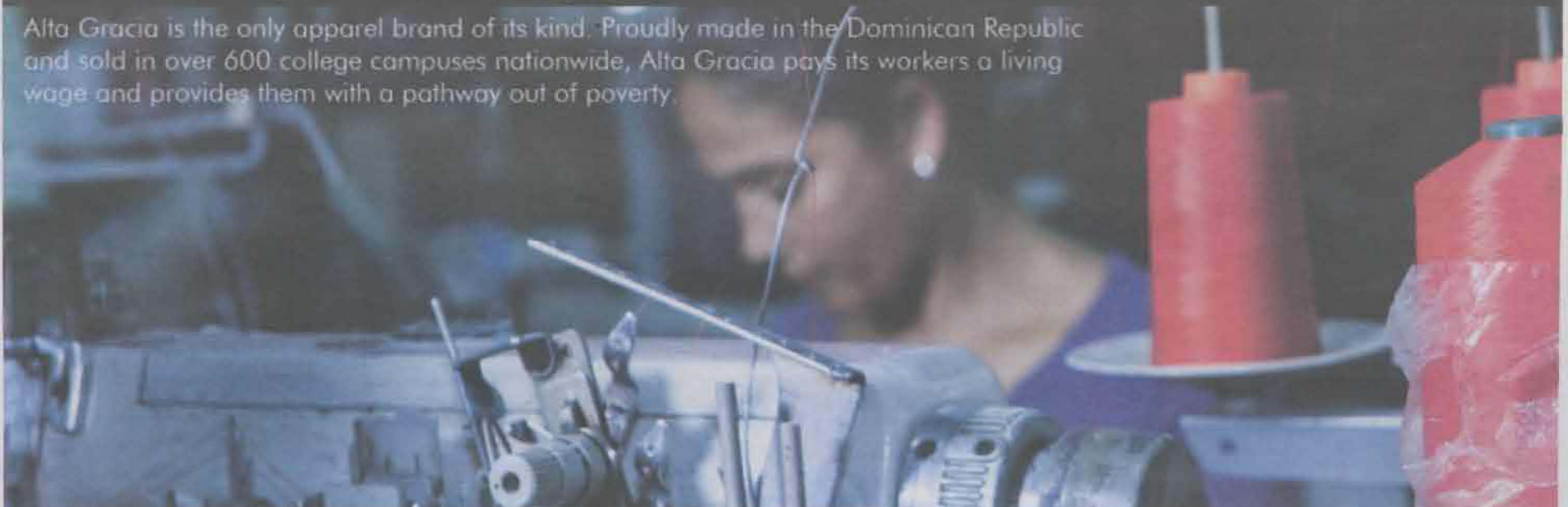
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PULL THE PLUG: *conservation program electrifies campus*

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S'mores by the fire, glow in the dark Frisbees and Pacific Lutheran University students surrounded the Pflueger firepit on Sept. 25 from 9:30-10:30 p.m. to mark the official Hour of No Power event.

In an effort to reduce the amount of electricity used on campus, the Residence Hall

Association sustainability directors hosted more than 100 students at the event.

While students do not think about having their laptop or phone chargers plugged in constantly, Anna Pfohl, sustainability director for the Resident Hall Association, said she wants students to realize

that unplugging electronics is "not that difficult."

"Students don't always need to be using electricity," Pfohl said. "The idea behind Hour of No Power is to encourage people to not use it for an hour and realize it can be fun."

Tasks like unplugging a laptop charger not in use or turning off a power strip is a "friendly way to decrease energy usage," Pfohl said.

At the event, students were encouraged to fill out sustainability pledges and reflect on how much energy they use on a daily basis.

Sophomore Stephanie Mock, who attended Hour of No Power, said she is glad to see the university focusing on another aspect of sustainability besides recycling.

"I think it's great that PLU is trying to be as sustainable as possible," Mock said. "It's nice to focus specifically on electricity. I think it's good for awareness and to save some power." Mock makes sure she turns off lights when she leaves the room and is going to try to unplug more when she's not using her electronics.

First year Michelle Spieker said she wants the university to use the saved money to go toward new sustainability products. "The money should go to new things to conserve

energy, like the flushers on the toilets," Spieker said.

The university saves money by having students participate in Hour of No Power and other unPLUGged events.

Sustainability director Christine Cooley said energy usage has decreased since the first year of unPLUGged in 2008.

"The first year we did this [unPLUGged], we saved \$16,000," Cooley said. "That is enough electricity to power 16 average four-person homes. Last year we saved 41 homes of electricity." Cooley, the RHA sustainability directors and volunteers around campus want to see an increase in the number of homes of electricity they can save this year.

October marks the official month of unPLUGged. All month long, events on how to be more sustainable will be taking place on campus.

Residence halls will compete to see which building can save the most energy.

A graph will be chalked in front of the Anderson University Center by the clock tower to show weekly how much each hall is saving. "This is the first time we've done it like this and we're just trying to provide people with evidence so they can make their own choices," Cooley said.

President Thomas Krise will be announcing the winner of the competition Oct. 29.



PHOTO BY JESSE MAJOR

Junior Princess Reese and Senior Lauren Fairley use spray chalk to advertise UnPLUGged in front of the Anderson University Center. "It's super fun and is a good way to get the school involved," Farley said. The spray paint graph will show week by week how much energy each residence hall is saving.

Other events this month include:
The film "Mother Nature's Child" from 6:30-8 p.m. in Hauge Administration room 101 on Oct. 9, BPA CFO
Claudia Andrews speaking on Oct. 11 and a solar basics class on Oct. 20 in Morken from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.

"It's nice to focus specifically on electricity."

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Seventh charged in death of Lakewood man

Jon Joseph Brown, 60, was arraigned Oct. 3 on charges of first-degree murder, first-degree kidnapping and first-degree robbery in the death of Dean Barker, 51, last month, The News Tribune reported.

Prosecutors allege that Barker was beaten, tied up and robbed while at Brown's house in South Tacoma on Sept. 7. His body was found at a vacant house in Graham. Medical Examiners said Barker had been strangled, The News Tribune reported.

Brown is one of seven charged with this crime, The News Tribune reported.

Five of the others pleaded not guilty Oct. 2 to the same charges, The News Tribune reported.

The sixth, Jeffrey Powell II, 30, has been charged but not arrested. A nationwide warrant has been issued for his arrest, The News Tribune reported.

80-year-old man struck by car in Kent

An 80-year-old man was killed Monday just before 6 a.m. while crossing a busy road in Kent, The News Tribune reported.

He was crossing a five-lane road when he walked in front of

a vehicle driven by a 63-year-old man. The pedestrian was hit and fatally injured. The driver wasn't hurt, The News Tribune reported.

Pat Lowery, police assistant chief, said that he chose to cross the busy roadway while less than a block from a marked cross walk and traffic signals.

Man hit with hammer

A 41-year-old transient allegedly hit a 62-year-old transient in the head with a hammer on Oct. 1, The News Tribune reported.

The attack happened at about 4:25 p.m. outside a restroom in the 1800 block of Dock Street, police said.

Officers found the 62-year-old victim suffering from serious head injuries. He told police that the attacker asked for change and an argument broke out.

The man with the hammer told police he was angry at the victim because he thought he had thrown dirt in his dinner the previous week, Mark Fulghum, police spokesman, said.

First Dreamliner departs 24 hours late

The first commercial flight of a new Boeing 787 Dreamliner from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport took flight Oct. 2 more than 24 hours behind schedule, The News Tribune reported.

The first All Nippon Airways Dreamliner flight left Sea-Tac for Tokyo 24 hours and 39 minutes behind schedule because of a faulty cooling system valve, The News Tribune reported.

ANA provided inaugural flight customers with meal and hotel vouchers while the aircraft was repaired, The News Tribune reported.

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Religion professor passes away

Colleagues remember PLU professor Kathlyn Breazeale

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Associate Professor of Religion Kathlyn "Kathi" Breazeale did not use militaristic language to describe her cancer.

Breazeale was not "fighting" or "battling" cancer, her colleague, Marit Trelstad, chair of the religion department and associate professor of religion, said. "She was living with it."

Trelstad said Breazeale referred to the cancer she had for two years as her "adventures in health." Trelstad recalled that Breazeale, who always looked for the positive side of her diagnosis, was told by her doctors to eat seafood daily to keep up her white blood cells. "She was very excited about that," Trelstad said.

The Office of the President notified the campus via email Sept. 25 that Breazeale had passed away Sept. 23.

Breazeale joined Pacific Lutheran University faculty in 2001 and became a tenured associate professor in 2006, the email stated. While at PLU, Breazeale taught courses on peace studies, faith and spirituality, feminist and womanist theologies, women and evil, and women, nature and the sacred.

Breazeale's course on feminist and womanist theologies is part of the women's and gender studies program. Lisa Marcus, associate professor of English and chair of the women's and gender studies department, said she "is still processing" Breazeale's death. "It's hard to refer to her in the past tense," Marcus said.

Breazeale did not teach during the 2011-2012 academic year, but began teaching again this fall. "She didn't want to stay out of the classroom any longer. She wanted to resume what she loved to do," Trelstad said.

Marcus described Breazeale as an "unfailingly generous colleague and human being." Breazeale always worked to

empower students, Marcus said.

Trelstad said Breazeale was a considerate person who "always took time to ask how you're doing. She was a good Southern hostess."

Professor of history Beth Kraig said Breazeale "laughed easily" and "tended to have a smile on her face."

Breazeale was a sailor who loved the ocean and a dancer, Trelstad said. Trelstad said Breazeale performed interpretive dances of scripture passages at chapel three or four times over the years.

Breazeale is the author of "Mutual Empowerment: A Theology of Marriage, Intimacy and Redemption," which was published in 2008.

Breazeale was "very consistent from theologies to practices to teaching," Trelstad said. Breazeale was a process eco-feminist theologian, who saw God as in dialogue with the world, Trelstad said.

Breazeale grew up in Natchitoches, La. and was raised during pre-racial integration, Trelstad said. Because of the civil rights movement, Breazeale "committed herself to a lifelong practice of including diversity of voices," Trelstad said.

Kraig said Breazeale "thoroughly rejected violence,



PHOTO COURTESY MARIT TRELSTAD

Kathlyn "Kathi" Breazeale, associate professor of religion at Pacific Lutheran University, passed away Sept. 23.

cruelty and dehumanization."

Breazeale has family in Texas, California and Louisiana. She is survived by her partner, Jon Berkedal, and parents Archie and Cynthia Breazeale, the email stated.

A scholarship is set up in Breazeale's name through the

PLU Office of Development.

"We will all miss Kathi," Kraig said. "Yet Kathi is also very much with us, and her legacy will be visible in the warmth and care and joy that her former students and colleagues express in their lives."

"We will all miss
Kathi."
Beth Kraig
professor of history

A memorial service for Breazeale will be held today during chapel at 10:30 a.m. in Lagerquist Concert Hall. Breazeale's church, University Lutheran Church in Seattle, will hold a service for Breazeale at 2 p.m. Saturday.

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ended and you shouldn't be afraid of that."

The Sex+ series holds five to six programs throughout the year brought to campus by the Women's Center, Diversity Center and Lute Fit. Events like these allow students to have conversations about sexuality, sexual diversity and pleasure.

"Learn, unlearn, and relearn" is a phrase the series likes to use to educate students about sex.

Sex+ was first brought up by Angie Hambrick, director of the Diversity Center, and Jennifer Smith, director of the Women's Center, because Pacific Lutheran University educates students about sexual violence, but there was not programming about sexual health or pleasure.

Hambrick and Smith first applied the series on campus in fall 2010.

The first topic talked about sex in general and about the series. This topic, and many others for the first year, had songs attached to the themes, such as "Let's Talk about Sex" by Salt N Peppa.

Other topics in the past included virginity,

pornography, contraception, BDSM, also religion and sexuality.

The Sex+ series has recently been named the NASPA (Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education) region five innovative program of the year, which highlights that the program addresses a demonstrated need on campus, encourages diverse and multiple subgroup participation, is cost effective and is of overall beneficial to students.

Smith said she often feels that students do not feel they have a place to discuss sex without feeling judged or questioned.

Smith said the Sex+ series strives to create a space where student curiosity and questions are welcome.

Having a safe and secure place for students to have access to information about sex is also important, Smith said.

Smith said she hopes to see more students attend the events in the future.

"One of the great things about the series is that it pulls from a wide range of students across race, gender and sex," Smith said. "It's rare to see events that have such a broad cross section of student pull."



PHOTO BY ERICA MOEN

Jennifer Smith (right), director of the Women's Center and faculty member of women's and gender studies programs, introduces students to panelists [left to right] Koe Sozuteki, professional educator at the Center for Sex Positive Culture, Allena Gabosch, executive director of the Center for Sex Positive Culture, Jim Duvall, member of the board for foundation of sex positive culture and Kayla Glenn, volunteer for sex positive culture. The speakers discussed the topic of fetishes.

The next Sex+ series event, on bisexuality, will be on Oct. 29 in AUC 133.

Too British, too boring

J.K. Rowling's latest spell backfires

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The latest book by J.K. Rowling is anything but magical, abandoning Harry Potter for dull adult literature. "The Casual Vacancy" is about the unexpected death of a prominent citizen, Barry Fairbrother, in a small English town called Pagford, and the gossiping, emotional heartache and political scheming that occurs afterwards. Part of the conflict centers on whether or not a poorer part of town should continue to get assistance. Adults dominate the majority of the character cast. There is no main character, as perspectives switch from townsperson to townsperson, sometimes multiple times in one chapter. To get the inevitable comparison to Harry Potter out of the way, I can say this book is practically unrecognizable as being a traditional Rowling work. The book's writing style is very British, far more

than even the British editions of Harry Potter through its dialogue, expressions and vocabulary. It also becomes very clear by page eight that descriptions of people's bodies are no longer limited to "brilliant green eyes" or "long, silvery beards." On page thirteen we get our first big kid's swear word — people aren't "slick gits" anymore, but are now sporting names of the four-letter variety that start with 'f.' No epic quests or hidden prophecies emerge. For those who read at least the first chapter of "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire," Pagford bears a striking resemblance to the town Tom Riddle, aka Voldemort, grew

up in. Death is treated like the juiciest and most delightful morsel by many despicable characters in both towns. However, this is the only similarity. I can say this book is practically unrecognizable as being a traditional work of Rowling's. Judging the book by itself, I have to warn that it's not exactly a page-turner. Even the death scene in the first chapter bored me. The story moves at a pretty sluggish pace — it seemed like the chapters involving characters

telling other characters about the death of councilor Barry Fairbrother would never end. But even when the entire populace is involved, the story continues to doggy paddle along. Still, without seven books to develop them, the characters were surprisingly well formed. The only problem lay in the fact that I didn't like most of them. In fact, based on many of the characters' thoughts, Barry Fairbrother seemed like the most decent of the lot. However, his immediate death made liking the character a challenge. No one in this book is good or evil — a rare note of realism in a novel. However,

moral ambiguity doesn't have to drain the personality out of characters either. No one in "The Casual Vacancy" is witty, comedic or really notable in any way. While the book's best aspect is its treatment of socioeconomic clashes, both the rich and the poor characters dim the potential for any meaningful impact. Perhaps I'm just too young, or too American to appreciate this novel, but I have a hard time seeing how anyone could think this is a work of any great caliber. Even though I didn't like the book, doesn't mean you shouldn't read it. Every bad review in the world couldn't have stopped my hands from flipping through the pages because this is J.K. Rowling after all, the world's first billionaire novelist. But wait till you can get it in the library — it doesn't deserve a spot next to our favorite boy wizard.



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Tech talk: *laptop edition*

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In the past few years, laptops have become a staple possession for most college students. Their portability makes them invaluable to those who already have to uproot all of their possessions for the big move to college. Laptops may be getting a lot of cold shoulders in the near future as tablets shoot to the top of birthday lists, but for now they're still a safe, standard buy for students. So if your laptop is old and outdated, here's a snazzy new selection.

Razer Blade \$2,499

As a completely responsible, focused college student you probably shouldn't crack open your piggy bank for this one. But if you're a big-time gamer then this is probably the machine for you. Though it could have more hard drive space, it's lightweight and stylish with a customizable track pad. Designed for gamers, it has a HD screen, a powerful video memory so your game won't get bogged down and excellent audio.



MacBook Pro

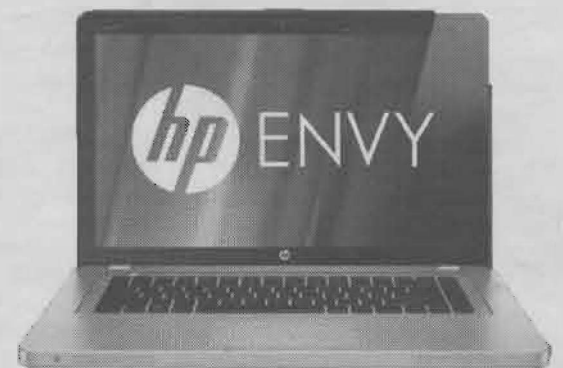
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PC users will quickly adapt to Apple's user-friendly format and it's hard to go wrong with the smooth corners and compact build of Macs, not to mention there's no need to buy spyware for this product. The battery lasts about seven hours on one charge, and Macs are known for their longer lifespans. If you really want to get fancy, you can get the new 15-inch MacBook Pro with the retina display, which cleans up images for incredible clarity. It also cleans out your wallet, costing \$1,000 more than the basic 13-inch MacBook.



HP Envy 15 \$1,204.99

If TV shows and movies are your procrastination's bread and butter, then you'll turn green with HP Envy when you catch sight of a classmate using this. With its HD screen and the decision to dispense with the typically mediocre speakers of most laptops, you'll have your portable movie theater, procrastination device and occasional homework tool all in one.



Sony Vaio E Series SVE11113FXW \$435

If you're a frugal, practical person who's really just getting a laptop because you'd rather not trudge to the library for every homework assignment, then this is probably one of the more economic choices available. It lacks fantastic features, but who needs a gorgeous display or surround-sound like audio for a twenty page paper? With a good battery life it'll last you through a short school day, but getting it to those classes may be more of an annoyance since it's on the heavier side despite being only 11 inches.



Acer Aspire S5 \$1,199.95

Thin and light, this laptop has a great design that's even thinner than the MacBook Air. It'll probably be easier to take this to class than most of your textbooks at only 2.6 pounds. It also has a nifty little motorized door for ports and connections that opens at the tap of a button, though you'd be in trouble if it ever broke down. Some irritating flaws are that the keyboard isn't backlit and the display quality is mediocre.



Lutes shook all night long

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The fifth floor shook as a few hundred people danced the night away at the ASPLU-hosted Homecoming 2012. "Off to the Races" at the Emerald Downs Racetrack Saturday night.

As you entered Emerald Downs, you were greeted by Eva Johnson, the Dean for Student Development, who took your ticket.

Owl City's "Good Time" opened up the dancing and by 9:30 p.m. a small crowd had evolved into a mass of partying Lutes who couldn't resist jumping up and down to Sia's "Titanium." People seated at tables mere feet away from the dance floor bounced up and down to the beat, and there were a few alarmed faces at exactly how much the floor was quaking.

The decor was simple and minimal, with candles, white tablecloths, creating an ambiance that made the venue cozy and intimate. With large windows and a lot of space, the venue

had more than enough space for the entire gathering. Cookies, chips, dips, and drinks were served to the side of the dance floor, making snacks accessible to those feeling peckish.

Tables and chairs were abundant and close by for exhausted groups of friends.

The event came to a peak around 10:30 p.m., with a

majority of attendees crowded toward the front of the dance floor where the DJ mixed various top 40 hits and a few rock classics, like AC/DC's "You Shook Me All Night Long."

There were a few small complaints about some of the venue's policies. Many like to dance with their shoes off because it's more comfortable. However, Emerald Downs has a policy requiring shoes to be on. An

announcement was made after several people had checked their shoes in with the volunteers. Maia Palmer, a first year, said she understood why the policy was in place.

"But it makes things kind of inconvenient when you have heels on," Palmer said, gesturing toward her own silver stilettos.

There was a small blowout for about two minutes toward the middle of the dance. The crowd booed, while the DJ worked frenetically to replace a cord.

Hillary Powell, Public Relations Director for ASPLU said that approximately 30 volunteers worked in shifts of about an hour to earn their free tickets. They checked items in for safekeeping, as well as took tickets at the entrance. Chaperones and security kept themselves to

the fringes of the dance, delegating themselves to the entrance and prowling around the edges.

"This is my first American dance," Alyssa Fountain said, a first year from Uganda. "And it's been really fun."

Powell said 365 tickets were sold. Reasons to attend varied from person to person.

"I missed a lot of dances in high school and really regretted it. So, reclaiming that was really important to me," Palmer said.

Stephanie Noyes, a senior, said her reason for going was simple.

"It's one of the chances we have to cut loose and have fun," Noyes said. It all started to wind down around 11:30 p.m., although a few partiers were still going strong until the dance officially ended at midnight.

Overall, students gave Homecoming an overwhelming thumbs up. Kindra Galan, a first year, seemed to sum all the festivities.

"Out of all the dances I've been to, this one's definitely an eight out of ten," Galan said.

"It's one of the chances we have to cut loose and have fun."

Stephanie Noyes
senior

Songwriters charm Foss Field

Crowd responds positively to Hutchinson's humor and casual approach to Homecoming

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Eric Hutchinson opened his concert assuming he knew what the audience was thinking. He predicted the crowd would be lamenting the question, "How many songs do I have to sit through?" With that sarcastic opening line, Hutchinson set the low key and casual tone for Thursday night's Homecoming concert.

Hutchinson played to a large crowd of PLU students and alumni under the stars on Foss Field at a concert co-sponsored by PLU's Residence Hall Association and ASPLU. Attendees gathered on the grass, sitting on blankets or standing in the back to watch the show.

HERmonic member and PLU junior Charlie Herrmann started the evening off on a nice note. She opened for Hutchinson, playing a mix of original tunes and covers, including a version of the Rihanna song "Take a Bow" and Maroon 5's "Sunday Morning."

Students in attendance loved Herrmann's performance.

"I love Charlie. She should be famous," said sophomore Annie Herzog. First-year Megan Zink agreed. "Oh, she's amazing," Zink said. "She's incredible and I love her so much."

Herrmann said she used to cover Hutchinson's songs at open mics when she was younger.

Hutchinson came on stage at 7 p.m. just as the sun was beginning to set. He alternated between playing piano and acoustic guitar, joined on stage by a band mate who also played guitar. The crowd, while substantial, didn't seem to respond to the songs with much enthusiasm. Hutchinson

tried to encourage crowd participation, asking people to sing along and cheer for songs, "Even if you've never heard of them." Sarcastic comments like this permeated the show, and gave the impression that Hutchinson was not taking the performance very seriously. This impression was

the crowd and told jokes at their expense. He even poked fun at the lack of males in attendance, wondering out loud if PLU was "an all girl's school." First-year Amy Nielson, however, enjoyed Hutchinson's chattiness. "I like that he would talk to the crowd. It made me feel involved," Nielson said. "He was very witty," Herzog said. Hutchinson even took requests from the crowd, dedicating requested songs such as "Not There Yet" and "Villa Nova" to whomever asked for them.

Hutchinson played for an hour, ending his set with a fake encore where he walked off stage before requesting to be cheered back on to play a rendition of

the Backstreet Boys song "I Want it That Way" and his own big hit, "Rock and Roll." After the show Hutchinson stayed behind to sign merchandise in the back of the field. Copies of his new CD "Moving Up Living Down" and t-shirts were available for purchase. The line for signing stretched across the field.

The overall response to the concert was positive, despite Hutchinson's lackadaisical approach to the gig. "I enjoyed it a lot more than last year's [event]," sophomore Sarah Bennett said. "PLU should continue having concerts in general, not just for homecoming," first-year Nicoya Benhan-Marian said. "The concert should be a tradition. It's a lot better than a stupid dance," Herzog said.

The overall response to the concert was positive, despite Hutchinson's lackadaisical approach to the gig.

compounded by the fact that in between songs, Hutchinson talked directly to members of

where he walked off stage before requesting to be cheered back on to play a rendition of

Editor's note: Eric Hutchinson's press manager declined The Mooring Mast's requests for an interview, and the ASPLU contract prohibited photos taken of Hutchinson.



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Junior Charlie Herrmann opens for Eric Hutchinson at the Homecoming concert on Foss Field on Sept. 27. Herrmann sang several different covers of popular songs including hits by Rihanna and Maroon 5.

Students flock to Foss Field for the Homecoming Concert featuring junior Charlie Herrmann and headliner, Eric Hutchinson. Hutchinson performed songs from his new album, "Moving Up Living Down," which was sold after the concert.

Garfield ghost town

Pacific Lutheran University has collaborated with Korsmo Construction and Affinity Investments to form Garfield North, LLC, the company under which Garfield Street is being renovated. But many business owners said these renovations come at a cost to small businesses operating on the block, forcing them to relocate because of the coming rent increases.



While Pacific Lutheran University and the rest of the business owners who have to make way for the operation - but are Personal Imprinting Shop [wherever the photo is] Judi Brown, Pacific Lutheran University's associate in the project, Affinity Investments, business people here and I knew the county council actually

Garfield Street S

Northern Pacific Coffee Company

Though the Northern Pacific Coffee Company is located a block west of the Garfield North site, Ed Ceras, owner of NPCC, said he has his own concerns about the project.

Red flags appeared even before Affinity had bought all the property on the block. Ceras said the developer for Garfield North told other businesses they had already secured property, such as the tax office, when in fact they had not.

"That, immediately, is pretty shady," Ceras said.

Ceras said Affinity "pretty much stiff-armed" the Pierce County Council into giving them the tax abatement by threatening not to build on the property. Affinity also claimed they would provide "affordable" multi-unit housing above the shops, though the expected rent rates are about two hundred dollars more per month than the studio apartments already in place on Garfield street.

"I mean, define affordable," Ceras said. "I guess if someone can afford it, then it's affordable?"

The Pierce County Council approved the abatement because, Ceras said, taxes paid by the Limited Liability Company at the end of the abatement could go toward community improvements, and because the largest employer in unincorporated Pierce County - namely, PLU - was in support of the project.

But the community may never receive that money. Ceras said it is common for LLC partnerships to either

dissolve or realign ownership of the project at the end of the abatement period - in this case, to PLU, effectively eliminating tax payments that could help schools in the Franklin Pierce district, where 68 percent of students - more than in any other Pierce County school district - are on free or reduced lunch.

"That's free money,"

Ceras said.

"It's not even an interest-free loan - they don't have to pay it back. This is just money that's not going to the county. It's not going to the school district, it's not going to public works, it's not going to roads. It's not going to anything."

Ed Ceras

Owner, Northern Pacific Coffee Company

public works, it's not going to roads. It's not going to anything."

Ceras also mentioned leasing issues he had heard about from another business, which has already moved off of Garfield street and was unavailable for comment. In one instance, he said, Affinity had made an oral agreement with a business to use their security deposit as their final month's rent, then sent the business an eviction notice after the due date for rent.



Even the business owners who aren't being forced to leave Northern Pacific Coffee Company Ed Cedras, have disapproved with Affinity's lack of transparency, really inconsistent communication with the community, Cedras said.

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owners on Garfield Street stand to benefit in some capacity, there for the moment - such as owner of the Getting Personal. They have had some rather questionable dealings with the university, but there wasn't anybody out there really listening to them to give their stamp of approval to this project," Brown said.

Getting Personal Imprinting

Judi and D.J. Brown first leased the space for Getting Personal Imprinting, which personalizes awards, nametags and other memorabilia in 2009, before Affinity Investments owned the property. When Affinity bought the property in early 2010, Judi Brown said, the investment company told the Browns that construction on the Garfield North project would begin some time between 2013 and 2015.

In January 2012, the Browns heard rumors that the project was "ramping up." When they asked Affinity to let them out of their lease — which would keep them on Garfield Street until the end of January 2013 — early because it would be easier to move in the summer, they were verbally told no.

When the Pierce County Council passed legislation to give Affinity a 12-year tax abatement for the project in the spring, Judi Brown

"It's kind of disturbing, actually, how it all has come to pass in this particular instance. They [Affinity Investments] have a lot deeper pockets than I do, so all of us small business people are apparently at a disadvantage when something like this comes through."

Judi Brown
Co-owner, Getting Personal Imprinting

said Affinity told her and her husband that Getting Personal would need to move out of their space in August or September. Negotiations between Getting Personal's attorneys and Affinity's attorneys began soon after. The Browns leased a second space in Lakewood in July. Affinity later told the Browns they would hold them to their lease, requiring them to remain in the space until the end of January 2013. The Browns are now leasing both spaces.

Judi Brown said she and her husband are also concerned about the construction that may begin while they are still in business on Garfield Street. In the lease agreement, Getting Personal is promised "quiet enjoyment" through the term of the lease. If demolition begins in November, as it is rumored to, Judi Brown said the noise and space taken up by construction equipment could impact their business.

Judi Brown wrote a letter to Pierce County

councilman Dick Muri, describing her frustrations with the apparent lack of communication between Affinity and Getting Personal. In response, she said, she received a letter from Affinity's attorney, which she described as a threat.

"They used language such as 'defamation,'" Judi Brown said. "That I had in some way defamed someone even though everything I was mentioning in the letter was actually in writing somewhere." She also said that in the letter, Affinity's attorney suggested that her letter to council member Muri interfered with the legal process of getting the project through.

Despite her experience with Affinity, Judi Brown said Getting Personal still has a good relationship with the university.

"Sheri Tonn [PLU vice president for finance and operations] has actually been very supportive and more communicative with me than Affinity Investments has," Judi Brown said. "I would run into Sheri at Chamber of Commerce meetings or other meetings and she would ask, 'Are they communicating with you? Are they

keeping you informed of what's going on?' And I was very honest with her and said, 'Frankly, no. We aren't hearing anything.'"

Getting Personal is also in business with the university — they produced the gold name badges worn by faculty, staff and student workers. Judi Brown said she and her husband "love having students come in the store" and "love working with the staff and the people — especially at the bookstore."

Judi Brown described her experience as "eye-opening" to the way politics intertwine with construction projects.

"It's kind of disturbing, actually, how it all has come to pass in this particular instance," Judi Brown said. "They [Affinity Investments] have a lot deeper pockets than I do, so all of us small business people are apparently at a disadvantage when something like this comes through."

Yummers 2 the 3rd Power Cupcakes

Popular cupcake shop and former "Cupcake Wars" contestant Yummers 2 the 3rd Power Cupcakes left Garfield Street in August. Their website shows their new location on Pacific Ave.

Judi Brown said she

went by the new location recently, but the shop was clearly not open. Yummers shop owner Amber Serrano could not be reached for comment on the circumstances surrounding the move.



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the development, such as owner and operator of Northern Pacific... dealings with the affected businesses. "There's just been a real lack of communication from the hearing levels to even the council meetings,"

About Affinity Investments

Affinity Investments, Inc. is a commercial real estate investment firm located in Tacoma, founded in April 2008. The firm currently manages 16 properties, including apartment complexes and shopping centers in Tacoma, Olympia, Shelton, Lakewood, Fircrest and University Place.

Affinity Investments has amassed approximately \$23 million in investment acquisitions, according to its property management brochure.

Affinity Investments declined to comment on the claims made by Garfield business owners.

Students stay green

Living off-campus is not a reason to stop being sustainable



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Reduce, reuse and recycle. Sustainability may be the cardinal rule on campus, but once off-campus, students may feel their fervor to reduce, reuse and recycle flagging.

Our environmentally-conscious college makes sustainability easy. From military stop showerheads to composting, students never need to worry that they're not treating the environment well.

We live in an eco-friendly bubble that's going to pop with one sharp bite of reality the second we move out.

Sometimes the simplest of things, like recycling, can be a challenge because your new home may not be registered for recycling and glass isn't recycled in your area.

Students living off-campus, however, do have the advantage of living near PLU. They still have access to

organizations like Grassroots Environmental Action Now (GREEN), the sustainability club on campus.

Senior Ethan Manthey, public relations director of GREEN, suggested vegetarianism as a great way to help the environment because of "how much energy goes into raising a cow versus growing grain."

Vegetarian students can meet with PLU's nutritionist - a position added as part of the new Wellness Plan - to make sure they're working enough protein into their diets.

Chrissy Cooley, sustainability manager, said PLU can "make it easy to build those [sustainable] behaviors" with places like SurPLUs, where students can drop off old possessions versus throwing them away.

The bike Co-op allows students to rent bikes and fixes any students' bike without charging for labor.

Composting also remains an option, since off-campus students can request a composting bin for their house and bring it to the Anderson University Center to be emptied and washed out.

Even with these opportunities, some students living off-campus, like junior Aaron Bizier, have

found balancing homework, new responsibilities and sustainability challenging.

"Me and my housemates could do better," Bizier said. "You have to start thinking about it yourself and remembering about it yourself. You don't have PLU as a crutch to remember to be sustainable."

The little things like unplugging your toaster, or turning off lights might not occur to you if your electricity is included in your rent.

Senior Hanna Hill said she and her housemates were pretty sustainable and even set up their own composting system in their backyard, which, depending on your landlord, anyone can do.

For all our efforts to go green and stay green, however, once we take the final leap and leave college, many of us will slump back into some of our old earth-harming habits.

Our college safety net won't be around forever.

Talk to GREEN, learn about sustainability and don't relegate staying green to the bottom rung.

Students need to think ahead and be aware because our generation is going to be the one that either makes this planet, or breaks it.

Informed voting is necessary



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Yes, you have the right to vote. With that right comes an obligation to be informed, not only about candidates, but also about issues.

Consider that in about a month, voters in Washington state will make decisions that will have an immediate impact on people's lives, such as marriage equality, marijuana

legalization and publicly funded charter schools.

This is our chance as voters to have a direct impact on democracy through informed decisions on the initiatives, propositions and referendums that bring those issues before us.

Being an informed voter is not always easy. Trust me, I know. Policy platforms and agendas can be overwhelming for a college student with exams, papers, and assignments piling up.

At the same time, we cannot be foolish enough to let our reasoned voices be replaced with the latest rhetoric of political commercials, extremist blogs or the newest talking heads.

Thus, our voices must be informed.

This election is important, but what's more important is for voters to fulfill their obligation of being an informed voter.

Voting is one of the most important opportunities you will have as an American citizen. No pressure.

In the next few weeks you will have countless facts thrown at you. It is your job to decipher fact from fiction.

Don't worry about how your family and friends vote. Try to find out who has your best interest at heart.

"Voting is one of the most important opportunities you will have as an American citizen. No pressure."

Avoid aligning yourself with a specific party. Their ideologies often cloud your thought process.

There may be no perfect candidate out there, but you still have to pick one. You have to make tough choices on difficult social issues.

In both cases, only you know what is best for you.

Take a deep breath, count to three and cast your ballot.

Corrections

1. Brian Higginbotham's name was misspelled on page 13.

2. Rachel Diebel's email address was misspelled on page 7. Her email is diebelra@plu.edu

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Letter from the EDITOR



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Since its release in 2011, "Fifty Shades of Grey," a novel by E. L. James, has skyrocketed in popularity. 32 million copies were sold as of Oct. 2. Celebrities tweeted their fascination. Universal Pictures and Focus Features purchased the rights to the "Fifty Shades" trilogy — which includes supplementary novels "Fifty Shades Darker" and "Fifty Shades Freed" — in March, sparking a thousand fan girl nominations for the casting of its main characters. Readers gave the series its own nickname genre: Mommy Porn.

I have my own nickname

for it: Fifty Shades of 'Cray.'

At first glance, I wrote "Fifty Shades of Grey" off as a remake of the Twilight Saga, sans vampires. As it turns out, James originally wrote the story as a Twilight fan fiction and later "adapted" it to be published.

For the lucky ones who haven't read the book, "Fifty Shades of Grey" follows Anastasia Steele, a senior at Washington State University Vancouver—and a virgin—as she falls for Christian Grey, wealthy, twenty-something CEO of Grey Enterprises. What she doesn't realize is that Grey is only capable of intimacy in the form of BDSM — bondage and discipline, dominance and submission, sadism and masochism.

My main criticism of the novel, besides James's apparent inability to write — don't get me started on the "inner goddess" thing — is her misrepresentation of the BDSM lifestyle and members of the community.

Fifty shades of 'cray'

Best-selling erotic novel hurts so bad

Grey frequently blames his need for dominance on an abusive childhood, referring to himself as "fifty shades of f—ed up." A 2002 study of 132 members of the BDSM community by The Guardian writer Pamela Stephenson, showed that only a few cases of adult BDSM practice were related to childhood abuse and participants in the study were generally not mentally unhealthy.

BDSM partners are encouraged to negotiate rules for play—what actions may be done to the submissive—as Grey and Steele do in the novel, but neither character upholds the contract they agreed to. In the contract, Grey claims that as the dominant he will not injure Steele in a way that might require medical attention.

Later, Grey binds Steele with cable ties purchased from a hardware store. Novices in the BDSM community — or anyone who has ever watched a TV

show with a kidnapping scene — know that cable ties around the wrists can cause lacerations as well as nerve damage. The contract also provides two "safewords" for Steele to use during play: "yellow" when she is near her limit and "red" when she reaches her limit. Steele does not use either word at any time, and in the end — spoiler alert — Grey takes a belt to her backside until she gets up and leaves.

With the book's popularity, more couples are interested in broadening their sexual horizons.

Experts recommend that couples seek coaching for proper technique. The Center for Sex Positive Culture in Seattle provides a safe environment to explore sexuality and offers orientations on etiquette, safety and hygiene.

Critics of the novel also address the psychological relationship between Grey and Steele. Grey's methods of

control outside the bedroom, such as requiring Steele to use a cell phone set up with a GPS tracker and creating a specific diet and exercise plan, are obvious cause for concern. Steele isolating herself from friends and keeping secrets from her family to be with Christian while thinking she can change him into a more "human" man capable of intimacy without bondage is not healthy, either.

I don't plan to read the second or third book, but the fact that they exist shows that Grey and Steele get back together. I have seen this cycle in far too many relationships, when both parties know the relationship is doomed but break up and get back together. The damage done by these relationships can last, and in many cases require the help of a professional.

If you're looking for a ridiculous read, "Fifty Shades of Grey" is the book for you. But please, don't try this stuff at home.

Letters to the EDITOR

Wellness Access Plan not reported fully

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While I appreciate the Mast's article "Lutecare" about the new Wellness Access Plan, my opinions of the article currently mirror my opinions of the plan: well intentioned, but poorly executed.

It is most deeply offensive that the Mast decided to describe the visits to the Health Center under the new plan as "free," saying that they are "removing charges ... for services provided."

These visits are not free, and the charges have not been removed.

They are paid for by the more than \$40,000 that each student pays to attend PLU, and by the new Wellness Access Plan fee.

It is an insult to the intelligence of the student body to describe these services as anything less than "at no additional cost."

My other concerns include

that the majority of the information presented was made available to students by mid-May.

While it is nice to have it summed up in one article, the Mast should be more than just a fact-compiler, and should comment on more aspects of the plan, such as other options the university could have considered, and why they thought that this was the best option, as well as a variety of student opinions.

On that note, the article ends with a quote from a first year saying that he thinks it is great that he will not have to pay copays for the health center.

Many of us share in his relief. However, there are still a number of students who are frustrated by this additional fee, concerned about how it could be included in the ever-increasing tuition, and are now without health insurance.

Overlooking these opinions and issues is extremely unprofessional and biased, and I hope that they will be adequately addressed in an upcoming issue.

Television show poorly represented

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As an avid fan of the NBC comedy "Community," I was happy to see my favorite TV show get some much-deserved attention, but your column left me wondering whether the author or either of the people interviewed have actually watched it.

If they had watched even the first episode, they would have immediately seen the "late nights of cramming, the stress of tests, and the consequences of not preparing" they claim the series lacks.

True, the students at Greendale are not shown "consistently studying" on-screen, but they are a Study Group, even if most of the

"Community's character set, as individuals and as they relate to each other, is one of the things that makes the show great."

actual textbook reading and essay writing happens outside of the 22 minutes we get to see.

They manifest realistically diverse levels of commitment to their schoolwork, from Annie's perfectionism to Jeff's 'Tom-Sawyer-worthy' aversion to effort, and this is reflected in their class performance, including the very real possibility of failure for the less diligent.

So while the stress and effort related to being in college may not be the focus of the show, they're not absent either.

Having experienced both real and community college, and having actually watched the show, I can't think of a more accurate fictional portrayal.

The column chooses to specifically single out one character, Pierce, as unrealistic, and "more of a stereotype than a student" for being unrepresentative of 'non-traditional' college attendees.

It completely ignores Shirley, a mother of two returning to school, who clearly displays the "respect and dedication" they criticize Pierce for lacking.

It's still unclear to me why they cite him as especially unrealistic. He happens to be rich, white, old and

'Buddhist,' but just like Shirley (middle-class, black, 40s and very Christian) and every other character, he fits squarely into some of those stereotypes, and outright defies others. Kind of like real people do.

As I think the author was trying to say in their conclusion, the depth and humanity of Community's character set, as individuals and as they relate to each other, is one of the things that makes the show great.

I say 'I think' that's what the author was trying to say, because I'm still not entirely sure.

I don't think it's an opinion piece, because I don't see an opinion, but it's not informative either, because the author never gives the reader any idea of what the show is actually like, or why so many of us love it so much.

We're told that the characters don't study, but nothing about what they do.

We're told they aren't realistic, but nothing about what they are.

There certainly aren't specific examples anywhere. At the very least, the column could have mentioned that if you want to see for yourself what all the fuss is about, "Community's" fourth season premieres Oct. 19 at 8:30 on NBC.

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SPORTS SCHEDULE

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Upcoming Games
 Oct. 6 at Lewis and Clark, 1 p.m.
 Oct. 13 at Pacific, 1 p.m.

Previous Games
 Loss (31-24): Sept. 29 vs. Linfield
 Win (28-14): Sept. 15 at Redlands

Volleyball

Upcoming Games
 Oct. 5 vs. George Fox, 5 p.m.
 Oct. 12 at Whitworth, 7 p.m.

Previous Games
 Win (3-0): Oct. 3 at Puget Sound
 Win (3-0): Sept. 29 at Willamette

Men's Soccer

Upcoming Games
 Oct. 5 vs. Puget Sound, 5 p.m.
 Oct. 13 vs. Whitman, 2:30 p.m.

Previous Games
 Win (2-1): Sept. 30 at Whitman
 Loss (3-2): Sept. 29 at Whitworth

Women's Soccer

Upcoming Games
 Oct. 6 vs. George Fox, noon
 Oct. 7 at Willamette, noon

Previous Games
 Tie (0-0): Sept. 30 at Whitman
 Tie (2-2): Sept. 29 at Whitworth

Cross Country

Upcoming Games
 Oct. 6, WWU Classic Invitational,
 10:30 a.m.

Previous Games
 Sept. 19, PLU Invitational
 MXC (2nd), WXC (1st)

Huge game for Lutes tonight

Men's soccer team hosts third place, cross-town rival, Loggers

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Pacific Lutheran's men's soccer has enjoyed a strong start in conference play. They will play their next match tonight at 5 p.m. against the University of Puget Sound Loggers.

The game will be the first home night game for the Lutes - ever.

A Facebook page for the game has 106 confirmed attendees, consisting primarily of students. The game is a "black out." All fans are urged to wear black.

In the past six conference games, the Lutes have secured five victories with only a narrow loss against the no. 11 Whitworth Pirates 3-2.

Initially having a rough start to the season with only one win and a draw in their first five games, the Lutes head into their game against Puget Sound with some momentum.

Last year, Lutes beat the

Loggers 4-2 but lost later in the season 0-1. The Lutes beat their cross-town rival twice in 2010 and have topped the Loggers in five of the last eight meetings.

The Lutes were co-conference champions last season with Whitworth before being eliminated in the first round of the NCAA tournament by Redlands, 4-1.

Lutes have a statistical advantage over the Loggers.

As a team, the Lutes have scored 58 points and performed 51 saves this season. The Loggers have scored 43 points total and with 31 saves.

Though the Lutes have a statistical and recent historical edge over UPS, the Loggers are still formidable.

The Lutes are currently in second place in the conference with a 6-4-1, 5-1 mark.

Puget Sound sits in third place in the conference at 7-7-2, 4-1-1. Last weekend, the Loggers fell 2-1 to Whitman

and tied Whitworth 0-0. Both games were played on the east side of the state.

Junior defender Jeff Piaquadio is a player to watch tonight. Piaquadio scored the game - winner Sunday in the 80th minute, in a 2-1 victory over Whitman. Junior goalkeeper Joe Rayburn is also a player to watch with 40 blocks this season.

Sophomore forward Emmanuel Amarrh is tied for the team lead with five goals this season. Amarrh has also tallied four assists. Junior forward Derek Johnson is tied with Amarrh with five goals as well.

The Loggers are led by junior forwards Landon Gauthier and Andrew White. The tandem has scored three goals apiece.

"We hate the Loggers and they hate us," senior defender Shane Gutierrez said. "It's going to be a battle Friday night under the lights. It doesn't get any better."

Recent History

2011:	Puget Sound 1, Pacific Lutheran 0 Pacific Lutheran 4, Puget Sound 2
2010:	Puget Sound 2, Pacific Lutheran 1 Pacific Lutheran 3, Puget Sound 0
2009:	Pacific Lutheran 2, Puget Sound 1 Pacific Lutheran 4, Puget Sound 1
2008:	Puget Sound 2, Pacific Lutheran 1 Pacific Lutheran 1, Puget Sound 0
2007:	Puget Sound 1, Pacific Lutheran 0 Pacific Lutheran 1, Puget Sound 1

PREDICTION:

The Lutes have played two games on its new field winning by a combined score of 7-0 over George Fox and Pacific. Tonight will be extremely competitive. This is the first true home, night game for the Lutes, who are going to play with tremendous energy in front of what is sure to be a large home crowd. The

two teams play contrasting styles. The Lutes prefer to play uptempo while the Loggers enjoy slow, defensive games. It is hard to pick against a quick Lutes team playing on turf under the lights. The "blacked out" crowd's energy will propel the Lutes to a crucial Northwest Conference victory.

Pacific Lutheran 2, Loggers 1

A look at the numbers

Lutes		Loggers
11	games played	10
21	goals	14
16	assists	12
15.3	shots per game	10.6
13	goals allowed	8
51	saves	30

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SHOUP SHOTS

Northwest Conference football and volleyball power rankings

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School just started. Or did it?

As hard as it may be to believe, Pacific Lutheran fall athletics are already one month into their seasons.

The football team sits at 1-2, 0-1. The two losses for the Lutes came from the hands of no. 3 Linfield and now no. 8 California Lutheran. The Lutes victory came over no. 25 Redlands. The Lutes are the lone team in the conference to have played only three games.

The volleyball team is currently ranked no. 17 in the nation with a 12-2, 6-0 mark. The Lutes two losses have come to now no. 10 Puget Sound in a non-conference matchup and to Colorado College in Colorado Springs on Sept. 8.

The soccer program's power rankings will come next week.

As PLU fall sports enter the meat of their conference schedules, where do the Lutes stack up against the rest of their conference foes?

FOOTBALL

1. Linfield Wildcats 4-0, 1-0 tie for first place

At no. 3 in the country it is impossible to see the Wildcats at any spot other than no. 1. The Wildcats overcame an early 14-0 deficit to knock off the Lutes last weekend. Linfield certainly looked beatable but the Northwest Conference champion of the past three seasons found a way to win.

2. Lewis and Clark

Pioneers 4-0, 1-0 tie for first place

Reigning Offensive Player of the Year junior quarterback Keith Welch is once again under center for the Pioneers that are scoring over 38 points per game. The Pioneers finished second last season after knocking off the Lutes 34-32 in Puyallup.

3. Pacific Lutheran Lutes 1-2, 0-1 tie for fifth place

The Lutes have dropped two of their first three games but have played a murderous opening schedule. The Lutes fell at home to no. 11 California Lutheran and no. 3 Linfield. The Lutes defeated no. 25 Redlands in California Sept. 15. The schedule doesn't get any easier for the Lutes this weekend as they travel to Oregon to take on last season's runner-up Lewis and Clark.

4. Willamette Bearcats 4-0, 0-0 fourth place

The Bearcats round out the remaining unbeaten in the NWC. Willamette opened their season with a solid 58-34 win in Texas at Hardin-Simmons. Willamette played Pacific in a non-conference game on Sept. 22 and thumped the Boxers 51-17. The Whitworth Pirates, no. 5 in my rankings, await the Bearcats tomorrow.

5. Whitworth Pirates 5-0, 1-0 tie for first place

The Pirates are undefeated five games into the season but have played a relatively weak schedule. Whitworth has won two games in California but it played La Verne and Whittier, two of the weaker teams

in the Southern California Intercollegiate Conference.

The Pirates also squeaked out a narrow 17-14 victory at home over a Chapman team that hasn't had a winning record since 2008.

6. Pacific Boxers 1-3, 0-1 tie for fifth place

The Boxer football program is only in its third year of existence. Pacific put a scare into Whitworth last weekend before falling 28-25 but the Boxers still need a couple years before seriously competing in the NWC.

7. Puget Sound Loggers 0-4, 0-1 tie for fifth place

Puget Sound is currently riding a 14-game losing streak after going 0-9 last season. The Loggers host Pacific tomorrow in a game that could be the lone conference victory for either team.

**editors note- George Fox and Whitman do not have football programs.*

VOLLEYBALL

1. Pacific Lutheran Lutes 13-2, 7-0 first place

If early season results tell us anything it appears that the two Tacoma schools will be fighting for the NWC title this season. The Lutes took it to the second place and no. 10 Loggers 3-0 Wednesday opening up a two-game over UPS. The Lutes are for real.

2. Puget Sound 11-4, 5-2 first place

The Loggers are currently

ranked no. 10 but will drop after falling to the Lutes Wednesday. Now trailing the Lutes by two full games the Loggers will need help from within the NWC to surpass the Lutes.

3. George Fox 6-7, 4-2 tie for third place

It is fair to say that the Bruins struggled in non-conference play but found its stride within the confines of the NWC schedule. The Bruins could join the championship conversation but will have to pull off a few upsets along the way. The Bruins come to town to play the Lutes tonight at 7 p.m. The game could determine if the Bruins are going to compete for a NWC title or not. Three conference losses this early in the season might be too much to overcome.

4. Pacific Boxers 5-9, 4-2 tie for third place

The Boxers had a nightmare start to their season dropping their first seven matches but have won five of their last seven matches. The Boxers beat George Fox, no. 3 in rankings, 3-2 on Sept. 14. However, each of Pacific's conference victories have come in five sets and it was swept aside by PLU and UPS.

5. Lewis and Clark Pioneers 6-9, 2-4 tie for fifth place

The Pioneers lost their first four matches but are on a mini two-match winning streak after defeating Whitworth and Whitman last weekend. The Pioneers are .500 at home and on a neutral site. Road games

have been its Achilles heel. Lewis and Clark is 1-4 outside of its home gym this season.

6. Linfield Wildcats 7-7, 2-4 tie for fifth place

The Wildcats played better than their no. 6 ranking in non-conference action going 5-2 but Linfield has been the victim of a brutal schedule to open NWC play. The Wildcats have already played Puget Sound, Pacific Lutheran, Pacific and George Fox, dropping all four matches. Linfield is in the midst of a five-match skid.

7. Whitworth Pirates 5-8, 1-5 tie for eighth place

How the mighty have fallen.

After winning the conference championship the past two seasons the Pirates are already out of the playoff picture. The Pirates lone conference victory came over last-place Willamette Sept. 22. The Pirates are 4-2 at home but a lowly 0-5 on the road.

8. Whitman Missionaries 4-9, 2-4 tie for fifth place

Whitman knocked off Whitworth 3-1 in conference play Sept. 19 but fell to the Pirates in a non-conference match Sept. 8. The Missionaries have lost seven of their last nine contests since Sept. 7.

9. Willamette Bearcats 3-10, 1-5 ninth place

The Bearcats aren't as bad as its record indicates. Willamette shocked no. 10 in the country, Puget Sound, 3-2 at home Sept. 28. Regardless it looks like it is going to be a long season for the Bearcats.

The Mast Monday Night Football pick 'em

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There isn't a whole lot of drama in The Mast Monday Night Football pick 'em league this week.

After the Jets were trounced at home 34-0 by the 49ers Sunday, all seven participants picked the Houston Texans on the road.

San Francisco blocked a punt rushing only one man. One.

The NFL league season is four weeks young and fans are already yelling for Tim Tebow.

Maybe Jets Head Coach Rex Ryan needs to put back on all of his lost weight. Because right now it is appearing the Jets ability to win disappeared with his waist line.

J-E-T-S, Jets, Jets, Jets?

In this now the fourth week of our league, maybe it is time for a new name. The Mast Monday Night Football pick

'em league is a mouth full.

What do you think? If you have any ideas send me an e-mail. Keep it funny, witty, short and clean.

Okay you don't have to keep it clean. The editorial board will get a good laugh of it but I can't promise it will win the prestigious privilege of being selected as the new name for the league.

Houston at NY Jets

Shane Gutierrez
men's soccer player

pick: HOU
record: 3-0

Gutierrez is getting so sick of comments about his hair he is debating cutting it off. His girlfriend may not approve of a bald head, however. Gutierrez found time amongst this internal debate to pick the Texans.

Geoff Loomis
men's baseball coach

pick: HOU
record: 2-1

Loomis used Nintendo 64 simulations to pick the Cowboys Monday. I guess it is fair to say Tony Romo wasn't the quarterback of America's team in those games.

Lance Lute
trusty mascot

pick: HOU
record: 2-1

Lance has been working on his "Tebow" this season but is yet to debut it at a home game. Despite the new move in Lance's arsenal, he didn't have it in him to pick the Jets.

Steve Dickerson
men's basketball coach

pick: HOU
record: 2-1

"Boeing couldn't fix these Jets," Dickerson said. A quarterback probably could though.

Stacey Hagensen
all-world softball player

pick: HOU
record: 1-2

Hagensen has a losing record. Take note because those five words have never been spoken before. History is being made in The Mast Monday Night Football pick 'em league. All participants chose the Texans this week.

Allison McDaniel
Lute sports fanatic

pick: HOU
record: 1-2

No, it's not an hallucination. McDaniel picked up her first win of the season with the Bears win Monday. Her roommates were happy to see her emerge from her room finally.

Dalton Ritchey
PLU quarterback

pick: HOU
record: 0-3

New York Jets sign free agent quarterback Dalton Ritchey. With the quarterback issues in the Big Apple, how unrealistic is this?

Cross country teams run at home

Men and women's teams thrive in lone home meet of the year



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Pacific Lutheran University's men cross country team took second place and the women won at the PLU Invitational Saturday. It was the only home meet for the men and women this season.

The men finished second to Green River Community College, which finished with 31 points. The Lutes finished with 47 points. Olympic College placed third with 73 points, followed by University of British Columbia-Okanagan with 78. The PLU women's team finished in first with a point total of 27, followed by UBC Okanagan with 28 points.

Junior Alan DenAdel finished first for the men at the cross country meet. First-year Amanda Wilson, a first-year, finished first as well for the Lutes' women squad. DenAdel finished the 8,000-meter course in a time of 26:00.53. Wilson finished in a time of 24:16.23 on the 6,000-meter course.

Rounding out the rest of the results for the men's cross country squad, senior Kolter Grigsby finished fourth in a time of 26:59.38, junior Kyle Smith placed 17th in a time of 28:43.69, senior Jordan Steves finished 18th with a time of 28:51.30, senior Joseph Mungai got 21st in 28:58.03,

junior Eric Herde completed the race in 27th with a time of 30:00.99, senior Matt Beal got 28th with a time of 30:43.38, and first-year Andy Jensen finished 30th in 31:39.55.

For the women first-year Lauren Knebel placed third in 24:34.99, Seely fourth in 25:08.52, junior Alyssa Rowland in 12th with a time of 26:3.67, first-year Madison Guscott placed 13th in 26:35.65, first-year Karissa Jack on coming in at 15th with a time of 27:10.39, and first-year Tara Glynn finishing 19th with a time of 31:38.66.

Heather Kreier is currently the head coach of the men and women's cross country teams after starting in 2006. The squads she has coached since 2006 haven't finished above fifth place. Last year, the men and women's team both finished in seventh place. There are nine teams in the Northwest Conference.

Dan Haaken serves as the assistant coach of the cross country team after joining the team in 2008. He was an All-American in the hammer throw as a senior during his time at PLU in 2005. His role for the cross country is mainly administrative. He is also the throwing coach for the PLU track & field team.

The Lutes will be looking to continue their season tomorrow at the Western Washington University Classic Invitational. The meet begins at 10:30 a.m.

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TOP: Left to right, first-year Madison Guscott, first-year Karissa Jackson, sophomore Amanda Seely, first-year Lauren Knebel and first-year Amanda Wilson. Wilson won the women's event with a time of 24:16.23. MIDDLE: Senior Joseph Mungai leads two runners from Green River Community College. Mungai finished 21st with a time of 28:58.03. ABOVE: Left to Right, senior Kolter Grigsby, junior Kyle Smith and junior Alan DenAdel start at the PLU Invitational Saturday on what used to be the PLU golf course. Grigsby finished fourth with a time of 26:59.38. Smith finished 17th place with a time of 28:43.69. DenAdel won the meet with a time of 26:00.53. The men's team finished second behind Green River Community College.



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The drive started with a five yard option play to senior running back Brandon James. Ritchey got the passing game started with two completions to sophomore wide receiver Kellen Westering, one reception for 8 yards giving the Lutes a first down.

The next play would be an all-around offensive effort: Ritchey found Westering on a come back rout, which was caught at the 38 yard line and with two blocks downfield, Westering ran away for a Pacific Lutheran touchdown.

The Lutes were not done scoring in the opening minutes of the game. On Linfield's third play, senior quarterback Mickey Inns was intercepted by Lutes safety Greg Hibbard. Hibbard returned the ball to the Linfield 16 yard line. Four plays later, Ritchey connected with sophomore wide receiver Kyle Warner in the back of the end zone for another Pacific Lutheran score. Although it was early in the game, Pacific Lutheran looked poised to shuffle the national rankings.

With the ball in their own 15 yard line, Ritchey and Knoblauch fumbled the snap. Linfield recovered the fumble on the PLU eight yard line.

Following the turnover, the Pacific Lutheran defense forced a forth and goal, but Inns found his slot receiver Westly Meng for a touchdown to pull the score to 14-7.

The Lutes responded to Linfield's quick score. Ritchey completed passes to sophomore running back Niko Madison and sophomore tight end Lucas Sontra to keep the chains moving. Ritchey threw a 32-yard touchdown pass to Westering, who was cove ed by two defenders but was able to out-jump the Linfield secondary.

The Lutes offense would only score one more time in the game, on a 30-yard field goal by senior kicker Nick Kaylor. The score was tied at 24-24 with nine minutes left in the fourth, but the Wildcats scored on a broken play to jump ahead 31-24. Senior running back Stephen Nasca ran to the right then changed his direction back to the left for a touchdown.

The Lutes had two possessions to tie the game. Ritchey completed a pass to Westering for a PLU first down and two plays later Linfield sacked Ritchey for a six-yard loss. On fourth and five Ritchey drew the Linfield defensive line offside to make the ensuing play "fourth and two inches," head referee

Mark Cook said over the intercom.

The Lutes ran a sweep to Madison but Linfield was not fooled and Madison was met in the backfield for a loss turning the ball over on downs.

But the defense gave the Lute offense one more opportunity to tie the game. Senior defensive end Brandon Tipton came up with a 10-yard sack on third and six, forcing Linfield to punt. Pacific Lutheran retained possession with 1:49 left in the fourth quarter, but two plays later Ritchey was intercepted by junior safety Colin Foreman and with no timeouts left. Linfield took a knee three times to end the game.

The loss pushed the Lutes current losing streak to Linfield up 11 games. The last time PLU defeated the Wildcats was in 1999 when they won 56-23 in McMinnville, Ore. Current head coach Scott Westering's father, legendary PLU head coach, Frosty Westering led that squad.

Frosty Westering owns a career mark of 15-20-1 against the Wildcats.

Scott Westering relieved his father in 2004.

The Lutes travel to Oregon next week to play Lewis and Clark College at 1 p.m.

Wildcat problems

2012: Linfield 31, Pacific Lutheran 24

2011: Linfield 45, Pacific Lutheran 7

2010: Linfield 35, Pacific Lutheran 20

2009: Linfield 62, Pacific Lutheran 44

2008: Linfield 45, Pacific Lutheran 0

2007: Linfield 24, Pacific Lutheran 0

2006: Linfield 44, Pacific Lutheran 21

2005: Linfield 42, Pacific Lutheran 13

2004: Linfield 40, Pacific Lutheran 21

2003: Linfield 19, Pacific Lutheran 10

2002: Linfield 35, Pacific Lutheran 21



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TOP: Sophomore defensive back Connor Cununings eludes a couple Linfield defenders during Saturday's game. RIGHT: Sophomore offensive lineman Zach Phelps chases Linfield's Colin Forman after a lute fourth quarter interception. The interception halted what would have been a game-tying drive for the Lutes. Linfield then wound out the clock by taking a knee three times. LEFT: Sophomore tight end Lucas Sontra attempts to haul in what would have been a 20-yard touchdown pass. After falling to the ground the pass was ruled incomplete. Referees gave no explanation as to why the pass was ruled incomplete to the displeasure of the large PLU crowd.