ASUPS senate candidates run unopposed

By MIKE KNAPE

For the first time in recent memory, all of the candidates in this fall’s ASUPS Senate elections ran unopposed. Candidates for four of the seven positions, including the Freshman Senator, Residence Hall Senator and two senator-at-large positions, were elected for the first time. Senators-at-Large represent the student body as a whole instead of one particular group.

“It’s fairly unique to have the whole slate unopposed,” Mike Se-gawa, Dean of Students, said. “I don’t think that’s the dynamic we want to repeat.”

The lack of competition may be due to the fact that there were an unusual number of seats up for election. One senator stepped down from the position, and Claire Bueto had to step down to take her position as ASUPS Director of Public Relations. The five other elected students on the ASUPS Senate are not up for reelection until the spring.

“It’s kind of disappointing for the races to be unopposed. I think it shows that a lot of people don’t know or understand the role Senate plays in student life,” Zach Kotel, ASUPS Senator-at-Large, said. “A lot of it is up to ASUPS as a whole to do better publicizing the elec-
tions.”

The elections were held on Oct. 17 though 19. As it has been for the past three years, voting was done online via the ASUPS website. The voting process, which is using a new program known as Referenda for only the second time, had some technical issues as well. Conse-
quently, online voting was contin-
ued until 5 p.m. Wednesday. It was scheduled to end Sunday at 6 p.m.

“I don’t think a lot of people knew about [the elections],” I was thinking about running for a posi-
tion but I missed the petition dead-
line,” sophomore Katie Loker said.

The lack of candidates may have contributed to the lack of advertis-
ing, as candidates are responsible for their own advertising.

“Historically, there has been a fine line between how much ASUPS does to promote the elec-
tions versus how much we leave for the candidates to do,” Holden Sapp, ASUPS Vice-President and voting member of the Senate, said. “I’m actually not worried about [the na-
ture of the election], I know it’s a great group of people.”

The new senators echo that sentiment.

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Puget Sound memorabilia advertised in outer space

By GRACE HEERMAN

Various Puget Sound memorabilia returned to campus from the International Space Station on Thursday, Sept. 17, after being taken into out-
er space by sophomore Alli Phillips: astronaut father, John Phillips. A baseball cap and pennant were car-
ged on board the space shuttle Discovery’s flight, STS-119, to NASA’s Interna-
tional Space Station.

“Since UPS has been great for Alli, I wanted to give the school back something, perhaps to hang on the wall, or invite future pu-
ter candidates in attending,” Phil-

lips said.

“The purpose of the flight was to deliver and install the final piece of the electrical generating system of the International Space Station,” Phillips said.

Although the Shuttle made its re-
turn to Earth on March 28, the Puget Sound items did not make it back to campus until September, when Phil-
lips came from his home in Houston to visit his daughter.

It was Phillips who initially sug-
gested bringing Puget Sound to space in September of 2007, at Alli’s admission interview with Vice Pres-
ident for Enrollment George Mills.

“John mentioned the possibility shortly after Alli decided that she would enroll at Puget Sound,” Mills said. “It felt like it would be a good way to show his loyalty to Puget Sound and his enthusiasm for Alli’s enrollment here.”

After graduating from the U.S. Na-
val Academy and receiving a Master of Science and Ph.D. in Geophys-
ics and Space Physics from UCLA, Phillips spent two years working in the U.S. Navy and was hired by NASA in 1996 as a Mis-
sion Specialist. Phillips has logged a combined 2,094 days in space over the span of his three flights, the first on the STS-98 shuttle in 2000, the second on the ISS Expedition 11 in 2005.

“Having an astronaut as a father, I am very privileged and get to ex-
perience some other otherwise inaccessi-
ble events,” Alli said. “For example, in 2005 my dad launched on a Rus-
sian rocket called the Soyuz from Kazakstan. I was lucky enough to travel there to view the launch.”

Having grown up in Houston, Alli admits to being somewhat desensi-
tized to the extraordinary goings-
on of the Kennedy Space Center, but described her dad’s trips as “ex-

ing, pride-inducing and just a little nerve-wracking.”

Phillips’ contributions to Puget Sound have gone beyond his toe-
hold in space. In September, Phil-
lips met with the Search for Extra-
terrestrial Intelligence class taught by Professor Jeff Matthews.

“His views on leadership and space have made significant ad-

ditions to the experience of Puget Sound students,” Mills said.
New at Zoo: Point Defiance Zoo reports that Bali, a rare Sumatran tiger, has been added to their collection.

By ABIGAIL ABDURAH

Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium has welcomed a Sumatran tiger to their collection. The tiger, named Bali, comes from the San Francisco Zoo and is described as a beautiful and rare animal. Bali will be a part of the zoo's breeding program and will be a valuable addition to the Sumatran tiger population.

The Sumatran tiger is a critically endangered species. Bali's presence in the zoo will be instrumental in promoting conservation efforts for this species.

The Puget Sound Trail

THE PuGET SOUND TRAIL

The Puget Sound Trail is an independent, student-run organization funded by ASUPS. The Trail seeks to provide a weekly newspaper that serves as a comprehensive source of information relevant to its readership. The Trail acts as an archival record for the university, serves as a link between Puget Sound and the greater Tacoma community, and provides an open forum for student opinion and discussion.

First-year students targeted in money management lecture

By HANNAH KITZBROW

Student Financial Services is committed to providing education and resources to students to help them make informed financial decisions. With this as a mission, Student Financial Services hosted a “Smart Money Program” in Anderson-Langdon residence hall on October 27.

The evening focused on issues specific to first-year students and the challenges that they may face as they deal with finances for the first time. "During college, students are basically thrown into the financial adult world. Each student is personally responsible for his or her own account. If a parent or other third party chooses not to pay, the student is held responsible, not the parent. Since the student is an adult, we cannot discuss the student’s financial affairs with anyone else without the student’s consent,” Student Financial Services Program Assistant Amy Corcoran said.

The three tigers will be placed in temporary enclosures until they are fully acclimated to Point Defiance Zoo. The three tigers are Punja, a 5-month-old Sumatran tiger from the San Francisco Zoo, and the other two will be female tigers from the Asian Forest Sanctuary at the Point Defiance Zoo. The female tigers are expected to arrive later this month.

The Sumatran tiger is a critically endangered species. The number of these large cats alive in the world today is reduced to about 325. Of these, 250 continue to live in the wild, highly valued and protected in their natural habitat on the Indonesian island of Sumatra.

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DEBT: Students show concern.

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I think that the people who ran away are highly motivated, dedicated individuals who want to better the school. I was the only one who knew who they were, and I was doing things to be running unopposed, but I think everyone else entered the election expecting fierce competition,” Rebecca Hoff said. Hoff has been a student leader at Puget Sound for several years and is highly respected by her peers.

The federal government will only consider a college student as an independent (separate from his or her parents) if he or she is a ward of the court, an orphan, married, has dependents of his or her own or those at 24 years of age.

"To make a long story short, I worked a 20-hour days split between two jobs and ran up credit cards and used public assistance, all in an attempt to survive until the age of 24 — my golden ticket to financial aid, an education and a new home," Hoff said.

Student Financial Services will show the PBS program “Your Life, Your Money” on Nov. 19 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in University residence hall to further promote financial literacy for Puget Sound students.

SUMMER SESSION

Register for Spring with Summer In Mind!

The schedule for Summer Session 2010 is now available through Course Offerings in Cascade.

http://cascade.pugetsound.edu/

The schedule for Summer Session 2010 includes a number of Connections core courses, as well as other courses that will meet the Upper Division requirement.
Worth of liberal arts education subjective

By ELIZABETH NEWTON

It seems unlikely that a person might finish college without hav- ing encountered what I call the Exis- tential Crisis. As the tedium of day- to-day routine combines with the daunting prospect of any fu- ture, many of us begin to ask our- selves and each other, "What the hell are we doing here?"

It is healthy and necessary for us to periodically question if our lives are meaningful—just as it is necessary to create art. After two or three years at the same place, however, what was once exciting can become quite stifling, especially in the small community of Puget Sound.

After having a professor for the fifth time, even his or her witziest jokes become bland. After the 5th week of eating lunch on Fridays in the S.U.B., even garden tortillas eventually fail to satisfy taste buds. And by senior year, it seems unlikely, that you will meet someone new.

Study: Liberal arts assignments need not feel like useless distractions from real life.

The information and insightful approach and several individuals in the film have the potential to change the way that viewers approach their own careers. However, the majority of Americans believe that "meaning" is just an illusion – that "meaning" is just something we invent, but once we have it, we must realize it is not the case. The reality of life is that we must always be looking for ways to improve our own lives. As potential future parents, we are wise to consider our own bodies and the choices we make.

Options: Despite conventional thought on the issue hospitals are not the only safe place to give birth.

Hospitals ignore many women’s birth preferences

By MACKENZIE FUENTES

As unbelievable as it may seem, the average female student at Puget Sound will become a mother in the next five years, according to statistics provided by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. Moreover, I am sure, are planning on birthing in a hospital. However, more women would be wise to consider home birthing with a mid- wif.

During the 19th century, midwives accompanied with other developed nations. Epstein finds a startling connection between birth outcomes and the use of machines and newborn deaths rates with mid- wives facilitating only eight percent of births globally. After three or four years of eating lunch on Fridays in the S.U.B., garden tortillas eventually fail to satisfy taste buds. And by senior year, it seems unlikely, that you will meet someone new.

By the time of the mid 1800s. However, birthing in hospitals has increased by leaps and bounds since the early 1900s. This was largely due to the medical profession's focus on the needs of hospitals. The hospital system has taken away from the woman's right to her body. However, in the early 1900s, the medical profession had just decided to set down guidelines for assessing a mother's health. Today, doctors are often taught to compromise the decision-making power of patients in order to get as many cus- tomers as possible and in out of their facility.

There is a direct correlation between drug-induced pregnancies and the incidence of Cesarean sec- tions. Although Cesareans are ex- tremely doctor-friendly because they speed the birthing process, multiple in- terventions can cause excessive inju- ry to the mother's bladder, uterus and bowels. One obstetrician commented that his medical school professor told him his entire class to just do a Cesarean if needed. Many doctors interviewed for the documentary complained that they went in with the desire to have a nat- ural birth, but then were cajoled into utilizing epidurals and pitocin induc- tions. Pitocin is a synthetic version of oxytocin, a hormone released natural- ly into the mother's brain during the birthing process in order to start con- tractions.

Pitocin also functions as a neu- ronautransmitter in the brain and has been shown to create feelings of bond- ing, love and maternal behaviors. Pito- cin does not do this for the 90 percent of mothers who are administered the drug in the U.S. There is also a direct correlation between drug-induced pregnancies and the incidence of Cesarean sec- tions. Although Cesareans are ex- tremely doctor-friendly because they speed the birthing process, multiple operations can cause excessive inju- ry to the mother's bladder, uterus and bowels. One obstetrician commented that his medical school professor told him his entire class to just do a Cesarean if anything might go wrong in order to offset the likelihood of being sued. In other words, the profit-based need of hospitals has forced some doc- tors to compromise the needs of wom- en. However, birthing in hospitals has increased by leaps and bounds since the early 1900s. This was largely due to the medical profession's focus on the needs of hospitals. The hospital system has taken away from the woman's right to her body. However, in the early 1900s, the medical profession had just decided to set down guidelines for assessing a mother's health. Today, doctors are often taught to compromise the decision-making power of patients in order to get as many cus- tomers as possible and in out of their facility.

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Being Born, “ takes a look at the use of midwives and the importance of birthing at home. Midwives in the United States as compared with other developed nations. The documentary explains that these previous efforts were not making any headway.

Proponents of midwifery and home birthing assert that, over the past 40 to 50 years, the medical profession has man- aged to convince the vast majority of women that they cannot trust their own bodies and do not know how to give birth.

The hospital system has taken away women’s choices in caring for their own bodies. As potential future par- ents in an age of increasing reliance on whatever medical professionals tell us is best, we cannot assume that our own interests are always being looked out for.

By NOAH KAPLAN

Resident Advisors said that they were not here to police us. That they were here to make sure we were safe. These were the words that were whispered by the Admiring freshman class as we entered the dorms that would act as our new home for the duration of the school year.

Now, I understood and still un- derstand that this freedom would and will of course be monitored. We have exchanged our adoring, beloved, but at this point for many of us, smothering parents for a small bunch of hip, young older siblings — RA’s. My RA is great, laid back, and good intentions of medical service personnel. However, I think it is im- portant for people to remember that “meaning” is just an illusion – that “meaning” is just something we invent, but once we have it, we must realize it is not the case. The reality of life is that we must always be looking for ways to improve our own lives. As potential future parents, we are wise to consider our own bodies and the choices we make.

The e-mail stated that RA’s on sounds had heard noise coming from my room and entered to the "potent" smell of marijuana, the presence of shot glasses and a crowd of people who proceed- ed to “live” the room. Three oth- ers were written up in relation to the incident, two of whom had not even been in the room that night.

I never saw an RA, nor did one even confront me, making it difficult to even defend the charg- es made against me. In actuality: exited the room in an orderly fashion with that “crowd”. No weed had been smoked, no alco- hol consumed and nothing was seen but the Puget Sound shot glasses that had been purchased at the box office and had not been moved since their purchase.

The specific problems here are too obvious and ridiculous to even spend much time on, but what they do is illustrate the bat- tle between protection of safety and the extension of power loosley granted to students.

Why is it that at every opportu- nity students (and sometimes they are our peers, not police offi- cers) are choosing (yes, it is a choice, many students say) to thrust as many students as possible into an already cluttered college campus? No, I do not understand that this freedom would and will of course be monitored. We have exchanged our adoring, beloved, but at this point for many of us, smothering parents for a small bunch of hip, young older siblings — RA’s. My RA is great, laid back, and good intentions of medical service personnel. However, I think it is important for people to remember that “meaning” is just an illusion – that “meaning” is just something we invent, but once we have it, we must realize it is not the case. The reality of life is that we must always be looking for ways to improve our own lives. As potential future parents, we are wise to consider our own bodies and the choices we make. No, I do not understand that this freedom would and will of course be monitored. We have exchanged our adoring, beloved, but at this point for many of us, smothering parents for a small bunch of hip, young older siblings — RA’s. My RA is great, laid back, and good intentions of medical service personnel. However, I think it is important for people to remember that “meaning” is just an illusion – that “meaning” is just something we invent, but once we have it, we must realize it is not the case. The reality of life is that we must always be looking for ways to improve our own lives. As potential future parents, we are wise to consider our own bodies and the choices we make.

What I see is an illusion of freedom. Where trouble just does not exist. These stories are everywhere. A student is hunted down for smoking pot in her dorm room. Once caught, she reports that she was only smoking pot for recreation, but was in the company of a sober friend. The friend is written up in violation of any no smoking policies. A group of students are out on North Quad. One person has a visible bottle of alcohol. RA’s ap- proach and several individuals file, including the one with the
Business atmosphere inhibits ideal education

By KYLE NUNES

The avenues that students navigate as we attend classes, partici- pate in various clubs and organizations, and work around campus stipulate our education's progress in a linear and stripping manner. We must not study for stake's sake, desire grading major labels and a colossal bill. The business ethos propelling an academic institution under- mine both student and university educations, and our liberty to pursue the topics of our intellectual curiosities.

Founded in the principal of eco- nomic exchange, these constraints are sadly necessary. No one gets a free lunch. But by simulating our cultural tendency to heedless- ly move toward an end, accruing markers of achievement as we go, this ethos erode alternative and non-institutional structures of ed- ucation, which puts a crimp in my learning journey.

What does it mean for an aca- demic institution, for our school, to be a "business"? It might file some tax forms, have to comply with state and federal mandated legal measures, assume liability for clien- t's safety monitoring and insure itself against litigious counter-claims. But, those are only a few accoun- tants of an economic entity.

Secondly, there's a lot that goes be- tween students and the University of Puget Sound make the school a corporation, as commonly understood. In exchange for money, the cohort of academic and non-academic staff provide neat-ly-prepared classes, the settings for class- room discussions, and the fellowship and energy when we all only have so much time and energy when we all only have so much time and energy.

These things, to honor the elec- tronic contract made with student clientele every dreaded August and January 5, can be quantified. Further, students enjoy a vari- ety of cultural and academic events that add to the atmosphere of the school's potential "services." For the enjoyment of the campus com- munity, the University invites speakers and hosts diplomas. For their own purposes, faculty con- duct forums and lectures. Estab- lished student groups provide and produce other programs, such as music, theater, dance, performanc- es, speakers, social media and so on.

Students, as audience, partici- pants and organizers, positively benefit, as a whole. Don't trust cynicism into my sum- mary: I appreciate these things. Yet I still feel a mild discomfort with them. My judgment of the institu- tion-as-business rests on its lack of resemblance to the fantasy that we as students could inhabit "the life of the mind" without end. I imagine breaking into the intelligence of my peers and mentors without how- ing to the dictatorships of a "lesson- test" degree. I imagine an educat- ion that shunts a body through a languorous and enjoyable stretch in which one has the time to perceive and meditate on the relationships between human and natural systems and construct and inhabit.

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and every one of you!

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Francisco Goldman investigates human rights violations in Guatemala

By Maddie Byers

On April 26, 1998, the prominent bishop Juan Gerardi Conedera of Guatemala was brutally bludgeoned to death. The context surrounding his death was manipulated and tainted, with the murder portrayed as a crime of passion. The international media was convinced, and reported the story as a dramatic and ill-fated accident.

Despite the Guatemalan government's attempt to discredit a man and his cause, the truth was uncovered by a group of progressive and committed individuals. This triumph ultimately showed that individuals seeking truth can be stronger than the structures of power and persuasion against which they fight.


Gerardi was a man of great character. He valued truth and believed that Guatemala needed to unveil its past in order to succeed as a democratic nation in the future.

Gerardi was the founding director of the Guatemalan Archdiocese's Office of Human Rights. This organization was significant, given that the Guatemalan regime had been on the United Nations Human Rights Commission's list of the world's worst human rights violators for 19 years. Human rights was a subject rarely allowed discussion in Guatemala until the civil war ended in 1996.

The Guatemalan civil war was the longest in Latin American history, lasting from 1960 until 1996. During the course of those years, thousands of civilians disappeared and 200,000 were murdered. Entire villages were destroyed. Most of the deaths were at the hands of the Guatemalan military in its effort to suppress support for the guerrillas. Many of the terms within the peace accords of 1996 were dictated by the army. The accord declared amnesty from prosecution for war-related crimes. Although the agreement endorsed a truth commission sponsored by the U.N. to uncover the history of the crimes, no names could be used in the reports. This meant that the murderers would remain protected and anonymous.

Gerardi organized the Recovery of the Historical Memory Project, with the intention of uncovering extreme details of the assaults. Over a two-year period, some 800 people in 13 regional centers collected testimonies from individuals all over the country. In April of 1998, "Guatemala: Never Again" was published, a four-volume, 1,400-page report that illuminated the horrors and tragedies that the army had tried to forever obscure. Bishop Gerardi said that the report "was crucial for repairing the country's shredded social fabric, and for ensuring that human rights abuses would no longer be protected by an official culture of silence."

The publication of this report was a critical step in addressing...
Ski the slopes at Snoqualmie

For those who find backcountry skiing daunting or for those who prefer groomed runs, here is a look at a local ski area.

**By ELISABETH MEINIG**

Skiers and snowboarders, the time has come. The snow season is just around the corner, and it is time to start wearing your pajama pants inside out to bed and praying for snow.

Here's the lowdown on the snow town of Summit Snoqualmie.

Located about an hour away from campus, this resort offers a little bit of everything for all levels. There are four areas for skiers and snowboarders to hit up: Summit West, Summit Central, East and Alpental.

Summit West has a “West 52” terrain park that offers small to medium park features. There is a good variety of both skiers and snowboarders present, but beware: to enter the park everybody must acquire a “park pass.” These can be obtained for free, but skiers and riders must attend a safety class (bring a sandwich and watch a movie in a tent at the base).

Summit West has about 200 acres of skiable terrain and a solid vertical drop of 765 feet. Summit West is also where our very own Puget Sound Alpine team trains!

Summit West is serviced by six chairlifts. About half of the runs are intermediate. The Central Summit is a little larger than the East, and is home to Snoqualmie’s superpipe.

The new addition of the high speed chair should make this summit’s black diamonds and beginner slopes pretty accessible. The East Summit is place beyond crowds where you can practice solitude, reflect on your life, think about philosophy or just go real fast,” according to the resort’s website.

Alpental offers a little backcountry flavor for pow-pow (slang for snow) hungry Loggers. Receiving 400 plus inches of snow yearly, Alpental is not for the weak-hearted. 75 percent of the runs are double diamonds, and the snow is comparable to backcountry cat-skiing conditions. It is definitely worthwhile for people who want to be up to their waists in powder.

Make sure to check conditions and opening times daily before heading up: Alpental does occasionally close due to avalanches. People who are dead set on hitting the 500 acres of backcountry terrain should make sure to obtain a backcountry card from the ski patrol shack at the top of the lift.

If skiing or snowboarding isn’t really your thing, Summit at Snoqualmie also offers tubing hills and Nordic Skiing. Rates for a single day run about $52. For more information, visit www.snoqualmieskiresort.com for opening dates and conditions.

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the human rights tragedies experienced by Guatemalan civilians.

The horrors of the civil war caused scars that will last for generations, but the report brought justice and responsibility. The U.N. declared that the Guatemalan army had committed genocide. Guatemala’s amnesty was revoked, and suspected instigators of the murders were put to trial.

Goldman emphasized the impact that one group of determined and brave people can have on an entire system of power and corruption.

“It’s a human story…we need human beings that risk everything for change,” he said in regard to Gerardi’s story.

In his lecture, Goldman made the larger point that we are in a new age of power structures. The shift from the Cold War era has given birth to nations of organized crime, one of the most significant issues of the 21st century. He explained that change only begins to happen when people are committed to a cause, and that the involvement of the international community is absolutely crucial.

Gerardi’s determination to uncover the truth ultimately proved fatal. Yet his legacy endures; he stands as proof that one individual truly can challenge institutions of power to incite change and justice.

**VALUING WHOLENESS ACHIEVED THROUGH DIFFERENCE**

Chief Diversity Officer Kim Bobby recently began a project to collect stories about the positive influence diversity has on our daily lives.

This project involves answering two special questions.

How has your time at Puget Sound been enriched by an experience with someone (student, faculty or staff) from a different race, ethnicity, culture, sexual orientation, religion, socioeconomic class or disability visible or invisible?

“I work as a cashier in the school cafeteria (S.U.B.). Last spring there was an exchange group here from Cambodia. Every morning for two weeks the groups would come through my line. They didn’t speak English very well, so getting them through the line was interesting. The last day that they were here, one of them walked up and gave me a postcard of Cambodia. She said she really appreciated how I had helped her and the rest of the group out.

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“My experience with a friend of mine whose mother is gay has helped me to understand and appreciate those family dynamics in terms of its advantages, challenges, and adversity. By watching and observing the structure of her family, I’ve been able to more easily apply my experiences to those of families in similar situations and to broaden my appreciation for such a family dynamic.”

“I have been friends with a “white male between the ages of 18-50” who thinks he knows everything. I would consider him to be in the higher socioeconomic class of our society and is very conservative in his beliefs. I would say that we often clash with our viewpoints being that we are from considerably different backgrounds. Even with our differences we have become very close and I would consider him to be one of my best friends. We learn a lot from each other every day.”

“I come from a lower-middle-class background where none of my friends drove fancy cars or lived in big houses. Upon arriving at this private university, I met many people who have lived their whole lives in the upper or upper-middle class. This has been particularly eye-opening for me, to “see how the other half lives.” I feel as though I’ve learned a lot about our country through my interactions with these friends, and I hope they have learned from me as well.”

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Most Puget Sound Student Leaders Party Safely…

94% eat before/while drinking
88% avoid mixing alcohol & other drugs/medications
86% use a buddy system/sober driver/walker

Based on Summer 2009 data from Passages & Perspectives Leaders and Residential Life Student Staff.

Special thanks to the members of Phi Delta Theta, Pi Beta Phi and Gamma Phi Beta. Questions? E-mail Chief Diversity Officer Kim Bobby at kbobby@pugetsound.edu

Wilderness: Puget Sound Outdoors (PSO) embarked on a snowshoe excursion through rugged terrain to experience the sensational winters the Washington mountains have to offer.
Notorious campus tour-hopper finally brought to justice

By CLIFF LAURELL

On Monday, Nov. 1, the University’s Security Services took Willie “The Worm” Jackman into custo- 
dy after a three-month-long man- 
hunt. Jackman had been wanted on the basis that he simply “knew too much” about campus, having se- 
cretly hopped into as many as 3,200 
campus tours since the start of the 
semester. This arrest marks a huge victory for Security Services, after recent suggestions that the security force has been failing to tackle the real is- sues facing this campus.

“This should shut up the crit- ics. What they don’t understand is that making a big breakthrough like this takes time and planning, 
this guy was good. One day he’d have dreadlocks, the next day a bald head and bushy mustache, and he 
always looked so convincingly par- ent-esque,” a security representative said.

The school became aware of the 
mystery man’s antics after repeated 
complaints by campus tour guides of a man on their tours with an un- 
canny ability to finish their sentenc- es.

One tour guide explained, “Yeah, I’d be all like, ‘And this here is the, ‘ 
and he’d butt in and say, ‘the Presi- 
dent’s house!’ and drop to the ground 
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As disgruntled campus visitors dis- 
missed the character simply because they found the nerve to nab the fiend. 

Because he committed no actual 
crime, he has been temporarily 
signed to work at the “Link” phono- 
diong for donor relations as punish- 
ment for his actions.

Hey You: The art of impersonal relationships

By TERESA WICKER

Hey You, the only part of The 
Trail that people read on a regu- 
lar basis, is a form of anonymous 
communication through the news- 
paper based on the I Saw You sec- 
tion of the Seattle Stranger.

The concept is that people post 
amysterious messages describing 
people they recently saw or met, 
hoping the post will be seen by the 
person described.

Likewise, people read Hey You in 
hope of seeing a small para-

The Pilkington Funnies

graph about themselves—ideally a 
complimentary one, though most of 
them are pretty mean.

Not to brag or anything, but as a 
Trail writer who has received 
several Hey You’s, at least 25 per-
cent of which were complimentary, I am in a position to write on the 
unique social arena that is the Hey You.

If you’ve ever had a Hey You written about you, you know how 
gratifying it can be, and the rela- 
tionship that begins to form be-
tween the writer and the receiver 
can be strong. It can be a feeling 
of gratitude or of absolute disdain. 
Entire conversations and rela-
tionships are formed through Hey You.

Puget Sound senior James Sheri-
dan has maintained a Hey You re-
lationship for the past three years. 

“It started out when I wrote a 
Hey You to the cute Cellar work-
er with one ear, telling her that 
I liked the way she scooped ice 
cream. Then next week, there was 
one about me: ‘Hey You, tall tech 
center guy, I want to scoop some 
cream all over your mouth board.’ And it’s been going on ever 
since. Sometimes we see each oth-
er around campus, but we don’t 
talk, we don’t need to. Hey You 
are all that we need. ‘We’re in love,’ 
Sheridan said.

Hey You are a huge part of cam-
pus culture. They are also the best 
way to get in contact with people 
around campus.

Everyone reads the Hey You, 
but you only really know what 
each message is about if you are a part of it. 

If you haven’t yet, write a Hey You, 
and take advantage of this in-
valuable form of communication. 
Maybe you can be popular enough 
to have a Hey You relationship fol-
lowed by the entire campus.

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New research predicts Ubiquitous 
They will run out of jokes by 2017

By SAM MULDOWN

Last Friday, junior Bethany Mann presented her sad summer research to a small audience at Collins Me-

corial Library.

An avid theatregoer and com-
dy lover, Mann revealed the data 
she had compiled over the summer, predominately comprised of analy-
sis and statistics regarding the im-
provisational comedy performed by Puget Sound’s third best improv 
troupe, Ubiquitous They.

As Mann went over her data, 
carefully collected through record-
ing devices, photographic evidence, 
video footage and her own personal 
observations, an ominous trend 
began to emerge.

Mann moved through categories 
of physical involvement, spontane-
ous wit and overall content.

“As you can see, folks, these 
photos depict some senior members 
doing pelvic thrusts very enthu-
siastically back in 2007. Turning 
our attention to a few taken several 
weeks ago, you can see a severe defi-
cency of oomph being charged into 
the same members’ hips,” Mann said.

On the level of spontaneous wit 
things were equally bleak.

“At the recent September of 2008, I have UT pumping out some- 
where around 25 vitriol per im-
prov show, some of which were not 
even in the framework of games, 
but thrown in between games com-
pletely organically. But by late 2008, 
I already detected a 15 percent drop, 
in said vitriolism, and personally 
experienced a 32 percent drop in 
spontaneous giggling,” Mann said.

Details of this nature went on un-
til she made fateful prediction that 
if the trends she detected continued 
at a steady rate, Ubiquitous They 
would be completely devoid of jokes 
by 2017.

Her prediction, contested by a 
handful of optimists, could not have come at a worse time. As student 
meal plans gradually empty and the 
weather grows worse, what we need 
most right now is humor.

May some higher power prevent 
this inconvenient truth from mani-

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Great white shark killed by greater, whiter shark

By KYLE JENKINS

Fishermen off the coast of Djib-
bouti recently found the carcasses of a deceased orchidreef carcharhinus, also known as a great white shark. 

The shark had been cleaved in half at the midsection. Large bite marks left on the dead body indicate that the attacker was almost double the size of the prey and significant-
ly greater than the greatest, whitest shark ever recorded.

The lifespan of sharks is often shrouded in mystery given their slow growth and water speed, but experts hypothesize that this shark may be so great and white because it is extremely ancient.

“If I had to guess, I would say that this shark was killed because of a shark-on-shark hate crime,” shark researcher William Ballington said. He is clearly great and white, but his attacker probably felt that this small shark wasn’t great or white enough.” With the discovery of a larger, whiter shark than originally thought possible, shark researchers are considering changing the name of regular “great white sharks” to “pretty good, fairly white” sharks.

“There was just something about 
that gigantic shark that made him want to destroy everything that was less great, and less white than he was. Unfortunately, since he was the greatest whitest shark in the world, he wanted to destroy everything,” Ballington said.

The violence could stem from his 
past, or just an inborn superiority complex. This enormous shark has been in control of the seas for so long that he is not willing to inter-
act with anything that is not up to 
his great white standard. Some
day the balance of power may shift back 
onto the rest of the shark communi-

ty, but currently this really great, re-
ally white shark is the leader.
By DAVID LEV

Given that Puget Sound has such a large population of English majors, it is unsurprising to say that people on this campus like to read. But, as we are also college students, we also like things cheap. Enter a combo of the two: used bookstores.

I know that used bookstores do not have time for reading for pleasure, but I have found window shopping for books to be a fun experience all on its own. Finding old, unique little treasures and discovering that you have never heard of but suddenly seem like they were made just for you. Here are four used bookstores in Tacoma worth exploring.

Cutterfield Books: This is a small place, with the books on shelves that go high up on the wall. There are a lot of old, high-quality books here, as well as some pretty obscure titles. The setup is basically a lot of little alcoves filled with books, giving the impression that you are surrounded by books.

On my last trip there, I bought a copy of a rare book by William Morris, an obscure writer considered by some to have founded the fantasy genre.

There is a display of old Tarzan pulp by that has been sitting by the door ever since I can remember. It is certainly the youngest of the four.

Murphy said.

While their 2005 debut album “Chromatic” was well received and garnered many loyal fans for the band, their 2007 self-titled album was met with significant criticism. “Cycles,” which is an improvement from their previous album, provides a promising chance for the band to bounce back from the backlash of their 2007 release.

“Let me reintroduce myself,” sings Pugh in the opening lines of the first track, paving the way for the rest of an album that will hopefully win back those who lost faith in the band due to their second studio release.

Another recent release came from alternative-rock band The Academy Is. . ., who released their new EP “Lost in Pacific Time” on Sept. 22. This five-song disc is joining two other EPs and three studio albums released by the band since their formation in 2003.

Yet again, The Academy Is. . . preserves a link between the band’s past and their future. Having opened just this past February, the band has something to offer lost treasures that these bands do not: a very talented singer.

Like Girls), Cartel has something else to offer — a very talented singer.

By JENNY TATE

Pop-punk band Cartel released their third studio album, “Cycles,” on Oct. 20. While this album is not groundbreaking or radically innovative, Cartel certainly does what they do very well.

“Cycles”: Cartel, a Georgia band, continues to produce addictive pop-punk with their new release.

By MELANIE REIFF

Megs and Mo, an upscale resale boutique, is a new store in the Proctor District offering brand-name clothing at a fraction of the price. The store is situated on 28th Street, in a cute brown house across the street from a middle school.

Inside, Megs and Mo is home to a variety of clothes, ranging from teen styles to vintage women’s clothing. The store is well organized, dedicated each room of the house to a specific type of clothing.

The front of the store features nicer blouses, vintage styles and accessories, and further back on the Lake St. side is the Jean room, with brands ranging from Gap to 7 For All Mankind. Upstairs features teen styles from stores like Abercrombie and Hollister, and the sale section there is also a men’s clothing room situated on the top floor.

Having opened just this past February, Megs and Mo is a relatively new addition to the Proctor District. Store owner Lisa Murphy got the idea to open a resale store when she was going through her daughter’s closets and realized that she could sell some of their old clothes that was still in good condition. The store was originally going to feature teenage girls’ clothing, but Murphy decided to add women’s clothing as well. The store has something to include vintage and men’s clothing.

All of the clothing is fashionable, brand-name and lightly used. “If I wouldn’t wear it, I’m not going to have it in my store,” Murphy said.

Murphy receives 10 to 20 bags of clothes a week and personally goes through and figures out what she can sell. People can bring in their clothes for consignment, trade in cash. The most popular item that Murphy sells is brand name jeans for a fraction of the retail price. In fact, all items in Megs and Mo are sold for 25 percent of the retail price.

In addition to clothing, Megs and Mo features accessories like shoes, handbags and one-of-a-kind jewelry.

Murphy has a handful of designers who make jewelry and accessories specifically for the store. Alex Lust, a recent graduate of the School of Arts in Tacoma, designs unique headbands customized with vintage jewelry and rose earrings and rings. The store also features bags from brands such as Coach and Prada.

Megs and Mo also hosts special events at the store. On Nov. 12, Murphy will bring in two stylists to do a “Fashionista Night” where people can come in and get advice on how to style outfits and learn new ways to update old looks. In the future, Murphy would like to do an event helping students dress for interviews.

“We have a total mix of people coming in. It makes it kind of fun,” Murphy said.

The store is becoming increasingly popular as people continue to hear about it from their friends and family.

Recently, Murphy had a gentleman come in to sell some old suits who had heard about the store from his granddaughter.

Megs and Mo has great prices and a nice shopping environment for people around the community.

Megs and Mo is located at 9320 N. 28th St. and is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Fashion Forward: Conveniently located in Proctor, Megs and Mo Upscale Resale offers hip recycled clothing. The owners make the store fun, offering styling advice and plenty of accessories.

The Puget Sound Trail
Opera Scenes Workshop
to revist classic pieces

By JULIANNE BELL

Perhaps you are an opera buff well-versed in the works of Verdi. Or maybe you can't tell the difference between a libretto and a lib- rary. Either way, you should make it a priority to see the upcoming Opera Scenes Workshop.

The free performance will take place at 7:30 p.m. at Schneebeck Concert Hall Saturday, Nov. 7. It will be a sampling of some of the best scenes opera has to offer, including works from a range of eras and composers. With Opus 3 composers such as Verdi, Beethoven, Smetana, Moz- art, Gian-Carlo Menotti, Carl-Ma- ria von Weber and Richard Strauss will be performed.

Puget Sound faculty members Christina Kowalski and Michael Delos, both opera veterans them- selves, are directing the produc-

Kowalski is a native of Germa- ny who has performed in numerous opera productions in America and Europe. She graduated from the Hochschule fur Musik in Frank- furt and was a member of multiple master classes of German song. She has performed with the Frankfurt Opera Studio, Seattle Philharmonic Orchestra, Portland Opera, Opera Ceur d’Alene and many others.

Delos has had more than forty roles since he began performing in opera and symphonies all over the world, including in New York City, Chicago, Seattle, Hawaii, De- creet, Portland and Japan. A Uni- versity of Puget Sound alumnus, he has worked with several famous composers and performed numerous times in the Tacoma Opera and the Tacoma Symphony.

The Opera Scenes Workshop will include songs in English, Ital- ian and German.

For the first time ever in a Puget Sound opera production, ‘Super Titles’ will be projected so that the audience can follow the lyrics in any language, English included.

Delos said that he and Kowal- ski have enjoyed working with the 14 dedicated and talented Puget Sound students who are singing in the production.

‘Without question, our favor- ite part of the experience as direc- tors was that the students have to- tally committed to their scenes, memorizing the music even before the deadline, which freed us up to work on more intricate staging and character development. All of the students are well cast, vocally and physically and in terms of their acting talents,” Delos said.

‘As instructors, we always want the students to gain valuable experience, in a field they may never have encountered before, but virtually to a person, we gave it their all, and the result is a show that is extremely entertaining and musically diverse. Sev- eral of the scenes involve broad comedy also, which has made rehearsals a joy,” Delos said.

There is no doubt that all their hard work will manifest in an en- joyable and spectacular perfor- mance. Delos expressed hopes that the show will delight all those who come to see it.

‘It’s certainly our hope — and I speak for the cast as well — that the audience comes away from the performance entertained and wanting more. I can assure you of one thing, though: this cast can’t wait to get onstage for this concert!” De- los said.

The Opera Scenes Workshop is a rare opportunity to see impor- tant operatic favorites performed by Puget Sound students.

By KRISSTRA CRYSTY

Michael Jackson’s “This Is It” would have been one hell of a concert, had it been put on. That does not mean the rehearsals for it translate well to film.

In the opening of the documenta- tion of rehearsals for Michael Jackson’s upcoming tour, “For the fans” flash- es upon the screen. “This is a perfect description of this documentary by Kenny Ortega." The dashad Michael Jackson fans will love it. The casual Jackson fans will like it. If you have only ever heard "Thriller" and are looking for a night of entertainment, however, do not waste your time.

This film is nothing more than it purports to be — footage (onstage and backstage) of Jackson’s last re- hearsals, a chance to enjoy his genius one last time. Not necessarily a great film.

The unfortunate part of the foot- age is that it is of rehearsals. Others might enjoy seeing how he practiced, but I wanted to see performances. As Jackson himself says in the film, he was saving his voice for the con- certs. There are a few times when he lets loose, but generally, his singing is not up to par with his usual.

Some of his dancing, as well, feels as if there wasn’t full effort behind it. Then again, maybe it was because he was not in good health.

The most powerful footage of the film is when the beyond-amaz- ing backup dancers are interviewed. They discuss how much Michael Jackson has influenced them, and how much it means to them to be working with him.

It is obvious how much the dancers adore him during the scenes where they watch Jackson perform — their total admiration of him is poignant. While a couple numbers are boring, others are thrilling (bad pun intend- ed).

Especially notable are “Smooth Criminal”, with Jackson digitally transposed into a Humphrey Bogart. 步 art chase scene, and “Beat It,” with Ousmane Dagni totally rocking the guitar solo. "The Way You Make Me Feel" is also particularly enjoyable.

The best moments, though, be- long to “Thriller” and “Billie Jean.” The backup dancers get the most fantastic costumes, and who doesn’t like “the Thriller dance!” “Thriller” stands out because of the amazing footage of the dancers in the grave- yard.

“Billie Jean,” though, is wonder- ful because of Jackson’s performance. His dancing during this song is what I came to the theatre hoping to see, and I was reminded of the tremen- dous talent we lost with his death.

As a documentary recording of the way Jackson worked and his final performances, “This Is It” is inval- able. For those who would have given anything to see his final concert, it is quite an emotional experience (there were sniffles all over that theatre). “This Is It” is truly a film for the fans.

\[Image\]
Women's soccer on verge of NWC title, playoffs

By ZACK BANKS

Once again, the Puget Sound women's soccer team will move on to the postseason. This season it comes as no surprise that the Loggers are ranked number four in the nation and have sole possession of first place in the Northwest Conference.

This weekend the 16-1 Loggers will attempt to defend their first place spot against the Pacific Boxers and Linfield Wildcats. The Loggers should have little problems improving to 18-1 at the end of the week-end, as they are yet to surrender a goal to either opponent this season. The Loggers shut out the Wild-cats on Oct. 10 with a final score of 3-0 and held the Boxers scoreless the next day in a 5-0 victory.

Assuming the Loggers complete the sweep this weekend, they will turn their attention to the 63 team NCAA Championship Tournament, beginning with the regional round of play. On "Selection Sun-day," Nov. 8, the Loggers will be paired against one of the other five qualifying teams in the West Region based on their previous success in region play. If the Loggers end the season 18-1, they may be able to sneak past Trinity and claim the number one seed in the Western Region playoffs. The Loggers' only loss of the season was at the hand of Northwest Con-ference rival Whitworth, who also is vying for a spot to compete against the Loggers in the postseason.

"We should have a good opportu-nity to be ranked fairly high going into the postseason," sophomore Theresa Henle said. "We just have to continue playing well through this weekend and onto the playoffs."

If the Loggers cannot steal the one seed from Trinity, Clarement-Mudd-Scripps of California will be closet in contention for the two seed.

Additionally, Hardin-Simmons (Tex.), Chapman (Calif.), and Red-lands (Calif.) are the top contendid-ers for the other spots in the region-al tournament. Regardless of who Puget Sound is paired against, they will face some of the premier talent on the West Coast.

Heading into the postseason, the Loggers have been playing exception-ally well and are extremely con-fident in their ability to compete for a National Championship this season. Most recently, the Loggers knocked off cross-town rival Pacific Lutheran 2-1 on Oct. 28 and then shut out the Bruins of George Fox 4-0 on Oct. 31. "Were playing ex-tremely well right now," Henle said. "Last week's wins were big for our team and we feel like we can play with anyone right now. Plus, it's al-ways nice to beat PLU!"

Against the Lutes, Henle was an offensive force, scoring both goals—one in the 16th minute and then another in the 66th minute. Pacific Lutheran managed to sneak a goal in past Kallie Wolfer (Salt Lake City, Utah.) in the 70th minute, but the Loggers' defense proved too much for the Lutes in the end.

Senior Janice Levi (Beaverton, Ore.) led the way for the Loggers in their matchup this past Saturday with George Fox, scoring two more goals this year.

Henle also added another goal to her season total on Saturday, scor-ing in the 32nd minute on a pass from Kelly Andersen (Centen-nial, Co.). Wolfer was impressive in the goal as she collected four saves against the Bruins.

Before the Loggers redirect their focus to the NCAA tournament, they must finish out the regular sea-son strong. No matter who they are paired against initially, the Loggers have no intention of ending 2009 anything less than National Cham-pions.

Volleyball pushes for west regionals in final weekend

By DAVID SKOLNIK

The Puget Sound women's volleyball team has faced more than their share of adversity this sea-son. It seemed like every other week there was another key player on the shelf with an injury, forcing a team that was already young to play even younger.

"We have dealt with count-less injuries, and asked almost ev-everyone to step up and play multiple positions to fill the gaps," junior Natalie Morris (Eagle, Idaho) said.

Head Coach Mark Massy mixed and matched and put the team in a position to win every week. Now the team is ranked number 21 in the nation rolling toward the playoffs on a three match win streak.

With one more weekend to play the team can move into sole possession of second place in the Northwest Conference and lock up their spot in the western region. They are currently tied for second in the conference with George Fox, their opponent this weekend, Nov. 6. If they can get the win against the Bruins and end the season with a victory at Linfield on Sunday, Nov. 7 they will finish behind only Pac-ific Lutheran in the NWC.

PLU has been dominant this season, posting a record of 14-0 in conference matches. They are lead-ing the league in nearly every offensive category, including hit-ting percentage, assists and kills.

And while they defeated the Log-gers 3-0 in the first conference meeting between the two teams, Puget Sound seemed to figure out part of the Lutes strategy in the next losing, closing a con-test match 3-2. Given one more opportunity the Loggers could get over the hump and move past the Lutes into the national tournament. Sophomore Brynn Bickenstaff (Eagle, Idaho) speaks for the entire team with her outlook.

"I know that with the leadership of our seniors and the abilities and competitive drive of our close-knit team, we still have the opportunity to go far," Bickenstaff said.

The injuries that seemed to plague the team earlier in the year may even prove to be a blessing in disguise going forward. 'The team now has even more depth and a whole team full of players with the confidence to contribute every time they step onto the court.

As long as the team maintains its strong defense at the net, where they rank second in the league in blocks, and continue to give oppo-nents fits with their service game the sky is the limit.

"That we were able to pull to-gether and compete hard enough to get to where we are shows the incredible strength and depth of our team," Moreno said. "Region-al this year means proving that, as a team, we can come together and work anything at the line."
**Men’s soccer season coming to close**

By VINCE GHIRINGHELLI

Puget Sound men’s soccer has been one of the most dominant teams on campus for the past decade. The measure of their success has always been by how close they are to winning a Northwest Conference title. The difference this year is that they had a much better competitiveness and grittiness of stats, they will not know about the condition of their team. The Loggers were an 8-9-2 (6-5-2) team last year. Now he’s looking forward to improving on his placing at the NCAA’s.

With staunch defense and a well-conditioned team, the Loggers were able to run with anyone. Unfortu-

ally for anyone who only looks at stats, they will not know about the competitiveness and grittiness of the 2009 squad. Fans should know that the team had a much better year on the pitch than their record depicts.

The Loggers square off against ranked Linfield on the road. As a team, the men took sixth place in the NWC championships. The next runner to cross the finish line for the Loggers was junior Jesse Baldridge (Piedmont, Calif.) at 35th place.

The women had even less team consistency in the top portions of the race, but sophomore Haylee Walker (Cambria, Calif.) finished fifth. Freshman Carrie Kirch (Erie, Colo.) finished next for the Loggers at 38th.

“The top runners for both men and women placed very well,” Orechia said. “We’re disappointed in our women’s placing at the conference meet. Hopefully more experience will move us back to the top tier of the conference.”

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“We’ll have a better idea of where our depth for next year is at after track season,” Orechia said.

**FINISH LINE: The cross country team is all finished with the exception of the top man and woman.**

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**By VINCE GHIRINGHELLI**

For the second straight year, senior Francis Reynolds (Palo Alto, Calif.) has captured the individual Northwest Conference cross country title.

Reynolds’ time of 25:00.71 over the 8k course in Portland, Ore., was more than 20 seconds faster than any other runner in the meet.

Now, for the second straight year, the 2008 All-American will try and win the Western Region on Nov. 14 before heading to nationals on Nov. 21.

“Francis has continued the great tradition of distance runners at Puget Sound,” Head Coach Mike Orechia said. “He’s a returning All-American who placed 21st at nationals last year. Now he’s looking forward to improving on his placing at the NCAAs.”

The cross country qualifiers will head to Prado Park in Chino, Calif. for Western Regionals, a course that will undoubtedly aid runners from the Northwest who have been running through rain and wind for the past few weeks.

If the runners’ bodies can acclimate to the southern California sun, big things could happen for the Loggers.

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**TRAIL FEATURED ATHLETE: SPENCER CRACE, FOOTBALL**

After watching most of the 2009 season from the sideline, senior quarterback Spence Crace (Wilsonville, Ore.) stepped in for injured starter Kavin Williams and nearly led the Loggers to an upset of fifth ranked Linfield on the road.

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Crace’s 35 completions in a game are the most of this decade for any Logger quarterback, and the most since Puget Sound entered the Northwest Conference.

Crace should see time the rest of the year as Williams’ ankle heals and as he proved to be able to get the Logger offense in gear.

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**NWC SWIM MEET - TEAM POINTS**

1. Whitworth - 93
2. Puget Sound - 72
3. Linfield - 46
4. Pacific Lutheran - 41
5. Pacific - 27
6. Lewis and Clark - 25
7. Willamette - 23