Olympic intern reports from Vancouver

By MARIE KYLE

Feb. 12 marked the start of the 2010 Winter Olympics, which are being held this year in Vancouver, B.C. Ian Jaray, who graduated from Puget Sound last year, is currently interning for the U.S. Olympic Committee. The USOC is a federally appointed organization that serves as the coordinating body for all Olympic-related athletic activity in the United States.

"Right now I am the manager of all shipping in and out of Vancouver for the Winter Olympic Games," Jaray said.

"In addition to my games role, while back in Colorado at the Olympic Training Center, I helped inventory all apparel traveling to the Games, wrote a quarterly news letter and helped organize everything going to Vancouver."

Ian began the internship in September and will continue with the USOC through May.

"I have had a ton of fantastic experiences including meeting incredible athletes (Michael Phelps, Apolo Ohno, Chad Hedrick, Dan O’Brien to name a few), playing sports taught by Olympic coaches and obviously getting to spend six weeks in Vancouver," Jaray said. Jaray has also been exposed to the green side of this year’s Winter Olympics, which has implemented a number of innovative techniques to reduce its environmental impact.

"There has been a large emphasis on sustainability," Jaray said. The 2010 Winter Olympics is the first to track its energy consumption and make this information available to the public.

The Vancouver Olympic Village reflects attempts to make the 2010 Winter Games more sustainable, too. The Village consists of several apartment buildings and was created to provide housing for the athletes and officials at the time of the Games.

Creators of the Vancouver Olympic Village boast that the Village has green buildings, encourages sustainable transportation and is energy efficient.

"I have been in and can say in addition to being aesthetically beautiful, it is a really incredible green project," Jaray said.

The 2010 Winter Olympics events will continue through Feb. 28. More information about efforts to be green and the games in general can be found at Vancouver2010.com.

Second annual Live Green Challenge underway

By GRACE HEERMAN

Loggers are going green during the month of February by participating in the second annual, campus-wide Live Green Challenge. This competition encourages residential facilities to reduce their energy consumption by comparing their total consumption in February to that of historic records for this time of year.

"[The Live Green Challenge] is a really cool approach because it involves a cooperative effort between top-down organizations and also student, community-level involvement," said Students for a Sustainability Advisory Council (SSC) coordinator Alanna Eakin. "This way, students have a tangible opportunity to participate in campus sustainability without necessarily putting a ton of extra meetings and activities into their long-term schedules." Participating facilities include all the residence halls and Greek houses along with various on-campus houses.

Each of these facilities’ energy utilities are metered, which means that facilities services has the ability to track their individual rates of energy consumption.

For each one percent reduction in energy consumption, each residence will earn $50, half of which will go toward the building’s residence community programming fund.

The residence will then choose one of four environmentally conscious local charities to award with the remaining $25 in prize money. Charities include LArche Farm & Gardens, which provides meaningful farm and garden work to persons with developmental disabilities, the Emergency Food Network, Operation Homeless Connect and the Puget Creek Restoration Society.

The energy challenge concept has been in the works for a few years, originally conceived by members of the SSC. This year, the SSC and the Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) have teamed up to sponsor and organize the month’s events.

The first Challenge, held in October, maintained participation at 20 percent and was written up in the student newspaper, the Patch.

Go Green: Live green events were advertised in the S.U.B. Boards.

Interfaith discussion held on campus

By MIKE KNAPE

Puget Sound joined the league of Princeton and Johns Hopkins as a host of Coming Together, a student-run interfaith conference that took place for the fourth time from Feb. 13 to 14. The conference brought together 62 students of all religious experiences from around the country for workshops, presentations and general discussion.

"From all the feedback we received, it sounds like everyone had a great time," University Chaplain Dave Wright said. "The energy and desire to just keep talking about these things was incredible. It was a really fun conversation all the way around, and the kind that we usually don't have on this campus."

After two years during which the event did not happen, Puget Sound began organizing to start up the conference again last year. The office of Spirituality, Service, and Social Justice brought the conference to campus to launch the celebration of the 125th anniversary of the college.

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By MILES KING

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Justice paid for attending students’ housing, food and local travel. The majority of these costs were hosted in the residence halls and on-campus dining.

“It was exciting for me to have people from all around the country come together on campus,” said Dunham. “This is how I got to know people together from backgrounds in different faiths, although students of a specific religion were welcome as well. According to Wright, interfaith discussions are currently work to try to understand and engage the real differences between religious traditions.

“Coming Together Four was all about the dialogue between student leaders and a deep learning about different religious traditions and also people in general,” sophomore co-chair of the conference Mary Kruezer said. “It was a nice chance to be around the discussion and culture. It was a different culture than mine. I think it’s important to connect to those issues and politics.”

The event gave Puget Sound students a chance to reflect on their own situation by hearing about life on other campuses. A number of interfaith and religious arts colloques in the Northwest, including Lewis and Clark, Whitman and Whitworth, attended the conference for the first time.

“There’s lots of potential for continuing work with our neighboring institutions. There is a lot we can learn from each other,” Wright added. "There’s definitely a trend in the Northwest towards secularism that we share in common with a lot of those schools.

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The keynote speaker was Stepn Prothero, chairman of the religious studies department at Boston University. Prothero spoke to the conference Saturday night on the subject of “Religious Illiteracy in America” and again on Monday night to a general audience.

The Sweep Endeavor booked Prothero and agreed to cover his fee for the conference as well.

“Prothero was such a great ora tor and presenter,” Kruezer said. “He began speaking at seven, and when I left at midnight, students were still talking in Trumbull. He was only paid to speak for 45 minutes and he ended up staying for over three hours.”

Puget Sound BLP defies national trend

By BRAD RICE

According to a report by the Higher Education Research Insti tute (HERI) released Thursday, Jan. 14, freshmen entering college in 2009 may be more likely in busi ness than were freshmen the previ ous year.

The report cited the economic downturn as a major factor in the declining number of freshmen in ter ested in business.

Despite this national trend, freshman interest in business at the University of Puget Sound has remained steady according to faculty and staff.

Nationally, the percentage of freshmen who plan on majoring in business dropped from 16.8 per cent to 14.4 percent from 2008 to 2009, the report said, the lowest numbers since 1974 where the fig ure was 14 percent. The percentage of freshmen who listed business as their probable career also fell from 14 percent to 12.1 percent, an all-time low since the survey’s in ception in 1966 (the previous low was 2003, with 13.8 percent).

In the research, the authors of the report attributed the change in the national trend to the world’s troubled economy. “The global economic downturn is having an impact on the attitudes, characteritics, and abilities of incoming first-time students at four-year institutions. They will be graduating with higher debts and...
Affirmative action for men considered, rejected

By LIZZIE LOMBARDI

Where, oh where, did all of the men go? Over the past decade, universities across the country have reported a growing gender gap that has widened to a national average of 57 percent female, 43 percent male. This disproportionate gender distribution is reflected in the University of Puget Sound class of 2010, though elsewhere in the nation institutions such as Vassar College in New York and the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill harbor even larger numbers of women for every man on campus.

Some speculation about the causes of this injustice cite program biases and the variable quantities and qualities of applicants, but the most prevalent (and misplaced) concern relating to the gender gap applies to the presumed need to discriminate narrowly the faltering number of male attendees back to former proportions.

Basically, universities are accepting less qualified applicants because of gonads rather than brain capacity.

While young ladies might laud their collegiate experiences, young men often view theirs with bemusement, and with reason. We can cogitate amongst admissions staff, who dread consequences more than dire frustration at a former proponent.

Imagine a world of stetlo-clad CEOs and medical female-fetishes who once roamed innocent in academia but will someday dominate the professional world in un-restrained numbers while male co-workers slowly fade into obscurity. This nightmare has prompted some schools to resort to pro-male partiality akin to affirmative action, thereby compromising justice and scoring the ideal of equal opportunity.

Gender Bias: Is the increasingly female-dominated scholarly environment cause for concern?

Sorry, did I say "nightmare"? I don't mean to be facetious, but what would be so wrong with a stu- dent body or professional workforce dominated by women, so long as each earns her success through equal opportunity? If equal access to college is extended to young men and women, it seems inevitable that one gender will outnumber the other, and neither should be punished by the other's secondary representation.

Beyond the philosophical implications of discrimination, the plain reality is that universities are insti- tutions meant for education, not so- matic. The choice to apply to college theoretically indicates your intention to dedicate at least four years to academic training in order to become as effective as possi- ble, regardless of the ratio of men to women surrounding you in class. If gender influences admissions choic- es rather than merit, the intellectu- al value of the institution becomes porous, we might as well officially sanction the M.R.S. degree.

The inherent concept of favoring male applicants because of their meager representation is like that elementary rule in gym class that every soccer team had to have at least one girl on it. I never wanted to be picked because some patronizing teacher forced the cap- tain to do so. I wanted to be picked because I was a good player.

On a larger and considerably more relevant scale, this is just the kind of condescension that male applicants face today, and while it might seem like young men benefit from pity and favoritism, the reality is that the true issue is being sorely neglected. Why are so few young men applying to universities in the first place?

Perhaps, as Vice President for Admissions at Puget Sound George Mills notes, those that do not require a baccalaureate de- gree are "traditionally male," or that vocational post-secondary train- ing attracts more men than women, thereby diverting potential college applicants. But more than likely, a main cause of the gender gap is the immediate mid- dle and high school boys relative to their overachieving female peers.

Before we knock down their standards and unfairly favoring-less deserving, candidates, we must consider the students' educational flows to ensure that boys receive proper attention and instruction in school.

When it comes to college admis- sions, we're pitting one side that ears that counts, not what's between his legs. Regardless of the supposed im- plication of higher education, the unethical practice of gender-biased admittance to universities based on the integrity of higher education and betrays youth of both genders by the iron clad argument that an affirmative advantage rather than addressing the deep-seated issue of sexism in the present educational system, is intolerable.

-NOAH KAPLAN

February 19, 2010

By JOSEPH MILLER

If there is one thing that most of us can agree upon, it is that the University of Puget Sound is a friendly place. Our community exists without rampant partiality akin to affirmative action, but we are forced to put more thought into our similar and analyzing the world around us.

Classroom Setting: Students are hesitant to voice their opposition to their peers’ arguments.

Friendliness hinders classroom learning

What worries me is where our arts are going. All over the country they seem to be disappearing. In Barack Obama’s State of the Union address, there was mention of "nurturing the state of mind and control to say that we can do this but we don’t need to."

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Dear Editor/Hey You Editor:

I find it reasonable that we did not print or "material" that was considered to be offensive, as determined by the Trail style guide. All letters to the editor must be signed and must have an e-mail address or phone number. Letters for publication the Trail has an obligation to represent the student opinion on campus. Selection of student opinion is based on the tone or the opinions they reflect does not align with the full participation of a comment too thoughtless and misogynistic. However, your newspaper states at the very top of the Hey You page that "The Trail will never publish" and therefore, I am demanding that the Hey You page is not written by the paper, nor are the opinions expressed sanctioned by it. Let me make it clear that I am not defending the comment itself. It was crude, sexist and overt women's negative self-image. And therefore, I am demanding that the Hey You policy has been, as many students have pointed out, particularly cruel and malicious, "The Vagina Monologues" was not generally - for that matter - quality. The Trail ought to consider that "The Vagina Monologues" is not generally associated with any argument - not particularly moderate political agenda, and that such a vitriolic reaction probably doesn't win friends and influence people. The Trail on Trial: last week's Hey You sparked passionate responses.

By ZANE MULLER

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many found that most men prefer curvaceous women! Sincerely, A “Fatty”

“HEY YOU,” curvy girls, you aren’t fat or ugly. You are beautiful and you should never change the way you think about yourself because some loser calls you fat.

“HEY YOU,” it would be great if you stopped allowing for the objectification of Alpha Pi as well. No woman deserves the treatment that you print in this section.

“HEY YOU,” girls who live two blocks from campus and drive to school... are you serious? WTF.

“HEY YOU,” I just can’t stop staring.

“HEY YOU,” This is a really cool thing! If you want to be cool like me, here are some tips…

* A discussion will follow Saturday’s 3:30pm showing of THE MESSENGER (R)
* Come to the Speed Read fundraiser for Pi Beta Phi’s literacy philanthropy during the half-time of the men’s basketball game on Saturday February 20th!
* Representatives from sports teams, greek houses, campus clubs and other organizations will be reading out loud as fast as possible. Come see this hilarious event and donate to support a great cause!

“Hey You…”

The North American Thizzly Bear: Though they don’t generally attack humans, they have been known to cause problems for hikers, often replacing their water with Red Bull and their flashlights with glow-jewelry.

Wanna submit a Hey You? E-mail trailheyyou@pugetsound.edu or put one in the box in Diversions.

The Hey You section exists to serve as a public forum for student expression. Hey You does not reflect the opinion of the Trail, its editors, ASUPS or the University. Our Hey You Policy is currently under review.

“HEY YOU,” Vag Mon basher, there’s a special place in hell for ass- lusty people like you.

“HEY YOU,” asshole, what if your mother were on that poster... I bet that you would still get a chub.

“HEY YOU,” Trail, I find it incredibly upsetting that you’ll print misogynistic comments about the Vagina Monologues in the representation of the female body. No wonder you’re such a failure.

“HEY YOU,” girls, you are beautiful!

“HEY YOU,” one of the messages in the Vagina Monologues is to love yourself and be happy with who you are. The women who put themselves out there and posed for those postcards, I came in for help and walked out feeling helpless.

“HEY YOU,” hey, my new chairs are great, although I don’t know if you’re ready for them.

“HEY YOU,” former RDG president. You couldn’t have done half the job she did. She had more passion and sacrificed more for RDG than you ever could.

“HEY YOU,” umm... cake please!

“HEY YOU,” I’m Bunny Beachwood.

“HEY YOU,” Bazinga!

“HEY YOU,” International Programs, I came in for help and walked out feeling helpless.

“HEY YOU,” I’ve been playing chess in the Cellar. Grow a pair and ask me out already. Check mate!

“HEY YOU,” English professor, why do you look at me like I am dumb? I’m not!

“HEY YOU,” cute guy playing chess in the Cellar. Grow a pair and ask me out already. Check mate!

“HEY YOU,” America, keep winning gold medals and taking names in Vancouver!

“HEY YOU,” Oppenheimer Cafe, your new chairs are great, although it’s sad to see the old ones sitting out in the cold.

“HEY YOU,” don’t forget to vote in the ASUPS elections! This is your school!... are you serious? WTF.

“HEY YOU,” super mad.

“HEY YOU,” International Programs, I came in for help and walked out feeling helpless.

“HEY YOU,” if you guys want to be cool like me, Grizz the Bear, then you should sell your stuff and buy new stuff.”

—Grizz
**ROB GRISWOLD, PRESIDENT**

Hey there! My fellow Logger, Rob Griswold is running for ASUPS President. I am a Jr. IPE major and Econ and Music minor. I believe that my work on campus will serve the student body well. I am currently Greek Senator and briefly served as Senator-at-large. I have been involved with IFC as a chapter representative and have sought out opportunities for leadership since day one. As ASUPS President I would work closely with the school administration to achieve the plans of our clubs and student organizations. Res Life, my time working for the Dean of Students office, and a brief stint on Union Board has given me the opportunity to develop a good rapport on a weekly basis with many of the individuals whom I would be in contact with as President. I know many of you and look forward to meeting many more. (Bear with me as I get names down though!) ASUPS President is here for the students, not the other way around. I hope that over these next few weeks of elections I can prove my dedication to this school and continue that energy throughout the year. Our time here at Puget Sound goes fast and I hope that with your help I can make this next year one of the best!

**SAVANNAHA LAFERRIÈRE, VICE PRESIDENT**

Hey there! I'm Savannah LaFerrière and I'm running for the position of ASUPS Vice-President. I am Tacoma-born and -raised and I love everything about Puget Sound! I am a sophomore in the Business Leadership Program and hold multiple leadership positions on campus. I currently serve as a Senator-at-Large and the Liaison Director for the ASUPS Senate and I am also a Resident Assistant in Seward Hall as well as the Director of Chapter Events for Alpha Phi. I believe that my campus involvement speaks to my dedication to the improvement of Puget Sound as a university, but also as a community. I love that my role as an RA allows me to strengthen the bonds within my residence hall and that my position as Director of Chapter Events gives me the opportunity to plan events with other Greek houses to help facilitate close relations among the Greek community. My time on senate has given me insight to the inner-workings of ASUPS and has shown me how integral the student government is to students at Puget Sound. I am so excited by the prospect of being elected as ASUPS Vice-President and it's time for all of us to get excited about our school and home!

Students can vote online at asups.pugetsound.edu and at the tables in Marshall Hall between Tuesday and Friday. Polls will officially close on Friday, Feb. 26 at 6:00 p.m.

- Monday, Feb. 22: Election speeches, Marshall Hall 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 23: Polls open at 9:00 a.m.
- Friday, Feb. 26: Polls close at 6:00 p.m.
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DAN MILLER, PRESIDENT

Dan Miller began his freshman year as a resident on A/L 3rd floor and became involved as the President of RHA and as a sustainability assistant. His sophomore year, Dan became an RA in A/L and a mentor in the Kids Can Do program. He built a relationship with the school administration and learned how to use these connections to further the goals of his fellow students. His junior year, Dan was promoted to RPA in T/P. As the RPA he has worked to emphasize students over strict adherence to policy. Although he began in Psychology and IPE, Dan is now a Politics and Government major with a minor in Spanish. Dan is known by all of his friends and residents as someone who is patient, trustworthy, and reliable. In his three years at UPS, Dan has learned the value of each student and his or her ideas. Too many students find their activities and clubs hampered by the administration that is supposed to assist them and Dan has been working within Residence Life to improve support for students. Dan believes that every club and organization is important, from RDG to Rugby. Dan Miller will support every UPS student in their endeavors and looks forward to doing so as your next ASUPS President. It’s Miller Time!

ALEX LEWIS, VICE PRESIDENT

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Activities: Soccer, Biology and Chemistry, hanging out in Harrington
Major: Biology/Pre-Med
I am looking forward to stepping into a leadership role here at UPS. My goal is to satisfy the needs and wants of the students of Puget Sound. I am more than willing to put in the necessary hours to make this happen. I have no student government experience, but I do have the personal drive to make a difference. I believe the best leaders lead by example.

My name is Adam Guzek, and I am very enthusiastic about our student body and the opportunity to represent them through ASUPS!
I think that I would be great at representing the student body because I am currently involved in a diverse collection of on-campus groups and activities.
Some of these include the University Wind Ensemble, Greek Life, Peer Board, ASUPS committees past and present, in addition to being a Resident Assistant in the Todd/Phibbs dormitory.
If elected to the ASUPS Senate, I would consider the views and opinions of a variety of Puget Sound students to the best of my ability.
I have a strong interest in serving the campus community and making it better for all.

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Students gear up for another week of avoiding eye contact with tablers

By MALLORY TAPLIN

A college campus is a place full of ideas. With a constant influx of academic and extracurricular stimulation, students’ minds are always brimming with new interests. When enough of those sync up a club is born and in this case this is easier said than done. In order to exist and draw in comrades, many resort to tabling at Wheelock Student Center — to the utter dismay of the greater campus community.

While a select few do fall for the tablers’ candy traps and fancy tri-fold display boards, the vast majority of students appear to have learned valuable techniques to avoid interaction with the succubus-like recruiters.

One such student is Martin Taylor, a sophomore from Madison, Wis. Taylor learned his lesson the hard way.

“Last year, I was just a bright-eyed freshman looking for ways to fit in. So, one day while I was putting my lunch tray in the cleaning rack I noticed someone else looking people sitting at a table. I was drawn like a moth to a flame. They offered me candy and a t-shirt just to write my name in the furthest stall, “said Jonathon Switzman, chair of the Mathematics department.

For many of the greater campus community, this is easier said than done. In order to locate and draw in comrades, a club is often formed, but for many this argument may be made through some sort of rhyme-based guilt classification.

“Whoever smelt it dealt it,” defense rests squarely on the shoulders of Chong vs. Wade Roeson case. Smelt it Dealt it” defense, first established in the infamous Cheech and Chong vs. Wade Roessen case of 1989.

When the court was last in session, the arresting officer, Sergeant Craig Bristow, testified to locate the cache of drugs hidden in the couch cushions by feel, and not by the overwhelming stench of the narcotics.

The defense attorney, however, seemed confident in his allaga— that Bristow actually used his sense of smell to discover the drugs.

If the defense is able to positive- ly link Bristow’s discovery of the drugs due to smell, they may be able to convince the jury that Tex Landos is innocent on the grounds of his not having smelled the drugs, and therefore not having dealt the drugs. It is no surprise to the prosecution that the smell-dealt connection could spell an acquittal, so they will probably spend the entirety of next week’s session in a desperate attempt to substantiate a denial on Landos’ part. If such an admission can be drawn from Landos, the prosecution may then turn the smell—dealt—it back on itself with a denied—it—supplied—it approach.

At this point, the fate of Tex Lando is in the jury’s hands. It is very unlikely that he will be able to be beat a denied—it—supplied—it offense, though all is not lost. In talks with the defense attorney a last-ditch argument may be made through some sort of rhyme-based guilt classification.

Though dubious, a whoover—made—the—rhyme—did—the—crime may just turn out to be Landos’s saving grace. Until the following weeks unfold, everything is simply too close to call.

Cupid accidentally shoots self in foot, develops foot fetish

By DANIELLA CORGET

As lovers nationwide begin to throw out their boxes of rose petals and flower stalks this week, several graduate students at California Institute of Technology are now looking into the startling absence of Cupid from this year’s Valentine’s Day celebrations.

“All week, none of us could find his ‘heart’ or ‘adorable’ boxes and mugs. It’s as though he decided to abandon us,” said Timothy Switzman, chair of the Mathematics department.

“Many of our students have relied heavily on Cupid’s assistance over the years, especially this late in the term when hygiene habits always start to drop off a bit. It was a huge disappointment when he didn’t show on Valentine’s Day, as many of our students who were planning on ‘one night’ getting a little this weekend had to make new plans.’”

Using several pounds of the latest electronic equipment and two IP-ad, Switzman and his team finally made a breakthrough into one of the students accidentally stumbling upon the little lost cherub late last night.

“He was in the bathroom, locked in the furthest stall,” said Jonathan Wallace, newest member of Switzman’s team and frequent visitor of the third-floor restroom. “I opened the door and he was sitting on the seat, shooting himself continual- ly in the foot between sighs of ecstasy. When he saw my eyes and saw me, he screamed ‘Occupied!’ and I ran out of the room as fast as I could.”

Switzman’s team was able to suc- cessfully capture and sedate Amer- ica’s favorite god of love by going into the next stall over and seductively tapping their bare feet under the barrier. Cupid then bounced on the nearest foot and began rubbing himself against it aggressively until he was given a small dose of Nyquil and passed out.

“Though dubious, he apologized profusely and promised to be on time next year,” said Switzman.

“Apparently a fly had landed on his toe at the beginning of February and his buddy dared him to shoot it off. He missed, of course, and ran down a few feet, which we were thankfully able to push out of his mind by forc- ing him to watch this year’s lim- its Olympic games. He was so bored, he cried.”
Swim teams fall to Pirates in NWC championships

By ZACK BANKS

The Puget Sound Loggers men’s and women’s swim teams were once again upended by Whitworth this past weekend at the Northwest Conference championship meet in Federal Way, Wash.

After both the men and women closed out the regular dual-meet season with losses to the Pirates, Whitworth continued to hold off the talented Loggers in the post-season as they rolled to men’s and women’s conference championships. The loss was particularly painful for the Logger coaches, which is re- peating last year’s NWC championships.

Although neither team could avenge their loss to Whitworth, both teams ended very strong with second place finishes.

The Logger women ran away with second place with a total score of 753 points. Third place Lewis and Clark scored only 365 points. Whit- worth finished fourth at 490 points, with a 490 point margin, posting a final score of 793 points. The Logger men did not capture the title as easily as the women, as Whitman, who beat the Loggers by a mere point in a 102-101 match on Jan. 29, was close behind. The Loggers posted a total of 741 points while Whitman to- talled 607. Whitworth scored a total of 724.5 points on their way to vic- tory.

Puget Sound had several indi- vidual performances stand out this past weekend. Senior Jackson Kowal- ski (Ketzer, Ore.) improved upon his already storied career as a Log- ger with a win in the 200-yard back- stroke. Kowalski finished the race with a time of 1:52.41, good enough to win by nearly seven seconds and set a B-cut qualifying mark.

Kowalski was also a member of the second-place men’s 400-yard freestyle relay team. Kowalski, sophomores Christopher Daly (Boi- se, Idaho) and Adam Ganz (Cleve- land, Ohio), and freshman Alek- sander Jermic (Skiop, Macedonia) finished second behind the power- ful Whitworth team by just over two seconds.

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Not Finished: Jackson Kowalski will make another trip to nationals for his Logger career finale.

The odds are against the Loggers. “We have seen spurts already of our own when freshman Tra- ccy Wormwood (Elk River, Minn.) cruised to victory in the 200-yard breaststroke with a time of 2:23.12. At this point, the Loggers must wait and see if any of their qualifying times will be good enough to earn a spot in the 2010 NCAA Division III Swim- ming and Diving Champions- ships in Minneapolis, Minn. which begin March 17.

Kowalski’s performance at the NWC Championships will likely be good enough to send him to the national championship meet again. Kowalski competed on the 200 and 400-yard medley relay and 200 and 400-yard freestyle relays for the Loggers last year at the nation- al championship meet at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn.

He also competed in the 100-yard butterfly and 200-yard backstroke, garnering Division III All-Amer- ican honors in 2009.

Despite all the doubt surround- ing the Logger senior, a trip to Minneapolis would be the only fitting way to end a tremen- dous career for the rest of the team. Men’s and women’s second place is nothing to hang their heads about.

Climbing Mountains: Both tennis teams are looking to improve.

By HANNAH CHASE

As the spring sports season opens, fans and athletes alike hope for a successful year. For the vari- ous men and women’s tennis teams, this season will hopefully prove to be far stronger than the previous years. This season’s opening match- es, however, have shown that there is still a long way to go.

Last spring, the men’s tennis team got out of the cellar of the standings within the Northwest Conference, placing sixth with the posted record of 7-14. After going to confer- ence from a starting record of 0-8, the men’s team wishes to advance to conference in better shape and press- forward in the rankings. They look to accomplish what, at this point, appears to be a difficult task.

Tennis season underway

By VINCE GHIRINGHELLI

Softball opens up 2010 on road

Safe?: Every person in the softball program has her work cut out for her during the 2010 season.

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Perseverance pays off for two basketball players

By DAVID SKOLNIK

Injuries are an unavoidable part of sports. This is a proven fact. However, most athletes never suffer from a serious injury, and they tell themselves that their love of the game would make it all worth it if it were to happen. Some athletes have to state that moment in the face: the injury that makes them question their passion. The injury that could be career-ending. The injury that makes them ask themselves, “Is it worth it?”

For two Puget Sound basketball players, that moment happened last year. It was the injury that could have been the end of their time as a Logger athlete.

Senior women’s basketball player Caitlyn Faidley tore her ACL last summer for the second time in 15 months. She was told she would likely miss all of her senior season with recovery time needed.

Senior men’s basketball player Conner Gehring ruptured his Achilles tendon around the same time Faidley injured her knee. They were both given the same timetable for recovery: six to nine months of intense rehabilitation.

“The rehab process is really slow. The first few weeks are limited to things like leg raises and toe tapping. It took about six weeks before I could walk without a brace,” Faidley said. “I not only had to teach myself how to walk again, but the muscles in my leg had atrophied so a huge part of my rehab was strengthening what muscle I had left.”

Gehring agreed about the brutality of the early stages of rehab. “It was slow at first because it had to heal. It wasn’t until about eight weeks later that I could start walking and do some real strengthening.”

For Faidley, there was never a moment where she thought of giving up. “I knew right away what I had done to my knee and the recovery that was in front of me, but I never wanted to give up. I have yet to complete an entire season in my career, but I love the sport so much I will keep trying to play until I am confronted by a reason to stop,” Faidley said.

Gehring struggled with doubt after the initial injury but it didn’t take long before he figured out what he wanted to do with himself. “I didn’t know if I really wanted to try and come back or not. But after really thinking about it and weighing the pros and cons, I decided I could not give up. I knew that coming back was going to be my full commitment.”

As hard as rehab is, it would be impossible for anyone to recover from injuries like these without both internal motivation and motivation from those around them. “Knowing it was my last year to compete at a serious level of basketball, which I suppose is love of the game, and wanting to be out on the court with my teammates is what pushed me to come back as soon as possible,” Gehring said.

During Faidley’s recovery, she knew she had to have a sense of purpose. “I felt that my purpose on this team has nothing to do with stats or minutes, but just being part of the team. My teammates have been so patient and supportive, and my family and boyfriend are two of the most influential parts of my recovery. They constantly remind me that life is not easy and that it is how we overcome difficulties is often what defines us as a person.”

Both players have now rejoined their teams on the court. After all they’ve been through, each used the same word to describe that first step back onto the court: amazing.

“It felt so good to put in all that work, get cleared, and be able to run up a down the court and play with my teammates. It was one of the best feelings and experiences I’ve ever had,” Gehring said.

It is likely that most people will never have to experience the pain of these injuries or the mental and physical brutality of rehab. On the other hand, most will never get the joy that comes from stepping back onto the court for the first time.

But for anyone who is faced with a situation that makes them want to give up, it is in athletics or any other part of life, their perspective can be altered by looking at what allowed Faidley and Gehring to persevere. They took on what they could and were proud to be chosen to fight the battle. Their story is an inspiration to all that is Logger athletics and instills a sense of pride in those who call themselves a part of the Puget Sound community.

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Farmers Markets valuable in Tacoma

By SID GAINES

There is nothing better than interacting directly with the farmers and purveyors of food who have an intimate connection with the production process. Its “going local” at its most basic level: how we eat.

Tacoma, being a relatively small city, still has a wide range of opportunities to “go local” when it comes to shopping for your food. Nothing comparable to the Pike Place Market, Seattle’s waterfront gem, with market stalls across the country, but there are many markets to help you have a better understanding of your food.

Here are a few tips on how to get the best possible produce and make the monotonous chore of grocery shopping exhilarating and fun.

The vendors at the Tacoma Farmers Markets are only Washington state vendors, so you know that what you are buying is close to home. With markets on 6th and Pine, Proctor and at the Tacoma Dome, the choices can be often overwhelming.

Press Release: “ECHO,” Student Produced Play:

Echo, a play written by Puget Sound senior Matthew Jackson, explores Iraq war veteran Mark’s return from the war and entry into civilian life. Focusing on Mark’s family life, Echo is not only a thought provoking and moving piece of theatre, but also a look at new student theatre at its best.

Echo will be performed February 19th and 20th at 7:30 in Rausch Auditorium. Cost of admission is $5.00. All proceeds will be donated in support of the Veterans Association.

By JENNY TATE

University of Puget Sound Professor of History, Douglas Sackman, recently published “Wild Men: Ishi and Kroeber in the Wilderness of Modern America” as part of the book series, “New Narratives in American History,” which aims at putting the story back into history. According to Sackman, “Wild Men” is in some ways two books in one. The first tale deals with the relationship between two men: Alfred Kroeber, an anthropologist whose livelihood was built upon seeing what makes people “tick,” and Ishi, a Native American man “discovered” in northern California a century ago, who for a long time was thought to be the last man of his Tahlti tribe.

Ishi, one of a small band of Native Americans that had survived the onslaught of violence following the gold rush in California and taken refuge in remote canyons for approximately 40 years, suddenly finds himself entering modern America.

Sackman merges gap between American history and lives of those who created it

Historical: “Wild Men” features two men living over a century ago.

Sackman marks Ishi’s story as one of survival, noting the ways in which he was able to adapt to a modern age, using discarded beer bottles to make arrowheads when obsidian was scarce.

The second story regards the American public’s fascination with Ishi. Facing an age of urbanization, many people began to feel nostalgic for the past and were drawn to the idea of wilderness that Ishi represented for them. In their longing for something authentic, Ishi became a symbol of a world they had lost.

During previous research, Sackman had taken note of the frequent objectivation of natives by anthropologists. Much of what drew him to this particular story was the idea of turning this gaze around and discovering how the anthropologist appeared to the native people he studied.

Sackman discovered that teaching Native American history classes at Puget Sound complemented the process of writing this book, which formed a synergy between teaching and writing.

Sackman is also the author of the award-winning “Orange Empire: California and the Fruits of Eden.” He is currently working on many projects and is the editor of a book to debut in the near future.

By RYAN ELLIOTT

Jason Reitman, director of past successes “Thank You For Smoking” and “Juno”, brings us another film that has already made a critical splash. While not quite as perfect as the award-show buzz makes it out to be, “Up in the Air” isn’t meant to be.

Despite a shaky start, its engaging tale of romance and self-discovery displays some technical brilliance alongside a well-woven script.

“Up in the Air” follows Ryan Bingham (George Clooney), a serious-minded career addict whose job of kindly firing people in place of their craven bosses allows him to satisfy his passion for globe-trotting.

Bingham’s mobile lifestyle is threatened, however, when a visionary (Anna Kendrick) in his company group-. A (Vera Farmiga), who meets by chance and only gets to see when the two happen to cross paths during work trips. This last bit becomes the main focus of the film.

Beginning with an opening credits sequence whose only function is to immerse the film with a trendy vibe akin to the one that it’s trying to sell, “Up in the Air” sees some turbulence in the first half-hour.

Closer to the matter at hand here is nothing better than a quick review. Despite the reviewer hype surrounding “Up in the Air,” the story of romance and self-discovery holds true. The film leaves you feeling drained of any emotion that you may have been paying attention to, but you are left with a sense of appreciation for the overall sense of accomplishment that the film presents.

TURBULENCE: Despite the excitement, “Up in the Air” has only some great scenes, which makes it a rocky film.
Tacoma’s EnviroHouse features sustainable art from local artists

By MELANIE REIFF

The City of Tacoma EnviroHouse, located at the city landfill, is a permanent model house featuring all green building and natural materials and landscaping.

Started at the Pierce County Fair as the Pierce County Greenhouse, the EnviroHouse is an all-sustainable structure using recycled and reusable materials. The EnviroHouse was initially intended to be a demonstration unit, showing people how they can be more sustainable at home.

Room by room, the house features eco-friendly materials and products. Along with each feature, there is a helpful blurb explaining why each material or product is beneficial to the environment. Highlights include the rapid renewable wood counter tops and floors, specifically the cork and bamboo flooring.

The exterior of the house features green landscaping and an irrigation system which focuses on using water wisely and planting the right plants in the right places in order to get the most use out of the plants and water.

The EnviroHouse is also home to a yearlong art show featuring different local artists. The current exhibit running until April 25, features artists Pierce Elaine Davis, Jenny Fillius and Leo Schmidt. All of the artwork featured is made from more than 95 percent salvaged material.

The pieces by Pierce Elaine Davis are made from cardboard that she finds, shapes into boxes and then covers in recycled paper. The boxes are made from reusable materials and are held together with wheat paste.

Jenny Fillius’ works are made from reusing metal containers and reconfiguring them. A particularly unique piece entitled “Rearrangeable Flower Arrangement” features magnetic flowers and birds that can be rearranged on the composition.

The pieces by Leo Schmidt are all made from bike parts. All of his works have practical uses. In his collection are several clocks, lamps and mirrors.

The Live Green Challenge, running throughout the month of February at the University of Puget Sound, has focused on many aspects of sustainability that the EnviroHouse highlights. One important sustainable measure is more efficient water use. As a part of the Live Green Challenge, a week is dedicated to water conservation.

The last week of February will feature a lecture by Forester Barry Goldstein on the importance of water, and Tacoma Public Utilities’ Tacoma Water, will be at the University to give water conservation tips.

The EnviroHouse features low-flush toilets and showerheads that use as little as 1.5 gallons of water. The EnviroHouse is also giving out shower timers, which have shown up in many dorms on campus as a part of the Live Green Challenge to remind students to take shorter showers in order to conserve water.

The EnviroHouse is open Wednesday through Sunday and offers guided tours and information on how to live more sustainably.

Fibers, Etc.: A great place to find any yarn you’re looking for

By IDA POBEREZOVSKY

Wandering around downtown Tacoma, questioning each turn we took using down two wrong forks in the road — it all became worth it when we encountered Ya- hoos, Etc. — a knitting supply store as to where we’d wanted to go.

On the corner of a tiny, sloping sidewalk, tucked away from the insane what seemed to be back entrance, stood a small shop with large windows. Behind the windows were overflowing piles of yarn stores. Shelves of glowing turquoise show of color and texture that one would never expect to be behind a quiet little door.

The shop was closed, it seemed, we banged on the windows a few times and began to lose hope. As we were leaving, suddenly the heavy metal door opened before us, and a gray-haired woman asked, “Can I help you with anything?” We smiled brightly, trying to cover up how much we seemed like rain-soaked, window-breaking, neighborhood hoodlums and asked if the store was open.

The woman said that technically, the store was closed, but since she was still here, she could let us inside.

That was our first introduction to the personal touch at Fists, Etc. — the knitting supply store. The woman toured us through the maze of yarn stacks as we looked back and asked at the incredible colors. Never had something like a store been so full of such vivid images in my mind. I saw the pearl-earrised undersides of a species of sea anemone, the delicate fish swimming along the depths of the oceans. Many of the skeins are hand-dyed, and the delicate handwork truly showed. The store was a feast for the eyes.

Examples of knittery are displayed around the store, and I mention one that I liked. The woman herself had made it and helped me pick out yarn, knotting it together and throwing in her pattern for free with my purchase. The buy was a side street, embedded sewing — each skein cost me about ten dollars, and I’d chosen some of the cheaper options — but it has definitely proven to be worth it.

The woman gave me the confidence and tools needed so that I didn’t have to, for fear of screwing up something more advanced, stick to making a scarf for the umpteenth time.

Final season possibilities intrigue ‘Lost’ fans

By DAVID LEV

If you have never heard of “Lost” then you have been living under a rock, or possibly in space, for the last five years, or were one of those people who was too intimidated by the plot. This seems to be the case by the fan base of those who were on land years), or were one of those people who was too intimidated by the plot. This seems to be the case by the fan base of those who were on land.

For the rest of you: this next season, it seems the story is going to be the last one, and the show’s producers have promised to tie up all the loose ends and explain all of the mysteries. It should therefore be heavily anticipated by fans eager to finally know what’s going on.

Given the show’s reputation for having a plot that, like a riddle as it is, tied up the loose ends might be a challenge. But looking back on how the show has unfolded, there is little to wrap up than the usual viewer might imagine.

The first few seasons introduced us to the characters pretty definitively, and the previous season explained everything that really needed to be explained about the present day. It’s an interesting idea, and offers a comparison between the characters after their various ordeals on the island and the same characters without five seasons of character development.

I have every confidence that the plot to “Lost” will resolve itself satisfactorily by the time the series finishes.

I look forward to what interesting new twists will show up in coming episodes, with the reintroduction of characters thought dead or gone and explanations for everything.

I think, in a few years, the complexity and grandeur of this story will be looked on in favor, as people will be able to see the big picture to the plot.

Come see how it all ends, especially if you, like myself, have been a fanatical viewer since the very beginning. This season should be the payoff for all the investment its fans have put into it for the past five years.