Early snow storm, ‘ball’ of fun for everyone

SHALEN FAIRBANKS
News Editor

The first snow storm of the season hit Paget Sound on Tuesday, Nov. 19. According to the National Weather Service it hasn’t snowed this early since 1985. People everywhere awoke to a blanket of white and icy road conditions. According to news reports, approximately 150 collisions were reported in Pierce and King County as a result of the weather. Cars slid off of roads and into other cars resulting in large traffic jams. Radicals suggested that people check on their elderly neighbors to make sure they were keeping warm enough. The snow brought good news for skiers and ski resorts alike. Area ski resorts are planning on opening this weekend. Stevens Pass will open on Thursday, Crystal Mountain and White Pass will open on Friday, and Alpental, Ski Acres, Hyak and Snoqualmie will open on Saturday. Mount Baker Ski Area opened on Monday. Students interested in Cross Country skiing can do so at Mt. Rainier National Park. Season passes are $20.

Cafe Wa hosts Saturday fair
Cafe Wa will host the Saturday Market Crafts Fair on December 6 & 7. Crafts will be for sale along with music, food and hot apple cider. The types of craft include photography, pottery, drawings, jewelry, and clothing, all made by University of Puget Sound students.

Cafe WA is located at the corner of 6th and State Street.

Initiative 188 designed to protect Bay
Washington residents with clean water concerns are struggling to collect 225,000 signatures for Initiative 188 before the end of the year. Initiative 188 to the Legislature propose salmon and shellfish habitat and bans offshore oil drilling as well as reinstates citizen oversight through the Marine Waters Protection Council. Initiative 188 strives to protect the precious resources of Commencement Bay. Not only will 188 protect fish and shellfish, but also many areas in the fishing industry. Citizens of the Commencement Bay Watershed Bancroft and Tacoma citizens to sign Initiative 188 to protect Puget Sound and Commencement Bay. Students interested in helping collect signatures can call the Community Involvement and Action Center at x3767.

FTC unveils money scams
As millions of college students around the country look for scholarship applications and post-graduation job search assistance, the Federal Trade Commission cautions searchers to do some research on their own before applying for advertised scholarships. The FTC alleges that tens of thousands of students are victimized each year by corrupt institutions. A typical scheme involves advertising job search or college funding scams advertised on flyers, in newspapers, or through the mail. An FTC press release detailed the warning signs of these sorts of scams. First of all, they urge students to be aware of and research carefully scholarships that ask for a credit card or bank account number to hold their money. Students are also cautioned against advertising claims that billions of dollars of unclaimed financial aid is sitting around waiting for them. Some companies also try to use official sounding names to cover up fraudulent services. Scholarship and employment searchers are warned specifically to stay away from the agencies Career Assistance Planning, Inc., Christopher Ebere Nwaike, Student Assistance Services, Inc., College Assistance Services, and Student Aid Incorporated. These businesses have targeted for investigation by the FTC.

Bogus scholarship search services are using a variation on the 'you have won a prize' promotion scam, targeted to a particular audience—students and their parents who are anxious about paying for college," said Bernstein.

TACOMA offers ways to feed the local hungry

Laura Folkwein
Staff Writer

Imagine this. It’s cold and snowy, you were recently laid off and your last pay check paid for the rent and a medical emergency. Your kitchen cupboards are empty and your family feels desperate and hungry. You’re tired and need help.

FISH stands for Friends in Service to Him providing Food for Individuals Seeking Help. The ecumenical ministry provides emergency services and food to individuals in order to help them move toward independence. FISH serves anyone, regardless of religious belief.

FISH food banks are one branch in a series of over 70 locations served by the Emergency Food Network of Tacoma. The Emergency Food Network (EFN) is the largest independent distribution agency supplying free food to food banks and feeding programs in Pierce County. They work with a full-time staff of five and 75,000 volunteers. EFN is fully supported by the community and functions as an independent distribution agency.

According to Kathleen Olson, director of FISH Food Banks, “Hungry children suffer from weight loss, fatigue, headaches and poor learning skills. Hungry children become ill prepared adults. Without a decent education they cannot get decent jobs. The cycle continues.”

Forty-five percent of individuals served by food banks are children. FISH serves an average of 12,000 individuals each month. The Emergency Food Network served hot meals to 108,418 people in the month of September.

Statistics from EFN state that “Families with at least one working adult represent 43 percent of the people served at food banks.” Food banks frequently supply food to people in emergency situations, where unforeseen circumstances have somehow depleted their grocery supply. The FISH Food Bank newsletter profiles some free food recipients: a bank employee who recently lost her job as a result of a company merger; families who are just starting out; a woman whose entry level salary covers rent and child care, but doesn’t leave room for emergencies or a complete grocery budget; and an unemployed veteran who pays his rent and utilities and volunteers at a local social service agency, but runs out of food stamps before the end of the month.

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Both FISH Food Banks and the Emergency Food Network rely on fundraisers and contributions to keep their food supplies adequate and to continue effective work.

Olson of EFN says that the food distribution programs are busy all year, but that donations often increase during the winter months and... see FOOD page 4

Safety Tips
1) When your car begins to skid DON’T lock the brakes, ease off accelerator and steer into the skid.
2) Carry chains, gloves, blankets, flares and water in your vehicle.
3) If your power goes out unplugging electrical equipment like computers.
Holiday volunteers needed for St. Nicholas Society

Shalen Fairbanks
News Editor

The St. Nicholas Society is a collaboration between St. Leo Food Connection and Catholic Community Services Southwest (CCSW) that distributes toys at Christmas to needy children.

For the past 12 years children attending the St. Leo Christmas Dinner have received toys from Santa. Families that are involved in CCSW programs receive gifts as well. In order for all of these programs to work, volunteers are needed.

Groups or individuals can conduct toy drives or make donations. Toys should be new, unwrapped, and reflect peaceful values. Financial donations are also accepted. Toys and other items need to be sorted by age and type for packaging before distribution days.

Assistance is also needed on the distribution days. Jobs include setting up, serving refreshments, assisting guests, childcare, gift wrapping, and cleaning up.

For more information, or to sign up to volunteer, contact Maggie Horlander at 582-4891.
Kevin Danaher says ‘50 years is enough’

MICHAEL FARMER
Staff Writer

On Thursday, Nov. 14, world renowned global economist Kevin Danaher spoke on the failures of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund as well as his travels. A doctor of sociology from UC Santa Cruz, he runs the Global Exchange, a non-profit group that funds alternative development strategies in developing nations and “reality tours” to some of the world’s lesser known spots.

Danaher has made himself famous with books such as “50 Years is Enough” which provide insight into the failures of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

In his lecture, and the following luncheon, he pointed to a world wide alliance of business and political elites as the root cause of many of the ills that now afflict lesser developed countries.

Pointing to a top down diagram on the chalk board he made the argument that ever since the end of WWII, international bankers, mainly Americans, have been funding the rebuilding, and continual development of the interests of business elites the world over.

When Europe was leveled in WWII, socialism took root. According to Danaher, the Marshall Plan was implemented in order to rebuild the economies of the elites, and to quell socialist stirrings. While this intent worked to a positive end in Europe, it has been used for more sinister purposes elsewhere.

This took him to the focus of his talk where he presented the idea that the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund had used funds in order to form links between the elites of LDC’s and industrialized nations.

At first it was to hold communism at bay, and later it was to allow access for marauding multi-national corporations.

While he focused on these large ideas during the lecture, the luncheon that followed was directed mainly towards some of his personal experiences in other nations, and the solutions he saw to the problems he presented during the lecture.

The lecture was generally well received by students and faculty alike, with the exception coming when he tried to explain his solutions to the problems which many considered to be “too Utopian”.

Another complaint was that he redirected some of the questions posed to him into areas which didn’t really answer the question.

Most everyone agreed that it was exciting to get a chance to speak with someone who had seen and done so much. It was also an eye opening experience for anyone who hadn’t yet come to question the present capitalist world order.

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Holly Hughes brings wisdom to campus

JOE BOGOLOTZ
Staff Writer

Holly Hughes, Obie award-winning performance artist and playwright, is coming to UPS this weekend as part of the year-round painting of the arts. On Friday, November 22, Hughes will give a lecture on the controversy surrounding lesbian issues in her stage performances as well as her successful lawsuit against the National Endowment for the Arts. On Saturday, November 23, she will perform her original work entitled "Clit Notes."

Hailed by The Chicago Tribune as "one of the most insightful, funny, and entertaining storytellers around," Hughes uses the stage to explore issues of her own sexuality and experiences. Drawing on such personal inspiration as her relationship with her mother or the death of her father from cancer, Hughes' work reflects both her outrageous irreverence and poetic sensitivity.

"Hughes scrapes away decades of encrusted decorum from a subject [female sexuality] that is too often treated with hushed sentimentality."

According to The New York Times, "Hughes first started performing in 1983 at the Women's One World Café with such groundbreaking works as "No Trace of the Blonde," "The Lady Dick," and "Dress Suits for Hire." Her work has since been produced extensively throughout the United States, Canada, and Great Britain to great critical acclaim. Hughes has received funding from the NEA, as well as the New York State Council. In 1990 she was granted a McKnight Fellowship and in 1995 received a Kalamazoo College Distinguished Alumni Award."

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Mongolian Grill serves perfection

JASON JAKATTIS
Contributing Editor

Nowhere on the planet can $8.95 be put to better use than at the Mongolian Grill. The all-you-can-eat Mongolian B-B-Q, an oriental cornucopia of mythological proportions, casts the rest of the restaurant's entrees into meaningless obscurity (therefore, they will not be reviewed nor discussed beyond this point early in my article—it's nothing but warp-speed self-gorging and tales of inhuman consumption all for the bargain price of $8.95) and establishes the yardstick for all buffets.

The Mongolian B-B-Q goes like this: first you get yourself a big fat bowl and you walk along the length of the buffet, filling it with every sort of food substance you can get your hands on. Then you give your oversized, leaving-oriental-noodles-and-leeks-in-a-helter-skelter-pattern-on-the-littered-floor-behind-you bowl to an awaiting chef, who proceeds to toss it all out onto a grill, where he fries it right in front of you. After forty-five seconds and some tactical mixing of soy sauce and water with the food, the guy gives you back your bowl, now sizzling and bubbling and frothing with indescribable tantalization. Add pineapple if necessary, then devour. Repeat the process as many more times as your bloated stomach can handle.

Boasting a thorough and hearty collection of meats (lamb, beef, pork, chicken), the Mongolian B-B-Q is definitely a venture that caters to carnivorous appetites. Vegetarians should not feel excluded, though, for there is a massive assortment of every vegetable imaginable, dry and wet noodles, and countless sauces and seasonings (Sweet and sour, kung pao, vinegar, sesame oil, garlic, and 879 others I can't think of, I'm so deliciously full and euphoric).

One thing that sucks about the Mongolian B-B-Q is that you can't take a bowl with you, but my solution for this is not to eat the soup, the big bowl of rice or the chicken wings that come with the meal automatically and instead pig-out at the buffet. They will let you take the rice, etc, home with you, so you'll be in good shape a week later, when you've finally digested the titanic meal you forced down your gullet.

Some advice for first time Mongolian B-B-Q eaters: 1. Stay away from too many noodles, especially the crunchy ones, they have a tendency to fill you up too fast and just aren't that tasty. 2. Stick with the seasoning plan they provide you with, don't get experimental unless you really, really like sesame oil or something. Otherwise, trust their judgement, they know the score. 3. Don't eat during the entire day leading up to the Mongolian B-B-Q experience for maximum consumption possibilities. 4. Get there before 8:00 p.m. so you have enough time to have six or eight bowls of food before they close the grill.

KITTREDGE GALLERY features "Second Skins" sculpture and drawings by Elizabeth Ingraham, and "Ceramic Vessels" by Puget Sound art professor Ken Stevens through Dec. 1. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

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Ghost Face ain't nothin' to mess wit'

- *Ironman*–Ghost Killah

**Ted Spas**
Music Reviewer

So here we have the SEVENTH Wu-Tang affiliated full-length album (if you count the Groove Dealer, and I really don't know why you wouldn't) and it's simply amazing. I don't know how they keep doing it. If Wu-Tang were a rock band, you know they'd have gone soft or at least released the occasional bum album by now. Seven albums is a LOT OF SONGS, people. It requires talent of a truly amazing level to maintain this. Of quality. Naturally, the Wu keeps bangin' and they haven't slipped up yet. Ghost Face Killah's *Ironman* fits effortlessly in with the Wu-Tang Clan's best work.

Ghost Face drops his rhymes with a fast-paced, furious delivery that gives *Ironman* a tremendous kinetic energy. With similar styles coming from Chef Raekwon and newcomer Cappadonna, this album stands in strong contrast to the fierce intellectuality of The GZA's *Liquid Swords* album from last Spring. If The GZA is the criminal mastermind behind the Wu-Tang's larcenous excursions, Ghost and Raekwon are his top henchmen, striking fear into the hearts of the competition. This record is ruthless in the extreme.

Top-notch as the lyrics may be, any discussion of a Wu-Tang production would be incomplete without the unusual mountain of praise for The RZA. The RZA is, in short, the single finest producer in hip hop today. It seems like four out of every five tunes played on KUPS over a weekend night owes an obvious sonic debt to Wu-Tang's horror-flick minimalism. All respect due to Dr. Dre, but "Been There, Done That..." sounds like a Wu-Tang joint to me. Even more impressive, The RZA keeps advancing his skills. On *Ironman*, he tosses mountains of slick soul horns into the mix, giving several songs the feel of old-school blaxploitation theme songs. Check out "Poisonous Darts," the mind-blowing "Daytona 500," and the album-opening "Iron Maiden." See? The RZA be gettin' pretty damned funky for a producer with his ghoulin' obsessions. Breaking out of the horror-core sound that they helped invent, the Wu-Tang Clan have taken it to the next level. AGAIN.

Even with the icy danger ("Assassination Day") and rampant sexism (the truly out-of-hand "Wildflower") that form *Ironman*'s backbone, there are a few tender moments to be found. "Motherless Child" and "All That I Got Is You" paint a convincing portrait of Ghost Face as a repentant killer, akin to Chow Yun Fat's character in The Killer. By combining beautifully gratuitous violence with an sections of almost righteous tenderness, the Wu-Tang Clan have finally succeeded in creating a sonic replica of a vintage John Woo hyper-action flick. Ghost Face Killah has fired off one hell of a quality album. I realize I'm probably preaching to the converted, and anyone who gives a damn about the future of hip hop probably owns this album already. Still, if you ain't checked out the Wu-Tang's styles by now, you CANNOT consider yourself hip. "If you're livin' in the world today you be hearin' the slang that the Wit-Tang says..."

The Grade: A. Go get it NOW.

**'Paradise Lost' brutally criticizes legal system**

**Arlo Pellegrin**
Movie Reviewer

The sheer power of filmmaking is used to its fullest extent in this fascinating, chilling documentary. Directors Bruce Sinofsky and Joe Berlinger sweep us into the humid Arkansas summer and the deepwoods town of West Memphis, Arkansas where a multiple murder goes unsolved until 1993. The three young men, and they are suspected of Satanic cult activity. The festering hatred in the hearts of the people as their blame falls on the teenagers, who are suspected of Satanic abuse.

As their trial begins, the community recovers from its shock and explodes in impotent fury. The three teenagers, one a teenager confesses to aiding two of the attackers, and they are suspected of Satanic abuse.

The directors, through interviews with the victims’ families, capture the rage and horrible pain they experience in attaching the three youths to their childrens' deaths. The venom expressed is heartfelt, electric, and truly frightening. The possibility that these teenagers might not be guilty is not even a consideration. Interviews with the families of the accused also convey the helplessness of parents, siblings, and lovers, who can do nothing but sit back while the young men face the brunt of terrible anger that has built up.

A phone call from one boy in jail to his girlfriend works on so many levels that we forget this is an unrehearsed documentary. The flashes, flashes, tears, agony, and empty aching are real. The personalities and energy of the courtroom with blunt candor and surprising insight. They also pull the viewer into the atmosphere.

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Dear Santa:

Jason Jakaitis
Opinions Editor

1. The power to defy gravity so that my mohawk will stay up and won't look like a fat, dead blue weed on top of my misshapen skull
2. Two ivory horns to sprout from said misshapen skull
3. Abolish the growing and harvesting of black licorice (I don't care if it's the "real" licorice)
4. A pair of Audrey Hepburn sunglasses
5. The world's first testicle piercing
6. Fat Mike

1. That kangaroo tennis shoes would come back into style
2. A sex slave
3. A really big sailboat
4. A wooden leg, eye patch, and the ability to make anyone of my choice walk the plank
5. A dozen eager features writers for next semester
6. For Chanukah I want:
1. A Wonder Woman outfit and matching invisible plane
2. Sex changes for my housemates
3. A pair of Audrey Hepburn sunglasses
4. A's from all my profs
5. A sex slave
6. For everyone to admit that deep down they really love black licorice.
7. For people to only give a shit about something when it's worth giving a shit about
8. Oh—about a gazillion dollars or so
9. A letter opener

Jennifer Hatton
Assistant Sports Editor

1. For everone to have a peaceful and joyous holiday season
2. For people to only give a shit about something when it's worth giving a shit about
3. For Chanukah I want:
1. A Wonder Woman outfit and matching invisible plane
2. Sex changes for my housemates
3. A pair of Audrey Hepburn sunglasses
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Micah Rice's Top 5 Wishes for 1997

Sports Editor

1. An end to homophobia and Aryan Nationalism
2. A professional masseuse as a future wife
3. Pori Thompson to rejoin The Cure
4. For women to wear black (it is the sexiest color)
5. For a rave to happen at the 21st and Washington electric substation

Ted Spas
Combat Zone Editor

1. Sex
2. Money
3. Cigars (good ones, like from other countries!)
4. Wu-Tang clan merchandise
5. Gin
6. A car that works all the time, forever
7. Fly threads
8. Gavin Bush's head on a pike
9. An interview with El Vez
10. A ray gun

Jenifer Caldwell
Features Editor

1. I want the Posies to play at UPS this spring
2. To win some scholarships for once in my sorry college career
3. A computer
4. Some vinyl pants. Or black leather pants. Also a jacket.
5. I wish all the stupid English major people would switch majors and get out of my classes
6. A dozen eager features writers for next semester
7. Money
8. Silver Converse
9. Pants that fit
10. Prophet status
11. Ice cream
12. Jenga
The Trail may have been more naughty than nice this holiday season. Sure we're early, but it's the last week of school and we want to beat the rush. So cough it up, fatty!


Amy Stockett
Copy Editor

My Christmas wish this year is B's, free laundry, a bigger bed and no more dirty dishes in the sink.

Phaedra Allen
Assistant Layout Editor

1. A nap
2. Someone to clean my cat's litter box for me
3. Clinton impeached
4. For everyone to realize their uniqueness (except for those people who aren't)
5. To type like Jason
6. For that mysterious rattle in my car's engine to go away
7. A shortcut in Pagemaker 6.0 for 75% view size
8. Legalization of all drugs
9. 30" monitor and 64 megas of RAM

Shalen Fairbanks
Copy Editor

I want my diploma.

James Conover
Copy Editor

1. A GWAR show in Seattle. NOW!
2. Cable
3. A whole assload of video games
4. A good timeslot for my radio show (which, by the way, whups a snow leopard's ass and is every Friday from 2 to 3)
5. Lik-m-aid
6. Some of those cheap 80's punk sunglasses that are like one solid thin strip that make you look like a cyborg
7. A pony
8. An X-Cops show in Seattle. NOW!
9. A drummer for my band SKWAT (which, by the way, whups a mountain goat's ass and will be coming back to UPS sometime in the future)
Cross country in top-10 at Nationals

- But women dethroned as champions while men place a disappointing eighth

**Jennifer Hatton**
Assistant Sports Editor

After the long haul to make it to Nationals this season, the Logger cross country team has come back from this weekend's meet disappointed.

Neither the men's nor the women's team performed as well as they had anticipated. The women's team fell to first-ranked Simon Fraser thus taking second place. Going into the meet ranked sixth in the nation, the Lutes came home with an eighth place finish after the national meet.

The goals going into nationals was a first place finish for the women and for the men was to equal or better last year's finishing place of fourth. "We ran the best that we could for the situation," said junior Andrea Boitano of the women's team and its injured runners. Though the teams did not compete as they had hoped, it was a feat in itself to make it to the national championship again. For the women, this 1996 trip was their ninth consecutively. This year was also another chance for the women's team to defend their four-year reignong national title. This year's trip to Kenosha, Wisconsin gave the men's team their fourth consecutive trip to the NAIA National Championship Meet. "We will take this meet as a motivator for next year," said Boitano. "Our whole [women's] team will be back next year. We can only take this year and plan to compete just as hard and go to nationals again next year."

A fast start in both the men's and women's races left many UPS runners back in the pack. This proved to be a hard hole to dig out of. The tight course made it very difficult for competitors from the back to make up the lost distance. Overall, the course was very fast because of the hard ground and temperature of fifty degrees.

The men's winners were Lubbock Christian University. Lubbock boasts a strong lineup of Kenyans and placed all their runners in the top ten, thus winning the meet easily.

On the women's side, Simon Fraser boasted the meet's top two individual finishers in Cari Ramperstad and Heather DeGeest. Teamed with their three other scorers, Simon Fraser tallied 75 points, compared to the Loggers' 114. Junior My Nguyen finished fastest for the UPS women's team at 18:16 and senior Jon Westerman completed his last UPS cross country season fastest for the team with a time of 25:21.

Even after the weekend's unexpected outcome, the teams still have something to cheer about. The Loggers women had three NAIA All-Americans, while the men had one.
Athletes need stage to show pro talent besides college

PAT MALONEY
Staff Writer

Every year it seems like more and more Division-I college athletes are coming out of school early. The young men are looking for the big payday and not be forced into attending college. The latest trend is for blue-chip high school athletes to go straight into professional sports. Young athletes with no interest in obtaining a degree should not be forced into attending college.

The professional basketball and football leagues need to form minor leagues to solve this problem. The current systems are designed to let older, mediocre players try to play themselves back into the major leagues. If these athletes had a place to go, they could be allieviated.

Currently, many major colleges are being accused of recruiting violations. If a new system was developed, the pressure to recruit the biggest and most talented athletes would lessen. Many of these people would no longer be interested in going to college. If the purpose of major college sports are too big at the present time. They are a multi-million dollar industry which is corrupting the purity of college sports.

Major college sports are too big at the present time. They are a multi-million dollar industry which is corrupting the purity of college sports. Rupturing the purity of college sports. Something needs to be done to solve these problems.

Currently, many major colleges are being accused of recruiting violations. If a new system was developed, the pressure to recruit the biggest and most talented athletes would lessen. Many of these people would no longer be interested in going to college. If the purpose of college sports was to let many of the young athletes, who are being recruited by major schools, have no desire to further education. This problem is shown in the number of people leaving school early and just skipping college to go to the professional ranks.

While many of the early departures are in school they have no desire to attend class. They are not in college to learn, but to make a large impression on the professional scouts.

Athlete of the Week goes to Lance Craig

The University of Puget Sound Athletic Department has awarded the Athlete of the Week honor to swimmer Lance Craig. A sophomore, Craig has become an important asset to his team. At last weekend’s sweep of Central Washington and Whitman College, Craig earned four individual event titles in the 200 free, 100 back, 50 free, and the 500 free. Craig’s wins helped the men’s team to a 132-72 win over Central Washington and a 145-39 killing of NCIC competitor Whitman.

UPS basketball seasons open this weekend

Along with the cold weather comes the first Puget Sound basketball season in the National Conference of Independent Colleges. But while snow could inhibit the season openers for many teams, the Logger men travel to Hawaii this weekend to take on U. of Hawaii-Hilo on Saturday and BYU-Hawaii on Monday.

Although the Logger men don’t possess the height of last year’s squad, team experience will be an asset. Key returners include Corey Van Lith, Derek Pender and Manny Martucci.

The men will open the home season, as well as the conference schedule on November 30 against Whitman as Bob Niehl enters his eighth year as Logger head coach.

The women face a foe from last year’s Pacific Northwest Athletic Conference in their season opener at St. Martin’s University. Leading the Loggers is the guard tandem of Kristina Goos and Kelly Kaiser, who both look to build on last year’s impressive individual performances. Beth Bricker will enter her eighth year at the Loggers’ helm.

Volleyball loses in conference finals

MICAH RICE
Sports Editor

The volleyball season came to an end in heartbreaking fashion for the Loggers with a close five-game loss to Williamette in the finals of the NCIC championship tournament last weekend.

After taking a 2-1 lead in the best-of-five match, the Loggers dropped the final two games by scores of 15-12 and 15-10, respectively. It was an extremely tight and competitive match between the conference’s top two teams.

After splitting two regular season matches, neither team got away from the other as all five games of the championship match were decided by five points or less.

The Loggers earned the right to face Willamette with a win in a close match against George Fox. Puger Sound and the Bruins traded games before the Loggers finally won the match with a 15-13 decision in the fifth game. Williamette downed Pacific Lutheran in the other semifinal to advance.

The future is definitely bright for Logger volleyball in 1997 after an impressive 1996 record of 21-10 overall and 13-3 in conference.

The team loses nobody to graduation and can expect the return of several key players such as first-team All-NCIC member Vicky Crooks, Lori Inman, Shaleah Jones, Anna Dudek and Stephanie Anderson.
Swimming dives into league pool

- Whitworth and PLU to provide tough midseason competition

SIERRA SPITZER
Staff Writer

The men’s and women’s swim teams made a big splash this weekend as they defeated both Central Washington and NCIC foe Whitman College.

Washington and NCIC foe Whitman teams made a big splash this week—had a win with 133-72 against Central Washington and 145-39. The women also beat them 132-72 and defeated Whitworth and PLU to provide Wallace Pool on Friday at 6:00 pm.

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Logger Lance Craig shared his view on the tough upcoming competition: “We’ll have to rely on our depth to pull us through. If we pull together as a team, we’ll kick some butt.”

Craig was recently named UPS Athlete of the Week for his performance in the meet against Central Washington where he won the 200 free (1:47.71) and 100 back (54.82) and the Whitman meet where he was the individual winner in the 50 free (22.93) and 100 free (4:59.06).

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Men’s A Basketball

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Men’s Green Basketball

| The Giants | 5 |
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"...Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32

The notion that the truth is in the very least knowable in any sense, and that logic is in the best tool to take us there, is the first brick upon which all universities are built. But haven't any of the countless students and professors across the nation heard that conventional truth is dead. Ironically enough, God is very much alive or love or the Tao or any metaphorical attempt to explain the inexplicable glue that holds this existence together. These words are not an aimless attempt to surf a shock wave, but are the logical end of logic and words spoken by ancient and modern man.

Logic

Logic, by its own rules cannot be justified as an effective tool to employ in the human attempt to understand the world around us. According to logic, if a person seeks to prove a theory, then he or she cannot employ that theory in the justification process. Therefore, for any proof of the validity of logic to be successful, that proof would have to be illogical. Hence, a paradox. Why then is logic esteemed as a god at this and all universities in the attempt to find order in existence?

The answer can be found in the ancient Greeks. These men used their opposable thumbs in an unprecedented manner, venerating logic as man's most evolutionary tool, and with Plato at the wheel, the Greeks drove Western thought into a parking-lot named "rationality."

I propose that this decision to esteem logic resulted from the Greek tendency to turn men into Gods and Gods into men. Two basic fears were at the heart of this tendency: a fear of death and a fear of inferiority. The Greeks were pioneers of the arts and sciences, the two dominant realms of intellectual practice to this date. Art serves the role of putting the power to create new worlds (previously only the domain of Gods) into the hands of men. Science serves to turn miracles and mysteries into models which can be learned by man (a form of omnipotence previously only the domain of Gods). With these two realms of intellectual practice, man deluded himself by attempting to appear more important than other animals. Through the process of demonstrating the powers of

Gods, man seemed to be trying to fight or forget his death by giving the appearece that he had control of his uncontrollable fate. All you have to do to see the results of the Greek decisions is to go inside any building, where we spend most of our lives, and recognize that man left the world created by another and immersed himself in one where only his peers, pets and decorative plants are not the creations of his deluded sense of power (Ironically, by my writing of this article, I, too, am a participant in this madness.)

Ask any one of your professors - these seemingly pious priests of these universities which Robert Pirsig called "churches of reason": to justify logic and I hypothesize that they will tell you that logic is a self-evident truth that needs no justification because it is time-tested. I would like to turn their own history against them and point to the time-tested self-evident truth that the universe revolves around the earth. Ptolemy proposed a model based on this natural observation which stood as "truth" for centuries.Copernicus, also seeking to impose a more perfect order on existence, proposed an alternative which replaced the previous self-evident truth.

It is not my attempt here to replace logic. I simply seek to demonstrate that logic is a current conventional system of thought, subject to the same scrutiny as all other theories.

Frames of Reference

Now I present to you my thoughts that direct us to the irrational realm. I propose that there is but one truth in all of existence, and that all else is subjective. This subjectivity of human perception I call individual frames of reference. My very existence is not pure; it is filtered through the prevailing ideas of my culture (the myths) and the limits of my awareness through the five senses. Consequently, I can no longer see a table as a new image filled with beauty, instead, tradition tells my brain to see the entity in terms of form, function, and the most restricting of all traditions: as a word, "table." Logic is the prevailing aspect of our modern mythos. It is my theory that the only thing which is true is that which is revealed to humans when these frames of reference are destroyed. On this topic, the great poet William Blake said in his Marriage of Heaven and Hell, "If the doors of perception were cleansed everything would appear to man as it is, infinite."

We have two words in English which hopefully attempt to describe this truth. Those words are "chaos" and "God." Chaos describes that which does not conform to order or logic. God is a metaphor, turning the only truth, which is incomprehensible, into a man or a being with a will, which are the only terms in which humans may comprehend such an incomprehensible concept. The best word for such an idea, I believe, was given by a man who lived before Christ named Lao Tzu who called it Tao, and refused to define it.

Unfortunately, excluding the periods before we were born and after we die, it is impossible for humans to be free from these frames of reference in order to see the truth because it is the uniqueness of each of these frames which makes us individuals and allows us to call ourselves, "I." There are tools, however, to acquaint ourselves with this Tao, even though we cannot conceive of or understand it while we make a stride towards immersing ourselves in it. Such practices include meditation as well as the age-old religious practice of ingesting a modern cultural taboo. Another possible approach would be to investigate whether schizophrenia is actually an illness, or whether it is a form of insight there are amazing similarities between ancient visionaries/medicinemen and the modern schizophrenic. I propose that the Western mind find a balance between his rational thought and ancient religious non-rational thought. If one man does such in our society, he will be called crazy, be ostracized and will soon resemble the crazy man that he previously was not. But if we walk into the knowledge of irrational thought hand in hand, we will take the first true stride in many ages towards accounting our modern culture once again with the eternal enigma that is truth.

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For more information on these ideas, see Robert Pirsig's Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance, Aldous Huxley's The Doors of Perception, William Blake's The Marriage of Heaven and Hell, and Lao Tzu's Tao te Ching.
Letters to the Editor

New clubs able to cope with risky activities

Recently I have been trying to get involved in two clubs on campus, or rather, clubs that are TRYING to form. One is the Skydiving Club, the other is the Martial Arts Association. I read in a little form I got from the ASUPS office that they want to try to support high-risk activities. BS. We are all adults, I think. Most of us know that jumping out of a plane or being thrown by somebody is not risk free. And yet, there is strong interest to do so because we know that life is full of risks and you can’t just stay inside all day. Further, as adults, we also know that one doesn’t need to take UNNECESSARY risks.

Somebody down there in ASUPS must think we don’t know what life is all about. We know there are risks, will take precautions, and make sure we are educated in how to minimize injuries and accept responsibility if something happens. There is no reason why it should take this long. Endless insurance forms and butt covering get nothing done.

The two clubs I mentioned are finally getting underway, but I want to express my disappointment that this has taken two months and for being treated, as far as I can tell, like we are not adults.

Sincerely,
Kim Banz

Panhellicen council answers questions

Panhellicen Council would like to address the discriminatory activity which happened on campus several weeks ago. As a council, we do not condone the student’s actions, and we hope that similar actions will not be repeated on campus. We are aware that discrimination exists in our society and although it will not completely be eliminated, we would like to take a step towards minimizing it. Many students often think of Greek members as elitists, conformists, and bigots. Other labeling ideas is that we travel and socialize in cliques, according to their wealth, and so on. Contrary to these stereotypes, Greeks are the most involved in campus activities, ranging from ASUPS Student Body Council to Hui O’ Hawaii, we also have the highest G.P.A. compared to the rest of the campus, and complete an extensive amount of philanthropy/community activities per year.

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The executive council and sorority presidents would like to explain our position statement on membership diversity. As 1997 Rush is quickly approaching we would like to make a known potential Greek members, staff, faculty and administration our philosophy during membership selection into the Greek system. Panhellicen and Intramural foreman have been trained, has never condoned discrimination in membership selection based on race, color, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, disability, age or ancestry of any woman/man student matriculated in any college or University. "May this further answer some questions and cease the typical "animal house" labeling of Greeks which often occurs on college/university campuses nationwide.

Another issue would be to address the questions concerning social functions on Union Avenue. Some of the questions being raised were: Why have a guest list? What is its purpose? Why is a non-Greek member, why am I not allowed to attend? Even though I’m well above the drinking age, why should I keep my alcoholic beverages inside the chapter house?

Risk Management policies which were established many years ago, are designed to assist students and organizations to have safe events when alcohol is permitted on the premises. Years past, these policies have not been enforced on a regular basis and as a goal, IPC and Panhellicen Council wanted to set a precedence. In organized functions on Union Avenue in chapter facilities, the chapter follows risk management policies, ensuring a safer and more regulated environment, compared to off-campus parties. Guest lists and checking procedures are for liability reasons. The individual chapter risk management policies do not allow open parties and prohibits them to occur. Students at the entrance way will not allow contact sport teams or non-listed individuals at these social functions. Therefore it is important to understand the reasoning behind our policies before making any harsh assumptions or personal statements about the Greek system of any of its members. Non-Greek members are welcome to join Union Avenue after function hours (11:00 p.m.) if they are on the guest list. We request that those recognized as members of social groups talk to social officers with the particular house that is hosting the function prior to its event. Finally, to answer to last question raised, it is illegal to have open containers outside the chapter house.

In conclusion, this letter was intended to clarify several issues and questions which brought so much attention. We have an open invitation and welcome anyone to attend our general council meetings.

Sincerely,
Papillon Hatsady
VP of Public Relations—Panhellicen Council

US democracy in shambles, decay

Michael Farmer
Staff Writer

Well, the election results have been tabulated, speculated, masticated, and fanned out and the verdict is in: Americans don’t give a rat’s ass who runs this country or their political Theory class and executed the teacher? Probably never happened, right? Ask that same question to someone from China or Guatemala. Americans sitting on their living room couches munching on cold pizza and cheap beer would finally be challenged to stand up or cower. With a house divided like this, we might learn the value of freedom of speech, press and religion. Think income tax cuts? Wait till Dictator X sends his soldiers around to beat the crap out of your roommates, your sons and raping your wife and daughters.

George and his fellow conspirators gave us this new brand of government because he figured that it was the best sort. He was right, to a point. As long as the people give a damn about their government, it will work fine. It can even be a model to others. But at the moment, it should be taken away from us because we can’t take care of it properly. Hell, let someone else be the man in charge. A lot of you won’t like it, but since you never get off your lazy butts to participate, what do I have to fear? The most important question, then, is what do we have to fear? There’s been a trend of power accumulation in the upper tier since the first day of this country. As in the ecological chain, this accumulation at the upper levels is toxic, and leads to toxic government. Unless we do something, the next 100 years will see the significant decline of personal freedoms, and the final decay of democracy in our country.

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Reassess class prerequisites

ARLO PELEGRI
Staff Writer

Last week it came time to register for the Spring semester of my senior year, and by some twist of good fortune, I had a free elective floating around. The little flyer that came with the schedule advertised a 400-level class in a department completely outside my discipline. I’m not an idiot; I know you have to bust ass in a 400-level class. Nonetheless my curiosity was piqued.

I called the professor, who told me the 300-level prerequisite was absolutely necessary and wanted to spare me the antagonism and embarrassment, but appreciated my curiosity anyway. This made me wonder why the class was advertised in the schedule for all to see, or was it designed for the in tidy envelopes to the sequestered alumni of the prerequisite. Nonetheless, I consulted the schedule and found another 400 class in the same department. The course description promised hidden lore in that discipline, esoterica beyond my wildest expectations, with a short list of prerequisites that only went up to the 200 level. The professor sternly informed me that permission of the instructor was required.

Feeling somewhat more confident, I gave Instructor X a ring and humbly asked to take another class in the fountain of knowledge issuing from her capable brain next spring. Despite my major being in a completely different discipline, and despite my lack of all but one of the prerequisites, the Professor gave me a tentative green light.

Next morning I rushed to the department office, registration form in hand, to get a signature and cast myself in the play of wisdom that would unfold this Spring. Instructor X arrived, and solemnly informed me that since this was a 400-level class, and since many of the seniors in the department needed it to graduate, and since there were only sixteen spots in the class, she would have to make me wait until shortly before the actual registration date in order to give those seniors all the breathing room they needed. I asked her how many spots were left. Not many, she said, and told me she had let some juniors into the class already. This, in my mind, is in conflict with the list of reasons from her previous monologue, which I pointed out to her. She didn’t like it, and told me to check back with her closer to registration time.

Just before registration, I called her, and this time she had thought about it, and didn’t want me in the class. This leads me to some serious questions. It is so necessary that my not having been told it was not possible to meet in the classroom, that surely counts for something. But it was unacceptable. The flexibility of mind that a liberal-arts education is supposed to impart on us has not reached Instructor X. Perhaps this individual honestly believed that my lack of prerequisites was a serious impediment. However, she took no time to see what kind of familiarity I had with the subject at hand. Who is she to evaluate my experience? Not all of us have come to acquire every aspect of our knowledge through sitting in a classroom. Very few of us have. And who among the sixteen initiates who were accepted is going to remember, detail for detail, everything that transpired in the prerequisites classes? I’ve taken classes without the prerequisites in other departments and haven’t run across any serious problems.

Whence the magic number sixteen? If there is a consistent trend of there being more students than places in the class, as Instructor X leads me to believe, then I humbly submit that the classes should be larger. If that creates some kind of havoc for the professor teaching that class, then perhaps an entirely new section of that class should open: sections A and B, for example.

At the beginning of the year there were various addresses to the freshmen during orientation that encouraged them to take a class outside of their discipline. The same speech was given to me three years ago, and I have done so consistently, prerequisites or not. And I can only assume this change-fearing instructor so entrenched in policy that she can’t even find the time to see what kind of familiarity I have with the subject at hand. Even I do not relish taking a 400-level class in a subject about which I’m clueless. It’s not as if I’m asking to be let into a French Literature class, which, with instructor allowed to be beyond me, and which the French instructor would be able to discern by talking to me.

What chance do we have of getting access to the knowledge in a discipline if we are systematically denied entry by way of absolute prerequisites? Despite Instructor X’s abject fear of anything outside the rigid familiarity of guidelines, it is possible that I could have learned and flourished under her instruction, and maybe even added something to the class dynamic. Now this possibility will not be explored. And Instructor X will maintain the cold comfort of not taking risks. I don’t think she heard that speech as a freshman.

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Religious influence is two-way street

LA TAWNYA ROBINSON
Staff Writer

In last week’s edition of The Trail, Dianna Woods wrote an opinion piece on certain people she called “Christian Conversionists.” Woods made the mistake of putting Jehovah’s Witnesses, born-again Christians, and Mormons in the same group and then made a generalization about all three groups, whose beliefs and methods are totally different. Since I am not a Jehovah’s Witness or a Mormon I cannot speak on their behalf; however, I do consider myself a born-again Christian and therefore will specifically respond in defense of born-again Christians.

In the article Woods claimed that she was constantly bombarded with Christianity, whether it was through billboards promoting Christianity, or watching Jehovah’s WitnessesConvertible in the bushes screaming at people to class or the walk-it-to class or the Bible. I was brought up in a strict Christian home and so I’ve had many opportunities to listen to these people who, as you so eloquently put it, “suck.”

Woods implies that the main purpose of Christians is to convert non-Christians and change their belief system. This is untrue. Since my father is an ordained minister, I know for a fact and from personal experience that that is not the goal of Christians. Rather, the one and only goal of Christians is to expose others to the way of life that they, as Christians, have chosen. If the individual happen to be speaking to at the time doesn’t wish to accept what they have to say, that’s fine, and if they are seeking change and would like to convert, that’s all the better.

Woods states in her article that many of the non-Christians “are happy where they are religiously, and have come to their conclusions after years of questioning and examining different thoughts, beliefs, and ideas.” Well, who’s to say that Christians didn’t go through the same process? Religion usually isn’t just a spur-of-the-moment decision. You don’t always have to decide whether to be a Jehovah’s Witness on your own. You were probably one of those.”

Woods also fails to realize that people who are Christians are also subject to the attacks of non-Christians. I wouldn’t say thatChristians are “politically exposed” to different beliefs and ideas. It’s a known fact that true hard-core Christians are against things like drinking, drugs, and sexual misbehavior, yet aren’t they still subjected to seeing these exact things referred to just about every day on TV? Almost every advertisement has something to do with sex, and several TV shows, songs, etc. constantly make some kind of joke about the consumption of drugs and/or alcohol. Wouldn’t it be safe to say that Christians are always being subjected to things and ways of life they don’t agree with? I think so.

Woods claims that non-Christians will respect the right of Christians to talk about their religion as long as we don’t put them on a pedestal and make non-Christians listen. Well, that’s a nice gesture and all, but she also needs to take into account that things need to go both ways. So Dianna, can you promise that Christians won’t have to see or hear anything they don’t agree with against their own will? I doubt it. Accept the fact that yes, there are going to be people who are always going to make fun of their religion or lack thereof, for that matter. And of course you will come across those that go a little too far, but those people exist in every group, including non-Christians. So there’s not only a problem with some Christians, but also some non-Christians, and any other group there may be. And it’s those people who, as you so eloquently put it, “suck.”

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Tim Wise examines the growing campaign against gay and lesbian rights, led by members of far-right organizations. This speech discusses and shatters many commonly held misperceptions about the homosexual community, and responds forcefully to far-right claims of "biblical condemnation."
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VAX diLes paimfub UngeriLng death may improve efficiency, reduce the load placed on the internet fangled Eudora thingy. Sure, it servers, increase campus diversity, and make everything bad go away, but to me it just feels like the end of an era.

Here at the increasingly self-referential Combat Zone, we had some good times with the VAX. It had some good times with the Combat Zone. We mean-spirited barbs aimed at page was filled up by pointless, bloody lists.

Merry Xmas! Be gleeful, darlings! The VAX may be dead, but we have brought the Xmas-time ruckus for y'all. This here being the last issue of The Puget Sound Trail before we all head off to romp in a winter wonderland, we have brought you a plethora of delightful gifts. What are they? Don't get so excited, kids. It's just a bunch of bloody lists.

Ten Cool Religions
1. Voodoo
2. Animism
3. Christianity (50 million Elvis fans can't be wrong)
4. Ancestor Worship
5. Subgenius-ism (making religion a kick-ass adventure)
6. Discordanism
7. Zen Buddhism, especially if you're one of those monks who can sing two different notes at once.
8. Agnosticism
9. Evil
10. Other

VAX dies painful, lingering death; Combat Zone weeps for twenty nights

VAX may be dead, but well, it's pretty much official. The VAX is being phased out. Everyone on campus is being told to switch over to this new...

The VAX gave us idiocy that belonged to the FUTURE, a stupidity for the next millennium. There's only the hopelessly idiotic people human George Jetson, making the same mistakes sad humans have made for thousands of years. Who gives a rat's ass? It's old hat. The VAX gave us idiocy that belonged to the FUTURE, a stupidity for the next millennium. It taught us that machines were fallible, too, comforting us in the same way that it comforts us to think that our parents were hippies, once upon a time.

We said that the VAX was going to be replaced by toast-ers, once. We slily quipped about how much faster the toasters were going to be. We said that the VAX was powered by demons from hell, and we had a good laugh at our casual blasphemy (no, wait... that was a joke about ResNet. Never mind). We made a list of things that were slow, and the only things we thought of were the VAX and turtles. What jokes are to be made about Eudora? None, except for its stupid-ass name. Such humor would be cold and inhuman, anyway. The VAX was comfort food for the soul of the computer age.

Rest in peace, VAX. You will be missed. Not as much as we miss The Monkees, the A-Team, or the Ramones, but you'll be missed. Next time our e-mail is handled quickly and efficiently, we'll think of you.

Ten Ways to End a Party
1. Call the Fire Department
2. Put on Steven Jesse Bernstein's Prison and pass out razor blades
3. Hide all the furniture
4. Bob Marley Recordings
5. Go down to your basement and conduct black magic rituals, drink the blood of virgins, and raise the dead so that they can go forth and massacre the living. Then put on a Bob Marley Record.
6. Politely ask everyone to leave
7. Move
8. Grab a butcher knife and threaten to cut everyone's throats if they don't get the hell away from you
9. Lock your bathrooms
10. Shoot everyone with tranquilizer darts

Ten Reasons Why Portland is Better Than Tacoma
1. Fewer Crack Addicts
2. Better Record Stores
3. The Dandy Warhols
4. It's Not Falling Apart
5. God Has Cursed Our Town
6. Sunshine
7. Fewer Alien Conquerors
8. Better Seafood
9. Sugarboom (chk-a-chk)
10. Boom

The Puget Sound Trail: Evan Dando sez, "I hate butt rock."