Continued Calls for University Divestment from Israel, Boeing

By Andrew Benoit, Mercer Stauch and Veronica Brinkley

The University of Puget Sound is facing calls from some students groups and alumni to divest from Israel due to its ongoing genocide against Palestinians. Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) Puget Sound chapter has been calling for the University to release specific investment information, which is not common practice at private universities. While the University points to its yearly fiscal reports when asked about investment information, these reports do not include the portfolio’s exposure to specific corporations or countries. The University’s pooled endowment, which is managed by Agility, has a 0.11% exposure directly to Israel, according to President Crawford. What exactly this means or what Israeli companies or bonds the University is invested in is unclear. The University declined to share specific companies or sectors they were exposed to. They also did not respond to questions about what specific monetary value was represented by the percentage, but given the size of the University’s endowment it could be a significant amount.

Even the University doesn’t always know exactly what they are invested in, thanks to the complicated nature of global finances. “The way that you deal with investment makes it difficult to be able to kind of speak at any one moment in time about what particular company one might hold investments in,” President Crawford said.

In an email to the campus community, President Crawford acknowledged the calls for divestment, and shared some specific financial data, which had previously been shared with The Trail. The statement also acknowledged the University’s pressure to do more, and expressed concerns for our community have about our investments. Your voices matter, and we will carefully consider all divestment calls in light of our fiduciary duty. However, managing a large endowment responsibly requires a thorough review process for any potential changes,” the statement read. Despite the commitment to Israel, President Crawford stands by University investment policy and the results it produces. “While a small percentage of our investments may have some indirect exposure to regions experiencing conflict, none of our holdings are directly involved with military or defense activities. This reinforces my confidence in the effectiveness of our screening processes,” he said in a statement to The Trail.

SDS has also accused the University of complicity in genocide through complicity to Boeing, whose weapons are being used in Israel’s attacks on Gaza’s civilian population. “We want to tell UPS to cut ties with Boeing. We do not want blood money from a company that supports and enables genocide,” Annika Freeiling (’25) said in a speech on Feb. 7. The University has received at least $2,046,000 from Boeing in philanthropic commitments and grants since 1997. President Crawford pushed back against the idea that the University is complicit in a genocide. “We do not own that weapon, we are not part of an apparatus that’s engaged in that type of activity,” he said.

Veronica Craker, Director of Media Relations, told The Trail that the University’s portfolio has a 0.02% exposure to Boeing via passive S&P 500 exposure. “As of September 30, zero percentage of our portfolio supports firearms, and less than 1% is related to defense,” President Crawford added, explaining that the University’s investment practices are guided by environmental, social and governance (ESG) principles that aim to foster societal good.

Still, the University benefits from its relationship with Boeing, a major investor in the Pacific Northwest region. In 1997, the company made a two million dollar promise to communicate better in the future.

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Due to the confidential nature of the investigation, the University has declined to comment on a great deal. As much of what exactly occurred on Feb. 21 remains unclear. Only one of the most unanswered questions remains what exactly the loud noise was that led to the brief hospitalization of one student and has potentially permanently affected their hearing. “I can just tell since this happened, it’s harder for me to make out what people are saying. And yeah, it’s just really sad because my life is made very difficult because of my hearing loss,” they said. The University declined to comment on the noise, citing the ongoing investigation.

Other lingering questions remain surrounding the campus lockdown initiated by Security Services during the protest, which has been heavily criticized as unnecessary and unsafe. The University claimed the action was taken in response to reports of non-student individuals attempting to enter other buildings, but the The Trail could not confirm this.

On Feb. 29, the ASUPS senate unanimously passed a resolution criticizing University leadership for a public acknowledgement by Security Services of the harm caused by the failure to communicate about the lockdown with the student body. The resolution by Jack Simmermeyer (’24), chair of ASUPS senate, the resolution asserts that “that the harm that was caused wasn’t spoken to” when security shared an initial statement promising to communicate better in the future.

Board of Trustees Finalizing Budget for New Fiscal Year

By Grace Farrell

The Puget Sound Board of Trustees is currently finalizing a budget plan for the upcoming fiscal year to help transition the University out of deficit spending. Members held several on-campus meetings following President Crawford’s initial budget recommendation, and the finalized budgeting proposal will be sent to the President in April. The Budget Task Force, which includes the executive vice president, chief financial officer, and provost of Puget Sound, is also responsible for overseeing this. They held occasional open sessions for the campus community and will work with President Crawford to ensure his ideas are incorporated into this upcoming plan.

Kim Kvaal, executive vice president and chief financial officer, characterizes the University budgeting process as being similar to that of personal budgeting. “The fundamentals are the same,” she says. “There are just more O’s at the end.”

Not surprisingly, student tuition comprises most of Puget Sound’s budget revenue. Other revenue sources include investment income, gifts and grants to the University, and other revenue contributions. The expense budget (required outputs in the University budget) is divided into relatively equal portions of compensation for staff (38%), for faculty (32%), and operating and capital expenses (26%). Operating and capital expenses refer to required payments for rent or operational and capital costs, as well as departmental budgeting costs, business insurance, and debt repayments. Another notable cost is compensation for student workers, composing 4% of the expense budget annually.

Davis Wright Tremaine Begins Investigation into Feb 21 Schnebecke Protest

By Mercer Stauch, Andrew Benoit, and Veronica Brinkley

The University of Puget Sound is currently in the process of conducting an investigation against Presi- denteer’s Pierce Lecture on Feb. 21, where multiple campus community members were injured as student activists prevented the Rep. from speaking. Seattle legal firm Davis Wright Tremaine (DWT) was selected by the University to conduct the investigation as an independent third party. Both students and staff are under investigation to determine any wrongdoing.

Our objective is to collect as much information as possible from all perspectives that will allow a thorough and neutral assessment of these events and provide better resolutions and findings to help the university address the concerns that have been raised and provide feedback on relevant university policies, procedures and processes,” DWT said in a statement to The Trail.

The investigation is likely to take the rest of the semester and has heightened student anxiety over potential punishment for student activists from the University. President Crawford has promised that anyone – student, staff, or faculty – found to have violated University policies will be “held appropriately accountable.”

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They're trying to resolve “many long-recognized weaknesses in our systems,” she said. Some of these weaknesses include a lack of diversity at ASUPS, her writing to the University’s Office of Finance; as previously reported, these two bodies have struggled to complete their financial statements on time due to the complexity of the process. Bredlove says navigating this financial code is complicated, but these controls “exist to protect all student funds and ensure that we operate with appropriate oversight.”

In light of grappling with these issues, Kevoni plans to “make sure that student voices are not only heard but acknowledged.” She understands the current problems ASUPS is facing and that “it can be hard on campus when you feel like you are reaching out for help, but no one is responding, so I want to make sure students feel comfortable to reach out and action is being taken.”

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Dear The Trail and Associated Students of the University of Puget Sound,

Following the University’s messaging surrounding the February 21st protest against Representative Derek Kilmer and recent articles in The Trail, SDS would like to draw attention to the language used around the action, especially since our Jewish members are directly impacted by these statements. We demand that students, faculty, and admin think critically about the language they use conflating Judaism and Zionism and the consequences produced because of this ignorance.

Judaism is inherently opposed to all forms of oppression, including white supremacy and settler colonialism, which are the foundations of the genocide of Palestinians that President Crawford continually refers to as the “Israel-Hamas war.” In an email sent to the whole campus community, Crawford made the unsubstantiated claim that “...pro-testors knowingly engaged in aggressive, violent and intimidating actions, including use of chants and signs that some consider antisemitic...” The institution we have come to call our home presents a shameless claim to the interchangeability between Zionism, or the ideology of the state of Israel, and Judaism. As Jews confident in the values of our religion and history, we vehemently denounce and reject an institution that pro-motes genocide in our name.

When discussing movements for a free Palestine, we see a clear prioritization of Zionist feelings. The Trail voiced their devotion to caring for their Jewish peers, stating, “In times like these, supporting Jewish students is more important than ever.” They do so in regards to reports of increased rates of antisemitism in the U.S., but are negligent to mention the just as, if not more, stifling, escalation of islamophobia and anti-Palestinian violence within the past five months.

While Jewish people are often mentioned in conversation, the voices of anti-Zionist Jews are silenced. We are ideologically silenced by the fallacious conflation of Judaism and Zionism. We see this everywhere on campus-- whether in statements from our professors, emails from Dave Wright to Jewish students affirming his support for Israel, or accusations of antisemitism from President Crawford surrounding the action during Representative Derek Kilmer’s Lecture on campus. We are also actively silenced by our University administration when real antisemitism occurs. We must question why a swastika found last year was allowed to stay up for days, while the ban-ners saying “Cancel Killmer’s Lecture End U.S. Aid to Israel” and “Stop the U.S. and Israeli Genocide in Gaza” were removed within hours. The University administra-tion cannot claim support for marginalized students as we are painfully aware of the discrimination that students of color face on our campus. Normalized instances of racism and hate speech continue to be disgracefully common on our campus. Just last week, a Black student divested fear of their own safety and comfort to SDS after some-one had written the N word on the door to their room. This conflating rhetoric we con-tinue to use and accept as a community only compounds such violence. Anyone who genuinely wants to support marginalized students must work to make this campus safe. This means engaging with discourse around the genocide that does not platform zionist feelings over reality through the minuatae of language, and the disruption of business-as-usual. With over 32,000 people dead, the lack of focus on the realities of the ongoing genocide are appalling. We hope more consideration will be put into the speech used by The Trail and UPSD admin in the future. More importantly, we hope for a free Palestine.

Signed,

Jewish members of University of Puget Sound Students for a Democratic Society

Note from the Editorial Board

This editor’s note is a response to specific statements about The Trail’s article, “Supporting Jewish Students Amid the Rise in Antisemitism,” and does not address the entirety of the letter to the editor. The Trail reaffirms its commitment to supporting and lifting up students who have experienced harassment, and is appropriate that SDS has agreed to share their voice with us.

The article highlights the rise in antisem-itisrn following Oct. 7 that our campus cur-rently lacks resources to address, and discusses Zionism and Israel to contextualize this. It opens a discussion on how the Univer-sity can better support Jewish students. The Trail stands by the article and its reporting, especially in light of ongoing antisemitic incidents on campus. It is The Trail's position that SDS misrepresented the article by stating that they “see a clear prioritization of Zionist feelings.” Antisemitism and Islamophobia are prejudices that often occur concurrently, and to write about one does not negate the existence of the other; the article was motivated by the advocacy for one group’s experiences on campus, rather than the silencing of another’s struggle.

While we stand by our reporting, we recognize the need for dialogue surrounding the genocide in Gaza. In the spirit of our Novem-ber call for greater campus engagement with the issue, we continue to encourage community feedback. Please send any and all feedback to trail@pugetsound.edu. If you would like to meet to discuss your feedback, please include your availability.

Charles Leo Daniel, a 61-year-old man from Trin-idad and Tobago detained at the Northwest Deten-tion Center (NWDC), died in solitary confinement on March 7. Daniel spent nearly his entire stay in solitary confinement, according to the University of Washington’s Center for Human Rights. The Pierce County medical examiner has yet to rule on a cause of death, but advocate group La Resisten-ta suggested it could have been due to medical neglect. NWDC detainees and their advocates are once again on hunger strike, protesting the human rights abuses and unhealthy conditions at the facility. At least two detainees attempted to commit suicide in the days following Daniel’s death. GEO Group, the private company who operates NWDC, has turned over the investigation into Daniel’s death to Immig-ra-tion and Customs Enforcement. La Resistencia has called for an independent investigation.

Famine is imminent in Gaza, where hunger is being used as a tool of genocide by Israel. On top of the 30,000 people Israel has already killed, 70% of the population is experiencing catastrophic hunger. An area experiences a famine when 20% of households have an extreme lack of food, 30% of children suffer from acute malnutrition, and at least two adults or four children die every day from hunger. It is highly likely the first two qualifications have been met in Gaza, and the death rate could continue to rise. Additionally, up to 60% of children— if just two detainees attempted to commit suicide in the days following Daniel’s death. GEO Group, the private company who operates NWDC, has turned the investigation into Daniel’s death to Immigration and Customs Enforcement. La Resistencia has called for an independent investigation.

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Ahthele of the Issue: Luna Wagner
By Kate Patterson

Congratulations to Athlete of the Issue Luna Wagner! Wagner is a first-year from Richmond, California who plays for Puget Sound’s Clearcut Ultimate. She recently was selected to repre-

sent the U.S. at the 2024 World Flying Disc Federation World Junior Ultimate Championships in the mixed division this summer. As one of only 72 athletes selected, Wagner clearly fits-belong on the field. The Truth wishes Wagner the best of luck this summer and at Clearcut’s regionals tournament Apr. 13-14 near Portland, OR.

Q: The 2024 World Junior Ultimate Championships will take place in Birmingham, England on July 20-27. Tell me about the process of preparing for this summer, and how prepara-
tions interact with Clearcut practices and tournaments.
A: Because the team is scattered across the country and any form of physical gathering is difficult, we rarely practice together. The only times we will meet as a team is for one week-
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Q: How do you expect representing the U.S. in England will feel similar or different compared to ‘normal’ tournaments?
A: In terms of how the tournament is run there will be a few new logistics. The biggest differ-
ence for me is that observers will be present. For the most part there are no refs in ultimate and it’s up to individuals to make calls. However, observers change this since they can provide input or even override a player’s call. Additionally, every country has a different style of playing that I’ll have to adjust to on the field. For example, some countries have stricter ideas about what a foul is and I will be tasked with adjusting my style of defense to ensure I am meeting their comfort level.

The entire tournament structure will be different too. Normally a tournament will last 2-3 days and a team can expect to play 2-3 games a day with each lasting about 90 minutes. In contrast, my understanding is that only 1-2 games will be played a day and this tournament will last an entire week instead of a weekend. This means a different form of endurance and athleticism will be required and I’m sure the post game recovery will be different since we’re expected to peak performance for a longer period of time.

Lastly, the obvious difference is that everything I do at this tournament will hold more weight. I will be competing for a world title instead of a league, state, or national title and as a person that has a significant amount of game anxiety, my mental preparations will be crucial.

Q: What have you learned about the sport and yourself in this year of excitement and change for you?
A: This is honestly such a hard question because there is no one memory. I think in general my ideas have hindered me because if I had listened to them I wouldn’t be here now. I will be competing for a world title instead of a league, state, or national title and as a person that has a significant amount of game anxiety, my mental preparations will be crucial.

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Holter Monitors, Health, and Happiness

By Hannah Lee

I get this monitor annually because of factors related to my genetic condition. I was diagnosed with mosaic Turner syndrome at four years old. The Turner Syndrome Society of the United States defines Turner syndrome as “a chromosomal condition that describes girls and women with common features, physical traits, and medical conditions caused by the complete or partial absence of the second sex chromosome.”

Turner Syndrome increases your risk of cardiac issues, so a cardiologist was added to my medical team as soon as I was diagnosed. Turner Syndrome also affects your growth, so I took daily growth hormone injections from age 4 to 14. Growth hormone injections can potentially adversely affect your heart, so additional monitoring has always been required. Part of what my cardiologists have recommended is to get annual Holter monitors to catch any potential issues, but it is mostly preventative.

I’ve had to wear these monitors ever since I was a child. It used to be nine different patches connected to wires that would come out from under my shirt. The wires would then be connected to a small machine that was carried in a cross-body purse. The Holter monitors gradually improved so that it was only a sticker over my heart, no leads, and just a flash drive I would send in the mail.

Wearing the monitor is very annoying, to say the least. The nurse who put the monitor on me advised me never to scratch underneath the pads the leads were attached to, which inevitably meant the itching became the one thing that would not cease for the 24 hours I was wearing it. It’s hard to ignore the itching and not scratch. I know the monitoring is necessary and was explicitly told to not remove the leads, but not getting to scratch an itch is one of life’s greatest annoyances--especially if you’ve been told you can’t. So for those 24 hours of spring break, I was really living it up. But I am glad to report that there was nothing unusual with my readings this year!

Having Turner Syndrome has been a blessing and a curse for me. I attest to the fact that it has helped me develop my emotional maturity and medical sense. Advocating for myself, as well as making sure I am compliant with my medications and tests, has given me a sense of responsibility.

There was a common social media trend where young adults would show that they still bring their parents with them to doctor’s appointments, but I have been going to my own doctor’s appointments without a chaperone since I was 14. It has also made me grateful for the life I am able to live.

Turner Syndrome only affects about 1-2% of conceptions, and only 1% of those survive to term in utero. The fact that I am here, alive, and able to write for The Trail is nothing short of a miracle if I do say so myself.

However, it is also a curse. One of the things that I have to worry about is health insurance. I have been fortunate to have good coverage through my mother, and fortunate to continue to be under that insurance until I am 26. But I worry about how I will be able to pay for my doctor’s visits and medicine once that is not available anymore. Most insurance companies do not want to take on those with pre-existing conditions, so having Turner Syndrome can severely impact my insurance options in the future.

I also worry about getting so sick I won’t be able to bounce back from it. I continue wearing a mask to this day, but as COVID concerns gradually lessen, my anxiety shoots through the roof. When I first caught COVID in my sophomore year, I was worried that I would just get worse. Thankfully, I got better. That might not be the case next time. That’s part of the reason why I have been critical of the University’s lax COVID policies and try to encourage others to wear a mask. It might not be a big deal to you, but it can be to me.

I have been the public health reporter/expert on The Trail since it was re-established, and part of why I carved that niche out for myself is because of my experiences as a medically complex individual. I also wanted to bring some comfort to other medically complex students on campus, to use my words as a way to elevate our struggles and amplify our voices. Some of us do not have the luxury of a ‘normal and healthy’ body, and I would hope that if you have one you will take the time to be thankful for it today.

Dominant Women’s Basketball Season Carries Loggers to NCAA Tournament

By Kate Patterson

The Logger women’s basketball team not only became conference champions for the second year in a row, but made it to the second round of NCAA Division-III tournament in their remarkable 2023-24 season. This is the first time Loggers made it to the tournament since 2015. On March 1, the team played in the first round of the tournament, achieving a thrilling 74-65 victory over Carroll University. Their tournament ended a day later with a loss to University of Wisconsin-Stout, but the loss in no way diminished their impressive performance.

The Trail congratulates the team on their season record of 20-9, and their tournament success. We caught up with Head Coach Casey Kushiyama to get his insights.

Q: You’ve coached women’s basketball at Puget Sound for 7 years now. How have you seen the team develop and change to get to its current point? A: Our program has changed tremendously over the last 7 years. The first 3 years we were running a completely different system/style to best utilize the personnel that we had at the time. It also took those 3 years to recruit players that would fit into our current system. Covid was the halftime way and it served as a great reset for our program’s culture and installing our new current system.

Now, we have a roster full of players that were specifically recruited to fit our system and culture. Behind the scenes, our culture system has been completely revamped and it has transformed our program into what it is now.

Q: Logger women’s basketball ended the season with a record of 20-9. What do you think helped the team be able to reach the high level of success they did? A: Short answer: our culture and mindset. Credit to the players for having the ability to compete at maximum effort at practice each day against each other. And then having the maturity to acknowledge and have gratitude towards that same teammate for the positive things they did and for making them better.

WOW! Our team’s growth mindset throughout the year was just incredible. We had to incorporate a lot of new players and players into new roles this season. Being able to use the entire season to explore and experiment, allowed us to figure out how to be at our best at the end of the season. And then our mindset in the postseason switched to fearless and free.

Q: What do you want the rest of campus to know about this amazing season and team? A: First of all, this is the greatest group of amazing people! Individually, there’s actually a lot of differences between them. They’re from different states, have different backgrounds and upbringings, different interests and hobbies. Yet collectively, it just works. They genuinely care about one another and that’s what makes the team special.

And we’re not going away! Next season, we’ll have 11 returners and a great incoming class to continue our program’s winning tradition.
Seeding Lushootseed Project Aims to Bring Permanent Puyallup Language Signs to Campus

By Erin Hurley

It’s impossible to miss the plastic yard signs in the trees between Thompson Hall and Wyatt Hall, proudly displaying names for plants in Southern Lushootseed, the language of the Puyallup Tribe. Though there were originally thirteen, only a few remain. To redraw attention to the unquestionably important message these signs conveyed, permanent installations of the project are underway. Professor Rachel DeMotts explains, “We’re starting to see in many places initiatives by tribes to make their language visible on their land again, and it’s to me, it’s a really powerful reminder of history that often gets glossed over or erased or told in inaccurate ways.”

The project began in an interdisciplinary environmental policy and decision making (EPDM) and Africana American studies (AFAM) class co-taught by Professor DeMotts and Professor Renee Simms concerning environmental racism. Their main goal was to work with the Tribal Language Program about creating yard signs with Indigenous names for plants on campus printed on them.

Signage programs spreading awareness of Indigenous languages are not unique to this project. DeMotts explains that there are other projects at UW Tacoma involving street signs with Indigenous translations printed alongside them, but the one undertaken at Puget Sound was different. “I think the way that we wanted to go about it by it including students and really working with the Tribal Language Program moves a little slower than the University timeframe might always like. But it was really important to us to build a relationship with the language program.” The Seeding Lushootseed project set itself apart by allowing students to apply the lesson in class to an active event, while at the same time fostering a relationship between the class and the Tribal Language Program.

In the class, students were divided into groups and were asked to execute various roles in the project. These roles included working with the tribe to translate plant names, designing artwork for the signs, and planning an event to showcase the work. The project took a little over a semester to complete; the signs finally debuted on campus in spring 2022.

Unfortunately, only a few signs remain. Some have been stolen — and are boldly on display in neighbors’ yards — while others were vandalized and had to be removed. In one particularly hateful instance, a swastika was drawn on one of the displays. “It was at a time at which there had been several other incidents of people putting swastikas on campus which I just, yeah, I just absolutely fail to understand that kind of behavior,” says DeMotts.

Though many of the signs have been lost or defaced, the project has not ceased, and faculty and students have continued to exhibit passion for the project. After a lot of hard work and applications for several grants, the Seeding Lushootseed signs are set to become a permanent installation on campus. “It was our intention all along to work towards having a more permanent version of them,” says DeMotts. Current classes have been contributing to this effort, like finding the exact demarcations of the signs and working to develop a display of the project on the University website.

Sydney Maysmith (’24) enrolled in Environmental Racism in the fall of 2023, where she and her classmates worked in groups to advance the installation of permanent signs on campus. Part of this work included mapping and finalizing designs, but Maysmith specifically worked to uncover the University of Puget Sound’s ties to the Cushman Boarding School. While it may seem unrelated to the installation of signs, Puget Sound’s involvement in the boarding school contributed to the broader issues of systemic colonization, among countless other abuses. “This is like a real life applicable thing that fully affects all of us on campus,” Maysmith says. DeMotts says about Puget Sound’s historical ties to the Cushman Boarding School. “This school, you know, played a part in colonialism and taking away land from Indigenous people.”

There were 13 signs originally, and depending on funds, that is the goal for the number of permanent signs — thirteen signs for thirteen different plants. Twelve signs have Lushootseed words on them, and 11 of those are native plants. For the sake of diversifying the types of plants showcased, there is a sign for learning about non-native plants. The last sign (for the Pacific Rhododendron) bears the words “Lushootseed name has been lost due to systemic colonization.”

Grace Playstead (’24) worked to create a University-wide, public-facing land acknowledgement while she was enrolled in Environmental Racism. She submitted the ten-page document to Dr. Lorna Hernandez Jarvis, Vice President for Institutional Equity and Diversity, and it is supposed to be used and revised on an ongoing basis to account for not just the permanent history of the University to this land and its founding to colonization and the active erasure of the Puyallup people’s sovereignty and also history,” Playstead says.

The bottom left corner of the sign reads, “University of Puget Sound Needs an Indigenous Studies program.” There were discussions of introducing an Indigenous studies major among faculty and administration at the time the original signs were launched; however, it was quickly revealed that the proper resources would not be devoted to it anytime soon. Hiring Indigenous faculty to center that knowledge and expertise was a requirement, but it became untenable due to a lack of structural support for the initiative. “If we’re not gonna do it properly, then I think a lot of us feel we shouldn’t do it at all, frankly,” DeMotts says bluntly.

Puget Sound Museum of Natural History: Making Science Accessible (Again)

By Caitlin Yoder

Along with providing academic resources and informal education opportunities for students on campus, the Museum’s education and outreach program provides educational opportunities for elementary schools across Tacoma. Beatrice Bugos (’23), the education & outreach director, explained the program’s function in the community, after a brief tour of the Museum’s various valuable specimens. The program includes something called Nature in the Classroom kits, which are educational resources they loan out to educators in the local area. The kits include different types of kits that make up the full curriculum, and each contains a lesson plan for the teacher to follow, hands-on specimens to go with the lesson, and all materials needed to teach it. According to Bugos, one of the biggest goals of this program is to support underfunded schools through an educational resource that people can use freely.

Peter Wimberger, the director emeritus of the museum, began this program back in 2005 shortly after he started the position. “I felt like the museum had rich potential as an educational resource and had not really developed that facet,” Wimberger said. In pursuit of this development, Wimberger applied for grants and began working with local teachers on educational programs for K-12 students. Eventually, Wimberg- er’s work solidified as the Nature in the Classroom program. Under this program Americorps members, hosted by the Museum through Washington Service Corps (WSC), would teach the curriculum Wimberger and his team had developed in Tacoma elementary schools. “At its height all of our outreach activities were touching about 20000 community members a year, making the museum the university’s second biggest point of contact with the regional community,” he said.

Unfortunately, this aspect of the program was shut down during the COVID-19 pandemic, and since then Wimberger and members of the museum’s kit loaning program. Though Nature in the Classroom developed virtual lessons to distribute during the pandemic, it never achieved the same impact it had before the 2020 pandemic.

Kena Fox-Dobbs, the director of the museum, is looking to return to that hands-on approach Wimberger developed during the struggles of the pandemic. She is excited to reintegrate the program in honor of Wimberger, hoping to expand its role in the broader community. The Museum has already started the process of hosting an Americorps member again, which Fox-Dobbs believes is a big step toward improving their project’s impact in Tacoma schools. “The program included formal assessment measures, and by the metrics analyzed having the kits administered by the museum WSC members significantly improved the experience (progress towards educational goals and learning objectives) for students and teachers,” Fox-Dobbs said. Bugos also mentioned plans for the development of new kits within the next year, which will add even more educational opportunities for young learners.

Fox-Dobbs is hopeful that the application will be successful so that the Museum can once again benefit all learners of the Tacoma community to the fullest potential.

Anybody who is interested in loaning a Nature in the Classroom kit can go to www.pugetsound.edu/puget-sound-museum-natural-history/education-outreach/nature-classroom to learn more about the program, access online resources, or schedule a time to take a look at their specimens in person!

One of the original Seeding Lushootseed yard signs. The project hopes to replace these, which were stolen and vandalized, with more permanent markers. Photo: Caitlin Hurley // The T"
Campus Lecture Tackles the Political Philosophy of Joan of Arc

By Alikia Khun

On the evening of Mar. 7, Winnifred Fallers Sullivan, professor of religious studies at Indiana University, presented a lecture titled “Making a King: The Political Theology of Joan of Arc” in Wyatt Hall. Sullivan’s interest in religion as a social phenomenon led her to research how it intertwined with lawmakers worldwide, particularly in how it has affected how society operates in the United States via the Catholic Church. Through her studies, Sullivan began to study “The Trial of Joan of Arc,” which she now teaches a class on at Indiana University. Joan of Arc, patron saint of France, the famous cross-dressing warrior woman known for bringing victory to France during the Hundred Years’ War, and the kingmaker that brought the body of a beautiful woman and is almost immediately confronted with a different form of isolation: the oppressive tactics of desiring men. These forces materialize in two central figures: the doting and protective Max McCandles (played by Ramy Youssef), who works as God’s accountant, and Duncan Weddernburn (played by Mark Rufalo), a depraved, and (sometimes) charming lawyer who offers the path of adventure and indulgence. Yet, perhaps due to her unique condition of new and old life, Bella sees her advances for what they truly are: attempts at dominance – and rejects the elements of these relationships that attempt to create power dynamics. The men in her life are leftpurple and their definitions of the world are bland logic of being. And this process follows in every part of her journey: taking in knowledge, experience, and ideas from the people around her and spitting out all the excess, the trappings and failings of their ideologies. She takes in skills of reasoning but refuses the compartmentalization of empiricism; she explores love but refuses its attempts to limit her autonomy; she develops a critical lens of the world but leaves behind unproductive cynicism; she embraces a pleasure-seeking and unapologetic desires for hedonism – as well as the efforts to make the world of pleasure one led by the minds of men and their promises of hedonism. Bella is an ultra-efficient machine of self-discovery and liberation. Bella’s unique experience of the world is reflected in the fantastical, perfected visuals of the film. Her dissident inner world materializes in the strangely beautiful production and set design, an imagined past that is simultaneously shot into the future through its grand presentation. Above all the visual elements is the impeccable costume design, and most noticeably, Bella’s absurd and boudoiric outfits; they change in sharpness, color, and attitude throughout the story, but one element almost always remains: exaggerated, puffy shoulders – framing Bella’s curious face. In a way, these voluminous shoulders act as a confirmation of Bella’s nature – an idiosyncratic approach to life that presses against the schematic realities around her. Like her attire, Bella is bold and honest (to herself and to others): she is truthful about her boredom, disappointments, and disagreements with others, she spits out food she doesn’t like, dances when she wants and how she wants, and has sex when she wants and with who she wants. Undoubtedly, some will find the maximalism of the movie – in visual aesthetic, attitude, and sexual content – to be gratuitous. But, many others will walk away from the viewing experience with the belief that loud and bright is the only way for this film to be.
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We asked for his opinion on many of the political issues of today. On the subject of abortion, he supports its immediate executive codification. On the subject of taxes, he supported heavy taxes on the rich and distribution to the lower class, again through executive action.

James’s union background is very influential in his politics with many of his political opinions stemming from a labor-centered position. Neither party’s politician fully represents the working class; James has some tough competition against two established politicians.

The public’s main drive for electing James is his age. When put into comparison with both other candidates, he is very young. As the main criticism of both Trump and Biden is that they are too old to competently run the nation, James shines through at an almost infantile age (in U.S. politics) at fifty years old. The 2024 election is right around the corner and James from Tacoma is pulling ahead in all metrics. With Trump being in his late seventies and Biden being in his early eighties it seems that the best course of action for the nation is to elect James at the youthful age of fifty. James has in fact filed a restraining order against any reporters from the Combat Zone, but our dedicated student reporters will stay hard at work to keep our dear readers updated on the most promising candidate.

Political Debates, Local Middle-Aged Man Predicted to Win Presidency

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Opinion: As a FundamentalistPastafarian, I Applaud the Alabama Supreme Court IVF Ruling

By High Priest Mac Farfalle of the Vermicillical Church of the Flying Spaghetti Monster

Friends, believers, and heathens: rejoice! The Alabama Supreme Court has ruled on the most pressing issues of our day and just in time for the grand opening of the Holy Noodly Word as it was meant to be read: literally. Our Divine, Saucy Father did not painstakingly choose and dictate every word of the Gospel to Prophet Henderson for us to discern with our own fanciful literalistic analysis and newfound ideas, which is why we are so heartened by the recent ruling from the Alabama Supreme Court. We believe, in accordance with this Gospel, that meatballs are children. Every human being begins as a meatball (or what scientists would have you believe are “embryos”) and this ruling is the first step to codifying the personhood of every meatball.

The heathens reading this are likely rolling their eyes... perhaps even snickering and showing this to their pagan comrades-in-arm. Good! The sooner you learn the Holy Noodly Word, the sooner your soul will be saved from the clutches of eternal gluten-free damnation. Moreover, we will need all of the support we can muster to advance our cause. Embryos are meatballs, and therefore deserving of personhood, but what of the other meatballs? The meatballs that are barbarically slaughtered, sautéed, and served slashed in sauce to carnivores restaurants across the U.S.? It is nauseating to think about, even more horrifying to see: our children are being EATEN, and this is commonplace!

Ordinarily, I would not go to such great lengths to pander to non-believers. We do not need heretic smirks, nor would your disbelief matter. We know the true nature of reality: it was created by the Flying Spaghetti Monster. How do we know this? We have been blessed by the Flying Spaghetti Monster delivered by the holy saucy word of the Gospel which the Flying Spaghetti Monster is based upon — and the Gospel describes the true nature of reality. But in the face of such inspaghetti, such boiled barbarity, you are directly condoning the mass slaughter and consumption of children with your continued heresy. I urge you: read the Word. Let our Divine Saucy Father wrap his protective noodly appendages around your soul, and when you are touched by the Spirit of the Colander — the Holy Ghost — you will believe.

And when you believe, you will join our Carbohydrate Crusade. We will ensure that the personhood of all meatballs is legally codified, and we will wage holy war on every major Italian-American restaurant chain if we must. Already, my acolytes have been dispatched to firebomb the local Olive Garden. Not only are they murderers and heretics, but they plagiarized our slogan. That’s right, the official slogan of the Vermicillical Church of the Flying Spaghetti Monster is: “When you’re here, you’re family. Family held together by the divine noodles of the Flying Spaghetti Monster, because marinara sauce is thicker than water.” Due to the exorbitant printing costs associated with a long slogan like this one, we will also accept donations to the Church in lieu of your participation in firebombing your local Olive Garden.

The next president of the United States is a local middle-fifty-year-old James. Photo Credit: Pixabay

Our analysts at the Combat Zone have recently projected that in the 2024 election, a local fifty-year-old man, James, will win the presidential bid against both Donald Trump and Joe Biden. Even though James did not announce that he was running in the election or showed any interest in running he is still the preferred candidate for a majority of Americans voters.

James was born in Tacoma, Washington to a middle-class family that supported his interests as a child within their means, enabling James to pursue those interests to the full extent. James currently works as a foreman for the International Longshore and Warehouse Union, unlike Trump and Joe Biden, he is a working member of the labor unions, and his mother worked in the service industry. James’s humble roots in the local economy help contribute to his direct relationship with both voters in Tacoma and voters across the nation.

We tried to contact James’s campaign office, but we couldn’t find a number. It would seem that they are too hard at work campaigning for this budding politician to accept our call which is understandable; James has some tough competition against two established politicians.

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Horoscopes

Aries: The total solar eclipse is happening in your sign! Now is a great time to make big moves toward your goals and foster your happiness. Don’t let Mercury retrograde pull you back into old habits; let the eclipse begin a new chapter for you.

Taurus: This solar eclipse will allow you to see yourself from a new perspective. Seize your motivation to cultivate self-love and confidence. Remember to strive for evolution, not perfection.

Geminis: Mercury retrograde is ready to do you dirty, but don’t let it! Avoid any temptation to overanalyze social situations. Your ex is not coming back and has no hold on you anymore, so challenge yourself to move on.

Cancer: This eclipse will inspire you to quit your people-pleasing and speak your truth. This may bring some attention your way, but don’t be afraid to embrace it and let the world know who you really are. Connect with your chosen family this eclipse season and be ready to add to it.

Leo: Don’t be afraid to ask for help during this season. Allow the eclipse to change your harsh perspective on life to a more optimistic one. Focus on gratitude for what you have and what you need will come your way.

Virgo: It’s time to take a look at the boundaries you’ve been setting: are they enough? Don’t be afraid to let people go who seem to suck up all your energy this eclipse season. Pour your energy into those who care deeply about you.

Libra: Buckle up, girl. The solar eclipse will force you to examine how your partnerships are affecting you. If the people you’re choosing aren’t showing up for you, feel free to let them go and start a new chapter. Think about the way you treat others, as well: avoid too much people-pleasing or being too cold.

Scorpio: The solar eclipse will provide a great opportunity for you to break harmful cycles and evolve into who you want to be. Close friends and family may be asking you for emotional help this season, but you’ll be ready to give energy to them. Creating a daily routine will help you embrace this new chapter and keep you from feeling drained.

Sagittarius: You’ve been in a big people-pleasing era. The eclipse will help you understand what truly makes you happy and how to cultivate your joy. Now is a great time to open up to close friends and family about how you’ve really been. Don’t shy away from feeling all the emotions this season.

Capricorn: This solar eclipse will force you to give up some of your control. Embracing the chaos this season will open you up to new ways of being that will serve you well. New mindfulness habits will also help you through this evolutionary period.

Aquarius: Someone or something is making your life much harder than it needs to be. Figure out what it is, release it, and allow your life to be changed because of it. Cleaning your spaces will help you through this change.

Pisces: Allow the solar eclipse to give you time away from any anxiety you may be feeling. Utilize any gratitude habits that may have fallen to the back burner to improve your mentality and outlook on life. Understand that you are stronger than you think you are! Have some faith in yourself.

Meet Our Team

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Sophie Goble

Sophie is a first-year studying communications and business. She grew up in Portland, Oregon where she first discovered her love for journalism and writing. She spends her very little free time dancing with RDG and doing various performance-related activities (shoutout UPS Theater). You can usually find her in Oppenheimer cafe drinking an iced vanilla matcha, or around campus filming videos for @univpugetsoundtiktok (go follow).
Apps, Situationships, and Unspoken Codes of Conduct: Examining Puget Sound Dating Culture

By Sophie Goble

Diving into the world of college romance can be challenging. Most people are seeking a relationship in some capacity, whether it be passion, connection, romance, or just a fling. Dating is always hard; however, in college, one often navigates the challenges of hook-ups, single-life, dating apps, and other general relationship struggles. I was tasked with uncovering the reality of dating at Puget Sound and the challenges (or triumphs) frequently occurring in the campus dating scene.

Roommates Hannah Fickus ('27) and Brenna Burak ('23) described the aforementioned complexity that stems from such a small campus. “It’s hard at a small school because you can’t just have roommates, you have to have that. You will see them around campus,” Fickus said.

The complexity that stems from such a small campus leads to drama between friend groups easily. “When someone starts dating it’s highly likely that the person that has had a thing with somebody else,” Burak shared. Fickus explained the importance of following “girl code,” a set of rules that pertains to dating and friendship between women in particular. “For example, don’t date your friends’ exes, or if your friend has a crush on someone don’t go after their crush,” she said. Burak said it is “almost impossible to follow” because of how few options (i.e., people) there are on campus. If you are interested in someone it is likely they have been associated with someone else already.

When navigating the college dating scene, Fickus said that it’s important to have an open line of communication, especially when encountering a situation where someone has been involved with someone you potentially like.

“Most people are pretty chilly about that sort of thing,” she said. Having an honest conversation is the best thing to do. Fickus said, “you definitely need to talk about it.”

Gossip runs rampant, as Puget Sound students generally over love their relationships. “Once you’ve established that you’re in a romantic relationship or situation with someone, people on campus can recognize that immediately,” Fickus said. Nonsensical opinions seem to be a large issue, especially with new relationships. Fickus talked about seeing people posting about their own experience about someone in order to give a fuller picture about that person, or to deter you from dating them. Hinton explained, “there are a lot more opportunities for things to get messy here than in other places.”

Hinton drew an example from the UPSmisunderconnec-tions Instagram page, saying that the amount of freely given information “can be used as a weapon for people who have negative feelings about others’ relationships on campus.” He explained that there have been cases where people reference certain individuals in a negative light, which potentially causes harm. Hinton said, “I just feel like some people on this campus have too much power to prevent opportunities for others, or to insert themselves into other people’s relationships.” He also noted the difference in going public with your relationship. “With the nature of us having such a small school, it hinders us from being able to eliminate those challenges of not being able to express freely and personally.”

In conversing about the established – or semi-established – relationships on campus, both Fickus and Burak agreed that generational relatability is huge, friends and it takes a while to turn something to defined. Burak said that in her opinion, there is an abundance of situationships on campus.

Situationships are defined on Dictionary.com as “a romantic or sexual relationship that is undefined and non- committed. People in this type of relationship can date a few people less but than committed romantic partners.” Burak explained how they play out saying, “it’s like when you get a little physical, and it’s a bit unsafe. You can also just definitely like each other and then it just goes on, but without committing to anything.” Hinton has heard of many situationships on campus and explained, “it’s easier for people to not have the fear of committing to someone, and that being displayed on campus publicly. People can be associated with others and use situationships as a way to avoid that.”

When asked what the ideal college dating scene would look like, Burak said that the romantic part itself would want “people mingling their own business a little more.” Fickus agreed. Dating has proven to not be worth the trouble, instead explaining it was more of a means to meet new people. Fickus said they generally just resort to off-campus dating since the options are so limited. These personal experiences are generally found through friends who attend other Washington-area colleges, or through dating apps.

Commenting on the dating app experience, Fickus said that it’s “fine,” and that she “sees a lot of Puget Sound people.” Burak made a point to follow her dating app rules “never ever ever swipe on people on Tinder who go here. Don’t do it unless you’re serious about it.” She explained that the uncertainty that can come from seeing people on campus can make sense later if the person has never had an effort, makes for an awkward situation.

Hinton makes the final point to “not sell yourself short. Take advantage of opportunities to meet new people because even though it is a small school, you don’t know everyone.” So, with that, go forth and connect, dear Loggers.

No More Coming Second: How to Close the Orgasm Gap

By Kaya Heimowitz

You read the title of the column and now you’re thinking, “What’s the orgasm gap?” Well, it’s a phenomenon that’s been studied for decades. There is a noticeable gap when it comes to people’s sexual scripts. These are both available at Collins Memorial Loggers.

You Are” by Emily Nagoski. If you are interested in reading a pop-culture book to the left.

would have the scoop on blossoming relationships. “Once you’ve identified the paper references a national survey of men and cishet women, where cishet women orgasm more often than cishet women. However, cishet men tend to orgasm more frequently than all other groups and significantly overestimate how often their female partners orgasm.Typical. The paper ultimately communicates that in every sexual relationship pairing, one partner tends to orgasms more, and that’s the pleasure gap or the orgasm gap. In converging about the established – or semi-established – relationships on campus, both Fickus and Burak agreed that generational relatability is huge, friends and it takes a while to turn something to defined. Burak said that in her opinion, there is an abundance of situationships on campus.

The orgasm gap is also often referred to as the “pleasure gap” because there is more to pleasure than just having sex. To better educate the Puget Sound community on pleasure gap, I interviewed Eliza Koch (’24), an aspiring sex therapist, who wrote a thesis for her Gender and Queer Studies minor called “Pleasure as Power: The Pleasure Gap as a Tool of the Sexual System of Oppres-sion.” Koch explained that each of us holds certain patriarchal values that devalues women’s pleasure and teaches them not to advo-cate for themselves. Koch explains the pleasure gap as an “undervaluing of certain groups of people’s pleasure that results in things like lower rates of orgasm.”

When asked what creates this pleasure gap between partners, Koch responded that on a societal level, “we tend to undervalue women’s pleasure. And this shows up in things like what we define as ‘real sex.’ People tend to think of so-called ‘real sex’ as penetrative sex between a cis man and a cis woman. However, as Koch explains. ‘This creates some pretty big issues, especially for, you know, queer folks who don’t have sex that way. And it can also create a lot of shame for people who don’t find pleasure in that typical penetrative sex.’ It is a known fact that people with vulvas tend to need clitoral stimulation to orgasm, ‘so you know, queer folks who don’t have sex that way. And it can also create a lot of shame for people who don’t find pleasure in that typical penetrative sex.’ It is a known fact that people with vulvas tend to need clitoral stimulation to orgasm, ‘so you know, queer folks who don’t have sex that way. And it can also create a lot of shame for people who don’t find pleasure in that typical penetrative sex.’ It is a known fact that people with vulvas tend to need clitoral stimulation to orgasm, ‘so you know, queer folks who don’t have sex that way. And it can also create a lot of shame for people who don’t find pleasure in that typical penetrative sex.’ It is a known fact that people with vulvas tend to need clitoral stimulation to orgasm, ‘so you know, queer folks who don’t have sex that way. And it can also create a lot of shame for people who don’t find pleasure in that typical penetrative sex.’ It is a known fact that people with vulvas tend to need clitoral stimulation to orgasm, ‘so you know, queer folks who don’t have sex that way. And it can also create a lot of shame for people who don’t find pleasure in that typical penetrative sex.’ It is a known fact that people with vulvas tend to need clitoral stimulation to orgasm, ‘so you know, queer folks who don’t have sex that way. And it can also create a lot of shame for people who don’t find pleasure in that typical penetrative sex.’ It is a known fact that people with vulvas tend to need clitoral stimulation to orgasm, ‘so you know, queer folks who don’t have sex that way. And it can also create a lot of shame for people who don’t find pleasure in that typical penetrative sex.’ It is a known fact that people with vulvas tend to need clitoral stimulation to orgasm, ‘so you know, queer folks who don’t have sex that way. And it can also create a lot of shame for people who don’t find pleasure in that typical penetrative sex.’ It is a known fact that people with vulvas tend to need clitoral stimulation to orgasm, ‘so you know, queer folks who don’t have sex that way. And it can also create a lot of shame for people who don’t find pleasure in that typical penetrative sex.’ It is a known fact that people with vulvas tend to need clitoral stimulation to orgasm, ‘so you know, queer folks who don’t have sex that way. And it can also create a lot of shame for people who don’t find pleasure in that typical penetrative sex.’ It is a known fact that people with vulvas tend to need clitoral stimulation to orgasm, ‘so you know, queer folks who don’t have sex that way. And it can also create a lot of shame for people who don’t find pleasure in that typical penetrative sex.’ It is a known fact that people with vulvas tend to need clitoral stimulation to orgasm, ‘so you know, queer folks who don’t have sex that way. And it can also create a lot of shame for people who don’t find pleasure in that typical penetrative sex.’ It is a known fact that people with vulvas tend to need clitoral stimulation to orgasm, ‘so you know, queer folks who don’t have sex that way. And it can also create a lot of shame for people who don’t find pleasure in that typical penetrative sex.’ It is a known fact that people with vulvas tend to need clitoral stimulation to orgasm, ‘so you know, queer folks who don’t have sex that way. And it can also create a lot of shame for people who don’t find pleasure in that typical penetrative sex.’ It is a known fact that people with vulvas tend to need clitoral stimulation to orgasm, ‘so you know, queer folks who don’t have sex that way. And it can also create a lot of shame for people who don’t find pleasure in that typical penetrative sex.’ It is a known fact that people with vulvas tend to need clitoral stimulation to orgas...
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Alabama IVF Ruling: Apparently Everything is a Baby Now
By Amelia Pooser

On Feb. 16 the Alabama Supreme Court ruled that embryos created through in vitro fertilization (IVF) were extrauterine children and were allowed many of the protections of fully formed, living minors. This ruling was surprising and very controversial as IVF clinics across Alabama halted care; there now existed a high probability that physicians and patients could be held liable for the unavoidable risks associated with IVF.

In an interview with Women’s Health, Dr. Serena H. Chen, an OB-GYN and director of advocacy at Colorado Center for Reproductive Medicine Fertility, explained why this ruling was so medically inaccurate. She said, “humans are just like all other creatures and in nature, reproduction is extremely inefficient. The vast majority of eggs and sperm never have the biological competence to become a baby. There’s a 20 percent chance that a perfectly fertile couple gets pregnant each month. And a quarter of all pregnancies end in miscarriage. For infertility patients, the miscarriage rates tend to be over 50 percent.” These numbers underscore the difficulty of the IVF process and its inevitable failures. It highlights the struggles and fights that patients and their families go through to be able to have these children.

And suddenly they faced potential punishment for it. In the wake of the United States Supreme Court’s overturning of Roe v. Wade and the clear anti-abortion and religious rhetoric witnessed in courts around the country, this was a fascinating ruling. It seemed to alienate the very people who were doing what the judges wanted: trying to have children. This controversial ruling has significant impacts on the ongoing debate and fight over abortion access. Although the Alabama courts have amended the ruling to protect IVF providers and patients the overarching implications of this ruling expand into everyday life as well as into upcoming U.S. Supreme Court cases like Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine v. Food and Drug Administration and Idaho v. United States.

In a Guardian article by Carter Sherman, the writer described how in Missouri, people convicted of child molestation and statutory rape have argued that through the language of fetal personhood, underage victims should be aged up by 9 months. Their age in this way should be determined not by their birth date but by their conception date. Those months could be the difference between an underage victim becoming a legal adult or reaching the age of consent. The fact that fetal personhood and arguments around abortion are being used as defense arguments for child rapists and sexual abusers is astounding. It shows the consequences of politicians making invasive laws about medical procedures and health grounded in misinformation and religious doctrine. These laws surrounding reproductive health are being used to hurt people and do little to create meaningful protections.

More rulings are going to come before the U.S. Supreme Court to make other decisions about women’s reproductive rights, including birth control, abortion pills, and emergency medical access. In Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine v. Food and Drug Administration, the court will hear and rule upon abortion pills and their production and access within the United States. Idaho v. United States, a case weighing if Idaho’s complete abortion ban is in direct conflict with the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act, in which medical professionals cannot intervene to save a woman’s life if there is a pregnancy and a heartbeat involved. Rulings like the IVF one in Alabama are the precursors and precedents being established as these life-changing decisions are going to be made. From many perspectives, reproductive freedom looks to have a bleak future in the ‘greatest country in the world.’

However, the international response to the U.S.’s recent abortion legislation reflects the discontent and disagreement among the international community and how other countries are more willing to protect their citizens’ rights to their bodies and autonomy. In a monumental decision, the French government recently added guaranteed access to abortion into their national constitution. In the battle for reproductive health and bodily autonomy, the war continues. Some battles are lost, and others are won, but in the United States, we always seem to be moving one step towards “The Handmaid’s Tale.”

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