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The Spirit of the Sound
You may have heard print is going the way of the dodo. Newspaper subscriptions are declining and Kindles abound. In the digital age, one could argue that printed media no longer holds a meaningful place in society. Yet, no matter how social the media, nothing can replicate the permanence of the book you now hold in your hands. Yearbooks have fulfilled the same purpose for nearly 200 years, and have yet to be replaced. That sort of durability simply does not exist in the digital realm. In the past decade alone, Facebook replaced MySpace and is in turn being replaced with other platforms in a neverending battle for relevance. The point is, 20 years from now, long after you have deleted your Facebook and lost all your phone's photos in the upgrade to iPhone 29S, this yearbook will still be on your shelf. We have done our best to represent one year at the University of Puget Sound and we hope that you will enjoy reliving the memories captured within for years to come.

Marissa Croft
Editor-in-Chief
Student Life
Logger Living
For a project occurring so close to home, relatively little is known about the secretive construction efforts taking place behind closed fences just outside the SUB. Boards line the windows of the upper-level dining area, shutting out light and disabling curious overlooking, generating an atmosphere of complete mystery. It’s an environment that conduces anticipation. Yuki Umeda, who eats upstairs in the SUB every night, explains the expectancy. “It’s crazy. I’m hyped about the new spaces. Now, I can literally just stay at the SUB and do my homework, and eat breakfast, lunch, and dinner at the same spot. I won’t feel bad if I sit in a booth all by myself, because of all these new spaces.” As 2013 drew to a close, the project appeared well underway; the site had already been flattened and plastered with concrete. “It seems to be proceeding pretty rapidly,” said Jon Golla, another nightly diner at the SUB. “It seems like they’re always working, always building.” With this constant flow of work, the project is due to be completed in August of 2014. The renovation will include an expanded dining area, a revamped servery, a new passenger elevator and restrooms, and upgrades to the fire alarm and sprinkler systems. Story and Photos by: Cody Chun
Here in the Pacific Northwest, at the University of Puget Sound, Loggers rock their own unique brand of style. Freshman Chili Johnson describes his fashion as "utilitarian and simple." The same can be said for many students on campus, because around Tacoma, where the weather is either gloomy or bright and sunny, layers are key. When asked to describe Pacific Northwest fashion in three words freshman Sierra Miller (a Washington local) described the typical PNW look as "practical, laid-back, and comfortable".

It's true that Loggers can often be seen around campus sporting popular brands such as North Face, Mountain Hard Gear, and Columbia Sports Wear, and of course, this school's footwear staple: Birkenstocks. Freshman Marites Exumé explains that the true Logger look is "layers, a casual vibe and, of course Birkenstocks." The stigma surrounding 'stocks n'socks is virtually nonexistent here. After all, comfort and a little bit of that special Logger flair (acquired at a local thrift shop, of course) never goes out of fashion!

Story by: Taylor Roghair, Photos by: Taylor Roghair and Marissa Croft
DIVERSIONS CAFÉ
Where Study Meets Social

Diversions Café is located in the Student Union Building and Annie Ryan, an employee of Diversions, feels that because “it’s located in our main building, it attracts almost everyone who wants coffee on campus, from passing community members to Diversions junkies who seem to have moved from their dorms permanently to the café.” Walking into Diversions you immediately feel the vibe, and want to get work done and to grab a little caffeine on the way to get you there. Not only do people love to sit in Diversions and do their work but the employees love to be there too. Annie “love[s] working at the café” because “it’s fast-paced, upbeat, and social.” If you want a spot to quickly grab a cup of joe to go, Diversions is the central coffee spot to visit.

Story by: Meredith MacMillan, Photos by: Gustavo Reyes.
From its shiny and sparkly exterior to its smiling, tie-dyed clad workers everything about Oppenheimer is inviting and quite tempting. The café is popular with science and non-science students alike, with a convenient location between Harned and Thompson. Who wouldn’t want to stop in and get a yummy drink while sitting and enjoying the rain without getting wet? However, a craving for coffee can get you into trouble. In the beginning of the year, freshman Sabrina Barnett and her friend went to Oppenheimer “2-3 times a day” but then they realized “it was negatively effecting [their] dining dollars and that they had spent “way more dining dollars than [they] should have!” Now they have their dining dollars under control and are still able to get their morning coffee fix. So by being conscientious of your dining dollars Oppenheimer can be a daily treat for you and your friends.

Story by: Meredith MacMillan, Photos by: Joseph Rodriguez.
Friday and Saturday nights are always bustling in the Cellar, Puget Sounds’ on-campus pizza joint. Stop by during a dinner rush and it’s evident how popular it is as students can be seen lining up in hoards to pick up a treat. Run by students, the Cellar is a place where “you form a really different kind of bond with co-workers,” according to Cellar employee Lev Nachman. To students enjoying anything from a slice to a milkshake, it’s a great place to go when they need a break from the food offered in the Diner.

Though students see it as a laid-back place, working at the Cellar can be extremely hectic. Madeleine Vistica said “I worked my first shift without being trained. It was crazy but I had to learn as I went.” The Cellar is a place where the music is bumping, the pizza is delicious, and you can chat with friends. Additionally, if you’re a Cellar worker, you’ll learn to love your job but hate “that the smell of pizza seeps into all of your clothes,” the same way that Nachman does.

Story and Photos by: Colleen McNeely.

1. Leigh Orlando-Ward waits patiently in line as he contemplates what ice cream flavor to order to satisfy his Friday cravings.
2. Zeman Nathoo puts the finishing touches on an Herbivore pizza.
3. CaroLea Casas listens and writes down a students phone order.
4. The Cellar sells delicious pizzas by the slice to hungry students.
1. Cassidy Brage, a first year employee at the Diner, prepares a student's meal at the Chef's Table. She says it can be difficult to learn "the tricks of the trade," but it looks like she's quickly getting the hang of things!
2. Students wait in line to pick up one of the Diner's delicious made-to-order sandwiches.
3. Lilly Oh hands a freshly made burrito to a hungry student.
4. Student responses to the question: What is your favorite station in the diner? Data compiled by Mikayla Hougan.

Meals at the Diner (or "The Sub" as most students call it) – love it or hate it, is an enormous part of student life. From fried chicken to vegan options, the Diner has it all! If the daily routine of food in the Diner gets old, students learn to "be innovative with food," like Cassidy Brage, a Diner employee who says she likes to "grab a little from each station and create what [she] wants."

One of the most popular aspects of the Diner are "Waffle Weekends." On Saturday and Sundays the Diner offers waffles, a student body favorite. "Want to get waffles?" is a common question heard on weekend mornings as students pass each other in dorm hallways or on their way to the Sub. Waffle Weekends are one of the many things the Diner is known for. Another is its community atmosphere. Brage says the best part of the Diner is the workers who "have formed a community... [that] students and non-students alike, take pride in." The Diner is a spectacular community of people striving to satisfy the needs and desires of students.

*Story by: Colleen McNeely, Photos by: Kyle Chong.*
1. Author Tiphanie Yanique lectures in the Caribbean Writers Series. 2. The Fieldhouse fills with the festivities of LogJam. 3. Students try a variety of unique foods at Taste of Religion. 4. A group of friends enjoy time together in the Cellar. 5. Students enjoy live music in Diversions. 6. Metronome Coffee is a popular place to catch-up with friends. 7. Frozen yogurt at Black Bear makes for a great study break. 8. Corinne Straube, Vivien Jones, and Kaitlyn Vallance enjoy Much Ado About Nothing in Seattle. 9/10. Metropolitan Market (open 24/7) is a favorite among students.
The Possibilities Are Endless!

The University of Puget Sound along with many student-run clubs sponsor numerous lectures, cultural events, and concerts on campus. "The school offers a really diverse selection of concerts," notes freshman Will Spengler, "it is cool getting to see your fellow classmates perform, as well as professional artists." In addition to the countless activities on-campus, students quite often find themselves venturing through Tacoma in their free time. Within walking distance of campus, there are many great cafes and coffee shops. With a car or an Orca bus pass, students are able to explore the culturally diverse stores and restaurants throughout Tacoma and Seattle. Whether right on-campus or somewhere in the city there is always something fun for a Logger to do! Story by Nick Tucker Photos by: Kyle Chong, Peter Davidson, Ashlynn Holbert, Amanda Tun, Dylan Witwicki and Marissa Croft
excitedous. A word freshman Audrey Kaufman used to describe how she felt before starting Puget Sound. “I was nervous for the workload, but excited to make new friends” she stated. On August 23rd, the anxious class of 2017 and their parents unloaded mini fridges, new laptops, and overpacked suitcases out of their minivans and into a new home. When the IKEA bedspreads had been perfectly laid out and the strategically placed pictures of friends and family on the bulletin board had been pinned, it was time to say goodbye. “It was a lot tougher than I imagined,” said Austin Chikamoto. “But I knew my parents would only be a phone call away, which made saying goodbye a whole lot easier.” After parting with their parents, students began “Prelude, Passages, and Perspectives,” an orientation program named the best in the nation by the American College Personnel Association. Wynn Scott expressed one of her favorite parts of orientation was “getting to walk around and explore Tacoma” as well meeting a lot of new people during the planned activities. From learning in the classroom and adventuring in the Tacoma community, to roughing it on Hood Canal, the freshmen class has successfully begun their transformation into true, maroon loggers.

Story By: Mikayla Hougan, Photos By: Gustavo Reyes and Mikayla Hougan
Sophomore year is the cultivation of both past and future experiences. You have two college years under your belt and it is now the time to make hard decisions that are likely to have a significant impact on your future life: “Should I spend some time studying abroad?”, “What should I declare as my major”, or “Is now the time to begin applying for career-related jobs or internships?”. When it seems like your whole life depends on one specific path you choose to take or not take, it’s always a good idea not to go it alone.

Support and positivity are ubiquitous on the Puget Sound campus. The Class of 2016 is always quick to lend a helping hand. “We are a very dynamic and diverse group with a huge presence on this campus,” says Alexandria Van Voris. “As a sophomore, I have learned that I really can do anything! There have been some tough times but I made it through, and have only grown form all the experiences! I have learned that while it may sound cheesy, you really do have to listen to your heart and pursue what you love.”

So while the presence of life looms above, know that with the fun, inspiring, and helpful nature of Puget Sound’s sophomores, you can do anything. Take the time to smell the roses and don’t be afraid to get involved in any way you can! Let your actions be seen, Class of 2016.

Story by: Lexy Woods, Photos provided by: Alexandria Van Voris, Nicholas Reano, Joel Eklof, Lexy Woods, and Michael Villaseñor

1. Peter Bergene, Heather Stepp, Chas Stewart, Alexandria Van Voris, Nathan Wang and Abigail Wilson spending the evening together.
2. Sunny Lewis finds a shore crab on a Puget Sound beach.
3. Joel Eklof is always smiling when he’s helping others.
Junior year is the year of late nights, heavy workloads, and great parties. And at UPS, a junior can expect just that. "For me, the point of junior year is to embrace the hectic workload and social life. The goal of college is to not be comfortable and junior year is the greatest push into not knowing what your doing," says John Lampus. However, junior year is unique in that Juniors have already picked a major, found their niche on our diverse campus, and now must balance a thriving social life and a heavy workload. John describes the year like 'controlled chaos,' where time management is key. "I've had the most control over my life junior year. It's not that freshmen and sophomores don't have control over what they do, but junior year I finally felt like 'okay, I know this school now so I can pick what I want to do," added John. In many ways, junior year is the final step to taking complete control of the Puget Sound student experience. To paraphrase Dr. Seuss: "They have brains in their head. They have feet in their shoes. They can steer themselves any direction they choose. Their own their own. And they know what they know. And they are the ones who'll decide where they'll go."

Story by: John Giltner, Photos by: Luc Sokolsky & Gustavo Reyes
For most students, the senior year of college is the most hectic year yet; the year is characterized by being a campus, student, and community leader while simultaneously being reminded that in a few months you’ll be back in the real world searching for a job and gone from UPS student life for good. “Senior year is about trying to balance what’s coming with what I’m doing right now,” says senior Sarah McKinley. “I do a lot of things but I constantly have to take time away from them to focus on what I’m doing after college.” As a result, it seems seniors have a very different educational experience than the rest of the student body. In the midst of writing their theses and finishing their required classes, seniors are forced to look outside the campus community and integrate themselves into the outside world. “When you look at our class, we are all super involved,” says ASUPS president Eric Hopfenbeck. “We are the community leaders on campus. Still, I’m learning to better manage my time because I’m also constantly looking for job opportunities outside of campus.” While what were taught in the classroom is not always applicable to the real world, these Puget Sound seniors are definitely ready to venture off from Puget Sound and begin a new journey.

Story by: John Giltner, Photos by: Luc Sokolsky, Gustavo Reyes & Dylan Witwicki
Athletics

Work Hard, Play Hard
The biggest moment of the season for this year's Logger football players had to have been their hard-earned victory over Whittier. After a 20-game streak of tough losses, the team was able to push through and achieve that long-awaited win.

Sophomore Running Back Justin Brush, number 9, says, "breaking the losing streak had to have been the best feeling of my college career so far. All of the team's hard work finally paid off and it made us that much more dedicated to the program." Offensive team captain and Quarterback Braden Foley, number 7, had an especially excellent game. He managed to throw three critical touchdown passes and rushed to score the team's first points of the game.

While the offense was on a roll, the defense was on high alert. While Nassel Abdelrasul, number 8, and Connor Savage, number 7, worked together to force and recover some fumbles throughout the game, Mike Raub, number 54, muscled two sacks to set back the Poets. Loggers were jumping out of their seats when Jacob Wuesthoff, number 23, made his second interception of the season and managed to run it all the way back to the red zone to allow the Logger offense to pick up where they left off. In the end, he also totaled 17 tackles.
Foley says, "The pressure to break the long losing streak was something our team was more than ready to get rid of. Beating Whittier and breaking the streak was one of the happier moments I have experienced because our team was finally able to see our dedication and commitment to the game of football pay off."

After four quarters of hard work and tenacity, the Loggers locked in the win at Whittier with a score of 42-33. Ecstatic over the team’s win, students everywhere ran to welcome the Loggers home. It was a huge victory two years in the making.

Story by: Lexy Woods and Logger Athletics, Photos by: the Lawson family, Dylan Spiegel
CROSS COUNTRY
Run, Loggers, Run!

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On your mark, Get set, GO! Logger Cross county has had a great season this year. Both the men and women’s cross country had four runners place in the top 6 at the Puget Sound Invitational. These runners are a group of talented athletes. Not only does their sport require physical strength, it also takes a great deal of endurance (in the rain no less!) The memories are worth the temporary pain however. After each meet, Freshman Tori Klein hangs up her numbers as well as flags from the race in her dorm room. “I love collecting memorabilia from races, it’s a great way to remember all of the good times.” Even after running all around the Pacific Northwest nothing can phase the one-of-a-kind Logger spirit of the Cross Country teams.

Story by: Annie Krepack
Photos by: Chris Sarris and Teresa Leach

1. Women’s Cross Country smiles for a group picture before a meet: Standing Row - Becky Hanscam, Tori Klein, Molly Bradbury, Kathryn Flyte, Kai Hundemer, Aspen Maybdi Bolejack, Meg Gilbertson, Amy Stromme, Laura Leach. 2nd Row - Taili Ni, Jess Wiken, Sierra Grunwald, Tori Sarris, Sophie Raefsky, Alicia Burns. 2. Kathryn Flyte eagerly approaches the finish line at regionals, where she placed third! 3. Justin Higa continues to maintain the perfect speed at the Northwest Conference meet. 4. Taili Ni and Tori Sarris keep pace with a runner from Pacific. 5. The Men’s Cross Country team receives medals at The Northwest Conference Meet, what an honor! 6. Members of Women’s Cross Country pose for a photo after a successful meet. 7. Josh Seekatz has excellent running posture. 8. Sierra Grunwald may be tired, but still has the endurance to finish strong. 9. Men’s Cross country stay in pack formation as they begin the race.
As of the end of November the men's soccer team has had 21 games and 43 goals, for those of you not so great at math that's an average of 2 goals per game which is quite impressive. But don't think your logger boys aren't striving for an even better average, they take roughly 11.8 shots per game! With 13 seniors on the team this year there is a definite veteran force out on the field, but that doesn't mean they are dominating everything. Over the season, through November, senior Carson Swope leads shots on goal with 33 but right behind him is junior Sean Ryan with 24. These boys are out for the win and determined to get it. In the middle of November the men's soccer team received exciting news that they made it into the Northwest Conference championship and even though they didn't fare so well in the end they were glad to have played in their 4th NWC under head coach Reece Olney.

With so many senior graduating this year we will see a whole team next year, but it will be exciting to see what they will be able to do. Story by: Meredith MacMillan, Photos by: Laurence Stack.
"Soccer is simple, but it is difficult to play simple."

-Johan Cruyff

1. Sean Ryan is coming up behind his teammate to help him out.

2. Oliver Field keeps the ball in our possession while Eneko Bereziartua stays open for a pass.

3. Ryan Rash takes control of the ball even though there are players closing in.

4. Sam Zisette is ready and waiting to help out his fellow teammate.

5. Brandon Reyes goes for the goal even though it is a tough shot.

6. Oliver Field keeps the ball going as his opponent is close to him while Eneko Bereziartua is ready to lend a helping hand.

7. Ryan Rash handles the ball with agile feet.

8. Sam Zisette kicks the ball away from his opponent at a home game.
The Women's Soccer team started off on the wrong foot—within their first six games, losing against Trinity and Linfield, and tying with Pacific Lutheran and George Fox. However, the team kicked it into gear and redeemed themselves by winning fifteen straight games. Senior Casey Thayer started playing keeper at 9 years old when her coach threw her into the goal and has loved playing the position ever since.

Thayer credits the team's success because of their tight bond. "We care for each other on and off the field," she states. "It's a really special atmosphere this year."

Composed of 29 strong players, head coach Randy Hanson, and the rest of the qualified coaching staff, the women's soccer team is currently kicking serious grass in the Northwest Conference.

*Story By: Mikayla Hougan, Photos By: Faith Matthews*
5. Defender Jordyn McLuen throws the ball in during a game against Willamette.
6. Goal! Robin Vieira celebrates scoring the winning goal against Whitman.
7. Annie Jonsson marks up against a Whitman player.
8. Midfielder Alex Teesdale gains control against the ball.
9. The Loggers high-five their teammates as they are introduced before the game.
Recently, lacrosse's popularity has spread from the East coast all the way out to the Loggers on the West coast. Puget Sound has not overlooked this sweeping popularity as students from all over the U.S. bring their unique personalities and state's trends with them. As the trend has become bigger, lacrosse has become more serious at UPS with practices becoming rigorous and teams growing exponentially.

Second year player for the women's team, Kerri Smith, said this year's team "is very different. We lost a lot of dynamic seniors, but gained a very large first year class." Because of this, she believes it adds to the expectations of returning team members with people looking to them to "set the tone and bring a lot of energy to practices and games." Much like the women, the men's team has also seen a surge of new players eager to get on the field. Freshman Bennett Melville, an East coast native, said, "some of the rules are different here and it takes some getting used to, but I'm excited to get a chance to get on the field and keep playing the sport I love." With practices and games in the fall and spring, lacrosse is a never-ending commitment. This commitment shows with the women's team winning their first two games.

Story by: Colleen McNeely, Photos by Dylan Witwicki
1. Johnny Moore runs down the field with ball captured in his stick's mesh as an opponent from the Ravens runs after him in an attempt to steal the ball.

2. Maddy Paskett waits near the Puget Sound goal with her stick in a defensive stance hoping to help goalie Lauren Stuck keep the opposing team from scoring.

3. The girls bring their sticks together in a team chant following an invigorating practice on a cold, winter day.

4. Leah Stromberg runs after Callie Holgate as she makes her way down the field toward the goal during a practice scrimmage.

5. Erik Solhaug stands on the field waiting for his teammate to pass him the ball during practice drills. Because of field demand and busy schedules, the men's lacrosse team had late night practices, keeping the men on the field as late as 10:30 on school nights.

6. Graham Cameron brings his stick back looking for an open teammate to pass the ball to.
Women's Basketball
Hustle and Heart Set Us Apart

1. The team takes a time out to hear from Coach Loree Payne.
2. Ashley Agcaoili signals the other players on court, using a hand motion to tell the team which offensive play to prepare for.
3. Amanda Forshay dribbles the ball across the court toward the hoop as she manages to outrun the opposing team's defense.

The women of University of Puget Sound's basketball team leave everything they have on the court. From November until February, these ladies are in the gym and on the court working to strengthen themselves and their team. Freshman Logan Bays said "the best part of playing basketball for UPS is the team. Everyone is so welcoming and strives to not only win for themselves, but for the couch and everyone. It's a family." While most students have a full month between first and second semester to enjoy a lengthy winter break, the women's basketball team takes only a week off before they are back on the court, dominating at practice and taking their fierce attitude onto the courts, giving their opponents something to fight against. "Getting used to the energy level was the hardest part, it's much more intense than high school," says Bays. When they play at home, 200+ Puget Sounds students, alumni, parents, faculty, and community members can be seen packing the stands, supporting the immense efforts of the team. The 2013-2014 season is shaping up to be a great one, with one of their first games placing them one basket short of a score worthy of the record books. The women of UPS are gearing up to make this season a memorable one.

Story by Colleen McNeely, Photos by Logger Athletics
4. Team members, stand up and cheer on teammates from the sidelines where the other girls patiently await their turn to get their hands on the ball.

5. Kristine Miller evaluates the court before making a powerful pass.

6. Emily Sheldon concentrates on the path ahead of her as she dribbles down the court, pushing passed the defensive arms of the opposing team using her entire body to drive the ball toward the hoop.

Averaging 71.6 points per game, this team is unstoppable!
The men's basketball team at the University of Puget Sound is known for its winning tradition. This year proves to be no different with hard work and dedication being the cornerstone of their game. Even this preseason the team traveled to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico to compete in exhibition games. According to junior Jonathan Brown, the trip was a "life changing opportunity that we will remember for the rest of our lives." Apparently the preseason bonding paid off, as our logger boys averaged 73.6 points in their first seven games. Although the men were 3-4 in these games, the record does not accurately reflect the action that took place. Senior standout, Rex Nelson, approached these losses in a positive manner. "We have already come across adversity this early in the season which is nice because it only makes us stronger for when league starts in January. We went on a 3 game stretch where we lost by a combined total of 5 points in those 3 losses." He went on to say that this was his most enjoyable season. Nelson has had individual success, scoring a career high 25 points against Colorado College, but the true reason for the enjoyment is undoubtedly the team chemistry. As he puts it, "I really like the guys on my team this year and I truly feel like they're my family!"

Story By: Ian Hughes, Photos By: Logger Athletics
"I truly feel like they’re my family"

-Rex Nelson

1. Senior Rex Nelson is about to shoot in his career high 26-point game against Colorado College. 2. Junior Nick Holden puts up a shot against George-Fox. 3. Coach Justin Lunt giving his boys a pep-talk in their dominant win against Saint Mary’s. 4. Dan Cheledinas drains a three pointer in their game against Trinity. 5. Junior star Nick Holden warding off a defender in his double-double game against Denison. 6. Junior Erin Barber gets prepared to pass in a tough game against Whitman. 7. Coach Justin Lunt gives his team a pep-talk. 8. Senior Rex Nelson shoots against a Whitworth defender.
The UPS Volleyball team was on fire this year, with a total of 1,118 kills. The team started off the year with the addition of two freshman, who were quickly integrated into the team of seven seniors. This year was full of amazing hits, perfect sets and by the book passes. But what is so amazing about this team? They are committed to teamwork on and off the court. Their communication with each other on the court is like that of a team that has been playing together their whole lives. It is evident they trust each other and even seem to know their teammates' moves before they make them. Two of the team's players, Jenni Brehove and Jackie Harvey, earned impressive All-American honors from the American Volleyball Coaches Association. If you didn't make it to one of their games this season you certainly missed out, because this is a team that must be seen to be believed! Story by: Meredith MacMillan, Photos by: Faith Matthews
1. The players on the court huddle for a pep talk.
2. Nicolette Reynaud and Danielle Westerman block a hit.
3. Jenni Brehove high-fives her teammates.
4. Christina Chun is ready for a tough return.
5. Marissa Florant and Nicolette Reynaud come together after a play.
7. The team gathers together.
8. Marissa Florant hits over the blockers.
9. The team always supports each other.
10. Jackie Harvey and Emily Convery line up for a perfect block.
For swimmers, the feeling of first diving into the pool, is invigorating. While racing against the clock, the swimmers glide through the water. From a spectator’s perspective, their strokes look nearly effortless. In reality, these strokes require strength, concentration, and endurance. This year, logger swimming has been excelling with top 10 times in many categories and several top conference times. They spend hours in practice perfecting their strokes and building valuable friendships, simultaneously. At their meets, they show off all of their remarkable skills, while spreading that one-of-a-kind Logger spirit. Not only do they feel connected as teammates, they are also a family. Freshman Liz Frost admits that she feels most comfortable and has the most fun with her teammates. This is most certainly a universal opinion, shared by many team members, proving that friendship is waterproof! 

Story by: Annie Krepack
Photos by: Liz Frost and Anne Shirey

1. Anne Shirey, Melissa Norrish, Samantha Anders dressed up for a meet.
2. Upperclassmen swimmers take a break from an intense practice.
3. Circling up, the team celebrates.
4. Members of the team goof off and do handstands.
5. The girls of the team bond in the vibrant city on the road between meets.
7. The Loggers take their positions at the Husky Invitational in King County.
The baseball team at Puget Sound is built on a foundation of hard work and unity. This year the Loggers carry on this tradition. The team motto, "Next Pitch", serves as a reminder to all the players to not dwell on the past, and instead focus on the moment at hand. The boys started out their season in Texas. This initial trip bonded the team and was a great preview of the season to come. Although they only won 1 of 3 games, it was the fight present in all these games that was truly inspiring. While they are talented on the field, our baseball players are truly represented by how they carry themselves off the field. Sophomore Nick Funyak is a perfect example of this. "Being a collegiate baseball player is something I am very proud of because of the amount of time and effort I have put into the game to get to this point." What he may not tell you is that off the field he is pursuing a rigorous degree in molecular biology, and hopes to one day attend medical school. This is just one example of the many unique players. It is what all these unique players do when they come together on the baseball field that is so special.

Story by: Ian Hughes and Logger Athletics Photos by: HooftPrints® Photography-Tucson, AZ & Dylan Witwicki

1. Alex Wojcysak and Coach Kainoa Correa
2. Sophomore 2nd baseman JB Eary
3. Junior Pitcher Steve Wagar
4. Junior 3rd baseman Johnny Hosmer
5. Senior Pitcher Jarrod Beiser
6. Freshman Pitcher David Torigoe
Logger Softball went into this season with fresh faces and new beginnings. Head Coach Kellyn Tate welcomed seven freshmen to the team to play alongside some of last year's key players. One of those incoming freshmen, playing both catcher and third base, is Bailee Larson. She says, "I love softball because it's the one thing in my life that has taught me to work hard for something if I really want it. It is difficult to balance sports and school, but softball is a priority, so if I want to continue to play as an athlete I always have to find time for both." With so many different backgrounds and origins, this team still manages to work together as a team. They are able to play off each other's strengths, as well as even foresee the team's actions to make those critical plays. Whether they're running bases, getting outs, or swinging for the fences, they give it all they have. 

*Story and Photos by: Lexy Woods*
The Logger's tennis teams are kicking butt and taking names this season. Both men and women's teams are working hard and putting in a lot of time to exceed expectations. The men's team has already won a game against Linfield and the women saw victory at Pacific, the College of Idaho and Willamette University. Both singles and doubles are rising to challenge of their opponents. Of course there are some setbacks at times, but these Loggers are hacking their way to the top. Tennis is equal parts physical and mental. You have to have the right form and technique but you also need to have confidence and faith in yourself. One might think tennis is an easy sport to play, but these amazing women and men on the tennis teams with tell you differently. If you have yet to see your Loggers play, you should definitely get out there sometime! Hey! They might even convince you to pick a tennis racket yourself!

Story by: Meredith MacMillan, Photos by: Dylan Witwicki
Puget Sound's Ultimate community is highly visible around campus—you can see women's Clearcut and the men's Postmen throwing on Todd Field or playing intense games of cam jam on the turf. Many people join Puget Sound's Ultimate having never played before, though the cool people and laid back culture makes it a great space to learn the game. Freshman Ellen Kalenscher was nervous about starting frisbee this year, but "after a single practice I realized that every girl on the team was there for the same reason: to have a good time." Women's Clearcut started with an impressive first practice of over 30 girls, mostly new, and are now working hard towards the goal of getting a bid to DIII nationals, just like last year. Postmen captain Daniel Mozell grew up playing soccer, but started playing at ultimate at Puget Sound his freshmen year. "I love playing because it's a new experience and the culture of Ultimate is amazing."

*Story By: Mikayla Hougan, Photos By: Dylan Witwicki & Lucas Sokolsky*
6. Clearcut coach, Spencer Sheridan, leads the practice.
7. Rob Korbel plays defense.
8. ASUPS President Eric Hopfenbeck plays ultimate when he's not improving the school.
9. Maria Mork, Maya Curtainzupan, Neha Ketkar, and Wynn Scott practice a dishing drill. "I'd never played ultimate before, but I love the team!" says Maya. "Everyone is really supportive and relaxed."

"I just plum think the sport is the bee's knees to tell you the truth."

-Captain Bailey Gilmore
1. Sam Egan kicks the ball down field.
2. Roman Vern races along, carrying the ball toward the try zone, much like the touchdown area in football.
3. Rufus Lama pushes back against an opponent who attempts to tackle him to the ground but fails.
4. The two teams scrum down, a huddle formation in which they fight for possession of the ball.
5. Graham Cameron and an opponent from Gonzaga lineup and jump for possession of the ball which has been tossed in the air after a play causing it to go out of bounds.
6. Steven Malachowski runs to help Vern tackle one of their Gonzaga opponents as he races down the field with the ball, trying to weave in and out of UPS' defense.
7. Teague Wallace carries the ball down the field as he decides whether he should keep it in his hands or kick it off to a teammate.
The sport of rugby is one of pure insanity. From scrapes and bruises to concussions and broken bones - they’ve got it all. The chances of spotting a concussed player during a rugby game are far more likely than during a football game; rugby is at least twice as aggressive AND lacks the pads! Despite its status as a club sport, here at UPS students support it as widely as they do soccer, football and basketball. Students can be seen huddling up close to each other for warmth around Todd Field on the days the Rugby boys come out to take on their next victims, and they can be heard from yards away. Darren Chu, a member of the team, says this year these guys “really found their coordination.” After a few practices, Chu noticed “a lot of new players were really stepping it up.” If you ask students around you what is happening during a game, they might not be able to tell you the rules or the score, but they can tell you one thing for sure - they had one heck of a time.

Photos and Story by: Colleen McNeely
Washington is home to many beautiful mountain ranges and it would be a waste not to explore them. It may be hard to travel often, but our school has a rock climbing room in Fieldhouse where climbers can meet other climbers through rock climbing club which was reinstated last year by Eric Nathanson and Nick Sweet. "We founded the club to provide some organization and help provide resources for the community," Nathanson, the president said. The rock climbing community has always been vibrant in its size, but this club is a way for everyone in the community to get to know each other better and to allow newcomers to join the community. "[Members] come in groups and new people come in all the time," Dan Leininger said. It is thanks to Leininger and Sunny Nelson-Wyatt, seniors and the Climbing and Program coordinators, that people can rock climb on certain hours and rent shoes for free every week. Everything is student run; the routes on the rock climbing walls are all designed by students. "They have gotten more involved than before. They are now involved with local gyms, competitions and other things," Nelson-Wyatt said. The club is now the most as active it has been in the last few years. Nathanson hopes to have more events such as clinics and competitions as the club continues to progress in a positive direction.

Story by: Tammy Hoang, Photos by: Tammy Hoang and Eric Nathanson
KAYAK CLUB

Rocking, Rolling, and Rowing

1. Kayakers start their meeting with laps around the pool.
2. Once kayakers get into the pool the begin practicing their tricks like diving forward into the water.
3. Members line up around the pool and on the diving boards ready to suit up and get in the water.
4. Among other things, kayakers race each other and just paddle around having fun.
5. They master their skills with turns and other cool tricks.
6. Members tilt forward on the diving boards to start.

Usually when one first walks into a pool facility, their first thought is about how dreadful the overwhelming smell of chlorine is, immediately followed by a creeping sense of fear from one bad experience of getting water up one's nose. If Kayak Club is meeting however, you will be too distracted by the colors of the sporty, agile speed machines in the water and by their controllers who master turns and flips in the water. For those of you who are intrigued by this club, try it! Co-President Drew Harrison says “no experience is necessary to get involved” and the Kayak Club offers “multiple opportunities for beginners and intermediate kayakers to get out on the river each semester”. Co-President Carson Lyness brings up another great aspect of the Kayak Club, that the “club gives [her] the opportunity to challenge [herself] and push [herself] out of [her] comfort zone while in a safe environment” plus she loves “getting out on the river, exploring the amazing Washington wilderness, and getting to know an awesome group of people”. So what’s not to love about this club?

Story by: Meredith MacMillan, Photos by: Meredith MacMillan
1. Joe Cerne sprints at an indoor meet. 2. Cameron Braithwaite demonstrates excellent long jump technique. 3. Allanah Whitehall, baton in hand, at an indoor meet. 4. Alicia Burns and Meg Gilbertson hand off the baton in the women's 4X400. 5. Graham Cobb, Josh Seekatz, Jack Rosenberg, Flynn Stewart and Paul Webster in the men's 4X400. 6. Taili Ni leads the women's team on the 6 mile run. 7. Todd Detweiler sprints around outer lane of the track in the men's relay event.
Jumping, running, and throwing; Logger Track and Field athletes do it all. For both men and women, events include 60-meter sprints to 6 mile runs, relays, hurdles, shot put, discus, long and triple jump, pole vaulting, and more. There is practice every weekday for several hours, but many student athletes can be spotted training on their own time around campus. Even though most events are individual, the team has a strong sense of community from hours of practicing together. The members also get together once a week for Dessert Night at the Track House to hang out and eat something sweet. Kathryn Flyte says “I love how there are different groups on the track working on their individual events but cheering for each other and showing support though we may not get to do our daily workouts with those people.” Even while striving for their goals of a personal record, Logger Track still has fun.

Story By: Amanda Tun, Photos By: Elizabeth King
Academics

Knowledge is Power

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What is art? For many, it’s a way to express emotions and feelings. For others, it’s the way the ancient Greeks represented themselves in statue. For most, art is just simply fun. Sophomore studio artist Maia Raeder says that art “is a creative way of exploring the world.” And although she has explored the world using a variety of different mediums, she reveals that charcoal is her favorite “because it is so expressive.” In addition to 2D drawing classes, UPS also provides other studio art courses including painting, ceramics, woodshop, 3D sculpture, digital imaging, silkscreen, and more!

And for those who are feeling a little more historical, everything from hieroglyphic art from the ancient Egyptians to the modern art of yesterday reside in our many art history classes. Kriszta Kotsis, a UPS art professor for several years, says, “I love teaching art history because it allows me to work with beautiful or intriguing objects. These objects are so complex that often I see new aspects of them even after I have looked at them many times. Frequently these new ideas come from students who look at the object for the first time and draw my attention to something I have not noticed before. This is always such a thrill!”

No matter what medium strikes your fancy, the Puget Sound art department is always there to paint you a picture of just how fun being creative can be.

Story by: Lexy Woods, Photos by: Ashlynn Holbert and Marissa Croft
1. Elissa Gibb focuses on the small details of her colorful painting.
2. Ian Craighead, Megan Baunsgard, Aurelia Wieber and Sergio Espinoza take notes on the Khmer in Cambodia in their Asian Art History Class.
3. Rachel Kalman perfects her Beginning Painting Class project.
4. A student's sculpture.
5. Erik Hammarlund and KC Dolson take note of cultural parallels in Art History 278.
1. Kara Klepinger writes the answer to an exercise in her French class. 2. The Arabic textbook introduces students to the basics of the language. 3. Professor Yasmine Khattab lectures in her course Modern Elementary Arabic. 4. Professor Brendon Lanctot discusses with students Abbie Baldwin and Taylor Applegate in Spanish Literature, Theory, and Practice. 5. Drew Ruff reads his textbook for Arabic. 6. Students Tovah Siegel, Blake Hessel, and Alex Durante discuss the story of Don Quixote in Spanish. 7. The Foreign Languages department displays a collection of books.

"Language is culture and by studying a language you are able to experience that culture."

-Rachel Hasegawa
In the liberal arts tradition of the college, the University of Puget Sound requires all students to have some experience in studying a foreign language. Courses are offered in Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Greek, Japanese, Latin, and Spanish; most of which are taught at the introductory, intermediate, and advanced levels. Many courses offer additional conversation hours outside class for students to perfect their conversational abilities. Kimberly Webber, who studies German, notes that professors are happy to work with students who may have little to no experience with a language. “I wanted to try something new,” says Kimberly, “[so I] put myself in a class where the professor knows I’m new to the subject and is willing to teach me.” The value and purpose of studying a foreign language extends beyond the obvious grammatical and conversational skills that are learned. Japanese language student Rachel Hasegawa argues that “in some ways, language is culture and by studying a language you are able to experience that culture.” The Foreign Language Department agrees with this assertion, explaining that, “studying a foreign language opens doors to the understanding of other cultures and the world around us.” So, while some students may begin their study of a foreign language with the sole intention to fulfill a core requirement, they will soon discover that the field offers much broader and more applicable skills than they expected!

Story By: Nick Tucker, Photos By: Marissa Croft and Faith Matthews
"I love spending time outside and biology gives insight into the workings of the life all around me."
-Lake Thelen

Have you ever wondered why water's properties make it such a diverse molecule? Or how organic molecules interact? What about how we view and interpret light and color? Are you curious to how neurological processes affect our behavior? Or what we can learn about our world from preserved rocks? If you answered yes to any of those questions, The Puget Sound science department is the place to be. “I love the way I can explore two different scientific disciplines (chemistry and geology), to see which one I might want to pursue in the future,” says Freshman Rita McCreesh. One of the most unique things about science is the fact that there are so many real world applications for it. Senior and Biology major Lake Thelen, spent last semester studying abroad in Costa Rica. This experience enhanced her studies by helping her “understand the importance of biodiversity and conservation, especially in the tropics. It's easy to read other peoples' research or hear statistics about extinction, but experiencing an environment first-hand did a lot to make the academic ideas I considered in class come to life” Meanwhile, in the Psychology department, students are applying what they have learned in class to the real world. Sophomore Emily Gogas says “I am a huge advocate for mental health. I am hoping that having connections to the psych department will help me achieve my goals.” For those of you with a never ending curiosity, Harned and Thompson are the places to be.

Story by: Annie Krepack,
Photos by: Marissa Croft, Dylan Witwicki, and Annie Krepack
1. Caryn Stein, a senior biology major spends her evening studying biology on a comfy couch in Harned.

2. A geology student and her peers work through a lab.

3. Upperclassmen Geologists work together to solve a difficult problem.

4. Danique Gigger heats up a compound in water, with the hopes that it will precipitate out crystalline.

5. Christie Smith and Sophia Liu look at Sophia's cheek cells for cell biology lab.

6. A Physics 121 class reviews their notes from lab.

7. David Latimer explains an important formula to the class.
The School of Music, located next to Schneebeck Concert Hall, is home for many music majors and minors. However, with 8 ensembles total, the Music Building is also host to any student passionate about music. As an undergraduate program, the professors are dedicated to training students and giving them the skills to have successful professional careers, as well as supporting students. Aiden Krasnoff is a student who isn’t majoring in music, but is taking a seminar class in the Music Department. “It’s really cool how the teachers still give you as much attention as other students even though you aren’t majoring in it. They really treat everyone equally.” The Music Department doesn’t use Teaching Assistants and advocates the need for small class sizes, so there is always a strong sense of personalized attention from the teacher to the student.

Story by: Gustavo Reyes
Photos by: Gustavo Reyes and Ashlynn Holbert
Theatre is a highly appealing art form to those who love to collaborate, and to many students at the University of Puget Sound, this collaborative nature is what drew them to the department. Some students have always known the theatre department was meant for them, like Sarah Smith, a senior here who "had always been interested in theatre", but it wasn't until her sophomore year that she chose it as her major. Smith says, "there are so many ways to be a part of this department, even if you aren't interested in being a major" such as Adrian Kljucec, a freshman who works for the theatre department. He "works in the scene shop as a stage carpenter, which means [he] build[s] the sets for theater," Adrian "love[s] all of [his] job". Naturally the wonderful collaboration between the actors, directors, and backstage workers starts in the classes of the Theatre Department, between the professors and students.

Story by: Meredith MacMillan, Photos by: Marissa Croft.

1. Jackie Perkins and Shelley Stephan practice a scene together
2. Antonio Manibusan and Frank Muzio present their tableau to the class.
3. Jordan Moeller and Laura Shearer get dramatic with Angels in America in their directing class.
4. The Theatrical Experience class is ready to learn about Peripeteia in The Seagull.
The Mathematics Department, with courses ranging from Pre-Calculus to Advanced Linear Algebra, offers students an opportunity to build a strong qualitative skill set that can be applied to other disciplines or simply appreciated on its own. Sophomore Amanda Tun points out that “although sometimes it can be hard to find every-day connections, math is still an interesting subject to study.” For others, the intrigue of math goes far beyond its practical applications. Fellow Sophomore Kaitlin Spooner explains that for her, “math is interesting because it’s the same in every language and culture in the world.” Whatever one’s connection to math is, it holds true that the diverse course offerings and knowledgeable faculty of the Mathematics Department contribute to the program’s quality and popularity on campus.

Story By: Nick Tucker, Photos By: Ashlynn Holbert and Makaylaa Clancy
Whether they’re writing a code for a game of Snake or displaying graphics, our computer scientists are always problem solving. Sophomore Anna Dovzhik explains, “I really like computer science because it’s really logic driven. There’s always a definite solution.” There’s a stereotype that computer science is nerdy and only for those that play video games, but Anna disagrees. “I don’t play video games at all and had never experimented with computer science...and I still think that I can do it.” The dedicated computer science professors at UPS make learning this new language accessible and engaging. Joel Ross, a favorite among computer science students, notes Computer Graphics as one of his favorite classes to teach. Ross raves, “Computer science has fingers and tendrils. ‘Oh you’re doing biology? Well here’s biotechnology and how you can apply computers here. Oh you’re doing art? Here’s computer generated art!’” Our computer science department breaks out of its virtual mold and trickles into all fields of study—the epitome of a liberal arts education.

"It's not just how do I build a really awesome algorithm; it's how do I build a really awesome algorithm that helps people."

-Joel Ross
PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Let’s Work it Out

1. Yoga students stretch before starting their routine.
2. Aerobics performing a step that helps improve their balance and strengthen muscles.
3. Yoga students performing a relaxing yoga pose.
4. Martial Arts instructor Lyle Maines instructing how to perform a move in self defense as Denise Parry observes.

With classes ranging from Martial Arts to Aerobics, physical education makes staying healthy a walk in the park. Beginning Yoga instructor Tiffany Fields, who has been teaching yoga for 13 years, emphasizes, “It keeps us healthy and gives us a chance to leave everything else that’s going on for a minute.” Exercise doesn’t always have to be about working out; our physical education classes introduce fun alternatives to the dull exercise routine. Sophomore, Alissa Hartnig remembers from her aerobics class, “The most fun part of the class was the Halloween routine we did! We worked out to a bunch of different Halloween songs and it was such a good workout.” It’s never hard to keep moving when you’re in the physical education department.

Story by: Duyen Vo, Photos by: Joseph Rodriguez and Makaylaa Clancy
Opposed to sitting through a lecture, the university’s exercise science classes are more interactive and hands on. Students often perform tests on each other in lab and have the opportunity to dissect human cadavers in Human Anatomy. Sophomore and exercise science major, Anna Toyama explains, “I’m interested in becoming a physician’s assistant so the courses that I would have to take for graduate school matches with the exercise science major.” She names Heidi Orloff as one of her favorite professors. “As weird as it sounds, anatomy is kind of fun. It’s a lot of work, but I feel like it’s really helpful and useful for real life.” The exercise science department keeps the student’s brains moving by teaching them how physical activity and movement affect the quality of our lives.

Story by: Duyen Vo, Photos by: Joseph Rodriguez

1. Chandler Breaux works on a treadmill during Exercise Science Lab.
2. The lab professor instructs students on how to perform the lab activities.
3. Students get to participate in various engaging activities during their labs.
ENGLISH, HONORS, CLASSICS

"As a child, one of my favorite topics was the destruction of Pompeii..." So responded Alicia Matz, a junior, when asked what it meant to her to study Classics. "Studying the Classics means studying those things that have lasted throughout thousands of years." It's almost as long as this one-year of college has been. But for Matz, and countless others, a thousand years is no more than a moment—a precious moment—made up of many other moments, amalgamated into a gossamer of beautiful, classical truth. This truth is ingrained in the sands of time for the dedicated few to unearth—the truth about why. Why did this happen that way? Why does this sentence evoke this emotion in me? Why do they get to live in Commencement Hall? This undying question—the question why—is the bridge that links English, Honors, and Classics. Why do we live? Tyler Sherman, a junior English major, posed this question, addressing the dichotomy between science and the arts. "Science is something we need to live. Writing and culture, the telling of our stories—that's why we live." What more are English, Honors, and Classics, than the study of stories? Reyn Koizumi, a freshman Honors student, describes Honors, among other things, as an "intensive way through the Puget Sound core curriculum, structured heavily around the Classics." It's the everlasting tenet of our lives; that in a world so fragmented by knowledge there is one thing that cannot be stripped away—one thing that cannot be broken down to a science. Why we live. Our lives are just moments and stories, but they last. How many stories have been told in the past thousand years? How many more will be told in the next? Let our stories stand the test of time, like the ruins of Pompeii.

Story By: Cody Chun. Photos By: Marissa Croft.

1. Professor Christoph leads the class, in a discussion about the text.
2. Billy Rathje, Jack Elder, and Emilie Kurth listen attentively to Professor Paul Loeb's musings on Machiavelli.
3. English students revel in their newfound knowledge.
4. Commencement Hall, home to the Humanities.
It's no surprise that proponents of Humanities and Communication Studies have a lot to say about what they study. As Humanities Professor George Erving explained in his interview, "The Humanities floor in Commencement Hall isn't just a dorm experience; it's a vibrant cultural center where students of all majors share a passion for the arts by putting on film screenings, open mic nights, faculty "fireside chats," the student-run "palaver" dinner series, and various trips around the Seattle-Tacoma area." Passion is something that everyone in the Humanities Program and Communication Studies Department has, and it's exalted itself through the scholarship of ripening and experienced minds alike. But this isn't to say that learning is one-sided. "Students come in with ideas, and we discover things together," says Professor Renee Houston, of Communication Studies, attesting to the idea of shared and continual learning. For Professor Houston, it was her passion for learning that drew her to teaching. "I loved learning since before I started preschool. I wanted to share that love with my students." And this learning is not confined to the professor-student relationship; at Puget Sound, it blossoms ubiquitously across the student body. Sophomore Nicholas Reano, a Communication Studies major, highlights this distinction. "My experience has been very enjoyable. I appreciate learning new things from both my professors and my peers." It's a passion for learning that drew Reano, and so many others, to the place where learning is as abundant as the rain. And, between Humanities and Communication Studies especially, these passions culminate and coalesce into a unique learning experience, afloat on the chills of the Puget Sound.

Story By: Cody Chun.
Photos By: Marissa Croft.
With eleven political scientists, the Puget Sound political science department is larger than many liberal arts colleges and offers a wide range of courses from Local Politics to Comparative Nationalism in China and Japan. Award-winning professor Karl Fields believes being educated in Politics and Government is important, and refers a phrase in the Puget Sound's mission statement "to meet the highest tests of democratic citizenship," and states that "a clear understanding of how politics is practiced here and elsewhere is an essential to that process." One of Fields' students, Aurelia Wieber, is currently taking Chinese Political Economy and says the most interesting thing she has learned so far is the "personality cult based on Mao Zedong in China during his rule, and how it has continued on in China today." Also involving political science is the International Political Economy department, a department that the Puget Sound webpage describes as a, "developing social science field of study that attempts to understand international and global problems using an eclectic interdisciplinary array of analytical tools and theoretical perspectives."

Story by: Mikayla Hougan, Photos by: Gustavo Reyes and Kyle Chong
The modern world of business and economy seems daunting to most, but the students of the University of Puget Sound's Business Leadership Program and Economics program are not afraid to be challenged. Professor Bruce Mann of the Economics department said "It's always fun, but right now it is a particularly interesting time to study and teach economics because of the recession". Mann has enjoyed teaching at Puget Sound for 38 years; this year he and the other faculty members welcome Professor Andrew Monaco, who recently joined the department. Every month the Economics department hosts an Econ Social event with activities such as volleyball or feasting, so professors and students majoring in Economics can get to know each other outside of class. Emmy Masangcay, a member of the Business Leadership Program (BLP) and a double major in Economics knew she would be majoring in business ever since she was in high school, and then she became interested in Economics after taking a course taught by Professor Wade Hands. "Double majoring isn't the easiest thing to do, but it is fine as long as you enjoy what you are learning. Otherwise, it would be hard to stay motivated," Masangcay said. The BLP is a very unique program here on campus. Each year up to 25 new students are admitted into the program. "The Business Leadership Program continues to be a strong and attractive program for our business students," Professor Nila Wiese, the Director of BLP, said. BLP students are a very diverse group, with students interested in a variety of activities besides business, including art, athletics, and student government. Students in the incoming class, for example, come from ten different states, and many are well traveled and speak a second language. The program aims to develop students' leadership skills through cohort classes, and mentorships with business professionals in the Puget Sound area. Wiese also hopes to lead students to become more knowledgeable of international business issues both in the classroom and through study abroad experiences. Overall, both the Economics department and the BLP have very qualified professors and students dedicated to unraveling the mysteries of the economy and business. Story by: Tammy Hoang, Photos by Ashlynn Holbert and Tammy Hoang