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Phi Delta Theta’s tagline “become the greatest version of yourself” has proven true for many members of the Puget Sound chapter. Men who have found a home in the fraternity have thrived in its community and environment. They have also continued learning from their brothers so that they may become better men themselves. Phi Delta Theta, often referred to as Phi Delt, celebrates the individual for who they are and uses their diversity to develop each member’s character. For more than sixty years, members of Phi Delt have proven to Puget Sound that they are men of value and of principle, that they are active community members and campus leaders, and that they are a positive force for Puget Sound’s Greek Life community. This year, Phi Delt’s haunted house scared UPS for a cause, leaving students with an unforgettable night while also raising money for the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Association.

*Story by: John Giltner, Photos by: Phi Delta Theta*
Sigma Alpha Epsilon, or SAE, is the brotherhood that seeks to represent the whole of the "True Gentleman". Since their foundation in 1856, they have made it their mission to hold the highest standards of leadership, scholarship, and friendship while serving others. It's the significant moments and experiences that they create that will provide them with the abilities they will need to succeed in the years ahead. This year, members of SAE have put much of their energy into the "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" campaign. With it, they hope to raise awareness about the effects of domestic violence and the women who have been able to rise above it. Above all, "SAE is love, friendship, and self determination," says President Lee Pennebaker.

Story by: Lexy Woods, Photos provided by SAE
There aren't many stronger statements than shaving your head bald. Sigma Chi has an annual weeklong event called Derby Days where the brothers participate in many fundraisers for the St. Baldrick's Foundation, a foundation that focuses on children's cancer research. One event in includes collecting enough pledges and shaving their hair off by local barbers to spread awareness.

“This event usually takes place in the Piano Lounge where friends and family members of cancer patients come and you can ask questions. I really like that you get a direct connection,” Michael Lim, president of Sigma Chi, said. Though they are well known for engaging in volunteer events such as restoration or walking events, Sigma Chi is also a great place to gather leadership experience. “I have built up lots of leadership experience and I like that Sigma Chi gives you a safe environment to fail. You do the best you can do and you know that you will always have a brother to help you,” Chris Large, vice president of Sigma Chi, said. Both Lim and Large have held a multitude of other positions in the chapter over the last three years and can attest to the integrity and passion for philanthropy shared by their fellow Sigma Chi brothers.

*Story by: Tammy Hoang, Photos provided by Sigma Chi*
Beta Theta Pi’s values and goals for its brotherhood can summed up in five main points: Mutual assistance, trust, responsible conduct, intellectual drive, and integrity. Beta, as the fraternity is often called, has just come back to the Puget Sound community and its founding fathers are an impressive and diverse group of individuals ranging from residential life leaders and residents to KUPS DJs and disk jockeys. “Beta is a group of men not only aware of their own personal values but how to act upon them on campus,” said Beta founding father and President Ryan Del Rosario. “They are men of not only character but of principle.” Welcome Beta! Greek Life is certainly a better place with you on campus.

Story By: John Giltner, Photos By: Beta Theta Pi
Pi Beta Phi, better known as Pi Phi, is a member of the Washington Gamma Chapter. Pi Phi is all about building sincere and lifelong friendships. In addition, Pi Phi holds numerous community service events on and off-campus. Its philanthropic efforts include the First Book Speed Read and Champions Are Readers (CAR) program. Through these events, Pi Phi is dedicated to removing the barrier of illiteracy in the community. The Leading With Values program helps members learn to understand and live the values of the sorority. Moreover, the program teaches members how to fulfill their leadership potential all while achieving academic excellence. Pi Beta Phi works hard to promote friendship, develop women of intellect and integrity, and enrich lives through community service. 

Story by: Duyen Vo, Photos by: Mikayla Hougan
Kappa Alpha Theta, often referred to as just Theta, is known as the first Greek letter fraternity for women in the United States. First established in 1837 at Indiana Ashbury College, Theta has now developed a prestigious reputation nationally and on the Puget Sound campus as highly motivated community and campus leaders. “I would describe Theta as an incredible and diverse group of women who are extremely involved on campus and in the community,” said Theta member Kendall Harman. Theta has held many fun on-campus events including Capture the Kite and Zumbathon. Their most recent event, Rock the Casa, was a philanthropy event for Court Appointed Special Advocates and offered the Puget Sound campus community a much-needed battle of the bands event.

"Theta is an incredible and diverse group of women who are extremely involved on campus." - Kendall Harman
Alpha Phi is the epitome of a sisterhood of empowered women. The Alpha Phi sorority is a part of the Gamma Zeta chapter and consistently holds philanthropic events to support the Alpha Phi Foundation, which supports women's cardiac care. The sorority holds on-campus events, such as their Alpha Phifa soccer tournament, and off-campus events, such as their Red Dress Gala, to raise money and get the UPS campus involved. As Chapter President, Genell Briton discovered a wide array of leadership opportunities through her membership in Alpha Phi. Briton explains, “Every day we try to live up to our core values of truth, honor and love, and we believe that these values are not only important for our time here at UPS, but in our future lives as well”.

Story by: Duyen Vo, Photos by: Alpha Phi and Meredith Macmillan
Gamma Phi Beta's mission to "inspire the highest type of womanhood" has been apparent on campus since the sorority first joined the Puget Sound Greek community in 1961. Today, sisters of Gamma Phi Beta, or G Phi for short, are active members and leaders on and off campus, participating in groups like Puget Sound's RDG, The Boys and Girls Club of Tacoma, and Relay for Life. "I would describe G Phi as an exceptional group of strong, intelligent, passionate, caring, and loving women," said G Phi member Rachel Sugar. "These women challenge me to grow as a person and encourage me to try new things." G Phi is known on campus for their Turkey Bowl, a flag football tournament where everyone is encouraged to dress up silly, have fun, and raise money for Girls on the Run and Campfire.

Story By: John Giltner, Photos by Gamma Phi Beta

"Gamma Phi is a place to grow, learn, be yourself, and make lifelong friends." - President Rachel Bowdle
What could be better than catching a recently released movie for just $1? Many students would hesitate to offer any better alternatives to the weekly campus films that are screened in Rauch Auditorium. Students and members of the community frequently enjoy taking a few hours to unwind and enjoy previews of upcoming films, concessions and an excellent film. The films typically have six screenings throughout the weekend, and thanks to the new ASUPS website, students can access the list of upcoming films at any time.

Story by: Marissa Croft Photos by: Dylan Witwicki, ASUPS Website, & Ashlynn Holbert.
NERDFIGHTER CLUB

Don’t Forget To Be Awesome!

From watching Sherlock Holmes to doing community service, the Nerdfighter club continues to grow and evolve. This year, the club gained roughly 50 new part-time members after Log Jam. Nerdfighter club was founded by Megan Konrad last year. John Green and Hank Green, brothers who have a video blog, inspired the concept of nerdfighters - people who try to better the world by volunteering and educating. “I realized that the original idea of the club changed due to other people’s opinions and I’m really happy because it shows interest. The club is more fun for everyone this way,” Konrad said.

Aside from doing community service and enjoying reading, the Nerdfighters also hold a book club. Sometimes, they meet to discuss books they all read, sharing what they observed. Something interesting is that many members participate in November’s National Novel Writing Month, Nanowrimo, which is a writing project where writers of all levels write a novel within the span of a month with the length of a set goal. The goal of an average word count for an adult is about 50,000 words. Nerdfighters provides many opportunities for members to create a network with other individuals and expand their horizons. The Nerdfighter creed sums up what this club stands for: “We’re Nerdfighters. We fight against suck....we fight for awesome. We fight using our brains, our hearts, our calculators and our trombones.”

Story and Photos by: Tammy Hoang

2. Leah O'Sullivan holds up her hot pink shirt with John Green’s face and the word “PIZZA” on it.
3. Naomi Hill listens to another member discussing a book with a list of discussion questions on her lap while Nicole De Biasi works on a writing assignment.
4. Megan Konrad wears R2D2 Mickey ears and shows off a Doctor Who sonic screwdriver.
Perhaps one of the most unique clubs on campus, Hiveminders offers its members the opportunity to care for and harvest honey from three of the on-campus hives, named Gobi, Sahara and Atacama. President Christine Anderson says, “We have the resources to teach beginners to bee keep. There’s not as much pressure on the individual and people are allowed to make mistakes, which is why the club is open to everyone.” In addition to learning to monitor the wind, temperature and medicine for the bees, club members harvest honey every fall and sell it at the student market. This sweet perk is not the only reason students come back year after year. For Vice President Iris Thompson the science behind beekeeping is equally exciting, “Getting to see what the bees do in the hives is so interesting, because there is so much to learn about them and so much we still don’t know about them.” In the future, the club hopes to invest in a Warre hive, which will allow for easier observation of the bees, and to investigate producing organic honey. For now, they are content to increase the buzz about their delicious honey here on campus.

Story and Photos by Marissa Croft
Lighthouse, Puget Sound's own interdenominational Christian community, is making positive changes in leaps and bounds. This year the group changed the name of their monthly interfaith discussions to “On the Table” and in an effort to make the discussions more accessible. These discussions offer students of all backgrounds a chance to come together and have respectful debates about controversial topics in a welcoming environment. Lighthouse is not just about deep introspection; it’s about fun and building community, both on campus and off. Their members have the opportunity to attend Lighthouse sponsored film nights and the club also hosts popular “City Dives” where students have the chance to go on an adventure and volunteer around Tacoma. To members of the club, this sense of community is what sets Lighthouse apart. Sophomore Halla Schultz recounts, “I enjoy the community of Lighthouse most. Everyone is so loving and friendly. It’s a place where people are encouraged to express themselves, ask questions, and learn from each other...Lighthouse is one of the many aspects of Puget Sound that has changed my life and made me love this school so much.” Those who are seeking a comfortable environment to explore their faith will find that Lighthouse truly lives up to its name, lighting the way through the storm.

Story by Marissa Croft, Photos provided by Lighthouse

Front Row - Nicole Renna, Eric Schnell, Courtney Carley, Stephanie Gates, Halla Schultz, Lizzie Kressle
2. Kyle Dybdal, Anna Dunlap, Courtney Carley, Brittany Walker, Chelsea Long, Zoe Levine Sporer work on a community service project.
3. Eric Schnell gets creative with spray paint.
4. The members of Lighthouse pose outside the Kilworth Memorial Chapel.
CHISPA, community for Hispanic awareness, is a group founded on the celebration of the Hispanic culture and its promotion around the community. Every year, the group puts on Lucha Libre, the wildly popular event that expresses the culture with a spectacular performance of colorful and exciting Mexican wrestlers. It's a big hit. But to club president Lauren Petersen, it's more than just fun and games. She says, “I wanted to become the president because Hispanic culture is something that became important for me through my studies at Puget Sound and my experience abroad in Oaxaca, Mexico. I also think it is sometimes overlooked, and it was important for my club to represent that to the campus community as something significant and essential to the diversity at Puget Sound.” Not only does the club provide positions of leadership, but according to Petersen, it also is “an open space to talk about cultural diversity and a safe place to share, promote, and discuss Hispanic culture and awareness.”

*Story by: Lexy Woods, Photos by: Toria Messinger*
For Jasmine Kaneshiro, being a part of Christian Fellowship means being part of a “tight-knit, loving, and accepting community.” It allows its members to grow deeper into their faith while providing a fun and safe environment. Of all of their events, Jasmine says that the third annual Thanksgiving Feast was her favorite. Members worked on different dishes and together prepared a huge meal for the campus community. It included “everything from turkey to spam musubi to pumpkin cheesecake,” she says. “The atmosphere was warm and familial, and it was a great night of food and friendship.”

Although the group is very close, there is always room for more members whether you’re Christian, non-Christian, or just interested in seeing what Christianity is all about. They love being creative with reaching out to the community, and they never cease to have fun. From “blueberry picking, to watching Nicolas Cage movies, or simply hanging out,” they’re always having a good time.

Story by: Lexy Woods, Photos by: Jasmine Kaneshiro and Kyle Chong
The Logger Pep Band deserves a round of applause. They attend every home football and basketball game, and provide music for everyone to hear. "Pep Band lets you meet people from many grades and majors. You also get to talk to them informally and get to know them on a personal level," Chiyoko Newsum said. Newsum is a freshman knows how to play the alto saxophone, and trumpet. She decided to join the Pep Band this year after participating in her marching band in high school. Along with everyone else, the Pep Band is hoping to recruit more members so that they can eventually become a marching band. All members contribute to transport all the personal and percussion instruments from the music building an hour before a game except for the very large instruments which are driven over. "The music is easy enough to play, so that we can just get together and have fun," Trevor Nunn said. Nunn plays the clarinet, piano, cello and saxophone. Nunn is also a new member who has made many friends in Pep Band and he feels like he has known some of them forever. The Band meets up once during the week to practice songs conducted by the upperclassmen, who have the most experience. Although the upperclassmen choose the songs, everyone gets a say in the last song of the day will be. It may be needless to say, but this band has a very bright and friendly personality where everyone really enjoys their role in the group.

Story by: Tammy Hoang, Photos by: Tammy Hoang
The twenty first century is all about global media and the Anime Club really knows how to enjoy it. Most weeks, each club member receives an e-mail stating which animes the club will be watching. Every Friday, the anime club gets together to watch anime, and if there is time left over, they debate about what to see next. The genres range from romance to adventure and varies each week. "I wanted a place where anime people can meet together and enjoy anime together," Lauren Fellows, the president, said. This is Fellow's first time running a club and she believes that the club is a good size because everyone knows each other. She restarted the club her sophomore year and she is now a senior. "I was more open with myself and others after I got into anime my sophomore year in high school because I had something to talk to people about. My closest friends are in anime club," DJ Maguddayao said. Maguddayao, a junior, has been part of the club since its reintroduction to Puget Sound. He enjoys having dinner with the club after every meeting. The members walk over to the sub together and eat at a big table to continue their discussions about anime. This passionate and tightly knit group has been known to have friendly discussion where everyone gets a say. This very carefree and mellow group will always welcome anyone willing immerse themselves into the world of animation.

Story and Photos by: Tammy Hoang
There's always something going on at the Center for Writing, Learning, and Teaching. Located in Howarth 109, the center dedicates itself to the simultaneous strengthening of student academics and peer-to-peer relationships. "The Center for Writing, Learning, and Teaching is here for any student that needs additional help outside of the classroom. Sometimes I walk in here and it's just crazy busy!" said Aspen Mayberry, an exercise science peer tutor at the center. "But it's a really fun environment and just a great place to be." The center offers writing advisors and peer tutors, who, collectively, represent some of Puget Sound's finest; and it's a distinction they humbly honor. "Everyone's welcome. We're open to anyone who wants to study, and it's just a great place to hang out." Besides, where else can the gregarious and the studious so perfectly coexist? Story by: Cody Chun, Photos by: Marissa Croft.

1. The center's ever-changing chalkboard, suggests 10 strategies for students to help get through Fall.
2. Samantha Coates works out a statistics problem on the white board.
3. The Writing Center of the CWLT has an abundance of resources for students of all majors.
4. Hannah Fattor attending the reception desk.
Have you ever wondered who advises your academic advisors? That special task belongs to the folks at Academic Advising, in Howarth 114. Chelsea Pemberton, Assistant for First Year Advising and Administration, elaborates: “Our office is the central hub of advising on campus. The faculty are our actual academic advisors, but we provide many support and training opportunities for them.”

Academic Advising is not solely geared towards faculty, however. “We also support students. Students come in for a variety of reasons—general advice, choosing a major, if they’re having difficulties with a particular class. We help them come up with a plan for getting back on track.” But this relatively obscure office, situated at the heart of campus, is not at all disconnected from the body. “We can help with a lot of different things, and if we can’t help you, we can certainly direct you to the appropriate place.”

Pemberton recalls one, rather peculiar, instance. “One summer we got a call from a woman in the community, who said, ‘There’s a bird outside my window making strange noises. Can anybody there help me figure out what kind of bird it is?’” We directed her to the Slater Museum,” she laughs. Whether you need to decide between a major in classics or a major in chemistry, or just have a question about a strange bird outside your window, Academic Advising is here to help.

*Story by: Cody Chun, Photos by: Chelsea Pemberton.*
It's devastating to think that the rights that we are entitled to as humans are gradually being stripped from us. However, Amnesty International is a club on campus that advocates against and builds awareness of human rights violations both in the United States and internationally. Members of the club meet and are given tools to fight against these human rights abuses in a constructive and positive way. The club also incorporates the interests of the club members and the student body, such as women's rights, into their campaign for human rights. President of Amnesty International, Emma Collins, comments on the impact the club has had on her: "Being a member of Amnesty International has shown me that it is easy and empowering to fight against human rights abuses."

Some of the simplest actions, like signing a petition, can make a critical difference in the world, which is why making a difference is Amnesty International's first and foremost goal.

Story by: Duyen Vo, Photos by: Emma Collins

1. Jenna Weitz and Hannah Smookler protest for freedom of speech
2. Mason Costantino, Rachel Basetta, Emma Collins, and Angelica Spearwoman pose with executive director of Amnesty USA Steven Hawkins
3. Bailey Gilmore holds up a sign to support human rights internationally
4. Billy Krolik advocates for the right to protest
5. Jenica Holt supports the end of student blockades in Gaza.
Circle K is a community service club that helps students create connections with people in the community through service. They are the college-level version of the Kiwanis Club. Rather than holding weekly meetings, the club has weekly volunteer days on the weekends and meets as needed to discuss what members would like to volunteer for. The club not only provides a rewarding way for students to get involved with the community, but also provides projects that are fun and engaging. “Sometimes we go and help out at the Tacoma toy rescue. We cleaned Barbies, did their hair, and got to pick out two little outfits and accessories for them. It was like being five years old again!” Circle K President Laura Andersen remembers. The club provides a variety of community service opportunities that helps not just Tacoma, but other areas of Western Washington. This year Circle K has taken their service outdoors with forest restoration projects with Green Seattle Day, Green Tacoma Day, and Green Kent Day. They often volunteer at food pantries and homeless shelters. Andersen also reflects, “I’ve learned to enjoy community service instead of thinking of it as something I had to do.”

Story by: Duyen Vo, Photos by: Laura Andersen
The Hawaiian population on campus is, without a doubt, strongly felt here at Puget Sound. Culminating in the annual Spring Luau, members of Hui O Hawai‘i spend their year in preparation for, and anticipation of, the convivial festivities. But that’s not all they do. “We reach out to students on campus as well as the general community by engaging people in fun events, teaching them ‘pidgin’ words, having them try a spam musubi, and just embracing them with our Aloha Spirit,” said President Christina Chun.

“Hui O Hawai‘i aims to share the unique culture of Hawai‘i with the University of Puget Sound!” Club members take it upon themselves to plant the seeds of “aloha” here in the Pacific Northwest; some might say they’ve been successful. Be it a classmate, a neighbor, or just another familiar face, chances are we’ve all met someone from Hawai‘i. Perhaps we’ve indulged in the flavor, or picked up on some of the linguistic idiosyncrasies, or just heard some unimaginable stories about “island life.” Perhaps we’re intrigued and want to learn more. “We aren’t just exclusive to students from Hawai‘i! I would love to see more people from different states or cultures come to our club to learn about Hawaii.” The invitation carries with it an opportunity to join the ‘ohana. “‘Ohana means family, family means nobody gets left behind.”

*Story by: Cody Chun, Photos by: Christina Chun.*
APA/SU ~

Celebrate Diversity

1. Bubble Tea Night at the SDC.
2. Rachel Hasegawa, Elizabeth Chao, Brenda Miller, Katie McGee, Makenzie Fong, Angelica Kong, and Esther Lee prepare the bubble tea.
3. Ariana Lim, Carolyn Donaldson, and Katie McGee relax in the SDC.
4. Veteran APASU members recruiting potential members at Log Jam.

APA/SU, or the Asian Pacific American Student Union, is about more than the celebration of all things Asian—it's about cultural acceptance in a world of increasing multicultural contact, with a focus on Asian cultures. "We try to celebrate a lot of cultures. It usually happens in the form of food, but we also help out at a bunch of Asian celebrations and just try to get people more involved," said Brenda Miller, Co-President of APASU. "We help out at the Chinese Lunar Festival for Chinese New Year," added Co-President Erin Adachi-Kriege. An eclectic group of endlessly interesting individuals, APASU members hail from all walks of life. Meetings are often centered on discussions of current events, from the view of a cultural lens. Nathan Laviste commented, "APASU really emphasizes respecting the ways different types of people think. The whole objective is to unify different types of people." And you don't need to be Asian to join. "You just have to like us," Miller laughed. "It's also a great way to bond with people. I think I made more friends in APASU than I did in other groups." And so it comes as no surprise that the club has a sincere familial quality to it. "They treated me as if I was a part of their family," Laviste said. This family welcomes others to join in on the conversation, and encourages talk on cultural appreciation.

When three friends wanted a place to gather and play the famous trading card game Magic: The Gathering, they banded together and started Puget Sound's Magic and Board Game Club. A year later the club has expanded to include over eighty members, all playing a diverse selection of board games and trading card games. While the club's focus remains on Magic, anybody can show up on a Tuesday or Thursday night with a game and find a partner to play with. "Magic Club is a place for people of all skill levels to come and enjoy Magic, play Magic, learn Magic, and just have fun," said current President Kazuya Tamura. "We'll even teach newer players to the game." For the future, Magic Club hopes to hold tournaments and recruit new members who are interested in learning the game or just having a good time.

Story by John Giltner, Photos by: Joseph Rodriguez

1. Magic: The Gathering was invented in 1993 and has approximately 12 million players today.
2. Many of the club's members have collected cards for about three years.
3. Christopher Livingston, Tori Vaz and Paul Makl study the game carefully.
4. Sophomore Nathan Wang, an avid Magic player, prepares to draw his next card.
5. Paul Makl smiles, as he nears victory.
Learning a new craft isn’t always easy, but no one said you have to do it alone. “I want this to be a club where anyone can just stop by and have a hole in their pants fixed. Anyone can stop by for fun, and learn new skills,” Heather Hulscher said. Hulscher is the current president of Needle Crafts for Charity and her strengths are crocheting and sewing stuffed animals. At Needle Crafts for Charity, anyone can attend a meeting, no prior skills required, and start a project. Some projects are eventually donated to local homeless shelters or hospitals. They have a joint project with Days for Girls, an international organization, dedicated to supporting education for girls in Africa by sewing reusable panties made out of special material. “The most fun thing about this club is about teaching people how to make stuff,” Kirah Taylor said. Taylor is a cofounder of Needle Crafts for Charity and has been its only treasurer, since 2010. Her strength lies in knitting. However, she has become well versed in many crafts over the years and enjoys sharing her passion to both non-member and members. “Everyone just gets together and just makes things. It’s a very relaxed environment,” Tori Vaz said. As the vice president, Vaz’s specialties are crocheting and sewing clothes. She has also been trying out many new forms of craft trades and learns on the job. It is the hope of the club to teach more people how to needlecraft, and to share their expertise and compassion with members of the campus community.
Story by Tammy Hoang, Photos by: Tammy Hoang

1. Heather Hulscher greets incoming members with a bright smile as Tori Vaz focuses on crocheting her scarf.
2. The club’s supply boxes contain very colorful yarn and other various tools.
3. Kirah Taylor teaches Makenzie Fong how to knit.
4. A few hats created by Heather Hulscher and some crocheted coasters donated to the club.
Have you ever dreamed of having a career in the animal field? Or had the desire to be a voice for another? Members of the Future Animal Health Professionals of Puget Sound sure have! Each one has made it their goal to spend their lives helping animals in any way they can. Whether it be by becoming a veterinarian, a wildlife biologist, or a zookeeper, these guys have a plan. Sophomore Lexy Woods has spent the last four years of her life volunteering and working at Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium. It was there, she says, that “I first defined my goal of becoming a zookeeper. By doing so, I would not only be able to care for threatened and endangered animals, but I would also get to communicate with the public and promote effective conservation techniques to help protect our world’s wildlife.” The club takes a few field trips throughout the year as well, including to the Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium right here in Tacoma, as well as to Wolf Haven and the Serenity Equine Rescue and Rehabilitation center.

The Students for Liberty club is an open space on campus where students are able to explore our country’s political system and its foundation in the concept of liberty. Club president Liam Tully explains, “We’ve created a place where people come every week to engage in energetic debate and discussion of politics and liberty.” In addition to moderating lively discussions, Students for Liberty invites guest speakers to campus and organizes off-campus activities for its members. “Students for Liberty is a safe and invigorating space that enhances awareness of not only political entities, but social, economic, emotional, and spiritual mediums as well. What’s the beauty of it? There is no favoritism - all viewpoints are welcomed!” says graduate student Sha’Ran Lowe, who summarizes the club’s uniqueness perfectly!

Story by Nick Tucker  Photos by: Laura Saltzervv
Underground Sound is the oldest a cappella group at Puget Sound. What sets them apart from the rest is their unique style, audience-friendly song choices, and their ability to relate to their audiences. They are a diverse group of students utilizing a "dynamic mix of genders, majors, and personalities," says group member Sarah Brauner. "It's one part music and three parts fun."

Being a part of this group makes a big impact on your life, Abby Robbins expresses. "Not only have I developed as a vocalist and a musician, but collaborating with a group of such talented, genuine and incredible human beings has also allowed me to develop into a better team player in all aspects of my life."

*Story by: Lexy Woods, Photos by: Jenni Chadick and Abby Robbins*
Garden Level is the all-male a cappella group and features a handsome, spirited group of performers. What originally inspired Kyle Long to join was the sense of “brotherhood and tradition that Garden Level provides for its members.” He says, “being the director of the group has been eye-opening and inspiring. I have learned a lot about what it means to lead a group musically, as well as socially, as we pride ourselves on our ability to maintain a relaxed group persona through which we aspire to create high quality music.” Story by: Lexy Woods, Photos by: Jenni Chadick

What She Said is Puget Sound’s all-female a cappella group that specializes in the pop, doo-wop, jazz, choral, and classical genres. Maggie Manire, Co-President of WSS, cherishes the unique dynamic that exists within the group. “This group is really a team effort, and we all come together to contribute our musical ideas and suggestions.” With a sisterhood so close, she thinks of WSS as her “own little sorority.” Jennifer Mayer, secretary, agrees. “A cappella,” she says, “creates an incredible bond between singers. I feel so blessed to sing with such talented, determined, hilarious, loyal and strong women.” Story by: Lexy Woods, Photos by: Jenni Chadick and Jennifer Mayer
Take a cup of hip-hop, jazz, and contemporary. Add in a tablespoon of tap and salsa. Throw in several handfuls of hard work and talent. Finish it off with a generous layer of music and energy and you've got the recipe for RDG. RDG, or Repertory Dance Group, is a student-run club of UPS choreographers and dancers of all levels who showcase their skills each semester in a variety of dance genres. The routines take on numerous themes, from the secret lives of ninjas to the clash between the people and the government. As choreographers, students have an opportunity to express their creativity and see it come to life. Not only does RDG provide students with an engaging 2 nights of dance performances per semester, it raises the student body's awareness of dance and helps give aspiring and beginning dancers experience. As a dancer, Lydia Hollingsworth says, "Not only is it fun to learn the choreography every week and get to know the other people, but it is exhilarating to stand on the stage after all that time and hard work to participate in one of the biggest events on campus."

As a choreographer, Imanuel Chen explains, "Teaching is really rewarding. You get really intimate with the dancers. It becomes kind of like a family thing."

For Imanuel and many other dancers in the club, dance and RDG play and will continue to play a major role in their lives.

*Story by: Duyen Vo, Photos by: Matt Sklar and Luc Sokolsky*

1. This routine adds a Latin flair to the traditional hip-hop genre.
2. Casey Anderson aims high in the "Sail!" routine.
3. Imanuel Chen and Nikita New show off their moves in this "Puget Sound Party" routine.
4. The dancers' high energy match their bright costumes.
5. Dancers bring Hogwarts to Puget Sound in this Harry Potter-themed dance.
"RDG has allowed me to feel a part of the campus in a way that no other club has so far."

-Lydia Hollingsworth

6. Dancers demonstrate their acrobatic moves in this dynamic routine.
7. All of the dancers in RDG thank the audience in their final dance.
8. Akilah Blakely leads this rhythmic tap number.
10. Tovah Siegal flashes the audience a bright smile.
11. Dancers strike a pose during the “Applause!” dance.
University of Puget Sound is home to a variety of musical ensembles including Symphony Orchestra, Concert Band, and Wind Ensemble. The instruments students play in these ensembles include winds, woodwinds, brass, percussion, and strings. To join either Symphony Orchestra or Wind Ensemble, students must pass an audition.

Symphony Orchestra has around 60 to 70 musicians who perform twice a semester. This music group plays pieces that can transport the audience into different time periods by sound alone. “I enjoy playing music from the Romantic era because it is so different from all the others. It is so emotional, and also very open to various interpretations,” says violinist Abby Scurfield. Wind Ensemble has around 30 musicians that play numerous compositions varying in style and era. Students can join Concert Band without auditioning and perform original pieces and arranged works once a semester. There are about 40 musicians, and flautist Bianca Lim says “What’s great about concert band is that Gerard is such an awesome conductor who understands that there are students out there who love playing music but do not have time for a full time commitment.”

All three musical ensembles sound beautiful and can be heard when simply walking next to the Music Building or enjoying a concert in Schneebeck Concert Hall.

Story By: Amanda Tun, Photos By: Luc Sokolsky and Amanda Tun
Without music, life would be a mistake.

- Friedrich Nietzsche

1. Concertmaster Zach Hamilton from Symphony Orchestra playing holiday tunes. 2. Saxophonist Brady McCowan from Wind Ensemble. 3. String bassist Arda Bulak from Wind Ensemble during rehearsal. 4. Violinists Jonathan Mei and Matt Lam from Symphony Orchestra playing their duet from Collage 2013. 5. The clarinet section of Wind Ensemble during rehearsal. 6. Conductor Gerard Morris introduces the next piece of the Three Embraces concert. 7. Concert Band performing at Schneebeck Concert Hall.
1. Voci d'Amici hold their rehearsals in Kilworth memorial Chapel.
2. The Adelphians put on a wonderful concert for students and the community in Kilworth Memorial Chapel.
3. Alex Adams hits a big note during a performance.
4. Dr. Zopfi plays the piano and guides practices for Voci d'Amici.
5. Brian Stoops and Kyle Long read their music at a choir concert.
Puget Sound has four groups of tremendous singers on campus. Chorale is a non-auditioned choir group for all different types of singers, Doriens is UPS’s all-girl choir group, Adelphians is a co-ed choir that is considered one of the best in the Northwest and even tours over spring break. Last, but not least, there’s Voci d’Amici which is a co-ed selection of singers from the Adelphian choir that is self-conducted. These choirs never fail to put on a great performance. The key to their success is a combination of hard work and a sense of community. Junior Dorian member Carolyn Donaldson expresses, “It’s a lot of fun just to get to perform something you know you’ve worked so hard on!” Performing can be very rewarding when you have a supportive group of people to sing with. “Choir creates this sense of community and you gain a lot of friendships in it,” Donaldson explains. All kinds of majors make up the choirs. There are art majors, communication majors, biology majors, and more, all brought together by their love for music. Donaldson notes the dedicated choir directors are a significant reason why choir is so enjoyable. The choir directors Kathryn Lehmann and Steven Zopfi elevate students’ musical passions. Students perform everything from Bach to contemporary pieces. The choirs of UPS continue to prove there isn’t a note they can’t hit.

*Story by: Duyen Vo, Photos by: Luca Sokolsky*
The Apha Phi chapter of the Phi Sigma is a national honors society for students studying biology on the University of Puget Sound campus. To become a member, students must receive a recommendation from biology faculty and complete an interview process. Club vice-president Brenda Seymour explains that she “loves being part of Phi Sigma because I can geek out about biology with other biology majors!” The club hosts and organizes trivia nights, service projects, and invites a prominent researcher in the field of biology to speak on campus each Spring. Additionally, members offer tutoring to biology students on campus. Senior and club president Kathryn Papoulias says that the club is “a great way to connect with other students, and being able to facilitate events provides a wealth of opportunities to spread the club’s love of biology across campus.”

*Story By: Nick Tucker, Photos By: Kathryn Papoulias*
The Black Student Union at the University of Puget Sound is an open forum for students of all backgrounds to explore the issues of race and diversity on campus. “You do not have to be Black to join or come to our events,” says Club president Danae Smith; “There seems to be a little bit of a taboo surrounding it because ‘black’ is in the name of the club, but everyone of all races are welcome.” The club organizes many events throughout the year, three of which being a Kwanzaa celebration, Black History Month events, and Black Ice, a literary magazine featuring submissions from students on campus, alumni, and members of the Tacoma community. Smith explains that her favorite thing about BSU is “having a community where we can talk about race and diversity in a safe place and manner; it helps to make campus feel more open and welcoming to have a space like this to go to.”

Story by: Nick Tucker, Photos by: Danae Smith

1. Students enjoy food following the Kwanzaa celebration. 2. Chantel Dozier and Lydia Gebrehiwot stand in front of a Kwanzaa banner. 3. Nakisha Renee Jones and Deron Coffie stand in front of the kinara candles used in the celebration. 4. Chantel Dozier, Nora Katz, Nakisha Renee Jones, Tyson West, Deron Coffie, Danae Smith, Jensen Handwork, and Lydia Gebrehiwot following the club’s Kwanzaa celebration.
Crosscurrents is our university's very own literary magazine, with content produced by the student body. Any student can submit their work to Crosscurrents and the members will review all the submitted works carefully. The program consists of one group split into three subgroups: prose, art and poems.

"We get to see so much of student work and people are very creative and talented. So it is very fun to showcase them," Maya Augustan said. Augustan is the current Content Manager and is an English major hoping to go into publications when she graduates, so this is a great head start for her. She is the one who removes all the names of the student authors and presents the works to the rest of the group in a presentable form of a packet that is easy to review. "I enjoy looking at literature from different perspectives and hearing what the other prose group members think about the works because they often think of things I never would have thought of," Mary Ontiveros said. Ontiveros is a new member of Crosscurrents; she writes prose and poems and paints works of her own like many of the other members of Crosscurrents. While they review the pieces, everyone in the group votes every efficiently. Each member either lifts up a one, two or three with three being the best score. After all the pieces have been reviewed, Augustan reattaches the names of the authors. Then, everyone helps out with the designing and layout of the magazine. Each semester, this whole process repeats and there is a new copy of Crosscurrents ready to be read by other students. All and all Crosscurrents provides an excellent opportunity for exposure for artists and enlightenment for students.

Story and Photos by: Tammy Hoang
Wetlands Magazine finished the semester off with a bang, hosting a Wetlands Sneak Preview Party. This festive get together featured both this year’s beautiful submissions and a talented collection of female performances in their collaboration with Northwest Sounds. The crowd was full of both present and past members of the magazine along with diehard fans and music.

On the brink of becoming an official Puget Sound publication, the magazine will be experiencing a large shift in leadership in the upcoming Spring semester with beloved Editor-in-Chief Tasia Klincewicz stepping down from her position to make room for other obligations during her last semester as a Senior at UPS. Guiding the magazine into its transition to an official Media Head, Executive Design Editor CJ Quierolo will be taking over Wetlands next year giving us something to look forward to, saying “I feel like we’re going to try to explore some new content and try to get people talking about these previously undiscussed topics.”

Providing the campus with a semesterly dose of submissions related to gender, identity, sexuality, politics, and intersectionality, the magazine continues to offer students a safe, inclusive place for people to discuss these issues of gender and sexuality.

Story by: Leanne Gan, Photos by: Luc Sokolsky

1. Friends gather at the event, sharing the excitement for the upcoming issue.
2. The Oppenheimer is lit with smiles and festive lights.
3. Editor-In-Chief, Tasia Klincewicz looks gleefully back on her last semester leading Wetlands.
4. Attendees discuss the upcoming issue.
Elements is Puget Sound's one and only scientific magazine! Don't worry Psych or history majors, Elements is not written in fancy scientific jargon. Instead it's written in an accessible way that anyone can understand. In fact, one of the staff's goals is to have people of all backgrounds to be able to understand and engage with the topics of the articles, and hopefully learn some new fun facts while they read. For Katy Papoulias being editor and chief helps heighten her love for science; "As a senior biology major, I really enjoy the creative outlet that Elements provides. It can be hard to remember how much you love science when you're in the midst of a lab report or studying for an exam, and Elements helps me remember why I'm majoring in biology - because it's awesome!" Elements is not something you want to miss! Have fun unleashing your inner scientists, Puget Sound!

1. Katy Papoulias shows off previous issues.
2. Angelica Kong and Kira Thurman have different attitudes about the upcoming deadline.
3. Krista Haapanen and Jordan Dilley are super pumped that Nitrogen is the element of the month!
4. Jeremy Parke-Hoffman and Lake Thelen get into a scientific state of mind by looking at a specimen through a microscope.

Story By Annie Krepack, Photos by Katy Papoulias.

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The newspaper has always been an essential form of communication that unites communities. Puget Sound's newspaper the Trail is no different. Not only is it a news source providing up to date information on campus events, but it's also a unique platform where anyone can voice an opinion. Whether it's an editorial on a current controversy or a unique anecdote, the Trail invites nearly anything. Combat Editor, Thom Stone finds that there are a variety of benefits to working on the Trail. "I'd say a great part about working for the Trail connects you to every sphere of the community. It's a fun job, because you can be creative and explore that creativity. It makes you computer savvy, it's practical skill training. The Trail is staffed by people with like minds who care about writing and reading come together, it's a passionate yet subdued work environment." So let the Trail inspire you in many ways and pick up your copy today! 

Story by Annie Krepack
Photos by Dylan Witwicki

Hey You! You would know if you hadn't been ogling the (married, parent) Old English prof that if he wants to go TO your "nearnewangE", it should be in the dative case.

Hey You! It's ALWAYS time for Beyoncé.

Hey You! Cascade, we are so sorry we traded you in for a younger, shinier model! We miss you and want you back.

Hey You! New S.U.B. cookies, you complete me.

Hey You! Ancient god of sun, Inti, we don't really want to go back to the whole humansacrifice thing, but we are getting desperate here.

1. Editor-in-Chief Elisabeth Schyberg leads the Trail's weekly meeting.
2. The Staff exchange ideas for upcoming stories.
3. Front pages from this year's Trails.
4. In an effort to constantly improve the quality of the Trail, the staff examines past issues of the newspaper.
Photo Services takes pictures both on and off campus and does work for The Trail and Tamanawas. They get special access to events that makes it possible for them to take such wonderful and awesome photos!

The Tamanawas Staff thanks Photo Services for all their hard work!

Hiding in the basement of Wheelock Student Center, KUPS is an independent music station run completely by ASUPS. KUPS 90.1 FM “The Sound” began in 1968 as a closed-circuit AM experiment, and progressively got more popular until 1983 when it finally became a fully operational, 100-watt FM station. The station is completely run by student DJs who broadcast at all hours a day. Because of the large number of DJs airing throughout the day, KUPS is a host to dozens of different genres and a limitless setlist of diverse music. Death Metal, Indie Rock, Hip-Hop, Rap, Pop, Folk, R&B, and Techno are just some of the many genres of music KUPS has to offer on a daily basis. Robin Hopkins is a junior who has been a DJ at KUPS since his freshman year. “There is definitely a lot of diversity in the music that people play on air. That’s why KUPS is so great. You are introduced to a bunch of new people who all listen to different music and it’s exciting to meet them all.”

Story By: Gustavo Reyes, Photos By: Gustavo Reyes
For University of Puget Sound students planning on pursuing a career in law or for those with just a general interest in the field, the Pre-Law Society provides opportunities for both networking and exploration. While the university does offer pre-law advising, the society is also a resource for students to utilize. Society members meet on a bi-weekly basis to host lively discussions. In addition to regular meetings, the group organizes excursions to local courthouses and has helped coordinate an on-campus law fair as well as the Washington State Supreme Court's visit to campus in September.

Story By: Nick Tucker, Photos By: Daniel Thorson
Sigma Alpha Iota is Puget Sound's one and only female music fraternity. The members are composed of music students from different disciplines, including: band, orchestra, and voice. Although completely distinct from Greek Life, they still possess similar ideals and goals. They translate their passion for music into philanthropic projects. They started an organization called Kids4Music, where members go to elementary schools in low income areas and teach music. Even though they keep up strong ties with the Tacoma music scene, their philanthropic efforts are not exclusively music related. They also wrapped Christmas presents for a local homelessness support institution.

Collin Hoover's favorite part about being a member is the way the group is a “tight knit community where everyone is supported and trusted.”

Overall, Sigma Alpha Iota is a talented group of women, wanting to share their love of music. Be sure to also check the members performing on campus or hosting a FaculTea in their house on theme row. Story by Annie Krepack. Photos by Cara Mullineaux.

1. Welcoming new members to SAI is an exciting affair. 2. Brenda Miller, Kristin Brynsvold, Maria Kerlee, and Emily Doyle enjoy each other's company at the FaculTea this past November. 3. Jordan Eade, Bronwyn Hagerty, Helen Burns, Akela Franklin-Baker, and Megan Takasaki share a passion for music and fun! 4. The members decorated their mantel with seasonal pumpkins and a flag.
Ubiquitous They originally started out as a comedic radio show on KUPS but has now evolved into Puget Sound's own sketch comedy and improv troop. The group hosts improv shows every Friday night during the school year and also performs at least one sketch comedy show a semester, with all the proceeds going to charity. All the sketches are student written and produced, with the name of each show taken from a line of a sketch. Past names have included "The Only Family You Have Left" and "A Large Axe and a Passion for Charity." When asked to describe the comedy group, senior Billy Krolk jokingly stated: "Basically, we are the type of guy who has just lost fifteen pounds but doesn't mention it. We look good but we don't brag about it." After having attended several of their sketch and improv shows myself, I couldn't agree more. If you ever have any spare time around 10pm on a Friday night, stop by Club Rendezvous and check them out. You won't regret it. Story By: John Giltner, Photos By: Ida Po, Maddie Rose

1. Dylan Dollin is the last actor left in an improv game.
2. Jordan Moeller is carried by a fellow UT member.
Photos capture those precious, elusive, everyday moments that make it worth getting up every morning (or afternoon). Photos allow us to revisit the past, to save memories from fading away, and to resurrect long forgotten ones. Photos are powerful, meaningful, and despite all the ones we have to untag ourselves in on Facebook, an indispensable tool without which life's fleeting moments would be lost. So whether you prefer to Instagram, Snapchat, or shoot with that fancy Nikon DSLR camera that everyone seems to congregate around—photos capture the ephemeral and make them everlasting. And a little bit of flash goes a long way to brightening up someone else's day.

Story by: Cody Chun, Photos by: Anna Dovzhik
Clockwise from the top lefthand corner: Marissa Croft, Colleen McNeely, Leanne Gan, Ian Hughes, Taylor Roghair, Mikayla Hougan, Lexy Woods, Nick Tucker, John Giltner, Amanda Tun, Gustavo Reyes, Duyen Vo, Cody Chun, Annie Krepack, Tammy Hoang, Meredith MacMillan
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All our love,
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Congrats to Abbyoyo and Izzy the Wonder Dog!
The two of you have successfully navigated these years and challenges with style and grace. We are proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad,
Jake & Rio

Congratulations
to the graduating class of 2014! We have been honored to learn and grow with you as friends, peers, and brothers.

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