The Standing Rock protests have garnered nationwide support, and students from Puget Sound are no exception. About 100 students attended Matt Remle’s talk about Standing Rock’s opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline on Nov. 10 and joined in the Medicine Creek Treaty Tribes Stand With Standing Rock’s protest. The protest took place on Saturday, Nov. 12 in downtown Tacoma.

Matt Remle is one of the leaders in the Standing Rock movement and a counselor in the Marysville/Tulalip school district, roughly an hour away from Puget Sound. He is also an editor of the website “The Last Real Indians.” Remle’s talk explained the background of the Standing Rock movement. The discussion touched upon the movement’s origin, the time frame, how it has progressed and what role the website has played.

“The Last Real Indians” was created to voice the opinions and tell the narratives of native people from all over. It was a major factor in helping them stop the Keystone XL Pipeline in 2015.

Remle explained that the Dakota Access Pipeline, the subject of the most recent national protests, was proposed by a US company called Energy Transfer. In 2014 the company made plans to build the pipeline that will cross South Dakota, North Dakota, Iowa and Illinois; in its initial development, the projected completion date was this year, according to Energy Transfer’s website.

“When they submitted their very first proposed route, the Army Corps of Engineers, a federal agency which gets involved with permitting when it crosses federal lands, tribal lands, or bodies of water, rejected the proposal,” Remle said.

The original design would have had the pipeline cross the Missouri River and the city of Bismarck, North Dakota. This proposal was rejected “because of the potential threat a busted or leaking oil pipeline would have on the population of Bismarck,” Remle stated. This led to the proposal of a new route, which instead goes directly through the Standing Rock Sioux’s sacred lands and historical sites, some of which, according to a September article in the Atlantic, have already been destroyed.

“Apparently it’s not okay to threaten the drinking water supply of the white folks of Bismarck, but it’s totally fine to have this potential impact for not just the Standing Rock Sioux, but the Cheyenne River and numerous other Lakota reservations that are south of the Mississippi River,” said Remle.

The issue has united several native tribes together in an effort to stop the pipeline from happening. Supporters of Standing Rock have united with the tribes to start protests and petitions to stop the pipeline from being built. Among their supporters are environmentalists, humanitarians and even celebrities, such as Shailene Woodley, who was arrested while protesting in October according to the LA Times.

Several concerns have been raised over the ethics of the pipeline and the conduct of Energy Transfer. “Energy Transfer is not engaging in consultation with the tribes as they are required to via federal law. They’re not engaging with tribe counsel, they’re not holding public hearings in Standing Rock,” Remle said.

The pipeline if completed would further disturb burial grounds, historical sites, and sacred sites where members of the tribe go to pray, the water protectors and their supporters say.

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Gubernatorial forum held on campus, little advertisement to community

By Val Bauer

On Wednesday, Nov. 2, Tacoma City Club hosted a gubernatorial forum in Upper Marshall Hall in Wheelock Student Center, where Commissioner Bill Bryant and Governor Jay Inslee were invited to present their campaigns. The event did not go as planned, instead taking the form of a debate.

The club is “not discussing the programs with any person of the press.” Instead, they released a media statement, in which they clarified that the forum “was never intended to be a debate.” Furthermore, “this was made clear to both campaigns from the first invitation and in several subsequent telephone calls with each campaign.”

“The agreed upon procedure regarding the forum was a ‘back-to-back’ forum,” according to the media statement. “Each candidate was to be on the dais separately.” Although this procedure was previously agreed upon by both candidates, Commissioner Bryant “declined to leave the dais” after being questioned and Governor Inslee “agreed to come on anyway.”

The City Club of Tacoma is a non-partisan organization that addresses issues, trends and initiatives in the city of Tacoma. “Many of the topics are incredibly interesting and relevant,” said Sarah Comstock, director of Student Life Operations.

The club’s mission is “to provide a nonpartisan forum that brings people together to explore issues and ideas affecting the South Sound community.” According to their website. They do this through their lunch and dinner programs, where “a solo speaker or a panel of speakers addresses the group.” Members receive priority when it comes to attending these events, but non-members may still attend up to two events per calendar year. The membership cost is $150 per year and $35 for students, and there is an additional fee for event tickets.

Although this event took place on campus it didn’t appear in the Puget Sound Events calendar online. Comstock said students were not discouraged from coming, however more could be done to promote student engagement in these events. Two or three years ago, Comstock said, there were attempts to promote student engagement in the dinner events, which occur in Upper Marshall Hall every first Wednesday of the month. At the time, ASUPS was not interested.

Puget Sound is “so heavily programmed, and there is an overwhelming amount of cool events,” Comstock said, “and we’re advertising the City of Tacoma Club dinner events” as well as we could. The club’s only way to engage students in these events “should be coming from the Community Engagement Office,” Comstock said, but since it is only one person, advertising charge, this is a difficult task.

“There are a lot of different ways we could look at [the issue of student engagement],” Comstock said. “We have to make it a priority.”

Remembering Eric Heins

By Nayra Halajian

On the afternoon of Monday Nov. 7, University Chaplain, Reverend David Wright sent out an email to the campus community regarding the death of a fellow Logger, Eric Heins.

Eric Heins is remembered as a “profound blessing to his family and friends,” in an obituary written by his parents.

“He joined his debate skills in school as well as over the family’s dinner table. He tasted the college life at University of Puget Sound. He was able to experience loving relationships, the simple pleasures and highlights of his life lie with the simple things.”

It continues, “His intelligence, quick wit, and the inner strength that allowed him to overcome so much made those who loved him cherish his company.”

In the email to campus, Wright said, “One of the most difficult things we can face as a campus is the loss of a fellow Logger.” According to the email, before coming to Puget Sound, Eric attended high school in Logan, Utah. Last year, his parents moved to Port Townsend, Washington.

“He is survived by his parents, Paul and Carrie, and his older sister Lydia,” stated the email. “While not all of us had the chance to know Eric, in a community such as ours any loss can feel like the loss of a friend or a family of grief and sorrow throughout the campus.”

Some resources for those grieving include the Counseling, Health, and Wellness which is open from 1-3 p.m. each day for drop in hours, and will be coordinating additional time to be available to those closest to Eric.

“Above all, take care, and know that even in these deeply painful moments we are in a place to call and will move through this loss together,” concluded the email.

The Trail reached out to Reverend David Wright who commented, “While I didn’t have the honor to know Eric personally, over the past few days I’ve had the chance to talk with some of his friends, faculty, and classmates. While Eric didn’t have a large circle of friends, I’ve been struck by the care and connections both within a tight-knit group of peers as well as within some of the other classes. It’s been good to get to know him, just a little bit, from those who were close to him.”

“Saturday, Nov 19 at the First Presbyterian Church of Port Townsend. His family “wishes that all gifts be directed to suicide prevention causes.”

The Trail is an independent, student-run organization funded by ASUPS.

SECREnTY UPDATES

The following incidents occurred on-campus and were reported to Security Services between November 8, 2016 and November 14, 2016:

- (1) Burglary: Two students report-ed their room in a residence hall was burglarized. The property they lost was later recovered by Tacoma Police when a suspect was arrested off cam-pus.

- (1) Suspicious Activity: Several stu-dents reported a green van cruising campus. When a suspect was arrested off cam-pus.

- (1) Theft from Vehicle: A student re-port ed a GPS stolen from their vehi-cle while it was parked near the Wheelock Student Center on N. Al-a-der St. There were no signs of forced entry to the vehicle.

Crime Prevention

- Be mindful of personal and univer-sity property by keeping it secured or moving it to secure areas.
- Do not leave valuables in your vehi-cle.
- Secure your residence and/or room – especially at night while sleeping.
- Good quality “U-Bolt” style locks are highly recommended. Use addi-tional locks to secure high end com-ponents (wheels, etc.) to the bicycle when stored.
- Always immediately report suspi-cious activity to Security Services (253) 879-3311 or ext. 3311 or Tacom-a Police (911).

Security Services

- Security is open and staffed 24/7 to address issues and ideas affecting the South Sound community.
- Utilize the Security Courtesy Escort Service if you find yourself walking alone on campus – especially at night. This service is also available to some area off-campus.
- Please update the university with your local telephone number. We need you to send us your important Security Alert messages. Do this at my- PugetSound.
- Visit our website and check us out on Facebook to learn more about our services and stay up to date on cam-pus security.
- Leave us a note if you have information about any of the incidents described above.

WINTER BREAK Parking: Please prepare now if you plan on leaving a vehicle in Tacoma during the winter break. Students (campus residents have priority) may leave their vehicle in the WSC lot (P1) during the break. If you plan on using this service, you must register your vehicle with Secu-rity Services for winter break parking. Contact Security with questions.
By Amyeica Brim

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At the heart of the controversy is the potential for water contamination and the effect the pipeline will have on climate change. The Eco Club of Puget Sound supports Standing Rocks movement. The club rented vans from ASUPS and shuttled many of its members to the protest that took place in downtown Tacoma.

After the protest the club used Skype to contact Kandi Mossett, a leader in the Indigenous Environmental Network, to give people in Tacoma on the ground updates about what was happening at Standing Rock. In addition to the Eco Club, about 1,000 people from the Tacoma community gathered to “Stand with Standing Rock”.

At Wells Fargo, one of the banks the University uses, a representative in the Office of Finance explained, and the ATM located in the Wheelock Student Center is a Wells Fargo ATM.

Wells Fargo is one of many local banks that support the Dakota Access Pipeline, including JP Morgan Chase, Citizens Bank, CitiBank, Comerica Bank and U.S. Bank. Speakers at the protest also voiced concerns over the recent election. Remote called for solidarity among all groups, including African Americans and Muslims. Remote expressed the need for unity among all.

On the morning of Friday, Nov. 11, the University woke to allegations made towards members of the campus community in an anonymous posting titled, “Bigots of Puget Sound.”

The flier listed a number of names and alleged “hateful behavior” that is said to have been displayed “online, in classrooms, privately, or publicly.” The flier states that the list of names had been “submitted anonymously,” but the location of these so-called “submissions” and the people that compiled them remain unknown.

In an email from President Isiah Crawford to the entire campus community on Friday afternoon, Crawford stated that the “deeply disturbing and offensive flier” was “posted in various locations on campus, including Wheelock Student Center and Collins Memorial Library.”

The email continued much like the email from the Chief Diversity Officer, Michael Benitez, only weeks earlier after multiple incidents of vandalism were found on campus. “We place a high value on freedom of speech,” Crawford wrote. “[T]hat freedom requires balance and does not extend to speech that violates our harassment policy, our core principles, and other policies that affirm the values of our community.”

In an email to the campus community on Oct. 21, Benitez wrote that “Puget Sound protects academic freedom and the open exchange of ideas and respects freedom of expression means that we shall not seek to limit individuals’ First Amendment right to express their views, including views about structural inequalities” but that expression must be “respectful and lawful.”

Friday’s email informed the campus that the University is in the process of seeking information on the event. “The University is pursuing an investigation and will act on its finding as expeditiously as possible,” Crawford said.

At this point in time, no one has claimed responsibility for the flier, but the University noted that the flier can be sent to their email account.

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In Trump’s America, we don’t need optimists or pessimists…

we need existentialists.

Hundreds organized in Seattle on Nov. 9 to protest presidential election results.

By Morey Lipssett

I am an optimist— or at least I was until Election Night 2016. None of us believed that Donald Trump would become President of the United States, but I held on to hope long after the rest of my household. The results shocked me to my core—as it did most other members of this campus. In the wake of all the anger, fear, doubt and everything else I have felt since Nov. 9 I have been forced to reevaluate some of the most basic conceptions I have had about my political self.

I’ve come to the realization that my optimism is something that was instilled in me by my parents and was related to a particular narrative about myself and my family I have been told since I was very young.

None of my great-grandparents were born in this country. They were born in what was then known as the Pale of Settlement—the only area of the Russian Empire where Jews were allowed to live. They came to this country in the late 19th and early 20th century fleeing pogroms and revolutions and settled in the tenements of Brooklyn. My grandparents were born in poverty during the Great Depression to parents that only spoke Yiddish. Nonetheless, they were raised to believe their lives were better than their parents, that they may have been hungry and cramped but that they could go to school and weren’t threatened by anti-Semitic violence.

They worked their way through college and built themselves a place in the upper middle class. My parents were also raised to be mindful of their history and of what their parents did to get them there. Most importantly, they were raised to believe that, if they worked hard, they too could raise their children to have better lives than they did. This narrative of shtetl to tenement to middle class in just three generations permeates how I view this country. I have been taught that history is generally on the side of justice if we are just patient (and vote Democrat), society will largely fix itself.

I think this is the core tenant of the White Liberalism I was raised with. We believe that “existence precedes essence” or, in other words, that nothing is inherent or inevitable. Existentialists believe everything from history to personal identity is determined only by the choices people make. I believe that all the progress we have made in this country was not because it was inevitable, but because people chose to teach, to march, to protest, and to vote in order to make this change happen. Trump did not win the presidency because America is inherently racist, but rather because people chose to vote for him for many different reasons. We must acknowledge that this election could have gone differently and that, if we choose, we can stop the damage down to a single bad policy or piece of legislation and that if we just give it time the country will come around to the right way of thinking. This is how many white liberals saw the Civil Rights Act, and more recently, the Marriage Equality ruling.

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Male birth control study halted due to side effects

By Emma Holmes

This past month almost brought us the first men’s hormonal birth control. The study was terminated last month due to side effects allegedly similar to women’s birth control, sparking an outcry from those who regularly cope with acne, weight gain and mood swings. It has since been shown, however, that these side effects became more severe in several men than is common for female hormonal birth control. While there was only one woman involved in the study, there still had a chance of a timely alternative to condoms and vasectomy for couples having sex that may lead to pregnancy?

The most recent form of hormonal control consisted of a shot that was injected every eight weeks, containing a synthetic form of progesterone and testosterone. The hope is to trick the brain into registering a sufficient sperm and testosterone level so it ceases to create more. According to NPR, the most recent study included 320 men who received the injection while in monogamous sexual relationships. There was a high level of effectiveness, with only a few pregnancies resulting, a similar risk level to the pill for women.

When patients began dropping out of the study due to side effects, safety came into question. One man’s mood swings became suicidal, and they halted the study. It’s true that many women experience fluctuations in mood, acne and weight while on birth control, but extreme or dangerous changes in mood were unexpected and unacceptable for the patients in this study.

The good news is that the men who did not experience side effects were very pleased with the injections and conveyed they would be willing to receive them on a continuing basis. So, even though this exact product will not be prescribed any time soon, there is much potential for tweaking and continued testing.

There is a lot of widespread enthusiasm for male birth control. It’s not uncommon for allergies or hormonal sensitivity to greatly limit women’s choice of birth control, or at least make them choose the less effective option for their male partner could relieve much of the pressure placed on them to solely protect against pregnancy. There has also been considerable enthusiasm among men looking to take on some of the responsibility of their partner(s).

There is a cloudy future for male birth control. Under the incoming administration, FDA regulations will decrease, supposedly expediting the release of medication. However, funding for contraceptive innovation will likely be diminished under a Trump-prodded, publicly-controlled government, with Trump’s plan to repeal the majority of the Affordable Care Act as well as Pence’s history of anti-abortion legislation, his movement to defund Planned Parenthood, and his misleading abstinence-only statements. In 2002, Pence stated that condoms are too modern, too unreliable, and do not protect against STIs, all of which are untrue.

In the meantime, condoms and vasectomy remain the only reliable options for male birth control outside of abstinence.

Harvard men’s soccer team disqualified due to sexual misconduct in “scouting report”

By Nayla Lee

A scouting report is traditionally used by recruiters in order to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses related to specific sports. However, this type of evaluation is usually reserved for the men’s soccer team. In 2012, members of the Harvard men’s soccer team created a document nicknamed the “scouting report,” which provided detailed rankings and disturbingly explicit descriptions of the ideal sexual positions of their female counterparts. This document was shared through a Google group which remained searchable until recently.

The story went viral after Harvard’s student-run daily newspaper The Crimson published an article online describing the existence and distribution of the so-called report on Oct. 25, 2016. The article quotes particularly offensive sections of the 2012 document, as well as emails referencing similar lists from previous years and encouragements to continue the tradition.

This includes an email requesting that a team member “man up” and update the report to include information about himself.

In 2013, Pieter Lehrer took over the coaching position for Harvard’s men’s soccer team. In the team’s public apology (published in The Crimson on Nov. 4, 2016), they claim that this shift in leadership “sparked a massive culture change,” despite the fact that further investigation revealed that the reports “continued beyond 2012, including in 2016.”

This information, revealed in a letter to the men’s team from Harvard Athletics Director Robert Scalise, was cited as the reason for cancelling the team’s remaining games this season. While there were only two regular games left, this forfeiture was a big blow to the Harvard men’s team from Harvard Athletics Director Robert Scalise, was cited as the reason for cancelling the team’s remaining games this season. While there were only two regular games left, this forfeiture was a big blow to the Harvard men’s team.

Women of color elected to U.S. Senate

By Natalie Scoggins

Despite the Presidential election of a white male Republican with staunchly misogynistic values—and the defeat of a woman who stands against misogyny—and despite a Republican-dominated House and Senate as well as the probable appointment of a conservative Supreme Court Justice, there have been a handful of people elected to Senate who add their diverse experiences and views to the mix, including three Democratic women of color.

While still too low a number to be truly celebrated, this will hopefully mark a gradual shift towards a Congress that is more representative of its citizens.

Catherine Cortez Masto from Nevada is the first Latina senator to serve in the United States.

Kamala Harris from California is the first Indian-American and second African-American to be elected to the Senate. Before her Senate campaign, she served as the Attorney General for California and was the first female, first Black, and first Asian-American to hold that position.

Tammy Duckworth from Illinois is the first female senator to have served in combat. She is Thai-Chinese on her mother’s side and was the first disabled woman to have been elected into the House of Representatives, having lost both her legs and partial use of her right arm in Iraq, and is a Purple Heart recipient, according to her campaign website.

The House also had new women elected, including women of color, such as Lisa Blunt Rochester (Democrat, the first African American Congresswoman from Delaware) and Stephanie Murphy (Democrat, first female Vietnamese-American elected to Congress)

Out of 535 members of Congress, there are only 38 women of color, 35 of whom are Democrats. There are also 108 women total in Congress—a record, according to the September 2016 Congress Membership Profile. There are also only 100 members total who identify as people of color, although the report does not specify anything regarding mixed-race individuals.

These numbers have not changed significantly since the election.

In otherwise dark (or rather, white) times, hopefully these women can help balance out a conservative government whose president-elect seems to reject both their gender and races.
Emotions run high in Rotunda election screening
By Madeline Brown

Students gathered in the Rotunda on Nov. 8 to watch the live results of the presidential election, hosted by Phi Eta Sigma.

Early in the evening of Nov. 8, 2016 those who sat in the Rotunda were feeling hopeful and anxious, bringing in their laptops and headphones, to work as to not miss a moment of the election results slowly pouring in state by state.

The reactions of the audience were mostly unanimous as CNN announced the electoral votes state by state. The crowd erupted in cheers whenever Hillary Clinton won a state, while they could be heard groaning and sighing as Trump filled the leads and bises corresponding with a state victory for Donald Trump.

Students continuously refreshed election updates on their devices in order to catch every update possible. Tensions rose as the electronic map showed Clinton losing, as the faces of projected red states Confusion was apparent, as many students never predicted a race so close.

Abby Olson, a freshman student at Puget Sound expressed her discomfort of Trump’s lead in the polls. “[This is] so stressful. It’s the United States of Anxiety,” she said.

Once Colorado broadcasted the vote for Clinton, cheers erupted from the majority and symbolized a sigh of relief.

While some students were feeling optimistic once again, others continued to hold their breath. Following Colorado’s cast of electoral votes, Monica Arrone, a first year, expressed: “It’s really frustrating seeing how many votes are going to this man. Bin Laden could have won with a 4.2% call and Johnson but that’s 4.2% that could put Hillary over and that’s really stressful to see. But it’s really cool to see everyone coming together here and cheering, that’s really nice.”

As the race ensued, Trump continued to pull away from Clinton. During a long wait for the next state to share their projection, viewers grew restless. “[I’m] embarrassed. Because even if [Hillary Clinton] wins, this election result is still worse than it was in 2000. And that’s pretty embarrassing that over 40% of America thinks that he could be [President]. On the ballot is a really ‘TV star’ and that’s his claim to fame. And that’s pretty scary… There’s 300 million people and he’s the best one that a lot of people think could lead us,” senior Jaker Kritzer said.

Even Clinton’s victory over California didn’t pull her ahead of Trump in the electoral count enough for the Clinton supporters to truly celebrate. Cheers still ensued, but not as enthusiastically as before.

As the night grew darker, the map of projections grew even more red. Students were seen openly crying, holding each other for support and comfort, shaking their heads in disbelief, and getting up to leave the room as if in defeat. The spectators’ faces appeared emotionally drained. They were dumfounded and shocked.

Once Trump secured Florida’s votes, the reality became one many didn’t want to accept. While Trump’s victory was overwhelming for some, others were dwindling quickly. “I’ve been crying for six hours. I’m embarrassed to be an American. Offended that people voted third party or didn’t vote at all. And I’m heartbroken that the most qualified candidate in our history is losing to a sexist, ignorant, homophobic man that isn’t even a politician. I genuinely don’t understand how this is happening and don’t know what to do. People don’t understand how serious this situation is and how billions will be affected globally,” first-year Bella Faith said.

Anger became a dominant emotion in Clinton supporters’ demeanor. Social media showcased bouts of threats and dark humor. As Trump’s electoral vote count reached less than ten votes short of winning the election, the Rotunda was almost empty. What was once an excited crowd filling every seat was now a handful of students with stunned, blank faces.

Students gather in the Rotunda to watch the presidential election on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016.

Environmental activism network brings important conversation to Puget Sound
By Molly Wampler

Last weekend, Nov. 11-13, The Cascade Climate Network (CCN) of environmental activism clubs from universities throughout the Pacific Northwest gathered at Puget Sound for their annual Fall convergence, “Fall Flurry.” CCN puts on three such meetings every year, at Puget Sound for their annual Fall convergence, “Fall Flurry.” CCN puts on three such meetings every year, at Puget Sound for their annual Fall convergence, “Fall Flurry.”

Emma Farmer Casey, a co-leader in Puget Sound’s Environmental Campus Outreach (ECO) Club says in the past these tracts have been broad, focusing on educating clubs on leadership or activism overall, but given the current turmoil in North Dakota, CCN chose to focus the theme of this year’s convergence.

Casey explained that this decision seemed obvious once planning began. “[We considered what was] most important for the environmental justice community at this moment, it became immediately clear that we needed to take a heavy focus on what’s going on in North Dakota with the Dakota Access Pipeline. This is an issue that’s not just a Native, but sacred lands,” Casey said.

“Environmentalism a lot of times is a predominantly white movement and a lot of times the effects are differently hurting those in marginalized groups,” Robby Murphy, a junior at Reed College and a member of Greenboard (Reed College’s student club) visiting UPS for Fall Flurry, said, explaining the concept of environmental injustice.

“It is really important to shift the focus from this white savior complex... that white environmentalists might be exhibiting and push the conversation towards the individuals who are going to be the ones suffering most from these environmental impacts,” Murphy continued. Educating attendees on theme of environmental justice was a primary goal of the convergence. Casey hopes participants “will first listen to how their presence and support can potentially cause more harm and further colonialism if they do not actually listen to the calls and desires of the native people.” Recent narratives from the Standing Rock Indian Reservation, through which the Pipeline is likely to run, have communicated victories in this context, but also left room for improvement. “I think [Standing Rock] is a really good example of how native people are leading these movements because it is affecting them the most and not the white savior complex at play,” Murphy said.

Casey has a conflicting impression of the current dynamics in North Dakota. “Presently at Standing Rock, the older white folks have shown up in solidarity and then co-opted prayer and spiritual rituals. They [have] spoken over, talked down to, and been oblivious of the needs and calls by the tribes there.”

“We are hoping to call our privilege in on this campus and make sure that those who wish to support and show up as allies understand what that looks like when it’s harmful and what it looks like when it is called for and genuinely good,” Casey explained.

The huge issue of environmentalism’s “savior complex” is an issue everywhere, and one that Casey and other Fall Flurry organizers kept in mind when scheduling the day. “We felt really strongly [about] bringing trainers who could discuss the personal experience with the continuation of colonization within environmentalism,” and really explain the steps that we need to take as students, activists, and ‘environmentalists’ especially, to de-colonize our activism,” Casey said.

“Those consequences under the grand theme of intersectionality and privilege awareness. Murphy emphasized the importance of “checking your own microaggressions,” or small expressions of prejudice. “I think it’s really important to realize that when you are checking your own microaggressions you are not only helping fight racism but you also help fight environmental racism. You are also helping fight sexism, you’re also helping fight capitalism.”

Casey sees great benefit in welcoming Fall Flurry to our campus this year, as it “will ideally continue the growth of this conversation and affect to other colleges in the region that we are with them in our focus away from simply ‘green’ action, and towards climate justice.”
Passion and Dedication from Students Allows Repertory Dance Group to Thrive

By Emma Brice

Student perform during RDG in Spring 2016: The fall performance will take place this evening and Saturday, November 19th and 20th.

The wide variety of clubs that are available to students on campus provide outlets for lots of different types of creativity. The Repertory Dance Group (RDG) is one of the largest and most passionate clubs on campus and continues to thrive thanks to the support and hard work of students.

RDG welcomes people of any experience level who want to dance for fun, in a low-stress environment. It is an inclusive, vibrant and enthusiastic space for people to go to know their fellow loggers and enjoy all types of dance. RDG has been present at Puget Sound since 1999, however the complete history of the club is unknown according to RDG president and Puget Sound senior Molly Browning.

The dance group is completely student-funded and relies heavily on fundraising, donations, and ticket sales to the performances. Luckily, each year seems to attract a large audience, encouraging the enthusiasm and love that Puget Sound brings to the stage.

“Honestly, the dancers in RDG are some of the most outgoing, excited, and passionate people I’ve had the pleasure to know on this campus and my passion for RDG comes from the atmosphere that all of these incredible people create,” Browning said.

This is Browning’s second and final semester of being president; she has been an RDG member since her freshman year.

When talking about the president’s role in the club, Browning said “As president, my main job is to act as the point person for all of the other officers, choreographers, or RDG members. Specifically, I run Dancer Placement, All RDG, and Tech Week; I meet once a week with all of the officers as well as with the directors and our advisories periodically over the course of the semester. RDG also requires a lot of coordination with non-UPS affiliated organizations such as the Tacoma High School district for our show’s venue.” RDG’s success doesn’t come easily. It takes hard work and dedication from all of the officers and dancers to be able to produce a quality show for the audience. The hope of the performances each semester is to attract attention to the club to find potential new involvement, as well as to show off our commitment and effort put into the dances.

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Sports Recaps
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WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL
The Puget Sound volleyball team ended their season with a 15-9 record overall, 10-6 in conference, earning several individual athletic honors. Senior Victoria Lane and Rachael Garrison earned All-NWC Honors, and junior Hannah Sinnot was named the Northwest Conference Player of the Year. Sinnot was also named to the American Volleyball Coaches Association All-West Region Team, the only NWC athlete to make the region. Sinnot is the sixth player in Puget Sound’s program history to earn the honor of NWC Player of the Year, and the first Logger in five years to be named to the AVCAs. Sinnot was a major leader in the NWC, ranking first in hitting percentage and fifth in blocks per set.

WOMEN’S SOCCER
The Puget Sound women’s soccer team fell to Lewis and Clark College last weekend, ending their 2016 season second in the Northwest Conference (NWC). The Loggers had a conference record of 10-3-3 and an overall record of 13-4-3. Six players earned All-NWC Honors: Seniors Emma Donceck, Bailey Edmonds, and Grayson Williams Krebs were named to the All-NWC Team; junior Jasmin Arndt; seniors Annie Prickett and Lauren Thomas were named to the Second Team.

In the Memorial Fieldhouse, a lone green and yellow banner flies below the heavens of conference championships. It says “Men’s Basketball – DIII National Championship – 1976.” The title does not represent one of the highest honors a Puget Sound sports team has ever won. Asking other students to guess what team would win a national championship, guesses range from women’s soccer to crew. The victory of this 1976 Championship team is not commonly known among students. But within the athlete community, the legacy continues of a title won forty years ago. Details of the championship team were provided by the NCAA archives. The 1976 men’s basketball team went 27-7. Its regional bracket was filled with California schools, and Puget Sound beat Cal State Bakersfield in order to advance to the National Quarterfinals. After beating the University of Idaho and Old Dominion, the team faced off against Chattanooga, handily winning 83-74. This championship team is two of a seven-year streak of competing in the Division II basketball tournament. The streak ended in the 1981-1982 season. The University would continue to have mild success in these tournaments, twice making it out of regional play and into the “elite eight” (in 1979 and 1981). In 1981, the Loggers lost to eventual champions Florida Southern in the National Quarterfinals by only one point. However, the University never returned to the finals during those five years, losing 1976 as the pinnacle of the team’s achievements.

For the current team members, and the Athletic Department as a whole, the legacy of 1976 continues on. The University’s Athletic Director, Amy Hackett, called the 1976 National Championship “one of our most important moments in Logger Athletics history.” It continues to inspire the basketball team to this day. Senior Kahl Meyer (San Diego, California), one of the leading scorers from that year, and a leader of the team, talks about the impact the title has had on their efforts: “Every time you walk into the gym, you can see the banner up there. We see it every day during practice,” Meyer said. While Meyer doesn’t see the title as necessarily under-hyped, he agrees that “more people should know about it.” While living up to the past seems like a tall order, this year’s team may be able to accomplish the task. Across all teams, a raining cry has began: “bring back the MAC.” The MAC is the nickname for the McIlroy-Lewis trophy, the NWC all-sports trophy. By winning games, all teams can help recreate the MAC from Whitworth University and return it to its rightful home here at Puget Sound. Meyer believes that this year’s basketball team is ready to do its part to support their fellow student-athletes in achieving this goal. Meyer is “really excited for the basketball year,” calling it “One of the better teams we’ve been on.” The team is experienced and hungry. When asked if the team has a shot at winning the Northwest Conference Championship, Meyer said “definitely,” citing the team’s experience and skill. While not wanting to get too far ahead, Meyer said that “anything can happen in the national tournament.” While it has been over 40 years since the University won it all in basketball, the current team is poised to both honor the 76 team’s legacy and echo its success on the court.

Pros and cons of being a student-athlete
By Ally Benko

The University of Puget Sound has over 500 athletes playing over 25 sports teams. These athletes are students who have decided to play a sport they love while also doing their schoolwork. Being both a full-time student and athlete is not always easy, but there are reasons why there are so many student-athletes, just as there are reasons why there are nearly 1,500 students that are not athletes.

TIME MANAGEMENT SKILLS
Playing a sport and keeping up with all the schoolwork can be tough, but many student athletes have been able to develop time management skills that help them to make their days a little less stressful. First-year student Katrina Hoeflinger has created an excel worksheet so she can keep everything straight and check off when things have been done. Many athletic advisors and former student athletes suggest similar studying habits to Hoeflinger. Wynter Davis, a freshman club volleyball player from the Northwest, University, said, “The best thing [athletes] can do is plan ahead and map out your classes and games accordingly. Do not procrastinate, and be on a good schedule.”

However, no matter how well time is managed or how efficient work is done, it is always difficult for a student athlete to find time. A student athlete’s first priority is always to do their school work so they can stay on their respective team and continue doing what they enjoy. Playing a sport is usually set in stone, so it is a matter of fitting every extracurricular interest into their schedule without interfering with their grades or performance on the team. Practices usually last for two hours, workouts are an extra hour. Practices and workouts happen at least three times a week, so there isn’t much time to do other things.

BEING A PART OF A POSITIVE TEAM ENVIRONMENT
Many athletes really like the community feeling and bond with their teammates. A university while playing a team sport, not just because it helps them play better with their teammates, but also because it gives them an emotional or mental support system. The older players can help to advise the younger ones about academics, personal situations or a certain technique that would help them play better. Usually, the coaches were student athletes themselves, so they understand what is going on and can help the students if they are struggling.

With so much time spent with teammates, however, it is sometimes hard for student-athletes to know other students. The weekends are usually the best chance to make new friends and hang out with others, but away games and travel can dramatically limit that free and fun time.

BOOSTED SELF CONFIDENCE
It is important for people to feel good about themselves as a person, and sports can help people feel self-confident and boost self-esteem. The National Collegiate Athletic Association has done studies to show that “college sports promote the well-being of student athletes.” When people feel healthy, as many athletes are, they feel more confident. Though sports can help one be physically healthy and emotionally; sports can also have the opposite effect. A bad play or a bad game can make the players dwell on how they should have been good enough to catch the ball or make a goal. They can get into what basketball and football coaches commonly refer to as a “slump,” their self-confidence lower because of their doubts. At the end of the day, once the athletes have showered and finished their school work, they are at least a little happier. Yes, they have very challenging schedules, but they are still doing a thing that they love, playing a sport that they are passionate about. Because they are students, they also have the opportunity to advance themselves academically, setting themselves up for a happy, healthy life.
Fake news and real news are actually the same, experts say

By Anna Graham

In light of Facebook’s ongoing problem with featuring fake news articles, the general public finds itself suddenly tasked with the burden of making informed, intelligent decisions about the information it finds on the internet. This is a troubling turn of events, especially considering that fake news articles are so fun and entertaining.

Fortunately, recent work by leading academics can provide some solace. According to Professor Martin M. Smith, of EZ University, fake news and real news are actually the same.

In an interview Wednesday morning, Smith explained his position. “After countless hours of careful analysis, my astrology team and I can confidently conclude that there is absolutely no difference between fake and real news,” Smith said.

At first glance, this statement may seem jarring, even contradictory.

“Ultimately, the purpose of news is to entertain,” Smith said. “News companies make a profit from their readers and viewership. Therefore, their main goal should be to keep their subscribers happy. This obviously entails finding the most outrageous stories possible, in order to captivate the interest of the general public.”

“If the stories turn out to be false, their accuracy is not as important as whether or not they fulfill this essential purpose. I mean, if some guy in North Carolina threatened his girlfriend with a live tarantula, does it matter if it actually happened or not?”

Smith later added, in a subsequent interview, “Some people may disagree with me, but they’ll soon realize that it’s impossible to oppose science. And I’m a scientist, and I’m being quoted, which therefore means that I’m credible.”

Smith’s colleague (and fellow astrologer) Professor Robert Brown agrees.

“People are generally insane. Which means they generally do insane things, and those things end up appearing in local news stories. I mean, look at it this way: real news is insane. Fake news is insane. Therefore, by the transitive property of equality, real news and fake news are the same,” Brown said.

Brown certainly raises an interesting point; there are some striking similarities between fabricated and accurate news stories. And trying to distinguish between the two with little or no context can prove exceedingly difficult.

A careful review of such articles from recent months reveals some undeniable patterns.

Both genres generally involve a public figure, usually a celebrity or a politician. Both tend to involve something that this public figure either did or said, either to outrage or enlighten the public. And, of course, both always include at least one story about some rogue hillbilly who descended from the heavens (or the hills) to threaten the law-abiding citizens of New Jersey with incorrect grammar.

Though Smith and Brown are undeniably leading academics in their field, the theories that they’ve proposed are still subject to revision. Nevertheless, they’ve managed to construct a fascinating argument which, for the time being, seems irrefutable.

To summarize, in Smith’s own words: “The most important question, when watching or reading the news, is not to ask yourself whether something actually happened, but whether it could have happened. And if the answer is yes, he said, with a shrug, ‘then my response would be: ‘good enough.”

Chess club resigns over posts: Decrees climate change, degrades women

By Pagliacci

Chess Club Secretary Ben Hayward has just resigned for recent revelations of his online posts. Fellow club member Maddie Inusa expressed her disappointment in his actions.

“Right when someone showed us these posts, we knew Ben had to go. We would never want to have such a toxic personality in a collaborative, important role like the secretary of Chess Club.”

One of Hayward’s posts references a professor who gave him a poor grade. It reads: “[Name redacted] is unattractive both inside and out. I fully understand why her former husband left her for a man—he made a good decision.”

Dean of Student Activities Grace Newell made clear that students should be free to express their own opinions, but hateful and unjustified speech like this cannot be supported from someone in such a visible position. Newell continued, saying that “other schools will see our caliber of leadership and be justified in their criticism. Not to imply that we are perfect, but we need to have a higher standard so that we are perceived as a strong institution.”

Environmental Advocacy Club was especially disappointed that a person in such an important role would espouse his views. Blatantly disregarding the consensus in the scientific community for evidence of climate change, Hayward wrote: “The concept of global warming was created by and for the Chinese in order to make U.S. manufacturing non-competitive.” Furthermore, he once wrote that “we need global warming” because “it’s freezing and snowing in Tacoma [in November].” Hayward’s past Biology professor, Maria Lilly, was extremely upset that he would possibly think something like this. “You would think that someone whose parents gave him such a great education would actually take advantage of it and learn. Oh well, I guess not.” It appears that great privilege does not equate great critical thinking.

“The was one post that I was just, kind of surprised by. He published it after he lost an intramural soccer game,” reports former friend Maureen McCarthy. The post reads: “Sorry losers and haters, but my I.Q. is one of the highest—and you all know it! Please don’t feel so stupid and insecure, it’s not your fault.” What disappoints McCarthy is his arrogance in the public eye.

“The whole world is watching—when you are the secretary for the chess club of a small, slightly distinguished school, you have a lot of weight on your shoulders.”

Chess Club President Mickey Bluth expressed their apologies for keeping him in power for so long. “We cannot excuse ourselves for letting Ben get away with this kind of rhetoric at such an esteemed position, then we are essentially giving him free rein to do whatever he wants, at whatever level of government. We can only imagine the shame we would feel if he was president of the Chess Club.”

Thanks to the swift action of the Chess Club, irresponsible people like Ben Hayward have a precedent of being held accountable for their actions.

The figure above shows what the 2016 election would have looked like if there were four nominees, if it was 2074, and only millennials were voting, and if it was not in America, but in Bangladesh, at a 24° angle, only it’s called Sector 4-B now, because it’s a puppet nation to what was formerly known as Turkey, and Hillary had traveled to Wisconsin more often.

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By Maddy Kunz

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Immigrants for Sale asks students to think about resisting private detention centers

By Anya Otterson

Diaz has taken the lead in the movement at the University of Puget Sound with Advocates for Detainees Voices, a club that raises awareness about the struggles that detainees and their families face.

“It’s crucial when living in a city to know the history of that city,” Diaz said.

The discussion put a lot of emphasis on getting involved in the detention center resistance movement in Tacoma. The panelists called on the public to volunteer their time to various organizations and spread the word about the crisis happening just a few short miles away.

“It’s up to you to figure out for yourself how to do something about it,” Diaz said.

Antique Sandwich Company: Tuesday Open Mics

By Parker Barry

Every Tuesday The Antique Sandwich Company puts on open mics. Tapestries, old Japanese art and a variety of kites decorate the walls of the restaurant. This small restaurant on 51st and Pearl St. (just a few blocks from Point Defiance) invites performers of all types to come once a week and show their talent to a small and supportive audience. The people that attended last Tuesday night ranged from young first-time performers to seasoned musicians that had been attending the weekly open mics for decades.

The restaurant consists of an array of different types of furniture, antique tables and chairs of every kind, all surrounding a small stage with a couple of mics. A jar of local honey is set on every table. An old brown chandelier looms over the audience with a dim light to accent the intimate mood that accompanies most small open mic venues.

A small section of the restaurant is reserved for fair trade products, where customers can buy scarves, spices, straw hats and other items.

Many of the patrons and performers who frequent the shop are long-time regulars. One couple who performed, Mini Geibel and Steve Akerman, had been attending the open mics at Antique Sandwich Company for over twenty years. They both attend the open mics every week and are well known at Antique Sandwich.

“I met my husband here,” Geibel said. “I come here because when I play in my living room I sound great but it’s when I have an audience I mess up.”

Geibel is a table tennis player from Northern Seattle who comes down to Tacoma every week to perform alongside her husband.

The couple recently returned from playing at the Tumbleweed Music Festival in Richland, Washington. Geibel described her love for the Antique Sandwich Company and the supporting environment that the audience gives the performers. For her, it’s crucial to have a comfortable environment, especially for younger, less experienced musicians that are looking for practice performing for an audience.

Get involved:
Northwest Detention Center Resistance:
www.nwresistance.org

The Advocates for Immigrants in Detention
Northwest: http://aidnw.org

Advocates for Detainees Voices at the University of Puget Sound:
https://www.facebook.com/ADVUpugetsound

Immigrants for Sale

On a quiet Thursday night, a group of Puget Sound students, faculty and community members met in Rausch Auditorium to discuss a looming problem in the United States: the privately-owned immigration detention center system.

Put on by the combined Latino/a Studies 200 and Spanish 210 classes, the night included a screening of Brave New Film’s documentary Immigrants for Sale and was followed by a panel discussion.

“We’re trying to create space for people to have challenging and productive conversations,” saidombassadoriva Petzinger, a member of the class who had an instrumental role in organizing the event.

Immigrants for Sale is split into two key areas of focus: troubling facts and pathos-evoking accounts of detainees and their family members.

The capitalistic nature of the privately-owned detention center system is at the heart of the problem. The documentary presents an easy, powerful way to think about it: these are prisons that operate like hotels. They are paid per bed space filled per night, so the more prisoners the center has for longer, the more it gets paid. For one prisoner for one year, a center makes about $72,000.

While incredibly informative, the information presented in the documentary can feel disheartening.

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The humancentric aspect of Immigrants for Sale takes these facts, among others, and makes them personal.

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What does this mean for the American public, particularly the Puget Sound community?

Answering that question is exactly what the class’s aim was in setting up the movie and panel. They contacted advocates in the Seattle-Tacoma area to help spread awareness and move the community to action. Panelists included Dr. Antonio Sanchez, Todd Badridge, Peggy Herman, Marvi Villalpando, and Puget Sound junior Amanda Diaz (who was the only student panelist).

Coming from a variety of different backgrounds, these panelists all unite around a common issue: combatting the private detention center industry in Washington State.

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Walking into Library room 020 on Nov. 8, one was immediately given the opportunity to create a “Nasty Women” postcard. Election day was the perfect opportunity to bring artists Jessica Spring and Chandler O’Leary to campus to share their broadsides and their new book Dead Feminists: Historic Heroines in Living Color. Election day was an appropriate time for these artists to visit campus to discuss the need for feminism and remembering the lives of women from the past. The event was sponsored by the Collins Memorial Library and the Center for Intercultural and Civic Engagement. The library currently owns every broadside that O’Leary and Spring have created. Jane Carlin, Library Director, said “together over the past eight years they have collaborated for the broadsides, many of which are on display in Collins Library, and I am pleased to say that Collins Library owns every one of them.” In light of the results of the recent election, Spring and O’Leary feel it is even more urgent, more than ever, to continue the work that they are doing together. “Our plans to continue the series has been in place, but the election results have absolutely underlined the importance of our project. We all need to continue the work to keep all voices heard and protect the most vulnerable,” Spring said.

The broadside series began with the 2008 election. “We created our first broadside in response to the 2008 election. It was decisive and we were so hopeful that Obama would make history as our country’s first black president. There is a long history of the printing press being used for protest, and we had something to say,” Spring said.

Their website deadfeminists.com defines broadsides: “the broadside was the earliest form of mass communication, dating back over 500 years. As literacy grew among the populace, the broadside grew in popularity, spreading news and ideas like wildfire. The broadside also has a long history of political agitation, disseminating ideas and sparking social change—Martin Luther’s Reformation is a classic example of a movement brought about in part by the medium of the broadside.”

A portion of the proceeds of each piece are donated to a cause, the Dead Feminist Fund, a nonprofit that donates to causes that deal with the same issues as their broadsides. The website states “In honor of the power of women’s work, the Dead Feminists Fund supports nonprofits that empower girls and women to create change in their own communities. Like our book, funding is organized under a series of Action Verbs (“Make,” “Grow,” “Lead,” “Tell,” etc.), which translate to micro-grant categories. Each year the Fund will support nonprofits with micro-grants in one of our Action categories.”

Students responded positively to the talk. Em Catanerano, a first year student, said “I thought it was a very informative feminist talk and I think it’s incredibly inspiring how they do this.”

The audience response overall was positive as both students and people from the Tacoma community lined up to purchase postcards, original prints and their book.

Mini album reviews for mini local albums

By Georgia Diamond Gustavson

This is a shameless call to check out awesome local music. Be it techno, no wave punk or who knows what, we live in an amazing area for new sounds. Here is a tiny handful of beloved, short releases that have come out this year that are quick and easy ways to inject some aural awesomeness into your life.

SEATTLE
ARCHIVIST: FORCE REDUCTION
EP (Debacle Records)

Techno

This release is a part of MOTOR, an electronic collective that has featured University of Puget Sound alumni. In only four songs, Archivist’s techno EP can take you through an entire futuristic, pixellated adventure. The sounds are exotic and clean, and the melodies are huge, repeated over dense layers of sound. This is a maximalist kind of dance music; everything is loud, but never flamboyant or overdone. These songs sound spacious, like they could fill entire deserts, but they are never slow. There’s a huge amount of tense energy in the frantic beats, and they keep building up more and more until the listener is finally released, and the record ends. While most songs are upbeat, there is something eerie about the listener is finally released, and the record ends. While most songs are upbeat, there is something eerie about the

OLYMPIA
CC DUST: CC DUST EP (Perennial)

Synth Pop

Mary Jane Dunphe, the frontwoman of local punk heroes VEXX, teams up with producer Laurent Dagnicourt to create some of the most melodic, danceable, and emotonal synth pop you can find. Dunphe’s vocals are the highlight; it only takes a few seconds for the listener to start feeling her voice inside their own chest. It’s heart-tightening, fierce and tender all at the same time. In songs like “Never Going to Die,” she fluctuates between a snarl and a fluttery, passionate and almost angelic vocal delivery. And in “Baby Boy,” Dunphe shows even more vulnerability, sweetly mewing about being alone above somber, low synth. There are some New Wave influences; sometimes Dunphe sounds a bit like Siouxsie Sioux. This EP is full of infectious, hit-making melodies in a warped, etc to package. It’s strange fun, but also deadly serious, because of how sincere the passion here feels.

SEATTLE
NAIL POLISH: AUTHENTIC LIVING
(self-released)

Post Punk

Who knew paranoia could be so much fun? When Nail Polish played an in-studio performance in the Rendezvous Room earlier this semester, their chaotic, neurotic sound had students twitching around in their boots. Their energy is absolutely insane. Each of the 11 songs on this album average out at a minute and a half in length, and they play like they are trying to pack that little slice of time with as much as humanly possible. This leads to strange song structures that veer from your usual verse/chorus verse combo and end up sounding about as paranoid and disoriented as their lyrics. On their Bandcamp profile, they describe themselves as “no wave” and “weirdo garage,” and if you dare to check out how weird they really are, you can see why the pitbulls snarl and blurt, sometimes only one note over and over, while the band shouts together; “No no no no no no.” But really, the only correct response to this frantic, deliciously fun mess is “Yes.”

Dead Feminists: Chandler O’Leary and Jessica Spring lecture

By Courtney Seyl

Next spring, O’Leary and Spring have a show at the Maritime Museum in Port Townsend that will include a new broadside and installation work as well. They will be continuing the broadside series.

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