In a letter to campus on Jan. 16, 2016, after a flyer that listed 22 people with inflammatory descriptions attached to each name, University President Crawford wrote that “while the university supports and defends freedom of expression, it has clear policies prohibiting harassment of any kind. Information about those policies and related information appears below.”

The University defines harassment in the Integrity Code as, “conduct of any type directed against a person (or group of persons) because of his or her (or their) race, color, national origin, religion, creed, age, disability, marital or familial status, sexual orientation, veteran or military status, gender identity, or any legally protected characteristic, which is sufficiently severe, persistent, or pervasive, as to limit or deny a student’s ability to participate in, or benefit from, an educational program or a facility, staff, or student staff member’s ability to perform or participate in a work environment. Harassment that is not discriminatory includes actions such as bullying or harassing an individual or members of a group on a basis other than those defined above.”

According to a gofundme.com page, three students of color (known as the UPS3) were accused of posting the flyer and were banned from campus for three years, leaving one student homeless and two more without their degrees. According to the description, the gofundme was set up by Felicia Jarvis, the UPS3’s advisor, to support her own expenses.

A ban from the campus is a conduct suspension. According to the integrity code, a conduct suspension is a separation of the student from the university (including its premises and activities) for a specified period of time. This sanctions is instituted when a period away from the university may suffice in reconciling the student to the university community’s values and goals.

“At UPS, rapists and racists get to stay on campus while their victims are forced to flee, and students of color who speak out are punished with heavy sanctions,” Jarvis wrote on gofundme.

The gofundme also claims that “[w]hite students who receive charges typically receive an educational alternative to punitive measures, but [the UPS3], before the investigation even started, were sent straight to the other room.”

As of Jan. 27 $3,500 has been raised by 44 people on gofundme. Funds raised go to cover “the expenses of our advisor [Jarvis]” such as paying for basic bills,” according to the gofundme page.

There was also a Moreau petition asking Dean of Students Mike Segawa to dismiss the charges placed on the UPS3 that got a large amount of signatures. The petition is no longer online.

Claire Weckl, a sophomore, is one of the many Page 3 student who signed the petition, said, “I think the list wasn’t the right way to go about things, but the punishment was unjust & the charges they have the UPS3 on aren’t fair or relevant.”

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In January, the University of Puget Sound temporarily extended merit-based financial aid to the Pacific Rim Study Abroad Program (PacRim) for 2017-18. This action reversed a measure by the Cabinet of the Board of Trustees approved in Spring 2009. In 2008, the University noticed students travel to Asia for nine months and represent the interests of the Faculty in international education.” Despite the IEC working toward a resolution, the Cabinet of the Board of Trustees presented its resolution the IEC on March 10, 2009, stating “the cabinet approved a single pricing model where students pay UPS tuition for all of our programs and receive federal, state and UPS aid up to FAFSA determined need, with small adjustments related to airfare, visa, etc. The trustees were told about the change, though did not need to approve them. They will be effective for freshmen arriving this fall.”

In 2008, the University noticed “I’d been applying to scholarships. When Smith learned that her merit-based financial aid would not apply in her study abroad opportunity, she started to try and get answers. She stated, “At the time, my family was going through a lot of stuff financially. I found out that I wouldn’t be getting any of my merit aid.”

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University extends merit aid to PacRim for 2017/2018

By Nayra Halajian

In November 2016, Smith created a Change.org petition titled “Change the University of Puget Sound’s policy on merit aid use for the PacRim Program.” The petition requested that the university expedite the revision of a new financial aid policy regarding the use of merit-based scholarships specifically for the PacRim Asia Study Abroad Program.

Smith’s petition gained over 200 signatures and was going to be presented later in February. However, having not presented the petition, Smith was informed that the University came to a resolution in late January.

“I hadn’t officially presented the petition yet because I was working on getting a resolution from ASUPS and getting a comprehensive source of information regarding the students, but there’s not a clear path for students to follow if they want to get information and make something happen,” Smith said.

Lauren made it clear that this change is not a formal resolution.

“This idea of student concerns will reach really far,” Post continued. “The rest of the year and into next year there will be some steady progress.”

Bjork and Post envision the committee and the Director of Student Interests, Peyton Aynsrine, working hand in hand to hear student voices. Chong envisions healthy competition.

“We should compete with ASUPS execs in terms of solving the student body’s problems...having multiple outlets is really important,” he said. “It allows for innovation.”

Other senators are working to connect with the student body as well. Senator Rachel Greiner’s project is a “Humans of New York” style campaign, which aims to familiarize the campus with ASUPS leaders as people.

Greiner said that it will include “small snapshots of things happening in ASUPS...in the legislative branch mostly.”

Alongside their photo, senators will describe their position, their typical day, the projects they’re working on, and how people can get involved. ASUPS will publish the snapshots online and in The Trail.

“As a senator I see a lot of things happening that other people don’t,” Senator Greiner said. “I feel like we’re doing a lot.”

“Ideally we’d be a mechanism for people to know what’s happening without having to go out of their way,” Greiner said.

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“I am so proud of the work they’ve done...they’ve been so audacious,” Chong said.

[Their] project is meant specifically to... make sure that ASUPS can be the pinnacle of the students’ tool belt.”

“ASUPS exists in order to further the student agenda and better the student experience,” Chong added. Each of these senators’ projects seeks to expand that ability.

SECURITY UPDATES

The following incidents occurred on campus and were reported to Security Services between January 24, 2017 and January 30, 2017:

· (1) Suspicious Person: Security Services between January 24, 2017 and January 30, 2017: A faculty member reported the theft of his cellular telephone from a common living area in the residence hall.

· (1) Suspicious Person: Security responded to a complaint from a student in Weyerhaeuser Hall about an individual who appeared to be male and was in the women’s 3rd floor restroom.

· (1) Drug Violation: Security responded to a complaint about suspected marijuana use in a residence area.

· (1) Theft: A student reported the theft of his cellular telephone from a Union Village residence.

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A man was shot and wounded on Friday, Jan. 20 during protests outside a speech given by Milo Yiannopoulos at the University of Washington (UW) Seattle campus. The protests were both directed toward Yiannopoulos and Donald Trump, as the speech took place on Inauguration Day.

Yiannopoulos, a controversial right-wing writer for Breitbart News Network, was invited to speak at UW by student-run club University of Washington College Republicans (UWCR), which was met with resistance from members of the UW community. Community members created a change.org petition “Ban Milo Yiannopoulos’ hate speech from coming to the University of Washington,” which garnered 4,267 supporters.

According to Mike Carter and Steve Miletich of The Seattle Times, the shooter, who is not being named, surrendered to the University of Washington Police Department (UWPD) with his wife hours after the shooting. The man was “questioned and released” after claiming to have shot in “self-defense.”

The shooter, Carter and Miletich reported, “is a supporter of Trump, Yiannopoulos and the National Rifle Association,” according to his Facebook page.

According to a Jan. 22 press release by the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW)’s General Defense Committee (GDC), a self-proclaimed “anti-racist and anti-fascist organization” of which the victim was a member of, the “34-year-old man from Seattle … has been a long-time anti-racist and anti-fascist activist.”

The petition calls Yiannopoulos a “renown bigot and misogynist,” whose speech would violate the university’s code against “disparaging or humiliating harassment.” The petition urges UW President Ana Mari Cauce to “ban [Yiannopoulos] from speaking on campus and release a public statement explaining why this sort of hate speech will not be tolerated.”

Another petition was created by UWCR, Students for Trump, and Washington College Republican Federation in response: “Allow Milo Yiannopoulos to Speak at the University of Washington.” The petition urges Cauce to “stand up for student rights and a tolerance of a wide array of ideas and beliefs,” with 731 supporters, by allowing Yiannopoulos to speak as well as “releasing a statement on the importance of freedom of expression.”

Cauce released a statement the day following the shooting, addressing why she made the decision to allow Yiannopoulos to speak at UW. While she finds Yiannopoulos’ “views … personally repulsive,” Cauce wishes to maintain UW as a place where “passionately expressed views can be aired” and “where [community members] can argue about [their] differences in a manner that is respectful and informed.”

Students have “the legal right … to invite speakers,” and Cauce does not want to act as if “a risk of disruption or conflict [could] be used to overwhelm our rights,” although she “received calls and emails from many who wanted this event cancelled,” she wrote in her statement.

Following the shooting, UWCR released the following statement, which was shared on President Jessie Gamble’s twitter page: “We offer our sincerest gratitude to the UWPD tonight. Thanks to their hard work, Milo was able to have his talk and protesters were unable to break in. Our thoughts and prayers are with the shooting victim in Harborview.”

The victim, according to the Seattle Times, was in critical condition, but has since “underwent surgery” and is now in serious condition. As of Monday, he “remained in the Intensive Care Unit,” according to reporters Steve Miletich and Susan Kelleher.

Besides the shooting, most accounts of the protest described it as peaceful. Cauce considers it “an outrage that anyone would resort to violence in the middle of this otherwise peaceful protest,” she wrote in her statement.

Tyler Araquistain, a University of Puget Sound student, was at the protest. “The people were peaceful there,” she said. “It was a surreal experience to have this whole crowd of people chanting the same things that I believe in.”

Many people attended the protest to protest Trump as well as Yiannopoulos, since the speech took place on Inauguration Day. Trump and Yiannopoulos stand for similar ideologies, and many people feel it is more crucial than ever that their voice is heard.

“I think protests are one of the few chances you get to really get your voice heard,” Araquistain said. “I felt like my rights, my opinions and my beliefs were not being listened to with Trump as president. I needed to be involved and I felt like I actually had a place, I wasn’t just someone in the crowd.”

The events of Jan. 20 contribute to a larger issue in the academic realm of freedom of speech and the potential dangers it poses.

By: Val Bauer

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This is fake news.
Warning: written by one of the most dishonest humans beings on earth

By Olivia Langen

Through the course of Donald Trump’s race for presidency, the rift between fact and corresponding evidence mutated into anything but an amicable relationship. Trump has repeatedly attacked the press whenever it questions his administration’s false claims. The events surrounding Trump’s inauguration are an excellent case study for why journalism will be an essential tool for avoiding the propaganda that Trump seems to be heading towards.

On Jan. 20, The New York Times published a side-by-side view of the crowds at Trump’s and Obama’s respective inauguration ceremonies. While the inauguration turnout appeared miniscule in comparison, Trump’s Press Secretary Sean Spicer countered this evidence at a press conference, saying that the ceremony actually drew “the largest audience ever to witness an inauguration — period.”

This claim, made by our current White House Press Secretary, cannot be backed up by any evidence whatsoever. By constantly challenging journalists on verifiable data such as a crowd size, Trump’s administration is able to throw these facts over and over, thereby preventing them from actually reporting on the administrative actions.

As editor for Opinions at this paper, I will never be opposed to creating spaces for every opinion to be shared in a respectful and constructive environment. However, the administration’s claims that Trump’s inauguration crowd was the largest ever is not a matter of opinion; this is blatant misinformation.

What do we expect when the spokesperson for the U.S. government administration has discussed the authenticity of Trump’s anti-Muslim ban, and the student body deserves to understand the process that is clear, accessible and simple, preventing them from actually understanding the truth. Now more than ever, we need to stay informed.

On Trump’s first full day in office, he spoke to a group at the Central Intelligence Agency where he called journalists “among the most dishonest human beings on earth,” then stated that there had been 1.5 million in the crowd at his inauguration, a number which was disputed by analysts at the New York Times.

Since the last issue of the Trail was published before winter break, the Trump administration has made steady attempts at discrediting news media and slamming journalism as a profession. After a long break away from publication, it is important to clear up the authentic newswriting will never subject to “alternative facts,” unfounded evidence or manipulation of the reader. And, at this point, journalism is our best shot at protecting the state of our nation.

Since Trump’s election, there has been widespread fear of his using executive power to create racially or religiously discriminatory legislation. The recent executive order to temporarily ban the entry of anyone from seven predominantly Muslim countries is a case where this fear has become reality. However, losing faith in the government and the constitution to protect its citizens will only weaken it further.

On Jan. 4, NPR aired a profile of the United Arab Emirates ambassador to Russia, Omar Salf Ghobash. At one point in the interview, Terry Gross asked Ghobash why he has remained so calm in the face of Trump’s talk of a Muslim registry and the possibility of banning the entry of Muslims altogether. Ghobash responded calmly.

“You know, the United States Constitution is really a remarkable document,” Ghobash said. “The founding fathers had this kind of wisdom that a demagogue could never come to power. And if a demagogue did happen to come to power, well, the power was sort of distributed in such ways that there was no way in which, you know, a demagogue could be permitted.”

I do not include this quote to dismiss any fear or anger from Muslims in the U.S. or around the world, and Ghobash also indicated in the interview that he did not mean to dismiss the weight of Trump’s statements. Ghobash’s constitutional perspective hopefully serves instead as a restoration of our faith in a system that often seems bent, if not broken.

However, the administration’s decision to redicate our news media constitutes an attack on the authenticity of journalism and investigative news is the best tool we have to safeguarding the constitution and securing the protection of Muslim Americans. By dismissing the legitimacy of news media, the Trump administration dismisses a constitutional right. A democracy cannot function without public access to information. The public can’t resist if they have no idea what is going on.

The press is free for a reason.

Letter from the Editor’s desk:
Students deserve transparency

We as students have a right to a conduct process that is open and transparent, and the student body deserves to understand the conduct process before they enter into it — to better serve as their own advocates.

When The Trail recently reached out to the dean of students to request an interview regarding the situation of the so-called UFS3, we were denied that request on the basis of a federal law called FERPA. FERPA, the Federal Educational Right to Privacy Act, protects your right to have your educational records remain confidential. This means that the university cannot disclose your educational records to anyone without your permission. Your records cannot be released to family, to the authorities, or to anyone else without your express consent. The Department of Education’s FERPA page says, “Generally, schools must have written permission from the parent or eligible student in order to release any information from a student’s education record.” As editor in chief, I will never be opposed to creating spaces for students and help them to further their education. We expected that the university would not be able to disclose details of the case because of the law. However, even after we suggested that we could meet with administration to discuss conduct processes in general, in order to include those details in our story, we were still denied an interview. After our third request, Dean Segawa sent us a statement for the story, but it did not concern conduct processes and how that function simply to “support all students.”

While Segawa did offer to meet with me when he sent this statement, something that we appreciate, the offer was made after weeks of attempted communication. By this point it was too late for us to effectively gather quotes for our story. Segawa’s offer also did not explicitly mention being interviewed and quoted, only the opportunity to “talk through” our concerns with the new Chief of Staff (as opposed to the reporter assigned to the story). This strikes me as somewhat evasive. Our current conduct process is complicated and not at all transparent, and while some of that might be due to FERPA, that’s not the complete story.

I appreciate that the university has published a Student Conduct Q and A on the website and that the Integrity Code is available online, but how decisions are made in the conduct process and what factors are considered I feel is unclear. What comes into play when deciding what sanctions are to be placed on a student, or how restorative justice will be used? Why might one conduct process result in an educational workshop and another in a suspension? I am grateful for the widely available Harrassment Reporting Officer’s report but this report includes only the results, not how the university reached those conclusions. I believe the university could make that report more transparent without violating the restrictions of FERPA, since the report includes no student names.

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Ask a Gynecologist
By Nayla Lee

An email interview with CHWS’s Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner, Libby Baldwin

1) What are some reasons you should make an appointment with a gynecologist? When should Pap smears and general appointments become regular? Pelvic pain, change in vaginal discharge, pain with sex, STI screening, burning with urination, itching, menstrual abnormalities, heavy menstrual cycles that prevent you from participating in life, breast problems like pain or lumps; these would all be reasons to talk with a provider. Pap smears should become a regular visit at/after age 21.

2) What are the pros/cons of bringing someone along to your appointment? Pros are that you may feel less nervous, and have some moral support. Cons are that you may be discussing very personal/private matters, and it may feel easier to discuss those matters with your provider only. An option could be doing the talking part of the visit with the provider only and bringing a support person in just for the pelvic exam part. They can stay up toward the head of the bed so they don’t have to see what the provider examines.

3) Are there any misconceptions about gynecology or gynecologists or gynecological visits that you’d like to debunk? Many people worry that the exam will be very painful. Typically the most uncomfortable part of the exam is the fact that you feel very vulnerable having such a personal place examined. The actual exam should not be painful, uncomfortable maybe, but not painful. People can have a variety of experiences... but I encouraged patients to remember that they are the one in control and if it’s too uncomfortable or if they decide to stop having the exam, they can do so.

4) Is there anything that people should bring to their appointments? Any ways they should prepare? Specifically, are there things that someone with high anxiety or who has experienced trauma can tell their gynecologist to make the appointment more bearable? A person who struggles with high anxiety or who has experienced trauma, especially sexual assault should be sure to discuss this with their provider/Gyn. A person with this history could schedule an appointment to discuss past trauma and discuss their need for a pelvic exam. The actual gyn exam could be scheduled on another day if preferred by a patient. I think it’s nice to meet with your provider ahead of time and schedule the actual gyn exam for a later date. Some providers will give a patient a short acting anti-anxiety medication to help alleviate fears during the pelvic exam.

5) Is there an expectation in terms of pubic grooming? Haha, none at all!

Federal LGBT rights to remain in place under Trump, but the future is unclear
By Natalie Scoggin

Donald Trump will not repeal former President Barack Obama’s 2014 executive order that protects gay and lesbian individuals who work for federal contractors from discrimination, according to the White House on Jan. 31, 2017. However, during his campaign, Trump promised to repeal marriage equality and showed support for HB2, the bill that barred transgender people from using bathrooms that align with their gender, and would allow strangers to discriminate against and harass gender nonconforming and transgender individuals for using certain bathrooms. Vice President Mike Pence has also historically showed support for anti-gay conversion therapy that has proven to be ineffective and ultimately harmful to those who go through it. Additionally, Trump has discussed support for the “First Amendment Defense Act” (FADA) that would allow businesses to deny goods and services to LGBTQ individuals and couples under the guise of “religious freedom,” and protecting those businesses from claims of “discriminatory action.”

Jeff Sessions, the recently-approved Attorney General, has also supported this legislation. It is also important to note that on Inauguration Day, the LGBTQ+ and HIV/AIDS sections were removed from the website on the White House website. Trump’s further actions regarding LGBTQ+ rights remain to be seen. The Human Rights Campaign and LGBT Nation both expect news to come soon.

Sex Workers’ Rights and the Women’s March
By Emma Holmes

The Women’s March on Washington has been the center of much celebration and contention in the last week. While the demonstration was peaceful and powerful, it was not entirely inclusive. Those silenced by the root of exclusive feminism include transgender women, women of color, nonbinary people, and indigenous women, to name a few. However, in a marginalized group that was initially empowered by the movement was advocates for sex workers rights.

Janet Mock, a trans woman's activist and former sex worker, advocated strongly for the inclusion of this wording in the Unity Principles published by the organizers on Jan. 12: “We stand in solidarity with sex workers’ rights movements.”

The sex worker community has been historically marginalized from the feminist movement under the guise of supporting the objectification of women, victimizing sex workers, and concern about societal receptiveness. Laws criminalizing sex work leave them without the economic and political protection of fair wages or safety measures. So, when the Unity Principles openly and non-critically supported the livelihood of these individuals on all fronts, there was widespread relief.

Unfortunately, in the week preceding the march, Twitter users began circulating the news that the wording had been changed. Instead of “standing in solidarity” with sex workers, the Unity Principles stated that “[they] stand in solidarity with all those exploited for sex and labor.”

The shift in wording reinforced the patronizing victimization of sex workers, implying that it was universally a “last resort” or wholly undesired profession, rather than a viable, voluntary career, as advocacy groups like the Red Umbrella Project work to promote. Once the wording change hit sex trade and ally communities, they began demanding an explanation. Twitter and Tumblr, especially, were filled with dialogue about these changes. The wording was eventually restored, but like with the original change, no announcement was made.

Now, the Unity Principles say nothing about sex work. There is no speculation (or attention drawn) to the fact that they were changed again.

As a participant in the sister march in Seattle, I personally saw very few signs advocating sex work. The one woman I did see stood proudly on the side of the street branding her sign, “I wanted to be here.”

At that moment the sign was not for the vigilant prosecutors of sex workers’ rights, or for the Trump administration, but rather for the approximately 175,000 women marching past her. “The plea for support of sex trade workers demands to be heard by the feminist movement. The premise of supporting all women’s autonomy over their bodies, their careers, and their lives leaves little room to squirm uncomfortably from the topic of sex work. As a sex worker, I would not align myself with the march on Refinery 29, “rest assured that we will continue to bring the bodies we use for our livelihoods and wellbeing into the streets to fight for the rights we all deserve.”


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The Happy Trail is The Trail’s weekly sex column that seeks to inform the community on issues related to sexuality and gender by addressing these topics in an education-based way. Our mission is to make the campus a safer place by normalizing and demystifying topics like safer sex practices, sexualities, kinks and polyamory, while shedding light on topics like trans rights, sexual and domestic violence, gender inequalities and intersectionality. Happy Trail correspondents are not medical professionals, if you have a medical concern contact CHWS or a local clinic. Otherwise, direct your sexuality and gender questions to trailheyyou@pugetsound.edu. Respond to Happy Trail articles in the form of a letter to the editor sent to trail@pugetsound.edu.
White feminism apparent to many at march that begs for intersectionality

By Molly Wampler

On the day following the inauguration of President Donald Trump, millions of women and allies joined Women’s Marches across the nation and the world to “stand together in solidarity” and communicate to elected officials the public’s expectation that they “act to protect the rights of women, their families and their communities,” as written on the Women’s March’s official website. Initially planned for Washington D.C. alone, the idea of a post-inaugural march spread quickly, eventually with 263 “Sister Marches” reported globally in places like San Francisco, Oklahoma City, and Paris. Puget Sound students (both women and non-women) attended these marches, mostly in Seattle and Olympia, but some traveled as far as Washington D.C. to march.

In its early stages of planning, the march was criticized for its lack of diversity. In a New Yorker article by Jia Tolentino a couple days before the march, one woman was quoted saying, “I will not even consider supporting this until the organizers are talking to us.” As a response to this widespread backlash, the organizers expanded to include a much more diverse community, immigrants, and Black lives then they ever have. “Even though his danger has been very apparent in communities of color for years,” Lavanya Ramanathan wrote in a Washington Post article in the days following the march that many people of color “saw privilege in the march that allowed hundreds of thousands of women — the overwhelming majority of them white — to march freely ... never encountering police in riot gear, never having to wipe away pepper spray, never fearing arrest.”

Pytte has similar critiques. “I think that the fact that there were so many people in the march in Seattle isn’t necessarily a bad thing,” she said. “But the bigger problem I see is if we white women then stopped going to things, like ... the Black Lives Matter march in Seattle in April.” Diaz, too, is well aware of the problems of white feminism. “Will we see 250,000 people taking the streets again for Black lives? I would like to say yes,” she said. “But I can’t unless I see the support for intersectionality in these White Women’s Marches.”

Pytte also noticed a tremendous amount of cissexism (discrimination against individuals with a gender identity that doesn’t match the sex they were assigned at birth) at the march, embodied by the now-famous “pussy hats” and references to “pussy power” and similar phrases on posters. “There were so many signs associating pussies with being a woman,” Pytte explained, “that it seemed like that was kind of the core [of the march].”

Walker Hewitt, another Puget Sound student present at the Seattle March, pointed out how important it is to realize that “not all women have vaginas and not all vaginas belong to women.” The march’s general inability to properly acknowledge gender intersectionality created a general atmosphere of exclusive feminism, specifically targeting trans women among other identities, Hewitt said. Going forward, there is much for the feminist community to work on in terms of inclusion. “The momentum needs to continue from this Women’s March,” Diaz said. “If these women truly care about issues like reproductive rights, the LGBTQI community, immigrants, and Black lives then they need to keep showing up.”

Pytte, too, worries that white women won’t protest in the future when the issue at hand may not seem to impact them directly. “There are problems with the march in Seattle,” she said. “But the bigger problem would be if white women didn’t learn anything from it and if we didn’t continue to be involved.”
No Ban, No Wall: Students respond to executive orders, fight for sanctuary campus

By Aidan Regan

In 2015, Donald Trump called for a “total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States.” On Friday, President Trump signed an executive order titled “Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States.”

Following two other immigration-related executive orders, this one suspends all refugees from entry into the United States for 120 days, as well as citizens from seven predominantly Muslim countries—Iraq, Syria, Sudan, Iran, Somalia, Libya, and Yemen—for 90 days. This includes citizens with visas. The order also suspended green card holders who were out of the United States at the time Trump signed the order, but they are now allowed back into the country on a case-by-case basis after a secondary screening.

The executive order is an evolution of Trump’s original call to ban Muslims from entering the United States. On January 28, Rudy Giuliani told Fox News that Trump asked him how to implement a legal “Muslim ban.” Yet the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights questioned the order’s legality, saying on Twitter that “Discrimination on nationality alone is forbidden under human rights law. The US ban is also mean-spirited, and wastes resources needed for proper counter-terrorism.”

The stated goal of the order is to “protect the American people from terrorist attacks by foreign nationals.” However, The Washington Post reported that “Jihadist groups on Sunday celebrated the Trump administration’s ban … [validating] their claim that the United States is at war with Islam.” Senator John McCain told CBS News “Face the Nation” that the order will “generate some more propaganda,” and CNN reported that it is a “boon for ISIS recruitment.” In a recent interview with Fox News, Trump called ISIS “sneaky, dirty rats.”

In response to the order, Puget Sound’s President Crawford wrote in a campus-wide email that the order “[heightens] our concerns for the safety and wellbeing of members of our campus community and of our democracy.” He also announced the reactivation of the Undocumented Students Work Group to “assist us in considering all that can be done — ethically, morally, and legally — to protect … our campus community.”

Trump signed the order abruptly, and without legal review from the Department of Homeland Security. “If the ban were announced with a one week notice, the ‘bad’ would rush into our country during that week. A lot of bad ‘dudes’ out there!” Trump tweeted in defense. Yet the order caused global confusion as Customs and Border Protection officials at airports across the United States, including children. Officials also barred passengers from flights into the country, leaving them stranded. Despite the chaos, Trump told reporters on Saturday that “It’s working out very nicely. You see it at the airports. You see it all over.”

In response to the executive order and its outcome, protests erupted at airports on Saturday, including at SeaTac Airport. The Seattle Times reported that six travelers were detained in SeaTac by that time. Protests began in the late afternoon, and community partners will share information about the history of executive orders on immigration and their implications on our campus, the recent executive orders, and community efforts to organize in response to contemporary immigration issues.

“Why are we here? Share narratives about the experience of undocumented/DACA students on the Puget Sound campus and describe the reasons for and goals of the event.”

2:00-3:00 Engaging Policies and Moving Forward. Examine policy statements by our campus and others in order to develop questions, priorities, and potential plans for how to construct a sanctuary campus.

Throughout the event, tables and volunteers in the Rotunda will be available to orient people about how to engage our congressional representatives and to get involved in local immigration policy efforts.
Wilderness First Responder class hosted at Puget Sound

By Will Keyse

In the final week of winter break, a group of Puget Sound students spent time taking the Wilderness First Responder (WFR) and Wilderness First Aid (WFA) classes hosted by Puget Sound Outdoors and the Wilderness Medicine Training Center. The Wilderness First Aid course consisted of 24 hours of instruction spanning three days (Jan. 14-16) and was the more basic class covering the essentials of wilderness safety. The Wilderness First Responder course was more intensive, totaling over 80 hours of instruction from Jan. 7 to 15.

First-year student Amy Colliver (Denver, Colorado) gave her takeaways from doing the week of WFR. “In WFR you learn everything from basic life support and CPR, all the way through very specific wilderness medicine things,” Colliver said. “There are a lot of methods that would be unorthodox in the front country that are just completely necessary in the back country. For example, if someone gets to get struck by lightning and you had to carry them twenty miles to safety, things that you just would never have to do as a first responder in populated areas.”

Fellow first-year student Alaina Greibig (Colorado Springs, Colorado) gave further insight on the kind of work students were doing during the WFR course. “We spent a lot of time outside doing the different simulations,” Greibig said. “We did several water rescues and just generally spent a lot of time in nature and being conscious about ways to be safe doing outdoor activities. There is definitely a large portion of the class indoors which is less glamorous but you really do learn a ton of valuable stuff.”

Both Colliver and Greibig had their eyes on the WFR course as a stepping stone for future involvement in outdoor programming. “I really wanted to be a Passages leader and lead trips first and foremost,” Colliver said. “I also have a strong desire to work in the outdoors and now after taking the course, I want to do so even more. It’s pretty much an industry standard to have a WFR. Having the Wilderness First Aid is pretty valuable, but from an employment standpoint it’s really a good idea to have that WFR training at a minimum.”

Greibig echoed a similar train of thought surrounding her new WFR certification. “I’m looking at possibly guiding in Colorado, and having the WFR or a WFA is a pretty basic requirement across the board,” Greibig said. “I also am looking at leading trips and doing various things for Puget Sound Outdoors and the course is a requirement there as well.”

The course was taught by Puget Sound alumni Teddi Hamel. Ms. Hamel now works for the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS), an organization that leads trips of various sizes and difficulties all around the United States. “Having Teddi do the certification was super awesome and inspirational, it was really cool to have a Logger teaching us about the outdoors,” Colliver said. “Everyone in our class was very chill and really made it a priority to be spending a lot of time in the outdoors and it was just a good environment to be in.”

Asked if they would recommend the course to prospective outdoor leaders, Colliver and Greibig definitively replied that they would. “I’d definitely recommend the course, even if someone is just looking to use it for personal trips and stuff,” Greibig said. “It also is never a bad thing to put on your resume when you’re applying for outdoors jobs.”

“Absolutely,” Colliver added. “It’s expensive but it’s a financial investment, because it can lead to so many outdoor jobs, and even if you’re not looking to work in that industry it’s just a very unique thing to have done. Although you don’t get

Loggers indoor track and field season underway

By Gabi Marrese

The Loggers indoor track and field season began with the Washington Preview Meet on Jan. 14 and the Cougar Open in Pullman, Washington on Jan. 21. “Whenever you have the first meet you always have to get the rust off and that’s kind of the way we looked at it,” head coach Mike Orechia said. After months of training the athletes were able to have a chance to compete in the warmath of a gym instead of dealing with mother nature. For some of the students it was the first time competing in a track and field event and at the collegiate level.

Sophomore Emrey Bradlina (Boulder, Colorado) started off her season breaking the school record in the 800 meter at the Washington Preview Meet. She then broke her own school record that next meet by timing in at 2:17.22. In addition, Bradlina was also named Logger of the Week for the week of Jan.23.

“Breaking the record was a pretty satisfying feeling. It was a good step in validating all the training that I have put in during the fall and winter. I felt like it was a solid start to my season and gave me some confidence of what is to come in the spring,” Bradlina said. This time has allowed her to reach the fourth spot in the country for the 800 meter. The track and field season is set up for the athletes to reach the peak in their training at the conference meet. This allows Bradlina to begin improving and reach an elite level.

“Starting off the season is always nerve-wracking because it provides a baseline of fitness for the rest of the season, so starting my first indoor season with a good performance is both mentally and physically rewarding,” Bradlina said. Bradlina was not the only Logger to break a school record in the first two weeks of the season. First-year student Matt Wells (Puyallup, Washington) broke the school record in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.44 seconds. He then competed for the first time in the long jump finishing a few inches off the school record. Wells cleared a distance of 21 feet, 7.5 inches. “Matt Wells is new for us and he is exploring going into a decathlon so that’s why he was doing various events. Overall it was a very good meet for him but we have to be careful with him because we are introducing him to a lot of new things. It is exciting as a coaching staff to see that raw talent,” Orechia said.

Wells’ times allowed him to race at the University of Washington Invitational over the weekend but decided to take a couple of week to train and work on more events. Looking forward to the upcoming meets, some athletes will compete in single events to run a fast time or get a big mark in an event. There will be other meets where the athletes will be doubling because they are working on a big mark in an event. There will be other meets where the athletes will be doubling because they are working on strength. This all adds up for the athletes to be at their best caliber in mid-April for the conference championships.

Last season, three seniors qualified for national championships. Depending on how athletes do after conference, there might be more competitions to qualify for nationals. “Are we going to do that this year, at this point no. If you are ranked in the top 50 in your event after conference we will find some competitions for you. If not get ready for finals,” said Orechia. The outdoor season of track and field opens up with the Ed Boitano Invitational on Mar. 4 to honor the late and great Ed Boitano. “We have a lot of alums coming back for the Boitano Invitational,” said Orechia.

The Loggers will host three events this season, including the Ed Boitano Invitational. Catch the Loggers at their next indoor meet at the Washington State Open in Pullman, Washington on Feb. 4th 2017 starting at 9 am.
SPORTS & OUTDOORS

Voices on campus, rivalries clash as Super Bowl nears

By Lucas Crowley

The Loggers are rolling through the season so far as they sit at 18-1 (10-0 in NWC) while on an 11-game winning streak dating back to Dec. 18 and are ranked No. 12/13 in all of D3. Most recently women's basketball went on the road to play George Fox on the Friday and Linfield on the Saturday. In the first of the two games, the Loggers won 83-76 and for the first time in a decade won at George Fox. Sophomore Jamie Lange led the team with 17 points and eight rebounds off the bench. Against Linfield, the Loggers won 96-77 and were led by sophomore Samone Jackson scoring a career-high 37 points. From her performance, Jackson was named Logger of the Week. The Loggers will go on the road once again to play Lewis & Clark and Willamette on Feb. 3-4.

The Loggers have gone through an inconsistent season but suffer due to many close losses that could be putting them above their 10-0 (7-3 in NWC) record. Most recently on Jan. 27-28, the men’s basketball team also traveled to play George Fox and Linfield, falling in both games. In the first of the two games, the Loggers lost a nail-biter 78-77 as they last-second chance to win the game but ultimately fell short. Kohl Meyer had his eighth double-double of the season with 14 points and 13 rebounds. In the second of the two against Linfield, the Loggers fell 71-59 as the game was closer than the final score entailed. Junior Easton Driessen led the Loggers with 14 points. Next, the Loggers will travel to Oregon and play Lewis & Clark and Willamette on Feb. 3-4.

Two different stories meet when the New England Patriots and Atlanta Falcons play this Sunday Feb. 5. The Patriots will be making their ninth appearance in the Super Bowl, hoping for their fifth title, while the Falcons will be making their second appearance and are looking for their first. For the Patriots and their fans there is confidence and an expectation winning. Junior Ezra Kraus (Harvard, Massachusetts) voiced his thoughts on the big game. “As a Patriots fan, it just feels like business as usual. With all the success we’ve had in the last decade it is now expected the Pats make a Super Bowl run. Honestly, it really means nothing until we win it, being in it isn’t enough,” Kraus said. Quarterback Tom Brady is one of the best veteran teams that finds ways to win. For some, that can get old. First-year student Zac Fletcher (Syracuse, New York) brought a different point of view. “I am not, have never been, and will never be a fan of Tom Brady. Despite being from the east coast and having a mother who grew up in New England, it’s just not in my blood to root for this man,” Fletcher said. “This doesn’t mean that Fletcher doesn’t respect him and everything he has done for the National Football League (NFL). “From a statistical standpoint, you can’t look at the guy and not acknowledge what an amazing player he has been. He does have more playoff runs in him because of his devotion to the game. This guy cares about football, a lot. And because of that, I’m sure a lot of his life revolves around his body staying healthy and being prepared for the game. If the past few years are any indication, Tom Brady will be around for the future of the NFL, for sure,” Fletcher said. Unsurprisingly, Kraus agrees with Fletcher’s assessment about Brady’s longevity in the NFL for sure,” Fletcher said. "As with most Super Bowls, I’d say I’m just looking for a good game. Too many of these divisional playoffs have been blowouts and just not that enjoyable to watch. The Falcons and the Patriots have proven that they’re the best in their respective divisions no question, so I’m hoping the game between them truly decides who’s the best in the entire league," Fletcher said. However, that doesn’t mean that Fletcher doesn’t want the Falcons to win the big game. “A Falcons win is better for the league. Robert Kraft, while he has created a great football team and business, has had his time in the spotlight. The Patriots have had their time in the NFL spotlight for too long, in my opinion. New blood gives new life to different areas of the country, and Atlanta deserves that," Fletcher said. Senior Jake Ashby (San Diego, California) agrees with Fletcher, as another Patriots win might deter the NFL’s fan base as a whole. “I think a Falcons win is better for the league, I think it brings in a fanbase that hasn’t seen a Super Bowl appearance for awhile. The Patriots are back in the Super Bowl for their fifth title, while the Falcons will be making their ninth time. A Falcons victory widens the fan base for the NFL,” Ashby said. There is a strong anti-Patriots tone that comes across so far, but they have gone through tough moments themselves this season. With the suspension of Brady for using deflated balls two years ago, and injuries, they have showed perseverance. They might feel like it’s “us against the world” with their constant winning and the easy ability to paint Bill Belichick as the evil emperor who wants to crush everyone else. Korbel voiced his thoughts on this subject. “They weathered the storm in the first four games from the blasphemous deflate-gate suspension of Tom Brady and still clinched the number one spot in the AFC. They deserve to be there as much as anyone and continue to play with a chip on their shoulder, which is impressive considering their circumstances," Korbel said. With the big game coming in two days, here is to hoping that it is everything fans hope for.
On Jan. 22, many American residents challenged top White House advisor Kellyanne Conway. She started on Meet the Press that Press Secretary Sean Spicer did not lie but rather used "alternative facts." Despite widespread reproof of both Spicer and Conway for their relaxed treatment of lying, 'alternative facts' have gained popularity at the University of Puget Sound. Many students cited the convergence of counterculture ('alternative') and scholarship ('facts') as reason to support this new phenomenon.

Sophomore Belle Sebastian weighs in. "I know, when I heard about Trump getting elected, it bummed me out. I mean, I can no longer make memes about Obama to cover up his human rights abuses. I just have to accept them as facts and be 'vigilant.' But then I heard about his whole push for alternative facts? I mean, Kellyanne Conway's going against the grain. Cool stuff." Sebastian says she is applying for a KNT radio position, "to go against the grain,' without specifying what exactly that entails. Sebastian says she is applying for a KNT radio show only spinning alt-facts and discussing their socio-political context.

Theatre major Daniel Webster agrees with his fellow students on the matter of alternative facts. "The mainstream facts we have heard for so long are trite and boring. We have heard them especially from our baby boomer parents. I keep hearing that Conway's words are Orwellian. Orwell died in 1950, and frankly, that is too long ago for me to care. We need to shake it up. New forms, new ideas, and new facts." When pressed to produce a 'new fact' for something like calculus, Webster contends that people should rely on their beliefs, not on books.

Soon Claude, junior and History major, expands his support behind Conway's new ideology. "I'm a huge fan of Alt-J and alt-pop, so naturally I was into the whole alt-facts deal." When informed of the weight of the implications of his words, Claude digressed and said "Look, you gotta admire their moxie." Moxie, then, is perhaps the new standard to judge political figures. Many Trump supporters echoed the belief that they were glad to see him "speak his mind" in a "politically correct era." A new study by the BOFA Institute found in 2016 that 83.4% of newly elected political representatives scored a disappointing 7.8 or lower (BOFA Institute's lowest benchmark for Standardized Moxie, or SM) on the Quirk and/or Zany scale. Politicians, looks like you have to work on your Liz Lemon impressions.

President Trump has of yet not denounced Conway or Spicer's careless treatment of lying. Of alternative facts, Freshman Regina Hall says, "they are nothing more than a fun continuation of Trump's quirky-girl attitude. He does not care what people think of him. It surprised me to learn that Trump had never read Rookie Mag. It made sense, since it seems like he's a fan of Nabokov, experimenting with makeup, and performing working-class culture despite his wealth."

Mary Garfinkel sees an opportunistic side to this development on campus. Last month, she allegedly plagiarized Puck's closing monologue from A Midsummer's Night Dream in the error analysis portion of her statistics project. She was unsure of how to defend herself, until now. "It's honestly so comforting to know that I will have a reputable source to defend me in plagiarism tribunal. To know that one of the President's closest advisors holds my own beliefs about truth and honesty is super comforting as I go into this process." Since giving this quote, Mary Garfinkel reportedly went on an hour long tirade about the ever changing nature of truth and its ownership during her plagiarism proceedings 1. The board decided to drop her charges. As of now, it is unclear if that is due to her persuasive logic or the board's desire to see her leave the room as quickly as possible.

It is clear, then, that alternative facts on the campus will likely see a rise in the coming months. Hopefully this disregard for "truth" will incite a flood of intelligent, biting (and hysterical) satire in the oft-discussed student publications.

1And without a tinge of shame, closed her speech with the words, 'give me your hands, if we be friends, and Robin shall restore amends.'

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**Student's Problems Solved by Future Self**

By Anna Graham

As the first day of each new year rolls around, goal-setting begins to occupy the minds of many Americans. Everyone wants to be smarter and more attractive than they were the year before, to make fewer mistakes and to have better self-control. Yet far too often, New Year's resolutions fall by the wayside within the first few weeks of January, alongside crumpled-up gym memberships and candy wrappers.

So what is the secret to success in the new year? Rod Chainz, a senior here at Puget Sound, has found an inventive solution: leaving his problem-solving and goal-setting to his future self. In choosing hypothetical success over a concrete one, Chainz maintains that he feels much more satisfied and accomplished than he could have ever been otherwise.

Now, most of us would look upon such a technique with disdain. To the uneducated eye, Chainz's decisions seem to be borne out of laziness, his lack of action simply a sign of low moral character. But Chainz argues that there is a highly sophisticated philosophy behind his actions. "Whenever we enter a new year or semester, we tend to approach it as if we've undergone some drastic personality transplant. We think we're going to be better this time around—we're not going to be the slobbish human garbage that we were before."

"Now, this is a major flaw in thinking, because many of us haven't changed at all. The problem is that the personality transplant occurs in the future, not in the present. As soon as our future self becomes our present self, we lose our higher sense of reasoning in favor of a box of donuts. The trick, then, is to keep your accomplishments scheduled for the future, because it is only your future self that will be able to complete them."

"Imagine that you are stopped on the street by a spokesperson asking you to volunteer for a local organization that afternoon. The organization has a really good cause, and you enthusiastically support the work they do. Do you sign up? No, of course not. You're busy. You've got your job, your classes; you already spend way too much time rushing around. Plus, you're on your way to go eat a sandwich, and this person is blocking the sidewalk."

"Now, imagine that they ask you to sign up to volunteer in three months. Will you do it then? Of course you will! Because in three months, you will have your life sorted out. You won't be as busy, you'll be relaxed and organized, and you'll be much less resistant and self-indulgent."

Chainz went on to say that this theory works fantastically in his own personal life, because his future self is "infinitely better" than his current one. "He's way more organized than I am, he never succumbs to procrastination, and he loves the taste of broccoli."

"Whenever I run across an achievement that I feel I should be striving for, I simply set my future self up to complete it." So far, Chainz's regimen has been wildly successful. His future self has already volunteered at eight non-profit organizations, learned Japanese, published three bestselling books. The secret to success? Rod Chainz understands that his future self has already volunteered at eight non-profit organizations, learned Japanese, published three bestselling books.

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**Popularity of alternative facts rises on campus**

By Pagliaccio

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Post-Inauguration Events: How To Get Involved
By Courtney Seyl

On Friday, Jan. 20, Donald Trump was inaugurated as the 45th President of the United States of America. As a result, multiple protests have ensued and events are cropping up all over the country in order to engage with and educate the community about race, gender, and politics. In Tacoma and Seattle there are going to be multiple events ranging from marches, protests and talks given in both public spaces and at Universities, including the University of Puget Sound.

Promoting and engaging in activism starts conversations that the government doesn’t always want to be privy to. By standing with those who are marginalized, oppressed, or unheard under the Trump presidency, students and community members can promote safe spaces and conversations.

Here to Stay: Sanctuary Campus Learn-In -- Feb. 3
Location: The cherry trees outside the Student Union Building
Time: 12 p.m.

Join the Advocates for Detainees’ Voices as they disrupt business as usual with the knowledge to move forward. Professors, students, and community members will all be present to share their experience and knowledge to engage in more nuanced activism. Standing up for those who can’t always stand up for themselves and standing in solidarity with others promotes an engaged and active conversation about protecting undocumented students.

“This is an information-based, community event where our goals are EDUCATION and ACTION. Misogyny, racism, transphobia, homophobia, classism, ableism, or harmful actions and words of any kind will not be tolerated. However, we urge all those who seek to act out of a moral responsibility to join us and act to protect our students and the rights of all undocumented people.” -- Facebook event page.

Protecting the Sacred: Native Artists for Standing Rock -- Feb. 3
Location: Spaceworks Tacoma
Time: 2 p.m.

The Center for Intercultural and Civic Engagement is providing transportation to this exhibition of contemporary indigenous art by Native artists in Tacoma. All proceeds go towards resisting the Dakota Access Pipeline at Standing Rock.

Supporting those protesting the DAPL pipeline and donating to their cause -- Seattle Center College
Location: Seattle Public Library
Time: 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

“February 19, 2017 marks the 75th anniversary of Executive Order 9066, which led to the incarceration of 120,000 Japanese Americans. To mark this anniversary, Denso executive director Tom Ikeda and Arsalan Bukhari, executive director of the Washington chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, will discuss the correlation between the Japanese American past and the treatment of law-abiding American Muslim children and families today. The presenters will also talk about what Seattleites can do to prevent harassment and discrimination of American Muslims in their community.”

A lecture moderated by Karam Dana, Assistant Professor UW Bothell, Director of the American Muslim Research Institute with Dalia Mogahed, and Director of Research at the Institute of Social Policy and Understanding. “American Muslims have become the subject of intense political debate but are seldom participants. Islamophobia has reached dangerous levels in our society, as public figures make divisive statements that question their loyalty to the US. Come hear one of the leading voices of American Muslims in the US, Dalia Mogahed. Dalia will address everything from politics to religion to the future of Islam and Muslims in American society.” (UW Bothell Website) . RSVP Requested, but not required.

Black Lives Matter March for Freedom -- Mar. 4
Where: Seattle Central College
Time: 6 p.m.

March on Seattle in support of the Black Lives Matter Movement.

“People of color and Black people have been oppressed and suppressed by white privilege and white supremacy. We have nothing to lose but our chains of oppression from last 300 years- even as we have a white nationalist president sitting in the White House. So it time to march for Freedom and say our brother and sisters of color can no longer be oppressed and suppressed and as we lose our chains in unity We say “We are free FOREVER,” (Facebook Event Page).

Islamophobia: A threat to all -- Feb. 22
Location: University of Washington Bothell
Time: 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

A lecture moderated by Karim Dana, Assistant Professor UW Bothell, Director of the American Muslim Research Institute with Dalia Mogahed, and Director of Research at the Institute of Social Policy and Understanding. “American Muslims have become the subject of intense political debate but are seldom participants. Islamophobia has reached dangerous levels in our society, as public figures make divisive statements that question their loyalty to the US. So’s it time to stand up and say as the people of the United States that everyone pays equal share of taxes regardless of economic status and that Black people, people of color and marginalized people stop taking such a hard economic blow when paying taxes,” (Facebook Event Page).

It is requested that those who march wear black beanies.
Students explore self care through dancing

By Parker Barry

Walking into the Northgate Community Center two Saturdays ago (Jan. 21) was daunting, but exploring conscious dancing proved to be a very freeing activity. Conscious dancing is an activity that allows for self reflection, self confidence and the realization that focusing on the judgement of others does no good for oneself. Conscious dancing allows for a space where you can look internally on yourself and find a way that works for you to feel free and vulnerable in the presence of strangers.

The happy energy emanating from each participant was almost intimidating. The dance room was flooded with sunlight shining through the enormous windows that looked over a small wooded area and a highway. In one corner of the room scarves hung from ballet bars, and yoga mats and tambourines were scattered around the floor for people to use.

“I think that going into anything like that, whether it’s your first time or fifteenth time, it is definitely anxiety provoking and it can also be really exhilarating,” Ari Ziegler, a senior at the University of Puget Sound, said. “It takes time to loosen up and realize that no one is really looking at you, no one is judging you. I think that is something that should be embraced more here, on college campuses. We have such an idea that if we go to a party and there’s dancing that people are gonna be watching and looking at the moves you’re doing; you’re really conscious of what people are thinking of you.”

At the “Free From Dance Dance,” we gathered in a circle before we began dancing — allowing ourselves to become familiar with the people that we would be dancing with. The dance organizer introduced the concept of conscious dancing and explained the general rules. Each person dances by themselves, if someone wants to dance with someone else they may go up to them, but, if one person does not feel comfortable dancing with another all they have to do is how to signal they would be happier dancing on their own. You don’t have to dance if you don’t want to; you can sit on the side and watch, meditate, do yoga — anything you’re comfortable with.

We all went around in a circle and introduced ourselves and then the music began, it started off with slower, Bollywood-esque songs and slowly transitioned to pop music, such as Katy Perry and even some country music.

“It was really cool; we were just swept away dancing for two hours. Then we kind of cooled down at the end. We sweat a lot — I sweat a lot. Getting into freeform dance has really made me think about how I used to think I was a really bad dancer. Freeform dance has made me realize it doesn’t really matter,” Olivia Keene, a senior at the University of Puget Sound said. “I was so nervous at first, but my friend dragged me out and it was actually a very exhilarating experience.”

Conscious dancing lets you accept the notion that no one is judging you, your movements, or your body — something that emerging adults really struggle with.

“In conscious dancing” I just spent two hours dancing with myself like yeah, maybe I danced a little bit with other people, and laughed a lot with other people, but I was doing exactly what I wanted with my body for two hours but in a collective space — other people are honoring my existence — honoring collectivity but also individuality,” Keene said.

The “Free Form Dance Dance” at Northgate Community Center happens every Saturday morning at 10 A.M. in Seattle, so feel free to check it out.

Alumni Gather for Puget Sound’s Art Show

By Anya Otterson

Adding on to the big year Kittredge Art Gallery has already had is What Happened Here: Puget Sound Alumni Show. This is another event during Kittredge’s 75th anniversary. The exhibition displays the art of past University of Puget Sound studio artists who were particularly outstanding students. All sorts of different media are displayed, from pottery to sculpture to painting. A sculpture made of LED lights and a waterfall of brightly-colored petals that cascade onto the floor are just two of the many eye-catching works.

One of the Puget Sound alum displaying his work at the show is Jonathan Steele. After graduating from Puget Sound in 2014, he went on to get his MFA at Oregon College of Arts and Crafts. Since then, he has become the resident artist at Pleasant Hills Pottery in Oregon, maintaining the studio, teaching pottery classes and making, showing and selling his own work.

Steele was excited to be able to show his work at the place where he got started as a sculptor and potter. His classes here set him up with the foundational skills to be able to craft beautiful, solid works.

“I took a variety of courses and learned little bits and pieces of skills that fit together,” said Steele.

Steele explained how his later work was influenced by the feedback he received at Puget Sound. His professors asked him why he chose to make the figures that he did, and why they were worth being made.

“I left UPS with the feeling of having accomplished something in the sense of graduating and writing a thesis but still had a lot of big questions,” he said.

In graduate school, he focused more on communicating his ideas through his art, building on what he learned at Puget Sound. Now, his work focuses on combining art and science in abstract forms to convey a sense of philosophy, using geometric patterns to make abstract works of art.

Steele added that his work being displayed at the alumni show is different from that which he was making in school. He chose it because it had never been displayed before, making it a fresh, new take on exhibitions for him.

When delivering his work to Kittredge Gallery, Steele reminisced about his first show, which took place there.

“There were so many firsts for me here that are now essential to being able to do what I do,” Steele said.

Reid Ozaki is another Puget Sound alum displaying his work in the show. After graduating in 1973 with a degree in biology, he went on to get his MFA from Puget Sound in 1975. At the time, the graduate program in studio art that accepted nonmajors.

Now based out of the Proctor District in Tacoma, Ozaki teaches ceramics classes at the Tacoma Community College, and makes and shows his own work. He added that he is incredibly appreciative of his wife, whose working has allowed him to have more freedom and grow as an artist.

Ozaki had no idea that art would end up being his path in life. He didn’t take a ceramics class until his junior year of college. When he did take one, he found that he wasn’t good at it either. However, he didn’t give up and steadily got better.

The material itself seems to be the drawer for me. It’s satisfying to have the object itself,” Ozaki said, explaining what pulled him to ceramics as an art form in the first place.

Japan places quite a bit of value on ceramics, and Ozaki draws inspiration from Japanese tea ceremonies to create his pottery.

“I channel that aesthetic using typical Western materials. I’m not trying to duplicate work being done in Japan,” Ozaki said.

The connections Ozaki made while at Puget Sound proved to be incredibly valuable. Through a professor who knew the wife of a former Japanese prime minister, he was able to take summer classes with her and the professor, and was introduced to several potters in Japan. Ozaki came away from Puget Sound with a solid network of artists.

“Then, the opportunity to be invited to participate,” Ozaki said when asked about the alumni show.

Some pieces of his personal collection are on display at Kittredge. The smaller-scale, functional tableware. The difference in technique used to make the pieces is a nod to the variety of work that Ozaki does.

Be sure to stop by Kittredge Art Gallery to catch the show, learn more about the featured artists, and see the opportunities available to Puget Sound artists. The show runs until Feb. 18.