For the second time this academic year, a shot rang out on campus. On Sunday, March 27 at 3:20 a.m., Security Services alerted students of an attempted armed robbery near Anderson/Langdon Residence Hall in the North End of campus. No one was injured in the incident. According to Director of Security Todd Badham, a student and one of their guests were outside of Anderson/Langdon Residence Hall a little before 3:00 a.m. “Three white males came around the corner of the building from the West on the North Side of the building, confronted the two students and asked them for their money. The students said they didn’t have any money. They noticed that two of the suspects were armed. One of them had what appeared to be a handgun and the other one had what was described as a shorter, or smaller shotgun,” Badham said. “The guest said, ‘By the way, that gun doesn’t even look real.’” According to Badham, the suspect fired a shot in the air. The suspects asked for money again and the students reported they didn’t have any. “They said something along the lines of, ‘Well today is your [expletive] lucky day’ and they left, running towards the chapel up towards 18th street. The students went inside the building, called us. We were there within two minutes.”

According to Badham, Security Services arrived on the scene, called for Tacoma Police and for a canine to track the suspects up 18th Ave through the fraternities. “On the south side of one of the fraternities, they lost the scent for whatever reason,” Badham said. Tacoa Police checked around the area of the fraternities. “I found that it was helpful that there was a campus forum in Anderson/Langdon Residence Hall to address that. It helped to make sure everything was okay inside and everything was,” Badham said. “So whether they had a car waiting and got in a car and left, don’t know.” In an email sent out March 27, Badham reports that there are no additional updates on the suspects. “I think, initially, I was really scared,” first year Rosie Rushing, a resident of Anderson/Langdon, said. “I think everybody was super scared to wake up to those text messages, but that morning Todd Badham sent out an email letting North Quad residents know that there would be a forum in the Anderson/Langdon lounge and that really helped get back that sense of something I can control in the community and that feeling of safety again.”

“It’s pretty jarring to have a gun alone on campus at all, fired right outside of your building,” first year Olivia Burke, also a resident of Anderson/Langdon, said. “But I think that’s part of having an open campus.”

In an email sent out March 27, Badham reports, which was really nice. It was pretty student-oriented just right from the start and that way all community to come and hear the same thing that I did for ASUPS Senate and the other nine groups, but now that we’ve had this incident on Sunday, I think we’re going to weave that into it too. I think they should show it (the video) at orientation just right from the start and that way all.

Labor dispute in Washington finds its way to grocery aisle

By Olivia Langen

Behind each box of organic Driscoll’s berries in the Metropolitan Market on North Doctor Street lies years of protests and labor unrest for a group of Burlington farmworkers. In July 2013, Al Jazeera reported a strike of 250 Sakuma farmworkers as tensions over wage negotiations increased. That same month, worker group Familias Unidas por la Justicia (FUJ) was founded in the aftermath of the “unfair firing” of worker Federico Lopez from Sakuma Bros. Farms, the organization’s president, Ramon Torres said. Sakuma provides the berries sold by Driscoll’s and Haagen-Daux. FUJ’s main objective, as described by Torres, is to “create better working conditions and better living conditions, and to raise minimum wage to $15 per hour.”

“Until we receive an agreed-upon union contract from Sakuma berries, we will continue to protest the sale of Driscoll’s berries,” Torres said through a translator. However, Sakuma does not recognize FUJ as a union. Roger Van Oosten, a representative for Sakuma, said the group is not permitted to speak on behalf of any workers. “Their application to be a negotiating agent for workers is false,” Van Oosten said. “They do not have that right, and they can’t get that right. They are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit so they cannot represent workers in this state.”

Nonprofits are legally banned from campaigning and lobbying in most instances. However, FUJ is not a nonprofit, nor do they claim to be one, Torres said. In addition, they cannot be found on GuideStar, a website that gathers and analyzes nonprofit information. “We are a legal, independent recognized union by the Washington State Labor Council,” Torres said. “The problem is that Sakuma does not recognize us as a union.”

But the WSLC is not an official designation, Van Oosten said. “An official designation would have to come from the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB),” he said.

The NLRB was created in 1935, under the National Labor Relations Act. This act provides legal protection for employees who affiliate with unions, and establishes a system for employees to collectively bargain with their employers. However, farmworkers are excluded from this act; there is no possible way for FUJ to be recognized by the NLRB.

This poses a conundrum for the union status of FUJ. They identify themselves as a union due to their recognition from the WSLC, yet Sakuma considers the NLRB as the only reputable designation. Hence, the protests.

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The second incident involving firearms on campus this academic year occurred in the parking lot behind Anderson Langdon Hall on March 27. Photo Courtesy of Google.
Attempted armed robbery ends in shot fired, none injured
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the freshman are together, like before a full freshman class meeting," Burke said. "I think it would be more effective."
The Trail has reported two previous incidents of gun use on campus.
On Nov. 3, 2015 around 3:00 a.m. ten shots were fired near the Student Security Offices, by 21-year old Alex Kjellsvik at the intersection of 11th and Alder. On the night of Nov. 2, 2015 a suspect was spotted near Swain Ward House, a man suspected of breaking into vehicles on campus dropped his gun when confronted by Security Services officers and his gun fired a shot. No one was injured.
After the November 2015 incident, students expressed their frustration at delayed police responses. Security Services officers shot the after the shots were fired, Badham, Dean Mike Segawa and Executive Director of Community Engagement and Associate Vice President for Business Services John Hickey continue discussing how to keep students and staff in cases of emergency.
"I want to feel protected, but at the same point I don’t want our community very protected if these Security Officers walking around at night, you know, are not able to exercise effective and timely use of weapons. Personally, I would say the Kevlar vests are really good," Rushing said.
Currently Badham says that Security Services officers are wearing Kevlar vests and pepper spray for non-lethal defense. Last fall, Badham made recommendations to hire more Security Services officers, some of which have been implemented.
"I feel like we need to do more," Badham said.

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"Until Sakuma provides us with a union contract, we will protest against the purchase of Driscoll’s blueberries," Oosten said. With a union contract directly between workers and their employer, there would be some assurances for workers.
In its proposed contract, FUJ asks Sakuma to recognize the United Farm Workers Union and for an agreement for collective bargaining, as shown on FUJ’s website. Today, nearly all of the Driscoll’s protests occur at Costco and Whole Foods. Puget Sound’s Advocates for Detention Voices (ADV) has organized two protests this school year and hope to coordinate more before the year ends, said member Nicholas Rothacher.
"We marched from the campus to the Met Market in early February only for protests to end," Rothacher said. "Until FUJ gets a legally binding union contract, our demand would be the Met stop any more Driscoll’s berries..."
"We had a panel with a bunch of leaders of the farmworkers union come to campus. At the panel, it was voiced that everyone speaking at the panel resides in Kent, Ramon, was currently working at Sakuma. They had actually come from the fields that day. Although a fraction of the Sakuma employees, Sakuma insists that FUJ does not represent the farmworkers.
"They have no right, or jurisdiction, to speak on behalf of other workers," Van Oosten said. "Our workers have told us that they don't like them, and that they don't want to be threatened by them."
The Trail was unable to independently verify this claim, as Sakuma could not put us in contact with any current workers to address it. The newspaper was however, invited to visit the berry field when the agreement is about to get off the heat, get FUJ off their back," Torres said. "Once things cool down, they go back to their usual practices."
Sakuma insists; however, that the farmworkers work will continue.
"We had 300 workers on the farms last year," Van Oosten said. "Clearly, we are concerned about safety. Clearly, that's not what's happening at Sakuma farms. We don't really have to testify as to any problems that might be.
Sociology and anthropologist professor Depatrya Roy believes that there are various reasons for mistrust from workers. It is the return to the same farm each year, despite the wages and the migrant workers' wage-and-hour settlement on record in "Washington." Sakuma paid an "enormous amount of money" and also failed to change certain employment practices.
When asked about this settlement, Van Oosten said that it related to the retroactive payment of workers in effect of a new pay system. Before the settlement, workers were not paid for "unproductive time," such as lunch breaks or travel time. This settlement, Van Oosten said, was meant to only pay workers back for their unproductive time the previous season. The Seattle Times reported that this settlement also provided for "accurate pay for farm workers that it was owed to workers through wages and hours," and that "(there) would be no unpaid work." A 2014 statement from FUJ that "the farmworkers have the right to continue to fight in court and believe (it) would have prevailed," but excluded from the agreement to focus on farming strawberries.
It was around the time of this court case that Sakuma also announced that they would take steps to improve working conditions and housing options, according to The Times. Torres has a different perspective on Sakuma’s promises for improvement.
"They may not have the same agreement to get off the heat, get FUJ off their back," Torres said. Security Services has meet with nine campus groups including faculty, Staff Senate and ASUPS Senate.
John Hickey is looking to bring two security officers resigned from their posts after this incident due to family concerns for their children.
"Understanding this era of violence is around us and making sure that we’re prepared to be proactive and carry weapons, I think everything that we should be doing is that appropriate to our environment to not put our community at risk, said Badham. His officers are out in the field and working with these situations.
"It’s very important to me that we do our best to serve the community that we’re in, in the best interest of as much people as possible. Unfortunately, there is no other way at this time," Burke said. "So I get weirded out if people are like, well, you're a police service and you’re there on point in time, which I feel like has kind of been the knee jerk reaction." Burke cites equally the importance of being aware of how “militarization” of security services is a policy. Badham says a police guard can have a negative effect on students of color. "That was something that was brought up during the meeting that happened [the Security meeting in the Rotunda] by a student of color just speaking about how sometimes people were saying why, why don’t our security guards just carry guns?” Badham said.
Security Services encourages students to review information on campus safety included in the student handbook video at www.pugetsound.edu/emergency.

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The issue of international human rights is as large an issue in the contemporary era as it ever has been, although it certainly receives greater attention today. With the advent of the Internet and social media, it is quicker to spread particular cases of abuse. The way humans interact and treat each other is a seminal part of all social structures, and has been addressed through a multitude of ethical and religious norms or codes of human rights, one question is paramount: who gets to decide what “human rights” means? This responsibility has devolved in the modern era to the United Nations and other international institutions in the form of texts such as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which was adopted by the U.N. General Assembly in 1948. The vote to adopt this document was not unanimous, and eight countries abstained. Saudi Arabia had perhaps the most notable abstention, as it is still under the specter of the burning of the state, or what the Western world refers to as the United Arab Emirates. The Organization of Islamic Cooperation, consisting of 57 member countries, has alternatively chosen to adopt the Cairo Declaration on Human Rights in Islam, which was established in 1990.

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Another well-known case is the ban on the veil in France, enacted by law on Sept. 14, 2010. This law prohibits any face-covering headgear in public places, which has had a disproportionate impact on Muslim women wearing garments such as the niqab and burqa. This is a clear violation of Article 18 of the UDHR, which stipulates “Everyone has the right...in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief.” In some ways, this contradicts the claim that the UDHR prioritizes Western values, since France, a relatively liberal Western country, is currently violating the precepts of the UDHR. In its attempts to separate church and state, France has also adopted policies in the past several years that are unduly anti-religious. Not all instances are so dramatic. Article 21 of the UDHR outlines the basic of political participation—everyone can take part in the government of the country. This is a fundamental concept of representation through elections with universal suffrage. Even looking exclusive-ly at countries that are generally considered to have free and fair elections, differences in the legal voting age exist. While most countries have a legal voting age of 18, like the U.S., a number of countries in Latin America maintain an age of 16, while Japan is 20. Are 18 and 19 year-olds in Japan having their human rights violated by not being able to vote? Not according to Japanese law, but is it a violation of the UDHR? This remains a grey area that is not often brought up, but speaks to the at-times ambiguous nature of universal human rights. It is easy to denounce cases where the punishment for a given “crime” is demonstrably disproportional to any action the individual has taken, such as in Saudi Arabia. However, it is important for us as students at a liberal arts college, particularly those who seek a future career in the field of international affairs or human rights, to interrogate the universal-ity of international human rights.

The importance of self-care in activism

By Amanda Diaz

Let’s be real: social justice work is hard. It is time consuming, and it can be disappointing and extremely draining. For activists, our work can be overwhelming because we use it as a space where we can heal and process our own trauma. Those who lead or who are leaders on campus have so many activities like schoolwork, class presentations, and extracurricular activities, all the while trying to enjoy our time in college and in the activist community. RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network), the nation’s largest non-profit violence prevention organization,defined self-care as “any intentional actions you take to care for your physical, mental and emotional health.”

Good self-care is a challenge for many people but can also be an important part of the healing process. RAINN also explains that self-care is done for yourself, everyone, and varies between different identity based groups.

Activists and student leaders are too caught up exer ting their energy in their respective areas of work that they do not have time to take care of themselves or even have energy in their classes. I feel like it is my responsibility to take on all of these injustices because I am in a privileged position where I can be a valuable ally to those less fortunate, and so I end up taking on too much.

But after some consideration, I realized that the reason why I feel like taking responsibility for these issues is because the racist patriarchy is working. The most marginalized people have to take on the responsibility, the emotional drainage and the physical destruction on their body while the white man sits on his throne without a wrinkle on his face or a worry in the world. Self-care is a form of resistance. The racist, heteronormative patriarchy is working when people or color, or queer people, or undocumented people are slowly killing their bodies when they are not taking care of themselves. It’s challenging to place ourselves others because we are so conscious about the ways our actions, our words, and our gestures hurt other people. We believe that our struggles are not as bad as other people’s fuel to justify the lack of care we give to our bodies. It is hard to come to terms and accept the fact that we also need support and comfort and sometimes just for no reason at all. We cannot think that taking care of our body is selfish, we are just doing it for our own well-being. Self-care can look differently for everyone, and varies between different identity based groups.

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7. Call your mom or a close friend
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Ways to avoid activist burnout

1. Turn off your phone or internet for 15 minutes.
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April 8, 2016
To the Editor,

First, I want to say that this is an all senate project, and over two dozen Senators, past and present, have contributed to this huge project. They deserve most of the credit of this project, we have worked as a strong team.

In the Associated Students of Puget Sound (ASUPS), our election system does not work.

In recent years, our elections have had their problems and our Senate has been called into question, and at its worst, an institution unrepresentative of the needs of marginalized voices.

Structurally, any student is a represented by six, or seven, different senators at once; their class senator, their residential senator (off campus, residence halls, etc.), one for their Greek affiliation, another for music, and large who represent the entire student body.

Ideologically, the senate, whose intention is to serve as many interests of our campus community as possible, is most accessible to those who have the privilege and extra time, and those who have the visibility to be a known person. Our senate is not set up to represent people whose identities and voices have been historically erased and silenced, the people who we need to hear most.

Therefore, we need a new way to structure our senate to be representative of the many voices and identities that make up the ASUPS. We need to use our institutional change and advocate for a redefinition of trust in ASUPS's capacity to represent the student body through an affirmative reform plan that is good for everyone on campus.

The [ASUPS] Legislative Refactoring and Restructuring Reform Project [of 2016] is that plan to reform the ASUPS Senate’s commitment to the campus community to be a body holistically representative and reflective of the constituencies we represent through a constitutional amendment.

The plan does three things: (1) redistribute the senate to make equal constituencies making leadership in the ASUPS Senate more accessible, (2) grant new direct democracy capabilities to the electorate such that the Senate can be a responsive body to student needs and (3) improve the collaboration between the executive and legislative branches.

To reduce our senate, we think about the voices not currently in the room. One of which was the CICE, which he thinks it’s important because it’s a department working to the needs of historically marginalized or underrepresented groups should have a say in how our student government funds are spent. This would help our money go where our mouth is.

We also want our senate districts to be equally drawn so each of the sixteen senators in our new plan can equally be accountable to and represent the needs of a constituency they know. Whether that be friends, neighbors, brothers, sisters, every constituency will be nearly equal, and senators can do meaningful constituent outreach in their local communities or even right from home.

We are also proposing a change to the way elections themselves are conducted. We believe single legislative elections of the entire senate will allow each senator to renew their commitment to their constituents, every year and add new voices to leadership.

Senators work hard, and they put in at least ten hours a week and have done so much for the community. More senators means more projects that benefit the campus. That said, the current in our current electoral system, being a senator is thankless. We need to compensate our electorate, for service to and leadership of our campus community. Paying senators will contribute to a culture, shift that makes public service a job worth having.

Lastly, direct democracy powers allow students to bring to the senate issues important to them, allowing the senate to be, more concretely aware and responsive to student needs. Direct democracy is a necessary devolution of powers to the people who elected us, making senators’ relationships with their constituencies reciprocal and responsive. Direct democracy means that constituents directly elect their representatives, we benefit their needs.

But, it also means that our electorate can engage for the senate for more than just voting.

Responsiveness is also acknowledging how important a flexible electoral system is for ASUPS. In our new plan, students will be able to gradually reform the electoral map to reflect changes resident life policy or new buildings on our campus create.

Together, we can unite to advocate for an institutional change that will yield concrete results for our community so your senate, and ASUPS as a whole, can be more responsive to student needs, representative of our campus’ identities, and a reliable collaboration to pursue pluralistic activism in our community.

Respectfully submitted,
Conor Harrison
Senior Senator

Vivien Jones
Off-Campus Senator

Kyle Chong
Senior Senator

Age diversity above average at the University

By Nicky Smit

Looking over the sea of Puget Sound students age diversity appears to be an issue. Fortunately, age diversity at Puget Sound is better than many of its peer institutions. Unfortunately, that isn't saying very much.

For many, it seems completely reasonable to let private four-year universities be composed just of students fresh out of high school. The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) shows that 86 percent of students who attend such colleges are under 25 anyway, and Puget Sound is a pricey liberal arts college, which likely reduces its appeal even more.

Jenny Rickard, the Vice President for Enrollment, explains that the academic structure Puget Sound follows is also working against older students, who often have jobs and homes already.

“Liberal arts colleges tend to serve more students right out of high school because the educational model is residential and typically full-time, and classes are primarily offered during the day,” Rickard said.

Closer to familiar regional colleges, Puget Sound has the second highest percent of students of age 45 and older, and the greatest in terms of sheer numbers too, which is laudable. The age category 22-24 says very little, seeing as most students are living the normal trajectory right out of high school.

“My view of our students arrives through our transfer admission process,” Rickard said. “We have relationship with local community colleges as well as a national organization called American Honors that serve older students.”

Apparently, Puget Sound is making outreach efforts and doing well in the liberal arts college match-ups, but that says nothing of whether having a high percentage of older students is beneficial or not.

An argument can be made for those opposed to older students without fitting into first year classes. Incoming first years, all after, are going through a big change in scenery and it's comforting to surround oneself with people with the same level of experience. Having a high percent of people who've lived years of life outside of school may be to a degree unrelatable and intimidating to some students.

The argument for having more older students makes a lot more sense. Sure, perhaps some students will find people 20 years older than themselves, and thus less at home at Puget Sound, but most people are not that insecure. The majority would enjoy the opportunity to learn and grow from hanging out with a wider age range of classmates and friends. It's also a much better simulation of the real world, and college students could always use more of that.

Diversity of experience is such a bedrock virtue of Puget Sound, and one simple way to pull in tremendous differences in experience is through a range of ages. Take, for instance, first year Ronda Peck, age forty. Retired US Air Force medic, mother, and now an arts major at Puget Sound. Her first day on campus illuminates the weird age restriction students are accustomed to.

“I go to my seminar and there’s kind of a bubble around me, students aren’t talking to me or looking at me and I’m like ‘what’s going on?’ Peck said.

“We had our first meeting and the start asking me about wait-listing stuff and it took a second, but I said ‘I’m not the professor’”

“Very humbling but funny. I had jeans and tennis shoes and a backpack on”

Amidst the shuffle, Peck says it’s hard to have so much life experience like other students, especially when it means holidays like Veterans day go by with hardly a hooplah.

For the first Veteran’s day I wore my little retirement pin, and my seminar professor said thank you for your service; ‘your welcome’ and I just continued on the rest of my day,” Peck said. “I know for me it’s an important day, but it’s okay to consider citizen life again.”

Peck is very kind to wave away these signs that campus life is very much stricken by a lack of age diversity. It’s not that there aren’t any veterans on campus, Peck says there’s about forty, but she also says they’re reclusive and keep their experiences close to their chest.

“For the first semester I’d tell people I’m a veteran who served for 21 years, but I’m not sure that was of value to anyone in my environment I was in so this semester I’m keeping it closer to home and telling them what they’re thinking,” Peck said.

This is a pity, because her experiences could really teach a lot to other students. It does show, however, that although the University is scoring well in terms of diversity, some work needs to be done on breaking student expectations of age.

Simply put, with a range of age comes a range of diversity and diversity is a life experience all should embrace.

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Transgender bathroom bills

Not just about who goes where

By Natalie Scoggins

Recent years have shown an increase in transgender anti-discrimination policies across the nation, support for hormones and surgery through insurance, employment equality and other victories for trans people across the United States, but in recent months there’s been a setback with what sounds at first innocuous: public bathrooms. In Houston, South Dakota and North Carolina, among other states and regions, there have been efforts to repeal and prevent anti-discrimination laws, both with conservatives arguing that if transgender people are allowed to use the bathrooms that align with their gender rather than the sex they were assigned at birth, then cis girls and women may be at risk for molestation, assault and even murder, which are all experienced by trans women at a far higher rate than the national average, according to the National LGBTQ+ Task Force and Lambda Legal.

Trans men forced to use women’s restrooms would most likely make cis women feel far more uncomfortable and unsafe than being in a restroom with trans women, but that too is ignored because the cis women are supposed to assume these are men and therefore not a threat. Using the birth-sex restroom would automatically put people as trans, which would increase the risk of violence even further (especially for trans women).

The claims made are usually that trans people are not actually the gender they say they are but are cross-dressers and sexual deviants who don’t fit in with what sounds at first 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 GHFS 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.

Term of the Week

**lip•stick fem•in•is•m**

day noun

A subset of third-wave feminism that seeks to embrace the traditionally feminine, in response to the second-wave rejection of femininity and sex. Lipstick feminism philosophically supports the idea that women can be empowered through wearing makeup and presenting themselves as sexual because they are owning their sexuality rather than being objectified.

Lipstick feminism also seeks to reclaim words used to criticize women for their femininity or sexuality, such as “slut.” SlutWalks are typically categorized as lipstick feminism.

Lipstick feminism has been criticized by other feminism classifications as being counterproductive and encouraging to the objectification of women.
Q & A hosts 14th Annual Drag Show

Participants in the Queer Alliance's 14th annual drag show take the stage. The show raised over $1400, the entirety of which will go toward funding a scholarship for LGBTQ prospective students.
Annual Drag Show

By Marcelle Rutherfurd

On Friday, April 1 the Queer Alliance put on its Annual Drag show as a fundraiser for the LGBT scholarship, which the club offers each year. The event took place in the Fieldhouse, hosted by local drag queen Saint Syndrome, and included dance numbers, comedy and much more from student performers.

The event itself was a testament to the colorful variety of queer life here on campus. The sheer number of performances took over two hours and the energy was infectious. Many students challenged gender roles and social constructs in fearless performances that were unapologetic in their message.

“We could do something really sad, where we talk about how much it sucks to be queer on campus. Or we could talk about all the stuff that is going wrong at UPS. But tonight we just had fun and we got to experiment with clothing and makeup and gender and it’s just fun, and that’s just what we need,” Rory Wong Jacobs, Queer Alliance co-President, said.

As a student organized and student led event, the show itself brought a sense of community to those in the audience. The Queer Alliance makes a point to make a safe space for everyone and the drag show proved that this safe space is one where anything and everything is accepted.

The event was highly attended this year, with many prospective students joining current students in the audience.

“It’s an amazing community event, the ability to watch the students pull together the performers, the student performances, the off-campus drag queens or kings. And then the energy. I’ve been to several over the years, and this was the best one yet. All the energy and the fun, it was a really great event,” David Wright, Director for Spiritual Life and Civic Engagement and University Chaplain, said.

The success of the event was crucial to raising the necessary funds for the LGBT scholarship, which is awarded to students who show leadership in the queer community each year. This scholarship is important for making the campus accessible to queer students who couldn’t otherwise afford to attend school here.

“I think this scholarship can be really helpful especially for people who really like this school but aren’t able to afford it. I mean, the tuition rises every year. I think, the more the merrier. I’m really hoping that we can get this scholarship endowed, so that we don’t have to worry and put on events and worry about raising enough money. That would be really cool,” Jacobs said.

The scholarship, as of now, is pulled together by the Queer Alliance. The entire operation is student and staff led, and is a community effort to both bring more queer individuals to Puget Sound and to ensure that they can stay on as members of the community.

“The ability that the school has developed, student and alumni driven, to honor and support queer identified students and people is exciting and a drop in the ocean of 400 years of anti-Semitism that exists across the globe. On the other hand, Palestinian Arabs say that they are the proper inhabitants of the land because it has been home to their ancestors for hundreds of years. Violence between these two groups has remained ubiquitous throughout time, with American politicians having many varying attitudes towards the long-standing allying between Israel and the United States.

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“The most important lesson I took away from the first ten minutes of this presentation is that we really need to be able to talk about everything and anything that we are concerned about.” As an avid pro-Israel and pro-peace advocate himself, Elsner calls Israel a “success story” in the context of agriculture, science and culture. However, he recognizes the US’s inability to make peace with its neighbors.

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Air strikes, rocks...
OPINION PIECE: I thought last night went well
By Yolo Ono

Look, last night wasn’t terrible. Sure, we had to wait in the rain. And I DID forget to get us a reservation at Ferrreli’s. But give me a break. How could I have known it was trivia night? I mean seriously! Who plays trivia, right? I guess I’m not right. That’s beside the point.

Despite all the setbacks, I thought last night was fun! And I know you didn’t have too badly of a time. After all, we made out a little bit. Of course I got gassy while we were and you started gagging from the smell but think of how we got to that point! If last night was so bad, why did we start making out at all? I think that’s a great point.

You might say I’m being too sex-focused. And that’s just like you, Ashley. But what I’m saying is you don’t make out a little bit? If they aren’t having a good time I put my tongue in your mouth for at least two seconds. That means at least 20 minutes of the events prior had to be good. Otherwise, why would you put up with my dirty tongue in your mouth? I have gingivitis! Do you see what I’m saying? So the events prior had to be good. And what were the events prior to my tongue in your mouth? You guessed it: our date.

What are we comparing ourselves to, anyway? I mean, think about it! The only reason a bad date can be in order is if we compare it to other dates. And I’d argue that what we say is a “good date” is actually a patriarchal definition. So just because neither of us had “fun” doesn’t mean it wasn’t a “good date.” Let’s stop being so sexist and narrow-minded in our thinking! Last night wasn’t that bad! In fact, I thought it went well, despite that man stealing your purse and me abandoning you with those wild hyenas.

I just think we are being negative okay? Last night was fun. I had a good time. And in fact, I had such a good time, I wanna do it again. Call me! I even wrote you a poem!

Last night was pretty fun. I wish we could do it again. Girl, I want to make you mine.

XOXOXO,
Andy Dick aka Cold Cone Stoller (You know, Bree from Chemistry class?)

NATURE DOCUMENTARY REVIEW: Animal Fight Night
By Barm Skaplz

The second episode of the nature documentary series Animal Fight Night, Rumble in the USA, perpetuates the stereotype of the violent American. When the thought of American animals fighting comes to mind, a pair of ratting moose or a pack of wolves may be considered, but this program would ask the viewer to believe that every living creature in this country is out for one another. Every turtle wants to fight every eagle who wants to fight every bison; that’s just nature.

Bison:
“The American bison is born to fight … welcome to the Thunderdome.” Less than one minute in and it’s already quoting movies that rely on fighting. In this case, Mad Max: Beyond Thunderdome. The actions a young bison goes through as it gets ready to fight can only be compared to a single fraternity member getting hyped in his room as he gets ready to go watch a new Transformers movie. Lots of snorting, rolling on the ground and locking eyes with the Optimus Prime poster on the wall.

Prairie Dogs:
“Prairie dogs are the kung fu fighters of the animal world!” and are way more interesting than bison. To start, they fight by grabbing onto one another and leaping into the air like a tandem Sonic the Hedgehog. Also, a family member kills 50 percent of all newborns in the first month of life. Lactating females will kill and eat their sister’s children in order to ensure their own children’s survival. Talk about a family drama.

Deer:
White-tailed deer can fight so hard that they will die of exhaustion, or get their antlers caught up in each other and die together. The deer fight featured shows two males fighting. One male wins, but gets worried that his antlers are stuck and panics. He breaks loose, but somehow ends up with one of his legs stuck in his own antler. Some days you just can’t catch a break.

Wolves:
Wolf fights show promise, but without Liam Neeson it’s pretty disappointing for an animal fights. There is a lot of head bobbing and one gets flipped over for half a second, but the amount of fighting is for a single purpose. Murder. “Need I say more?”

Rattlesnakes:
The focus on rattlesnakes felt unnecessary since the use of poison, or in this case venom, is the opposite of fighting. Apparently, rattlesnakes have some kind of unspoken agreement that when they fight, they will not bite each other, leaving only their long bodies and nasty tails as weapons. Terrifying.

The graphics this show uses to display the damage the animals are doing to each other slows down time and shows step by step what’s happening, like when Robert Downey Jr. is beating up on guys in Sherlock Holmes, but showing the spine and head muscles of a bison rather than the rippling flesh of a British villain.

Every pairing appears to be just a younger male versus an older male and all they do is scream while the narrator uses fight analogies. Very disappointing that there is no interspecies animal fights. I would pay for my own Netflix to watch that. I’m not sure if this is supposed to be commentary on the millennial burden to correct the wrongs left behind by the baby boomers or if animals just like fighting each other. Regardless, I would totally watch a family drama about prairie dogs trying to kill each other’s children; that sounds a lot more interesting than most reality/vampire related TV.

Rating: 2.5 out 5 living prairie dog pups

Our writers are Maddy Kunz, Nish Chhabra, John Miller Giltner, and Darrin Schultz. Pseudonyms have historically been used by Combat Zone writers. We want to keep this tradition and credit writers by name in order to promote transparency. Our intent is to make people laugh and to provoke people to think critically.
Most-heard words on campus

By Madd Punz

A comprehensive ranking of 8 pics on my phone

By Michelle Loserby

#8

Of these eight photos, I have to rank this accidental screenshot of Siri offering her services last. The screenshot was taken at 1:20 a.m., which is mildly interesting, but the fence is slightly more mildly interesting.

#7

This is a photo of a fence. I took this photo of a fence during my Walking for Fitness class one day. You may notice — this photo is slightly ill-aligned. I did not crop or rotate this photo before ranking. #nomakeup

#6

Coming in sixth place is this screenshot of an article about Sean Penn and El Chapo, which is most definitely more interesting than the fence photo. What did Sean Penn and the notorious drug kingpin El Chapo talk about?

#5

As much as I love hypothesizing about an afternoon tea party starring Sean Penn and El Chapo, I am much more interested in this photo of Doritos about to take a bath.

#4

This is a screenshot of a snapchat from my sister. This photograph features me in my prime — back when Bill Clinton was president, back when I didn’t know what war was but I did know what cookies were. Yung Money.

#3

Coming in third place is a screenshot of a (one-sided) conversation with my mother, who sent me a recording of her cat purring, followed by business idea, which she quickly retracted. This is art. This is the human psyche.

#2

This is a photo of me at my senior prom. I’ve honestly never looked better, but I couldn’t rank this as number one because honestly, how vain would that be?

#1

And the best photo of these 8 photos arbitrarily selected from my phone is Waffle Reception. Need I say more?
Logger softball, baseball prove nearly unstoppable

By Lukie Crowley

Loggers' baseball and softball have both seen up-and-down seasons so far, but the wins are starting to come in after all of the hard work that they have put in. Overall, the Loggers had a successful first week, which through 18, the softball team went down to Arizona for the Tucson Invitational, and they did impress. Logger softball went 6-0 on the trip with wins over University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, Denison College, University of La Verne, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and Carleton College. The Loggers out-scored their opponents 41-14 on the trip and were led by ten hits from junior Kristi Nagamine (Honolulu, Hawaii) and 7 RBIs overall. The whole team swept both, but the pitching was great too.

Sophomore Erica Gor (Lynnwood, Washington) was fantastic over the trip as she went 3-0 without allowing just one earned run across 17 innings (0.41 ERA). She earned Logger Club Logger of the Week for the week of March 20. As is apparent, the Loggers had amazing statistics throughout the trip, but sophomore Amber Pobier (Malian) of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, told the Press that the teamwork was vital.

"From a team perspective, we played for each other. There's a saying: 'play for the person next to you,' and we did exactly that. Arizona is where we actually came up with the saying. We played as one, and had more than twice the amount of players we have but it didn't phase us. We accepted the challenge, gave teams a run for their money and came out on top," Pobier said.

Like any other team, the softball team has parts of their game they have to work on. Sophomore Amanda Fehr (Las Vegas, Nevada) added her thoughts on how the season has been going.

"One thing that we could work on is consistency. When we do string hits together and have a good defensive inning to follow up with the hitting, we do really well. Working on keeping our best game alive every game is how we will improve even more as the season goes on," Fehr said.

The Loggers now sit at 8-7 (2-13 in the NWC) into the last leg of the season. Pobier offered her thoughts on what the season has been going.

"At the beginning of this season we welcomed two new assistant coaches, CJ Martin and Auriel Day, who have brought new personalities as well as a new coaching style to the team. Both coaches immediately gained our love and respect as we welcomed them into our family of thirteen. This season the softball program has made huge strides as a team and as an opponent in the Northwest Conference. Every day we're getting better; every day we're getting closer," Pobier said.

Softball isn't the only team at the University that has been successful on the diamond recently. Logger baseball went to Whittman College on March 25-26 and swept them. They out scored them 43-19 over the three games, winning 15-6, 16-9 and 12-4.

Senior Chris Zieto (Pleasanton, California) led the Loggers, going 8-14 overall and hitting 3 RBIs. Junior Collin Maier (Billings, Montana) won the first game with seven strong innings pitched and sophomore Merle Rowan-Kennedy (Seattle, Washington) pitched six innings in the final game.

"Every time I think we could win, the other team would come to play at the level we know we can," Rowan-Kennedy explained what part is the most important.

"Our next two conference series are both important and we are looking forward to prove we belong in the top four teams in the conference. Obviously rivalry weekend against PLU will be a fun and competitive series. It will also be exciting to honor the seniors on senior weekend for all they have done for the program," Rowan-Kennedy said.

Right now the Loggers are looking to continue their hot hitting with their record at 12-14 (9-9 in NWC). Both teams have been putting together very nice second half pushes as they keep on working towards the finish and playoffs.
Marlon James and the power of literature

By Daniel Wolfert

Marlon James is a man of many voices, and as a reader and a writer, I find that his work is one of the most captivating I have ever read. Born in Jamaica, and now residing in the United States, his novels are a testament to his remarkable abilities. His latest work, "Black Panther," is a perfect example of his powerful storytelling.

In "Black Panther," James explores the life of a young man named Orange Moe, who dreams of becoming a musician. The novel follows Orange as he navigates the challenges of life in the United States, including prejudice and discrimination. James' writing is poetic and powerful, and his portrayal of Orange is both realistic and inspiring.

James' writing is not limited to his novels. He has also written articles and essays, including a piece for the New York Times in which he discusses the influence of literature on his life. In the essay, James writes about how literature has helped him navigate the challenges of life, both personally and professionally.

James' success as a writer is due in large part to his ability to create rich, complex characters and to explore the human experience in a way that is both truthful and moving. His work is a reminder of the power of literature to connect us with one another and to give us new perspectives on the world around us.

Ultimately, Marlon James is a writer whose work is important not only to the literary world, but to the world as a whole. His stories are powerful reminders of the power of language and the importance of storytelling. I highly recommend his work to anyone interested in literature and the human experience.
Hundreds of students chanted and marched through campus on Wed. March 30 to support and empower victims of sexual assault at this semester’s Take Back the Night (TBTN). This march, rally, and speak-out followed a lecture in Schneebeck Concert Hall by renowned feminist Naomi Wolf.

Wolf, the keynote speaker and award-winning author of *The Beauty Myth,* among many other books, said she has been attending various TBTN rallies since the ‘80s. Her talk was presented by ASUPS Lectures, and was introduced by lectures programmer Arda Bulak.

“Every night should be Take Back the Night,” Wolf said. “It’s so important for victims to be visible. Part of the harm of rape is that you’re raped, and part of the harm of rape is that you don’t get to talk about this huge thing that happened to you. That just reinforces shame, and stigma, and self-blame, and all the things that should not be part of the misfortune of being sexually assaulted.”

The fall, TBTN occurred when daylight saving time ended, so as to symbolize the beginning of the darkness. Spring semester’s rally was planned to be not long after daylight saving time began.

“Take Back the Night is about safety,” Assistant Dean of Students Marta Palmquist Cady said. “It’s about women feeling that they are not objects and have as much of a right as anybody to walk in the night. It puts the focus back on the perpetrator for committing these crimes.”

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and campus leaders like Palmquist Cady remain determined to improve campus safety. Even raising awareness that sexual assault is an issue on campus can help prevent it.

“We need to shift this paradigm by creating a culture of safety and respect and care for one another,” Palmquist Cady said.

This year, the march and rally were organized by the Sexuality Issues, Relationships and Gender Education (SIRGE) coordinator Alex Keysselitz. Keysselitz moderated the speak-out which was held in the Wyatt atrium after the march. This part of the night provided a platform for victims to speak out about their experiences with rape and sexual assault.

“I think the storytelling where you say what happened to you is very important because it’s healing, and it’s rejecting shame,” Wolf said. “It also helps people’s minds organize trauma to tell the story.”

Wolf’s lecture focused on women, confidence, sexual assault and the related issue of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), she says, is almost universally experienced by survivors of sexual assault because of the extremely intimate violence. She then encouraged questions and comments from the audience. Here, one woman spoke out about the sexism she had experienced working in the tech industry. Another woman took this opportunity to name her rapist for the first time, who she said had violated her over 20 years ago.

1 in 5 women and 1 in 75 men experience rape in their lifetimes in the United States, according to the Center for Disease Control. This does not take into account the crimes which go unreported, which is the majority.

“If you’re reading this, and you think this is not your issue, or you’re not interested in it, or it doesn’t affect you, or it’s not your march, I would really encourage you to rethink it. This is everybody’s issue,” Wolf said.