This year the University will grant four individuals honorary degrees: a former student, a Pulitzer Prize winning journalist, a landmark civil rights litigator and a local indigenous rights activist. A tradition of each academic year, Puget Sound awards these honors to the commencement speaker and individuals who embody, in word and in practice, the University’s ideals.

Though the convention is to award three doctoral degrees, this year the University decided to make an exception and honor Elizabeth Ann Breysse, class of 2017, with a posthumous honorary bachelor’s degree. Breysse passed away on Dec. 31 2015. In a campus-wide email announcing the degrees, President Isiaah Crawford wrote that “Liz was a bright star among her student, faculty, and staff colleagues and friends on campus, and will be remembered for her academic contributions, life in Pi Beta Phi, love of music and sports, and more.” Her family will be presented with the award at the ceremony.

“Liz’s contagious laughter and spirit reached every corner of campus and if anyone deserves an honorary degree, it’s her. Liz was a Logger through and through,” said Mary Brehove ’17, a close friend of Breysse. Commencement speaker Timothy Egan will receive an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters. Egan, a lifelong journalist and author of eight books, shared the 2001 Pulitzer with a team of New York Times journalists for their series “How Race is Lived in America.” His non-fiction book on the Dust Bowl, “The Worst Hard Time” won the 2006 National Book Award. He currently contributes to the New York Times with an online opinion column on politics and life as seen from the West Coast. The author and journalist is a graduate of the University of Washington and lives in Seattle. Egan told The Trail that it is a “huge honor” for him as a Northwest native “to get a chance to say a few words at one of the great universities in our corner of the world.”

“We’re living in historic times, and may not even realize it. I hope my remarks will touch on some positive ways to get through this period when so much of what had been taken for granted seems to be at risk,” he said. Another degree recipient, Fred D. Gray, will be named an honorary Doctor of Laws. Born in Montgomery Alabama in 1930, Gray grew up in the segregated American south. In addition to being a licensed preacher, he studied law at Case Western Reserve and went on to represent Rosa Parks against the City of Montgomery in the landmark desegregation case, Martin Luther King Jr. against the state of Alabama, and plaintiffs of the Tuskegee Syphilis Study v. the federal government in 1972. Gray was one of the first African-American members of the Alabama legislature since reconstruction and the first African-American president of the Alabama State Bar Association. Currently Gray serves as the senior partner in the law firm Gray, Langford, Sapp, McGowan, Gray, Gray & Nathanson in Montgomery, Alabama. He is the author of two books, his autobiography Bus Ride to Justice and The Tuskegee Syphilis Study.

Georgiana Kautz, natural resources manager of the Nisqually Tribe, will receive an honorary Doctor of Science. She is a longtime member of the Nisqually Council for the reservation, located about 25 miles away from the University of Puget Sound. Her office of natural resources led a massive estuary restoration process — 410 acres at the Nisqually Estuary and 750 acres of the Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge.

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One of the highlights of President Crawford’s March 24 inauguration was the blessing given by two prominent members of the Puyallup Tribe.

“The Tribe is very important to us and to our region; while Puget Sound has been here for more than a century, the Puyallup people have been here for thousands of years. Among other areas, we share a common interest in education and environmental stewardship.”

“I understand the name Puget Sound means generous and welcoming people and I offer this song of welcome and blessing for the house,” said President Crawford.

“I am deeply honored,” President Crawford said about the blessing.

“Thank you to our new president for bringing this important symbolic gesture to the University as a sign that this will be here in the future — that this too is always a generous and welcoming place,” McCloud said. She then performed a traditional vocal song.

“My people are considered to be generous, welcoming people. We want to welcome you to our home. We lift our hands up to your new president,” McCloud said.

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University ranked in top 200 US colleges, based on student voices

By Nayra Halajian


“Times Higher Education (THE) is a weekly London based magazine that began in 1971. The magazine has build rapport with American and foreign students alike, and is often used to find information on institutions of higher education outside of a student’s home country,” said Skyll Bihl, Assistant Director for Spiritual Life and Civic Engagement.

“We have unparalleled expertise on the trends underpinning university performance globally,” states the THE website. “Our data and benchmarking tools are used by many of the world’s most prestigious universities to help them achieve their strategic goals.”

Unlike most college rankings such as the University World Rankings, which focus on research performance, the Wall Street Journal and Times Higher Education College Rankings judge colleges by four pillars that encompass “15 individual performance indicators combining to create an overall score that reflects the broad strength of the institution,” their website states.

“The ranking is also driven by student voices, which separate this ranking system from others. ‘At its heart,’ the website states, are the ‘100,000 current student voices’ that contribute to the list each year.

According to the THE website, “the first pillar is resources, which takes into account finance and faculty per student, as well as research papers per faculty member.”

“The next is outcomes, looking closely at academic reputation, graduation rate, and “the extent to which graduates earn more and repay more loan debt than would be expected given their socio-economic background.”

“The third pillar is environment, which takes into account the proportion of international students and staff and student diversity.

“The final pillar, engagement, uses a survey of 100,000 U.S. students to judge the quality of staff and student interaction.”

According to their website, the Wall Street Journal/THE College Ranking “includes clear performance indicators designed to answer the questions that matter the most to students and families when making one of the most important decisions of their lives - who to trust with their education.

“The ranking aims to answer questions like ‘Does the college have sufficient resources to teach me properly?’ Will I be engaged, and challenged, by my teacher and classmates?

“The college have the necessary academic reputation? What type of campus community is there?” and “How likely am I to graduate, pay off my loans and get a good job?”

“The University of Puget Sound received 20.3 out of 30 (68 percent) in resources, 23.2 out of 40 (59 percent) in outcomes, 20.0 (80 percent) in engagement, and 2.7 out of 10 (27 percent) for environment. The University’s total point value summed to 62.2 out of 100 possible points.

Amongst universities in Washington State, Puget Sound overall ranked fourth, below the University of Washington, Howard University and Seattle University. Specifically, in the resource category, Puget Sound ranked third among Washington State Colleges. This means that the University has a great capacity to effectively deliver teaching. This category looks closely at finance per student, faculty per student, and research papers per faculty.

Success in this category can be linked to Puget Sound’s 11:1 student-faculty ratio, a statistic boasted on the campus website.

“I’ve noticed professors are usually flexible with their office hours and easily accessible. From my experience, they’re willing to help and listen to student concerns,” stated first-year student Polina Pekurovsky.

“In regards to the second pillar, outcomes, the University also notes that it ‘consistently ranks among the top five in number of alumni serving in the Peace Corps,’ according to the website, and that the University ‘recently was recognized by The Chronicle of Higher Education as one of the top 10 bachelor’s degree institutions in the United States with the highest number of Fulbright scholars’

“They are also in the top five percent of college for students who go on to earn doctorate degrees,” and students have “high acceptance rates into prestigious medical and law schools,” according to a University fact sheet, located on the website.

“However, in the environment category, Puget Sound ranked second to last in comparison to other Washington schools. This means that the University has a low proportion of international students, student diversity, student inclusion, and staff diversity than most Washington schools.

“Personally when I was applying to this school, I heard the word diversity thrown around, but I don’t see much of it around campus now,” Pekurovsky said.

“Within the top 200 U.S. colleges according to The Wall Street Journal and THE, Puget Sound has only added to the list of recognition for academic success. But, as the THE rankings show, there are areas for improvement.”

Campus designated “voter-friendly,” but some have doubts

By Keely Coxwell

“I did not expect us to actually receive the designation,” Skylar Bihl, Assistant Director for Spiritual Life and Civic Engagement, said. “I feel like it was a little premature.”

According to the Puget Sound website, Bihl was one of three people who compiled the submission to be designated a Voter-Friendly Campus.

“The designation is suggesting that we have taken certain steps to make the campus friendly and encouraging of all voters,” Bihl said.

“The goal of the program is to help institutions develop plans to coordinate administrators, faculty, and student organizations in civic and electoral engagement,” according to the Voter-Friendly Campus website.

“The designation really was an opportunity for campuses to evaluate what they are doing to develop a strategic plan and then to start working towards implementing that strategic plan,” Bihl said. “I really expected them to say, ‘hey you have a great start and here are some suggestions of where we would like you to go to receive this designation,’ because I don’t feel like we are there yet.”

The national non-partisan organizations Campus Vote Project and NASPA created this designation in 2016, according to the Voter-Friendly Campus website.

“I don’t even feel like we met the benchmarks that were set out to get this designation. One benchmark was to have a functioning Voter Engagement campus committee,” Bihl said.

“We have a very loose coalition of people who are engaged in this kind of work but it’s all sort of sporadic and in silos and is not a unified effort.”

“As for why we got the designation, I think to some extent it means something to have applications come in and it means something to award that designation and to use that to drum up some more support for the work,” Bihl said.

Even though the designation might have been preemptive, Bihl described how it can still be beneficial.

“To keep this designation we need to develop the Voter Engagement coalition into a committee,” Bihl said. “This already has been set in motion a number of faculty members have been contacted and asked to join.”

“The other thing that may come of this is the ability to spend more time on those midterm elections and local elections,” Bihl said. “We have to be working on helping students connect with their states of residence in order to be voting while they are here on campus.”

“I don’t want to say that this isn’t a big deal because it is a big deal, we put a year’s amount of work into it, I think there’s a lot of room for growth and I’m excited that this designation will set us up better to take them on.”

“At this time, when campus comes to presidential elections people vote but in midterm elections and local elections people don’t vote,” Bihl said. “I think we have a lot of people who care passionately about many things but don’t always make the connection between those passions and how to engage with them outside of the campus community.”

Bihl used the weekly phone banks that are happening right now to describe this dichotomy.

“Seventeen total calls were made during the phone bank because people just don’t show up,” Bihl said. “So that to me shows ... that there is a disconnect from being passionate about something and taking action on it including taking action in a political way.

“So there is a phone bank every Monday for the rest of the year. The people running the phone bank supply the callers with scripts to read so members of the community can let their representatives know what is important to them.

“I would love to see more political engagement locally, there’s a lot of things students can be involved in, even if they are not permanent residences here,” Bihl said. “I think even just showing up to city hall meetings and listening to what’s going on is a good direction for civic and political engagement.”

"Displays like this are part of CICE's voter engagement effort on campus." PHOTO COURTESY OF TRAIL STAFF
Commodifying your online life

By Karlee Robinson

Congress lifts critical FCC regulations, allows internet service providers to sell user information

Knowledge and information are priceless — or at least they should be. Under Trump’s administration, the privacy of our information will soon be compromised. Recent controversy has revealed the critical need to develop clear conceptions of our ethical standards and boundaries regarding privacy of information.

Over the past few months, Congress facilitated discussion involving an Obama-era FCC rule which regulated internet providers with matters of consumer privacy. The FCC, or the Federal Communications Commission, is an independent U.S. government agency established to regulate interstate and international communications.

The FCC frames their objective with four strategic goals: promoting economic growth and national leadership, protecting public interest goals, making networks work for everyone, and promoting operational excellence. The effects of these impending changes contradict the specific strategic goals of protecting public interest. These FCC changes are of no benefit to the public and help to monopolize our two greatest assets: information and its accessible distribution. The Senate passed the resolution early last week and all that’s left to finalize this potentially massive release of private internet data is Trump’s signature. The current administration is enabling internet providers to profit off of our individual experiences by selling our data, allowing dominant capitalist powers to flourish. By attributing monetary value to personal information, the FCC is a latent advocate of dehumanizing, neoliberal capitalism.

Where there appear to be limitations on the type of information distributed, these specifications are subject to debate, as individuals utilize internet resources in different ways and for different reasons. There’s more at stake — information of varying value circulating user’s search history — according to individual. The resolution offers ambiguous confirmation of internet providers’ privacy regulations. Where broadly-influential decisions are an inherent battle between political parties, the principle behind this matter can unify the public through larger mutual concerns. It’s important to consider what this decision could potentially lead to, as the repercussions could be disastrous. For those arguing these newly defined regulations don’t pose serious and immediate effects, their seriousness are undermined because of the public’s distance from the decision-making process. Has our passivity limited our direct, emotional connection to an issue that should be viewed with greater intensity? There’s been an absence of intent that has encouraged many to stand witness to changing conditions. I haven’t made any explicit decisions in my individual internet data protection, but will soon observe the explicit effects of these changes in internet privacy.

In recognizing this, I mean to stress the importance of establishing a thorough conception of your ethical standards, so that when they are put up for debate in Congress, you are able to stand your ground. It is pertinent to question executive and legislative action under any presidential administration. Right now, the public is being tested on how far we will bend, and remain passive, throughout ethically questionable legislation.

Intent is everything. Intentional decision-making and a thorough understanding of the principles behind conflict, adversity and affinity, are necessary in maintaining civic responsibility. In the case of internet privacy laws, take the time to consider the ethics behind compromising personal privacy to forward exploitative capitalist agendas.

LGBTQ+ web content censored as “mature”

By Hannah Ritner

In the last several weeks, many YouTubers have been calling attention to the site’s censorship of LGBTQ+ content. YouTube has admitted to classifying these videos as “restricted content” that can only be viewed by users who are over the age of 18. Videos that have been labelled not worthy for viewing for minors contain discussion about sex, drugs, alcohol, or friends. Classifying individuals who do not identify as straight or cisgender as “restricted” perpetuates the idea that their sexualities are “dirty.”

This is an insidious attitude that not only isolates LGBTQ+ kids, but also fuels a sense of discomfort surrounding non-straight/cis individuals. YouTube claims this is an effort to “protect the kids.” But protect them from what? And which kids are YouTube looking out for? Certainly not LGBTQ+ kids, who often need protection the most.

YouTube’s complicity in this violence also sustains the sexualization of the trans identity. Viewing trans folk as “restricted” content perpetuates their hypersexualization, fueling ostracization of the community. Furthermore, it creates a double standard in which straight cis youth are viewed as the norm and any alternative form of identification is perceived as dirty or tainted. This means that the only time that children and teens alike hear about the LGBTQ+ community is at school — which probably means they hear about it in a negative way.

This censorship is extremely harmful to the LGBTQ+ community, which relies extensively on YouTube as a platform for young kids and teens to explore their sexuality in a way they feel comfortable. Taking away this space and casting it in a group that is seen as “inappropriate” erases these stories from the public eye and reproduces violence that these individuals are forced to struggle through every day.
Missing girls in Washington, D.C. area spark conversation

By Emma Holmes

A lot of media attention has been drawn to the Black and Latina girls missing in the nation’s capital this month. According to their website, as of April 7, 2017, the Washington, D.C. Police Department has 15 Joelene Missing Persons cases open, including three critical, but a week ago the count was touted by some outlets as being as high as 22. Tweets sent out by the D.C. Police Department as part of a new awareness campaign sparked concern for the frequency of disappearances. Rumors swirled about 14 young women missing in 24 hours and a spike in human sex trafficking.

The Congressional Black Caucus called for federal investigation, wanting to know if the incidents were related in any way. The D.C. Police Department addressed the concern, saying, “There isn’t a spike in missing people in D.C., we’re just using social media more to help locate them.” The Metropolitan Police Department has additionally refuted rumors that about the girls being collective victims of human sex trafficking. In fact, data shows that the number of missing children in D.C. has decreased slightly from 2016 to 2017, with a majority of cases closed shortly after they’re opened.

A 10-year-old girl reported missing from the D.C. area was tweeted about, though no Amber Alert was sent out. Neighbors who saw the tweet expressed concern, pointing to this incident as a symptom of a wider national problem: the disparities between missing white people and people of color.

Missing white, upper-middle-class women and children often receive more media coverage, which increases their chance of being found. The term “Missing White Woman Syndrome” describes the idealized role of white women as victims of violent crime, thus leading to overrepresentation in media coverage.

Even if there were equal media coverage, ingrained racial biases feed the assumption that Black and brown children run away voluntarily, diligence the alarm and response.

Women of color, particularly Black, Latinx and indigenous women are more susceptible to grooming for human sex trafficking because of the relative narrow of barriers they face in education and the labor force. Young women are sometimes lured in by people posing as significant others, or mentor figures taking them on longer and longer trips to reduce suspicion, and then they disappear altogether. Drugs, threats, and blackmail can all be involved, but sometimes are unnecessary due to the grooming.

Similarly, vague summer job postings or invitations to parties prey on people looking for work and food, and their disappearances are often dismissed more readily by law enforcement or else attributed to a broader problem of human trafficking, rather than receiving individualized attention in the media.

While the case of the missing women in D.C. was hyperebologized by sensationalist media, it still reflects the broader systematic complaints about underrepresented missing people of color.

The study noted that the low quality of these products includes the fact that sometimes pads are used for purposes such as cleaning toilet paper inside themselves to stop bleeding through, which can put individuals at risk for urinary tract infections, rashes from chafing and yeast infections. All of these conditions are especially dangerous to women who may not be able to access healthcare, have poor nutrition, live in dirty areas and are statistically more likely to have autoimmune disorders such as HIV. It is also not always possible to do laundry when necessary, so bloody, stained clothes are often worn, creating problems with odor and bacteria.

It was reported that requesting more pads was arduous, humiliating and often unsuccessful, but also kept track of how many times a woman requested more products and used that against them. Some women report trading sex with guards in order to access necessary products.

The study also looked into the difficulties that arise when incarcerated women attempt to purchase menstrual products, saying, “Prices for pads and tampons in prison commissaries vary widely and are prohibitive for women with few financial resources and outside support.”

They report that it is often prohibited to receive products such as pads, tampons, and heating pads through the mail, meaning that they must be purchased at the commissary.

CA calculated that the cost can come out to a week’s pay for individuals who are earning just 17 cents an hour (which the report calls a “common prison wage”).

Even the hit Netflix show “Orange is the New Black” calls attention to this, with $10 boxes of tampons and wages of 30 cents an hour, a $25 apiece black market, and women stuffing toilet paper inside themselves to stop the pain.

An unexpected conflict related to the inadequate supply of menstrual products is that sometimes pads are used for purposes such as cleaning up dirt and spills and stealing unven chairs and tables. The creative problem solving that is necessary for the inmates speaks volumes about the conditions they are dealing with, all in the context of the extremely limited resources. No one should have to choose between having enough period supplies or living in a clean space.

This problem does not just affect individuals who are incarcerated in federal prisons. Privately-owned facilities like the Northwest Detention Center, which is only a 13-minute drive from the Puget Sound campus, face similar issues. Although the facilities are intended to house detainees for short amounts of time, this is not always the case. In an article published on Bust, Green Berumenin notes that detainees “are not given proper access to water, toilet paper, or even menstrual products such as pads and tampons,” and that this is further exacerbated by privatization, which de-incentivizes transparency and access to care.

Legislation has been proposed in the past few years to rectify the numerous ways that the practice of withholding period products violates incarcerated people’s basic rights to dignity and hygiene. In 2016, New York became the first city in the nation to pass legislation that guarantees free access to tampons and pads in prisons, shelters and public schools, though only in the city itself.

Menstrual products are necessities for nearly half the population, but are rarely treated as such, with planners and policymakers expressing concern about the cost. New York City Council Finance Chair Julissa Ferreras- Copeland, who spearheaded the measure, says, “nobody wonders how much the city spends on toilet paper.”

This movement for access in New York is part of a larger overall movement for free products in state-owned facilities and to end the “tampon tax” wherein pads and tampons are labeled as luxuries.

Before the new law passed, the New York Department of Correction provided the Rose M. Singer facility 144 pads per 50 inmates per week, totaling 2.8 per person per week or about 12 per month. Other prisons received up to 24 pads per inmate per month, which is still insufficient for many people especially when the quality is low.

Menstruation and incarceration: Prisons often lack or withhold necessary hygiene products, study shows

By Nayla Lee

PROVIDED FOR THE TRAIL FROM 600 FIFTH AVENUE

The legacy of the rainbow flag

By Natalie Scoggins

Gilbert Baker, who was called the “gay Betsy Ross” by some for his work in designing the gay pride flag, died on March 31 at the age of 65.

The flag was designed in 1978 in San Francisco at the request of gay rights leader and politician Harvey Milk, who was assassinated later that year. While the flag most commonly has six stripes today, the original design had eight, each color having been given a meaning by Baker as follows: Pink for sex, red for life, orange for healing, yellow for sunlight, green for nature, blue for art, indigo for harmony and violet for the human spirit. Pink was later removed for the first iteration due to the fabric being unavailable, and blue and indigo were condensed in order to maintain an even number of stripes.

On top of color symbolism, the rainbow was purportedly inspired by Judy Garland’s song, “Over the Rainbow.” Garland was widely considered a gay icon in the 1930s and 1940s, with “friend of Dorothy” (referring to her character in “The Wizard of Oz”) being a euphemism for a gay person.

Since its conception, the rainbow flag and rainbows in general have become a symbol of pride for members of the LGBT community, with new flags being designed for different identities.

RAINBOW FLAG AT PRIDE MARCH, TOULOUSE, 2014

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Presidential visits to the City of Destiny: A look back at presidents and presidential candidates to come to Puget Sound

By Molly Wampler

Over the years, the University of Puget Sound and the city of Tacoma have welcomed a surprising number of US presidents and presidential candidates making the city of destiny a destination for the leaders of (the other) Washington.

Harry Truman — June 10, 1948

One of then-vice president Truman’s first stops on an early presidential campaigns was at Puget Sound. Axches’ Autumn 2008 issue note that he was the first president or presidential candidate to visit campus, but since he came during the summer his visit was not covered by the Trail. Historylink.org wrote about the visit on their website, but not much about his time on campus is noted in that article. Still, Truman is known to be the first presidential figure to speak on this campus, paving the way for more to come.

Dwight Eisenhower — October 18, 1956

When President Dwight Eisenhower paid a visit to Puget Sound’s fieldhouse in 1956 during his second presidential campaign, he attracted a crowd of 6,000, one of the most the venue had ever accommodated. While the Trail in the week following only published a little over 100 words on the event, Puget Sound’s president at the time, Dr. R. Franklin Thompson, kept a detailed and personal log of every pertinent visitor to the school during his presidency.

“While waiting I heard the Chief of the Secret Service saying to himself, ‘Mr. President, I am happy to present to you Dr. Thompson, President of the College of Puget Sound.’ He rehearsed it and rehearsed it and did it with absolute perfection when it was ultimately time to introduce us,” Thompson’s journal reads.

Although short, the Trail article mentioned an unique anecdote: “Eisenhower prefaced his remarks on education by citing the undefeated record of [Puget Sound’s] football team. To the Trail’s knowledge, this year’s Loggers are the first team in [Puget Sound] history to receive a presidential compliment.” Hack Hack Chop Chop!

Richard Nixon — October 27, 1961

When Richard Nixon visited campus, he was still only known as a former vice president of the US, and hadn’t even announced his intention to run for president. Nixon spoke in the fieldhouse on Oct. 27, 1961 at Puget Sound, focusing the conversation on university education and finance.

“According to Nixon, keeping small institutions alive is an important part of our democratic society. Present day taxes and expenses have increased the problem of public contributions to such schools and he therefore advised allocating personal charitable dollars to assist private institutions,” an Oct. 31, 1961 Trail article said. “Nixon expressed gratitude to the men and women of thought who have stimulated the minds of youth in American colleges and universities.”

John F. Kennedy (Cheney Stadium in Tacoma) — September 27, 1963

While John F. Kennedy never made it to campus, he did draw a crowd of around 20,000 to Cheney Stadium in Tacoma on Sept. 27, 1963, where he tossed his prepared speech to talk about education and natural resources, the shortly following Oct. 2 ‘Special Presidential Issue’ of the Trail explained.

“One of the monumental experiences of many of the people of the city of Tacoma was experienced Friday morning,” a Trail article on the event says, “when the President of the United States, John F. Kennedy, appeared and presented a speech on the topic of conservation and recreation.”

“Talented and able people must make decisions not for the long look forward,” JFK said, quoted in the Trail. “Those of you now in school must prepare for leadership. You must make sure the United States maintains its responsibilities. We want to see this country continue to grow.”

For many attendees, this speech was their first time seeing JFK, but for many more it was the last. “But whether young or old,” the Trail wrote, “all those who locked to Cheney Stadium last Friday will testify that it was an experience they will never forget.”

Hillary Clinton — February 8, 2008

“Undoubtedly the biggest even at UPS this year was the visit of Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton,” a reflection Trail article from the end of spring semester in 2008 said.

Hillary Clinton’s 2008 campaign staff called UPS two days before the Feb. 8, 2008 rally to rent the memorial fieldhouse, as she and her rival Barack Obama “remained at a near tie following votes on Super Tuesday,” the article said. Obama had a Seattle rally planned for the same day, around the same time, so Clinton opted for Tacoma.

While at Wellesley College, she was taught by Phil PhDs, former president of Puget Sound. She said at the event that she had “heard so many great things about the campus over the years,” and decided it was time to pay a visit.

Class attendance was incredibly low on that Friday, and according to the Trail article published the week of her appearance, “some professors used vacation time to cancel class.”

French professor Steve Rodgers was one. “[Rodgers] said he did not want students to look back years from now and say they could have seen a president speak but had to be in class.”
President Crawford’s must-reads

By Nia Henderson

Something you may not know about Puget Sound President Isiah Crawford is that he loves reading. He has been a part of his life and even though he is often on the road working he still finds time to read for pleasure. His love for reading was cultivated by the environment he grew up in. “There were always books around our house, and we spent a lot of time in bookstores and libraries in St. Louis,” Crawford said.

“She was in her life instrumental in making his love for reading flourish. His mom, aunt and grandmother all enjoyed different genres of literature. “[my] mother was fond of mystery novels. Reading has been a big part of his life and even though he is often on the road working he still finds time to read for pleasure,” he said. “In high school and college, my mother was fond of mystery novels. Reading has been a big part of his life and even though he is often on the road working he still finds time to read for pleasure.”

Although he loves the thrill of sci-fi novels, President Crawford is also a self-described “romantic realist.” “I love to read about characters who are complex, with their insightful commentary through them about class, culture and the human condition in international settings in which the stories are set,” he said.

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Due to his busy life as president of the university, airplanes are where he does most of his reading. “They can be a great escape for me,” Crawford said.

Every spring, the theatre department puts on the Senior Theatre Festival (STF). But what is it? And how does this complicated production process come together? “The Theatre Festival is a unique way of bringing the theatre department together,” Macartney said. “It is a culmination of the theatre major’s career here at Puget Sound, said. “It’s the senior theatre major’s thesis. It is four shows in four weeks. [It is] a chance for all theatre majors and faculty to come together.”

The unique process for the theatre festival starts in the fall semester, in a required senior theatre course. “We read four plays a year and attend workshops on directing, set design, and acting,” Macartney said. “The actors are picked, there is only one director on the show, and then you pull up the positions in a way that you can argue for your thesis.”

“Any play is on the table,” Macartney said. “We have seen Shakespeare, we have done musicals.” The only requirement is that they must be decided by the end of the first semester.

After the plays are picked, the process gets even more difficult. “Then you decide who the four directors are going to be, and, of course, there’s tensions around that,” Kljucec said. “There is a lot of tension. There has been a part of a team this year and I don’t really speak to my mom. I don’t necessarily see a role for my government in the future, either. I don’t necessarily see a role for my government in the future, either.”

This is in contrast to traditional theatre, which is performed in one-weekend shows. Macartney explained that this setup is difficult for actors. “They’re always having to think about the fact that everyone is around them. It is hard for designers too,” she said. “I don’t think that’s quite as good all the way around. People are going to be less than 10 feet away from any set piece. And sometimes they’re doing experiments with the audience.”

STF designers have access to many of the resources that main-stage faculty productions do. “They have access to the props and the lighting and the set design and the costumes. And this is really the only role that they have access to the theatre props and furniture stocks. So there really are a lot of options if they use their resources wisely.”

Although STF is primarily a senior project, the student directors can cast students from all class standings. “Freshmen have gotten cast multiple times in really big plays on stage,” Kljucec said.

In his first year of college, Kljucec participated in STF. “I’ve never done theatre before coming to the University of Puget Sound,” Kljucec said. “I’ve been so interested in acting. They were holding STF auditions. … I auditioned and got in and it was STF the first time I had ever done anything like this. I’ve been working as an intern.”

Kljucec is fulfilling part of his thesis by sound designing “Lucy,” which opened March 31, and acting in the final play of the festival, “Afters.”

Each play will be performed Friday night at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 2 and 7:30 p.m. “The Pillowmen” will be performed in the Tahoma room, and “The Trial” on Thursday night with auditions at 7:30 p.m. March 14 and 15, and “Afters: A Ghost Story” on April 21 and 22.

Senior Theatre Festival: the process of the theatre thesis

By Angela Cookton

March 28-31 marked Puget Sound’s second annual Suicide Awareness and Prevention week, brought to campus by the University’s chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).

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The week’s events kicked off on Tuesday, March 29 with a yoga class organized and led by the Puget Sound Yoga Club. This class is open to anyone and gives participants a chance to de-stress and take a break from their busy schedules.

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Suicide is not a dirty word: Puget Sound participates in Suicide Prevention Week

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Kaepernick’s career in jeopardy after political action

By Zachary Fletcher

"Oh, say can you see, by the dawn's early light? Who proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?" Prior to every football, soccer, baseball and other major sporting event, these words are repeated and emphasized as custom. Whether live or recorded, the national anthem serves as an opportunity to get people out of their seats, to put their hands over their hearts, and to sway or sing along to our nation’s music. But recently in the sports world, some athletes have utilized this time for other actions. Instead of just honoring the anthem, some athletes have started kneeling in protest of the anthem.

"Staying true to our beliefs," senior Rob Korbel (Denver, Colorado) said. "I love sports. I felt it was the right thing to do."

"The problem that I had with Kaepernick’s actions have been his actions about the flag," according to NFL.com, Kaepernick said, "I’m not saying that I don’t agree with what he’s saying, but I don’t agree with how he’s saying it."

"He didn’t vote, and by not doing so I think it doesn’t hurt the ‘kneel for the national anthem’ movement but I do think it hurts his personal argument." As Newfont asserts, voting is how the citizenship makes change happen in our country. We vote the leaders in that can make the change, and we vote the leaders out who we view as counterproductive to making change. Kaepernick’s decision not to vote is a big aspect of the protest situation that goes unnoticed by many.

"In his response he took shots at the people that he needs to work with in order to help the problem, which, in turn, further polarizes the crowd and brings minorities and law enforcement (the two groups Kaepernick alludes to in his response) further away from joining in a conversation," Korbel said.

As Korbel said, the political polarization our country is facing does not get better when people continue to pick fights. Discussion is important and Kaepernick’s choice to go on the attack can be seen by some as completely against Kaepernick’s main point.

The shoe deals, commercials and massive sponsorships that involve professional athletes give them a massive stage to act on. People pay attention to them. People care about what they say and some fans may even adopt the views of a person based solely on their fame.

Kaepernick has shown that using that stage can be tough. The audience can be rough, the approach taken can be cloudily, and it can ruin a career.

But what does that say about our nation? Are we shutting people down for speaking their minds? Are we making a business decision to not invest in a certain person or product associated with a view?

These questions remain unanswered and will be for a long time. But Kaepernick’s actions have shown just how powerful the force of politics can be in the sporting world.

It will be interesting to watch our country’s steps moving forward on free speech, especially that of athletes.

After all, isn’t this the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Track and field hosts Shotwell Invitational

By Will Keyse

The Puget Sound track and field team hosted the Shotwell Invitational last weekend on April 1. The Loggers took several firsts in the meet as the men’s team scored 42 points collectively and the women’s team tallied 53.

"The team has received standout performances from many different athletes over the course of the season, including having several school records broken. These performances have come even in wake of having a much smaller team than in previous seasons," as sophomore runner Emery Bradlina (Boulder, Colorado) elaborates.

"Since the team is very small this year, overall we have done a good job adjusting to the few athletes we have," she said. "It has meant that a lot of people have stepped up their competition level in their individual events and also has inspired people to try new events."

First-year sprinter Megan Stills (Evergreen, Colorado), has noticed the concerted effort amongst her team to step up their performance as the season has progressed.

"We came into this season knowing that we were going to be a little short-handed, but we’ve managed to work incredibly hard under the circumstances. Stills said. "We have runners and athletes getting personal-record times almost every week, and everyone across the board is improving significantly."

With only two meets remaining before the Northwest Conference Championships, many of the athletes on the track and field team are starting to qualify for events. On the men’s side, four different athletes have qualified for conference: first-year students Miles Carlson (Bellevue, Washington) in the 100-meter, Isaac Fournier (Boulder, Colorado) in the 800-meter, and sophomores Matthew Wells (Puyallup, Washington) in the 110-meter hurdles, and Liam Monaghan (Puyallup, Washington) in the 3,000-meter steeplechase.

On the women’s team, there have also been four conference-qualifying athletes: sophomore Emery Bradlina in the 400-meter and 800-meter races, senior Logan Bays (Los Angeles, California) in the 100-meter and 200-meter, juniors Alison Wise (Rainier Island, Washington) in the 800-meter, and Hannah Eshelman (Eugene, Oregon) in the 3,000-meter steeplechase.

Bradlina, the top performer on the women’s team, shared her own personal goals for the conference meets, as well as the team’s overall goals:

"My personal goal is to win the conference title in the 800m. It is my best event, and I got second last season — so the championship title has been on my mind since then. I would also like to qualify for the national championships. As a team, we hope to qualify as many people as possible for conference and from there, compete as best we can in our events."

The Loggers have their next meet this weekend Saturday Apr. 8 in Forest Grove, Oregon, as Pacific University is hosting the penultimate conference meet of the season.
**Sports Recaps**

**Women’s Lacrosse**

After a bye weekend, the women’s lacrosse team competed in two home games against George Fox (Oregon) and Pacific (Oregon) on April 1 and 2. Against the top-ranked Northwest Conference team, George Fox, the Loggers took a hard loss 20-2. The following day the Loggers lost to Pacific, another highly-ranked team at third in conference. Senior Meghan Bacher led the team with two goals in the game against Pacific. In addition, senior Hailey Shoemaker had three ground balls during the weekend. The team will stay home another weekend to play a conference peer Linfield (Oregon) and an outside-of-conference squad, Southwestern (Texas).

**Track and Field**

The weekend of March 24-25 the Logger baseball team competed in three games at home against Whitworth (Washington). In the first game Saturday morning, the Loggers lost in a lengthy battle of 11 innings. However, that afternoon the team beat the Pirates 4-1. Starting pitcher junior Merle Rowan-Kennedy earned his second honor of Logger of Week after pitching 8.1 innings during the Loggers’ win. The following day (Sunday) due to weather, the final game against Whitworth was postponed to Monday, where the Loggers lost 6-2. Wednesday March 29 the Loggers played a double header against Lewis & Clark (Oregon), losing the first game 3-2 and winning the second 7-6. The first weekend of April the men’s baseball team lost all three games away against Whitman (Washington). The Loggers will match up again in a home series against Pacific (Oregon) on Tuesday (April 4) at Cheney Stadium.

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**Softball**

On March 25, the women’s softball team competed against Willamette (Oregon). Unfortunately, the team lost all three games to the Bearcats. Yet, the Lady Loggers competed hard, only losing by one point in the first game Saturday morning. However, on March 26 the Lady Loggers beat Whitworth 20-2. The following day the Loggers lost to Lewis & Clark’s squad 8-3 at home. The team's overall record this season is 11-14, with a conference record of 4-10. The team is tied for third in the Northwest Conference. The winning batters for the Loggers are seniors Jessica Gott with 18 runs, Amber Popovich with 14 runs and Erica Gott with 13 runs. The track and field team will be traveling to Pacific (Oregon) next to compete in the Pacific Luas Invitational on April 8.
Howdy, y’all! It’s Springtime, and you know what that means! Sunshine! More importantly: crafts on crafts on crafts! Here are some of the easiest and most enjoyable crafts we figured out to entertain our friends and families. Hopefully, you too can be the hit of the party with these seven Fun and Flirty Spring Crafts.*

1. **To Fertilize Effervescent Perennials**
   
   My little man Kellie loves to trounce around in the dirt, and there is no better way to get him involved in chores than giving him wet newspaper to feed the plants. Nothing says “Spring” like little wet pieces of newspaper giving your garden the nutrients it needs to grow!

2. **To Hydrate the Skin**
   
   After a long day at the office (and the long commute from the nursery to the kitchen), I like to preserve the glow on my skin by using some scraps of thin paper. Soak in water with your favorite essential oil (here I’m using peppermint and jasmine, yum!) and leave on for three to fifteen minutes.

3. **Trail Salad– Delicious and Nutritious!**
   
   Even I am not exempt from diet fads — and this one’s pretty tasty! Jazz up your lunch routine with the hottest new tasty texture: newspaper. A crouton tossed on top adds visual intrigue.

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   My hubby Marc taught me this one—if you are ever in a pinch to come to the calling of a young woman, use a newspaper to place on a puddle to preserve her frail and feminine feet from getting wet.

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   In order to get my point across that everyone should be following my Pinterest board and my Wordpress blog, I like to do some heavy-handed performance art wherever I go. This one is an easy setup, you only need roughly five hundred copies of a weekly newspaper, preferably one from a small liberal arts college.

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   You must be tired from doing all this crafting! Make yourself a quick bed with all those leftover newspapers, and take a nap.

Now, you may be wondering where you can get such versatile material for crafting. Great question! Stop by the media room for more than your fair share of locally sourced, homegrown mid-sized weekly newspapers. *This has been a sponsored post by the Trail.*

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**Spring has sprung!**

By Anna Graham, Pagliaccio and Louisa Von VanderCamp

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Combatt Zone writers are Molly Mclean and Linnea Stoll. Hannah Ferguson is the Combat Zone editor. 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.
The film was judged by a panel of five judges, including a local filmmaker, a music critic, and a film critic. The judges were impressed with the students' work, which they felt was more dynamic and engaging than in previous years. The competition was judged based on criteria such as story development, cinematography, sound design, and overall impact. The judges were pleased with the creativity and originality of the films, which they believed were more diverse and reflective of the students' personal experiences.

The Film Club's filmmaking process is based entirely on teamwork. After having members submit scripts and choosing the best ones, the team then works together to bring the films to life. The club has been successful in bringing student films to the public, and the organizers are proud of the progress they have made. The club plans to continue to produce high-quality films that are both entertaining and thought-provoking.

The Film Club's recent film, "The Return," was a particularly successful project. The film was directed by a team of students who were able to bring their vision to life with the help of a talented cast and crew. The film was well received by both the audience and the judges, and it was awarded the prize for Best Concept.

The Film Club is looking forward to the future and plans to continue to push the boundaries of student filmmaking. They believe that the key to success is to work together and to be open to new ideas and approaches. The club is open to anyone who is interested in filmmaking, and they encourage anyone who is interested to join them in their efforts to bring student films to the public.
Lettuce 253: Experiencing the Artistic Process

By Parker Barry

Members of an artist’s community don’t always get to share their processes, which is why Lettuce 253 is so special. Last Friday, local Tacoma artists gathered in a refurbished garage to show off their artistic process as well as create connections for artists throughout the city. Lettuce 253 is a unique live event that showcases local artists’ talents through multiple media.

The goal behind the Lettuce 253 events is to provide a space to build a prosperous art community through the showing of live art that has the ability to inspire, empower, and educate. Lettuce 253, although contrary to the name, has nothing to do with “lettuce” (the leafy green vegetable) it provides events around every month to help establish a tightly-knit community of artists.

"The event consists of four artists of a certain medium; this time it was artists using the medium of painting and drawing, Sculptures and artists working in other mediums have also participated," Andriana Cunningham, an artist at Lettuce 253 and a sophomore at the University of Puget Sound said.

"Lettuce 253 is a community of artists. It’s a handful of events starting from January going until May. The idea is that through these events people will realize that there is a strong artistic community in Tacoma," Cunningham said. “Monique Smith, the founder of Lettuce 253, started this series of events with the intention of getting people connected, artists supporting each other, going to each other’s events.

Before the event, the artists are given eighty dollars to buy supplies. The artists bring all of their supplies to the space and have two hours, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., to create a piece of their choice. Andriana’s piece, for example, consisted of a gossamer fabric wrapped around a red lightbulb and painted/drawn on with figures of naked men.

“I really enjoyed seeing the working artists; being able to experience the artists’ creative processes and watching them live in their process was really because you got to see the piece being made from start to finish. It was really cool to see the trial-and-error process that goes into the process of making art, not just the finished product,” sophomore Micaela Seaver said.

While the artists are working the audience members walked about the space and placed their tickets into the jars of the artists’ whose work they wanted to win in the raffle. At the end of the two hours the artwork was raffled off. This is a wonderful opportunity for artists who do not have much experience selling their own artwork. The artists gain experience with self-marketing and self-promotion.

“It was really amazing to be able to get off of campus. When you live on campus it is hard to keep in mind that there is a whole city around you who have different experiences. It was really eye opening to see fellow Tacoma folks,” Seaver said.

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