Recently, it was announced that several departments' requests for tenure lines were going to be paused for at least a year. Faculty are now questioning why this decision was made, and what the impact on next year and the potential trend it may speak to. Over the past two weeks, I conducted interviews with various faculty and administrative officials. Many of the faculty I spoke with agreed to talk off the record or provide anonymous quotes. Out of respect for the faculty and administration in question, I have refrained from printing people's names and from listing specific departments.

At Universities, there are several types of professors. Generally speaking, there are tenure-line professors and non-tenure-line professors. Non-tenure-line professors, also called contingent faculty, include visiting assistant professors (VAP), adjunct faculty, and instructors. Contingent faculty tend to teach at a university through a contract that lasts a certain number of years. Adjunct faculty, which are not very common at Puget Sound, teach on a per-course basis. Tenure-line faculty are full-time faculty members who are in the process of trying to attain tenure. At Puget Sound, a tenure-line professor is up for tenure after six years of teaching.

One faculty member explained the process: “First it is your own department: do you fit the department, do you deserve tenure? If you have tenure, and can you demonstrate that you are adequate to the standards of the department? Then after that it goes to a committee that is also composed of your peers and people outside your department. … If you pass those two levels then it goes to the administration. … It’s a real process.”

“Tenure provides a number of benefits, but the most prominent is job security. As one faculty member explained, ‘tenure means the university cannot fire you for your views.’”

Many of the faculty members I talked to echoed the same sentiment and almost all of them threw around the phrase “academic freedom.” “Tenure, they explained, allows faculty to express their views without fear of repercussion.”

This sentiment was echoed by another faculty member who is currently on the tenure track, who added that tenure also means students with “the knowledge that their profs aren’t censoring themselves for fear of being unpopular or for ideological reasons.” They went on to say, “I self-censor a lot for fear of my own tenure file, both in the classroom and outside, in a place where intellectual freedom is the whole purpose.”

In addition to protecting a professor’s job security and academic freedom, tenure also serves both students and the school. Job security allows faculty to be more invested in the University.

One faculty member remarked that non-tenured faculty are “on the job market the whole time. … You’re applying for the like 20 jobs. It’s like a half-time job.” A tenured professor doesn’t have to do that. They have job security and they can invest in the institution as well.

This investment in the institution can include anything from serving on faculty senate to sponsoring student organizations or leading initiatives to create change at the school.

As mentioned before, five departments who are currently awaiting tenure lines were told recently that their tenure lines will be paused for a year. Provost Kris Bartanen explained several contributing circumstances. The School of Music is still looking for a director, which is a timely process. Additionally, the School of Business and Leadership is also looking to fill several tenure-line positions following the unexpected departure of professors.

Additionally, there is the search for the new provost. The provost sits on the committee that reviews professors for tenure and has a say in who, and to whom, tenure is allocated. Many faculty explained that this pause in tenure reviews during a time of transition like this is not particularly surprising.

Beyond the change in the makeup of the administration, there are also other structural changes currently in the works. These include the Strategic Plan and proposed curriculum changes being put forth by the Curricular Faculty Forum (CTF). It is important to note that all of the proposed changes to the curriculum are still being worked on. Before any changes are actually made, 50 percent of faculty must approve the proposal. The proposed changes have been discussed publicly in several senate meetings, as well as in some open meetings. To learn more about the CTF, you can request the Student Senate minutes from February 28, 2019 where the proposal was presented to students and discussed by student representatives.

Until the changes are approved — and if approved, implemented — we will not know exactly what impact they may have. As one faculty member explained, “Representing the changes to the current curriculum have left some faculty feeling concerned about the future of tenure for their departments.”

One faculty member mentioned: “I would say, the pause regarding the tenure line appoints will be further exacerbated by the pause created by moving towards the new curriculum. The current administration will say that they want to see how the new curriculum unfolds before they commit to certain tenure lines. And so it will be a reluctance to make some commitments.”

“Tenure” continued on page 2

By Bailey Gamel
"Tenure" continued from cover

Many of the faculty I spoke with also discussed concerns about the direction the Strategic Plan will take the University. One reason the school is pursuing the new plan is to address enrollment challenges.

“There is no doubt we have challenges financially, and in terms of enrollment,” a faculty member said.

This was consistently brought up during interviews, with faculty pointing out that the school’s enrollment has declined over all, there is a limited number of resources, and many places demand those resources. However, many faculty were critical of the way the University is spending money, looking to renovation projects as well as what they see as flattering the corporatization of the University.

In recent years, the school has redecorated the Physical Therapy Building, built new dorms, and, of course, is currently building the new Welcome Center. While it is true that the funds for those projects came from giving campaigns, faculty are left questioning why the school is allocating resources and giving campaigns towards new infrastructure. One faculty member pointed out, “We aren’t even asking for more [money], we are asking for the same.”

Another professor stated, “The priorities for the institution in terms of facilities should be focused on two things: students and faculty, because we can go without the rest of the stuff when it comes down to it. That’s not to say that it’s unimportant, but it’s unimportant; they need to be maintained. … It’s part of the magic. That stuff matters, but only if it enhances the human relationship between students and faculty.”

Faculty also voiced concerns that the University is beginning to act more like a business rather than an institution of higher education.

A senior faculty member stated, “To the extent that we are corporatized, with a lot of the discussion becoming secular and with administration, we will finally see whether or not by addressing and succumbing to market forces that attitude towards education is finally just a different version of becoming our own grave diggers.”

A large part of concern for many faculty is the fact that these changes are coming from the top down. One faculty member stated, “The Strategic Plan was a fully managed process from the administration, originating from the top down, skillfully including and perhaps co-opting faculty in the process.”

It is not without sounding curriculum changes and the Strategic Plan, faculty have also voiced concerns about the direction the new provost will potentially take. Whatever the next provost will have a say in the matter, the faculty is currently aligned. One stated that there is “a lot at stake in the next provost.

If we have a ruthless corporate or business-minded provost who wants to move the Board of Trustees or the President instead of down to faculty, and considers themselves the real representative, it could present real challenges.”

Concerns about a movement away from traditional liberal arts education were also voiced. Provost Bartanen said in an interview that 76 percent of our faculty are tenure-line. Nationally, 75 percent of faculty in university are not tenure line. A faculty member provided a slightly different statistical number about the statistic of contingent versus tenure line faculty at Puget Sound. They cited information from Goal Team 3 of the Strategic Plan, which stated that 39 percent of faculty are contingent (in other words, not tenure line). I tried to get clarification about this discrepancy, but at the time of writing, no clarification was provided.

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The word “equity” was tossed around a lot in this meeting, and I say tossed around because I can’t confirm that every senator who used it knew what it means. It’s more than just “fairness.” Equity is the idea that everyone is given what they need to flourish, and have the same access to opportunity as others. A wheelchair ramp for every building on campus? Equitable. More gender neutral bathrooms in plain sight on campus? Equitable. Plan B pills available at reduced price at CHWS? Equitable. Discussing the budget of The Trail to look like the budget of KUPS, a fundamentally different organization, and butchering the paychecks of 23 aspiring journalists and writers? Not so equitable. Writers at The Trail deserve better than what Senate has done to us. While our Editor-in-Chief is working hard to find a way to retain our current rate in the budget we’ve now been given, Senate made it clear that our concerns are not going to be heard. One Senator, in the meeting, pushed for settling the matter quickly so that we could put it behind us, citing the historical “bad blood” between The Trail and Senate. I can’t possibly imagine where that bad blood came from.

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**Tacoma Public Schools to lose $30 million in funding**

**By Kylie Gurewitz**

Tacoma Public Schools (TPS), one of the largest school districts in Washington state, serves approximately 30,000 students in K-12. These students, combined with the over 2,000 staff members employed by Tacoma Public schools, will be affected by the latest budget cuts—a loss of $30 million in funding.

On April 18, a School Board Budget Work Study Session was held at the Lincoln High School auditorium in Tacoma. This is one of several community work sessions for the school board to gain insight on how to best address this loss of funding. The school district is trying to get a better sense of the district’s financial picture and to establish a longer-term plan to empower communities more greatly. They also urged them to consider their cuts through a lens of equity, and to consider how cuts will impact marginalized communities more greatly. They also urged them to consider enhancing the professional development program and to build trust with parents, teachers and communities by being transparent throughout this budgeting process.

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**Tacoma School Board Candidate kicks off campaign at King’s Books**

**By Julia Schiff**

“She’s taught me so much in my life, how to be just me and how to be ok to be me, to show my emotions and open up to people,” a child of about eight years old said regarding Lisa Keating. Keating, one of the candidates for the upcoming Tacoma School Board, serves approximately 2,000 staff members employed by Tacoma Public Schools, and currently serves as the students of Allies in Action stood around her. In front of her.

She gave the example of Spokane public schools, which have combined the duties of teachers and school librarians. “To that I say, good luck with that, Spokane. When it comes to decision-making … please choose to protect the very heart of the school: the library,” she said.

One more teacher-librarian from Washington Elementary also spoke and emphasized similar ideas: “The libraries aren’t just additional things, the library is the heart. And we are trying, desperately, to create an environment where every child is welcome, every child is treated equally. I am thinking about equity, I am thinking about access.”

One school nurse also spoke, asking the board to prioritize student health. She explained that she currently works at two, sometimes three different schools, and has noticed a rise in student health problems in the last few years. She also suggested that one possible area to cut could be field trips.

Another speaker was a mother of a first grader, who said, “I’m interested in considering their cuts through a lens of equity, and to consider how cuts will impact marginalized communities more greatly.” She also urged them to consider enhancing the professional development program and to build trust with parents, teachers and communities by being transparent throughout this budgeting process.

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**News and Notes**

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President Trump famously does not hesitate in making it known that he has a negative view of the press. His battle with the press continued on April 11 with the indictment of Australian journalist Julian Assange. Assange is the founder and director of WikiLeaks, an organization that publishes news leaks and classified information from anonymous sources.

The complexity of the legality of WikiLeaks is one of the contributing factors as to why the site's main server is located in Sweden. According to Wikipedia, Sweden has some of the world's strongest laws protecting anonymity of sources. Assange himself has been making headlines recently, having recently been officially indicted by the Justice Department. While the indictment is breaking news, the reasons for arresting Assange are several years old, with allegations dating back to 2010.

The press release by the Department of Justice on April 11 states that “according to court documents unsealed today, the charge relates to Assange’s alleged role in one of the largest compromises of classified information in the history of the United States.”

Allegedly, in March 2010, Assange conspired with Chelsea Manning, a former U.S. Army intelligence analyst, to assist in cracking a password on U.S. Department of Defense computers. The password would have allowed Manning to access the computers under a different username and anonymously send classified records to WikiLeaks. However, the password was not cracked and the leak in information was traced back to Manning.

Hundreds of thousands of military documents were leaked, revealing numerous war crimes and corruption by the U.S. and other governments.

During this time, the National Security Agency made a decision to collect and save all communications with a U.S. IP address. According to the court documents, the NSA collected information about a number of people who had been communicating with Assange. The NSA then began to converge this information with the surveillance of U.S. persons. Assange was arrested and charged with conspiring to commit violations of the Espionage Act.

Assange’s indictment is breaking news, the implications it has on the future of journalism.

“With the detention and state sanctioned intimidation of both Assange and Chelsea Manning, the future of investigative journalism and democracy looks dark indeed,” Smithers concluded.

By Sofia Vazquez

Taco Bell Incident in Point Defiance Park

Point Defiance is a park that has great importance to the Tacoma community. It is located on the coast of Puget Sound and is used by many people for recreation and relaxation. However, there have been instances of violence and crime in the park that have caused concern among the community.

In 2017, Point Defiance Park was the site of a shooting that resulted in the death of a man. The shooting was caused by a dispute between two groups of people.

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“I work with a lot of the business in the Tacoma Tide flats area, so Port of Tacoma. They’re manufacturing, industrial and marathons businesses and they all give back in different ways each year. But we thought it would be fun to do a cleanup event around Earth Day where everyone comes together and pitches in,” Neal said.

“Last year was the first year that they did this in conjunction with Metro Parks, so last year we had about 60 [people], and this year we have about 85. Next year the goal is 100. So we’ll keep doing this every year,” Neal said.

With the increasing help of the community, Point Defiance will continue to be the place people enjoy today with their families and friends.

According to Marina Admin and Programming Assistant Gene Anderson, Point Defiance Park stretches from Point Ruston to Point Defiance and is used for rental boats owned by people submerged in a couple of inches by the tide every day while the new Marina is used for storing boats owned by people and is built higher up, according to Anderson.

In addition, Point Defiance is also home to the Science and Math Institute, a high school where kids take classes all over the park and learn about the environment, art, music and math, according to Anderson.

Hopefully with events like this, citizens can reduce how much global warming affects the park so we can enjoy the beauty of this park for a long time now. However, climate change has been affecting people’s experiences. The old part of the Marina is used for rental boats and is submersed in a couple of inches by the tide every day while the new Marina is used for storing boats owned by people and is built higher up, according to Anderson.

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End of semester bucket list!

By Ellen Finn

• Ask your crush out. This is the most obvious bucket list item. What do you have to lose? Time’s a-tickin for you to let the cutie who sits across from you in Geology know that you think they’re a butte (truly, geologists have the best pick up lines! Did you know that there is a mineral called Cummingtonite!). Sure, you run the risk of getting yourself into a situation ship from afar over the summer, but it could be worth it. If it doesn’t turn out like you hope, you have the entire summer to retreat and recover.

• Approach someone on a dating app. If you’re not going to approach a friend you like in person, hit up a stranger or an acquaintance on Tinder/Grinder/Bumble/etc. It doesn’t take as much courage to shoot someone a silly line but still gives a thrill!

• If you’re already seeing someone, try a completely new sexual position with your partner or try getting it in on away from your bed. If you’re not sleeping with anyone or aren’t interested, consider taking Bennett’s advice from earlier this semester and try sleeping naked.

• In a similar vein, use masturbation or sex as a way to relieve the stress of finals (but make sure you don’t fall into a bout of procrasturbation!)

• If you need a study break (or are procrastinating) check out some amazing LGBTQ+ online magazines. My favorite is Autostraddle, a kickass feminist site for lesbian, bisexual or otherwise-inclined women and girls. It includes an enormous amount of content covering pop culture, sex and dating, art, politics and lots of hilarious joke-y material. Also, I appreciate Autostraddle because it mindfully cultivates a sincere and supportive online community of LGBTQ+ women and nonbinary folks. Another awesome website is them. Dubbed the best of what’s queer, them. highlights LGBTQ+ art, film, music and activism. It doesn’t have the most gripping creative articles, but it is a great jumping off point for LGBTQ+ internet finds. Finally, if you haven’t already heard of Redress, I don’t know what you’re doing still reading this list. Even though it isn’t exclusively LGBTQ+, this satirical women’s online magazine has some hilarious LGBTQ+ content. Every single article the site churns out is ridiculous and perfect and will have you quadruple texting articles to all of your friends with “HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA YEP!”

Happy Trail Crossword

How well did you follow this section this year? Try this puzzle out to see!

The Pierce County AIDS Foundation is using National Youth HIV/AIDS Month to put on a National Youth HIV/AIDS Awareness Art Show through April 30th.

With April as National Youth HIV/AIDS Awareness Month, sisters Kristen and Dana Johnson combined Kristin’s vibrant art panels with photographs taken by Dana during her travels to a residence in Thailand for children affected by HIV/AIDS. The series captures the expressive faces of people with AIDS from around the world. The exhibit is in the PCAF Gallery (3009 S 40th Street in Tacoma) and lasts through this weekend — catch it when you can!
Hoarding S.U.B. dishes hinders Diner operations and sustainability efforts

By Hana Morita

Riddle me this. What is everywhere and nowhere at the same time? If you read the title of the article you can probably guess it — the S.U.B. dishes. It is not too hard to see a lonely, misplaced plate or bowl lying in the library, sitting unwashed by the laundry room sink or slowly piling up in your room. (For the last one, I am honestly a little guilty.)

“Want to encourage students to use reusable dishes so it’s our practice to allow people to take dishes from the S.U.B. We don’t mind that at all. But over the last few years each year we had a dip and more replacing then. ”

Terry Halvorson, the Director of Dining and Conference Services (DCS), said about the issue of missing dishes.

According to statistics provided by Halvorson, the number of reusable dishes being purchased by DCS has been steadily increasing. During the 2016–2017 school year, $13,067 was spent on new plates, bowls, forks, knives, spoons, mugs and tumblers. For the 2017–2018 school year, $15,954 was spent replacing missing dishes. The 2018-2019 school year has not yet finished but DCS has already spent $14,294 on restocking dishes. In fact, so many dishes went missing during one two- to three-week period that nearly all small bowls were unavailable for sale.

“My understanding they brought in about three to four thousand over winter break and by … April we were down to under 100,” sophomore DCS student worker Stephen Hymer said.

Hymer, who had been working his dish shift in the S.U.B. from 11:30–1:30 p.m. took a photo on Thursday, April 18, of Hymer’s caption read. “That’s our job. We clean dishes. … But someone just felt the need to dump it on the staff,” Hymer said about the post. “You can’t do that. This is college. No one’s going to take your dishes away,” he said.

Hymer, who had been working his dish shift in the S.U.B. from 11:30–1:30 p.m. took a photo on Thursday, April 18, of a moldy bowl and posted a PSA on “Puget Sound Memes for Birkenstock Wearing Teens,” a Facebook meme page run by students.

“PSA: Please bring your bowls back sooner rather than later DCS has to throw them away if they’re moldy because they’re no longer safe to eat out of since they’re plastic. It’s also just gross to deal with,” Hymer’s caption read.

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In addition, the University of Puget Sound was recently ranked by the Peace Corps, which among other things is the agency’s list of top volunteer-producing colleges and universities in 2019, as well as a top producer of Fulbright Scholars by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, as stated on the University’s website. All of these contribute to the possibilities one may have as a university student learning another language on campus. …

The hope in changing the name of the foreign language requirement is to promote both a sense of equality as well as encourage students to continue learning, regardless if they know one, two, three or four languages.

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According to Halvorson, mold in plastic dishes poses a health risk for users and therefore the dishes are thrown away just to be on the safer side. Because they must be thrown away, it takes away from the school’s efforts to be a more sustainable, greener campus.

“Leaving dishes all over campus compounds into the rising cost of meal plans and/or tuition. It is also a health hazard. For everybody’s sake,” Halvorson said.

Many other students have also complained about the lack of accountability for dirty S.U.B. dishes.

“Don’t dump your dirty dishes. That’s what we are here to do, to take care of them,” Mathews said, referring to the common practice of students dumping their dirty dishes in dorm common areas.

“It doesn’t take that long to bring a dish back … Just stop by your room for 10 seconds, grab whatever dishes you have and bring them back … before you get moldy, and if they’re a little dirty, wash them out in the sink and then bring it back to us. That’s the best thing you can do and it will go a long way to helping the staff do the job more efficiently and effectively and safely,” Hymer said.

“Don’t just worry about yourself. … Everyone is bringing back a lot of dishes, like they’ll be in trouble. But nobody will ever be in trouble for bringing back dishes,” Halvorson said.

Indeed, soon after finishing this article, I gathered up a few dirty dishes and brought them back to the S.U.B. and nobody batted an eye.

Language professors speak to importance of language requirement

By Juliano Estrada Donatelli

The foreign language requirement at liberal arts schools like Puget Sound is often thought of as an obstacle that one tries to quickly pass with minimal stress and effort. Is the foreign language requirement really just a haphazard glance in the opposite direction from one’s studies? And are students really motivated by the University to see the value in dedicating a portion of their education toward learning another language?

As part of the graduation requirement, the University of Puget Sound requires “all students … to demonstrate college-level knowledge of a classical or modern foreign language,” as stated by the University’s webpage.

Yet, the same webpage offers quite a few options for those who would want to either dodge the full language requirement or even opt out of it entirely.

Right now, as stated by the University’s webpage, a student can do so by either “achieving a score of 4 or 5 on the College Board Advanced Placement examination, or a score of 5, 6 or 7 on an International Baccalaureate program exam, completing … one semester at the 200 level or above, with a passing grade … passing a language examination in Chinese, French, German, Greek, Japanese, Latin or Spanish … [or] passing an achievement test in a language not taught at Puget Sound.”

“The national trend … for foreign languages in general has tapered down. … American students are still not taking enough second languages, even though the country is getting more diverse,” Lotus Perry, a language instructor in the Chinese Department, said. “Nobody expects Americans to speak a second language, isn’t that sad?”

According to the 2016 Modern Language Association (MLA) report on foreign language enrollment in higher education, the amount of students at the university level studying foreign languages is at a decline: “The 2013 MLA census showed overall enrollments falling by 6.7%. At the time, it was not clear whether the drop represented an anomaly in the growth of language enrollments that had continued uninterrupted since 1998 or was the beginning of a sustained downward trend, something that had not happened since the 1970s. The 9.2% decline for fall 2016 clarifies any uncertainty.

In light of this decline, and an hoc committee at Puget Sound is working on revamping the current language requirement.

“Not only important to keep talking about the advantages of second language acquisition and how it can help learners advance their career opportunities,” Nida Kiali, the only Arabic instructor on campus, said. “In terms of classes, students should choose a variety of language and cultures to choose from. Such languages should go beyond first year level.”

Some of the languages currently taught at the University of Puget Sound include Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Greek, Hindi, Indonesian, Japanese, Latin and Spanish.

In addition, students have the opportunity to study abroad in other countries through 142 University-approved programs.

“We want students in small liberal arts school to extend that breadth,” Perry said. “We want you to explore.”

Often stressed by language professors is the importance of recognizing ourselves as a part of a global society, whether one stays outsides the United States or not. If students want to be competitive in the job market, language acquisition is almost guaranteed to give someone an edge. Furthermore, as the United States becomes more diverse, language acquisition can appear a necessary aspect of not only not better communication but also endorsing and maintaining such diversity.

“Learning a language is a very important aspect of a liberal arts education,” Diane Kelley, a professor in the French Studies Department, said. “Not everyone speaks English and not everyone should speak English. We need to reach out in a global society and find ways to communicate with each other.”

“Just look around and see how beautiful and multicultural our world is becoming,” Kiali said. “Additionally, the world is becoming more and more global and codependent. Regardless of the field, every workplace looks to hire people who are familiar with cultures other than their own.”

Part of the foreign language committee’s goal is to change the actual name of the current foreign language requirement to something else.

“Spanish to me may be a foreign language but to somebody else it’s their native language,” Perry said. “Chinese is my native language but to someone else it is a foreign language, but I American just like you are.”

The hope in changing the name of the foreign language requirement is to promote both a sense of equality as well as encourage students to continue learning, regardless if they know one, two, three or four languages.

“Studying language is a commitment. … The major goal is to train our students to become a citizen in a global community. … Chinese is hard to learn, but once you are getting into it, it is a very double language to study,” Perry said. “It’s not just about the language proficiency … you can make connections within other disciplines within the Asian Studies Program.”

In addition, the University of Puget Sound was recently ranked by the Peace Corps, which among other things is the agency’s list of top volunteer-producing colleges and universities in 2019, as well as a top producer of Fulbright Scholars by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, as stated on the University’s website. All of these contribute to the possibilities one may have as a university student learning another language on campus.

“As for liberal arts education, I am fond of making foreign language study mandatory for every college student,” Kiali said. “To create critical thinkers, colleges should commit to offering students courses across disciplines that are not of their major. Regardless of the field, every workplace looks to hire people who are familiar with cultures other than their own.”

When asked about the future of the language departments in general at the University, many instructors said that they hope to see changes to the status quo, but not of the same one is doing anything about it, which was really gross. So dishes kept getting stacked up in the laundry room and no one was doing anything about it, which was really gross. I bought some dish soap and a sponge and left a note saying that they can clean their dishes, Mathews said.

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Philanthropy Northwest hosts talk on “Crime and Punishment in Black America’

By Eli Harris

Keynote speaker James Forman Jr. had just finished discussing a recent protest in neighboring King County, which was part of an ongoing series of marches led by Imani Simmons and her criminal justice reform organization Civil Society. Civil Society has been leading protests for some of the hundreds of protesters, had used the familiar civil rights tactic of racial profiling and harassment, addressed to the cruel and inhumane conundrum of legal fines, fees and debt that systematically disenfranchises the county’s most disadvantaged citizens.

“So, Pierce County,” Forman Jr. said, “how’s tomorrow?”

Forman Jr. was lecturing as part of the Crosscurrents Racial Equity Speaker Series, hosted last Thursday at 6 p.m. at the packed Rattle Theatre in downtown Tacoma. His talk was titled “Crime and Punishment in Black America.”

Forman Jr.’s speech ranged from biographical anecdotes about growing up as the child of an interracial couple deeply involved in the civil rights movement, to a discussion of his acclaimed 2017 nonfiction book “Locking Up Our Own: Crime and Punishment in Black America,” which systematically analyzed the cruel and inhumane conundrum of legal fines, fees and debt that systematically disenfranchises the county’s most disadvantaged citizens.

Forman Jr. proceeded to discuss his 2018 Pulitzer-Prize-winning book, describing it as “fundamentally a book about stories,” drawn from his experience as a public defender, a job he once saw as the civil rights work of his generation. According to Forman Jr., the book “seeks to understand that war on crime that began in the 1970s and why it was supported by many African American leaders in the nation’s urban centers.”

Labeling mass incarceration as a “human rights crisis,” Forman Jr. challenged audience members by asking, “what is the problem that you are going to do?”

His question pointed to the intertwined reality that people who have committed no crimes, but who have that status, to being in criminal justice system, can tailor to reflect problems and deny personal responsibility at all costs.

Forman Jr. characterized the problems of the previous criminal justice roles in social movements as unified and inevitable, arguing that “not everybody was in the movement,” and that colleges and universities that now take pride in campus activism disowned it and distanced themselves from it at the time.

A discussion panel followed the talk, led by Aiko Bethea, Head of Diversity and Inclusion at Fred Hutchinson, a cancer research institute headquartered in Seattle. The panel featured Judge Cuthbertson and Sean Goode, the executive director of the Choose 180 Youth Program, alongside Forman Jr.

The conversation ranged from representations of the nexus between slavery and our present reality of mass incarceration experienced by Judge Cuthbertson in his daily work life, to the criminalization of public health and behavioral issues such as mental health and addiction.

The panel also pointed to innovative solutions and major policy changes to address mass incarceration, including pre-trial services, challenging unjust and damaging laws, implementing restorative justice practices, and political atmosphere.

Forman Jr.’s lecture imparted not only an important message about the immediacy and severity of mass incarceration, but also challenged audience members to make themselves a more significant part of the resistance. By bringing vital and effective programs like LEAD and Choose 180 to the city of Tacoma and its many college campuses, a creative and imaginative response to mass incarceration can begin to do the difficult work of combating the cruelty and unethical practices of the United States criminal justice system.

Ecopoetry class offers workshop opportunity to advanced student poets

By Brynn Svenningsen

“It’s about more than just environmental content, but thinking about ecology as a kind of model for the way in which poetic form emerges,” English professor Bill Kapleau said of his own Ecopoetry Writing class. English 328 has been offered almost every semester for the past few years, challenging Puget Sound students to connect poetry to a particular theme. While past themes include spoken-word and found poetry, this year’s theme of ecopoetry encourages students to question the relationship between ecology and poetry.

Each week students submit a poem to be workshopped in a small group or whole-class setting. Kapleau does not hold students to the theme of ecopoetry but rather encourages his students to embrace a creative suggestion from which poems can take inspiration.

By Molly Weegar

“Crayfish Omelets”

One Saturday morning we climbed in your green pickup. Filled with discarded moss bottles and loose shotgun shells.

We went to wade in the crisp clear stream in search of those freshwater crustaceans. Upturning rocks making the stream cloudy and our feet disappear below the mud.

When you would declare with christly pleasure there to be enough in our buckets. We climbed back into that green pickup filled with discarded moss bottles and loose shotgun shells.

Softly to the seeds.

“Harvesting Song”

By Kate Threat

You say you’re a ghost but I can hold your hands and their soft dimples cradling me

the waves of your fingertips wash over mine and erode the cracks on my palms

so please don’t go

the chill of your absence will engulf me upon my hands

expose skin flesh and bone to icy winds and sleet

my hands will crack and dissolve into haunted valleys of death.

“Intimacy”

By Zeno Deleno Guerrero

“you never completely cooks away, the roots lift easy, over my baby. she pushes them up one by one and we never want for any more than her.”

my baby sleeps soundly next to the river bed. she swims in the dirt and sings sweet songs to the seeds.

can you hear her? do you taste her lullabies caled in love and dash on your lips after you season her? she never completely cooks away.

can you see her? can you see her?”

to the seeds.

the eggs into a yellow soup.

When you would declare with christly pleasure there to be enough in our buckets. We climbed back into that green pickup fi

Where we boiled and shielded the eggs in a yellow soup.

When I watched your strong back as you handled the

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The University of Puget Sound supports 11 men's and 12 women's sports, all of which have a dominant presence in the athletic administration. However, most are unaware that the Puget Sound athletic program supports three full-time athletic trainers on campus seven days a week. These athletic trainers assist players with any injuries, sickness, ache or pain, as well as nutrition.

Jamie Lange, a two-sport athlete playing soccer and basketball, had many experiences with the athletic training staff. “The athletic trainers take great care of all athletes and making sure we have the right access to things that will get us to the top of our game and maintain that level,” Lange said.

The three athletic trainers have offices within the athletic training room. The room is located in the fieldhouse and is comprised of tables, chairs, an ultrasound, rehabilitation tools, stationary bikes and norma-tec recovery boots. All of these tools help athletes heal everything from sore hamstrings to torn ACLs.

All three athletic trainers work with all athletes, but in some cases teams are assigned to their own trainer. Athletic trainer Lisa Kenney described why all three athletic trainers encompass such a wide range of knowledge. “We all come from different athletic training backgrounds, and each have our own way of doing things; however we aren’t afraid to ask each other what they think about an injury or a new rehab idea,” Kenney said.

The three athletic trainers also travel with some of the sports teams depending on the type of sport and the number of athletes on the team. For instance, when Ajax heroically came back from a one-goal deficit to win the semi-finals, the three athletic trainers ended up in the Northwescon conference as an athletic trainer.

However, Puget Sound is the only school in the country with the three full-time athletic trainers, which gives the Logger sports teams a huge advantage with recovery time and rehabilitation.

Because of her participation in two sports, Lange has worked closely with two of the athletic trainers, Lisa Kenney, who oversees the women's soccer team, and Jason Hand, who manages the women's basketball team. Lange tore her ACL, her senior spring of high school and explained the impact the athletic trainers had during her rehabilitation.

“They took me through the rest of my physical therapy and added in strength and conditioning exercises to make sure I wasn’t going into any of my seasons out of shape or weak. When I sprained my MCL, they were on call 24/7 on hand that was a continued experience in making sure I was confident and comfortable in my knee’s ability to perform,” Lange said.

The semi-finals will occur on Tuesday, April 30 and Tuesday, May 7. The winner of the 2019 Champions League will be decided on June 1. No matter the outcome, the remaining five matches will bring the same level of entertainment that the competition has delivered time and time again.
SPORTS & OUTDOORS

The hottest summer plans are no plans at all
By Serena Hawkey

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Pictured: The Puget Sound along Ruston Way

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Enlightened student doesn’t care about school

By Bean McQueen

Puget Sound junior Elbin Grouse may be attending college, but unlike most students, he sees higher education for the puppet show it is.

“Every person in society thinks that work and school is so important,” Grouse said. “Nobody stops to wonder what it’s all about. Nobody but me.”

Most people are too busy being sheep to think critically about society, capitalism and education. Once in a generation, a truly intelligent man is born. A man like Grouse.

“Don’t let school get in the way of your education,” Grouse said. “There’s only so much you can learn from books. That’s why I don’t read books anymore. I just watch five-minute YouTube videos about Freud so I can help people understand why they’re wrong.”

Grouse, who is finishing his third year at Puget Sound, has taken three credits every semester and is on track to graduate by the time he graduates, Grouse’s parents will have spent nearly $100,000 on his Puget Sound experience.

“Everyone is so obsessed with ‘working hard’ to ‘be successful’. It’s disgusting how much people get paid. I wish everyone would just hang out at their stepdad’s beach house. Why are they wrong?”

Freud so I can help people understand why they’re wrong.

I asked different members of The Brotherhood of the Mind if they had any plans to act on their radical values for the puppet show it is.

“I’m not going to dance for the Rat King,” Grouse said. “I’m more of a cosmopolitan, a citizen of the world,” Brotherhood member Kinisline Cook said. “Americans are stupid and ignorant, so that label doesn’t really fit me.”

“I wish someone would flip society on its freaking head,” Brotherhood member Trilmy Tankerbox said. “But I’m busy vacationing here this weekend. I’m having a thing at my stepdad’s beach house.”

The Brotherhood of the Mind, as the name suggests, is an overwhelmingly male group. The members are also nearly all white. There are only two women in the group, who other members universally described as “not like other girls.”

“I’m just friends with guys because it’s less drama,” Victoria Pantle, female Brotherhood member, said. During our interview, she drew a single realistic eye in blue ink in the margins of her notebook.

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Diner actually a wormhole to M*goos

By Grizz’s Toe

I was a weirdo in my observation that on Wednesdays at noon in the Diner the Especial was especially crowded, elbows exceptionally swinging, hormones particularly abating. I thought I was uniquely keen in my noticing that on Thursday nights campus was quieter, the sound of the wind a little louder, the chirp of the water sprinklers a smidge clearer.

But at noon in the diner on my 21st birthday (a Wednesday, no less), I began to understand that this Wednesday/Thursday feeling is much, much bigger than me, dare I say, it is omnipotent. On this hallowed day, when I reached to accept my pasta bake and the clock struck 12 p.m., the unfathomable happened. My bowl clattered to the ground, the walls of the diner were quiet; the sound of the sub started spinning, every single male athlete was suddenly there, the multi-liquid Diner machines started pouring beer, Eminem began playing, I was spinning, spinning, spinning, it was all spinning, utter cacophony reigned, each campus cow was flying around the diner and then BOOM — I was in, what now I know is M*goos.

When I exited what the scientists call: “Portal to Hell” on Thursday nights campus was quieter, the sound of the wind a little louder, the chirp of the water sprinklers a smidge clearer.

At noon in the diner on my 21st birthday I was on a different planet. It was the effects of the wormhole — Albert Einstein and Judith Butler determined that the wormhole further forces people into the gender binary, and the performance of said binary. All around me was pandemonium: darts throwing, hot girls drooling over slumped men, sweat pouring. I screamed over the music, “SIRI! Never let me enter the Wheelock Building (S.U.B.) and commenting upon the decline of the culture. At night, they often hold seances to try to contact the ghost of Sigmund Freud. These seances are usually held in someone’s stepdad’s beach house.

During the interview, I mentioned that the members of The Brotherhood of the Mind if they had any plans to act on their radical values but had trouble getting a straight answer.

“I think, therefore I’m Dangerous. I’m not going to dance for the Rat King,” Grouse said.
By Arielle Harvey

In the world of competitive sports, well-being and excellence are often in competition with each other. As technology and sports medicine advances, healthcare providers have been better able to heal athletes for game day, but the question of their long-term health and longevity remains uncertain.

On April 17 at Puget Sound, as part of the Weyerhaeuser Colloquium series, three speakers with backgrounds in sports medicine and sports technology presented in a panel-style lecture. The speakers were Christine Agresta, an assistant professor at the University of Washington in the Rehabilitation Medicine department, Dr. Shawn Sorenson, an interdisciplinary scientist and educator from the University of Oregon, and Jessica Zendler, a biochemical engineer and former director of the Performance Research Laboratory at the University of Michigan.

The idea that athletes must essentially sacrifice their well-being in order to perform better has been accepted since the start of professional sports. Now, with income and reputation at stake, the pressure to push one’s body to the limit has intensified.

“We talk about the competing demands between health and performance and very often times we accept that those things are fundamentally in conflict. It’s almost like a priority if you’re going to be a competitive athlete you accept that you have to sacrifice your body to perform at the highest possible level,” Dr. Sorenson said.

On the one hand, this push to be a better athlete can have a negative impact on physical and mental health, but on the other, the drive to succeed can motivate athletes in all aspects of their lives.

“I think health and well-being are by-products of excellence if you have the right mind-set. … When you make that deliberate practice and that commitment to truly cultivating this interest that you have, then you do gain health, and you do gain well-being because it is an important aspect of your life,” Agresta said.

Despite the sense of purpose, professional athletes do struggle with physical ailments at the end of their careers. Now we are also seeing that the loss of a sense of community and drive can have a terrible impact on mental health. Many athletes have come forward to discuss issues of mental and physical health after their careers.

“It’s actually okay to say stuff like that out loud in the competitive sports world now. I heard Dwayne Wade who’s on his NBA exit tour right now talking about how he intended to seek professional counseling after the end of his NBA career because he thought the transition to life after sports would be a difficult thing for him. We had Kevin Love write an article about a year ago for the Players’ Tribune talking about his struggles with panic attacks and how that influenced his participation in NBA basketball,” Dr. Sorenson said.

Another discussion in the competitive sports world right now is the ethics of data collection with the advancement of technology. What is considered private health information and public data on athletes is a big grey area. Many athletes wear sensors that track health data and in some cases, the data can be shared without their consent.

“We’ll get to the point where the athlete doesn’t have a choice whether the sensor goes on them or not. It’s just coming off of broadcast feeds … if we’re talking about an 18-year-old college athlete, how much information should we be gathering on them without their consent?” Zendler asked.

Data technology, however, has given sports medicine professionals the ability to personalize plans for athletes in order to help them heal, adding to their overall health and longevity.

“In terms of workload and just straight from a musculoskeletal perspective, you would be able to objectively quantify their stress and appropriately load those tissues so that they have healthy, adaptive, resilient tissue. So, that’s what I think is most exciting, that you can personalize or individualize workloads for these athletes so they can come strong from a structural perspective,” Agresta said.

“At the end of the day, being a professional athlete is a constant balancing act between physical and mental health and outstanding performance. If it were possible to find a happy medium through technology we would have a more ethical and humanized sports system.

“Part of what it means to perform at a high level, part of what it means to be excellent, is to ensure that we’re healthy people not only today, not only this week, not only this season, but throughout our lives. Then I think we can make these things complimentary, we can perform at a higher level if we approach it that way,” Dr. Sorenson said.

Join KUPS this Friday, April 26 in the Rotunda to celebrate the radio station's 50th Anniversary. Come on down for catered food, live screen-printing and performances by Mushawn Knowles and Jordan Taylor. This event is free and open to the public!
At the University, students are commonly asked to question privilege in the context of race, gender, and sexuality, but have you ever considered the ways in which public transportation can be indicative of inequality?

On April 16, the Environmental Policy and Decision Making (EPDM) department brought Christina Walker and Hally Burt from Downtown on the Go, a transportation advocacy and education organization based in Downtown Tacoma, to talk about the intersections of environmentalism and anti-racism work in the realm of transportation and urban planning.

Downtown on the Go is a transportation management association that works to improve community transportation in the downtown Tacoma area. Formed as a partnership between the chamber of the city and Pierce County Transit, Downtown on the Go does everything from supporting transit-friendly ballot measures, event programming that educates citizens about the importance of public transit, to actually going out and supporting government projects to create more streamlined, effective and accessible public transportation.

“Our approach to this work is not to do away with any one mode of transportation,” Walker said, “but to reverse the focus as it has been for years and years.”

The focus to which Walker refers is, of course, single-occupancy vehicles.

“It’s easy to take for granted the privilege placed on car-owners in Tacoma and the U.S. at large. But when governments invest in transportation infrastructure, they are actually deeply interconnected.

“We have not recovered from Jon Snow’s death and resuscitation. I think that everyone’s going to get the ax,” Cashen laughed. “I think Sansa and Arya will survive, and Brienne, but I think that they’re all going to be on death’s door by the end of the season, I mean come on,” she said, addressing the pressing question of whether or not anyone will even be left living by the end of the season, as the show is notorious for killing off main characters when you least expect it. Personally, I still haven’t recovered from Jon Snow’s death and resurrection. I have high hopes, definitely,” Cashen said.

The season has six episodes in total, the rest of which will air on HBO on Sundays at 9 p.m. EST. The final two episodes ran a total of 80 minutes each, and the season grand finale will be on May 19 at 9 p.m. EST.

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Downtown on the Go is a transportation management association that works to improve community transportation in the downtown Tacoma area. Formed as a partnership between the chamber of the city and Pierce County Transit, Downtown on the Go does everything from supporting transit-friendly ballot measures, event programming that educates citizens about the importance of public transit, to actually going out and supporting government projects to create more streamlined, effective and accessible public transportation.

“Our approach to this work is not to do away with any one mode of transportation,” Walker said, “but to reverse the focus as it has been for years and years.”

The focus to which Walker refers is, of course, single-occupancy vehicles.

“It’s easy to take for granted the privilege placed on car-owners in Tacoma and the U.S. at large. But when governments invest in transportation infrastructure, they are actually deeply interconnected.

“We have not recovered from Jon Snow’s death and resuscitation. I think that everyone’s going to get the ax,” Cashen laughed. “I think Sansa and Arya will survive, and Brienne, but I think that they’re all going to be on death’s door by the end of the season, I mean come on,” she said, addressing the pressing question of whether or not anyone will even be left living by the end of the season, as the show is notorious for killing off main characters when you least expect it. Personally, I still haven’t recovered from Jon Snow’s death and resurrection. I have high hopes, definitely,” Cashen said.

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