Sigma Chi chapter removed from house for fall semester

By Albert Chang - Yoo

As students moved back to campus, there was a notable absence on Greek Row. The University of Puget Sound put the Sigma Chi Fraternity on housing probation for the Fall 2022 semester. The decision was in response to an incident that occurred at Sigma Chi’s house, which was determined to be a break of the University’s student integrity policy.

When asked to speak on rumors regarding the incident, President of the Interfraternal Council Rene Del Barco issued a statement saying, “rumors tend to spread on this campus quicker than the truth, especially when rumors feed into the stigmas people already hold.” Due to University rules, details of the incident which led to probation are confidential.

Sigma Chi is a national fraternal organization with over 235 chapters. The chapter at Puget Sound has 32 members. Members are staying in on-campus student housing for the semester and will be allowed access to their house in January.

Grantland Unterseher, President of Sigma Chi, said, “I think the punishment the school gave was warranted,” and that he has “an open dialogue with rights and responsibilities, with the campus administration.” Unterseher wanted to preface that the incident was “not hazing-related.” He believes that “the school has every right and should be enforcing those rules equally amongst every other house. And I hope that the school takes every case seriously.” The University owns all Greek Life houses. When an infraction of the student integrity code occurs, a review board is created consisting of a faculty member, staff member, and student.

Being put on housing probation has been a “wake-up-call” according to Unterseher. “I think not just in Sig [Sigma Chi], but just the rest of the Greek community… it has made us think a lot more.” Removal from their house is one of the more significant actions the University has taken against Greek Life in recent years—Unterseher wanted the focus to be on Sigma Chi’s charitable efforts, such as an upcoming fundraiser for the Huntsman Cancer Institute: “It’s giving us a lot of valuable reflection time and to like, refocus ourselves on what is really important to us— that being like philanthropy and community.”
Ongoing enrichment initiatives following provost stepping down

By Emma Loenicker

In July 2022, President Isaiah Crawford announced Laura Behling’s resignation from the Provost position. Appointed in 2019 by President Crawford, Professor Behling worked for three years to advance the University’s future, drawing from pre-existing values developed throughout the University’s history. In this same address, President Crawford announced that Nick Kontogeorgopoulos, former Associate Dean, would take over as interim provost while the University conducts a national search for a new provost.

Behling served our campus community through trying times such as during the COVID-19 pandemic, which impacted higher education institutions in many profound ways including a national decline in average student enrollment and an international decline in financial stability. During those challenging years, Behling and other leadership figures at the University collaborated to devise new strategies and academic initiatives for University’s enrichment and engagement.

In fall of 2022, a student success task force convened to conceive strategies that would improve retention rates. Although that task force is no longer standing, the recommendations they proposed were presented to the cabinet and have been in place for several years. Julie Christop, Dean of Faculty Affairs and Professor of English; Sunil Kukreja, Dean of Graduate Students and Professor of Sociology & Anthropology and Asian studies; and Nick Kontogeorgopoulos, Interim Provost, and Professor of Africana studies, and Global Development studies, all of whom are leaders of the University’s academic affairs division, understand these initiatives be to a source of ongoing change. Kontogeorgopoulos explained that “the prioritization of the University’s ability to inspire change is hindered, and the sense of belonging to the larger community, equity, and inclusion.” Some of these initiatives include promoting integration and sense of belonging to the larger community, enhancing summer programs, internationalization of our campus and ensuring all students are successful.

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The viral disease known as “monkeypox” is mainly affecting people in European countries and the United States. Why, then, were many media outlets using stock photos of African children to represent the disease? This is the question the Foreign Press Association of Africa posed in a statement this spring, just as the disease was beginning to gain international attention. The statement asserts that “no race or skin complexion should be the face of this disease,” and that specifically using stock photos of sick African children shows “the lack of dignity afforded to Black and brown-skinned victims of disease outbreaks.” While most media outlets have refrained from using Black bodies as the covers of news stories surrounding monkeypox, the issues surrounding racial discrimination within conversations about the disease are far from gone.

In June, a group of African scientists led by Dr. Christian Happi, director of the African Centre for Excellence for Genomics of Infectious Diseases at Redeemer’s University in Ede, Nigeria, released a paper calling for monkeypox to be renamed, citing the “discriminatory and stigmatizing” implications of the name. One of the reasons for this is the historical precedent offensively linking Black people to monkeys, a harmful stereotype that has been pervasive for hundreds of years. Because many of the isolated cases of the disease were found in parts of Africa before the 2022 outbreak, the name “monkeypox” can create even more untrue and hurtful links between Black people and primes, even though a large majority of the affected people in this current outbreak are white.

Parallels have also been drawn between “monkeypox” and the HIV/AIDS crisis; both have affected primarily men who have sex with other men and have been arguably mismanaged by the United States government. In a similar fashion, during the beginning of the AIDS crisis, misinformation was spread that the disease originated from African people sexually interacting with monkeys.

Another reason comes from the names of the mutations, which have so far been named after places in Africa where they were first discovered. This can have serious implications for the places the mutations are named after, including social and international ostracization. An example of this came just a few years ago when COVID-19 was first called the “Wuhan virus.” It is true that “monkeypox” is not inherently a racist name; it received the title because it was first found in a group of monkeys in the late 1950s. However, because of the negative stigma that the name “monkeypox” brings, many people are now simply referring to it as MPV, MPXV, or MPXV. WHO has expressed interest in changing the name, and has renamed the variants, but “monkeypox” still remains.

With a total of 25,341 confirmed cases in the US and 66,551 cases worldwide, and 26 deaths (as of 9/27/22), Monkeypox, preferably referred to as MPV, follows COVID’s early path as the next potentially detrimental global public health threat. But what is MPV? According to the Center for Disease Control, MPV is a viral infection belonging to the Poxviridae family. MPV symptoms are similar to smallpox symptoms but are milder and rarely fatal.

The CDC reports that when individuals are infected with MPV, they commonly develop a rash around the genital areas or anus. Other symptoms may include fever, chills, swollen lymph nodes, exhaustion, muscle aches, headaches and respiratory symptoms. Symptoms usually develop within three weeks of exposure and flu-like symptoms usually indicate a rash will appear one to four days later.

As for how the virus spreads, the CDC states that MPV “can be spread from the time symptoms start until the rash has healed, all scabs have fallen off, and a fresh layer of skin has formed. The illness typically lasts 2-4 weeks.” Contracting the virus requires contact with those infected—either by direct contact with the rashes, touching objects and fabrics that the infected person has touched, or contact with respiratory secretions. The CDC website articulates that MPV can be spread during sexual intercourse of any sort as well.

The CDC currently recommends getting vaccinated against MPV if you are a confirmed close contact or if a sexual partner within the last two weeks has been diagnosed with MPV. On their website, the CDC also states, “In addition, you may want to get vaccinated if you are a man who has sex with other men or are a transgender or gender-diverse person who has sex with men and in the past 2 weeks:

- had sex with multiple partners or group sex
- had sex at a commercial sex venue (like a sex club or bathhouse)
- had sex at an event, venue, or in an area where monkeypox transmission is occurring.”

Many people have made the comparison between the handling of the MPV outbreak and that of the AIDS epidemic in the 1980s. According to the New York Times, when MPV was first declared a public health emergency globally, New York City Health Department officials disagreed on how to communicate the risks of the disease. Epidemiologists specifically urged officials to put out a statement advising men who have sex with other men to consider abstinence or reducing their number of partners. Such narratives back in the 80s directly stigmatized and harmed gay men and the LGBTQ+ community. Framing MPV as an STD, even though it is not one, parallels the messages the public received during the AIDS epidemic. A striking quote from the article came from Jon Catlin, who, when speaking with the Times, said, “AIDS wasn’t treated as a crisis at first either. Thequip about the ‘80s is ‘the right people were dying.’” The concern now is that increased attention will breed hostility from the heterosexual community and that the queer community will be blamed for the spread of MPV. The University’s MPV guidelines page, updated Aug. 19th, provides the same basic information as the CDC page, with the addition of how people suspected of having MPV will be isolated.
Electric cars: the solution to climate change?

By Nikki Hindman

These past few summers, those of us in the Puget Sound area have looked outside to see smoky air and an ominous orange moon in our midst. In an era of widespread climate anxiety, it is easy to become flustered at the thought of one’s actions having a consequence on the environment. We might wonder if any of our personal actions have damaged the environment. How often do you drive to the sub instead of walking?

I had a chance to interview John Doherty, a member of the Citizens’ Climate Lobby Tacoma Chapter, to understand how to prevent climate change in the future. We talked about the small, individual steps we could take such as walking or riding a bike, but the solution he thought most effective made me skeptical at first: electric cars.

Electric cars are quickly becoming a prevalent part of society. Some local grocery stores and car dealerships now offer free charging stations for electric vehicles. One potential issue: the price. While the common assumption is that electric cars cost exponentially more than gas cars, electric cars, on average, are $10,000 more than gas vehicles, according to Kelly Blue Book. The upfront cost may seem unattainable, but Doherty believes there is no choice in the matter.

By 2035, Washington state will prohibit the sale of gas-powered cars. Doherty himself owns an electric car. He plugs his car into an outdoor outlet and can easily make his way around the city on one charge. One disadvantage he acknowledged was the amount of time it takes for cars to charge: it takes 30 minutes for a quick-charge at your local gas station. However, he also pointed out that electric cars will be made for long drives at approximately 300 miles per trip. As for the cost, he says that charging an electric car is ten times less expensive than pumping gas.

I also asked Doherty about how lower-income citizens would pay for an electric car, as well as how people who live in apartments would charge their vehicles. For the first question, Doherty responded that they could buy used electric vehicles that would cost on average $20,000 dollars. For the second, he slightly hesitated before telling me that there would be a need for government assistance to install charging stations.

While large corporations account for the majority of greenhouse gas emissions, taking action as individuals is not pointless. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, the average car emits nearly five metric tons of CO2 annually, with a single gallon of gasoline burning around 9,000 grams. Even if you can’t afford to buy an electric car, consider cutting down on your number of trips from your house to campus.

As of Sept. 26th, there is one new student case and one new faculty and staff case with one student in isolation. As outlined in an email from Bob Kief on Friday, Sept. 23, the University is changing isolation guidelines in accordance with Governor Inslee’s announcing the end of the COVID-19 state of emergency by Oct. 31, 2022. Those in a single room no longer have to isolate in a quarantine dorm and instead will be allowed to isolate in place. Further, those who contract COVID are only required to isolate for six days but have to continue wearing a mask for eleven. The same email recommends continued mask wearing indoors, regardless of COVID exposure.

These new guidelines follow those put out by the Washington State Department of Health. Individuals who contract COVID should continue to contact contacttrace@pugetsound.edu

Make an appointment for the booster clinic on Oct. 13, 2022 using the QR code below.
On June 24th, 2022, in a historic act, the U.S. Supreme Court discarded over 49 years of precedent from Roe v. Wade when they upheld a Missouri abortion ban in Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization. The conversation sparked by this decision continued with the second of three events, Professors Alisa Kessel, Douglas Sackman, Suzanne Holland and Robin Jacobson held a talk on Sept. 16th discussing the implications of Dobbs v. Jackson on reproductive and constitutional rights. Each professor discussed a unique aspect of reproductive rights and the Constitution. Professor Kessel analyzed SCOTUS’s decision through the lens of a political theorist, discussing the origins of the right to privacy and exploring the politicization of the issue. Professor Sackman pointed out that the 14th Amendment was created partly to protect African American women from rape and forced reproduction, suggesting that abortion does have a historical basis in the 14th Amendment, directly contradicting Alito’s claims it is not rooted in history. Professor Jacobson returned to Justice Alito’s majority opinion, pointing out that he uses the phrase, “we return the power to the people and their elective representatives,” around 13 times. Jacobson argued that these decisions became a debate over state power.

Professor Holland continued by exploring abortion in the Bible and its connection to SCOTUS’s reading of the Constitution as a sacred text. Holland told a story from Exodus 21, where if an abortion took place, then a payment was to be made to the woman’s husband. Holland pointed out that this passage is followed by the famous “eye for an eye” declaration and that in the Bible, a fetus is not considered a life; abortion is akin to a property offense. In an interview after the panel, the professors elaborated on their presentations. Professor Kessel pointed out the importance of treating “stand your ground” rights vs. abortion rights, saying, “It’s an interesting question to ask: why, when those kinds of rights are expanding and are being considered sacrosanct in some way, other rights and claims to bodily autonomy for other kinds of people are actually considered not sacrosanct?” Professor Sackman then chimed in talking about the views of right-wing political parties, saying, “they go along with this notion that women are supposed to be confined to a private sphere of baby rearing,” bringing up an important point about the expectations guiding and motivating policymakers and justices. Professor Jacobson then adding on that the Republican Party has, to some extent, weaponized the right to abortion in their fight for states’ rights, explaining that “prior to the 80s, they actually had different views on abortion.” While the subjects of this faculty panel were bleak, they served to push for political action. Professor Holland proclaimed: “Vote! Always Vote!”, elaborating, “Do not be apathetic.” Professor Jacobson added on by saying, “I think democracy, a multicultural democracy, is at stake in every election going forward.” Professor Kessel also noted that “this is the moment when you can probably, locally, really do important things to help, whether it’s giving money to funds or committing your time to helping with causes, on this particular issue.” Dobbs v. Jackson has definitely shown a new side of America, but with amazing educators like the professors mentioned above, the future is arguably brighter.

Dear Editor,

On Friday, Oct. 7, through Monday, Oct. 12, ASUPS will open electronic polls for its fall 2022 election. Independent of preference for individual candidates, the relative importance is high for students at this university. Undergraduate students will vote to elect ten of their peers to the ASUPS Senate, a body responsible for allocating over $500,000 of annual student student funds levied via the student government fee and representing the student voice on a range of issues brought forth by the ASUPS Cabinet and other groups in the University’s shared governance system. Twelve student senators usually carry out this vital function, but graduations, resignations, and the regular elections cycle have brought this number to four. This can only be resolved through the upcoming election and is problematic for at least three reasons:

1. The amount of student representation. The student body’s interests are too varied to adequately be represented by four student senators. Low representation means fewer viewpoints expressed and, in turn, a lower probability that these views include or are representative of students belonging to marginalized groups.

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For these reasons, undergraduates and graduates alike should care about the upcoming ASUPS election, regardless of preference for particular candidates. Students will receive a ballot link to their Puget Sound emails on Oct. 7 at 12:00 a.m.

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Interested in filling a position? Check out the election packet!

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The *Happy Trail* is The Trail's sex column that seeks to inform the community on issues related to sexuality and gender by addressing these topics in an education-based way. Our mission is to make the campus a safer place by normalizing and demystifying topics like safe sex practices, sexualities, kinks and polyamory, while shedding light on topics like trans rights, sexual and domestic violence, gender inequalities and intersectionality. *Happy Trail* correspondents are not medical professionals; if you have a medical concern, contact CHWS or a local clinic. Otherwise, direct your sexuality and gender questions to vagray@pugetsound.edu.

Readers can respond to *Happy Trail* articles in the form of a letter to the editor sent to trail@pugetsound.edu.

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We’re already a month into the semester and my guess is that we’re all half-heartedly masturbating while also typing up a discussion post that’s due in our next class. Let’s reminisce on a time when the sun shone kindly on our bits and bobs by hearing about last summer’s sexiest dalliances.

This summer we had sex in some unusual places. An anonymous senior offered their own story of getting busy outdoors for the first time in what some might call an uncommon place. “We started in a hammock, looking at the big dipper, and then started kissin.’” A starry night is a romantic setting, but love-making in a hammock invites images of unpleasant and vigorous swinging. The senior confirmed that the sling didn’t provide enough “real estate” for successful interlocking without getting tangled up and flipping over, so they employed a nearby picnic table for more comfortable new positions. This, however, came with its own set of challenges, as they “immediately set off the neighbor’s motion detector” and had to pause mid-thrust and wait for darkness to settle. That’ll knock your AirBnb rating down a couple pegs.

Another senior details high stakes sex with a long time crush at summer camp: “It was the second night of camp, and my crush stole the key to the infirmary, and had driven into town earlier to buy condoms. We started getting busy in one of the patient rooms and suddenly we heard the door to the infirmary opening and the jingling of the medicine cabinet… I assumed it was the nurse, but my crush said they could tell from the breathing that it was the CAMP DIRECTOR! We stayed dead still and luckily the director left quickly and we thought we were in the clear. When we left the patient room we realized that my crush’s shoes, backpack, walkie talkie, and set of keys were scattered on the floor of the infirmary. My heart dropped. We totally could have lost our jobs and my crush had a full-on panic attack, but luckily the director never brought it up.” When asked whether the escapade was worth it, they said, “Oh yes! It’s a great story!” Remember, campers, to leave no trace in the wild and in the bedroom!

Finally, an anonymous junior told the harrowing tale of a whirlwind summer romance, most of which took place in a bar bathroom: “We already knew each other biblically at this point, and spontaneity struck. Our two friends were engaged in a conversation at the bar but we were ready to leave, if you know what I mean, so we went to the women’s bathroom and locked the door. I checked under each stall to make sure they weren’t occupied, and then we started going at it full on. Suddenly we heard a massive fart that clearly didn’t come from either of our bodies and I realized there was a woman fighting for her life (in severe gastric distress) in one of the stalls, who mutually had her legs pulled up to her chest so that when I was checking the stalls I didn’t see her! My partner and I rapidly pull our clothes on, but as I’m trying desperately to pull up my straight cut denim she opens the stall and we make horrible, heart-wrenchingly embarrassing eye contact. I felt so bad. Not only did this girl have the worst poop of her life, she also heard me getting pounded.” A warning to all bar sexcapades—ALWAYS make sure the bathroom is empty. Otherwise, you might end up in this sticky and rather smelly situation.

Holy moly, Loggers, these are some fantastic stories. As we approach fall, perhaps colder weather will keep us confined to our bedrooms, but we can still reminisce on your saucy summer stories. Until next time!

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*By Gaby Lemieux*
CampusCup initiative flows into University of Puget Sound

By Ainsley Feeney

According to Indian nonprofit Eco Femme, one pad can take up to eight hundred years to completely decompose—nearly nine times the average lifespan of the person who used it. Another study found that tampons are the fifth most common item found in ocean pollution. Standard period products are polluting our Earth. AllMatter’s CampusCup program prides themselves in avoiding over eight hundred million traditional period products and helping their customers stop from further polluting oceans.

When it comes to the stigma surrounding menstruation, Poe believes that education is the best way to go. “I personally believe that it’s breaking the stereotype of who has a period,” she says, referring to the common assumption that only women have periods. She also emphasizes educating people on the realities of period poverty and sustainability, which she has been doing through the Sustainability Services Instagram account.

Poe is thrilled with the warm reception CampusCup has received from the University. “Social media has been amazing to get,” she said. “I posted little graphics talking about menstrual cups...and everyone’s been posting it on their own Instagram stories, which has been really cool. Even CHWS posted it!” Finally, Poe wants students on campus to know that “sustainability and environmentalism is in every facet of life. No matter what you’re doing in life, you have the capacity to advocate for the Earth. It’s been really awesome to start that initiative on campus, and I’m hoping to inspire [other people] to do it.”

Students can become involved with Sustainability Services events by checking out their Instagram, @sustainabilityups, or by emailing them at sustainability@pugetsound.edu.
Welcome back college DJs!

By Sara Orozco

Welcome Back College DJs!

Deadlines were Friday, September 16th for any students on campus interested in running a radio show with our own radio station KUPS 90.1 FM. There were more applications this semester than have been seen in the past four years. The available genres—Loud Rock, Hip Hop, Alternative and specialty—received enough applications to most likely fill our entire airtime. Specialty in particular received a whopping 61 applicants, making those slot more competitive. But don’t fret! KUPS will be hosting a plethora of events this semester, including frequent open mics and all kinds of collaborative goings-on with different clubs on campus, such as Puget Sound Outdoors and Crosscurrents (psst—in a club and want to collaborate with KUPS? Get in touch! Reach out to gm@kups.net and let us know your ideas).

In case you haven’t heard of us—we are a student-run non-profit radio station, named one of the best college radio stations by the Princeton Review. If you have any interests in music or really anything at all, you should think about filling out an application for next semester!

Finally, thanks to everyone who was able to come to our open mic night in Oppenheimer Café on Thursday the 22nd. If you weren’t able to make it to this one, keep your eyes open for the next ones! There will be plenty more before the semester is over.

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Special report: we can totally see you through the huge gap between the shower curtain and wall  
By Bean McQueen

Long ago, but not so long ago that it has ceased to taunt me, I was happy. At the very least, I was content. I had the best friends I could have ever asked for, classes that engaged and stimulated my intelligence, and a $72,000 yearly drain on my parents’ bank account. Plus, I had heard that Stephen King, my personal hero, was considering joining the faculty. In short, life was perfect, and I could look to the future in eager anticipation of what it might bring. Memories of my naïveté in those halcyon days now bring only bitter, mirthless laughter. If only I had known that the future would shatter that perfection like a glass heirloom, beautiful in its fragility, in the inexplicably greasy hands of a sadistic toddler eager to verify that gravity was still in effect.

You were the adult version of that toddler, and I was the rose who suffered the misfortune of seeing you through the gaping gulf—that you left—between the curtain and the wall. That was how you had always showered, or was it? I wonder if sometimes I wonder what your rationale was for showering like that. I wonder if you knew how many people’s lives you derailed with your wanton desecration of that most universal human ritual. The sight of your tragic bathing endeavors drove Grizz to a bloody, feral rampage through campus before he fled to the forest, never to be seen again by a living soul. As a consequence of your horrendous water wastage, the giant sequoia uprooted and dragged itself, inch by painful inch, as far away from campus as possible.

As a matter of fact, as true as the inevitable death of the universe, Stephen King gazed upon our sacrilegious showering in its purest form, and no longer could he produce dilute fascinates. He now burns through his fortune in drink, hoping amnesia is at the bottom of the next bottle—because of you.

Sometimes I wonder what your rationale was for showering like that. I wonder if it was how you had always showered, or if you chose to shower in such a manner just on that fateful day. But most of all, I wonder, why didn’t you close that last bottle—because of you.

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The team behind the trees
By Henry Smalley

Every day, students and local residents alike use and admire the University of Puget Sound’s lush lawns, flower beds and forest. The grounds are certainly a big draw for both prospective students and the community, making the campus grounds crew some of the most valued people on campus. The campus has a strong reputation to uphold, being such a unique outdoor space with its mixture of old trees and pristine lawns, right in the middle of an urban landscape. Of course, such a dedication to the green spaces on campus requires an equally dedicated team of workers.

With Puget Sound being 97 acres, and much of that being green areas including wooded areas, athletic fields, and lawns, the University grounds crew has their work cut out for them. Luckily, the workload is distributed among a team of seven professional groundskeepers—three have been doing the job for over ten years—as well as 11 students, all of whom work hard between classes to keep the school’s natural areas looking nice. Bill Boggs, who is going on his 24th year as a groundskeeper at the University, appreciates the variety of work necessary for the upkeep of so much land. He explains that grounds crew responsibilities can include anything from mowing the lawns to breeding the wet Washington winters, the University of Puget Sound grounds crew has no shortage of challenges to handle on the job. Despite these challenges, the hard work and experience of groundskeepers like Bill continue to make the campus a beautiful, comfortable space for all.

Groundskeeper Bill Boggs mows Peyton Field
Photo credit: Andrew Benoit

Health and wellness in a COVID era

By Emma Pellegrini
Counseling, Health and Wellness Services, or CHWS, is tucked away in a corner of the Wheelock Student Center, away from the busy diner and Diversions Cafe. The waiting room is quiet, almost peaceful, so silent that one can hear the clacking of fingers on the secretary’s keyboard and the click of putting someone on the phone on hold, reminding patients that landlines do still exist. CHWS provides a myriad of physical and psychological resources to students on campus.

However, in recent times, CHWS has faced similar COVID-19 hurdles seen across the University. Libby Baldwin, the medical director at CHWS acknowledges the limitations COVID places on CHWS’ ability to focus solely on student health and wellbeing. “We had to focus on the university as a whole and give guidance around the directions that the University should be going. There are recommendations based on all things pandemic and COVID related, and so, because of that, we couldn’t do the connecting that we try to do with incoming students each year,” Baldwin commented.

Dr. Kelly Brown, CHWS director, and psychologist spoke about the immense demand for individual services which CHWS cannot realistically supply, despite their commitment to nurturing a compassionate and personal relationship with the student body. “Saying someone comes in and they say, ‘oh, I’d like to have this particular service,’ and then it’s not available. Then they feel disappointed, and they feel like, ‘well that’s not helpful, this resource, they couldn’t give me exactly what I wanted,’” said Dr. Brown. She also circled back to a point Baldwin stressed: the limitations that the COVID pandemic had on CHWS’ ability to provide services. As pandemic recovery is underfoot, students have returned to campus in a year that seems ever so slightly less in limbo.

Kendall Baldwin, a sophomore, spoke about her personal experience with CHWS for medical emergencies, prescrip-

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Love is Medicine: how community can heal in the face of trauma

By Rowan Baiocchi

On Sept. 13th and 14th, 2022, the Office of Institutional Equity and Diversity hosted a premiere of “Harriet Tubman: Visions of Freedom,” and a companion film, “Becoming Frederick Douglass.” These brand-new documentaries, directed by Oscar-nominated filmmaker Stanley Nelson (“Freedom Riders”), seek to not only recount the lives and impacts of these two historical figures but also to bring a new perspective into their lives through historians of color.

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To Dr. Hernandez Jarvis, the past should not always have entry points for younger readers, or sometimes readers who might just have different lived experiences or world views.” The task, then, becomes not about cutting the work, but instead about creating more “entryways into the world views.” The task, then, becomes how her work is not focused so much on the rich and resilient strength,” she said, going on to explain with sobriety and the rich and resilient strength.” She hopes that students don’t just look at the films as depictions of history but also “to understand our current

Harriet Tubman: "Visions of Freedom" and understanding the past for the future

By Ashlyne Collado

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### BUCKLE UP BABY, KUPS IS BACK IN BUSINESS

Remember KUPS? That tiny, dinky, unassuming little radio station in the basement of the SUB that’s been so oddly quiet these first few weeks of school? Well, boy do I have some news for you. KUPS 90.1FM is back and louder than ever, with a wild roster of DJ’s starting up their shows the first week of October (SEE SCHEDULE ABOVE!). But let’s not get too ahead of ourselves…we’ve got a lot to catch you up on first.

Last year, KUPS made a graceful recovery from our covid-shutdown radio silence under the leadership of the handsome and talented Beck Barr. What had been a radio station suffering from a terminal lack of presence in the hearts and minds of the UPS underclasses has now returned to its former glory. Beck graduated (congrats! we miss and love you!) and is now working in showbiz at Alma Tacoma, so make sure to say hi to him next time you catch a show! Now, picking up where Beck left off, our new fearless general manager Eliana Goldberg has worked all summer to make the booth sicker than ever before. We’ve got a massive neon sign in there now, a new automation setup, an actually-organized collection of CDs and many other fun surprises on their way. But the KUPS hype extends far beyond the new booth infrastructure, believe me. You’re gonna want to sit down for this one…this year we’ll be having TWO Kupsfests, one at the end of each semester. If you’re an artist/band interested in performing, reach out to KUPS staff for more information. We’ve already kicked the new semester off with a packed open-mic event in Oppenheimer Cafe, so expect those as a regular occurrence as well. Yes, there will be house shows. Yes, there will be DJ mixer events. Yes, it is going to be rowdy, raucous, rambunctious, even. But most importantly, KUPS is going to be a safe and inclusive environment centered around hanging out and sharing stellar tunes. We hope to see you there!