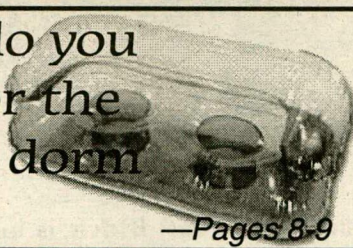




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Several Greek organizations to relocate

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Assistant News Editor

Ending months of speculation by both Greek and independent students, the University has announced that several Union Avenue houses will have new tenants next year. Sigma Nu fraternity will relocate their chapter to a different house, and Pi Beta Phi sorority will move into this vacated facility. In addition, Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority has been given several housing options, ranging from keeping their current residence in Smith Hall to occupying a cluster of University-owned houses on Union Avenue or elsewhere.

Greek houses are officially referred to by a "Unit" designation. The facility that previously housed Sigma Alpha Epsilon is known as "Unit B," Sigma Nu's current house is "Unit H," and Alpha Phi's house is "Unit C."

Sigma Nu's relocation reflects the low numbers that the fraternity attracted during rush, said fraternity president Tom Hoke. Since the fraternity had counted on a large pledge class, most upperclassmen signed leases or arranged for other housing to leave space in the house for many new members. When these numbers did not materialize, the chapter was faced with the difficult task of filling their 38-bed facility.

"We just didn't fill out enough housing applications to make occupancy," said Hoke. "We got a smaller rush class this year, and our current house has one of the highest occupancies on

Greek Row." Sigma Nu will receive the Unit B house, which held transfer students this year, and was previously the Sigma Alpha Epsilon chapter house, prior to their suspension and departure from UPS. This new facility holds only 32 occupants, and therefore Sigma Nu hopes they will be able to maintain the University's stringent occupancy requirements.

Pi Beta Phi sorority, which has been housed on campus in Smith Hall for decades, will move into Unit H, the old Sigma Nu house.

"We see it as a wonderful opportunity," said Pi Phi president Jill Klabzuba. "It's a great reward for the chapter." According to Klabzuba, Pi Phi has never had a problem filling their 38-bed half of Smith Hall, and so living in one of the larger Union Avenue houses will not pose any challenge to the sorority, which has over 100 members from which to draw upon.

"We don't anticipate it being a problem ever," Klabzuba said. The chapter is glad to finally be unified with other Greek houses, and thinks that the system will be strengthened by this

housing reorganization.

"I really do think it will ultimately be the best for the system as a whole," said Klabzuba.

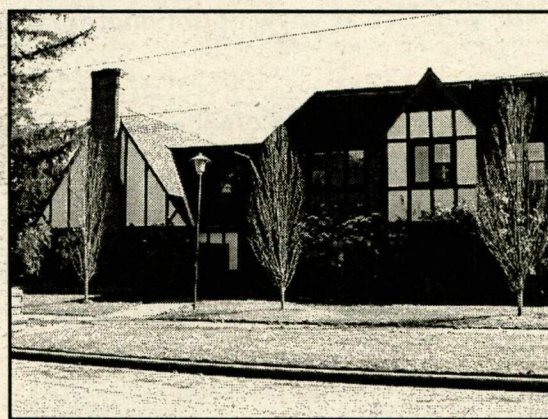
The Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, which has seen dwindling numbers for several years, was given a choice between

staying in their current residence, Smith Hall, or moving to a cluster of University-owned houses behind Greek Row. Having hoped to gain a Union Avenue facility, the Kappas are disappointed by their choices.

"We were honestly hoping to reside in Unit B," said chapter president Amanda Brown. The group hoped to gain more public areas to help them support their strong alcohol-free programming, and they wanted to be unified with the rest of the Greek community. Brown also said that a move to a Union Avenue house would give the chapter a

chance to show the university what they had to offer.

According to Brown, the sorority feels wronged, and as a result of this decision, their alumnae will withdraw all finan-



Unit H currently houses Sigma Nu, but will soon be home to Pi Beta Phi.

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Security makes improvements

BRYHN IRESON
News Editor

Over the past year, Security Services has made several changes in their operations in order to better serve the campus community. The biggest single change is the large increase in full-time staff that has been hired. In addition, security constantly analyzes the status of campus lighting and emergency telephones in order to maintain and achieve high levels of campus safety.

According to Todd Badham, Director of Security Services, one of the biggest problems that security has faced in the past has been maintaining an effective student staff, because students are so involved with their academic lives.

"We've experienced a really hard time over the last four years attracting and keeping a student staff that lent any amount of consistency or experience," said Badham. "Students have really focused their energies, and rightly so, towards their academic pursuits here." Badham also said that students are more likely to call in to drop a shift due to illness or schoolwork, and also more likely to no-show. As a result, relying too much on student staff used to leave security understaffed or scrambling to cover dropped shifts.

To counteract this problem, Security Services has more than tripled their number of full-time non-student security officers increasing the number to two to seven. According to Badham, this increase in personnel has allowed security to function much more effectively, spending their time on safety concerns rather than worrying about insufficient staffing.

"Our main goal is to always have a full-time staff person on duty, 24 hours a day, seven days a week," said Badham, and added that they were successful in achieving this goal "99.9 percent of the time."

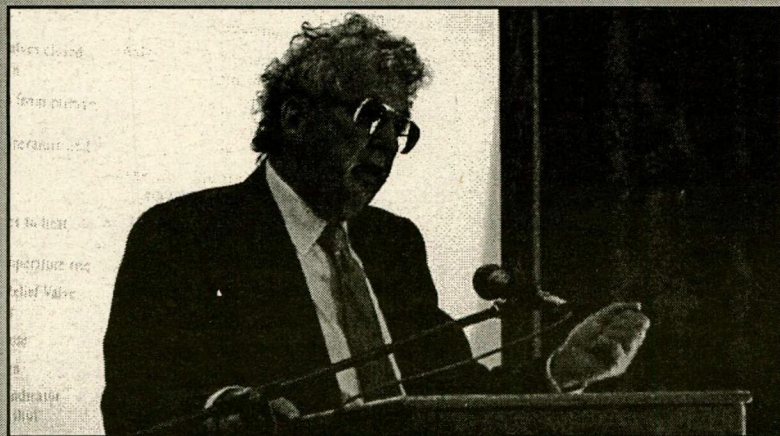
In order to accommodate this increase in staff, Security Services received an increased budget. Last year, since the budget had already been assigned when the decision to hire more security personnel was made, University President Susan Resneck Pierce granted them immediate additional funds, said Badham. This year the Budget Task Force permanently approved the larger budget. This increased allocation is primarily for staffing, and according to Badham, security's operating budget has not gone up. Although the department did recently acquire a new truck, this purchase was made as a capital expense from the Facilities Services budget.

This increase in non-student staffing does not mean that students have lost jobs at security, said Badham.

"We still use students to complement the work force," he said. "They keep us in touch with the campus community and what's going on." He also added that while a few student positions were eliminated, no one was actually laid off because the staffing change occurred at the end of a semester, when many students quit.

One recent criticism of Security Services has been related to the repeated appearance of the campus flasher, and the consistent obscene phone calls that students have been receiving. In these situa-

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Speaker warns of tech accidents

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Dr. Charles Perrow, author of the book "No More Mistakes" and sociologist from Yale University, spoke on campus last Thursday about "Playing Chicken with High Risk Technology," and "normal" accidents. Perrow, a native to Tacoma, devoted the majority of his lecture to the nuclear accident at Three Mile Island in 1978. Perrow called the disaster "an example of a very typical accident that we are getting more of in our society." Perrow described in detail how the entire disaster effectively stemmed from the leakage of one cup of water the condensate polisher in the air line. The series of domino effects was something that "no designer could have ever anticipated."

"This was not a production sequence. These were independent failures. Independent events come together in a way no one anticipated."

Perrow continued on to say that if the meltdown at Three Mile Island had continued for another half an hour, the explosion that would have resulted would have spread radioactive material over a large portion of Pennsylvania.

Citing examples of other accidents that occur when technology has more authority than humans, Perrow mentioned the breakdown of all controls at the New York air traffic control tower in September of 1991. The moral of Perrow's tale effectively spoke about the tendency of management to "blame the workers."

"It's something I find repeatedly. Management blames the workers when it's usually management that is responsible."

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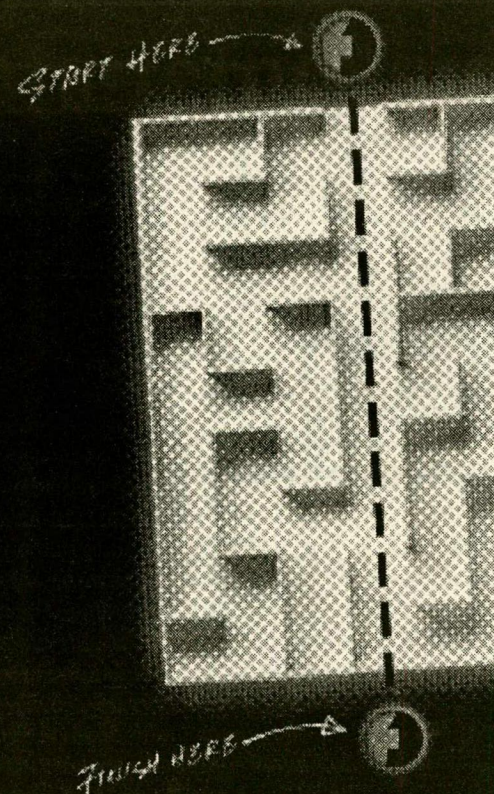
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cial support from the university.

"It's another slap in the face after working so hard for so many years," said Brown. "We work to follow the university mission statement, and we feel that this is promoting groups that don't."

Brown said that the chapter is planning on staying in Smith Hall, although they want to move into the half that was previously occupied by Pi Phi to have higher visibility. In addition, the sorority would enjoy having more single rooms.

The Alpha Phi sorority also went through the housing review process, though they retained their current house (Unit C). The chapter was required to resubmit their application for exclusive use because they did not initially turn in enough housing contracts to fill their 33-bed facility.

Several more members then decided to live in the house, and since this brought them back up to full occupancy, the housing review board rec-

ommended that Alpha Phi keep their house.

The process by which the university allocated houses started with a five-person review board consisting of two faculty members, one staff member, one Greek-affiliated student, and one non-affiliated student.

The board reviewed detailed applications submitted by the four applying chapters, and then listened to a brief presentation by representatives of the groups. Following these presentations, the board submitted their housing recommendations to the university.

The housing review board based their recommendations on how well they thought each group would promote a "living-learning" atmosphere, the appeal of the group to broad campus interests, the group's promotion of the university's mission, and the likelihood that the group would consistently fill the house.

Security Services

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tions, the Tacoma Police Department is heavily involved.

"The university is privy to the same police presence and services that anyone else in the North End is, so we work closely with the TPD," said Badham. He pointed out the Thompson Fountain fire as an example of how UPS security and TPD have successfully worked together in the past.

Although students might be unsure that security can adequately respond to a threat as serious as the campus flasher or prank caller, Badham is confident that UPS security can handle these situations, and that this issue is a very high priority for them.

"My staff and I are taking it very seriously," said Badham. "We meet on it regularly, and it's a first priority for them and they are going to drop anything they're doing and respond immediately for those types of calls." He added that while occasionally there is a need to prioritize between calls, usually the calls that might have to wait for response would be for admission to locked rooms or labs, and not calls of any severity.

Another issue security must constantly address is that of campus lighting. Due to constant changes in landscaping, vegetation, pathways, and buildings, the problem of safety lighting is never quite solved.

"Outdoor lighting and safety lighting is always an ongoing issue," said Badham. "You're never really at the point where you don't need more." Despite this, Badham felt that for the most part the lighting on campus is more than adequate. In addition, he said that every year the Food and Safety Committee discusses lighting, and that the University has always been willing to pay for lighting improvements in the past.

Though there is some concern among the student body that the current energy saving practices of the University might be detracting from campus lighting, Badham said that safety lighting has been maintained, despite new emphasis on power conservation.

"Certainly it has been a concern to us, but I don't think we've taken anything away that may jeopardize people's safety," said Badham. In addition, none of the university's alarms or detection systems have been compromised to save energy, since those systems actually don't use very much electricity.

Another concern of security has been to maintain a high number of courtesy and emergency phones scattered around campus. Every building on campus has at least one phone by an entrance, and there are several more freestanding phones, such as the one in the Thompson parking lot. These phones, like every on-campus telephone, are hooked to a program that allows security to know the exact location from which the call is coming. This program, which is similar to the one used by 911 operators, allows security personnel to respond to a call even if the caller is unable to speak.

According to Badham, the university actually experimented with a kind of handset-free safety phone several years ago, and the student reaction was quite negative. The quality was so poor that users felt they needed to yell into the phones. From a security standpoint the phones were almost useless, said Badham. If a plane flew overhead or if the wind was blowing, the person at the other end of the line was all but unintelligible.

"We ended up taking them out because everyone hated them so much," said Badham.

Badham also pointed out that emergency phones are fairly visible. Most are clearly marked near entrances to buildings, and still others, such as in the Thompson lot and the President's Woods, are free standing and have large well-lit signs.

Another big concern of Security Services is vandalism. This year, like in past years, there has been a great deal of on-campus defacement. According to Badham, signs are constantly being stolen, knocked down, or defaced. In addition, telephone receivers are torn from their cords, and there are various other small pranks.

"We probably spend 30 to 40 percent of our time cleaning up after vandalism," said Badham. The most recent act of serious vandalism was the beating of the rose bushes around the Jones Circle Fountain with blunt objects, possibly golf clubs. This act has prompted security to crack down on students who play "campus golf." This activity has also resulted in several broken windows.

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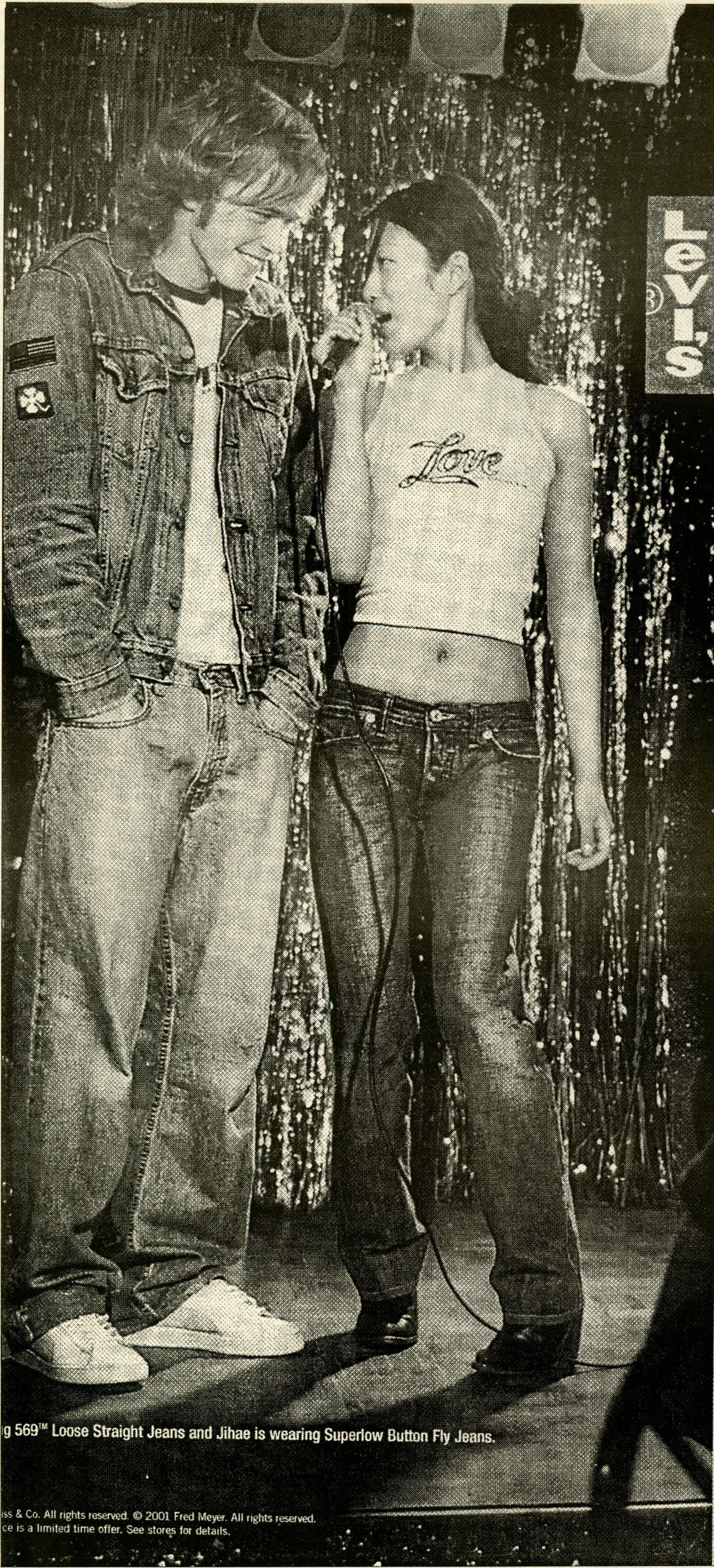
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A student reported her gortex coat stolen from the Library. She left the coat hanging over a chair in a study room for about 10 minutes. When she returned, the coat was gone.

March 31

Security responded to a fire alarm in the Sigma Nu fraternity. It was discovered the alarm was activated when someone discharged a fire extinguisher inside the house.

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Midnight Beatnik Society offers creative outlet

BETTE MUIRHEAD
Staff Writer

It all started with a description of a theater class's final exam and a complaint about a lack of opportunities to share written work with the rest of the campus community. It has evolved into a weekly open-mic night featuring artwork from all mediums enjoyed by "regulars" and newcomers alike.

The Midnight Beatnik Society was born in Jac Royce's playwriting class. When the students heard that the class's final consisted of performing 10-minute pieces of their own work the students all agreed, "Why wait?" They decided to commandeer Club Rendezvous on Thursday nights for the rest of the semester so they could display their work right away. In the spirit of the

theater community here at UPS, they decided to open it up to anyone who wanted to share original art with others, whether it be poetry, playwriting, singing and music or dancing.

According to Royce, the group started out small, with the students inviting their friends and telling them to spread the word. In the few weeks since that first night attendance has grown, partly due to Club Rendezvous' proximity to the Cellar and the human curiosity that draws people toward something that looks interesting, but mostly due to the enthusiasm of the students who started it.

The Midnight Beatnik Society is an open forum in which to share your art with people who are interested in what you're doing. It is called an open-mic night, yet there is no microphone, no order and no emcee to

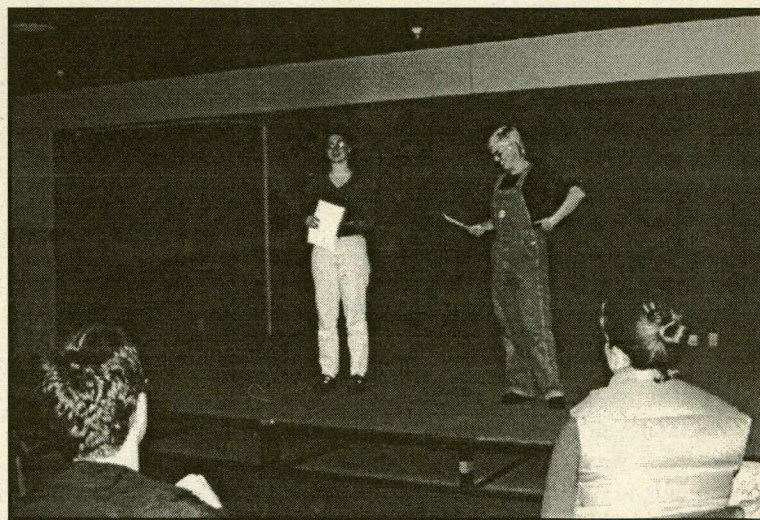
introduce acts—there is simply a stage and an audience to listen.

The show runs in much the same way it was created. No one person can be credited with organizing and running it any more than one person could be said to have come up with the idea.

"It's everybody's baby," said Royce. "There's no territoriality or competition." It creates a low-stress environment where everyone can just enjoy themselves. The pieces shared on stage range from serious to extremely funny.

According to Royce, the opportunity to get on stage allows students the chance to make people laugh or cry. Participants and viewers are encouraged to share their work and offer support for others doing the same.

This Thursday at 11 p.m., stop by Club Rendezvous. Bring your jour-



Kathryn Philbrook and Jewel Greenberg share their work at March 29's Midnight Beatnik Society gathering.

nal, your guitar, your creative writing or your dancing shoes. Or just bring yourself and your desire to see

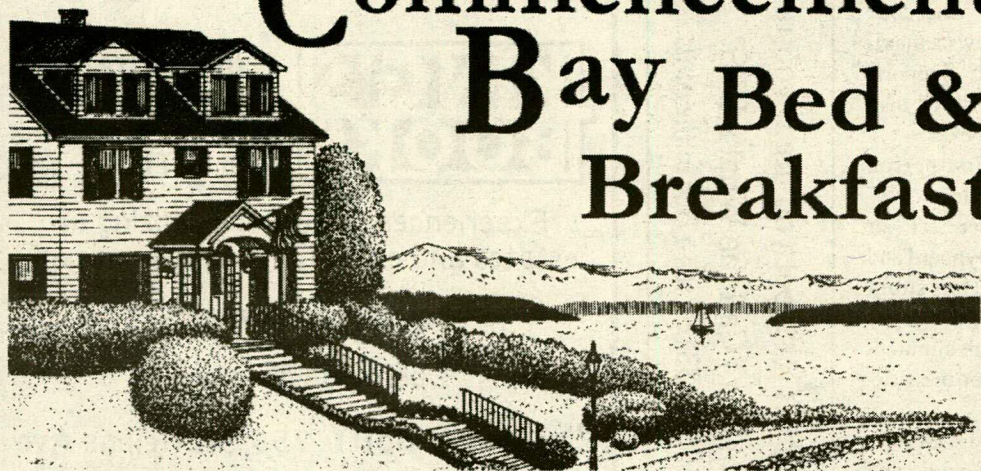
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Blues Traveler's latest leaves tragedy behind

JOSH EPSTEIN
Staff Writer

It would be nice to say that out of tragedy comes great art. As we all know, sometimes that is the case. Not always, though.

A band known as Blues Traveler will soon release *Bridge*, an album composed in the wake of disaster upon catastrophe upon calamity. The album itself is not a disaster, but it has too little energy—and energy was essentially all that set the band apart to begin with.

According to AMG, Blues Traveler was formed in 1988 by lead-singer and harmonica-player John Popper, drummer Brendan Hill, lead guitarist Chan Kinchla and bassist Bobby Sheehan, who in 1999 died in his New Orleans home at the age of 31. The band also overcame Popper's 1992 car accident, which confined him to a wheelchair for months, and his angioplasty in 1999. Blues Traveler decided to "stay within the family," hiring Tad Kinchla as their new bassist.

Bridge will not do much to bring Blues Traveler back to mainstream popularity (no doubt that's just as well). Given the misfortune surrounding the album's production, the darker sensibility of the album is

most understandable, but they fail to offer enough variety and compelling songwriting to make the album flow, though it certainly has its powerful moments. Over-poppy and over-played as it may have been, *Four* was an ingenious and well-written album. *Bridge* is denser, more elaborate and generally a great deal less impressive than its predecessor.

The opener, "Back in the Day," has a very Blues Traveler-ish hook, an obligatory Popper harmonica solo and a folksy quality that redeems its obnoxiousness. "Girl Inside My Head" is a very nice song with ingenious writing and a strong keyboard performance. It does feel a great deal more reserved than many

of their past efforts have been, which is in many ways an asset—though it leads me to wonder how well the band has weathered the storms.

Track 3, "Rage," gives the new Kinchla a bit more to do, and the old Kinchla performs admirably as well. The eerie production of the track is quite lovely, but the song itself is pretty shoddy, monotonous and slightly overlong.

"Just For Me" will sound much more familiar to the group's fans—and as such it fits the album pretty poorly. It's fun, though, and quirkily

easy to listen through. It has a couple of ska echoes to complement the winded sounds of the band that we all know and...well, just know.

"You Reach Me" has a nice sound and is much more appropriate to the general ambience of *Bridge*. The band puts in a very solid performance here (notably by bassist Kinchla), vigorously written and crisply produced. It is one of the album's best pieces.

The sixth track, "All Hands," is significantly less impressive, but by all means it is not bad. It churns forward at a zealous and rhythmic pace, in spite of its basically tepid material, and features one of Popper's more versatile and powerful vocal efforts.

The tribute to Sheehan, "Pretty Angry," is a moving track given the circumstances of its creation, though of its own right the song is pretty flat. Popper gives a very sensitive vocal performance of a rambling and forgettable, though well-meant, elegy.

"The Way" is wittily written but unmelodic and often musically stale. The lyrics are thoughtful, though, and Popper's familiar harmonica



Blues Traveler has risen from the ashes of tragedy with *Bridge*.



stylings offer some dependability.

Nevertheless, *Bridge* is mostly a rehash of the same three songs that they've been singing since day one.

"Sadly a Fiction" is one of the few songs on *Bridge* that is simply not pleasant to listen to. Perhaps this is intentional (and perhaps not), but the song has no vitality to compensate for its severity.

"You're Burning Me" is not typical of the band's output, but it is in fact a very rugged and impressive song, and one of the few on which Popper's harmonica solos sound like a genuine addition to the music

rather than a very skillful exhibition.

"Decision of the Skies" (which along with "The Way" was part of a concept album that failed to conceive) is a nice and enjoyable finale to a strong, but undistinguished, release. In light of the series of trials that the band has gone through, they are certainly to be admired for their resilience; but, judging from this album, less so for their musicianship. Their future prospects look hopeful, however who would have thought Blues Traveler might ever find a new sound? It could happen, and I look forward to hearing the results.

'Tournament' hits Dreamcast

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Staff Writer

Ask any UPS student with a graphics-accelerated Pentium III or Macintosh G3 and it'll be hard to find one who hasn't spend a good portion of their "reading period" playing online carnage fests like "Quake III Arena" and "Unreal Tournament." Since most college campuses are connected over a school



network, dormitories now frequently offer multiplayer competitions—something of a cultural phenomenon over the past decade. "Unreal Tournament" ("UT") and "Quake III Arena" ("Q3A") are at the forefront of the latest craze in competitive gaming—online, first-person shooters.

The premise is simple: kill or be killed. Using graphical setup similar to the PC-classic "Doom," players skirmish within an online arena armed with machine guns and rocket launchers. The player with the most kills in the allotted time wins.

Similar in fashion to this cutthroat style of gameplay, "UT" and "Q3A" have been the subject of the most vicious battle for game superiority in recent memory. Reminiscent of previous rivalries between the real-time strategy behemoths like "Warcraft II" and "Command & Conquer" and popular role-playing games like "Diablo" and "Baldar's Gate," "UT" and "Q3A" have taken the battle to a new playing field—the Sega Dreamcast game console.

In reviewing "UT" for the Dreamcast, its essential to compare it with "Q3A," as both were devel-

oped simultaneously and were destined to lock horns. Released on March 14, "UT" made its way to the Dreamcast a full five months after "Q3A." "UT" clearly benefited from the added development time as the game has a more polished feel to it.

Both "UT" and "Q3A" rely heavily on the Dreamcast's 56K modem, which allows players to compete online, and in this respect, "UT"'s net code is much cleaner. While "Q3A" only allows a maximum of four players to compete, "UT" supports eight while still maintaining less lag. "UT" also offers more levels than "Q3A"—70, to be exact.

The most important aspect of a first-person shooter is the game's control, and this is where "UT" falls short. Do not attempt to play either "UT" or "Q3A" online without the Dreamcast keyboard and mouse accessories (sold separately). Players struggling with the Dreamcast's standard controller are immediately noticeable and quickly decimated. Competing online just isn't fun without the flexible keyboard/mouse configuration.

Unfortunately for fans of the PC and Mac version of "UT," the game's subtle, moody audio and visual themes as well as its emphasis on strategy and precision did not translate well onto the Dreamcast. A combination of internet lag and the inaccuracy of the Dreamcast mouse significantly hampers competitive play in "UT," and is much more accommodating to the speedier, reflex-based gameplay of "Q3A."

While "Unreal Tournament" is a great game, "Quake III Arena" wins the Sega Dreamcast round of their rivalry. As far as who the winner on the computer medium is concerned, however, the debate is far from over.

Gamer's Info

"Unreal Tournament"



(out of 5 stars)

Price: \$39.99

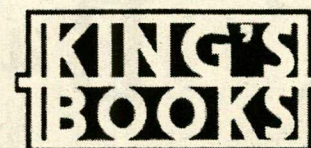
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Proposed By-Law Change

"Art. IV. Section 5.G. A detailed record of the committee's actions must be published and posted in a public open area within one week of each meeting."

This change is proposed by the governance committee and will be debated Thursday, April 12 at 6 p.m.

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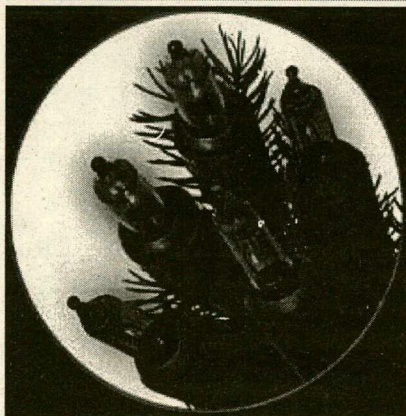


PICTURE PERFECT

The Trail's guide to decorating any dorm room to perfection.

By Jason Golden

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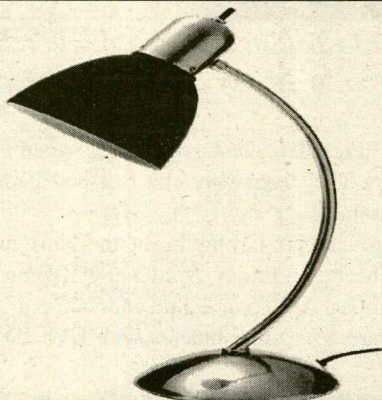
◀ CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

If you've got a little extra room on the walls and some putty to put them on with, Christmas lights can be a great alternative lighting choice. They work best when you want some light, but not the harsh overhead light in every room. Available in every length and color imaginable, these lights cost about \$10.

TABLE TOPPER

▶ DESK LAMP

Studying at a desk can be laborious without focused light. Consider one of these for hard studying at your desk or night reading at your bed. Available at most hardware stores and linen shops for \$10-20.



TALK OUTSIDE

◀ CORDLESS PHONE

An absolute must for every dorm room for two reasons. One, the ringer on the provided university phone is incredibly loud. Second, having a cordless phone lets you take your conversation out into the hallway and away from your roommate's ear. Can be found at local retail and electronic stores from \$30.



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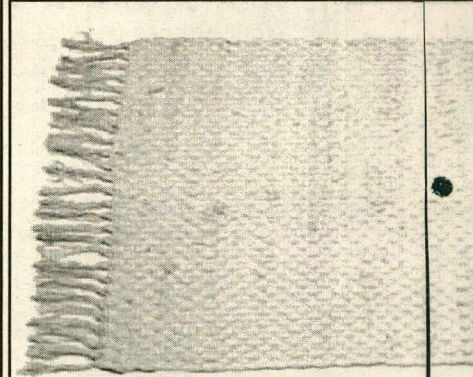
◀ GLOW STARS

A nice looking room in daylight is just half the battle. Try putting these glow-in-the-dark stars on your walls with putty. Give them an hour charge with the light and they'll glow all night long. Large buckets of stars can be purchased for \$10 at education stores.

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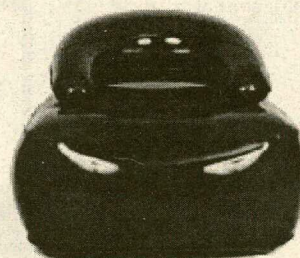
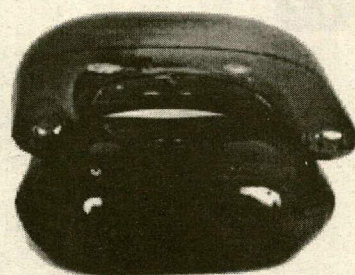
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The last thing anyone wants to do when they wake up in the morning is land their feet on the cold floor. Try putting one of these near your bed to ease the burden. Also, consider getting a carpet remnant for a large portion of the room to share with your roommate. Rugs cost \$10-40 while carpet remnants usually cost less than \$50.



Inflate This!

Inflatable furniture is an excellent addition to dorm rooms. They're inexpensive, come in a variety of colors and, best of all, deflate for easy storage. Here's just a few of the many items that come in inflatable form.

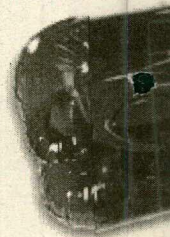
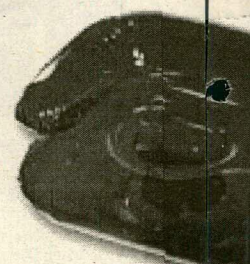


Chairs

Whether you're trying to replace the uncomfortable wood chairs or just trying to find another place for other people to sit, these chairs offer just the solution. Taking just minutes to inflate and costing about \$20, how can you go wrong?

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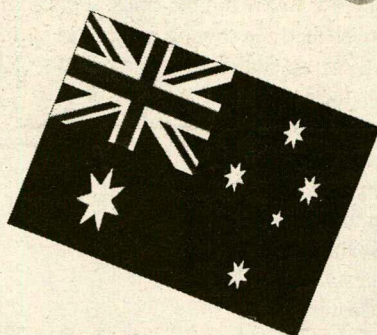
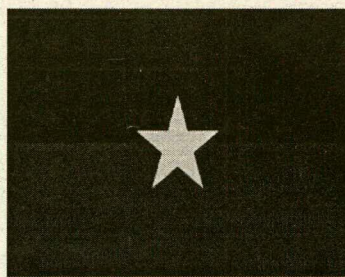
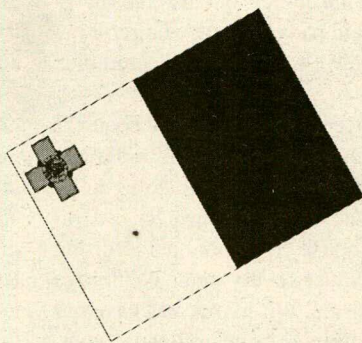
▶ WORLD FLAGS

While the overhead lights are useful and convenient, they can appear a little industrial. Try hanging flags near them to dull the light and add a major point of interest to the room. Pick and choose a flag based on your home country or state. Most world flags can be found at specialty shops in local malls for \$30.

DISPLAY PICS

◀ PHOTO FRAMES

Don't just tape those photos of home on your door! Find frames and put some pics in there. Not only is it a better presentation, but uniquely colored frames can add a lot to a room. Try decorating plain frames yourself with paint and crayons. Explore thrift stores for great values. New frames range from \$5-10 for snapshot size photos.

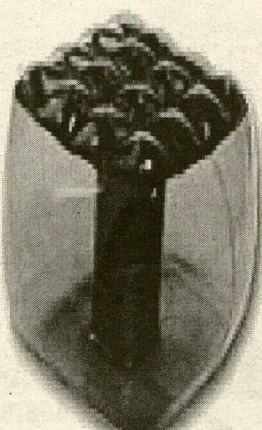
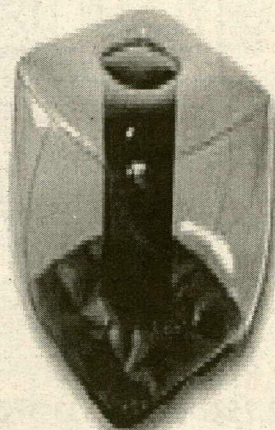
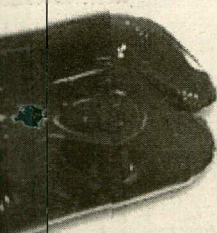
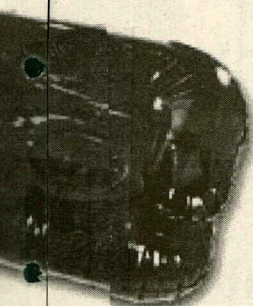
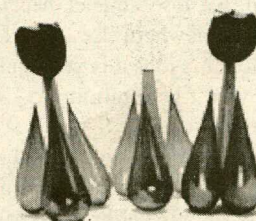
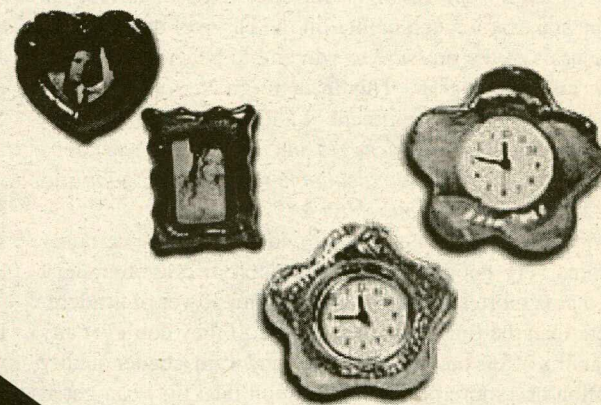


Foot Stools

Feet need a place to go, too. A perfect complement to the chair or sofa, these stools keep your feet up with ease. And at \$12, these stools are sure to keep the smile on your face for hours.

Accessories

These accents are sure to brighten up the room and peak the interest of visitors. Items include picture frames (\$7), clocks (\$7) and tulips (\$6). Try some in your room!





Q&A: UPS coaches talk about recruiting

DAVE ABBOTT
Sports Editor

When the media today takes notice of a top high school recruit driving around in a new Lexus or suddenly passing the SAT that he failed badly the previous four times, controversy is immediately created. Scandal involving recruiting and scholarships is consistently in the news nowadays, primarily at the Division I level. I interviewed several UPS coaches to get their thoughts regarding this topic.

Dave Abbott: *College recruiting (in Division I sports) has become a highly scrutinized subject in the national media over the last decade. Do you believe this has (or will) filter over into the Division III level?*

Mike Willy – Crew Coach: I don't think that recruiting on the DIII level will be nearly so scrutinized as it is on the DI level because there is not the level of money involved (i.e. scholarships). What I have found is that [DIII] athletes tend to pick their schools primarily for the university, and the athletics is more or less a bonus. If two institutions are more or less equal, the quality of athletics is often a deciding factor.

Mark Massey – Volleyball Coach: The media do not scrutinize anything at the DIII level, unless there is a momentary flash of excellence or controversy. However, there is no question that recruiting—even without athletic scholarships—is critically important at the DIII level...The process is just much harder to control at the DIII level, because you can't offer athletic scholarships...Especially for male athletes in our society, the athletic scholarship means a lot—it is how they evaluate their self-worth—and many will pass up an education at Puget Sound to take a small scholarship at a no-name school to feed their ego. The same is becoming increasingly true of female athletes, too—but they are still more likely to make decisions based on their education as a long-term investment that will pay off in other ways. Guys tend to just go for the money.

Joe Callero – Men's Basketball Coach: I'm very confident it won't, for several reasons. The main difference is that DI athletics are primarily driven by money. Coaches at DI schools are paid higher salaries than those at DIII schools, and also contain further potential financial gain based on the success of their programs. The pressure that DI coaches also face is much greater. For example, a DI basketball coach can get fired for not being successful over the course of several years in the NCAA tournament. On the other hand, a DIII coach would receive much acclaim if he was able to make the postseason in consecutive seasons. Finally, there is a greater parity of talent that exists on the DIII level. While some DI teams clearly have better athletes than others, I'd estimate that 75 percent of DIII teams have comparable talent. It boils down to that at this level we recruit much more on potential than blue-chip, nationally recognized prospects.

Dick Ulrich – Director of Athletics: No, for the reason that the stakes are much higher on the DI level than in DIII, on the basis of the pressure to win and to generate revenues for the athletic program. This leads to greater opportunities for violations in the recruitment of athletes.

DA: *Do financial aid packages and other like scholarships offered at the DIII level do a capable job of drawing the student-athlete that you are looking for?*

MW: It just depends on the individual. We have certainly had some very good athletes come into our program, and I think that is more a matter of the drawing power of academics here than the financial aid available. If they don't get any scholarship offers on the DI level or they want a better quality education or a more personal education than they can get at San Diego State or WSU, for example, it's the education that will draw them here. More often, we lose athletes because they get better (financial) packages somewhere else...I've lost three or four varsity women to part-time jobs this year and at least two of our top novice men won't be returning to UPS next year because of the tuition increase.

MM: At Puget Sound, no—our alumni giving rate and endowment hurt our overall financial aid packages compared to many other institutions of equal academic caliber. But to be fair, many of those schools have been at a high academic level for far longer than Puget Sound, and thus have a different

alumni base for contributions. The other challenge is that an average incoming student here is above average at lesser academic institutions, so they usually qualify for more money at those schools, too. However, this is not just a student-athlete issue, but one for the university as a whole, and the administration has been addressing growth of the endowment, and available financial aid overall has been increasing in my estimation. It is simply a long-term process, and our combination of excellent academic quality and smaller endowment puts us between a rock and a hard place as recruiters. Fortunately, our school has such a great reputation, and good word-of-mouth from current students and graduates, that we are able to overcome some of that gap anyway. Many student-athletes have Puget Sound as their first academic choice, but also their most expensive one. If our financial aid packages were larger, I believe we would have our desired pick of players.

JC: Realistically, a DIII coach is never going to get the talent he desires, because those players are going to DI and II universities. However, we instead choose to focus on recruiting better players every year to improve our program. While we can't have our pick of athletes from around the country, we can certainly get better recruiting classes, and therefore that is our realistic goal.

DU: While coaches actively recruit prospective students for team membership, prospective student-athletes go through the same process for admissions and financial aid as any other prospective student looking at a particular institution. This is the unique aspect of DIII. There are many fine student-athletes at our institution and at the institutions with whom we compete. I believe this attests to the fact that capable student-athletes elect to attend DIII universities.

DA: *What basic guidelines are you required to follow while recruiting athletes at the DIII level? Do you believe a minority/middle amount/majority of coaches violate these rules?*

MW: I think a middle amount are following the rules...For example, this year the NCAA redefined the rowing ergometer as conditioning equipment, not rowing equipment. The intent was to allow programs to train on the ergs outside the 26-week season. However, as a result, institutions could not sponsor their athletes in ergometer races, which has been a big part of winter training throughout the country, because the ergs are not rowing equipment and they would be paying entries for a "non-rowing" event which is against the rules. A lot of programs, DI-DIII, were unaware of the rule change and had to self-report. On the other hand, men's rowing is not a NCAA sport or a NWC sport and most of our competition is still on a club level. As a result there are not a lot of rules that everyone is required to follow, although we and most of the other varsity levels programs usually follow the NCAA regulation for women. We just don't have to do all the paperwork.

MM: I think the majority of coaches try very hard to follow the rules, and any violations at the DIII level are typically unintentional or minor.

JC: In DIII athletics, coaches are allowed to call and contact recruits anytime, which is very helpful as opposed to DI and II where there are certain "dead-periods," times coaches aren't allowed contact at all with possible recruits. That said, I feel probably 90-95 percent of DIII coaches follow what rules do exist, and there are few violations committed, minor at most if they happen to occur.

DU: Every year, pamphlets containing clear-cut rules and regulations for recruitment are distributed to coaches. Some of the basic rules would be for example: only representatives of the university are al-

lowed to make contact with the prospective student, and permission to make contact with students is only allowed after the completion of their junior year in high school. There is a distinct minority of illegal scenarios that take place in DIII athletics, and the ones that do are almost always unintentional in nature.

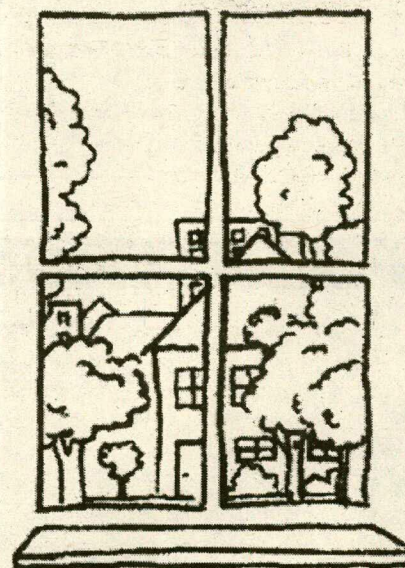
DA: *What rules and regulations would you institute in college athletics to ensure a level playing field?*

MM: I do not think a level playing field is possible across the Division as a whole. It is challenging even at our conference level. In DIII, which is academically-oriented with no athletically-related aid, there will always be schools which have more money than their opponents, or who have lower academic standards—these are both competitive advantages when it comes to recruiting student athletes...If you are smart and competitive, you just do the best you can do, and search for ways to be efficient and effective both as a coach and recruiter given your circumstances.

JC: One dramatic change that could be instituted to level the playing field in DIII athletics would be the ability to coach athletes out of season. Just as a music student would benefit greatly from year-round instruction from her teacher, our athletes similarly would gain an advantage by having further contact with their coaches than just in the season. Another factor that is unlikely to change in DIII sports is that program success can sometimes be skewed towards colleges with the leaner academic and financial requirements. It's no coincidence that the last 6 out of 8 national championships in DIII Men's Basketball have been won or competed in by Wisconsin state schools, institutions that cost very little to attend.

DU: There is not a level playing field in any division of the NCAA. Every institution has its pluses and minuses. DIII, with the emphasis on student's education, participation vs. commercialization, and broad base athletic programs, probably offers as much parity as possible. Continued refinement of DIII current policies and rules offer the best hope of leveling the playing field.

For the most part, these interviews revealed no significant amount of scandal at UPS or on the DIII level. Money is the driving force in DI athletics, and more academically-based DIII schools will likely never encounter these problems.



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Track & Field dominates distance events

TRACK & FIELD

AARON FUNG
Staff Writer

Over the weekend of March 24, the UPS track and field team traveled to compete in the Western Intercollegiate Meet in Monmouth, Oregon, and faced some of the stiffest competition in the west. Facing teams such as Western Oregon University, North Idaho College, and league rivals George Fox, Linfield and Pacific Lutheran, to name a few, the Loggers showed their best stuff in the grueling 10,000 meter race.

The men placed six of the top 10 runners, and junior Reagan Grabner and sophomore J.R. Floweree led the pack with first and third place finishes, respectively. Grabner set a new meet record in the process with his time of 32:25.60 and beat his nearest competitor by nearly thirty seconds. Freshmen Jimmy O'Dea, John Tribbia, Jarred Larson, and sophomore Mike Neuner followed Grabner and Floweree with the sixth through ninth place finishes.

Complementing the 10k runners were junior Tyler Berndt, who took 17th place in the 800 meter run and junior Scott Flichtbeil, who took 22nd place in the 1,500 meter run. Freshman phenom Dan McLean notched an impressive fourth place in the 5,000 meters, followed by senior Brian Mulry in seventh.

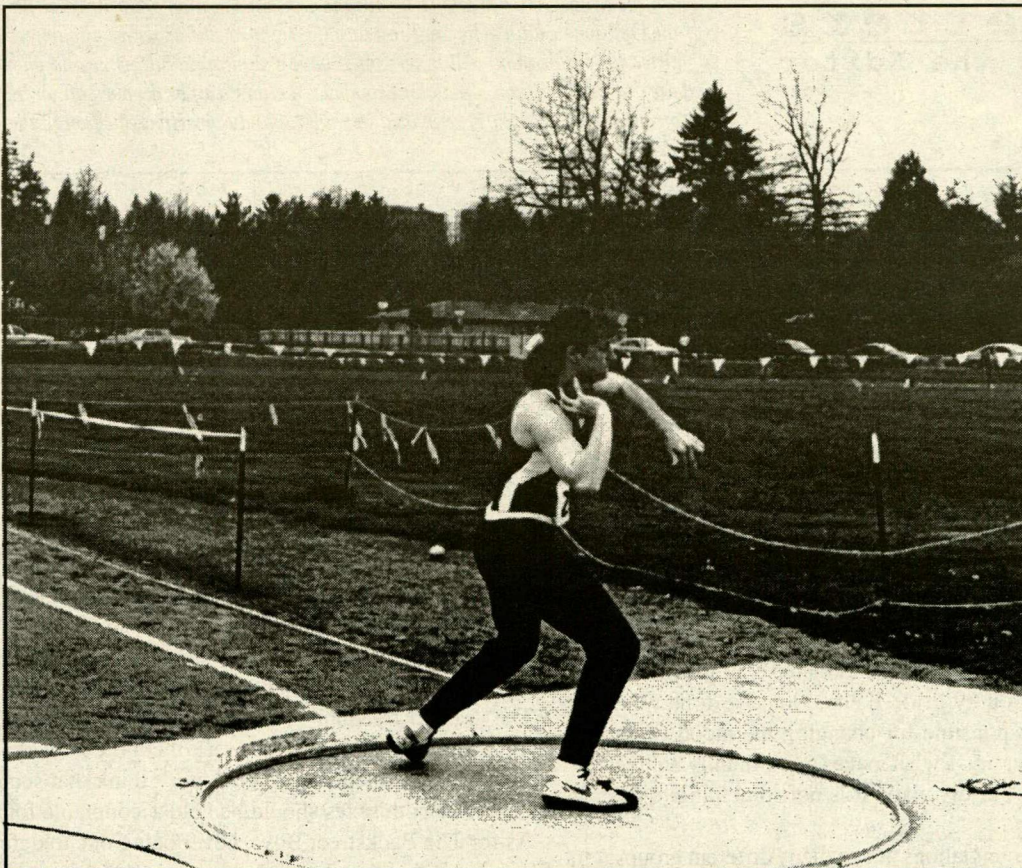
Success also came in the men's pole vault, where sophomore Matt Perry and

freshman Nate Sutton recorded personal best vaults of 13'6". The pair qualified for third and fourth place, respectively.

The women's side had its ups and downs as well. The dashes proved to be a slight weakness, with the Loggers' best result coming in the women's 400 meters, where sophomore Jenny Saiki captured 11th place. Also, in the women's 800 meters, freshman Gina Collignon took eighth place. Junior Julie Vanni also took 12th place in the 100-meter high hurdles, to complement her 15th place showing in the shot put.

As is the case with many UPS runners, the women showed their skill in the longer runs. Sophomores Alison May took 8th place in the 1,500 meter run and Breanne Hickel took 12th in the 5,000 meter run.

Senior Jamie Questa continued her excellent throwing with a fifth place toss in the women's discus, 18th place in the



Julie Vanni shows her versatility in the shot put.

hammer throw, and a 13th place toss in the shot put. Just several weeks before, Questa took home a second place finish in the hammer throw and a sixth place award in the shot put at the University of Washington Outdoor Preview Track Meet. Questa was one of the bright spots

for UPS at UW, as the Loggers, along with several DI schools and crosstown rival PLU, fought hard for the victories.

The next Track & Field meet starts at 10 a.m., Saturday, April 7, against Whitworth, Lewis and Clark and Whitman, in Spokane.

SPORTS Brief

March 31 was a big day for the UPS crew teams. Head Coach Mike Willy recapped the weekend events:

This year's annual Meyer/Lamberth Cup dual found the crews racing into a stiff 10+ mph headwind with some rain and rough water. In the end, the Logger Crews came away with wins in all but one event.

The first of the two cup races was the Meyer Cup, officially named after Paul Meyer, who founded the rowing programs at UPS & PLU in the mid 1960's and dubbed the "M" Cup after Coach Meyer's wife Martha. The UPS varsity men came off the line fast and took command of their race early, striking a stroke rate of 38 strokes per minute for the first 20 strokes, and settling to a strong and steady 34 for the body of the race piece. As expected, the Logger men quickly moved ahead of the Lute men to establish and open water lead in the first two minutes. Looking ahead to next week's races at the San Diego Crew Classic, the UPS men pushed ahead to open up a seven length lead over PLU winning in a time of 6:28:95 over PLU's 6:45:9. The UPS varsity men are anchored by seniors Greg Spooner at stroke seat, Jeremy Meyer at sixth seat, Andy Weidman at fifth seat, Mark Marshall at second seat and Sam Taylor at bow seat, with juniors Karl Miller and Tyler Plant at seventh and fourth seat, respectively. Sophomores Cyrus Brown at third seat and coxswain Tina Wagenaar round out the boat. This year's win marked the return of the Meyer Cup to UPS after an eight year PLU winning streak. In both of the past two years, the PLU won by very close .5 second margins.

In the Lamberth Cup, the Logger varsity women's eight got off to a strong start to take a half a boat length lead in the first two minutes. After a rocky start, PLU's women's eight settled into a good rhythm and began to make up ground through the middle 1000 meters. With about 800 meters to go, PLU pulled even, and eventually moved ahead to win with a time of 7:35:8 to the Loggers' time of 7:40:8. The five second margin was the closest finish in the past 10 years, with the exception of the 1998 race which UPS won by .44 seconds. The UPS varsity women are led by juniors Christine Reehl and Megan Sasnett at seventh and sixth seat, respectively. Sophomores Heather Hanna at coxswain, Kendra Craid at stroke seat, Carly West at fourth seat, Lauree Luyet at third seat, Gretchen Koch at second seat, and Lauren Carleton-Smith at bow seat, plus freshman Gillian Hamilton at fifth seat make up the rest of the team.

Duke wins...again

PAUL THOMPSON
Sports Reporter

Hooray for Duke!

Chalk up another national title for the Blue Devils and don't look like you didn't expect it. They were a number one seed and were ranked number one in the nation according to the pre-tournament Associated Press poll. Give the men in white a hand. They did it. They did what everyone in the nation expected.

For three weeks now, millions of college basketball fans nationwide watched in anticipation of upsets, like when Iowa State, a number two seed, got beat at the buzzer by Hampton, a number fifteen seed from Virginia. Or when Stanford choked. Or when Gonzaga did what everyone hoped they'd do, only to fall short of the Great Eight again.

Year in and year out, the nation tunes into March Madness, listening to Dick Vitale predict what probably won't happen. We sit and cheer the teams we've never heard of and hope to see them upset the higher seeds. But how often does one of those low seeded teams win the whole tournament or for that matter, even make it to the Final Four? The answer: Very rarely.

If I had it my way, the tournament would stop as soon as all seeds lower than six were out. If one kept going, we'd keep watching. But it wouldn't go very far.

The fact is, I, along with many other Americans, wait with excitement for everything leading up to the tournament, and those first three rounds are, in my opinion, the most exciting moments in televised sports. But, afterwards, the championship game is almost a downer. It gets old seeing the same teams winning in the Final Four every year.

Last year, for example, Florida, a number five seed, beat eleventh seeded Butler on a first round buzzer beater. Underdog Florida ended up advancing all the way to the championship game, only of course to lose to a number one seed.

So Duke wins again. Who cares? They have proudly won three championships in the last decade, and still no one can pronounce their coach's name. Sheshefski? Shishefsky? It doesn't matter anyway. Next year, after all the low seeded teams are out, I'm going back to watching reruns of "Temptation Island."

SPORTS
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LOGGER LINE

For a complete schedule of all athletic events, pick up a pocket schedule in the athletic office.

Baseball

April 7
Willamette
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12 p.m.

April 8
Willamette
@ Home
1 p.m.

Softball

April 7
Pacific
University
@ Forest
Grove, Ore.
1 p.m.

April 8
Pacific
University
@ Forest
Grove, Ore.
12 p.m.

April 10
Pacific
Lutheran
University
@ Home
2 p.m.

Track & Field

April 7
Whitworth,
Lewis &
Clark,
Whitman
@ Spokane,
Wash.
10 a.m.

Men's Tennis

April 6
Whitman
@ Home
5 p.m.

April 7
Whitworth
@ Home
9:30 a.m.

Women's Tennis

April 6
Whitworth
@ Spokane,
Wash.
3 p.m.

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**ASUPS not to participate
in Tacoma Daffodil Parade**

Dear Campus Community,

After much thought and discussion, it has been the decision of The Daffodil Parade Planning Committee for the Associated Students of the University of Puget Sound to withdraw our entry from the parade April 21. ASUPS sponsors a theme each year for students to understand, reflect and be a part of an inclusive world. This year our theme happens to be Crossing Boundaries/Unfolding Identities: understanding issues of gender and sexuality. Upon reading the articles in The Tacoma News Tribune this past week surrounding the claims of prejudice on the Pierce County Pride Foundation, we found that both parties were responsible for changing the mood of the parade this year. Diversity is what makes a community unique, and we are proud of our diversity. It is not something to oppress but to embrace.

We discussed the connotations put on many different groups, cultural or otherwise, and found that it is no easy task to determine who is considered political and who is not. If you really dig, everyone has an agenda. It would be very easy to discount an organization deemed controversial just for the benefit of keeping the parade light. But it would also be wise to recognize that mutual respect is something that strengthens. Maybe it is a lesson the children in our community needed to learn and see. Whether or not the Gay-Straight Alliance fit the requirements for entry into the parade, we feel that a precedent has been set for the parade this year, and by participating, the representation of the diversity within our student body: race, religion and sexual orientation could be compromised.

We find it hard to be ourselves—bright, diverse and colorful like the flowers we are there to celebrate—if not everyone is celebrating. It would not be in our best interest to participate this year, but we hope to be involved in the future.

Sincerely,

UPS Daffodil Parade Committee

Sarah Dillon, Kate Loes, Doug Herstad, Trina Olson

Use of 'slut' appropriate for both males, females

Dear Editor,

In Jason Ronbeck's article "'Slut' rooted in misogyny," he seems to make the implication that women with a high degree of "sexual prowess" are unjustly labeled as sluts. It is true that this term is exclusive to women. However, because men are often praised for being "macks" does that mean women should not also be criticized for indiscrete, irresponsible or immoral behavior? A double standard does exist here, yet do we exempt women's sexual activity from criticism as well, or rather apply the same criticism to men's? I propose that sexually promiscuous men be called "sluts" as well. Personally, I know many of what you would call "man whores" and I feel such names for them are often warranted. Granted, it is unkind to call people demeaning names, but that doesn't mean one's behavior and choices must be completely exempt from any censure.

Ronbeck seems to imply that such activity is a means for female empowerment. Rather, doesn't this behavior facilitate female degradation? Becoming a sex object is not a meritable way to attain power. Indeed, one can argue the ethics of exerting power over people by any means. Obtaining power through sexual acts is a very shallow endeavor. Moreover, it has been my experience that many women use the term "slut" because they feel threatened by this expectation.

The "sexual freedom" you refer to was experimented by our parents' generation, and as a result we have record divorce rates, an unprecedented rate of children out of wedlock, sexually transmitted disease and a sex-oriented culture without a sense of consequence. I don't think that such "freedom" is something to be exonerated or glorified—rather members of both sexes should be held accountable for the prudence of their actions.

As for The Backstreet Boys, never being one to defend such an artistically void act, I think Ronbeck is wrong. The difference is that they have clothes on.

Sincerely,

Ian Brown

Optimistic newsworthy items need recognition

Dear Editor,

In every single Trail issue I have ever read, the News From Around the World section is always incredibly depressing. I can't recall a single issue which an event which did not include massacres, plane crashes, terrorism or some form of violence. Yes, murders and mass killings make headlines all the time; honestly, what else sells on TV and newspapers? It does seem a bit grotesque though, to send the message that these tragic events are the main things going on in the world. What about reporting more optimistic things? Habitat for Humanity success stories in Africa, for example, or maybe even welfare reforms in the U.S.?

Americans do seem to have a fascination with violence and bloodshed, and this aspect of our culture is reflected in art forms like movies. But I digress. My point is not to make excessive overgeneralizations, but to suggest that although political news, however important tragedy is, the "happier" aspects of global news are also equally important.

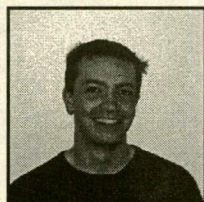
Sincerely,

Lacey Chong

Safe Zone program beneficial to campus community

JASON RONBECK
Opinions Editor

Studies, along with some common intuition, will show that the difficulty of adjustment for queer (gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender—GLBT) students at any level of school is more difficult than it is for straight (heterosexual) students. Statistics reveal queer youth are more likely to drop out of high school, not go on to higher education and commit suicide than straight youth.



Adjusting to college life for queer students is often difficult and confusing. Even those who came out (told other people about their sexual orientation) prior to college, when meeting new people and looking for acceptance, can sometimes be forced back into the closet.

For those students who are still trying to reconcile their sexuality, coming to college and meeting new people can create more stress. With the heightened sexual atmosphere of college campuses, as well as freedom from parents, those who have not yet come to grips with their sexuality are prone to even more confusion.

Combined with the normal anxieties of college life, being queer and in college proves difficult for many. While some

students realize their sexuality during college, others are more confused than ever.

Although UPS has a strong gay-straight alliance (Understanding Sexuality) and a confidential support group (As Is), the whole process remains intimidating to many queer students. They may not trust peers with personal information or feel comfortable enough with their own sexuality to pursue such groups.

As a continuing effort by Understanding Sexuality and the administration, the Safe Zone project has been established at UPS in order to visibly show queer students and allies support and acceptance on campus.

For a little over a year now, students, staff and faculty have displayed stickers with an upside-down pink triangle with the words "Safe Zone" on them.

Those who have been or are participants in Safe Zone program understand the trouble queer students go through and agree to be supportive and accepting of those students.

In the classroom, professors who are a part of the Safe Zone will make an at-

tempt to use gender-inclusive language and avoid heterosexual statements. Essentially, they will not assume all students and people mentioned in the class are straight.

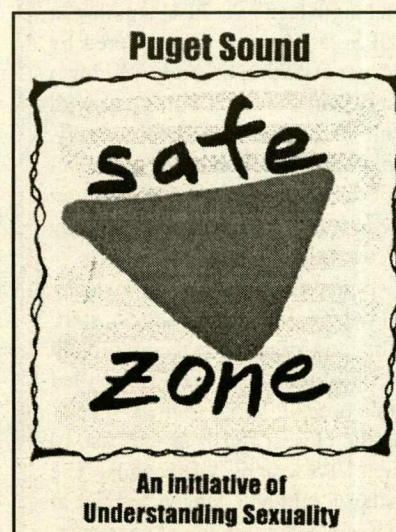
In addition to listening to real life experiences from queer students at UPS, those at a Safe Zone workshop also received

brochures on such topics as bisexuality, religion, the coming out process and what it means to be transgendered.

The Safe Zone Project is an excellent program for all students. For queer students who are out, it helps to establish a network of support on campus. For queer or questioning students who are not yet out, it visibly shows support on the campus and allows for the possibility to talk with someone about the issue. And for straight students, the Safe Zone project reaffirms diversity on campus and provides a model of how to be an ally.

The positive response Safe Zone has received from the campus community is encouraging, and definitely shows that UPS appreciates diversity and strives to support all students.

For more information on the Safe Zone project, e-mail safezone@ups.edu.



The Safe Zone sticker visibly shows queer allies on campus.

'Feminist' must not be negative

• Connotation of 'the f-word' requires reexamination

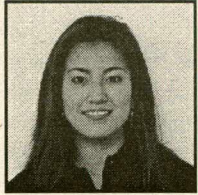
CATHERINE CAMBRA
Staff Writer

There's often a distinction between those who adopt feminist positions and those who assume the label "feminist." I can't tell you how many times I've asked a strong-minded, independent woman whether or not she considered herself to be a feminist and been given the response, "Well, no...but I firmly believe in equality between the sexes, and I agree with some of what the feminists have to say." It seems that while many women have feminist goals and ideals, they reject the label "feminist," because of the weightier connotations that accompany the name.

I've spoken to a few friends who hold a vested interest in women's issues, yet hold an aversion to being called a feminist. It's evident to me that when feminism is broadly defined, there are millions of women who fit the definition. Those who reject the label are rebuffing a caricatured and narrow definition of feminism that insinuates that they are man-hating aggressors.

The women I know who reject the label have heard the word tossed around in the media negatively, and/or associate it with the assumption that being a bona-fide feminist entails being actively involved in efforts furthering women's causes in the political sphere.

Many believe that being a feminist is a label earned by women who muster the prowess to doggedly petition state and federal legislative assemblies to challenge the political doctrines that lay the foundation of the social construct of our society. Their assumption is most likely based on their association of the word "feminism" to the women's movement and on an allusion to the women who lived in an era that failed to honor their personhood, yet didn't believe in acquiescing to the conventions of their time. The image many people hold of those feminists is one of those who fought for change despite



an atmosphere rife with hostility.

Indeed, suffragettes endured verbal ridicule, physical attacks, were branded un-Christian, and marched in treacherous weather conditions. In spite of such adversity, though, they pursued their cause until they prevailed because they firmly believed that women should exercise voting rights. Thanks to their efforts, American women are free to, in part, control their destinies by exercising their right to vote, thereby choosing leaders to serve their country.

But does being a feminist really require that one engage in public, political activity? By affirming that prerequisite, are we basing the idea of feminism on the media's representation of women with a political agenda? If one resists the word, does that mean that one is ignoring identification with feminism even if one bases one's life on feminist ideologies? And where do men fit into the category of feminism?

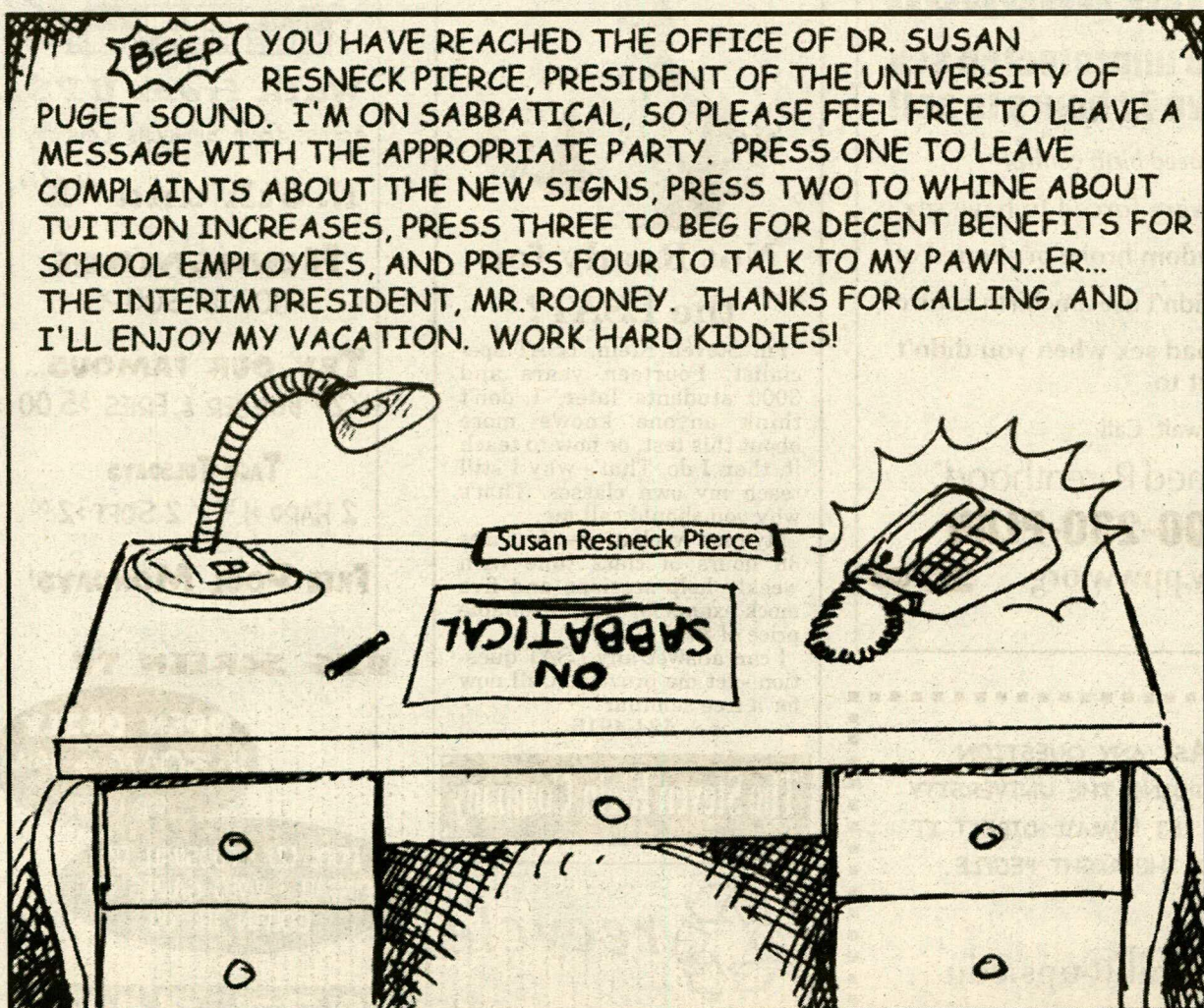
Personally, I think that not allowing men the option of assuming the identity of being a feminist is grossly unfair. Both in history and present-day America, many men have been, and continue to be, supportive of gender equality. They have been active participants of the women's movement and therefore

deserve the right to accept the label without being faced with derision. There are those, however, who are convinced that you have to experience the societal repression of a woman in order to be called a feminist, because it's impossible for men to understand a woman's plight and align himself with a feminist identity.

There are endless questions raised in regard to the word "feminist" and its implications.

The arguments it provokes will continue on in a circular pattern, I'm sure. I just think it's unfortunate that a word that's intended to promote equality of the sexes—which is a great thing—is associated with such negativity. Because so many people are having difficulty in claiming the word, perhaps it's time we consider a more appropriate term in place of "feminist" in the spirit of promoting gender equity.

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Do you feel safe on campus?



"Yes. How often does the campus masturbator come after guys?"

—Jon Kendrick—



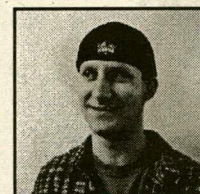
"Yes, because it's a pretty protected area except for the crazy masturbator and the prank callers."

—Kat Kurz—



"Yes, because security are the only people trying to catch you!"

—Hap Henninger—



"Yes, because here in Tacoma dirty rapists go for girls."

—Evan Brooks—



"Hell, no! I don't feel safe because the unibator/molester knocked on my window!"

—Shayna Rasmussen—



Smaller schools foster student communities

AUREA ASTRO

Assistant Opinions Editor

With the sudden influx of prospective students infiltrating our campus, I can't help but fall into faint reminiscence of the days when I, too, was faced with the choice of where to spend the next four years of my life. The incessant gold-rimmed invitations from Harvard, Yale, and Princeton and Cambridge's unprofessional begging turned me off from Ivy League. Then I began probing the Northwest. What I realized is that the first and foremost question is what size environment you feel comfortable in. And, as a college student (and double-A female), I can certainly assure you that bigger isn't better.



The most important aspect of a small campus is undeniably the professor to student ratio. I haven't yet been in a class in which I felt comfortable sleeping. If you begin nodding off during a lecture on standard deviation and the perils of aggregation, don't think your prof will have any problem staring at you until you feel obligated to feign attention.

If you so much as blink, he'll call on you by name. If your eyes acquire that glassy surface from lack of espresso, he'll ask you to demonstrate a profiting monopolistically competitive firm on the board.

There's no escaping the gruff, dry voice, representative of years of education and wisdom calling out to you in the café, or the chorale instructor's suspicious eye across the cashier table in the Sub indicating that he's on to your lip sync approach to rehearsals.

How many state university students can say they discuss international trade with their professor over coffee and raspberry croissants? How many can say they actually talk to their professors on the phone with last minute "is there a test tomorrow" questions? How many can say they're on a first-name basis with the faculty, or are given more than ample opportunity for one-on-one help with Mr. Ph.D. himself, not just a byline on some book cover? That's what I thought.

But, of course, college just isn't college without the social aspect. If you're a socialite like me, you'll revel in the fact that

you don't have to trek fifteen minutes in the frigid Washington air just to kick it for half an hour with your friend across campus before making the same lengthy commute back. Oh no, she won't have the chance to be missed when you see her in hall, then at the Cellar, then in the hall again, then in the lounge, then at the Sub, then in your room, and finally in the café before finding her one last time on your bed asking to copy your bio notes.

The same applies with respect to a significant other. Especially when he becomes your ex and best friends with your good friend down the hall (because with a 35 percent male student population them guys have to stick together) and you consequently find yourself running into him everywhere and all the time, forcing you to deal with the pain of unreciprocated feelings of loving affection and desire which eats at my soul each time he wanders by because even though I whined, groveled and begged, I've permanently lost one of the few silver linings in the bleakness of my academia.... But anyway, moving on.

Again, let me be serious. So think "Cheers." UPS really is the place where everyone knows your name. There's no greater thrill than being thrown into a stats class with your best bud, or having the rest of your favorite peeps no farther than a walk down the hall.

Likewise, warm and fuzzies abound when you realize that, with an undergraduate student body of only 2,700, the random run-in with that cute guy in the dark-rimmed glasses will most definitely not be a one-time encounter.

And then you have those admirable facets of this school which aren't so apparent, such their dedication to campus beau-

tification as reflected in the nine-to-five watering of lawns, Leash and Scoop signs, and resident hall vacuuming every other morning, promptly at seven.

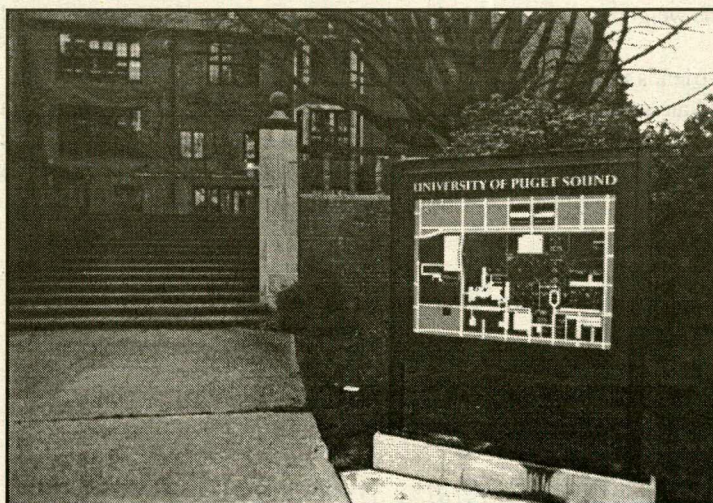
And don't forget the school's unwavering consciousness of student needs, indicated by the new signs to make sure we know where we're going at all times and security's instant on-the-spot readiness when beckoned. What other school is held in such high esteem and to become dubbed "The Harvard of the West" by their own university president? Just frosting on the cake, as far as I'm concerned.

The University of Puget Sound's superiority is not limited only to these, but the social and academic advantages inherent to a small campus. You've got Velma in the Sub calling you "honey child," and your best friends just a shout down the hall away. You've got professors willing to stop whatever their more

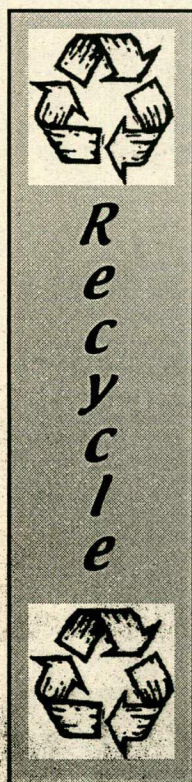
important business to help convince you for forty-five minutes that no, you *won't* be selling newspapers at the traffic light if you get a B on his next paper (you know who you are, thanks), and devoting their time to your success.

It's a tight-knit community of aspiring capitalists, humanitarians, jocks, dancers, thespians, comics, guitar players, Ph.D.'s, politicians, environmentalists, writers, human calculators, foreign

exchange students, and ultimate frisbee fanatics. In a small school you've got a melting pot of some of the coolest people of today, and I can't understand anyone who wouldn't want to spend four years with them.



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Bush's recent political maneuvers suspicious

RAYNA FLYE
Staff Writer

Crazy like a fox! This idea applies to Bush. Dumb? Dumb like Einstein.

"Bush has no mandate, he won't be able to get anything done," they said when he was elected. So much for that idea. Bush has managed to slip-slide around (often under the radar of the press) the White House quietly undermining the policies of the previous administration.

With (and sometimes noticeably without) the assistance of his EPA (Economic Predominance Agency, err, the Environmental Protection Agency), Bush has managed to overturn Clinton's policy on arsenic levels in the water and reverse his stance on carbon dioxide emissions and global warming.

Last time I checked, lowering arsenic levels would be a good thing. Thus, anyone ever read or seen "Arsenic and Old Lace?" If it does not kill you straight off, it will put you out to pasture rather quickly. Arsenic has been linked to bladder, lung and kidney cancers. The whole "death factor" involved would make a rational person want to stick with the Clinton policy, which reduced the allowable level from the 1942 standards.

Bush, however, listens to the mining companies, who seem to determine his policy decisions rather than public health. His justification for ignoring the welfare of Americans: well, shucks, a little arsenic already exists in the body, so a lot more must be good! And people said that the "spinning" left when Clinton did. Yet even this backward reasoning doesn't seem to concern the media or the American people all that much. Bush has managed to pull the wool over everyone's eyes.

Bush has also managed to flip-flop on his campaign promise to limit the levels of carbon dioxide, and had no problem making Christie Todd Whitman look like an idiot (which isn't too hard anyway) in the process, if it achieves his agenda.

His ability to talk up the energy crisis is astounding. While it might make sense to overestimate the energy crisis in an effort to force California to conserve, Bush



wants to create support for a proposal to drill in Alaska and to begin re-examining the possibilities of nuclear power. Nuclear power?!? Why would someone want that? Easy, it solves the carbon dioxide problem!

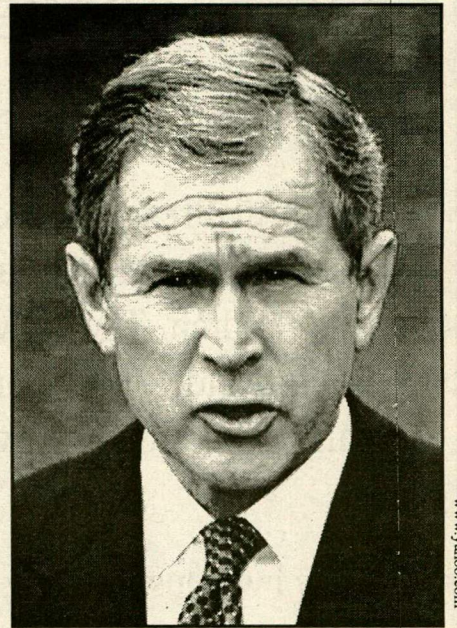
On Hardball, Vice President Dick Cheney has said, "If you want to do something about carbon dioxide emissions, then you ought to build nuclear plants, because they don't emit any." Hmm...now perhaps nuclear power doesn't emit carbon dioxides, but the whole Three Mile Island and Chernobyl disasters seems to pose more of a risk. But maybe that's just me.

All of Bush's changes should raise an even larger question: why do we not seem to care? I am sure a fair number of Nader supporters (who by now must be shamefully admitting that there is indeed a difference between Al Gore and George Bush) are in support of the Kyoto Treaty.

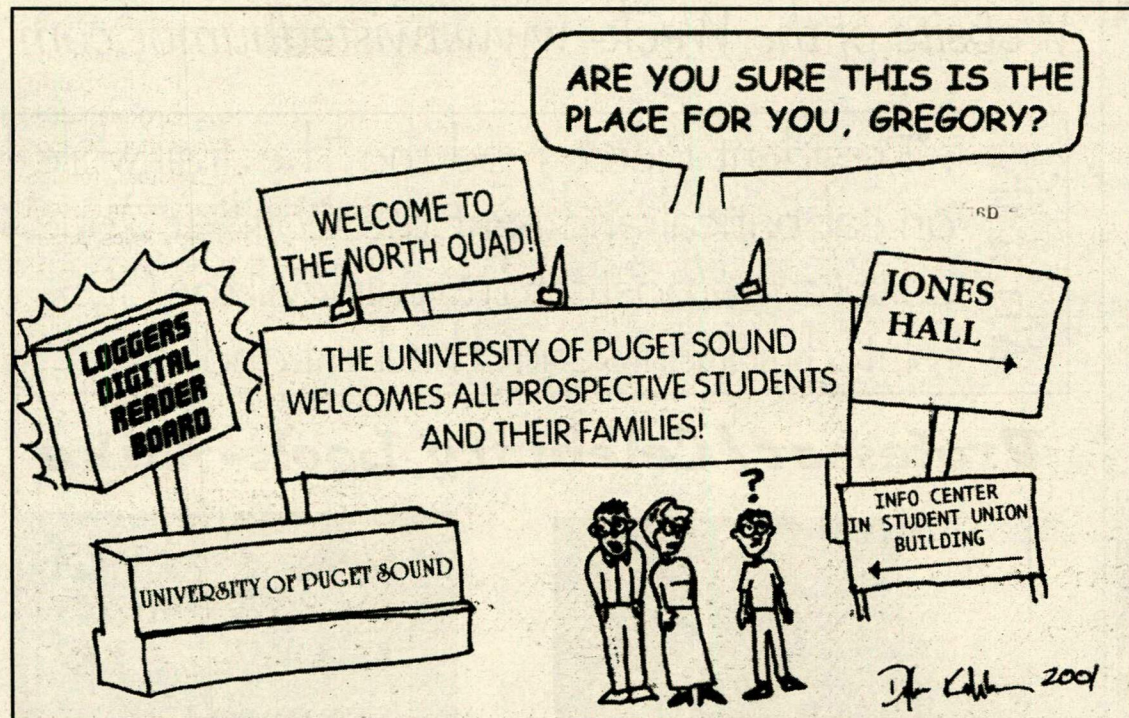
Where are they? Why aren't the so-called soccer moms outraged at arsenic in the drinking water that their children are consuming? Where are the environmentalists that should be outraged at everything from logging to nuclear revival proposals? Where are the angry Alaskans who do not want their pristine wildlife preserve trashed?

The silence can't be because we support Bush's actions.

If all these groups were to join together, maybe we would see more than just John McCain fighting against Bush. Perhaps some actual outrage combined with a little coalition building might overpower the damaging industries that pack both the money and voice to influence Bush. How's that for some idealistic righteousness? Otherwise, like the oil from Texas, Bush's slick dealings will continue to go unchecked. Find some good indignant outrage, or get ready to for the asthma to kick up and for your dog to start glowing green.



President Bush has been making unnoticed policy decisions.



The Trail would like to welcome all perspective students and families to the UPS campus for Spring Campus Day on Saturday, April 7 2001.

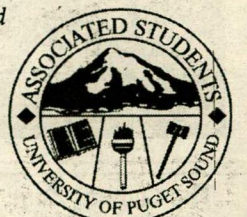
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"Nice...that was some, uh, good choreography!"

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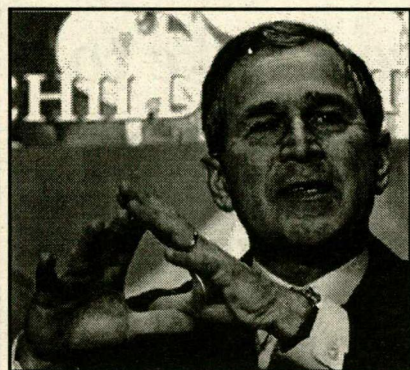
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Pres. George W. Bush; modern children's story

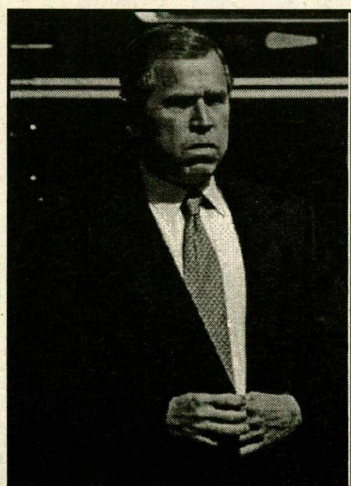
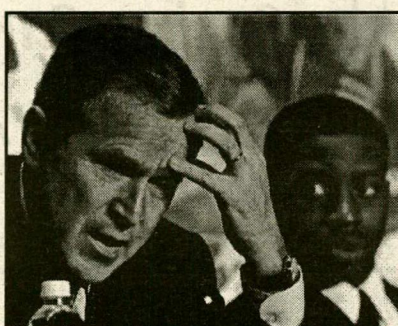
Our faithful President recently visited a child daycare center, where he was asked to share a story with the children. The crowd watched in disbelief as G-dub decided to act out a story of his own. He called the story "How I Lost My Brain."

"One day I was just walking down the road, minding my own business, whistling 'zippidy do da, zippidy ay' to myself."



"All of a sudden, a huge space ship descended from the sky. I watched in amazement as approximately fifteen little green men surrounded me."

"They took me aboard, attached suction cups to the side of my head, and sucked out my brain. They fed me lunch (it was purple and reminded me of Jello)."



"After the meal, I dismissed myself. I'd had quite enough of their little games! As I was leaving, the Martians told me I'd eaten my own brain for lunch. I just about hurled!"

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Postcard from SUZY

As a friendly gesture to our beloved President, The Combat Zone has decided to give Susan Pierce a way to keep the campus community updated regarding her whereabouts during her sabbatical.

Help! I'm being held captive in China! I meant to get on the plane to San Francisco, but accidentally boarded the US Air Force plane to China. The pilot felt sorry for me, so he let me drive (is that the right terminology?) the plane. I kinda accidentally maybe inadvertently ran into another plane. I'm told there is a huge international incident around this whole situation, but everyone seems to be forgetting about poor little me! I have consumed only rice and green tea for five days now. I sure hope George boy can resolve this in a flash. I just want to go to San Francisco.



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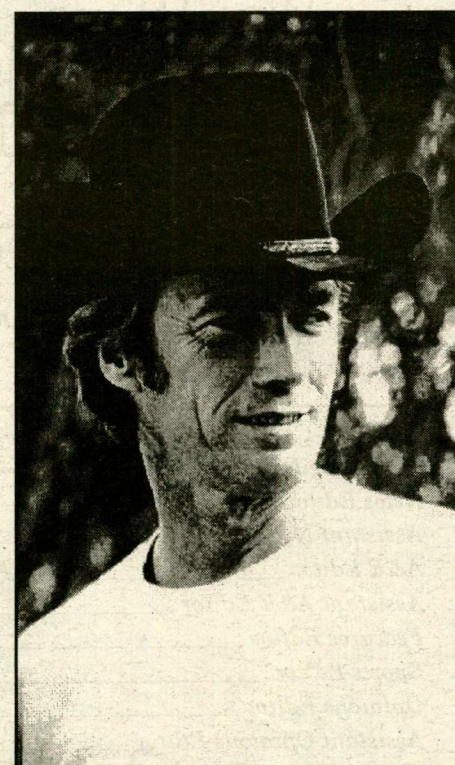
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What if: ...President Pierce read the The Trail while on sabbatical and sent the Combat Zone editor a real postcard revealing all the UPS-related moments she'd had in London?

Professor/Celebrity Look-Alike



Matthew Warning
Economics Professor



Clint Eastwood
Wants his hat back