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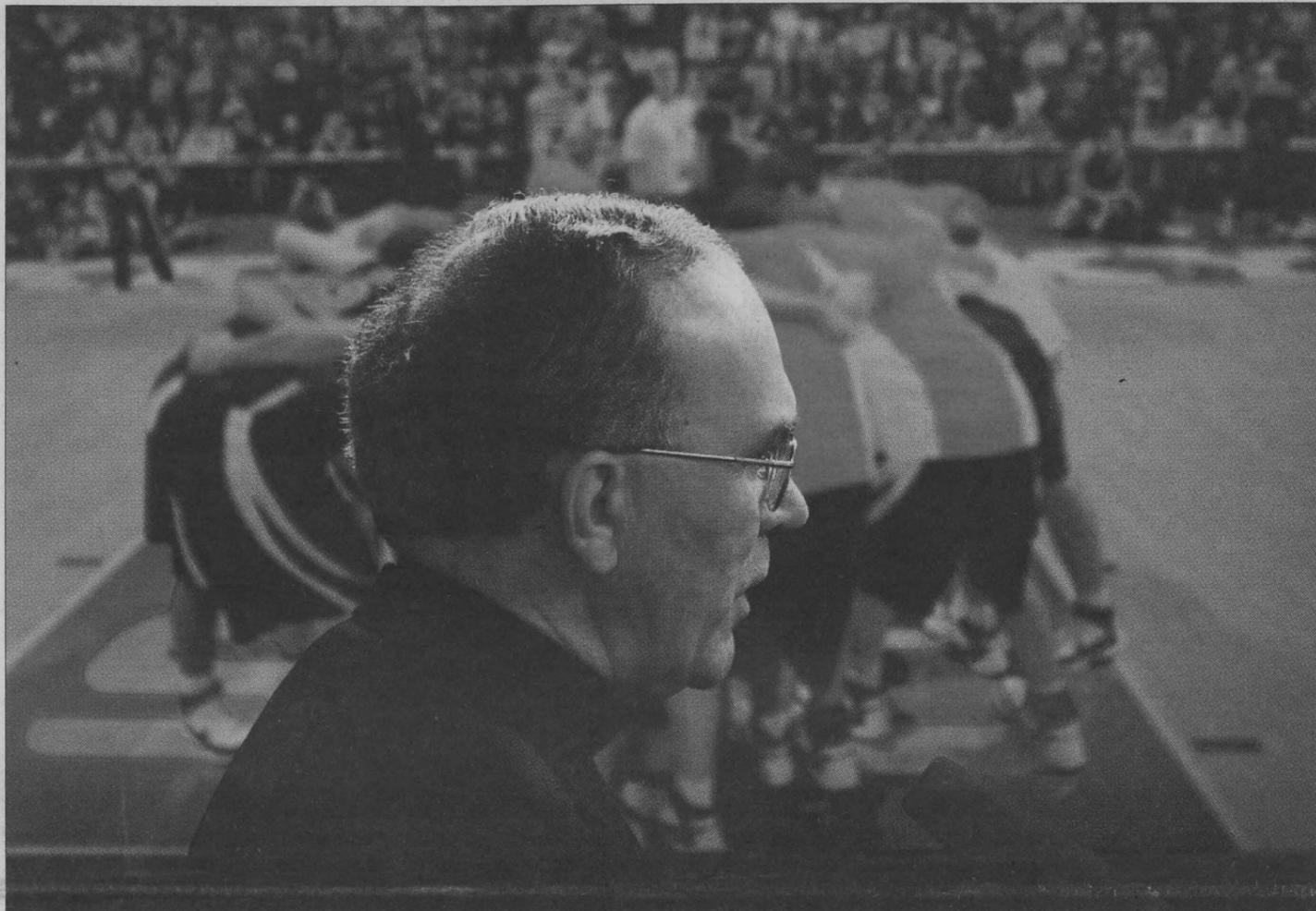
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The Key still fits: Seattle U is 'Back in the game'



Braden VanDragt

The Spectator

President Stephen Sundborg, S.J., answers questions from the media after officially announcing the team's Jan. 1 D-I game at KeyArena.

Ben Watanabe
Sports Editor

Seattle University celebrated its Division I return with a press conference for the men's basketball against Loyola Marymount University at KeyArena Jan. 1.

"We're already a great university," said Seattle U President Stephen Sundborg, "but we need to open that window into being a premier university. One of the biggest ways to open the window is D-I athletics."

Twenty-nine years after departing from D-I, Seattle U plans to herald the return by playing the last team Seattle U played at Seattle Center, when the KeyArena was the Coliseum.

"There wasn't a whole lot going on as far as pro athletics," said Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels, a Seattle native. "But there was basketball at Seattle University. Seattle U was hot, and this was their home by a different name then."

When the KeyArena was still the Seattle Coliseum, Seattle U set the attendance record. Its famous basketball alumni like Jim Harney, Clint Richardson, the O'Brien twins and Elgin Baylor helped shape Seattle U into a basketball power during the '50s and '60s.

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Increase in parking patrols may keep violators on foot

Katie Farden
Staff Writer

What is tiny, rectangular, colorful and priced above \$150? If you guessed an iPod, try again. It is a one-quarter parking pass at Seattle University.

The right to park on campus at Seattle U costs students \$177 per quarter.

Mike Sletten, director of Public Safety, explained this year fewer students opted to purchase parking permits.

"The Broadway parking garage has not filled up this year," he said.

Sletten noted the lack of drivers might be attributed to the economy. He cited rising gas prices as a factor in the decline in parking permits.

Sletten added the purchase of public transit prices increased this fall. Public Safety saw an approximate 22 percent increase in transit

pass purchases from last year.

However, he noted parking pass permit purchases decreased by approximately 50 permits from the 2007-2008 school year.

For students who do drive their own cars at Seattle U, last week marked the start of increased citations for unregistered vehicles.

"We're mindful of startup periods," Sletten said, "but as of last week, parking enforcement is fully underway."

An unregistered vehicle is a car without a valid fall quarter, annual or temporary parking permit displayed in the left corner of the windshield.

"If it shows up again," Sletten said, "an unregistered vehicle is subject to impound."

Sletten said Public Safety occasionally encounters cars with old permits displayed. Sometimes, the owner tries to alter the permit to

make it look like a 2008-2009 permit, he added.

On an average weekday, Sletten said, 2-3 percent of all cars parked on campus are in violation of parking policy. These vehicles are liable to citation usually due to an administrative violation—the absence or incorrect display of a permit.

Cars might also receive citations if they are occupying two spots or compromising a lane of travel.

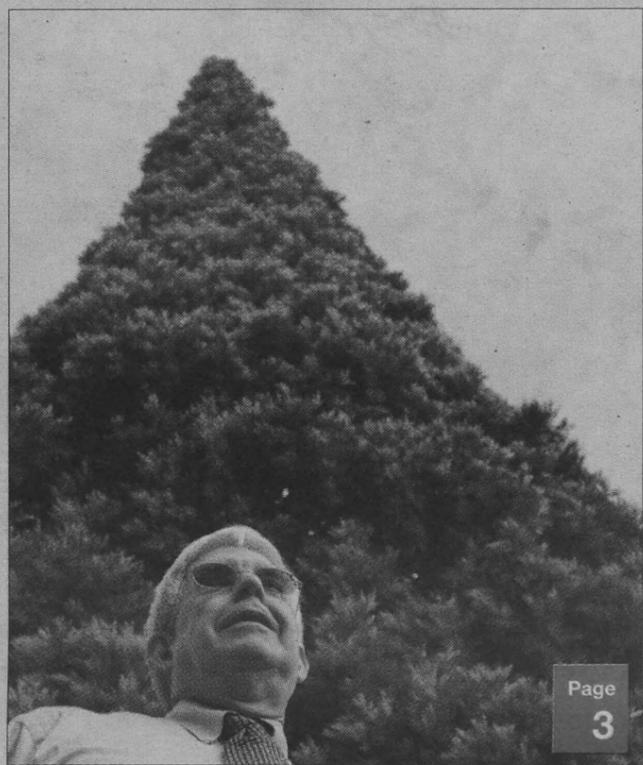
The average cost of a parking citation is \$25. If citations go unpaid, the vehicle is subject to impound. Public Safety can also place a hold on a student's academic record if they fail to pay their parking ticket.

"Sometimes people forget or make a mistake," said Sletten. "If it happens again, we're looking to see that any issues get cleared up before we have to impound or place records on hold."

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Campus icon, the Giant Sequoia tree, gets a controversial trim



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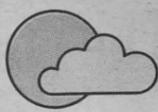
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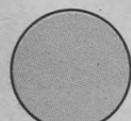
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news

Jeff Woods leaves Seattle U for San Francisco

Fernando Sioson
Volunteer Writer

While the student officers who make up the Associated Students of Seattle University work actively from day to day, they occasionally need help from faculty. Specifically, they receive help from faculty advisers who work every day with ASSU.

Jeffrey Woods, one of these advisers, began working at Seattle University last year as the assistant director of student activities for ASSU, but recently announced his resignation.

Woods has been planning to leave Seattle since the end of summer. Woods' wife, Stacy, took a job at a major design firm in San Francisco and the University of California-Berkeley offered him a position in late September. The two had been planning to make the move to the Bay Area even before

Woods was offered a job.

"I started to think to myself, 'Am I going to be jobless when I move there' and then opportunity just happened to roll along," said Woods.

Woods will begin working in the Berkeley Center for Student Conduct and Communication Oct. 27.

"I consider this new position higher than my current one. It is definitely a step forward in terms of my professional career," he said.

Though Woods has worked at the university for a relatively short time period, he has impacted the students he worked with professionally and personally.

Kai Smith, senior political science and history major and president of ASSU, has worked very closely with Woods and the rest of the ASSU advisers.

Smith described working with Woods as "simply amazing." He

remarked Woods is able to do the little things that need to get done, and he has a willingness to work on the issues considered pressing by ASSU members. For example, last year ASSU struggled with a tight budget.

"Jeff was fantastic at being able to inform all of us of the situation as well as keep us out of the red by paying attention to many of the small budgetary details," Smith said.

Woods originally planned to leave at the end of the fall quarter, but is now slated to leave this week.

The university is currently taking applications for Woods' position, and there are no plans at this time for another adviser at ASSU to replace Woods. However, the hope is to fill the position by the end of winter break.

Renata Opoczynski, assistant director of student clubs, first met

Woods when he was interviewing for his job at Seattle U. According to Opoczynski, Woods has a deep passion for the students, is willing to push them and is capable of "strategic visioning."

Woods originally planned to leave at the end of the fall quarter.

"When I first heard of his resignation it was not surprising, but I was still a little disappointed," said Opoczynski. "I just looked at him and said, 'Jeff, you have to take it. This may be a bad thing for SU, but it's a good thing for you.'"

Smith said there will be a few issues to fix once Woods leaves. The work load will increase a bit for the members of ASSU and graduate

assistants will have to pick up some of the advising duties.

"The person who replaces Jeff has to be willing to advocate for the students and put their interests ahead of his own," Smith said.

Woods has mostly worked at mid-sized institutions such as Seattle University. Berkeley, a school with 25,000 undergraduates, will be the biggest institution Woods will have worked at thus far.

"What I'll miss most about SU is the school's mission focus. Students talk about values and the mission is present in everything they do. Not every place does that," Woods said. "I am definitely challenged by the prospect of working there. I ask myself the same question that most people ask themselves when they move to a new place, 'How do I build community?'"

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Controversial trimming divides

Sara Bernert
News Editor

David Madsen wouldn't normally describe himself as a tree hugger, but in this case, the Seattle University history professor was willing to make an exception.

"It's a natural work of art, the perfect form," he said. "It is 'tree-ness' incarnate."

The tree is the Giant Sequoia outside the Pigott building. More than 100 years old and over 100 feet tall, the redwood is one of the most noticeable landmarks on campus and a tree that many at the university feel a special connection with. So when students and faculty received notice last week via email that the sequoia would "be significantly cut," some, like Madsen, grew alarmed.

"Have you seen what they did behind the Admin building? It looks like a wasteland," Madsen said. "So when I heard they would be 'significantly' thinning the tree, I was worried."

Steve Szablya, director of Maintenance and Operations at Facilities, explained the changes to the landscape are being made for safety reasons. Increased incidences of loitering and illegal activity made it necessary to trim and thin overgrown locations such as the area behind the Administration building. However, Szablya said, trimming the sequoia was not a decision made by Facilities. The order came from administrators.

"We have to ensure that certain safety standards are carried out," explained Ronald Smith, VP of Finance and Business Affairs. Facilities reports through his department.

Smith explained the decision came as part of the university's adherence to Crime Prevention through Environmental Design, CPTED. CPTED is a method of landscaping which aims to decrease negative human behavior. Additionally, Smith said, with the university's increased emphasis on improving safety, it was time to take action.

"The sequoia is an issue that comes up every year," Smith said. "[...] it's really a safety issue."

Still, Madsen and others were not convinced.

"Safety is an important issue, but when was the last time you heard of someone being assaulted by 'the Tree Man,'" said Bryson Nitta, junior environmental studies major and co-president of the Environmental Students of Seattle U.

Mike Sletten, director of Public Safety, said he couldn't remember any specific incidences of assault occurring near the sequoia, but there had been several incidences where non-affiliates climbed the tree while intoxicated and needed to be removed by Public Safety officers.

Trimming the tree would provide much needed visibility not only for officers, but for everyone, Sletten said. As one of the more busy areas

on campus, there have been several close calls between pedestrians, bikers and skaters as they turn to avoid the branches. He also added it would allow access for emergency vehicles.

Trimming began on Oct. 21. Becki Koukal-Liebe, organic gardener for Facilities, was in charge of the process. Regardless of her personal feelings about the tree, she agreed it needed to be done for safety reasons.

"I believe we can carry on how we create beautiful landscapes while still following CPTED," she said.

The trimming was less dramatic than some anticipated, but it is possible more may be removed in the coming weeks.

"This is my initial effort," Koukal-Liebe said. "We'll see how they feel. Less is more, at this point."

Students and faculty who gathered at the tree and witnessed the trimming said their opinion should have been considered before action was taken.

"This isn't Rob Kelly or Ron Smith's tree," said Nitta. "[...] they can't decide unilaterally what to do."

"I'm upset about it," added Colleen Conboy, junior environmental studies major, "because I see it as a symbol of a greater problem at SU of students losing control of their own campus."

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The Spectator

A group of concerned students bemoan the sequoia's timming.

Post grad service

Taylor Olson
Staff Writer

After leaving college, many students go on to graduate school to further their education or find a job to start paying back their loans. Other grads go a less traditional route and serve with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps.

The Jesuit Volunteer Corps, JVC, is an organization that places college graduates in cities across the country to do full-time volunteer work. Volunteers live with three to eight other volunteers during their service.

Room and board is covered by the JVC and each volunteer receives an \$80 monthly stipend. Additionally, volunteers may qualify for college loan deferment and can apply for an AmeriCorps Education award to help pay off loans.

Amid the benefits JVC offers, most rewarding is the opportunity to live simply and deliberately, say participant. Sheena Raab, a volunteer currently serving in Portland, Ore., has enjoyed having the opportunity to reflect on the values important to her.

"There has got to be more to this life than earning a paycheck," Raab said. "Here I have the opportunity to live out the question of 'What am I doing with my life' by living beyond a focus of just meeting my own needs."

Raab is serving at the Raphael House of Portland, a domestic violence shelter. Though it has been challenging stepping outside of her comfort zone, Raab has seen the benefits firsthand.

"We work for positive change, and it is so fulfilling and rewarding to be a witness to that change whether it's in the population, the community or in an individual," she said.

Erin O'Keese, another volunteer placed in Bethel, Ala., says she enjoys living with other volunteers. "You're living in a community

with people that you wouldn't necessarily pick as your friends," O'Keese said. "You learn a lot about yourself when you're living with people from different walks of life."

Although the volunteers spend a lot of time with their roommates, they have a community night and a spirituality night every week. Whether the time is spent talking, laughing or praying, it gives the community an opportunity to get to know each other better.

"It's a time for us to come together in a more intentional way," O'Keese said.

The volunteers also attend three retreats a year with other JVC groups.

Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest places volunteers at agencies in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington.

Leah Dahlin, recruitment and alumni coordinator for JVC Northwest, speaks with students at colleges and universities all over the country. She said it is important to ask as many questions for individuals to find the program best fit for them.

"If you are interested in helping and changing structures of people and places in need while being changed in the process, this program may be for you," she said.

Raab said she felt the need to give back to her community. She said she has become friends with many of them, but more than that, they have been her teachers. Raab said she has learned how to care for people not because of who they know or where they are from, but because she is another human being.

"There are no grad schools or textbooks that could teach you that," Raab said.

JVC representatives will be at the Idealist Nonprofit Career Fair Oct. 22 in the Champion Ballroom.

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upcoming events

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	Pumpkin Carving	Thur, Oct. 23 @ 7pm	Cherry Street Market
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	Corn Maze	Fri, Oct. 24 @ 6:30pm	Student Center Hearth
late night	Come get scared by the Stocker Farm Corn Maze! RSVP to moms@seattleu.edu by noon on 10/24. Meet at Student Center Hearth @ 6:30!		
	The Shining	Wed, Oct. 29 @ 8pm	Schafer Auditorium
films	Here's Johnny! Join us as SEAC Films gets in the spirit of Halloween by showing the classic scary movie <i>The Shining</i> . Free prizes and food!		

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Keeping it all inside

New window restrictors considered intrusive by some residents



Jessica Ishmael

The Spectator

Ty Jaros, freshman biology major, proves that you can no longer throw an oversized container of goldfish out of the window.

Eric Gordon
Staff Writer

Window construction in Campion and Bellarmine might be a pane for residents this month.

Window restrictors—small metal cables—will be attached to the windows and connected to the frames, limiting the space each window can be opened to about four inches.

"It's really a safety issue," said Tim Albert, assistant director for Housing and Residence Life. Albert explained the restrictors will keep windows from opening too far and prevent large objects from being thrown out of windows.

Despite the safety motive, some residents are annoyed by the changes.

"I understand the logic behind them; I was told it was for safety," said freshman Matt Brand, creative writing and psychology double major. "But it can feel very invading on the individual, and it just takes more freedoms away from us."

However, other students remain indifferent.

"I don't really mind them at all," said Christina Dalby, sophomore nursing major. "It's not like I'm trying to throw stuff out the window."

According to Chuck Nerger, manager of custodial and residence hall maintenance, the window upgrades are set to be completed by the end of winter break.

"They're completing it as

quickly as they can, and they're trying to do the least amount of inconvenience to students as they can," Albert said, "but at the same time there's always going to be some."

Students were asked via e-mail to keep their windowsills cleared of all objects until the window restrictors can be installed. Some find the request restricting to their schedules and study habits.

"It's not only the stuff that's on the windowsill that has to be moved, it's the bed as well, if it happens to be near the window," said sophomore physics major Edward Titmus. "I think it's ridiculous. It's not conducive to studying at all when everything's so out of whack."

The original plan was to install the restrictors this past summer, but the maintenance staff is starting it this month.

"My understanding is that the company that they ordered it from took much longer to get these manufactured, even though they look fairly simple," Albert said.

Albert explained the eventual goal is to install new windows with screens that would keep bugs out, but that something had to be done in the interim.

Already completed are the top few floors in Bellarmine and Campion, and in the coming months the maintenance staff will be gradually moving downward.

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Decrease in drivers linked to higher gas prices, economy

Cover

At the beginning of each new academic year, Public Safety examines parking infractions from last year. Any vehicle with more than two citations from the previous school year and summer is subject to impound, should it be cited again.

"We stay after the issue," Sletten said. "I can't encourage people enough to get their parking."

Still, not all vehicle owners at Seattle U purchase parking permits. Junior Kristen Han commutes to school from Bellevue and parks in the Murphy parking garage.

"I definitely think people abuse the system," she said.

Han has a parking permit, however she noted that some cars she sees look suspicious.

Stacey Stephens, junior, added, "I didn't buy a parking permit for my first two years here."

"I bought one this year because I felt bad," she said.

Seattle U utilizes an administrative control approach to parking. Parking violators are ticketed after they have committed an offense.

"It is not the same as a controlled access approach," said Sletten, "where you're going through a gate to park."

Sletten acknowledged some people violate Seattle U's system.

"Parking here is no different from parking at the mall, the theater or the hospital," Sletten said. "People are looking to park as close to the place they need to go and for the least financial impact."

Sletten said Seattle U enforces a less stringent parking policy than the city of Seattle.

"It is going to cost a lot more getting cited out on city streets than it is on campus," he said.

The city of Seattle and Seattle U both run the same control systems. Sletten added, however, at Seattle U Public Safety sometimes can negotiate better rates for citations.

The Seattle Police Department, said Sletten, regularly impounds vehicles parked on heavy traffic arterials.

"If you park [illegally] on Madison in the morning, your car will be gone by 4 p.m.," Sletten said. "It's like 'there's a car there—impound it.'"

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Clara Ganey

The Spectator

The Cherry Street parking garage is emptier this year, suggesting an increased use in alternative transportation. Public Safety says bus pass sales have increased by over 20 percent.

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Madison Garages, there are over 1,100 parking spaces for students at Seattle University. Other campus lots offer about 500 spaces.

"We have the parking available here," Sletten said.

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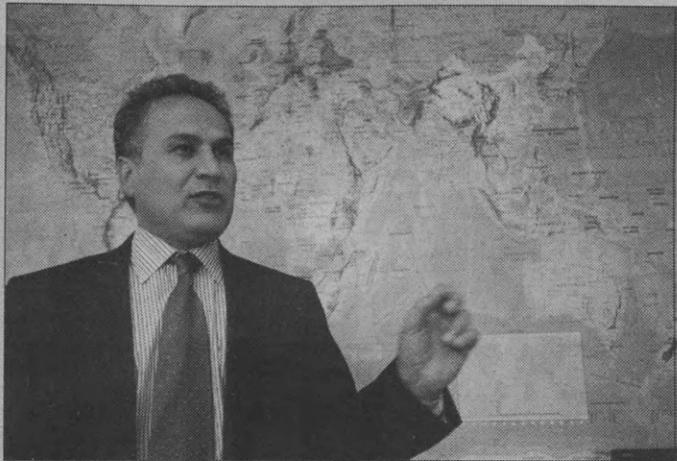
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Creating a global SU



Garrett Mukai The Spectator

Faizi Ghodsi, director of ISSC, works alongside his staff to insure a welcoming environment for international students.

Alex LaCasse Staff Writer

Located in the Student Center Pavilion, the International Student and Scholar Center office is littered with newspapers and pamphlets from various parts of the world.

With 517 international students on the university campus this fall, the ISSC is a hub for both cultural and logistical support said Faizi Ghodsi, director of the ISSC.

This logistical support ranges from visa requirements, travel restrictions and light academic advising. It is required that international students are enrolled as full time students.

"We are charged [...] with helping international students understand these rules and regulations and comply with them," Ghodsi said. Requirements for international students have become increasingly stringent in recent years, he added.

Aside from logistical work with international students, the ISSC also puts on regular cultural programs.

Melissa DeVivar, activities coordinator for the ISSC, said the center strives to provide cultural programs that American and international students can use as a means to bridge together.

"They [international students] are making this their home, but learning from American students," said DeVivar. "We are trying to make our programming very intentional."

DeVivar urges students, both international and American, to participate in the center's upcoming events. The fall cruise, a widely popular campus-wide event according to DeVivar, falls on Nov. 7 this year.

"Just because you are not an international student doesn't mean you can't learn about the world," said DeVivar.

According to Ghodsi, there had been a consistent downfall in the number of international students at the university until last year. In 2006 there were 384 international students on campus, down from 419 in 2005. Last year there were 477 campus-wide. This year has seen a 24 percent increase to 517 students. The growth can be attributed to many factors, including more aggressive recruiting tactics by the university, said Ghodsi.

"We needed to pay more attention to our practice of international recruitment," said Ghodsi. "We are in a very competitive era when it comes to international recruitment."

In Washington there were 11,663 international students in 2007, according to a report issued by the ISSC. This compared to a national average of 582,984 students from overseas who pursued academic work in the country last year.

With such a large presence of international students on campus this fall, employees at the ISSC have a lot on their plates. Currently there are two advisors in the center along with one graduate student, an office manager and Ghodsi.

On an average day around 30 students visit the center. While the tasks may be daunting, Ghodsi said students receive the help they need.

"We are here as a resource but also provide a crucial service for students to be successful," said Ghodsi.

"I haven't really been through any troubles," said Turki Sami Basfar, senior E-Commerce and information systems major from Saudi Arabia. "Before I came I was a little afraid I wouldn't be treated well. What I found was the exact opposite."

Basfar came to Seattle U on a scholarship from the Saudi Arabian government in the fall of 2006. As part of the program, all his schooling is paid for through the conclusion of his doctoral education.

At the end of last year, the ISSC added "scholar" to its name. It now sponsors and advocates for faculty and staff from overseas. Like international students, they also receive technical support and advising from the center.

"We want our international students to have a satisfying, rewarding cross-cultural experience when they come to SU," said Ghodsi.

Ghodsi has a long history with the university. He started as director of the ISSC in 1988 after earning all three of his degrees at SU. He is originally from Iran.

"In a way, we have been bringing the world to SU for many years," said Ghodsi.

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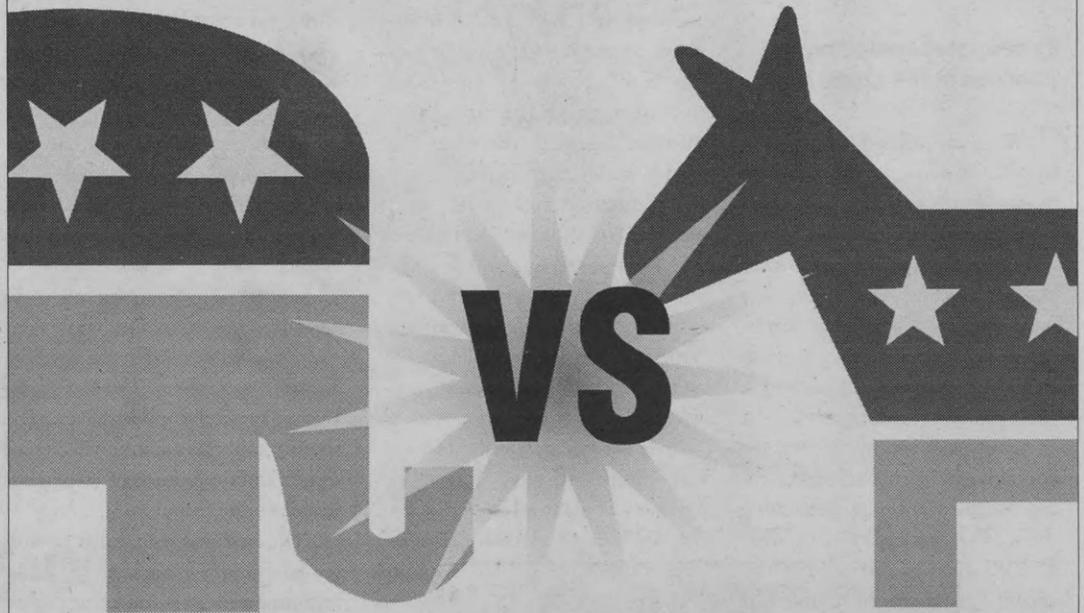
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Specs of the week

ASSU fall elections begin today

While the Nov. 4 general election is just around the corner, Seattle U students will get another opportunity to choose their representatives starting today.

The Associated Students of Seattle University, ASSU, opened up its online polls Oct. 22 for students to choose their non-traditional, at-large, commuter, transfer and freshmen representatives. Voting ends Friday at midnight.

ASSU President Kai Smith encouraged students to vote because of recent developments at Seattle U as well as nationwide.

"There are so many changes on campus. That's good," he said. "But that makes it even more important this year for everyone to vote."

Anne Strange is running uncontested for non-traditional representative. Patrick Dominguez is also uncontested in the at-large representative race. Alexis Gallegos and Kim Ton are vying for transfer representative while Matthew Enkema, Nicole Hobbs and Kelsey Kovach are running for commuter representative.

The race for freshmen representative is the most hotly contested with five candidates. They are Kaitly Serrata, Jessica Wang, Nate Beutel, Alanna Welsh and Michele Liang.

Election results will be announced Oct. 29 in the Spectator.

Crabapples replacing cherries in the Quad

Who cut down the cherry trees? In this case, it wasn't George Washington but some moths.

Fr. Patrick Howell, S.J., dedicated six new golden raindrops crabapple trees Oct. 15. The new trees replaced Mount Fuji flowering cherry trees that have been on the decline for years, according to the Grounds Department.

A species of moth named the cherry bark tortrix had been feeding on the trees and weakening them. That, in addition to other diseases and pests, forced the university's gardeners to remove the cherry trees in August. They were planted in 1989.

Officials chose the crabapple trees because of their beauty in multiple seasons, according to a statement. The trees will

eventually grow to be 20 feet high and produce crab apples in large quantities.

The new trees were donated by the Dupar Foundation and Dorothy Dupar Lynch, who gave the university the cherry trees as well.

Search for Arts and Sciences dean under way

An 11-person committee has been formed to find a new dean for the College of Arts and Sciences.

Mike Quinn, dean of the College of Science and Engineering, will head a committee composed of faculty members and one student in its nationwide search for a new dean. The group will be advised by an outside consultant.

Former Arts and Sciences Dean Wallace Loh left the university last May after being hired by the University of Iowa. Paulette Kidder, a former associate dean, is serving as interim dean.

The Associated Students of Seattle University and the Office of the Provost have appointed junior philosophy major Jesse David to represent students on the committee.

Spectator launches video reporting on Web site

The Spectator launched a new multimedia section to its website, www.su-spectator.com.

Reporters will record interviews and segments of their stories ranging from campus news to concerts with the same quality associated with the Spectator. Audio and video segments will compliment stories in the paper and include more student voices and event coverage, acting as an enhancement, not a replacement. Online Editor Angelo Carosio hopes to cover Battle of the Bands and Quadstock for the multimedia section of the website.

The website currently features staff blogs and guest blogs. To register a Spectator blog, visit the website blog.su-spectator.com or contact Online Editor Angelo Carosio.

The first video focuses on the trimming of the giant sequoia on campus and features News Editor Sara Bernert.

Look for more audio and video soon.

Economic crisis hits university

Panelists help students and faculty understand the breadth and severity of Seattle U's financial dilemma



Jessica Ishmael

The Spectator

Rick Riccobono, president of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle, and Chris Weber, professor of economics speak during the panel lecture, "Economy in Crisis: How Did We Get Here?" last Tuesday.

Isis Alexander Staff Writer

Seattle U President Stephen Sundborg, S.J. told the Seattle Post-Intelligencer last week the university's endowment suffered a 10 percent loss but that the university will continue to pursue all of its strategic plans.

The university's endowment now sits at \$200 million. As of June, it totaled \$216 million, so the majority of the 10 percent loss has occurred in the past few months as a result of the economic crisis.

The impacts of the economy on Seattle U's financial stability were further discussed at the panel lecture "Economy in Crisis: How did we get here? What lies ahead?" Tues., Oct. 14.

Monday, the university had difficulty accessing one of its short-term fund accounts said panelist Ron Smith, VP for Finance and Business Affairs.

Wachovia, one of the institutes used by the university, was taken over by another institute and the account was frozen. The university was set to receive a \$3 million. The money from this account will be sent out on a periodic basis of 10 percent installments.

"We had just issued our payroll for \$6 million, so we kind of had to scramble and get money from other sources," said Smith.

Some individuals were taken aback when Smith made this statement. He later explained the university had the resources to cover payroll, but it was access to these resources that was lacking.

Two other panelists—Rick Riccobono, president of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle and Chris Weber, professor of economics—provided different insight into the state of the economy.

While Smith focused on how market conditions effect the university, Riccobono covered housing and finance markets and Weber discussed the impact of financial fallouts on the economy.

The university is keeping watch for any ripple effect in the economy

that may cause financial difficulty. Everything from insurance rates to utilities is being monitored.

Smith declared the situation is not yet "doom and gloom." He said the event with payroll taught the university about the importance of diversification as well as the need to ensure an adequate amount of asset liquidity.

Despite burgeoning concerns, the university's endowment is expected to stay strong. Projects will proceed as planned, including the renovations of the library, and the construction of the 12th Avenue and Cherry Street multi-use building, projected to be available for occupancy fall of 2010.

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Ron Smith
VP for Finance

Jim White, associate provost for enrollment management, noted the fluctuating economy may cause changes in enrollment, but it's difficult to foretell.

"The economy may impact student college choice," he said. "It is too hard to predict at this time how this will impact the enrollment number."

One of the more pressing issues for students hinges on the ability to obtain loans.

"We have to prepare ourselves to help those students out, or some students may have to quit school for a while until they save some money," Smith said.

White suggested the use of university resources to alleviate some of the current economical strains.

"Students should take advantage of working through our State Work Study program [...] I would also encourage students to investigate scholarship opportunities,"

said White, going on to note that involvement in university organizations can sometimes be a means of accessing scholarship aid.

He also said it would be prudent to exercise caution.

"Try to put off big expenditures," Smith said.

The most important point he sought to get across was that this is not the time for panic, merely the time to exercise caution and conservation, with these methods, all members of the university should be able to weather the current economic storm.

Some students expressed concern regarding whether or not they would be able to find employment post graduation.

Noori Kim, junior psychology major, offered this piece of advice, "I went to the lecture and it was really surprising for me because we were already in crisis about a year ago [...] I think as students we need to be more educated about what's going on right now."

The speakers tried to be as "user friendly" with their knowledge as possible. Riccobono started by giving a brief overview of how the current housing crisis developed, and how it began to influence other markets.

"There was generally a tremendous amount of wealth worldwide, and too many investment dollars chasing too few good investments," Riccobono said.

Talk of recession soon followed. Weber noted assessing the gross domestic product is not always a clear indicator of how hard times are.

"Going by the labor market, we've been in recession over one year," said Weber.

He went on to note that concern is beginning to shift toward the impact on production and consumption levels, as well as available credit, which could hinder students and young professionals from financing their education and young professionals from securing business loans.

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From Alpha Kappa Psi to 163 clubs cater to a dive

High number of clubs prompt mixed feelings

Veronica Martin
Staff Writer

Last Thursday night found students huddled around the Student Center's hearth, looking attentively at Bryson Nitta, co-president of Environmental Students of Seattle University, ESSU. Nitta told fellow students and environmental enthusiasts he wanted them to be friends, just a group of people meeting to discuss common interests. It may have been the first club meeting for ESSU, but the atmosphere was less business-oriented and more focused on establishing camaraderie among members.

ESSU is just one of the many returning clubs this fall. New clubs will also permeate the campus in different ways—both novel and traditional—to attract members.

Clubs have always been a presence on university campuses, and Seattle U is no exception to the tradition. With 163 clubs expected this year—up from a mere 76 clubs three years ago—students should find something to suit their interests, says Renata Opoczynski, assistant director of clubs and programming for Student Activities. And if not, well, you can create your own, Opoczynski adds.

Beginning a club is mostly a process of filling out four forms and finalizing a core group of six members and one faculty adviser, Opoczynski explains. The member signature form requires each club to state their president, treasurer, faculty adviser and four additional members.

David Bernica, president of the Students for Life club, stressed the importance of establishing a strong group of dedicated members despite the required paperwork.

"People fade quickly," he says. The biggest challenge Students for Life has faced in the past was finding reliable members, Bernica says.

The Financial Statement of Understanding allows clubs access to funding from the Associated Students of Seattle University and confirms clubs understand their relationship with ASSU and Club Connections. This year, ASSU's club funding pool totals \$65,000, says Emmanuelle Escandar, vice president of finance for ASSU. ASSU hopes to give the whole amount away.

"We want to send a message to the administration that students are active about what they are interested in," she says.

Registering as a club also allows for the advantage of financial counseling. If clubs find themselves with a negative balance, Opoczynski says, Club Connections helps in setting up a repayment plan through fundraising and other methods.

The Adviser Agreement form

and the club constitution are equally important. This year, Club Connections has a list of possible advisers for new clubs to reference, says Anne Vogt, information assistant for Club Connections. Advisers are the first people to whom club members go with questions, she says.

New clubs are provided with a sample constitution to streamline the process of writing their own. Bernica suggests writing the constitution with dedicated members of the club. He even hosted a meeting prior to registering his club with the university, hoping to build core members and shape the club's mission together.

Once Club Connections receives the forms, Opoczynski and her staff members meet with the club to go over their mission. Very rarely do they turn clubs down, Opoczynski says. Sometimes there are liability issues concerning student safety, though her office works with clubs and with the university's legal counsel to move past such situations.

"We're every source for clubs," Opoczynski says, "but we're also there to advocate and support. We want them to be the best that they can be."

Even with all of the new clubs on campus, existing clubs continue to entice new members and lure old members to return. And once a club is established, it doesn't mean it can forget about its connection with Seattle U.

Clubs that have been active within the previous three years must go through the re-registration process each fall, according to Opoczynski. This form, accessed online, calls for officer names, four additional member names, the club's adviser and re-acknowledgement of the financial statement.

I'd rather have too much programming that connects students to their interests.

Emmanuelle Escandar
ASSU VP of Finance

In the past, training sessions for presidents, treasurers and advisers haven't been required, Vogt says. This year, however, Club Connections decided to make them mandatory. Bernica has already attended one of the four meetings for club presidents offered this year and was surprised at the high turnout.

Though the club registration process may be simple, actually functioning as a club can sometimes

be tedious.

Bernica, beginning his third year as a club president, still faces challenges. Hosting club events is complicated, there is a lack of space on campus, and he describes his club as "not the most popular" on campus.

"We've had some difficulty spreading our message," he says, adding there are a lot of clubs on campus. Students for Life is a club committed to educating students on issues such as abortion, euthanasia and stem-cell research.

Many clubs have similar agendas and it would be more effective to combine forces, Bernica says. The SU Global Humanitarian Coalition, of which Bernica takes part, wants to do just that.

"We will help to coordinate clubs with humanitarian focuses," says Bernica of the student-run organizations' goal.

Yet other students are delighted with the variety of clubs.

"I'm passionate about so many things," says Rachel Lobo, freshman environmental studies major.

For Lobo, choosing the clubs to which she will devote her time is a sampling process, one she wishes to bolster by attending another club fair.

Many clubs have similar agendas and it would be more effective to combine forces.

David Bernica
President, Students for Life

Lobo and others intent on increasing their club awareness may get their wish.

"I'm more than willing to host another street fair," says Vogt.

Club Connections relies on events like the street fair to spread awareness about

clubs, she adds.

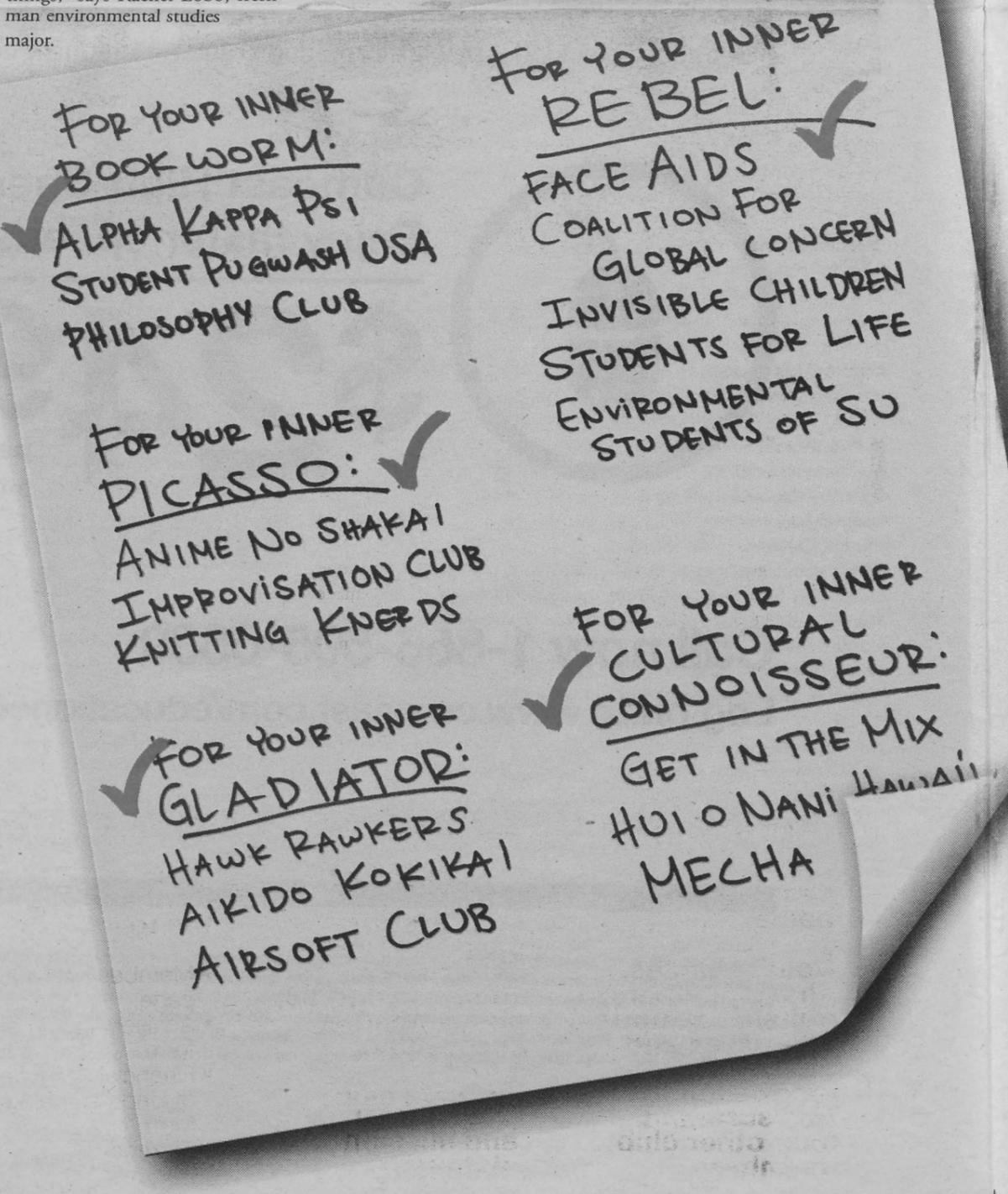
"Students at Seattle U push themselves hard and excel in the classroom," Opoczynski says, "and it's important to excel outside of the classroom, too."

Clubs are a great way to learn valuable leadership and team management skills as well, according to Opoczynski.

Seattle U does have a lot of clubs for being such a small school, Escandar says, though she agrees with the importance for students to have a variety of choices.

"I'd rather have too much programming that connects students to their interests than not enough," she says. "There are so many things to choose from and people are still creating new clubs."

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Knitting Knerds club captures campus community



Braden VanDragt

The Spectator

Alex Butler, president of the Knitting Knerds, started the club three years ago. On Tuesday, Oct. 14, Knitting Knerds met for the first time this academic school year. The Knerds had approximately 25 students ranging from experienced knitters to curious novices.

Michael Lis-Sette
Volunteer Writer

It was the hat he was knitting that attracted Julia Santo's attention.

A replica of a hat once worn by the character Jayne Cobb on the cult-hit television show "Firefly," Santo was intrigued and asked Alex Butler what he was doing. He explained, and she asked if he could make her one.

"He said that I should join the club to learn to knit one myself," she says.

Thus began her membership with the Knitting Knerds.

Started three years ago and still run by Butler, the founding president, the Knerds are a Seattle U hobby club devoted to the skill of knitting. For many participants, membership represents the first time they've even seen a pair of knitting needles, much less actually made anything with them.

Butler is a junior history major, who first began knitting in the fourth grade.

"I learned [...] for a school

project, but didn't do it for a long time afterwards. In my junior year in high school I found a pair of needles in my grandma's house, and figured it all out again on a long car trip," he says.

He set up a table at the recent Club Fair, and despite the raining-out of the event, approximately 20 interested students signed up for more information, including freshman pre-major Tori Head.

"I saw them at the club fair, and I went over there. I said I didn't know

how to knit, but he said he'd teach

me," she says.

Teaching new knitters has always been a large part of the club's function. In the past two years of existence, they certainly haven't seen as much interest as this year.

"We probably had about 25 people," staff adviser Megan Hawley says, describing the club's first meeting last week. "Everybody introduced themselves, expert knitters and those who just wanted to learn [...] It was a social time to introduce ourselves."

Hawley is the Bellarmine

residence hall director and she learned knitting from her grandmother 10 years ago. Her interest in knitting was always rather simple.

"It's just a fun way to keep my hands busy," she says.

Such simple reasons for taking up knitting are relatively common because as Butler explains, there's no one type of person who knits.

"People think they have to be patient or mathematically inclined, but it's really easy; anyone can be good at it."

And as hobbies go, knitting is a relatively cheap one.

It's just a fun way
to keep my
hands busy.

Megan Hawley
Bellarmine Hall Director

"Yarn is two or three dollars, needles are five bucks or less and at garage sales, you can get them for even cheaper," says Emily Medcalf, a sophomore social work major.

While many of the club's activities will be personal projects, it is not the club's only goal. Though they are still planning it out, the Knitting Knerds hope to participate in Knit One Save One, part of the Survive to 5 campaign run by Save the Children. Knitters will make baby hats for charity.

The club receives funding from ASSU that they intend to use for project materials.

"Every club starts with \$50, and you need to fill out a form with ASSU for more appropriations," Butler says.

Additionally, he and the club expect to fundraise by making hats to sell on campus.

The club meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the Murphy Common Room.

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Five steps to creating a new club

1. Create club name.
2. Collect names, phone numbers, e-mails, campus addresses and student IDs for president, treasurer and four other club members.
3. Collect faculty/staff adviser name, department, campus address, phone number and e-mail.
4. Create a club description and mission statement.
5. Print and sign the following:
 - Member Signature page
 - Adviser Agreement form
 - Financial Statement of Understanding form
 - Storage Space Request form

For a full list of all campus clubs, check out:

<http://www.seattleu.edu/getinvolved/activities/clubs/clublist.asp>

entertainment

A new craving on Capitol Hill



Clara Ganey

The Spectator

Robin Leventhal bids goodbye to Crave after five years on the hill.

Veronica Martin
Staff Writer

It is 11 a.m. on a Thursday, and Crave is buzzing. One server flits from table to table, keeping customers' coffee full and delivering omelets and french toast.

Couples are deep in conversation and solitary diners are intent on savoring their food. The small dining room hums, drowning out the angular, experimental pop music in the background.

For a restaurant like Crave, where customer loyalty is strong and food is of the high-quality and comfort-style, this sort of atmosphere is commonplace. But by Oct. 30, Crave will close the doors of its 12th Avenue location, marking the end of a five-year run.

"I feel so lucky to be able to walk away after five years of running a restaurant successfully, making a name for myself and creating a clientele that appreciates what I do," said Robin Leventhal, owner and head chef of Crave. "That's great energy to carry forward."

After three months of negotiations with her landlord, Leventhal made the decision not to renew her lease. She was tired of investing her own money into the space and wasn't ready to capture another 23,000 square feet, which were the terms her landlord offered.

Running up and down the stairs for ingredients and a too-small dish-room were a few of the challenges Crave has faced in its current location according to Leventhal.

"I don't feel any loyalty to

the building, I feel loyalty to my customers and my employees," she said.

Leventhal comes from an artistic background, having both a bachelor's and a masters degree in fine arts. After many teaching stints and a position as head chef of Seattle's Cyclops restaurant, Leventhal opened Crave.

"I didn't start this place to make money," Leventhal said. "I started this place to be a neighborhood restaurant, to create a clientele who loved my food and came to eat. And, I did."

Indeed, for Leventhal, the hardest part of closing Crave has been her customers' reaction.

"I'm so endeared by the amount of support and people who have told me they will miss me," she said.

Jillian Venters has been a customer at Crave since it opened.

"I fell in love with the menu to the point where if I had a bad day at work my husband would say 'OK, get in the car, we're going to Crave,'" she said.

Venters and her husband dine at Crave for their anniversary each year; they also frequent the restaurant on special occasions such as Halloween.

"[They have] pumpkin goat cheese cheesecake with little spiderwebs drawn in chocolate," recalled Venters, describing one of Leventhal's seasonal creations.

Venters admitted there are other comfort food restaurants to choose from on Capitol Hill, but she noted for her, Crave was special.

"Crave was somewhere to go when you wanted something hearty and tasty but that wasn't just run of the mill," Venters said. "There was always an extra little twist that made it that much more interesting."

Leventhal said her artistic soul helped shaped Crave's philosophy.

"I'm not trying to make art with my food, but it is a creative process," she said, "and when people want to buy your art, it means so much to your heart."

Even those who never ate Crave's food noticed Leventhal's unique impact on the community.

"They were an interesting restaurant because they were active in providing for community events," said Justin Carder, a blogger for Capitol Hill Seattle. "Sometimes such efforts are self-serving, sponsoring events just to get an ad in. But Crave seems to do it just because they want to be involved in the community."

Carder said small business chains are moving onto the hill where single creative entities once dominated. He cited the newly opened 'Zaw and CHOW foods as examples of restaurants that have the kind of business planning to survive the economic downturn and changing Capitol Hill landscape.

"These are the kinds of businesses in this world that you're going to need," Carder said. "They are involved with multiple efforts and can practice an economy of scale, moving employees around."

Dennis Meier, Strategic Adviser for Seattle's Department of Planning and Development, hears residents' sentiments concerning the change.

"Here are the people who took the risks and went into the area when it was not a guaranteed successful location," he said. "They paved the way for the areas' success, and now they are victims of that success." But Leventhal doesn't see herself as victimized.

"I didn't fail and I made a decision based on what I felt was a smart business move," she said. "And yet, business is not something that I'm passionate about, and I don't want business to control my life."

Leventhal is ready to step away from the responsibilities of owning and running a restaurant. She has ideas for the future, such as packaging her famous mac 'n' cheese with the Crave logo. Leventhal is also actively looking for a building to call her own.

"I want to build out my own space where I know that my energy is not being wasted," Leventhal said.

All of Crave's employees are part owners of the company and are therefore vested in its wellbeing. Leventhal hopes to continue the same model elsewhere, and has received endless offers from people in the neighborhood.

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Student film fest sets indie cinema loose on campus

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For all the fine arts opportunities offered on campus, film fanatics still lack an avenue for the expression of their favorite art form. A film studies program is coming to Seattle University, but in the mean time students interested in the cinema scene can try their hands at filmmaking this fall as the university participates in Campus MovieFest for the first time in the event's seven year history.

Begun by four Emory University students, the CMF aims to offer students the equipment, training, and opportunity to make and showcase five-minute films on their campuses.

"We're really excited to have CMF here. We encourage involvement because this is a great opportunity with no strings attached," said Andrew Wilburn, junior English major and the Student Programmer for Student Activities.

According to Wilburn, Student Activities felt CMF would be another opportunity to help diversify the on-campus arts scene. He also noted since this is the first year Seattle U has participated in the program, the initial focus will be on encouraging students to get involved and have a positive experience.

Students who participate will be given free access to all equipment necessary for making a film. CMF provides the amateur filmmaker with an Apple laptop loaded with editing software, a handheld digital camcorder, a tripod, a boom microphone and an AT&T cell phone.

Since its creation, CMF has become the largest student film festival in the world.

The event seeks to extend the opportunity to all members of the student community, be they independent film experts or someone who has never held a camera before. In addition to the free equipment, participants also receive a crash course in movie making. A lack of experience should not make a would-be participant feel daunted.

Students will compete in teams consisting of two leaders—who will provide two forms of identification, and a willingness to accept responsibility for the

equipment—and up to eight other members.

Films will be judged in the following categories: best comedy, best drama, best film from any genre, best justice/ethics and best product placement of an AT&T mobile phone.

One film will be selected as the overall winner—not to be confused with the over-all category. The winning team will have the possibility of moving on to the regional finale, the national grand finale in Hollywood and finally the international finale in Cannes, France.

This is a great opportunity [for filmmakers] with no strings attached.

Andrew Wilburn
Student Programmer

Though CMF encourages the novice film maker to participate, the competition comes clad with professional grade stipulations. Submissions must not exceed five minutes in length, and competitors will be given one week to produce their films. This includes scripting, casting, filming and editing. Likewise, only official Seattle U team members can assist in the making of the movie. Most importantly, the plot of the movie must not violate state, local, and university laws.

While off-campus associates are allowed to act in the films, they will not be eligible to receive any of the competition's prizes, which range from Apple laptops and AT&T mobile phones to meetings with studio executives and \$10,000 cash grants.

CMF will begin at Seattle U Oct. 28 at noon in the Student Center. The finished films are due Nov. 3 at 6:00 p.m. Students interested in participating are advised to register online at campusmoviefest.com prior to the organization's arrival on campus.

Even students who opt not to participate in the competition are encouraged to attend the "red carpet" movie night, which will take place Nov. 6 in the Schaffer Auditorium. A Guitar Hero contest will precede the screenings at 6:30 p.m., but seating will be available until 7:30p.m., when the film premieres will begin.

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A family reacts to a lyncher's legacy

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In the summer of 1920, a mob of 10,000 forcibly removed three of six African American circus workers who were falsely accused of the assault and rape of a teenage couple in Duluth, Minn. from the local police station before a suitable trial could be conducted. The mob hung the men from a light pole.

Afterward, unremorseful members of the mob posed for a photograph that would later be sold as a postcard in town stores. Outrage at the incident spread nationally, and the Minnesota National Guard was called upon to protect the surviving suspects from further harm. After no evidence of assault was found on either of the Duluth teenagers, the remaining prisoners were acquitted, and no mob members were ever convicted for the murders.

For more than 80 years, the shame of this small northern town persisted until Warren Read, an elementary school teacher on Bainbridge Island, stumbled across several articles about the incident while conducting an online search for information about his mother's family history.

According to Read, his great-grandfather Louis Dondino—a participant in the 1920 lynching—was always portrayed as a kindly old man through his mother's stories. Taking on the role of her protector and beloved companion as she dealt with her father's alcoholism throughout childhood,

Dondino's personal history was something entirely foreign to Read's mother.

The discovery prompted him to confront this forgotten piece of family history and explore his own ideals of tolerance.

"It was never about personal shame, but the anatomy of such shame—a synthesis of the events and relationships in our lives that spoke to the denial and cloaking of an event in our family's past that was truly horrific," Read said at the unveiling of a monument erected in Duluth to honor the victims of those hateful actions 80 years prior.

Read's book, "The Lyncher in Me: A Search for Redemption in the Face of History," chronicles his personal journey of reconciling the crimes in his family's past, coming to terms with the fact that, though his family helped shape him, it does not completely define his personal identity as a human being. He and his partner Shayne strive to raise their children in a loving and tolerant environment.

Read also relates the hateful act his grandfather helped orchestrate to his life as a homosexual man, and how his family's past prejudices forced him to question his own identity.

Read will be speaking in the Wyckoff Auditorium as part of the "Writer's Reading" series Oct. 23 at 4:00 p.m. A reception and book signing will follow.

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Of Montreal fleshes out 'skeletal' songs on new studio album

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Pop music has always thrived on hook-heavy melodies and short song lengths, but "Skeletal Lamping," the latest effort from Georgia's Of Montreal, completely redefines the art conceptual compression in modern music.

The record is technically comprised of 15 tracks which range in length from 86 seconds to just over seven minutes long, but it really plays as a series of 40 second song-snippets that are crammed together seemingly without order. Transitions between each musical movement are virtually nonexistent and oftentimes the segments are tied together merely by a down beat of a drum or the pluck of a bass note.

Opening track "Nonpareil of Favor" sets the tone of the entire record, shifting styles half a dozen times within the span of six minutes. It begins with a surprisingly aggressive harpsichord melody before seamlessly shifting into

a swaggering rock song full of swelling synths and falsetto lyrics about a failing relationship. Before the song has reached the three minute mark, however, the electronic melodies drop out in favor of a bass line pulled straight from a Prince record, and principle songwriter Kevin Barnes shifts his tone from bereavement to booty-call, ditching his old flame in favor of a new fling.

Barnes' ADD approach to songwriting on "Skeletal Lamping" is very much intentional, and he has admitted it will likely alienate a significant portion of the band's fan base. In an interview with Pitchfork's Tyler Grisham, Barnes justified his decisions in creating the songs for the album.

"I wanted to take a lot of chances with this record and really do something more out there and more interesting," said Barnes. "If I was worrying about what people would think, then god only knows what kind of record I'd make."

Thematically speaking, "Skeletal Lamping" is a logical continuation

The Writer's Life: voting 'writes'

Sharon Cumberland
Guest Writer

In less than two weeks you'll be voting for the next president of the United States—some of you for the first time—so you may want to think about what this election means to you as a writer, a student and a scholar. Most of us think about candidates in terms of party affiliations. In a two-party system, we have a general idea of who's on the left and who's on the right; which party is conservative and which is progressive.

We also know how our parents and grandparents vote and whether or not we plan to vote in step with our family tradition. The campaign also offers rich opportunities to apply our intellectual tools to the candidates' debates and platforms. Whatever your major, you have the critical thinking skills and the lens of your discipline to evaluate the candidates maturely.

But have you asked yourself which candidates are best for you, the writer? Do you know where the candidates stand when it comes to those things that would support or undermine your ability to develop as scholar or a creative writer? What are the candidates' positions on copyright law? Educational loans? Taxes on scholarships? Support for the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Science Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts and other institutions that fund scholarship and creative writing? And here's a question that should concern all writers: Who would the candidates appoint to the Supreme Court? Emerging law could change the entire landscape for future writers like you.

Let's take just one example: Intellectual property is a huge issue for both scholars and writers. You work hard, you write something that others want to read, and

so you sell it for publication. The worker is worthy of her hire—you deserve to get paid. But new technologies have changed the meaning of the word "publish." Sure, you can publish a book the old fashioned way—get an advance, get royalties—but what if you (or your publisher) put your work on the Internet, podcasts, cell phones, or Blackberries? The law has not kept up with technology, and so writers' interests are not yet protected in the rapidly developing world of new media. It's anyone's game at this point—and who you choose for a president may well determine whether you have intellectual property rights

New technologies have changed the meaning of the word 'publish.'

in the digital world or not.

Here's another consideration: Scholars often need grants from the government and from government-supported nonprofit groups in order to do their research. Scholars also need the government to support universities for their works to be published (for free—scholars don't get paid the way commercial writers do). Do you know which candidates support education, educational institutions and the development of new knowledge? Do you know which candidates value the life of the mind? Let's be more specific—do you know which candidates value the life of your wonderful mind?

If not, you still have time to find out. I've been googling key words like "candidates education policy" and "candidates intellectual property policy" to get good evaluations from groups who

track these issues.

OK—I can see you poli-sci majors out there waving red flags about "issue oriented" voters. "Issue oriented" is a term with a bad name. It generally means you don't care what a candidate stands for as long as they support your issue (usually something controversial like being for or against same-sex marriage, doctor-assisted suicide, abortion or prayer in the schools). Being "issue oriented" has become media shorthand for voters who are narrow and selfish.

It's not a bad point. Don't we, as educated people, have an obligation to look at the big picture? Aren't we the ones with the stamina and the critical thinking skills to confront foreign policy, global warming, terrorism and the economy? Yes, we are. One of the greatest benefits of education is the ability to see gray areas, to resist oversimplification. Your education at Seattle University is not only training you to be a whole, complex person, but to see the whole, complex world.

Nevertheless, you also have an obligation to yourself and to your future. This election is of supreme importance to you—because you're young, and you will live with the outcome of this election for a very long time. You have a right to defend your interests—and the world needs you to be smart, educated and productive. So, figure out which candidates are on the writer's ticket—the ones who will support your education and your ability to thrive as a scholar, an artist and a creative person. Then be up bright and early Nov. 4 to vote them into power.

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Courtesy Jonas Riise Hamre

During Of Montreal's live shows, lead singer Kevin Barnes takes on his fictitious persona, the sexually deviant transvestite Georgie Fruit.

of the band's last album "Hissing Fauna, Are You The Destroyer?" (Polyvinyl, 2007). The majority of the record chronicles the sexual exploits of Barnes' musical doppelganger Georgie Fruit.

"I try to think of him [Georgie Fruit] as a middle-aged black man, probably in his fifties," said Barnes. "And somehow—even though it

sounds totally absurd and ridiculous—there is a middle-aged black man inside of me."

Perhaps as outrageous as the conceit behind "Skeletal Lamping" is its marketing campaign. In addition to the conventional formats—CD and Vinyl LP—fans can also get a digital copy of "Lamping" by purchasing album-themed T-shirts,

tote bags, posters, and even paper "Skeletal" lamps.

As for the quality of the music itself, "Skeletal Lamping" is undoubtedly a love-hate affair. Fans interested in following the chronicles of Kevin Barnes' overactive imagination will likely fall head over heels for its non-sequitur charms and constant evasion of cohesion, but anyone hoping for a throwback to the band's old psych-rock sound will likely be disappointed.

Regardless, the production on the record is stunning and the grandiose concept behind it merits at least a listen from anyone with any interest in overblown, non-traditional pop music.

"Skeletal Lamping" is an uncompromising 55-minute marathon of hardly-formed pop gems that sounds very little like anything else that has been released in the indie music scene in the last decade.

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Countdown to the Key



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Upcoming Events

Thursday, Oct. 23

Swimming
SU vs. Washington at
Federal Way, 12:00 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 24

Women's soccerSU vs. Utah at Salt Lake City,
7:00 p.m. MDT

Saturday, Oct. 25

Cross countrySU at Beaver Classic at
Corvallis, Ore., 9:00 a.m.**Volleyball**SU vs. Cal State Bakersfield,
7:00 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 27

Women's soccerSU vs. Utah Valley at Orem,
Utah, 3:00 p.m. MDT

Scores

Thursday, Oct. 16

Women's soccerSU vs. South Dakota at
Brookings, S.D. (0-1)

Friday, Oct. 17

Men's soccerSU vs. Portland at Portland,
Ore. (1-0)**Volleyball**SU vs. Jacksonville at
Jacksonville, Fla. (1-3)

Saturday, Oct. 18

Cross countrySU at Cascade Conference
Preview West Seattle, Wash.,
Men - 2nd (61 points),
Women - 4th (82 points)

Sunday, Oct. 19

VolleyballSU vs. Savannah State at
Savannah, Ga. (3-0)

Tuesday, Oct. 21

VolleyballSU vs. Eastern Washington
at Cheney, Wash. (0-3)

Needed: Walk-on athletes

Jan. 1
brings a
new start

Garrett Mukai

The Spectator

Freshman tennis player Aya Sugimoto is one of many walk-on athletes who fill needed team positions.

Alex LaCasse

Staff Writer

For some Seattle University athletes, scholarship money is not the driving force to play. That's because they do not get any.

Chris Henry, a junior history major, and Aya Sugimoto, a freshman business major, do not worry they put in as much work as scholarship athletes.

"If I thought it was discouraging, I wouldn't do it," said Henry, who has been a member of the men's cross country team since his freshman year and is now team captain.

"Money would be good, but if I don't get it I am not worried about it."

As the university moves into the era of Division I athletics, teams are being marketed on a larger scale to potential athletes.

A walk-on player is essentially a student who plays on an athletic team without any monetary compensation. Walk-on is somewhat deceiving as players in many cases do not join the team midway or at the beginning of a season but are recruited in advance much like a scholarship player.

The men's soccer team not only recruits but also holds tryouts for those interested prior to the start of the season.

Eric Guerra, associate athletic director, said the move to Division I has sparked a lot of excitement in potential recruits, both as scholarship athletes or walk-ons.

With the move, recruiting practices have become more aggressive for walk-ons, according to Guerra, and are very similar to the process of recruiting a scholarship player.

According to Erin Engelhardt, assistant athletic director, many athletes are often overlooked. She explained the walk-on program gives athletes who were not necessarily actively recruited the chance to be on a team and play.

"You never know who is a diamond in the rough," Engelhardt

said.

While the university may not offer scholarships to all potential athletes during high school recruiting periods, walk-on athletes can receive scholarships during their time with an athletic program.

According to Guerra, approximately 75 percent of university athletes are receiving an athletic scholarship. This includes half and full scholarship athletes. The other 25 percent are considered walk-on

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athletes.

"Our approach for walk-ons has worked very well over the past five years," said Dan Powers, head softball coach. "We have averaged four or five per year and I've had several players earn future scholarship money after initially walking on."

Henry has been running since he was in the third grade and became more involved as he got older. In high school he was transformed into a long distance runner, something he stuck with.

"I was kind of forced to do it at first," said Henry. "It is the feeling of pushing through the pain. It hurts so much, but we do it anyway."

In his third year with cross country, Henry devotes much of his time to the team. As captain a lot of his duties include extra volunteering and organizing team dinners.

The fact he puts in work in addition to practices and meets without receiving any athletic scholarship does not discourage him.

"The way I see it, I'm just doing whatever I can do to help the team," Henry said.

His efforts are rewarded by team

unity and praise from his coach.

"He truly loves the sport and does whatever he can to support me and his teammates," said Trisha Steidl, head cross country and track and field coach.

An attitude of service is what Engelhardt believes being on a Seattle U athletic team is all about.

"I think being part of a team is incredible. It is really for that internal pride," she said. "Some of the most influential people can be walk-ons."

Henry does not expect his career as a cross country runner to become professional. Instead he plans to use his history major and become a high school teacher. There he hopes to spread his knowledge of running and inspire youth about one of his passions.

"When I graduate I will still run," said Henry. "It would be fun to coach kids and help them progress in their running."

Like Henry, Sugimoto puts in the hours but does not receive any monetary compensation in return. For her, that's OK.

Sugimoto is one of the new additions to the new Seattle U tennis team. She was approached by head coach Mike Frisby in the summer after her club tennis coach suggested she join the team.

It was established early on that she would not initially be receiving any athletic scholarship money.

"It was my first year so I didn't care too much about it," said Sugimoto. "It would have been great, but I really wasn't thinking much about scholarship."

Sugimoto said many of the tennis players are walk-ons and there are a few on scholarships.

"I don't think there is that much of a difference between the walk-ons and the scholarship players," she said. "I am glad I am a walk-on player. It is no different than anyone else on the team."

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Then during the '80s, Seattle U halted after facing bankruptcy. The financial burden placed on the university forced the administration to withdraw from D-I.

"The decision to leave Division I at the time was very unpopular," said Lenny Wilkins, former Seattle SuperSonic player and coach, and member of Seattle U's board of trustees when Seattle U left D-I.

While still in a transitional year, Seattle U is well into scheduling. Men's basketball will play against Eastern Washington University, the University of Portland and Portland State University. The Athletic Department is also close to an agreement with the University of Washington and working on agreements with Washington State University and Gonzaga University.

"The largest hurdle in scheduling has been dates," said Joe Callero, head men's basketball coach.

Amid resistance from students and faculty, Sundborg insists moving to D-I is in the best interests of students. He hopes when current students recall their time at Seattle U they will be thrilled at the transition.

"[Students] are a little bit reluctant at this point," Sundborg said. "They're afraid that D-I athletics could change Seattle U to something they chose not to come to."

As a quarter-based school, dorms close Dec. 13, and normally do not re-open until the weekend before school resumes in January. Seattle U is making exception in preparation for the Jan. 1 game and opening the dorms early. The university is also throwing pregame celebrations, renting the Fox Sports VIP lounge in KeyArena and providing rides to and from the game.

"We need to bring the [athletics] program into everything we do," Sundborg said. "It's not going to take much persuasion."

Student support is yet to be seen, and time will tell once the basketball season begins. However, the recent inclusion of the student fan group, Redzone, into the Associated Students of Seattle University constitution may indicate the Athletic Department's efforts paid off.

The men's basketball season begins Nov. 7 against Point Loma Nazarene in an exhibition game in Connolly Center.

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OAR opens doors to outdoors



Clara Ganey The Spectator

Mileva Huljev, OAR coordinator, heads new outdoor programs. New funding expands outdoor opportunities for Seattle U students.

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Even though fall is almost over, effectively ending the Northwest's outdoor season, Seattle University is attempting to circumvent the problem. The solution is in OAR.

Outdoor Adventure and Recreation, once a collection of small clubs, has come together as a unified program this year.

Their mission is to "create opportunities for students to gain leadership experience and knowledge in trip planning, risk assessment, safety awareness, teamwork skills, and crisis management."

Another focus of the group is to get students out and involved in their many outings and excursions.

"We just have a nice outdoor community of leaders, who are stoked about taking people out and doing things," said Mileva Huljev, OAR coordinator.

The program consists of Huljev

and six student panelists meant to represent six areas of outdoor activity. Peter Moore represents rock climbing, Kellen McCarvel represents snow and winter sports, Rob Pollard represents water sports, Matt Ryskalczyk represents cycling, Ellen Erikson represents hiking and Carly Hennig represents community service.

"What's really nice about OAR is that we have gear that we can rent out to students and participants," said Ryskalczyk, a senior bio-chemistry major. "We've kind of created an arsenal of outdoor gear in the last couple of years, including tents, sleeping bags and stoves."

OAR originally consisted of many different recreational clubs which lacked much of the funding OAR now receives because it's program. Due to increased funding students are able to partake, and even lead, outdoor excursions of their own and also rent equipment for much more nominal prices. The increased organization led to

more safety protocol.

"Also we had, at that point when we consisted of a bunch of clubs, people going out without even so much as a roster of who was going," said Huljev.

Ryskalczyk, the student representative for cycling, explained although OAR has become more formal in terms of paperwork, it has, as a result, made the trips safer.

"We've consolidated the clubs into the program, and basically what's it's done is gotten rid of all the uncertainties that went into doing outdoor recreation," said Ryskalczyk. "And now it's all under one umbrella."

On Oct. 28, OAR will hold their first meeting at 6:00 p.m. in Pigott, although the precise room is to be determined.

Additionally, OAR is hosting a gear swap at Connolly Center in December. Students can bring their old skiing and snow apparel and equipment to the swap to sell or trade.

"It's something that other schools have been doing, and we're now trying it out," said Hennig, a junior environmental studies major. "We'll have some really cool stuff available to students."

Last Friday Oct. 17, OAR hiked to Ross Lake, about 40 miles north of Seattle to kayak and camp until Sunday. The student panelists plan to have similar weekly trips designed to be accessible to all levels of activity.

"It's exciting because that's something that hasn't happened before," Hennig said.

On Oct. 24, Ryskalczyk is leading an hour-long cycling trip to Mercer Island.

"It's basically going to be a time to get together with other people who ride bikes around the Seattle U community," said Ryskalczyk. "I've been trying to do this for the last couple of years, and it just hasn't worked out as far as scheduling goes."

Above all, the student panelists encourage students to get up, get involved and get out.

"It's a re-vamped program that will hopefully make a name for itself, and people will know about," Ryskalczyk said.

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Club budgets cut

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Before the U.S. economy's nose-dive forced businesses to squeeze their budgets, Seattle University's Recreational Sports required clubs to show them the money.

In the hopes of promoting and ensuring responsible spending, Recreational Sports implemented a change in funding for club sports this year. Clubs are now required to request the amount of money they will need to sustain their club for the academic year.

According to Mark Williams, director of recreational sports, this change occurred for many reasons.

"There was not a formal process for requesting funds for any sport club, and the previous process was not equitable," Williams said. "The newly established process sets forth clear guidelines for which clubs adhere to."

At the end of the 2007-2008 school year, clubs were informed of the upcoming changes. Club teams had to submit their projected 2008-2009 budgets by July. Recreational Sports tried to honor those requests by September. If the clubs did not get their paperwork in on time, the clubs likely received less money than they requested because the money had already been distributed.

When creating a projected budget, clubs take into account every expense they can see themselves incurring. Club sports account for practice costs, uniforms, travel, lodging, registration and administration fees and officiating in their annual budgets. Recreational Sports reviewed the overall need from each club then considered the base operational costs of running the club and the amount that the club is able to contribute.

Matthew Shaw, intramural sports and club sports coordinator, said clubs need to be well established with strong leadership and vision in order to receive funding. Additionally, requests made by clubs had to be reasonable and well thought out before Recreational Sports approves expenses.

"Clubs must now justify the amount they request and must show the need for that amount with

club reviews, previews and specific planning," Shaw said.

Sam Nelsen, president of the crew team and a junior nursing student, called the new budgeting process a definite improvement. While Recreational Sports was not able to provide the crew team with as much as they requested, Nelsen said it will be manageable. He added the crew team requires a large budget. For safety reasons, crew requires more coaches to supervise them while they're on the water. The team is prepared to supplement the budget they have received to help pay the coaches.

"We want to have a safe and effective program that is budget conscious," Nelsen said.

In addition to the budget allotted to the team, crew requires each member to pay \$150 and participate in two all-day team fundraising events per quarter. The team also receives donations from alumni and friends and family of team members. Nelsen said ideally the team would function mostly on such donations and receive a smaller budget from the school so members wouldn't be required to pay for so much.

The budgeting changes will require more conscious spending from each club.

"Students should not expect any changes except for a healthier and more fiscally responsible sports club program, better structure for their club and the sport club program and an increase in the opportunities available to them as established clubs," Shaw said.

Recreational Sports believes these changes will make club sports more fiscally responsible.

"We hope this will ensure the responsible operation of these student groups as well as provide them with additional leadership opportunities," Williams said.

Nelsen said these changes allow club members to have the chance to operate and manage the club and gain experience they otherwise wouldn't have.

"There is a learning process, and there have been some growing pains," Nelsen said, "but it will benefit everybody in the long run."

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PHAT depression screening aims to lift stigma

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Mental health issues can affect anyone, at any time.

Seattle University provides resources such as Counseling and Psychological Services and the Peer Health Action Team to help address these issues.

Peer Health Action Team, PHAT, conducted a depression screening during lunch at the Student Center. Eighty-six students took a brief confidential survey answering questions like "over the past two weeks how often have you been: feeling low in energy, slowed

down, and feeling hopeless about the future?"

A professional from Counseling and Psychological Services, CAPS, then scored and analyzed the survey. The public placement of the screening was intended to reduce the stigma surrounding mental health issues, as well as inform students who may otherwise be unaware of their mental health condition or of available resources related to mental health.

Although most students have heard of depression, statistics demonstrate that it is neither well recognized nor confronted among Seattle University students. According to

the 2007 National College Health Assessment, more than 50 percent of Seattle U students reported feeling hopeless in the last year and more than 40 percent reported feeling so depressed it was difficult to function.

Unfortunately, only 20 percent of students were receiving treatment for depression. Lack of treatment could be due in part to the stigma surrounding mental health not only at Seattle U but throughout the country. Mental health is something commonly discussed in third person, but because of the mental health stigma it is rare students openly admit to having a

mental health issue.

Depression is caused by a miscommunication between neurotransmitters in the brain, which can be triggered by stress, a tragic event, physical conditions or genetics. Major depressive disorder is characterized by a constant feeling of tension, irritability and sadness lasting more than two weeks. Seasonal affective disorder has the same symptoms as depression, except it's triggered by continuous dark weather. Dysthymia is a milder form of depression and is characterized by being consistently mildly depressed for a period of two years.

The Counseling and Psychological Services office is located in the Student Center Pavilion. The CAPS professionals are all trained in counseling depression, anxiety, eating disorders, relationship issues and more emotional and psychological issues. CAPS services are confidential and free to Seattle U students. Although CAPS only offers temporary services, they have the resources to refer students to longer term therapists, many of whom operate on a sliding scale depending on income level.

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Athletics promotions: It just ain't good enough

Seattle University launched the promotional series on Monday for the men's basketball game Jan. 1, 2009. The event at the KeyArena, where the game will take place, is the first of many promotional events. As President Stephen Sundborg proclaimed, "Jan. 1, we love that day because it's a new beginning."

The university says the students' best interests are in mind during this game; that they want students to enjoy athletics; that they are bringing athletics to the premier level of the rest of the university; that they are trying to start a new tradition on campus. We agree. They're just going about it the wrong way.

So far, the push for athletics has been a top-down approach. Get the board of trustees on board, get the administration to hop on, ring in some influential alumni and hope the students will follow. Sure, alumni buy the suites and season tickets and donate money. Alumni may even dress their babies in little Redhawk jerseys or cheer skirts.

Students make the atmosphere. Students give the team a fan base. Students make the athletes feel welcome. Students yell their lungs out. Students paint their faces. Students start the cheers. Students rally the team. It should start from the bottom-up.

While the university is busy informing the community they are now D-I, students are still dazed, confused and upset with the move. The university wants to brand itself, but it needs to stop worrying about its external relations and focus on internal affairs: Brand the students. Brand the campus.

A single Redhawk Red on clothing, notebooks, bags, campus cards, e-mails and anything else would be a great start. Turn the game into a social event: soccer tailgating, basketball cheers and the fight song written on banners in Connolly Center, Rudy Redhawk hanging out on Fridays at Cherry Street and walking the dorms Friday afternoon.

Seniors and juniors don't remember hearing a lot about athletics during their visit to Seattle U. There hasn't been a noticeable student fan base for athletics the last four years.

In recent years, the Seattle Pacific University men's soccer and

men's basketball games were the marquee events. Even those games received comparatively little hype. Seattle U doesn't have a marquee game now. The University of Washington and Washington State University have the Apple Cup. University of California, Berkeley and Stanford University have the Big Game. Rivalries make instant marquee games. Even when a season is in the tank, the marquee game gives fans something to look forward to.

The problem is Seattle U hasn't had a sports tradition, and as such, is trying to manufacture one in a short time. Some students don't like sports in general. Other students have qualms about the university's decision and want to use it as a scapegoat for other gripes they have. Others don't know about the games.

Sports events are rarely about the team, the school or the game. Sports events are like Eric Bana's explanation of why he goes to war in *Black Hawk Down*, "It's about the guy standing next to me." Sports events are social events. That's how men and women who are otherwise ambivalent or even hostile to the sport sit through it.

In high school, Friday night lights ruled the halls. "Are you going to the game?" students asked each other. Students don't ask each other that question here, but they should. Athletes should invite classmates and friends and remind them of the date and time.

Game hype starts with the students. Peer to peer advertising and word of mouth are the best ways to gain interest in anything. SEAC, ASSU, Housing and Residence Life and the Athletic Department need to find student leaders who will not only promote the event, but encourage the event and attend themselves.

Nothing kills a movement like unmotivated leaders; it stinks of empty promises. Once the university mobilizes student leaders who believe in the D-I move and commit to it, student support will follow.

Sundborg quoted Sullivan Scholar Matt Salazar, "D-II: it just ain't good enough anymore."

Likewise, "Top-down promo: It just ain't good enough."

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Seattle fair-weather fans wearing on me

Ben Watanabe
Sports and Opinion Editor

Even if you've never heard of the Seattle Freeze, you've probably experienced it. It's a social phenomenon.

You walk by someone, and they never look at you. You check yourself to see if you're actually present and visible. You are. In this case, it's not you; it's them or rather, it's us. And it goes beyond just social avoidance. It affects our sports culture, too.

When the Mariners nose-dived away from preseason predictions to win the American League West, I kept going to games and watching them on TV. As the University of Washington football team continues to lose games and can only find refuge in bye weeks, I continue to watch. When the Sonics, previously my most beloved team, consistently lost then went through the Oklahoma City/Clay Bennett

tornado turned "Thunder" storm, I kept going to games and watching them on TV. Now, as the Seahawks struggle to breathe in the world-turned-upside-down NFL, I may have had enough. I'm not tired of the losing, which may be a product of my Northwest environment, but of the fair-weather fans. This is where the two meet.

We just have overcast
weather to match
our overcast fans.

After years of losing, the Seahawks gained prominence in the NFC West culminating in the 2005 Super Bowl . . . loss. The Mariners couldn't win a game if the other team never showed, but then came Lou Pinella, and he

changed that. Then Ken Griffey, Jr. left, then Alex Rodriguez left, then Randy Johnson left, then Pinella left and then the losing returned.

The Sonics took the '70s by storm when they challenged established teams and won the 1979 NBA Championship. Then the losing started but was shunted by the '90s Sonics and some guys named Gary Payton, Shawn Kemp and George Karl. Then the losing returned after they left, and some cowboy from Oklahoma City bought the franchise. With each swing of the loser-winner pendulum, fans hopped off and hopped on. In Seattle, we don't have the tradition of generational fans like East coast teams have. We don't have winning decades like other teams have. We just have overcast weather to match our overcast fans: cloudy with spots of sunshine, maybe a little humidity, probably a lot of rain.

A friend, *Spectator* staff writer and, unfortunately, a Green Bay Packers fan went to their game against the Seahawks. She told me by the fourth quarter, when the Packers led by at least two touchdowns, her uncle, a Seahawks fan and season ticket holder, informed her they were leaving.

This upsets me for a few reasons. One: There is a 14,000-person season ticket waiting list, and general tickets begin at \$50. Two: A true fan never counts their team out until the clock stops. Three: He showed his colors in front of a rival fan by leaving the game early. He admitted defeat.

It's hard to stick by a loser, let alone a few. Seattle sports fans need to stave off the Freeze and stick with their teams, before the teams stop sticking with the fans.

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A Jewish perspective on Initiative 1000

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Let me state at the outset that most people, certainly everyone I've ever met regardless of their religion or culture, is pro-life. None of us want to see someone in the end stages of a terminal disease suffer. We share the same core values, yet I end up with a different conclusion because I support Initiative 1000. But to begin with, we need to recognize the values we share and judge one another on the side of merit.

Perhaps the hardest thing for people from authority-based religions to understand is in our world today there are legitimate multiple points of view on many controversial issues. Gone are the days when the Church, or a great rabbinic scholar, or a revered imam could set forth a ruling and have it obeyed by all subjects as God's own word. The fact is we live in a pluralistic society in which diverse points of view co-exist equally and even compete for support in the public arena.

Such is the case with I-1000.

Jewish law draws a distinction between prolonging life and hastening death. We are taught to do

the former and eschew the latter. We are also taught that one should not prolong the dying process. It is a very fine line between the two. Given modern medical techniques, does one really know where the line is between prolonging life, prolonging the dying process and hastening death?

I see contemporary medicine as a slippery slope, sometimes prolonging life and sometimes, unfortunately, prolonging the dying process.

"Playing God" is a term that is often applied to this debate. The term raises a serious question: Where is God in our medical inventions and interventions? What is tampering with nature and what isn't?

How does one define ending one's life "naturally" when one has used the medical system to forestall a "natural" death?

Some people do not believe in seeking medical care at all. They prefer instead to leave their health in God's hands, as it were. Are they committing suicide when they get very ill and don't seek a doctor's care?

Some people stop taking medications when they realize death awaits them. Do we say the medications

have been prolonging their lives beyond what God had decreed? Do we say they are now committing suicide by ceasing to take their medications?

I have a different reason for supporting I-1000: freedom of choice.

Is it suicide to take a lethal potion, when an end-stage terminally ill person has availed himself of every medical option and knows that death is at hand?

Is it murder to prescribe such a potion, or is it a legitimate exercise of compassion and mercy?

But I have a totally different reason for supporting I-1000: freedom of choice.

Absent a national religion—thank God—we need to allow people of different religions and cultures to make life choices consistent with their ways and norms. This principle, for many of us, is hard to accept, particularly when it appears to conflict with our core values.

Why should anyone be compelled to follow the teachings of another religion on this issue? Ultimately, my support of I-1000 is based on the separation of church and state, which affords each faith, adherents of those faiths and those not bound by religion to choose what is right for them.

The choice and the responsibility rest with the individual; no one is being compelled by I-1000 to act against personal or communal standards.

In the end, all we can hope is that when we make these difficult decisions, God is somehow guiding us. Yes, our decisions may be wrong in the eyes of some and right in the eyes of others. Our society, our world, lacks the kind of authority of yesteryear. We live in a world of moral ambiguity.

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The Ten: Ways to offend the SU mission

10. Never volunteer. Spend your time playing Rock Band 2 and talking about the election.
9. Deny global warming and continue ignoring sorting recyclables or throw bottles out dorm windows.
8. Never attend the salons (not the kind which tend to hair).
7. Graduate without knowing what a Jesuit is.
6. Summarize justice as "They deserved it."
5. Never ask yourself where your Nikes come from and who made them.
4. Be content as an assistant.
3. Make your biggest concern the move to D-I.
2. Graduate without knowing the mission statement.
1. Have a derogatory theme party off campus and advertise it on Facebook.

Quote of the week

"Safety is an important issue, but when was the last time you heard of someone being assaulted by 'the Tree Man?'"

Bryson Nitta
ESSU Co-President

See page three for the story on reactions to the Sequoia tree by Pigott being trimmed.

Corrections

In the Oct. 15 issue the story, "Seattle University student skates into alter ego," stated four players from each team were on the deck. The correct number is five players from each team.

Also in the Oct. 15 issue, the story, "Limited space pushes facility offices off-site," stated the Communication Department was moving to 1218 Cherry Street. The correct office is University Marketing and Communications. The story also stated Heather Geiger was the president of University Planning. She is the space and planning manager.

McCain mistakes disorders in recent debate

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It was said countless times over the last presidential debate was the most hard-hitting and most entertaining debate to watch. Both Obama and McCain poked and pried at one another's campaign tactics, policies and voting records. On several occasions both candidates misspoke and made mistakes, but none as blatant as McCain's confusion between autism and Down syndrome.

McCain quoted his running mate as "knowing about that better than most." That being autism, referencing Sarah's Palin's new born baby boy Trig, who was pre-natally diagnosed with Down syndrome. Yes, Down syndrome, not autism Mr. McCain. The differences are

pretty significant.

Down syndrome is a genetic disorder in which a child receives 47 instead of the regular 46 chromosomes. Autism is a neurological disorder with no specific genetic links discovered at present. Symptoms for Down syndrome include hypotonia, or low muscle tone, as well as learning disability. Children with autism however, show symptoms of impaired verbal and non-verbal communication as well as problems interacting socially and patterns of repetitive behaviors, such as organizing toys for hours at a time. There is no single treatment of either Down syndrome or autism, but medicine is usually associated with autism to help children cope with seizures and compulsive behavior.

McCain mentioned on numerous

occasions his admiration for Palin's family and their commitment to families with special needs. While his running mate might be personally connected to this issue and educated about Down syndrome, McCain himself seems less educated about such disorders. It's ironic, because while McCain's people had Sarah Palin locked up at his ranch for days, prepping her on what and what not to say in her vice-presidential debate. McCain's people seemed to do less for prepping McCain on such a central issue to the McCain/Palin campaign.

In every debate and several interviews since McCain announced Palin as his running-mate, placed education and funding for special needs as a pivotal issue to their campaign. Since family values seems to be the

overwhelming character trait of the Republican Party, it only seemed natural that McCain would reference his running mate's commitment to her family.

There's reason to find admiration in this, but when you misconstrue the disorders so blatantly, it makes McCain and Palin's push for funding and education around special needs is just a façade. Perhaps before McCain can push for funding and encourage people to "open up their wallets," he should first educate himself on the differences between such disorders. How can you convince someone of how passionate you are about a topic if you can't show any commitment to educating yourself on the topic?

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Division I, whether you like it or not

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I'll accept this: You probably chose Seattle U for its academic quality and commitment to social justice, not Division I athletics.

And I'm sure the only reason on-campus residents are in transitional triples and converted lounges is because of the move to D-I and all of those new athletes in the freshmen class. It was certainly the reason why we kicked the elderly out of Bessie Burton, too.

Those class cuts last year? Clearly because the administration took a significant chunk of change and gave it to Athletics instead, smirking as they cheated you out of those tuition dollars in actuality covered in part by a scholarship from the university.

In fact, let's blame the move to D-I for everything: High book prices,

crowded classes, lack of office space and that F on that test last week.

Seattle U students, are you done yet? Because I think the Athletics Department is sick of being the scapegoat and ready to take this university to the next level.

The biggest problem: Your unfounded bitterness and overwhelming sense of entitlement is holding it back from flight.

President Stephen Sundborg, S.J., will tell you Seattle U is back in the game. We're D-I now. Get over it. Get behind it.

I understand many students feel like the administration made a decision without student input. But I know this university too well. In fact, it asked your opinion. And the majority of you said it sounded like a great idea. Go Redhawks.

But then Seattle U hit a few bumps in the road. As this university

strives to be the premier independent university in the Northwest, there will be growing pains.

It's important to realize they aren't all caused by the D-I scapegoat.

It's important to realize D-I will be a great thing for Seattle U—and one day for you. One just has to look at the big picture. One just has to be selfless for the students who will benefit more in their time here.

While it might be a sad statement, the truth is big-time collegiate athletics bring universities the money, attention and momentum to serve their true purpose of educating students.

That doesn't mean this university will forsake its values and mission of "empowering students for a just and humane world."

The exposure D-I brings—the exposure D-I has already brought—will empower you even more.

I am ready to never hear "You go to the University of Washington?" again when I tell people I go to Seattle U.

I am ready for a potential employer to get excited when they notice my alma mater.

I am ready to be screaming at my TV as the Redhawks make a run for the Final Four when I'm old.

I am ready not to feel like I attend Gonzaga's puny younger sibling.

Because standing at a press conference to announce Seattle U's Jan. 1 game in the KeyArena, I saw the big picture. I realized it hasn't hurt my education here or taken away what I value about this university. I got caught up in the excitement of D-I.

But it won't be any fun if you don't, too.

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Assist Official Agency
Oct. 13 11:56 a.m.

Public Safety received a report from a non-affiliate who saw what they believed to be a handgun in the bushes by E. Jefferson Street, south of Campion. Public Safety responded and located a weapon, and SPD responded and took possession of the recovered weapon.

Criminal Trespass Warning
Oct. 13 6:45 p.m.

Public Safety contacted a non-affiliate male who was camped out on the Campion north walkway. Public Safety verbally trespass warned the individual and escorted him off campus.

Noise Disturbance
Oct. 14 12:55 a.m.

Public Safety received a report from a Bellarmine resident of an unknown person yelling or moaning loudly from the south-west area of the building. Public Safety conducted an area search on both the exterior and internal of the building and did not locate any concerns.

Noise Disturbance
Oct. 18 1:25 a.m.

A neighbor reported SU students having a wild party and making noise in the street for four hours. Public Safety documented the incident and sent the report to conduct.

Alcohol Violation
Oct. 19 2:15 a.m.

Public Safety observed four individuals consuming beer on the access roadway. As officers approached, the four individuals took off running. Public Safety observed the individuals until they cleared the area.

Urinating in Public
Oct. 19 3:30 a.m.

Public Safety on patrol found a non-affiliate male urinating in the planted area by 10th and E. Spring. Public Safety contacted the male and trespass warned him from campus.

For a complete listing of public safety incidents check out our Web site at www.su-spectator.com

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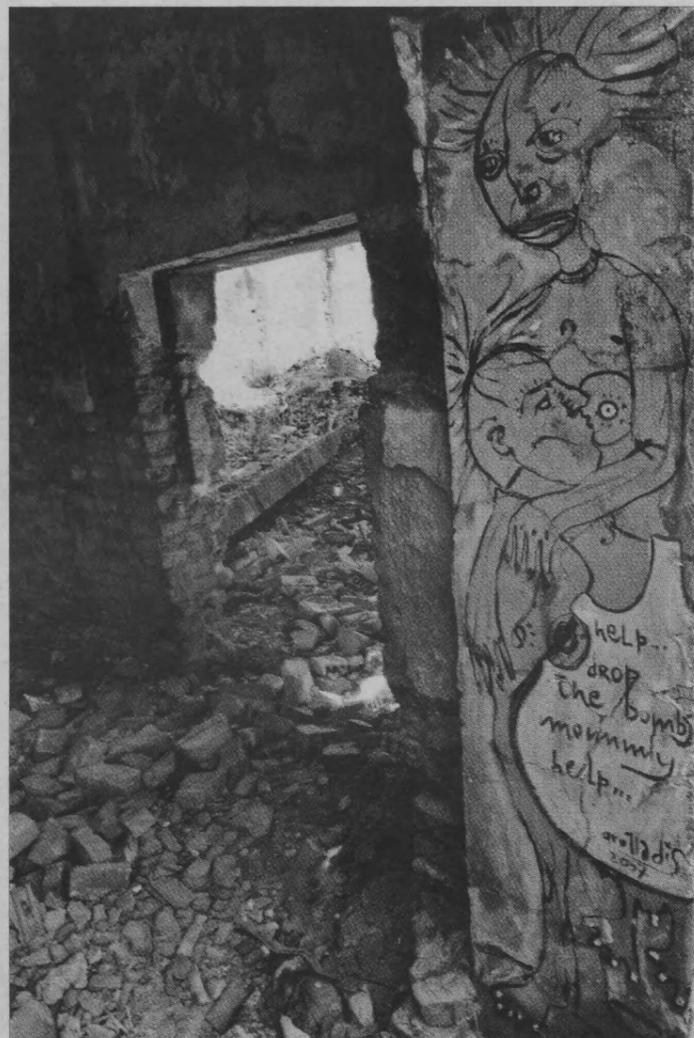
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solution to last week's sudoku

Sarajevo: still in shambles after war



I spent two days in Sarajevo and these photographs represent the remnants of war from a decade ago. The city is eager to rebuild but lacks the money for reconstruction. Changes are slowly being made but there is still a long way to go. Photos by Jessica Ishmael



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