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A look inside...

A close look into an act of terrorism

Beslan tragedy witnessed by Russian news correspondent

by Andrei Kots
Russian contributing writer

The world was shocked by a cruel terrorist attack on a Russian school in Beslan, Northern Ossetia on September 1, 2004. Chechenya extremists and mercenaries took more than one thousand pupils, parents and teachers as hostage. All of the hostages were kept in a school gym for three days without food and water. Russian military forces began negotiations with terrorists, but they had no demands. On September 3, 2004 the terrorists tried to escape from the school and detonated two bombs planted in the gym and began shooting at the children. Following the explosion, the Russian Special Forces Unit code named “Alfa” stormed the building and in a few hours took control of it. More than 350 hostages died during the final phase of this incident. The Beslan tragedy was covered by hundreds of journalists from different countries. The point of my article is to show how they work in such dangerous conditions.

I interviewed a journalist from one of the largest Russian newspapers Pravda. Aleksandr Bestuzhev witnessed and reported the horrible tragedy.

Q: Aleksandr, was it your first visit to a “hot zone”? A: No. I was in a Russian contributing journalist crew in Yugoslavia, during the peacemaking operation.

I also worked in Afghanistan and visited Chechnya three times in 2001 and 2003. So, I was trusted enough by my chief-editor and was sent to cover the Beslan terrorist attack.

Q: Where did you stay in Beslan? A: My photojournalist and I spent the first day near the school. At night we started looking for a place to sleep. A local guy named Aslanbek agreed to let us stay in his apartment. He was very hospitable. He fed us and helped find information.

Q: How did you obtain information about the hostages and terrorists? A: At first, we spoke with the military officials, visited press conferences, but information given there was incorrect. They told us there were 300 people held in

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Autism Center opens on campus

by Marques Hunter
staff writer

Autistic children and their families didn't have a medical reason to visit the UWT campus, but now they do.

The UW Seattle Autism Center is partnering with the UW Tacoma campus to strengthen medical services for autistic children and families who are receiving inadequate services in the South Puget Sound region.

The Satellite Autism Center at UWT is located on the first floor of the Cherry Parkes Building and is expected to open in the middle of November and will be fully operational by January. The goal is to increase the clinical service availability for autistic children.

Washington State Senator Marilyn Rasmussen made funding for the Satellite Center at UWT possible. She and other medical practitioners identified a strong need for better medical attention in the focus of autism.

According to doctors, the waiting list for autistic children to receive medical attention is high and unreasonable.

"The current waiting list in UW Seattle’s Autism Center is 300 families," said Allison Brooks, clinical director for the Center in Tacoma. "Opening up a clinic here should fill a big need that exists."

Many autistic children and their families from the local area are forced to commute to Seattle or to other facilities outside Tacoma. The geographical constraints are obscuring the accessibility of autism medical services in the South Puget Sound.

Felice Orlich, associate director for UW Seattle’s autism program, said facilities like Mary Bridge Children’s Hospital in Tacoma can no longer add kids to their waiting list because it has reached a maximum wait of one year. "Autistic children and their families who live in the South Puget Sound area now have to go to either Seattle, Good Samaritan Hospital in Puyallup or Madigan on Fort Lewis," Orlich said. "South Puget Sound would definitely benefit from these services."

The legislature funded the Center at UWT in spring of 2004 for a one-year operational period of the current sees Autism page 10

ASUWT bylaws to be rewritten

by Brooke Berard
staff writer

The University of Washington, Tacoma’s Student Government (ASUWT) bylaws have been suspended indefinitely while members of the group devise a plan for rewriting them.

Five senators, elected prior to fall quarter, voted to suspend the bylaws indefinitely due to a timing conflict with the fall senate election.

"The reason that the bylaws are suspended now is to give us [the student government] the latitude to change the bylaws and hold fall elections," said Jason Sullivan, director of legislative affairs. In the bylaws, there is a
Kung Fu Demonstration
November 15

The Asian Pacific Islanders Student Union will present a Kung Fu Demonstration between 12:50-1:45 p.m. in the GWP Atrium.

DiversiFall
November 16

The Black Student Union will present DiversiFall between 12:45-1:45 p.m. in the MAT Student Center.

The Apple Cup
November 15

Join OSL and the UW Tacoma Alumni Association in the MAT student center to watch the big game. The event will begin at 3 p.m.

Salsa Dance Fundraiser
November 19

This will be sponsored by the Latino Student Organization at UWT and the Tacoma Cienfuegos sister city committee. It will be Friday, Nov. 19 from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. The location is at the University of Puget Sound, North of 114th and Union.

DiversiFall Event
November 16

DiversiFall between 12:45-1:45 p.m. in the MAT Student Center in the big game. The event will be part of their Homeless Awareness Days program.

S.O.C.C.
Meeting
MAT 107
November 23

Join Civitas in the Carwein Auditorium, 12:45-1:45 p.m. for a Homeless Awareness Days event.

Fundraising for Haiti Hurricane Victims
November 17-18

A fundraising project for hurricane victims in Haiti will be located in the GWP Atrium from 11 a.m.-4:15 p.m. on Nov. 17 and on Nov. 18 in the MAT Student Center from 12:30-2:00 p.m.

Homeless Awareness Days Event
November 22

The Black Student Union will host a speaker event 12:50 - 1:45 p.m. in the MAT Student Center.

Husky Voices
How do you feel about elections in the United States?

Andrei Biryukov
Journalism School, Moscow State University (MSU)

"I feel nothing personal for the elections in the U.S.A. because I don't think about my sympathies when I vote. A man who wants to be a president first of all must be a good diplomat and strategist."

Maria Lukina
Professor of Journalism, MSU

"I was deeply impressed how ordinary Americans personally reacted on the process and results of elections in their country and their country people are more indifferent, they probably still don't believe in democratic voting."

Artem Ivanov
Journalism School, MSU

"I suppose that the elections in the U.S.A. are a very good thing as the whole world can see the real democratic race. It was extremely interesting to observe how many votes each candidate should receive and how media and photos and cities would back Bush or Kerry. I hope that the future of the U.S.A. for the next four years will be clear and successful."

For the third consecutive year, journalism students from Moscow State University (MSU) have joined the Ledger staff to produce a joint publication. Throughout this issue, they have contributed their perspectives on diverse topics such as the U.S. elections and international terrorism.

The experience of working together to produce a paper has been invaluable for everyone involved. The MSU students' observations during this election week have been particularly educational for those of us on the Ledger staff. We thank Artem Ivanov, Andrei Kots, Andrei Biryukov and Professor Maria Lukina for sharing their knowledge and their craft with us. It has been a privilege to work with them.
Welcome to the the neo-conservative revolution

by Alex Matviychuk
contributing writer

"[John Kerry] said with a sigh to John Kerry] said with a sigh to [Bush], “I can’t believe I’m losing to this idiot,” writes Evan Thomas in a report for Newsweek’s special election issue. Echoing the thoughts of millions of hopeful Americans who turned out to vote, Kerry effectively captured the mood of his entire campaign. "Anyone but Bush", was the cry heard round the world and with good reason. Bush’s list of failures far outnumbered any successes he’s had in his last four years in office. But that doesn’t matter because over the last decade a quite revolution has taken place which threatens to tear America apart.

Driven by patriotism, religious dogma and a never ending supply of fear, neo-conservatives represent a revitalized fundamentalist public for which doctrine supersedes reason. Using a combination of activism and conservative rhetoric, this potent paradigm has managed to channel the fervor and emotion of Christ Fest into a political movement.

It is well known that reasoned debate and compromise are as unthinkable to fundamentalists as self-control is to Kobe Bryant or Michael Jackson. This is not a hyperbole by any means, just look at the Israeli/Palestinian conflict or consider William McAdoo’s observation that “it is impossible to defeat an ignorant man in argument.” The reasons for Kerry’s loss are not confined to a weak Democratic Party and voting irregularities.

Conditioned by Fox News and feeding off the moral outrage of Clinton, the neo-cons devotees have been infused with an unparalleled righteousness over the last four years. They turned out in droves to vote down gay marriage and elected a man who promised to hunt down terrorists without regard for collateral damage or diplomatic relations in an increasingly hostile world. And they did it in record numbers.

To be fair, not many countries (even those thought to be progressive) support gay marriage. However, neither did John Kerry. Yet the neo-cons still voted for Bush. Kerry also abandoned his core and reached out to offer them national security. Yet they still voted for Bush for reasons that can only be attributed to fanaticism.

There is an irreconcilable authority, resembling the kind between parent and child that drives these neo-cons to overlook transgressions in order to save face. This is a common characteristic shared with authoritarian systems which never make sense, yet always exist. Dissent is universally drowed out by chanting the proverbial “Four legs good, two legs bad” (More commonly heard as “Four more years."

Neo-cons are a powerful force and will consume this country if not faced with strong opposition. The challenge progresses face now is figuring out how to persuade their fellow Americans who have been infected with their ethos resistant to rationality.

For now the prospect for reform is non-existent. George Bernard Shaw once wrote, “The reasonable man adapts himself to the world; the unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore all progress depends on the unreasonable one." With most of the younger generation intoxicatd by apathy and everyone struggling to make ends meet in this new economy, progressives may not have the strength or conviction to overcome the rising tide of zealous neo-cons. Perhaps it is time to follow the age old maxim, “When defeat is inevitable, it is wisest to yield,” but only in action, never in spirit.

The most obvious difference was that Russian voters expected Putin to win although he did not participate in the debates.

Voting in these two countries are very different. There is no need to compare the voting atmosphere in Russia and the United States. The system is absolutely different. I voted for the first time in my life this year. I understand and appreciate that I belong to a democratic society.

But in the United States any person can feel like their vote counted and not just impressed to be a voter.

There is almost a 100 percent guarantee that American votes count. But in Russia, the way in which votes are collected upset me because there is a risk that our ballot papers could be changed and possibly altered.

During the campaign, many Russian Media outlets broadcasted the politicians’ claims that ballot papers can be changed without people’s knowledge and nobody will know about this.

Also the Russian TV channel before the Election Day showed many ballot papers that already registered Putin’s name in a small city in the central part of Russia. The government officials said that it was just a printing machine mistake. Was that mistake made by chance?

Nobody knows.

The most exciting thing about the American election was election night, and counting the votes. Many channels broadcasted it in their own way. Some were quite humorous and some were quite official.

But the American people who watched them, no matter what party they supported, enjoyed the show together. In Russia, the majority of students might take longer to accept the newly elected president.
Will a man really explode if he takes a break from sex? Dr. Jay has been asked this question by a person who was seriously wondering if this myth has any truth.

Are all condoms the same, or are the ribbed rubbers better? What are the three conditions that should always be met before two people have sex? Dr. Jay is here to save the day, but was younger, his girlfriend said the two words that made him grow up.

"My belief is that sex is good. What we learn about sex is not good." - Jay Friedman, guest speaker

Dr. Patricia Spakes looks to become chancellor

Dr. Spakes believes she can bring three things: creative solutions, structured plans for the future and development support to carry out the vision. She will be giving a presentation on Nov. 30.

"I love the energy, excitement, creativity, commitment and possibility that is found on a new campus," said Dr. Spakes. "And the opportunity to be part of one of the most exciting challenges in higher education today." If Dr. Spakes becomes chancellor, she plans to bring three things: creative solutions on a new, very similar university.

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The educational background of Dr. Spakes consists of a Ph.D. in social welfare from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, an M.S.W. from the University of South Carolina and a B.A. in sociology and English from Winthrop University in Rock Hill, SC.

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J Spot event sheds light on art of making love

by Marlene Hanson

Smiles of recognition were seen throughout the growing number of audience attendees. "It is a scare tactic against sex. It leaves us ignorant, confused. It doesn't work.”

With a keen understanding of the questions that are now fermenting in the mind of the audience, Dr. Jay goes on to answer the unsoken question. Why does he travel from college campus to college campus, from high school auditorium to high school auditorium, explaining responsibility. From that experience he realized that issues concerning sex need to be discussed openly, responsibly and maturely.

"Every crisis opens an opportunity," Dr. Jay explained. When he was younger, his girlfriend said the two words that made him grow up.

"I'm pregnant." He realized that he wasn't alone in his youthful ignorance concerning the very important topic of sex, and sexual responsibility. From that experience he realized that issues concerning sex need to be discussed openly, responsibly and maturely.

Thus, Jay Friedman becomes Dr. J, the sex educator.

Referring back to the questions asked in the beginning of this article, a woman's clitoris, and not the vagina, is the area where she becomes sexually aroused. Only one person in the audience was brave enough to say the word, "clitoris," since it is among one of the many unknown, "naughty" words of the American English language.

No, a man will not explode if he abstains from sex for long periods.

A ribbed condom is usually no better than an unribbed condom. The secret to making sex with a condom as sexually satisfying as sex without a condom is to put a couple drops of water in the bottom of the condom, before covering the penis. This should result in better sex.

And Dr. Jay explained the three conditions that should always be met before two people have sex, and this is for sex between gays, lesbians or straight.

1) When you can confirm the other person's worth. When you can look at them in the eyes, while having sex.

2) When you can accept responsibility for your actions. This includes birth control and disease control.

J-Spot topics:

- AIDS/safer sex
- Communication
- Dating and relationships
- Homophobia
- Love potions - sex and alcohol
- Rape/sexual violence
- The pursuit of pleasure
- The future of sex

-from www.jaytalk.com

Patricia Spakes is one of the five finalists for the chancellor position. She has similar experiences with the development of branches like UWT.

by Seth Storset

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John Miller visits
Nov. 23
Current provost, Vice-president of Student Affairs, Eastern Oregon University

Michael Field visits
Dec. 6
Current Provost, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Shawnee State University

by Ericka Skolrood
staff writer

John Miller was named the fifth and final candidate for the chancellor position on our campus. Miller is scheduled to visit the university on November 23, where he will have the chance to become acquainted with the staff, faculty, students and the public. On the day of his visit, Miller will give a presentation in Carwein Auditorium (named after former chancellor Vicki Carwein) from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Dr. Miller comes to us from Eastern Oregon University where he is the current provost and vice president for academic affairs. Miller also holds a Ph.D., M.A. and B.A., all in sociology and all earned from the University of Oregon.

Miller came to EOU from Southeastern Louisiana University where he was the dean for nearly ten years. In the past, he was also the associate dean for academic affairs and the department chairperson at the University of Arkansas, a teacher and served in the United States Army.

"I was attracted by the excellence that already exists there and the chance to build on that excellence, I think that the chancellor's position at UWT is an outstanding opportunity for anyone that wants to lead a university in its early years of existence, there are going to be growing pains but, to join the faculty, students and friends in building a university is a rare opportunity," said Miller.

During his two-day visit Miller wants to talk with students, staff, faculty and friends of UWT to find out what they want for the future of the university. He thinks the university would be wise to offer a four-year curriculum and added opportunities for masters programs.

Miller believes he has the experience as an administrator, teacher and leader to successfully fill the position as the next University of Washington, Tacoma Chancellor.

"Those times call for leadership, in addition to experience you need to be looking for someone who is energetic, creative and someone that when the time is right will take what I call calculated risks," said Miller.

There are many issues to take into consideration when the 12-person search committee determines which candidates to recommend to UW Provost Mark Eberport, who will make the final decision.

With the election over, I found that Russian media portrays Americans as feeling nothing personal about the elections. They also say American people see the elections as a means of personal gain.

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But the number one dilemma concerning the next American president brings trouble not only to American citizens, but to the whole world.

Many politicians and experts in Russia prefer the current president as a more convenient choice. He has a good personal relationship with the Russian president and doesn't teach democracy, according to Russian Newsweek on Oct. 25 - 31 in 2004.

The majority of people in Europe gamble on the Democratic candidate. There are very few Bush allies in Europe and even they have problems with their government interpreting their country.

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Iraqi people have an evenly divided opinion about who they would like as the next American president.

by Andrei Bilyukov
Russian contributing writer

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"If Bush wins, I don't want to live in America for the next four years. It is clear from interviews that American people understand that these elections are the most important political event of the next four years.

And now the American society is more split up than it ever was. Russian media portrays Americans as feeling nothing personal about the elections. They also say American people see the elections as a means of personal gain."

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But a clarification is in order. In Russia, only the government, not society, backs Bush. After reading studies on the Internet, I found that Russian people are for Kerry. One of the most popular Russian Internet Web sites conducted a poll of approximately 55,000 people. It showed Kerry with 62 percent and Bush with 30 percent. The remaining eight percent were undecided.

This statistic explains why Russian TV supports Bush far more than independent newspapers, who favor Kerry.

With the election over, Russia doesn't need to spend time guessing who the next president will be. Maybe Putin didn't make a mistake by supporting Bush, because Kerry failed to become president. So, the relationship between the Russian and American president will not fade away. I believe it does not matter who the president is.

In a highly developing economic world, countries such as Russia and the United States must work together.
Huskies drop to 1-8, manhandled by USC, Oct 30

by Jake Adams

The University of Washington men's football team is desperately searching for ways to salvage their season following a 38-0 pounding from the top ranked USC Trojans in late October.

Sitting at 1-6 with Oregon, Cal, and Washington State still on their list, coach Keith Gilbertson and staff are doing anything and everything they can to try and turn around the Huskies losing ways.

"Gaining confidence on defense is more so than offense," said Gilbertson.

"I think our defense could have caught some rest and had more energy to rise to the occasion. The cold reality is that UW had possession of the ball for little over 20 minutes while the Trojans basically doubled them up, holding on to the ball for 39-plus minutes.

"Other things occupy a lot of my time, but I still get to go drive across the bridge and see Husky stadium every morning as I go to work at the University of Washington, so I am going to enjoy that as long as I get a chance to." Gilbertson's job status whistled in the wind after the Huskies lost to the much hated Oregon Ducks October 30th in Eugene, OR.

After beating the Ducks the last two years by a combined score of 84-24, it was UW's turn to get blown out, joining 6-1, and possibly costing Gilbertson his job.

"There was never a day I didn't enjoy coaching over the past two years," said Gilbertson. "I just wish the players had a chance to enjoy more success on the field for all the effort they put into the game."

Overall, Oregon started the season slow with a 1-3 start, but after winning 4 in a row, the Ducks (5-3) have heated up just in time to make some noise in the Pac-10.

Currently, the Ducks hold a 4-1 record in the conference play, and are in a second place tie with the Stanford (17), #8 Cal (16), and USC (20), and have officially moved in late October, and can now only assume the role of spoilers for their opponents.

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The Husky defense did play well, in fact they held the Trojans offense to 10 points in the first half, better than Pac-10 rivals Stanford (17), #8 Cal (16), and #21 Arizona State (42) when they played the Trojans.

The fact USC exploded for 28 points in the second half was more of an indication of the fatigued and injury-depleted Husky offense than a non-talented defense. If the "O" could have found some kind of rhythm, perhaps the defense could have caught some rest and had more energy to rise to the occasion.

Following the loss to USC, the Huskies have officially moved into a tie with Arizona for last place in the Pac-10.

Heading into the final four games of the season, the only thing the Huskies can play for, it seems, was Gilbertson's Job. UW has been out of bowl contention since early October, and can now only assume the role of spoilers for their opponents.

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Red Sox win series, end curse

editorial by Jake Adams

A couple weeks ago, the Boston Red Sox became baseball's champions and ended an 86 year absence from the title of baseball's best, reversing a famed curse and maybe passing along a legacy to the much hated Red Sox ownership.

Johnny Pesky's late throw in '46, to the pitcher, and while running to first base after he apparently scored 6 of the ALCS, Rodriguez cursed the Yankees and put a spell on New York to, do, hit in the bottom of the eighth inning. the Yankees were down 2-1. Rodriguez and the Red Sox then went on to win series, end curse and maybe passing along a legacy to the much hated Red Sox ownership.

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Johnny Pesky's late throw in '46, it seemed like destiny that the Red Sox couldn't win a championship.

Enter Alex Rodriguez, the so called best player in baseball, who Boston tried feverishly to get via trade in the 2003 off-season.

Efforts for Boston to acquire Rodriguez, however, turned sour because the MLB players union would not allow restructuring of Rodriguez' $252 million dollar contract.

Somehow the greed of Rodriguez' contract has a relation to the greed of the Boston owners that traded Ruth.

Boston watched as the Yankees got hot and eventually won the World Series, ending 26 world series. From Bill Steinbrenner acquired Rodriguez from ever winning a championship.

The R ed Sox won the wild card, and entered the playoffs as one of the hotter teams in the league.

After first round wins, the stage was set for another dramatic LCS between Boston and New York. The Yankees surprisingly won the first three games to take a 3-0 lead and it seemed as if the curse of the bambino would live on, but something happened.

What happened? Ask A-Rod.

After the Yankees lost games four and five, sending the series back to New York, Boston summoned Curt Schilling who shut down the Yankees in hero-like fashion for seven innings while dealing with an ankle injury.

In the bottom of the eighth inning, the Yankees were down 4-1, with Derek Jeter on first, running to second, Rodriguez hit a cutter to the pitchers, slapped the ball out of the pitchers glove to avoid being tagged out. A-Rod's actions were against the rules of baseball and he was out by interference. To make matters worse for the Yankees, Derek Jeter had to go back to first base after he apparently scored to make it 4-2.

At this very moment in game 6 of the ALCS, Rodriguez cursed himself by using sleazy tactics in a game that is centered on professionalism.

A-Rod opened the door for the curse of the end in Boston, and created a curse of his own: the curse of the A-Rod. The curse of the A-Rod will forbid Rodriguez from ever winning a championship in New York, and will follow his legend for centuries and centuries to come.
Art gallery becomes a reality

by Michele Britanny-Bacha

The original plans for the University of Washington, Tacoma did not include an art gallery. When the campus moved to its current location however, Dr. William Richardson, director of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences (IAS), said that future plans for the IAS program and the campus required an art gallery space. The gallery space at 1742 Pacific Avenue is located between BKB & Co. and Friday's Cookies and is the campus' first gallery.

The inaugural opening of the gallery took place on Thursday, Oct. 21 and featured the digital art of Beverly Naidus, an assistant professor at UW. Richardson began the evening with a short speech in which he reviewed Naidus' work as "stimulating, challenging as art should be in the 21st century."

Naidus spoke briefly, stating that this was the most conventional art show of her career. Her art typically "interferes and intervenes with the audience." With 40 hanging images that focused on environmental issues, cultural identity and consumerism, it was easy to see what she meant.

Each image was digitally produced with the computer programs Painter and Adobe Photoshop and then printed on archival paper utilizing archival ink. The brilliant colors tested to last 125 years. "I have never been so in love with colour until working on the computer," Naidus said. "It's an exciting medium!"

Identifying with the activist generation, she said in her artist statement, "I feel the same urgency to speak out about social injustice and the horrors that many of us are numb to that I felt in my twenties, but I sense that collaborating with others to create art as an intervention that might prompt dialog in the world is some form of literary art, but more on that below."

Shades of Grey played for an hour to an intimate crowd of approximately 25 students, faculty and staff. The band featured Ben Paul, a UW student, on acoustic guitar, keyboards and vocals, Cole Akin on electrical guitar and special effects and Andrew Campbell on bass.

"We like to push boundaries," Paul said as he described their unique sound as "alternative progressive rock."

While they played, attendees could view Lindsey Zoe Henry's "Pipe Place Peppers," a close up of bright orange, yellow and red peppers with a vibrancy that could bring sunshine to an overcast day. People could also enjoy Adrienne Arnold's batik piece entitled "Solidarity." Carla Carrizosa had a sculpture on display called "Ella es" (Women are). Made of wood, stone, cloth and porcelain, the piece represented women in various states: weak, vulnerable yet strong and powerful.

"Coming to hear Ben sing, it's nice to learn to u a L.I.V.E., to have an outlet for self expression and individuality," said Valerie Martin, an IAS Psychology student, after looking at the display.

"For those of you here, it's important to know that this is a non-profit organization," Vice President John Volum said. Adrienne Arnold's batik piece entitled "Timeless." Although the turnout was larger than A.L.I.V.E. events from last year, it was still a modest showing of support.

"I'm always happy to see people at these events, but I'm saddened by the fact that there is no sufficient support from the university and the student body for these events," Volum said.

On Thursday, Nov. 18, A.L.I.V.E. will have a "Music/Poetry Jam." It's described as an open mike format for students to share their musical and/or poetic talents. The event will be held in the Student Lounge during the lunch hour.

Other future events include going to see the Rocky Horror Picture Show Saturday, Dec. 11 and taking in the Tacoma Artwalk on Thursday, Dec. 16. In the coming year, the group has several events in the planning stage such as a student art show and an indie film festival.

For more information about A.L.I.V.E. and upcoming events, please contact Ian Vollum at iijv@uwashington.edu.
Seattle Rep Opens Season in the Tropics

by Michele Britany-Bacha

A lone figure in white in front of a tropical blue backdrop made a call for an upcoming cock fight and so began the steamy tangle of love stories presented by playwright Nilo Cruz’s “Anna in the Tropics.” This is the first offering of the Seattle Repertory Theatre’s 2004-2005 season.

Set in a family owned Cuban cigar rolling factory in Ybor City, Florida in 1929, the story unfolds with the arrival of a new “lector” (reader), Juan Julian (Bryant Mason) and his wife Conchita (Romi Dias) in the Pullitzer Prize-winning play by Nilo Cruz.

The casting was well chosen with Romi Dias playing Conchita, one of the women that the play centers around. Her credits include Off-Broadway work as well as television such as “Third Watch,” “Law & Order: SVU” and “Saturday Night Live.” She has been honored with the Princess Grace Award for Theatre.

Her performance was exquisite and her connection with her stage husband, Palomo (played by Paolo Andino) created the necessary tension of a strained marriage in jeopardy.

Another strong female character was that of Ofelia, played by Maria Elena Ramirez. As head of the family she was instrumental in bringing the lector to the factory. She represented the struggle for maintaining traditions in light of progress or “modernity” as her brother-in-law Checho called it. Humor came in the form of Santiago, Ofelia’s husband who was a consummate gambler, but ultimately, had a kind heart and a deep love for his wife.

The play was held on the Bagley Wright stage and incorporated the turn-table. This is one of nine plays that have been selected this year to present a “diversity of voices and viewpoints.”

With over 40 years of tradition in Seattle and the surrounding communities, Tucker says that this will be a strong season of plays.

This includes Kate Mulgrew in “Tea at Five,” Chaim Potok’s award winning “The Chosen,” W. Somerset Maugham’s “The Constant Wife” and locally acclaimed writer, August Wilson’s “Ma Rainey’s Black Bottom.”

“Ain’t critical for our culture,” Tucker said when speaking about the importance of working with the community. In fact, the theatre has a thriving educational department that works with area schools, offering classes and summer drama courses to help build a sense of community.

Tucker added that the theatre is a venue for collaborative art within the community.

For more information about Seattle Repertory Theatre, please check out their web site: www.seattlerep.org.

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Movie stereotypes of U. S. replaced by first-hand experiences

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The United States of America was an enigma for us when we arrived much earlier. At our acquaintance with Americans began much earlier. At our acquaintance with Americans, because they are shown all over Russia.

American movies, American, so we were a little curious about this country, its people, its culture.

Of course there are a lot of stereotypes of a typical American, so we were a little prejudicial before our trip to Tacoma.

Our opinion about America was based mostly on the American movies, because they are shown all over Russia. We also have to say that our acquaintance with Americans began much earlier. At our journalism department we had some professors from the United States, who read lectures for us.

We also made a joint trip we were overloaded with first-hand experiences among many observations, strongest impression was: "Wow! The air is so clear, the people and architecture of the United States of America were really strange; it's a pity, but yes."

The families we stayed with during our trip also left a major impression on us. There is nothing similar to our Russians ones. Those houses we were living in just couldn't be compared with our apartments. To travel to America from an American movie was so exciting by the design of the University buildings. We particularly liked the Mattress Factory, what a sight, it used to be something completely different than it now is.

American laws. We'd heard about them but had never dealt with them in real life. It was very interesting to see so many different signs on the roads, with such detailed descriptions of what could happen if somebody didn't follow the law.

For example: in Russia near the railway roads we can often (but not every time) find a sign like this "do not cross the road," and that's all. We were amazed to see not just "No trespassing," but also quite a long amount of text, which made it clear why nobody should cross the road.

Near the Museum of Glass there were a lot of instructions, telling us what we could and couldn't do.

So, as we tried to come to a joint conclusion, we decided that many things in this town are made to improve human life. And you can ask us if it is strange; it's a pity, but yes.

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From right: Professor Chris Demasko (IAS) shares dessert with visiting Moscow State University Professor Maria Lukina and MSU students Artem Ivanov and Andrei Biryukov.

The Journalist students Hunter, UWT student, enjoy their visit.

Campus News

Notice of Possible Rule Making - Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (per RCW 34.05.310)

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 478-118 WAC, "Parking and Traffic Rules for the University of Washington, Tacoma."

Statutes Authorizing the University to Adopt Rules on This Subject: RCW 28B.10.560 and 28B.20.130.

Reasons Why Rules on This Subject May Be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Parking and traffic rules originally promulgated for the UW Tacoma campus in 2002, now need further refinement after two years of implementation for this growing campus facility. Proposed amendments seek to clarify existing rules and provide additional definitions, visitor parking rules, and bicycle and skateboard use rules.

Other Federal and State Agencies That Regulate This Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule With These Agencies: None.


Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by sending written comments or inquiries to Rebecca Goodwin, Dean of Students, Rules Coordination Office, by one of the following routes:

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