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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 "Alpha" 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 Kommomolskaya Pravda. Bestuzhev saw the terrorist attack from the beginning.

Q: Aleksandr, was it your first visit to a "hot zone"?
A: No. I was in a Russian school 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.

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 UW Tacoma 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 UW Tacoma 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 UW Tacoma 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.

Felicie 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 UW in spring of 2004 for a one-year operational period of the current see Autism page 10

Autism 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 the bylaws are suspended now is to give us [the student government] the latitude to change the bylaws and hold elections," said Jason Sullivan, director of legislative affairs.

In the bylaws, there is a
Husky Voices

How do you feel about elections in the United States?

Andrei Biryukov
Journalism School, 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 in the process and results of elections in their country. My 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 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."
Emotions ran high election night, and for many it was the longest night of their life.

As the ballots were counted and the states slowly filled-in, with either red or blue, many wondered what our future would hold.

When we awoke in the morning we knew who our commander in chief would be for the next four years. Some cried, some cheered, yet we were all glad that the election went smoothly and that it was finally over.

That morning Senator John Kerry gave his concession speech. It was a very emotional speech in which Senator Kerry said he wished he could comfort them; this was what his country that need to be addressed.

Many students, staff, friends and faculty encountered on campus the day after the election were sad and the expressions on their faces made it clear.

Unfortunately, we can come together and celebrate the biggest voter turnout in over thirty years. As a result of this election we can come together to vote and this is a great milestone that we, as a nation, have accomplished.

We have so much potential and power to put to good use around the world. My only hope is that our president will make good decisions for the future of America and for all people, not decisions that only benefit traditional marriages, the wealthy or particular religious groups.

The future outlook is unpredictable, however, I can say without regret that I won’t miss hearing those dreadful words, “I approve this message.”

We are calling it the election year for the United States and Russia. The political and economic faiths of both countries were decided.

President George Bush and Vladimir Putin will once again begin to change millions of people’s lives.

The societies of these two countries were supposed to follow the election campaign very deeply. But did they? When we speak about the Americans then certainly, yes, because the election race was much closer.

I was extremely amazed how interested the Americans were in the political race. However, maybe the Americans cared about the elections because it was one of the closest in the last 40 years.

But now I’d like to discuss the major differences between our countries’ elections.

In Russia, the only thing that was interesting for everybody was the percentage of votes President Putin received.

It was obvious that he would win and nobody really cared how he was managed to be re-elected. He won 75 percent of the votes in Russia.

But the United States’ elections were much closer because there were two potential presidents, and not one compared to Russia. Also the race was very tight as the candidates had almost an identical number of votes: George Bush had approximately 59 million and John Kerry, near 56 million.

In the United States, there was no stop agitation of Bush supporters and Kerry posters on the streets, badges, flags and many other things.

Excellent TV debates between the two fostered many Americans to their seats. And media outlets broadcasted the politicians’ claims between the two countries’ elections.

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Welcome to the the neo-conservative revolution

by Alex Matviychuk
contributing writer

"[John Kerry] said with a sigh to Evan Thomas in a report for Newsweek’s election special edition. Calling 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 past 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 unthinkmable 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-con 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 irreplaceable authority, resembling the kind of selected parent and child that drives these neo-cons to overlook generations in transition or to gaze at the face. This is a common characteristic shared with authoritarian systems which never make sense, yet always exist. Dissent is usually drowned out by chanting the proverb "Four legs good, two legs bad" (More commonly heard as “Four more years.”). Neo-cons are a powerful force and will continue this country if not stopped by our President with whom it is fused.

The challenge progressives face now is figuring out how to persuade their fellow Americans who have been infected with an 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 man.” With most of the younger generation intoxicated 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 old 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, there is no need to worry about our votes counted or not counted 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.

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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, before two people have sex?

"I love the energy, excitement, creativity, commitment and possibility that is found on a new campus," said Dr. Spakes. "And the opportunity to be apart of one of the most exciting challenges in higher education today.

If Dr. Spakes becomes chancellor, she plans to bring three things: creative solutions, structured plans for the future direction of the university, and to develop support to carry out the vision.

"What is especially challenging on a new campus is that the Chancellor has to help develop a cohesive sense of itself as a community of scholars and learners," said Dr. Spakes. "And to help develop a cohesive sense of itself as a community of scholars and learners," said Dr. Spakes. "And to help develop a cohesive sense of itself as a community of scholars and learners."
A race to the finish as chancellor candidates compete

by Ericka Skolrood

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. Michael Field, 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.

“Terrorist Iraq,” Field said. “There are many issues to take into consideration when the 12-person search committee determines which candidates to recommend to UW Provost Mark Engstrom, who will make the final decision.”

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

“Americans in small towns, visiting Protestant and Catholic churches, will vote against abortion and same sex marriages and the traditional role of women. People living in big cities, traveling and dealing with economies and finances will vote for the president, who can make other countries respect America,” according to Moscow News on Oct. 29 - Nov. 4, 2004.

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 news on Oct. 29 - Nov. 4, 2004. Because Bush is president, Russian economic experts say international oil prices are high and this is profitable for Russia.


“In the Philippines, the difference between supporters of Bush and Kerry is very high. 57 percent of the population favors Bush and 32 percent for Kerry,” according to Russian Newsweek on Oct. 25 - 31 in 2004. The majority of people in Europe gambled on the Democratic candidate. There are very few Bush allies in Europe and even they have problems with their government. According to the Washington Post, more than 60 percent of Europeans are planning to vote for the other candidate. According to the American and Russian media, Bush loses, world terrorism will win,” according to Russian media.
Huskies drop to 1-8, manhandled by USC, Oregon

by Jake Adams
staff writer

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.

"I feel that 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 fatigue 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."

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.

Time of possession is a key statistic in College football and the Trojans basically doubled them up, holding on to the ball for 39-plus minutes.

With every possession, the odds are your quarterback has to make the best decision possible. With every possession, the odds are your team has to be in the best position possible to score. With every possession, the odds are your team has to be in the best position possible to score.

For the Trojans, it was a game of inches, and they made the most of every opportunity. For the Huskies, it was a game of mistakes, and they paid the price.

As for Gilbertson's firing, he has let it known it will not bother him. "Even though [the record is] bad I get to go do every morning what I want to do, I get to coach football," said Gilbertson. "I don't get to coach as much football as I used to when I was an assistant or a coordinator."

"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 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, by a combined score of 6-0, 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 California Bears.

As of Nov. 8 the dawgs are (1-8) in overall play and have moved into last place in the Pac-10. They play the California Bears on Nov. 13.

Red Sox win series, end curse

editorial by Jake Adams
staff writer

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 curse to the Seattle Mariners.

Located in the Pacific Northwest, the Seattle Mariners are often referred to as the American League's version of the Boston Red Sox. With a history of losing and a string of losing seasons, the Mariners have been considered one of the worst teams in baseball for the past decade.

As the season began, Boston Red Sox fans were jubilant as their team looked to repeat as champions. However, things took a turn for the worse when the Mariners defeated the Red Sox in the first game of the series.

The Mariners went on to win the series, handing the Red Sox their first loss of the season. The victory solidified the Mariners as the team to beat in the American League.

"I am going to do my best to make sure this team wins," said Manager Bobby Valentine. "We are going to work hard and we are going to make sure that this team is successful."
Art gallery becomes a reality

by Michele Britteny-Bacha
staff writer

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 (I.A.S), said that future plans for the I.A.S program and the campus required an art gallery space. The gallery space at 1742 Pacific Avenue is located between BKB and Co. & Friddy'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 U.W. Richardson began the event 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 gallery space at 1742 Pacific Avenue is located between BKB & Co. and Friddy's Cookies and is the campus' first gallery.

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A.L.I.V.E. returns for another year

by Michele Britteny-Bacha
staff writer

The Association of Literary art, Independent Film, Visual art and Entertainment, A.L.I.V.E, for short, held their first event of the academic year on Oct. 21 in the Student Lounge of the Mattress Factory. This continued their traditional third Thursday of each month schedule from last year. Billed as "Get to Know A.L.I.V.E.," this student organization showcased student art in the form of sculpture, woodturnings, batik, photographs, independent films and a band. All that was missing was some form of literary art, but more on that below.

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Seattle Rep Opens Season in the Tropics

by Michele Britanny-Bacha

A lone figure in white in front of a tropical blue backdrop made call for an upcoming cockfight and soon 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 chosen Tolstoy’s lector to the factory. Juan Julian chose Tolstoy’s lector to the factory.

Butler writing, typically, the lector’s reading and eventually his wife was privy to how the cestas were rolled and packed. Publicist David A. Tucker says that the play centers around. The play was held on the entire stage site and her connection with her stage husband, Palomo (played by Paolo Andino) created the needed 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 Cheche 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.”

“Art is 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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the school. This number sounded too low and it was clear for everybody that the information was false.

So we started talking with the local community and families of the hostages. It was difficult, because they did not trust journalists. However, we found out what we needed. A number of journalists from Western newspapers and news agencies had a satellite modem and helped us transfer information to Moscow.

Q: Did you ever feel your life was threatened?
A: Yes. Our photojournalist could not find a place to take a picture of the school. Every camera angle was vulnerable to the terrorist snipers and machine gunners.

Committee prior to the fall elections. There is a clause that would have allowed the ASUWT to run a satellite modem.

Students aren't available until the first week of classes, this is coming from Moscow.

Western newspapers and news agencies have good evidence and the possibility is real.

When the hostages began running out of school under heavy fire from the terrorists, we rushed toward them, grabbed them and protected them with our own bodies. We then carried them to a safe place. There was no time to be scared, our bodies acted instinctively.

One shahid (Chechnya kamikaze terrorist) blew himself up 15 meters from us. The blast threw me on the ground and my partner picked me up and carried me to a safe distance. Every moment of our work there was connected with risk.

Q: What was the hardest psychological moment to handle?
A: The most difficult for me was talking with parents of the murdered children. You mourn with them, feel their sorrow, but you have to ask them questions, which hurts them.

It was hard to watch their mothers crying near their burned children. It was hard to see so many small kids dead or wounded.

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Clear air, the people and "really big" cars among many observations, strongest impressions made as visit comes to an end by Artem Ivanov, Andrei Kots and Andrei Biryukov

The United States of America was an enigma for us because they are American movies, based mostly on the American people. We had some professors from the journalism department who traveled to the country before our trip to Tacoma. It was so exciting to think we were going to the country at the opposite side of the globe.

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 new information and images. The USA is not the first country we had seen, but it was the most surprising.

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 live in one's own house in Moscow is almost impossible. American people themselves were the strongest of our impressions. We were sure that Americans were mostly different to the rest of the world, their minds mostly concentrated on their homes and nothing else. But now, after speaking a lot with some real Americans, we absolutely changed our minds. They are politically well educated and can talk about everything connected with elections, international affairs and so on. As for Tacoma, what a lovely place indeed! It isn't big, it's small and it's very clean. We hadn't been able to imagine that we could ever appear in a city from an American movie.

The structure of Tacoma, the architecture of the city, trains, paper-seller boxes, lots of trees and low road traffic - that was really strange. We were very impressed 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 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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Reas ons 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.
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