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Safe spaces for LGBTQ+ students and healthcare for students

Spaces that students of the LGBTQ+ community can be safe on and off campus and accessible healthcare for students.

By **MARIE MORGANS**
NEWS REPORTER

UW Tacoma has a diverse community of students and staff with a wide variety of needs. Around campus, there are resources for LGBTQ+ students, ranging from health care to counseling and psychological services, as well as safe spaces.

Safe spaces for students are present both on and around the UWT campus. Off campus, there are the Rainbow Center and Oasis. The Rainbow Center is a space for the LGBTQ+ community of Tacoma, located just off of Pacific Ave. The Rainbow Center is a safe, open community space where people of the LGBTQ+ community

can come and study and meet others from the community.

"Students at UWT can benefit from the center's resources such as our specialized lending library, open space for study, and even a pool table to relax during finals," Executive Director of Rainbow Center J. Manny Santiago stated. "Rainbow Center hosts several community and social groups for LGBTQ+ people, and coordinates several programs and events throughout the year."

The center also hosts and partakes in events throughout the year, including Tacoma Pride. Additionally, they have many discussion nights where they talk about topics such as how to cope with trauma through writing and

a queer career social. The community room is open from 1–5 p.m., Monday–Friday. On Oct. 11, they will be hosting Coming Out Day Open House.

As stated on their website, "The Rainbow Center is a proudly queer, anti-racist community center. We are committed to providing an inclusive environment that reflects the community we serve."

Around campus there are health care services available to students. UWT is partnered with CHI Franciscan Health to provide care to students. CHI Franciscan's closest location to campus is Saint Joseph's Medical Center, located less than a mile from campus. Students have 24/7 access to Franciscan Virtual Urgent

Care as well as access to six prompt walk in care clinics. Office visits are free of charge, as they are covered by UWT student fees.

On campus, there is also Counseling and Psychological Services — or CAPS — available to students. Located in MAT 354, the counselors are available from Monday–Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

According to their website, their mission is "To improve the mental health and well-being of our campus community."

The Counseling and Psychological Services also offer individual, group and couples counseling. There is no fee for UWT students to use the CAPS services.

The Center for Equity and Inclusion is a place for all students on

campus, and is identified as a safe space. They have three main programs: enhancing campus education, developing community partnerships and building a diverse campus. They also operate the Pantry, which supplies students who might need extra help in securing food and hygiene items. The Center for Equity and Inclusion also holds a Queer Discussion group biweekly in WCG 104.

"Queer discussion group is mostly an on going program that we'll do in this space, but we have some day events, annual events that we'll hold," Program Support Supervisor for Equity and Inclusion, Nedralani Mailo said. "TDOR — Transgender Day of Remembrance — is one of those."

Huskies in the hallway: What healthy options do you want to see around campus this year?

COMPILED AND PHOTOS BY ANDREW BROWN



Isabella (Bella) Coughie
Senior
Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences

"A closer grocery store may be beneficial to students on campus. Alternatively, more fresh options at West Coast Grocery (sushi, salads, sandwiches, hummus, etc) with a deli would be lovely."



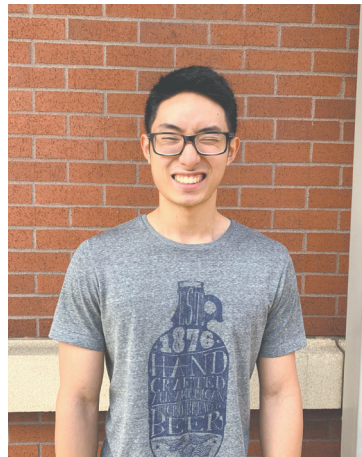
Lan Allison
Senior
Communications

"I would really like to see better options in WCG. More produce, less candy and chips. I feel it's a great resource that has more potential than is being used."



Kokou Kennedy-Brown
Senior
Biomedical Science

"We would like to see more healthier and nutritional options such as organic foods, fruits and vegetables menu, organic juices and also at an affordable price for students."



Kevin Nguyen
Senior
Electrical Engineering

"You heard of Big Data? Now imagine there's an even bigger conspiracy afflicting this nation: BIG GLUCOSE. We need high protein and high fiber options to nourish not only our bodies but also our hatred for the bourgeoisie. Don't be a slave to big glucose, support the people's fiber!"



Daniel Wood
Senior
Electrical Engineering

"A make-your-own salad bar either from a campus location such as West Coast Grocery, or a private business like Subway."

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Changes to parking times and permits around UWT

Everything you need to know about the new changes to parking around campus.

By MITCHELL FERMO & MADELINE HILLER
News Editor & News Reporter

As the new school year gets under way, some students, faculty and staff are finding that there have been changes made to the parking around UW Tacoma. Members of the UW Tacoma community have been voicing their concern and confusion over the changes of previously unregulated parking, as well as the pricing for permits.

The City of Tacoma has made two changes to parking around UWT. The first is that the parking times along Jefferson Street has been increased from 90 minute parking to two hour parking.

The other change from the city comes west of Market Street — along the University YMCA side and up the hill to Tacoma Ave. Before, that parking was unregulated, meaning anyone could park

there for free for an unspecified amount of time. Now, a three hour maximum time limit for parking has been placed. This means that parking in that area is still free, but only for three hours. After that, the vehicle must be moved, or risk the possibility of being ticketed. These changes were made at the recommendation of Tacoma's City Parking Technical Advisory Group.

James Sinding, Program Operations Manager for UWT's Parking and Transportation unit and who provided insight and information to the Parking Technical Advisory Group, explained the reasoning behind the group's recommendation.

"What they came up with was unpaid, three hour regulation," Sinding said. "It's enough time to attend a class. It opens up parking availability so people shouldn't be driving around for X amount of hours [sic] or minutes to find

a free place to park, and it incentivises turnover, so the next student can park and get to class."

Another big change students, faculty and staff should be aware of is the increase in costs for parking permits. All permit parking authorized by UWT will see their rates climb over the next five years, with some of the cheaper lot permits seeing as much as an initial increase of \$36. It has been ten years since the last time parking rates have been adjusted.

"We can't afford to build parking because it is a self-sustaining program," Sinding said. "No academic funds actually go into the transportation program, so how do we address the complaints students have? First, let's right-size our parking rates so that we can afford to put a plan to add on to our parking supply. We reviewed those rates and looked at the surrounding city rates and did just that."

Additionally, the rates for hourly parking have also increased in the Cragle and Pinkerton lots, moving to \$1.50 an hour.

These changes are meant to help increase funding to ease the burden of costs for maintenance and repair of parking stalls and lots, expand future parking options and allow UWT to keep a lower UPASS fee for students, according to the UWT website.

Already there are plans to temporarily close a third of the Whitney lot to add 50 or so additional parking stalls to the lot by spring. Sinding has said that they have plans ready to ensure this temporary reduction will not hurt current permit users.

The UPASS has seen added emphasis over the past few months. Last spring, it was made a mandatory fee of \$45 for almost all UWT students, and the UPASS fees collected from UWT students only

go towards the UWT UPASS program. It also played a central role in UWT's "Anything but Driving" campaign, which explored different options on how to get to campus and reduce the amount of single-driver vehicles. UWT is also mandated by Washington State to lower their drive-alone rate.

Despite these changes, parking remains a sore point for many students. Sinding stated that the number one response he gets back from UWT members is that there is not enough parking. Sophomore Aaliyah Graves shared their thoughts on the overall state of UWT parking.

"I go to school four days a week," Graves said. "It's like a 20 minute drive there [and] not guaranteed [if] I will get a spot or not. And although the prices seem fair to some, it builds up, especially when people have other bills and necessities to pay."

Parking analysis and proposed rates, March 2019

Key UWT Permit Locations	# of Permit Stalls	current quarterly permit	Proposed Quarterly Permit Rates					Average Annual % Increase
			2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	
TPS	55	\$ 198.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 235.00	\$ 235.00	\$ 250.00	5%
Court 17	287	\$ 124.00	\$ 155.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 195.00	\$ 220.00	\$ 250.00	20%
Tioga	35	\$ 124.00	\$ 155.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 195.00	\$ 220.00	\$ 250.00	20%
Pinkerton	17	\$ 198.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 235.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 245.00	5%
Whitney	77	\$ 60.00	\$ 96.00	\$ 124.00	\$ 144.00	\$ 156.00	\$ 168.00	36%
Laborers	12	\$ 60.00	\$ 96.00	\$ 124.00	\$ 144.00	\$ 156.00	\$ 168.00	36%
weighted average	483	\$ 123.24	\$ 150.84	\$ 173.06	\$ 191.57	\$ 210.62	\$ 234.71	21%

Last school year's proposed parking changes, approved by the board of regents over the summer of 2019.

COURTESY OF UWT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

SAB's annual Lights Out: Continuing a tradition

Lights Out event returned to UW Tacoma for its fifth year running.

By LORE ZENT
News Reporter

Oct. 4 promised students fun with UW Tacoma's fifth annual Lights Out — an event hosted by the University Y and Student Activities Board. From 9:30 p.m. to midnight, the Y began to glow as the fluorescent lights went off and the black lights came on.

This late night lock-in event provided many different games and events for students. From playing laser tag, to challenging someone to "Big Pink Volleyball," to dodging balls and jumping around on inflatables. The University Y's staff also oversaw the rock wall and mixfit in the dark. Shining glow-in-the-dark face paint was provided on site. To help keep the night's

energy up, Lights Out also supplied pizza from Zeke's, a salad bar and a beverage station sponsored Red Bull.

"I feel like it's a good way in the beginning of the year to get to know each other," stated Bryan Roman, Identity and Culture Coordinator for the SAB. "Especially for students at Court 17, living across the street, get to meet people possibly on their floor."

Cade Menter, SAB's Music and Entertainment Coordinator, expanded on his colleague's point.

"Since this is the first two weeks of school with freshmen just getting used to college life, we want them to know how fun it can be here," Menter said. "That it's not just work, academics then go home, but that there's a lot of events."

Originally, the event was held in

the spring each school year until 2017, when UWT then decided to push it forward to fall in hopes of it would be morally boosting to new and returning students. This saw a doubling of students who participated in the event, from around 200 students in Spring 2016 to over 400 students in Fall 2017.

"This has been an event that has been building and building on itself for the past five years," Steve Schauz, the Student Program Specialist, said. "It has basically become more of a tradition with each passing year. It is basically known events are cemented as tradition after five years."

For information on SAB events visit
www.tacoma.uw.edu/sab



COURTESY OF SAB

Lights Out activities: from glow-in-the-dark rock climbing, to volleyball and dodgeball.

Teacher Spotlight: Meet Professor Evy Shankus

A professor of communications and management that wants you to get involved at UWT.

By **MADELINE HILLER**
New Reporter

Professor Evy Shankus — from the Pocono Mountains in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania — teaches in the Milgard School of Business and has been doing so since 1995. Her area of expertise includes managerial communication and human resources management. Dr. Shankus sat down with the Ledger to talk more about her back history, her passions, and some advice she gives to students at UW Tacoma.

WHERE DID YOU ATTEND COLLEGE?

WHAT WAS YOUR MAJOR?

“I did my undergraduate work at East Stroudsburg University in Pennsylvania. I earned a BS in Psychology there. I then moved to California and graduated with a MS [in] Industrial Organizational Psychology from San Francisco State University.”

WHEN DID YOU KNOW YOU WANTED TO PURSUE YOUR FIELD OF STUDY?

“In 9th grade, I took a Psychology class and learned about ordinal position which is a personality theory that identifies common personality traits dictated by your birth order. As a YSS — Younger Sister of Sisters — I read the profile of traits and was shocked by how accurate it was given my personality. I became very interested to learn more psychology after that exposure.”

WHAT CLASSES DO YOU TEACH?

“TBGEN 468 — International Business Field Experience [and] Global Studies classes. I have taught two of them recently. The first one was in Rome, Italy. It was called ‘When in Rome — Cross Cultural Communication in Italy.’

The second I just returned from was in the Netherlands. It was called ‘From Sea to Shining Sea — Communicating Corporate Social Responsibility at the Ports of Tacoma, Washington and The Port of Rotterdam, Netherlands.’

TBUS 310 — Effective Managerial Communications — which is part of the core curriculum that all business students must take.

TMGMT 430 — Managing the Workforce — an elective for management majors that is a comprehensive overview of the Human Resources Management Function in businesses.

TBUS 468 — Internship Seminar — for business students who want to intern in the field.”

WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT UWT?

“I appreciate the dedication of our faculty and staff to make the educational experience as positive and meaningful as possible for our great students. I also appreciate that we have an extraordinarily welcoming and diverse community of students, faculty and staff that represent all walks of life and we all respect each other. Lastly, I love what the campus has done for the downtown Tacoma area in terms of creating a safe and

prosperous commercial and artistic core that people can enjoy — even if they are not part of the campus community directly.”

WHAT ARE SOME HOBBIES YOU HAVE OUTSIDE OF TEACHING?

“I am an avid boater and love to jet ski. I ride motorcycles. I make handmade jewelry and collect rocks. I started my own jewelry business 17 years ago and now it is a very successful online business providing handmade one-of-a-kind designer jewelry to the retail market and natural stone jewelry making components to the wholesale jewelry maker/designer market.”

WHAT ADVICE CAN YOU OFFER TO NEW STUDENTS?

“Get involved, join a club, volunteer, get to know your instructors personally. You will be on campus for such a short time of your life and you really should make the absolute most of that opportunity to network and make friends on campus.”

FUN FACTS

• Her daughter now attends the UWT and she was actually in classes while in utero. So, she has been a part of the UWT community her entire life!

• Last year, Shankus launched a campus wide swap meet for students, faculty and staff to exchange unwanted clothes, books and household items, free of charge. She was able to make this happen with the Sustainability Committee and other student volunteers. This event is called “Kicking it Forward to the Next Green Door” and will take place every Earth Day.

• Shankus started riding a motorcycle in Kindergarten and still does.



Dr. Evy Shankus has taught at the Milgard School of Business at UWT for 25 years.

PHOTO BY JAKE SHAW



Protestors gather for the murder of Ozgecan Aslan.

COURTESY OF HURRIYET DAILY NEWS

Opinion: Say no to assault against women

The number of women murdered from domestic violence in Turkey has escalated over the years, and has come to its breaking point for awareness this year of 2019.

By **BENGISU INCETAS**
OPINION COLUMNIST

The women of Turkey are known for their roles in the growing movement of feminism and their voices that challenge the superiority of a male patriarchal society. In the early 1930's, they were granted suffrage, courtesy of the reforms under Mustafa Kemal Atatürk — the founder of Turkey — conversion of the country.

However, the definition of rights for women differed for certain groups, as there was a hijab ban in Turkey heavily practiced after 1997. Despite Turkey being a secular state, 98% of its citizens are registered as Muslim, and although Atatürk who made the state secular did not oppose hijab, he did not support its public display in institutions.

Luckily, starting in 2013, women were able to wear their hijab in state institutions. Equality and the empowerment of Turkish women has been visibly shown to audiences around the world, through TV shows and women's role in government.

However, looking at the data for the number of women killed in domestic violence relationships for the sole year of 2018, it is evident that women are not always treated the way they are shown to the public.

'We Will Stop Femicide,' an advocacy group situated in Istanbul, tracks the number of women whose deaths were the result of domestic violence through communication with the victims families and news. According to their data, 2,600 women have been killed since 2010.

"Men can't accept that Turkey is a modern country where women have rights," said Fidan Ataselim, We Will Stop Femicides general secretary.

"Some of these men don't even think we have the right to live."

The murders committed against women in domestic violence relationships — whether by their partner, family member, relative, close friend, or male acquaintance — has been ongoing for years. The seriousness of the predicament erupted on social media when on August 18, when a mother by the name of Emine Bulut was at a restaurant in Kirikkale, Turkey, with her 10 year old daughter. She was stabbed and killed by her ex husband.

According to BBC News on their article, "Emine Bulut: Anger in Turkey over mother's murder," the video that was shot in the cafe through a cell-phone showed Bulut saying "I don't want to die," clutching her wound with her daughters helpless cries in the background.

The husband was seen escaping in a cab after the incident. Although he was able to escape the scene, he and the other men that the women in their lives once trusted with their life, will never be able to escape the guilt and blood on their hands.

Another unfortunate rape and death of an innocent Turkish women in 2015 had also grasped the anger and attention of social media. Ozgecan Aslan was a 20 year old college student who was on a bus alone when allegedly the driver took her to the woods with the intention of raping her. She was beaten, her hands were cut off and the suspects father and friend were known to help burn her body and throw her into the river.

This gained a burst of consciousness on Twitter, with the hashtag '#sendeanlat' meaning '#tellyourstorytoo,' where women shared personal stories of their fears, experiences and thoughts.

In an opinion article written by Christina Asquith, she goes in depth on how the men in these relationships can easily get away with the murder.

"I have worked alongside Turkish women's rights activists researching dozens of domestic violence cases in which men have received little or no punishment for their crimes," said Asquith. "In 2014, a man in eastern Turkey who stabbed his wife multiple times was given a reduced sentence after he argued she was wearing 'provocative' leggings and speaking with another man."

The young generation of Turkey refuses to be silent over these murders. On September 5, 18 Turkish music artists teamed up to compose a music video named "Susamam," which went over many conflicts in Turkey and the world, with violence against women, environmental issues, animal and child abuse, educational equality, fascism, etc. The music artist Ezhel followed along with his own song named "Olay," which showcased snippets of many Turkish and international news clips consisting of elections, war, murders, politics and issues unsolved.

In this same month of September, Turkish artist Vahit Tuna, hung 440 pairs of shoes evenly on the wall in the city of Istanbul, to represent the women killed in domestic violence relationships in 2018.

"So while those who killed Ozgecan Aslan should, and probably will, receive the heaviest possible penalty, what guarantee is there that the next victim, with less media attention, will receive commensurate justice?" said Asquith.

There are many more women shut away from the world, stuck in these relationships that their abusers trick them into, manipulating them with



COURTESY OF THE GUARDIAN



COURTESY OF DAILY BEAST

"Does anyone hear my voice?!"

their words of "love." The problem starts when we put our phones down after checking the last women murdered saying "This is sad, but surely someone will bring awareness."

The number of women deaths have escalated thoroughly in just 2019 alone in Turkey, allegedly in the 200's. Turkish officials and spokespersons are preaching the country as a modernized, women's liberation advocating state, while in the same

metro and store they shop from there is a man who casually beats his wife, that being his modernized state.

Victims of this domestic violence are not only females but are children as young as six, and street animals who commit their full trust to the society around them.

It is us who must raise awareness to this topic, and to alert ourselves as more women are facing this near us, other than in Turkey or other countries.

Access to healthy food options matter

Healthier food makes for healthier students.

By **CHRISTIAN BELL**
OPINION SECTION EDITOR

It's break time, and you only have minutes to spare before you are expected back to your afternoon class. With your stomach growling, you speed walk to the West Coast Grocery store.

However, the long winding line at the cash register makes you change your mind.

"...many of the vending machines around campus are stocked with a disproportionate amount of unhealthy food like soda, chips, candy and other overly processed foods."

The clock is ticking and you aren't sure what to do. Then you see it — the vending machine. Snacks galore — just what you need to make it through class, right? But about an hour after dosing a Coca-Cola bottle and a bag of chips, you begin to feel a bit slug-

gish. Like a car with bad fuel, you find it to be difficult to power through the rest of your day. If only those quick and affordable treats you eat were healthier, too.

Vending machines are one of the most convenient and cost effective options students have to acquire food. However, if you take a closer look, they're also pretty unhealthy. Unfortunately, many of the vending machines around campus are stocked with a disproportionate amount of unhealthy food like soda, chips, candy and other overly processed foods. Many of these foods contain an excessive amount of sugar, saturated fat and/or empty calories.

In 2014 the USDA created the "Smart snacks in school rule," which caused many elementary and high schools to ban junk food vending machines — and for good reason. A recent study conducted by students at the University of Michigan found vending machine purchases in schools added an estimated 253 calories to the diets of 22% of students who eat them everyday. Another study reported by CBS found states that restricted junk food distribution gained less weight over a three year period.

College students who often find

themselves in a crunch for time or low on funds may opt for vending machine snacks more than others which could negatively impact their health.

One solution could be modeling the Healthy Campus Initiative at the University of California. This initiative marked each machine with a HCI sticker and placed stickers on each

"One solution could be modeling the Healthy Campus Initiative at the University of California."

row of healthy snacks. Less than healthy snack prices were raised higher than healthier snacks. The school determined of those who approached HCI machines without the intent to buy a specific item, 50% selected a healthy choice.

Perhaps if we could incorporate a sticker method for the machines we already have on campus or invest in vending machines that had an abundance of healthier food alternative we could see a great improvement in the health and the performance of college students.

THE CONSERVATIVE CONSERVATIONIST

By *Alyssandra Goss*



Late night study sessions, never ending research papers, and horrendous parking adventures — the typical stressors students expect to encounter during their time at university. However, for over 30% of our UW Tacoma peers, food insecurity is the unfortunate backdrop in an already challenging atmosphere. The dark, looming reality is that hunger is still incredibly prevalent on our campus — luckily, there is an outstanding community effort to combat the crisis.

The Giving Garden is an intricately designed green space that exemplifies the benefits of urban agricultural practice. Located in downtown Tacoma — at the corner of 21st and Fawcett — the volunteers work diligently to provide students with nutritious and organic food options. With the use of rain barrels to conserve water and the absolute refusal of pesticides, this community garden provides a steady framework into future sustainable ventures.

Fellow UWT student Aubin Duncan is blending her passion for sustainability and restoration ecology to volunteer at the Giving Garden. She has recognized the need for sustainable practices within our community, and is excited to see the garden's perpetual progress. With help from volunteers like her, the Giving Garden continues to flourish and is successfully combating food insecurity on campus.

The garden is an "open and inclusive space where anyone can snack as they please," Duncan says, and "provides local produce to those who might not receive nutritious food in their diet." Besides in-person snacking, fresh produce is hand delivered to The Pantry — an excellent example of true, sustainable agriculture. Not only is local produce environmentally friendly, but students also receive delicious in-season fruits and vegetables.

Duncan is proud of the garden's progress over the years, but understands there's room for improvement. For instance, developments are being made towards drip irrigation in place of the current spray method — an effort to conserve rainwater and ensure adequate watering. Sustainability practices are ever-changing and evolving, so the garden staff ensures they keep up with modern technology.

However, Duncan goes on to explain that "exposure is the biggest issue" — students may know about the garden's existence but are unsure of its exact location. Of course the garden has immensely aided hungry students but imagine if everyone knew about its accessibility. The hunger crisis in Tacoma could, potentially, dwindle into a distant memory — incredible, right?

In order to resolve this complication, it is crucial for faculty to inform students of the garden's existence — especially if a professor notices signs of malnutrition. Perhaps introduce The Pantry and Giving Garden during the first week of school, and then intermittently remind students throughout the quarter of its location. An easier, less disruptive, method would simply be writing their Instagram — @uwtgivinggarden — on the white board.

I also encourage professors to enjoy class outside — weather permitting, of course — and detour to the garden. Not only will this boost class morale, but student's will become well-acquainted with the location and — hopefully — discuss their experience with friends and family. Increasing exposure starts by word-of-mouth, so I encourage you to join the conversation and spread the news.

When I visited this garden I was immediately overwhelmed by a sense of peace — with the greenery and native plant walk, I realized how truly welcoming this space is. Stressed? Hungry? If you answered yes to either of these questions, then the Giving Garden is the solution to your relaxation and snacking desires.

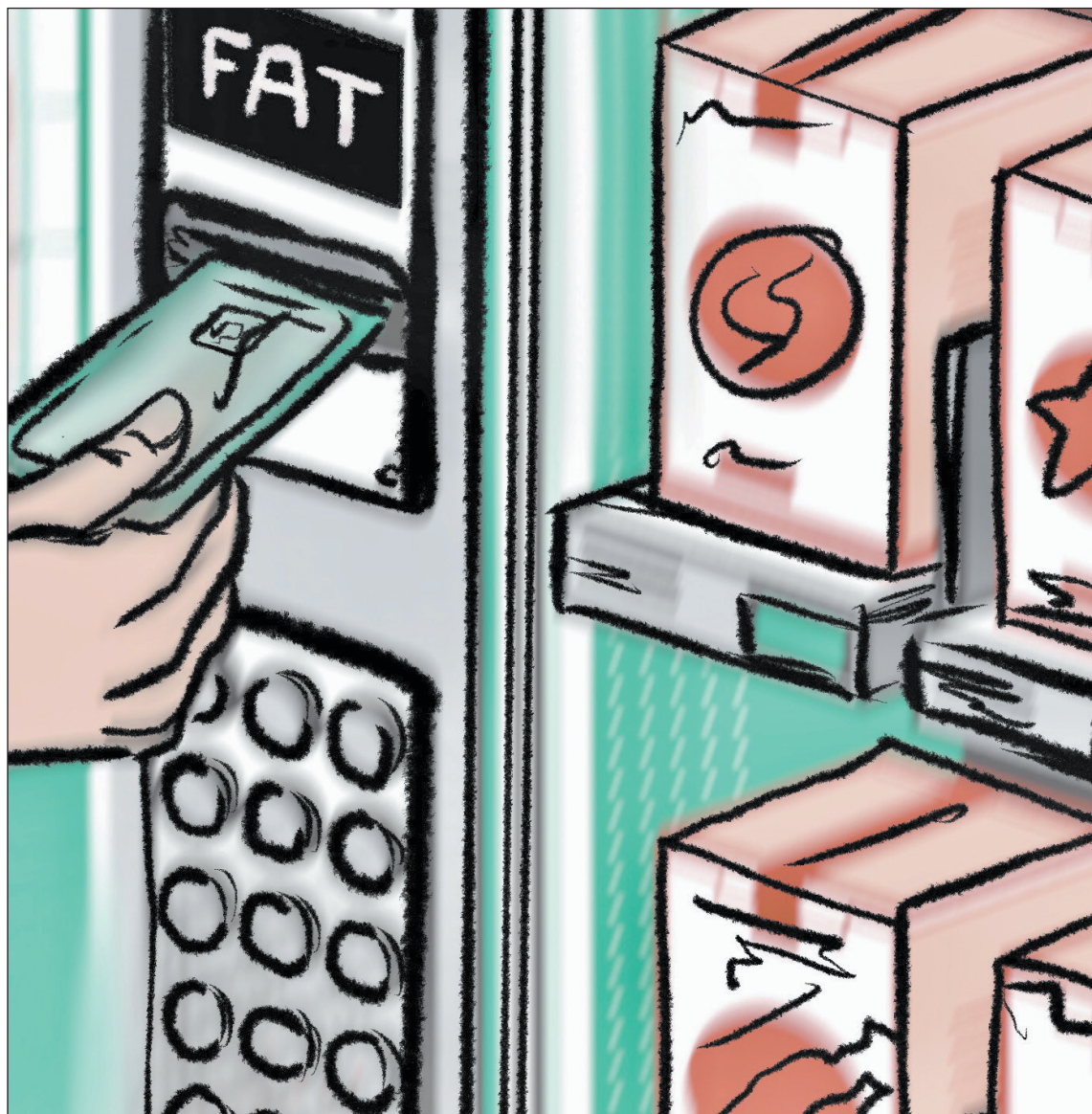


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COURTESY OF TACOMA FILM FESTIVAL

Popcorn is extra.

Tacoma Film Festival returns for its 14th year

The Tacoma Film Festival runs through October 10 at The Grand Cinema and offers free films to students!

By **ANDREW BROWN**
A&E COLUMNIST

The big film enthusiast 'get together' of the Pacific Northwest is the Seattle International Film Festival. As one of the largest festivals in the nation, it mounts pretty stiff competition — but Tacoma has its own film festival entering its 14th year! Little did you know, this event brings just as much fun, interaction — and most importantly, films — as SIFF does. With a unique local flavor to its content offerings, this year's Tacoma Film Festival is sure to be a smash.

The festival kicked off on October 3, and runs through October 10. If you hurry, there's still a couple more days filled with opportunities left for you to drop in and enjoy all they have to offer. Most of the films will screen at The Grand Cinema, a small locally owned theater on the corner of Fawcett and 6th Avenue.

Individual screening tickets are affordable, at only \$11 regular and \$8 matinee. However, students just have to bring their husky student ID to the Grand Cinema box office, and they get a special student festival pass at no charge. This allows all students to see any of the festival's films for free — so there's no excuse to not take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

Some films have cast or crew offering a before or after discussion of the movie. Additionally, there are several panels and workshops to attend if you want to break up the monotony of watching movies. With all this in mind, here are some of the top films to watch check out:

"LOS REYES"

OCT. 7 AT 7:15 P.M. AND
OCT. 9 AT 2 P.M.

Shot over the course of two years, this documentary began life as a profile of the teens who hang out at their local skate park in Santiago, Chile. But soon the two cuddly stray dogs who frequented the park became the stars of the movie, as it covers them navigating life through the streets in this heartwarming story.

"DOING THE WORK!" SHORT FILM PROGRAM"

OCT. 7 AT 7 P.M.

This is one of the festival's many collections of short films, promoting storytelling of all lengths and sizes. This particular lineup focuses on the plights of indigenous people.

"CREATIVE DISTRIBUTION IN DEPTH"

OCT. 8 AT 10:30 A.M.

Not a film, but a discussion on how movies are distributed in the independent film world. Hosted by writer/director Liz Manashil, this talk gives movie-lovers an alternate perspective on how movies are made outside of corporate influence. If you don't happen to have classes conflicting with it, it's a must-see!

"KOKO-DI KOKO-DA"

OCT. 8 AT 7:15 P.M.

A darkly comic echo of "Groundhog Day," a couple go on a camping trip in an attempt to save their failing marriage. But things go wrong from the get go, and things seem to start strangely repeating.

"PEOPLE GET READY (THE TRAIN'S NOT COMING) SHORT FILM PROGRAM"

OCT. 9 AT 4:15 P.M.

A compilation of eight short films — each of which are fifteen minutes or less — and thematically tied together by modern political clashes.

"MISTER AMERICA"

OCT. 9 AT 9:15 P.M.

Offbeat Adult Swim comedy star Tim Heidecker writes, produces and stars in this pseudo documentary feature where he runs a campaign to become District Attorney of San Bernardino county. This is in spite of his just having beaten a murder charge in court, not being a resident of the district, and possessing zero political or lawyer experience.

"MY MOTHER WAS HERE"

OCT. 10 AT 5 P.M.

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New artwork along the Prairie Line Trail is a nod to downtown Tacoma's history

"All the Rivers in the World" is a reflection of the rich history of immigration and global connection that Tacoma embodies.

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The new painted aluminum art fixture, "All the Rivers in the World," — positioned along the UW Tacoma portion of the historic Prairie Line Trail — resembles a river, and reflects the deeply rooted heritage of the land on which UWT sits.

Once the site of the Puyallup tribe, modern Tacoma sits on land where the original population was made up by a majority of immigrants. According to the podcast "Move to Tacoma" in an episode featuring Margeurite Giguere, this area once housed the largest population of Japanese immigrants per capita. Shortly after the bombing of Pearl Harbor and the induction of internment camps, these people were ushered out of the city along Pacific Avenue.

The art fixture is a partnership between the Washington State Arts Commission and UWT, designed by Vaughn Bell. In a statement about the artwork released from the artist, the rich history of this area is explained.

"The Puyallup River, our local river, is the original line and continues as life-line. Its name is also the name of the original people of the place,"

explained Bell. "All the Rivers in the World, Tacoma' is a public art project that reflects on the Puyallup river as life line and connector. It also emerges from the current life of Tacoma and the university: as a cosmopolitan

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place, home to many immigrants, people from all over the world. This idea has a precedent even before the site was a university."

The location on which the artwork was installed reveals even more significance when the history is considered. PrairieLineTrail.org provides a virtual walking tour of the trail, as well as a description of the trail's history.

"Signed into being by Abraham Lincoln, built with the toil of immigrants, on land stolen from the S'puyaləpabš (Puyallup Tribe), the Prairie Line has stories to tell," the website reads. "This stretch of track is

the western end of the Northern Pacific Railroad. It's also where ideas, cultures, people, and technologies collided to make the Tacoma of today."

"In short, it's Tacoma's history in 5,280 feet," the website says.

On the artwork, the names of the rivers are all derived from community submissions. They are arranged roughly in geographic order, with the rivers closest to Tacoma being nearest to the mouth of the river, the UWT news site reveals.

Made up of 33 separate aluminum panels, the installation stretches 250 feet along the trail. This artwork is a quiet reminder of the years that led up to UWT being an urban-serving,

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diverse home to many ambitious students from thousands of unique backgrounds. The culture of UWT much reflects the history that is in the soil beneath it.



A portion of the 250 ft piece made by Seattle artist Vaughn Bell.

PHOTO BY NATALIE PEYTON



"All the Rivers in the World" by Vaughn Bell.

PHOTO BY JAKE SHAW



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The artist putting the finishing touches on the mural.

SPORT REPORT

By Brooks Moeller



For the football fans who feel that the off-season lasts too long, that feeling will soon be gone. Starting next winter, the new Xtreme Football League begins its second inaugural season. The league was originally started in 2001, however only lasted one season due to multiple issues — including a large amount of money lost.

Eighteen years later, the league is months away from rebooting, giving football fans everywhere something to watch while the NFL is in its off-season. Seattle was one of the few lucky cities to be given one of the eight new teams.

The team will play their home games at Century-Link Field, home of the Seattle Seahawks. Since the games will be played in February and March, there will be no conflict with the Seahawks season and other NFL games. This is an open market that the creators of the league wanted to utilize and add different elements to the game that the NFL may be lacking.

"We will present a shorter, faster-paced, family friendly and easier to understand game," XFL owner Vince McMahon said in a news conference. "Don't get me wrong, it's still football, but it's professional football reimagined."

On August 21, it was revealed that this new Seattle football franchise would be named the Seattle Dragons. Why the Dragons? Team president Ryan Gustafson explained the reasoning in a press conference following the reveal.

"We wanted something that was unique but also something that was part of an entire brand representing the community of Seattle," said Gustafson. "You can see with the imagery of the water, the city, the weather and just the fierceness of the character — that was something we felt was very representative of Seattle and we're really excited about it."

The owners and presidents of the league have made it a goal to make sure this league lasts longer than a year like it did in 2001, or like many other leagues have failed to do. The AAF recently ran in the Spring, but did not last a full season. The XFL is hoping it can be the first successful football league to operate during the NFL offseason.

One of the reasons why some of these leagues have not lasted long is that they were too gimmicky. There were too many things that had nothing to do with the game and felt simply out of place. Although management wanted the gimmicks out, they still wanted to create something new and fresh for fans all over the country to watch, but made sure that everyone knew this league is not trying to be a direct competitor of the NFL.

"The start of this league has nothing to do with the NFL's troubles," McMahon said. "What has happened there is their business, and I'm not going to knock those guys, but I am going to learn from their mistakes as anyone would if they were tasked with reimagining a new football league."

We are only four months from the beginning of the season so be on the lookout for tickets being sold. The league will have an eight team, ten game schedule, with four teams eventually making the playoffs. If you need your football fix year round, go support your Seattle Dragons!