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Welcome to the 2019-2020 from the Tacoma Ledger!

Let’s ring in the new academic year with the Tacoma Ledger!

By ELLA LUCENTE
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Welcome back, Huskies! As the Editor-in-Chief of the Tacoma Ledger student newspaper, it is my pleasure to welcome new and old faces alike to UWT. To give a better explanation to what the Ledger entails, we are a weekly publication from the students, for the students. Distribution is every Monday (unless holiday or inclement weather permits), and racks are located all around campus and downtown Tacoma. We hold a 20+ staff filled with motivated and inspired editors, writers, our layout and design team, and hard-working management. Basically, we serve to provide factual news, cover fun events, and produce overall great content for the downtown Tacoma/UWT campus


to enjoy. We cover on-campus events, downtown Tacoma community events, and everything else in between. We have three sections: the News Section, the Opinion columns, and the A&E content — each are very specific as to what the sections cover. The News section covers on-campus events: ASUWT board meetings, Teacher/Student/Club spotlights, and events held by campus RSO’s and organizations — really any events being held on campus. News also covers City of Tacoma news, such as the parking rates increase, the Tacoma link light rail updates, and any important innovations in Tacoma that strictly concern the UWT campus. Our Opinion columnists all have different beats, as the writers find their own voice and interests, and write on


those. From tips and tricks on how to succeed in college, to more controversial issues such as politics and mainstream media controversies, our Opinion writers articulate their own opinions and raise awareness into discussion-worthy articles. This year, we are featuring a new sustainability column, where our columnist Alyssandra Goss will write ways to make our campus and community more sustainable. Lastly, our A&E section provides more light, fun content. Our writers write on the entertainment portion of the paper — covering museum exhibits, best places to dine around campus, and covering entertainment around downtown Tacoma. These writers cover Tacoma Dome concerts such as music artists like Khalid and Post Malone, as well as events from venues such as Ta-


coma Arts Live and the Tacoma Little Theater. In this section, our new Film Critic Andrew Brown reviews new, popular movies in the theater, and gives his honest review and rating. However, what is entertainment without sports? Our Sports Columnist Brooks Moeller uses his knowledge of sports and media to create thoughtful post-coverage of games, showcases upcoming sporting events, and writes on both Husky and Seattle sports. The Tacoma Ledger is located in MAT 151, directly below admissions in the Mattress Factory. All of our editors, columnists, and management have office hours throughout the week, and the hours are posted on our door — so utilize us! If you are in a club/organization and want coverage or have a story you think would be a great fit for the paper,


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Huskies in the hallway:


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What advice do you give new students attending UWT?



Bridget Hafner
Senior

“Talk to your professor if you have any questions, concerns or comments.”



Chris Brandt
Senior

“Attend office hours, join a club — just get involved!”




Gina Choi
Junior

“If you don’t know something, reach out and ask!”



Laurel Hicks
Senior

“Take the bus — there’s no parking.”



Maxine Metzger
Senior

“Students should get more involved on campus! Having a community to go to will help manage stress.”

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Student Spotlight: ASUWT President Vincent Da

As student body president, Da is focused on promoting community and service.

By **MADELINE HILLER**
NEWS REPORTER

Vincent Da, a Healthcare Leadership major with a minor in Business Administration, was elected as the Associated Students of the University of Washington Tacoma president last year. Da enjoys helping students succeed on campus and hopes to tackle important issues such as food accessibility and housing insecurity.

As president, Da wants to change the current campus atmosphere to a well-engaged campus. He wants to focus on

creating campus culture and spirit while tackling other common issues such as food and housing insecurities. He also hopes to expand campus resources and to focus on what it is to be a UW Tacoma Husky. Da says it is not about himself and his presidential title but rather is about his team and their desires for the student body this school year.

“If I make sure that I support and care about my team and set them up for success, then I will feel like I’m accomplished in my presidential term,” said Da.

Da chose his major in Healthcare Leadership after watching his dad prac-

tice selfless service in his day-to-day life as a member of the army.

“This inspired me to help people in a different way and through my own path,” Da said.

Da’s own selfless service was what led him to run for ASUWT president. During his college career, he has held many jobs and positions relating to helping students succeed on campus. Last year, he worked at the Center for Equity and Inclusion’s Student Pantry, which provides students in need with food and personal hygiene items. At the same time, he was also a Pack Advisor, a student

leader position that helps new students get connected to student, staff, faculty and the campus.

Many of Da’s peers saw these connections and passions and encouraged him to run for presidency. One of his peers explained to him that if he becomes ASUWT president, he can influence a lot of positive change on campus and finally Da was pushed to run.

“The reasons I was hesitant at first for running was that I did not want to leave my team at the Center for Equity & Inclusions,” said Da.

As a student who has felt the inevi-

table nervousness and anxiety about starting college, Da wants students to know it is ok to feel like that. He explains that college is all about growth and creating experiences that will help you in your future endeavors.

Da suggests attending campus activities, volunteering in the community, or getting an internship as some of the many possible opportunities UWT offers for students to engage with the community.

“My advice is to take opportunities that will help you grow as an individual,” said Da.



PHOTO BY NATALIE PEYTON

ASUWT President Vincent Da — who was one of the Undeclared Senators last year — ran his campaign on helping those facing food and housing insecurities.

2019 school year kicks-off at annual Convocation

Convocation brings together the UW Tacoma campus students, staff and faculty

By **MARIE MORGANS**
NEWS REPORTER

With the 2019–2020 school year approaching, Convocation 2019 is here to kick off Fall quarter. This year’s convocation will be held at the Prairie Line Trail on September 25 during “Husky Hour” — UWT’s official lunch hour — from 12:30– 1:30 p.m. There will be a DJ playing music and the campus will be decorated with hundreds of purple and gold balloons and decor to celebrate the start of the new academic year.

Convocation is a tradition that is observed at many colleges across the United States at the start of the school year. The celebration is a way to kick off the beginning of the year and helps students meet fellow classmates and faculty/staff members.

UWT’s ceremony traditionally contains an opening ceremony, free lunch, t-shirts — at a first come first serve basis — and a great deal of socializing with fellow students, staff and faculty members.

For this year’s convocation, opening remarks will be given by Chancellor

Mark Pagano, Associated Students of the University of Washington Tacoma President Vincent Da and Tacoma Mayor Victoria Woodards.

When asked what Convocation means to new students, Vice-Chancellor of Student and Enrollment Services Mentha Hynes-Wilson stated, “Symbolically it represents the start of the new academic journey and the importance of gathering together as a community of friends and scholars. Huskies, after all, travel in packs, learning from each other, supporting each other and appreciating each other.”



PHOTO BY DANIEL NASH

Last year’s convocation kicks-off of the 2018-2019 academic year.

Learning from the World: Study abroad with UWT

Netherlands study abroad students share their experience and give advice to other students who are also considering going abroad.

By LORE ZENT
NEWS REPORTER

Traveling internationally provides many opportunities and exposure to different cultures and ideas that may break one's existing perception of the world. Studying abroad can benefit students' university experience by broadening their horizons and give them different learning chances that they may not receive in a traditional classroom setting.

At UW Tacoma, Business Management Professor Evy Shankus and Assistant Chancellor for Strategy and Assessment Joe Lawless recently led the study abroad program for the Netherlands Fall 2019 trip with 21 business students in attendance. When interviewed in Amsterdam, Lawless responded that he believes strongly in these experiential learning opportunities as they "imprint differently."

"In general, why I believe it [study abroad is beneficial to learning] is because I grew up my whole world

was in a 5 mile radius," Lawless said. As he recalled, the first time he traveled out of country for an academic conference, going to England through the double deck tower and reaching the catacombs. "[Then] it struck me. The power of how diverse our world is. I started crying. It just hit me."

He chose to lead the study abroad program because he wanted to give students the traveling experience earlier in their lives than what he was offered.

Business Administration major Elizabeth Panameno — who attended the Netherlands study — gave this advice to potential students about wanting to join any study abroad programs.

"If you are really interested in learning and being out there — even if money's a barrier — don't let that stop you."

While studying abroad may seem unfeasible to some, UWT provides many resources that ease the process and provide opportunities to a large number of students. For students who are worried about how their financial wellness may be affected by attending

study abroad programs, the Office of Global Affairs and the Office of Student Financial Aid both work with students to find the best solution. Students will find that there are many options to pay for study abroad programs' tuition and fees, such as VA benefits, loan opportunities, financial aid and need-based scholarships.

Disabled students are also well accommodated by UWT's Student Office for Disability Resources, as well as Mobility International U.S.A. Additionally, others may consider anxiety and stress as a barrier, but this too can be accommodated. Accounting major Crystal Deran, believes their trip to the Netherlands was much more successful than their past trips.

"Compared to my high school program, you guys [UWT] seem really conscious about our mental states, letting us know which numbers to call if we are in a crisis or low point," Deran said. "That there are resources if we need to ask for help."

Study abroad programs at UW

present a variety of options, usually spanning from ten days to one year. There are faculty-led programs, internships abroad, university exchange, UW Partner programs and their affiliated programs. Students can find available programs by going to the Office of Global Affairs' info sessions, attending study abroad fairs or checking online under the "Study Abroad" section of the UWT website.

On the website, students can also find webinars and apply to each location that interests them. For the application, it requires the students' basic personal information, academic information, a letter of recommendation and scholarship eligibility. Students should be prepared for three essay prompts including why they believe the program to be a good fit, their adaptability in new environment and how they function in terms of group dynamics.

Ho Hin Ng, Business and Finance major, encourages students who may have worries to apply. "When signing

up for a study abroad, just be interested. Try and go out and experience as much as you can as much as you can, 'cause chances like that won't happen that much in your career," Ng said. "Doing it early can benefit your career a lot."

When asked about the application process, each student on the Netherlands trip, agreed that it was a pretty easy and straightforward process.

"It has opened my eyes to different cultures, within that I have seen different norms," David Mulliex, Business Management major said. "By that, I mean what is different in the U.S is different in the Netherlands, is different in Ireland, is different in Scotland, and so on. I think it also matures you a little bit. I came with just a backpack. I needed to go into survival mode and pack the essentials"

When Lawless was asked what kind of students studying abroad would benefit, he responded: "Everyone, it would benefit everyone, but not everyone knows that."



PHOTO BY LORE ZENT

Photo of Centraal Amsterdam Station, a major international railway hub located in the Netherlands. The station provides students with connections to the Van Gogh Museum, the Anne Frank Huis and the many other sites they will be touring via train and tram.

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Opinion: 5 quick tips for back to school

Sage advice that will save you money and time.

By **CHRISTIAN BELL**
OPINION EDITOR

Fall is finally here! Which means it's time to shake the summer sand out of your flip flops and embrace the golden leaves, salted caramel mochas and used textbooks Autumn quarter brings. During this time of year, many faces — old and new — will appear on campus. Whether you're an incoming freshman or a rising senior, here are a few tips and tricks that will help you step into this new season victoriously.

REMEMBER — IT'S BETTER TO BE EARLY THAN LATE

Many professors (and employers) hate tardiness. Frequent tardiness is often viewed as rude or careless behavior. However, life happens. Heavy traffic, transportation issues or prior commitments might make arriving to class on time difficult. That is why one should opt to be early rather than on time. Try setting your clock ahead 15 minutes to a half hour to trick yourself into arriving to your destination early. Another way to combat tardiness is to download an app on to your phone or laptop that will tell you when it's time to go to bed. You might feel more refreshed in the morning and ready to

take on the day.

GET A PLANNER

When I was in middle school, every student was required to use and bring our school issued planner to class. As a tween, I found the practice to be annoying. But now, as a college student, I am grateful to have had the opportunity to use one. Be it assignments, date nights or work related events, planners play a crucial role in organizing one's schedule. Autumn quarter brings about a host of activities that you'll want to keep track of, so download a planner app on your phone or laptop, or even purchase one at the University Bookstore.

READ/ WORK AHEAD

This idea came from a friend. Each summer before her autumn classes, she'd purchase her books, read them early and take notes. She swears by the time autumn quarter rolled around, she'd feel ready to ace any class. Try reading a chapter or more ahead and take notes. This way you'll save yourself the headache when crafting a study guide.

PACK A LUNCH

Food around campus can be expensive. Cut down on costs by packing your own lunch to eat on campus. Save yourself time by preparing a meal(s) the night before. It is a more effective

way to be more financially efficient and healthier as well!

ATTEND CAMPUS EVENTS

Campus events are a great way to network, learn or refine skills and just have fun! This school year is loaded with fun events, but here are a few upcoming events you might be interested in attending this fall:

Student Involvement Fair, September 26 from 12–1:30 p.m.

Come one, come all! Learn how you can get involved with one (or more) of the 65 student organizations that will be featured at the Student Involvement Fair. This event will take place on the Prairie Line Trail at the center of campus.

Friday Night Flicks, September 27 from 5:30–10:30 p.m.

Watch a "drive-in" style flick with friends at this free screening! The exact flick(s) are still being determined. This event hosted by the Student Activities Board will take place at Tacoma Court 17 Green.

Resumes For Internships, October 2 from 12:30–1:20 p.m.

Learn how to nag an internship at this workshop hosted by Career Development and Education. This event will take place in JOY 104.

EARTH 101

By *Alyssandra Goss*



Autumn is just around the corner! With the arrival of chilly weather, wool sweaters and pumpkin spice lattes, we students know a new quarter is underway. This time of year is undoubtedly full of excitement, especially as UW Tacoma students make their grand entrance onto campus.

As we brace ourselves for the challenges ahead — soaking in every last ray of summer sunshine — it is important to recognize the clean slate afforded new students. No matter your story, college is an opportunity to begin anew and start over. It is crucial to recognize this blessing from the get-go and accept the blank canvas gift.

The potential for this clean slate is relatively endless. Depending on the individual, it could look or feel like anything! You ultimately decide how and where college will impact your life — there are new friends to meet, majors to pursue, and adventures to embark on.

For instance, I began my college career in 2015 — after two community colleges and a household move from California, I finally landed within my dream program at UWT of Environmental Sustainability. I am nowhere near the person I was in high school and for that I am thankful. Total acceptance of the clean slate has instilled in me confidence both academically and personally — something my teenage-self would have never deemed possible.

In high school, the term GPA would absolutely terrify me — any mention of it and I would run in the opposite direction. College has flipped the script and education has absolutely skyrocketed on my priority list. Escaping the societal pressures of high school — and its overall angst — has exponentially aided my academic abilities.

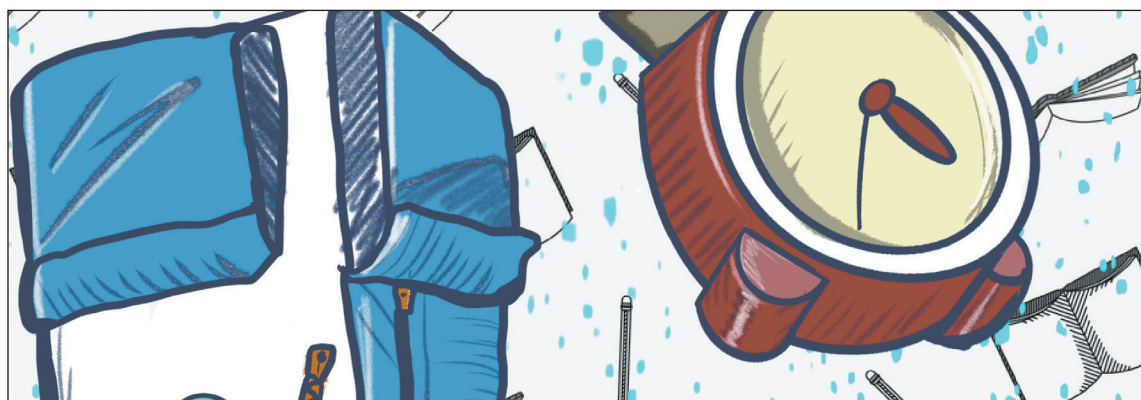
If you have a comfort zone, expect college to persuade you out of this safety bubble. Yes, hold on to your values and moral standings, but permit yourself to try new things: join clubs, speak up in class, and befriend fellow classmates. While these things are outside of my own comfort zone, participating in them has positively benefited my personal growth.

Wherever you are coming from — whatever your past consists of — college is absolutely yours to discover. Your previous story might be high school, the military, or even life itself, but now is your chance to begin anew. There will inevitably be mistakes along the way, but learn from them and use any newfound knowledge to your advantage.

The college pathway is inundated with countless character-building scenarios. There is an experience waiting behind every program and organization — especially when it comes to establishing connections with fellow students and faculty members. If an opportunity catches your eye, do not hesitate to investigate — it may just change your life.

Life rarely hands us an eraser or says, 'Here, let's try that again.' This is not to encourage a complete withdrawal from your educational and personal past — of course extrapolate the beneficial knowledge gained. Rather, remember the past — the lessons learned — but do not allow it to define your future.

Despite the past, college presents an opportunity to restructure the path previously paved. There is no doubt a sense of nervousness surrounding the upcoming school year, but it is important to remain optimistic. Recognize the gift college is — a clean slate, open-ended, gift — and decide how this collegiate opportunity will shape you.





Pictured above is Evan Quade, a friendly face at Abella's Pizza's front counter.

PHOTO BY NATALIE PEYTON

9 best go-to dining around campus

As a busy college student, finding a good and affordable place to eat is very important.

By MADI WILLIAMS
A&E COLUMNIST

With back-to-school welcoming new and returning students to campus, it's always good to know the closest places to grab a quick bite, but also knowing which places have student discounts so you can get the best bang for your buck. Here are the 9 best restaurants around campus that will satisfy your hunger and your bank account:

SAVOR CREPERIE

Savor Creperie — located beneath Cherry Parks — is a local crepe shop that has various types of crepe choices assorting from breakfast, lunch, and sweet. They also have daily baked goods that they make in-house. Savor Crepe-

rie have a selection of "grab and go" items, as well as a student and staff discount of 10% off. If that doesn't get any better, they offer a punch card, where the 10th crepe is free.

SAM CHOYS POKE

Sam Choys Poke is a poke shop that is located by the street entrance of the Joy building. They will be accepting UWT student cards in mid September, and are currently working on making convenient bento plates, made with the students needs in mind.

THAN BROTHER PHO

The one pho shop that is closest to campus, Than Brother Pho is the best place to go to when you are not feeling well and need a bring me up. Warning: they get super busy during the lunch

hour, but are very quick with service. They have reasonable prices to fit within the college student budget, and will keep you full and satisfied throughout the day.

ABELLA PIZZERIA

Abella's Pizzeria is a bargain eat, pinpointed at the very end of Pac Ave going towards the Tacoma Dome. During the lunch hour, they sell pizza by the slice for only a couple bucks — which makes this place a quick and easy bite for the busy college student to much on some yummy pizza in between classes.

JIMMY JOHNS AND SUBWAY

Competing sandwich vendors Jimmy Johns and Subway are very good sandwich places with their own twist

on simple sandwiches. Jimmy Johns does not offer student discounts, however Subway offers a 10% break with proof of Husky ID. These may not be great steals, but look out for coupons or daily sandwich deals — those are worth the patience!

SENERGO

Senergo is a healthier alternative to dining on campus, as it is simply a healthy smoothie shop that has simple fruit smoothies or green smoothies. They also offer healthy food options, such as wraps and sandwiches.

STARBUCKS

Although Starbucks is a student favorite to fuel that coffee addiction, it is one of the many coffee places around campus that do not offer a student dis-

count. However, if you are a member, you are able to earn free drinks and food items based on the number of points you have.

ANTHEM COFFEE

Located on the other side of the street, Anthem has their own versions of the drinks at Starbucks, but a lot tastier and more expensive. Anthem also offers Lotus energy drinks and local bakery baked goods. They do offer a student discount of 10% off.

METRO COFFEE

Metro Coffee — UWT's hidden gem on campus. Based on reviews, customers enjoy the environment for hanging out with friends or working on homework. Bonus? The low-prices are hard to beat, as well.

Washington State History Museum Showcases Brand-New Exhibits

The Washington State History Museum — just across the street from UWT — allows free admission to UWT students just in time for the opening of brand-new exhibits.

By MEGHAN RAND
A&E COLUMNIST

Just in time for the kickoff to Autumn quarter, the Washington State History Museum in downtown Tacoma has opened up two brand new exhibitions — "Little Black Dress: A Fashion Evolution" and "A New Moon Rises."

As a perk of attending UWT, students are offered completely free admission to the museum, with presentation of their husky student ID. Being right across the street from campus, this is a convenient way to access culture and history for students in a fun way.

Marketing and communications director of the Washington State Historical Society, Julianna Verboort, shared details about these exhibitions

that have opened recently at the history museum.

"'Little Black Dress: A Fashion Evolution' tells the story of evolving women's roles and changing social norms, and how those impacted fashion design," Verboort said.

This exhibition will display dresses from the 1860's through the 2010's, donated by vintage boutiques, as a commentary on the changes the female gender has faced throughout the decades. In addition, the museum is hosting a fashion show with food and entertainment on October 18 from 6-9 p.m. The ticketed event will feature female models that have contributed to Washington State in a significant way, including Secretary of State Kim Wyman.

"'Little Black Dress' runs through December 5, 2019.

The next exhibition focuses on the final frontier of exploration — space. "A New Moon Rises" is a traveling exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution that features images taken by the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter Camera (LROC) in a high-resolution format. Other artifacts, such as moon rocks, will also be on display.

"Visitors can also see videos of near-real-time transmissions from the LROC... and photos of Apollo 11 astronauts training in Washington. Don't miss the display of retro-futuristic items that illustrate what people thought life could be like once space travel was possible. If you've ever wanted to go into outer space this is an ex-

hibit for you!" Verboort said.

This exhibit will be available until December 1, 2019.

In addition to these exciting new exhibitions, there are several others at the museum that are worth exploring. An exhibit available right now called "Horizon," features a series of landscape paintings with a single horizon line. "They are hung together in a way that aligns their dominant horizon lines," the information page on the website for the exhibit explains.

"Horizon" runs through January 13, 2020.

The museum is also home to a few interesting permanent exhibits. One that seems to be a key player in showcasing the rich history of Washington State is "The Great Hall." "Our largest

exhibit at the Washington State History Museum is a walk through time," the website's information page explains.

This exhibit explores the progression through time in Washington state, from the lives of Native Americans, through industrialization, and onward. Several artifacts are on display that highlight moments of Washington's history. The museum recommends reserving two hours to be able to fully explore and absorb all that this exhibit has to offer.

Having a chance to see all of these valuable and educational displays at the museum for free is a great perk of being a student of UWT — and you should definitely get in and check out the exhibits while you have a chance to!

Action! Top 5 summer movies of 2019

Summer has just about wrapped up, so it's time to recap the best of the summer's flicks.

By **ANDREW BROWN**
FILM CRITIC

Enter into a movie theater and you're transported into a world of fantasy. The best movies are the ones that get you absorbed and entirely involved in the story, making you forget you're merely watching a film, but actually feel as a witness to their events. These are the movies from this stacked summer that did it the best, topping my list as the ones to see.

"ONCE UPON A TIME IN HOLLYWOOD"

Tarantino's newest effort was a little slow paced for my taste, and I wouldn't say it's his greatest — hence the relatively low placing on this list. However, that doesn't discount the fact that it's still full of his usual fun, outrageous style. Set in late sixties Hollywood, the film features a magnetic dynamic between its stars Leonardo DiCaprio and Brad Pitt. And being a Tarantino film, it's a given that the soundtrack is solid.

"OFFICIAL SECRETS"

The surprise hit for me at the Seattle International Film Festival, this political thriller covers the true story of whistleblower Katharine Gun in the immediate

prelude to the Iraq War. When faced with a memo implicating the US government in blackmailing other nations to go to war, Gun is conflicted over where her conscience lies. The film asks questions to its viewers that may not be easily answered — such as where the line is drawn between duty to your government, and duty to your country.

"YESTERDAY"

I will admit, being a Beatles fan makes me slightly biased, but this film has such a unique premise and satisfying hilarity that it proved irresistible. A struggling musician gets into a bike accident, and upon waking, finds that apparently nobody remembers the music of the Beatles. Using their treasure trove of hits, he finally rockets up in fame to become a big time rock star, but will that get in the way of his romance with his long time best friend? A perfect balance of romance and comedy, this is a charming little flick that both mocks the Beatles' success, yet also celebrates the reason they're so indelibly stitched into our pop cultural fabric: that their music is pretty darn good.

"WHEN THEY SEE US"

Too often Hollywood makes movies concerning racism from a white perspec-

tive, and it leads to stories that have good intentions but poor execution. This Netflix mini-series — based on the true story of five youths of color wrongfully convicted of rape — has the ingredients of a poor 'racism is bad' aesop movie like "Crash" or "The Blind Side." But thanks to a great script and the deft direction of Ava DuVernay, "When They See Us" explodes even on the small screen of your TV. Coupled with superb performances and a raw shooting style, viewers can be promised a gripping drama of racial prejudice that unfortunately really happened, and even more unfortunately, could still happen today.

"TOY STORY 4"

The list of movie series that are still running strong after the fourth installment is microscopically small, and yet Pixar's flagship franchise defies all odds to deliver the best film of the summer. Not only does the original cast return to voice these iconic characters, but it even found a new way to explore Woody's character. The adult fans who were kids when the original came out now see stories that they can relate to in ways they never would have thought possible from a movie for children.



Toy Story 4 was released on June 21, 2019.

COURTESY OF DISNEY/PIXAR



When They See Us was released on Netflix on May 31, 2019.

COURTESY OF NETFLIX



Actor Brad Pitt starring in Once Upon a Time in Hollywood.

SPORT REPORT

By Brooks Moeller



Six minutes into the first quarter after UW had forced a Cal punt on September 7, a message lit up the video board that stated there was an extreme weather warning and fans should seek cover in the concourse of the stadium. After the two hour thirty-nine minute lightning delay, the Huskies did not come out with the fire they had to originally open the game. The players

seemed fatigued which worked heavily in Cal's favor — who has one of the strongest defenses in the country. All week, fans heard how good Cal's secondary is and they proved the hype from beginning to end.

The Huskies were able to take a 10-3 lead into halftime after senior running back Salvon Ahmed scored UW's only touchdown of the game with a 21 yard run on an important 4th down play to give them some much needed momentum. Ahmed seemed to be the only type of offense they had all night and finished with 119 yards on the ground.

The Golden Bears came roaring out of the gates in the 2nd half easily scoring touchdowns on their first two possessions, where the Husky defense seemed to have no answer for the Cal rushing attack. This was not the defense fans were used to seeing, as the obvious fatigue was starting to become a big factor for the defensive line and linebackers in charge of stopping the run.

Between the two Cal touchdowns, UW was able to put a field goal on the board, but still were down 17-13 going into the fourth quarter. The Huskies were able to put together two solid drives but were never able to score another touchdown and had to settle for field goals. This gave them a 19-17 lead with two minutes left in the ballgame. Cal continued to march down the field and kick a game winning field goal with twelve seconds left, giving the Huskies little time to make any sort of comeback.

The game itself was almost an exact duplicate of last year's game when Cal upset UW 12-10 — an ugly defensive battle where the offenses struggled the whole game. This was also only a week after quarterback Jacob Eason shredded Eastern Washington's defense for 349 yards through the air in the Huskies' 47-14 win.

What made this year different was the odd feeling of having a three hour gap in between two plays in the middle of the game. The game already had a late 7:30 p.m. start time, which caused a large number of fans to head to the exits before the game resumed, leaving a half empty Husky Stadium. This is no excuse for the loss, however it is obvious that it played a big role in the rest of the game. Head coach Chris Petersen recognized the absence of the fans but wanted to make clear that did not have any effect towards the players.

"We did a good job rallying and we went out there and played," Petersen said in his post game press conference. "Both sides had to do the same thing and I don't think that had anything to do with the outcome. It would have been nice to play the game and keep our fans in the stadium and all that."

Although the loss is disappointing, the Huskies still have a long season ahead and if they make the right adjustments, they will be back in the middle of an exciting race for the Pac 12 championship and a chance at another Rose Bowl appearance.

The Huskies now turn their attention to a showdown in Utah with BYU, their final non conference game of the season.

UPCOMING GAMES

9/21 @BYU
9/28 vs USC
10/5 @Stanford