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# 2020 Husky 100

A tri-campus celebration of students' success.

By **MADELINE HILLER**  
News Reporter

The time has come to apply for The Husky 100. The Husky 100 is a celebration of 100 students across the three UW campuses to honor their individual professional and academic success. The undergraduate or graduate students are seen as engaged in the community and are recognized for their innovation and leadership.

For being selected to be a part of the Husky 100, recipients are featured on the UW website, presented with an award and are celebrated at a reception hosted by the three campuses' leaders — UW President Ana Marie Cauce, UW Tacoma Chancellor Mark Pagano and UW Bothell Chancellor Wolf Yeigh.

Students can be nominated by their peers, staff or faculty, or they can apply themselves. Applications include an essay, video or an e-portfolio to display why they believe they should be part of the Husky 100. Applications will be accepted until Jan. 15 at 11:59 p.m.

"Over the years, dozens of Tacoma

students have been acclaimed for making the most of their Husky experience," said Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Menthia Hynes-Wilson.

Throughout all of the years, 32 UWT students have been recognized by the Husky 100, with six students having entered the group last year. The winners last year were Mira Farrow, Isabell Murray, Katalina Biondi, Ashley Richards, Long Tran and Norma Purdom.

Murray, a 2019 Law and Policy graduate and Dressel Scholar, strives

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to become a defense attorney and launched a platform called #kidsnotcriminals while at UWT. She was president of the Pre-Law Society, and advocated for criminal justice reform.

UWT 2019 graduate Tran is the son of a Vietnam War immigrant.

With his link to the Vietnamese culture, Tran founded the Vietnamese Student Association after it had been absent from UWT for five years. He was also a member of the Global Honors program, president of the UWT Film Club, and an award-winning filmmakers.

These are just two of the many students recognized as part of UW's Husky 100. They have lived their Husky experience to the fullest and leave legacies behind once they are gone. With boundless determination, hard work and initiative, and the hope for a better future, UW students are urged to apply and share their stories and experiences.

"These students have engaged in community-based projects, internships and study abroad opportunities and are recognized for their innovation, commitment to inclusivity, capacity for leadership and academics," said Hynes-Wilson.

For more information, follow this link:  
[www.washington.edu/husky100/application/](http://www.washington.edu/husky100/application/)

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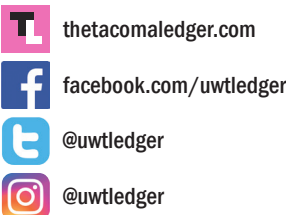


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# Part 2: Students struggle getting their classes

Cuts to SIAS classes in summer continue to impact students.

By MITCHELL FERMO & ANDREA NADAL  
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As the winter quarter starts, Dean of the School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences Anne Bartlett has confirmed that SIAS will receive the full budget which had been approved in May of 2019. However, this news comes too late as faculty and students begin the new quarter, feeling the effects of the decisions made over the summer. The members of Politics, Philosophy and Public Affairs were hardest hit by the summer cuts, and are facing problems with capstone class-

**"...I have no idea what's being offered in the spring. That's making it nearly impossible to do any long-term planning."**

es and credits. Students within PPPA were notified on Dec. 12 that they might not be able to fulfill their capstone requirement through TPOLS 496, TPOLS 497 nor

TLAW 496 due to budget constraints and limitations on monitoring capstone internships. Instead, students were urged to take the TPOL 480 capstone seminar instead, or have already worked out another solution with a faculty member. "I'm having trouble putting together a schedule that allows me to work or volunteer," said junior Renee Owley. "There seems to be only one section of anything being offered, and everything within my major is taking place at the same time, so I have fewer choices. Even classes that are required in order to declare a certain major are only being offered once next quarter. So we can't get into those, and then the classes that are only available to people who've declared their major until the second period of registration are full by the time they're open to everyone." During the fall quarter, Owley started the Facebook page Students United Against Cuts to Classes at UWT where students can go to vent their frustration about the situation. "A group of us were voicing our displeasure and trying to come up with a way to come together and tell the administrators here that these cuts are hurting us," Owley said. "We are the ones who pay to be here, so admin has reason to listen to us. It's just a matter of organizing."

While UW Tacoma administrators and SIAS representatives work to figure how exactly a discrepancy between the budget which was approved in May for SIAS and the budget Bartlett received and based her cuts on, students are left in a state of confusion around what is happening and why it is happening. ASUWT has tried to help with the issue, having hosted a town hall in November and also by sending out a survey for students affected by the cuts to respond to. "Unfortunately, we personally haven't had the opportunity to hear directly from students about course cancellations," said SIAS Senator Alexandra Dogbe. "We urge students who have been affected to reach out to us or to take the survey that recently rolled out about course cancellations. However, we have been able to speak to our dean, Dr. Anne Bartlett, who expressed deep concern about this on multiple occasions and explained to us that this is rooted in the issue of timely and accurate budget transparency between all levels at UWT." **QUOTES FROM RENEE OWLEY**  
**HOW HAVE THE CUTS IMPACTED YOU?** I'm having trouble putting together a schedule that allows me to work or volunteer. There seems to be only one section of anything being offered, and everything within my major is taking place at the same time, so I have fewer

choices. Even classes that are required in order to declare a certain major are only being offered once next quarter. So we can't get into those, and then the classes that are only available to people who've declared their major until the second period of registration are full by the time they're open to everyone. It's a catch-22. Additionally, I have no idea what's being offered in the spring. That's making it nearly impossible to do any long-term planning. **WHAT HAVE OTHER STUDENTS TOLD YOU?** Most of the other students I've talked to had no idea about the cuts. Those that did are in three same boat as me. I'm fortunate enough that my family is helping me with my tuition, but other students are faced with the possibility of having to take out more loans out they're unable to graduate on time. **WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SEE DONE?** In a perfect world, we'd all be able to register for the classes we need with no problems. However, I understand that budgets are cut, and sacrifices need to be made. What I'd like to see is accountability. Why aren't students being informed about these cuts? And why aren't advisors being more helpful to students who are faced with these issues? **WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO START THE FACEBOOK GROUP?**

It was the first idea that came to mind. A group of us were voicing our displeasure and trying to come up with a way to come together and tell the administrators here that these cuts are hurting us. We are the ones who pay to be here, so admin has reason to listen to us. It's just a matter of organizing. And whatever other insights you would like to share/things you would like to see brought to light. I'm wondering why we can set aside millions of dollars for a new engineering building when we can't fund the classes we came here expecting to take, or why we're cutting business classes while preparing to expand the Milgard building, or why parking continues to be such a mess. **QUOTES FROM GINA CHOI AND ALEXANDRA DOGBE** Unfortunately, we personally haven't had the opportunity to hear directly from students about course cancellations. We urge students who have been affected to reach out to us or to take the survey that recently rolled out about course cancellations. However, we have been able to speak to our dean, Dr. Anne Bartlett, who expressed deep concern about this on multiple occasions and explained to us that this is rooted in the issue of timely and accurate budget transparency between all levels at UWT.

## Husky Closet: dress for success

ASUWT's Drew Dunston comments on his inspiration and progress on Husky Closet, which provides students with professional business attire.

By LAUREN ZENT  
NEWS REPORTER

This winter quarter, ASUWT moves forward on several projects to benefit student life. The "Husky Closet," lead by Milgard Business Senator Drew Dunston, who hopes to provide professional business attire to students who would otherwise not be able to afford it. Dunston explained how one study across the tri-campus showed that UW Tacoma students were the least likely to be dressed appropriately for interviews. By providing professional business attire to students, Dunston hopes this will create confidence and success in regards to networking and interviews. "The data highlights how lack of accessibility to get clothes directly impacts students availability to get jobs," said Dunston. "The data also shows that students even avoid interviews because they can not afford the proper attire." Husky Closet hopes to minimize this concern and provide more opportunities to those less financially stable. "...UWT is a historically low-in-

come campus. We already have some great resources for students who are low-income as of now like the food pantry and the new micro apartments," Dunston stated. "I thought it only made sense to also have a resource for free clothes." In November, two funding proposals for Husky Closet were submitted to the dean of the Milgard School of **"The tri-campus showed that UW Tacoma students were the least likely to be dressed appropriately for interviews."** Business, Altaf Merchant, and are currently awaiting his feedback. "Essentially, what happened is I met with him in November and pitched this idea to him," Dunston said. "He said he fully supports it and that the business school might even fund it ... but he would need to see

the proposals first." For the proposals, Dunston emphasized the fact that this resource should be open to all students regardless of their major, discipline or year. Once the quarter starts, Dunston and Merchant plan to continue their talks and how to move forward with the project. Previously in the fall quarter, the project faced the obstacle of acquiring a room to store such attire with limited space available on campus. However, Veterans Incubator for Better Entrepreneurship — known as VIBE — has provided full support with a space for the Husky Closet on the fourth floor of the Tioga Library Building. It is expected to function similar to the Pantry and will use student workers to monitor the Closet. Students are not required to return the articles of clothing. Husky Closet is expected to open by the end of winter quarter 2020. *Donations are currently being accepted for Husky Closet. For more information or inquiries about the project, contact [asuwtbus@uw.edu](mailto:asuwtbus@uw.edu).*



COURTESY OF UWT DRESSEL SCHOLARSHIP PAGE

Milgard Business Senator Drew Dunston is the creator of the Husky Closet project.



# The toxic side of self-care

Sometimes, we think of self-care as only doing things that we enjoy.

By MEGHAN RAND  
OPINION EDITOR

If you're anything like me, when you hear the words "self-care", images of bath bombs, mental health days-off from work and "treating yourself" come to mind. The term "self-care" has become a household term over the past couple years, and for good reason. Normalizing our need to take care of ourselves has helped us to be mentally healthier. We've learned how to be easier on ourselves and recognizing when we need to take a step back to assess our needs.

With self-care becoming so popular, it's apparent that aspects of it have turned into somewhat misconceived versions of what it means to take care of yourself. The dominant narrative is that self-care should consist of doing things that you enjoy, and treating yourself kindly. These forms of caring for yourself hold immense value, however they don't express the totality of what we may need to feel our best inside. This interpretation of self-care certainly has more complexity — but with that, a more stable foundation of

long-term wellness.

Your self-care arsenal needs to contain more things than just running a hot bath or taking a day off from work. It has to involve things that you may not enjoy, but contribute to your overall well being. This tough-love approach might include things like forcing yourself to go out with friends when you just want to stay in, because

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sometimes, surrounding yourself with people that care about you may be better for you than isolating yourself with binge watching Netflix — the only person you speak to the whole night being the Uber Eats delivery guy. This conception of self-care could in-

clude something like going to class when you've missed a couple weeks because getting a bad grade or failing is not conducive or instrumental to your long-term wellness.

You need to eat healthier. You need to make doctor's appointments for the "check engine" lights of your body that you have been ignoring. You need to study for tests, go to class, and ask for help if you need it. It's okay to start small, such as making that one phone call that you've been putting off or just looking up a professor's office hours. But avoiding the things that will genuinely help you ultimately leads to self-destruction.

While these things are a start to taking better care of yourself, it's also important to take steps to understand more wholly and deeply what you need to be more okay. This involves a good amount of self-reflection. Maybe you've been bottling up negative feelings, or have an unresolved conflict with a loved one simmering in the back of your mind. Taking steps to work on these subconscious problems, too, is important. These could be affecting your happiness and

you may not even know.

It's worth acknowledging however that these ideas methods of attaining wellness might come with difficulties for some. If you're at a particularly low point and the idea of doing something like going to the gym, or going out is overwhelming to you, and all you feel like you can handle is taking a bath, that is okay. But you still need to focus on doing things that might genuinely suck, that will help you. More ap-

**"It shouldn't always be warm and fuzzy when you're trying to take care of yourself."**

proachable ways of doing this are maybe reading a book instead of watching so much Netflix, drinking more water than you have been, taking a long shower, playing a game you love, or talking with someone you're close to. Self-care doesn't have rules and requirements — but you have to understand that it is not meant to be

fun all of the time.

The best way to think of self-care is "self-parenting." This may sound weird, however when you're a young adult and transitioning to being fully self-sufficient, you might not be completely used to not having someone tell you what to do all the time. For college students especially, the transition from having parents that keep an eye on you, or teachers that remind you when things are due, to being on your own, can be hard. Learning to be the pushy parent to yourself that makes sure you're eating your vegetables, going to bed at a decent time, not missing classes, and showering enough, might actually be the best way to take care of yourself in the long run.

The cliché things like buying a bath bomb, treating yourself to a good meal, and others, have value. It's important to do things that you enjoy and to treat yourself with compassion. However, don't be fooled into thinking that this side of self-care will lead you to deep wellness. It shouldn't always be warm and fuzzy when you're trying to take care of yourself.

Sometimes, self-care sucks.







Rahile Dawut, Professor of Anthropology.

COURTESY OF LISA ROSS FROM THE BOOK LIVING SHRINES OF UYGHUR CHINA

# Uyghur genocide; action starts now

As the Uyghur concentration camps are currently taking place, it is important that we as a community learn the names of those detained.

By **BENGISU INCETAS**  
OPINION COLUMNIST

The Uyghur Turks, the long oppressed ethnic group in the Xinjiang region of China also known as East Turkestan, are facing ethnic genocide with concentration camps, labelled as "re-education centers" by the Chinese Communist Party.

According to Vox, The Guardian, Quartz and many other news outlets, about one million Uyghur Turks and other ethnic groups such as Kazakh have been inside of these Nazi-style concentration camps. Scholar Adrian Zenz wrote this to Twitter, "At today's press briefing in Geneva (Palais de Nations) I will provide a substantive refutation of Shohrat Zakir's key assertions of the camps, made during yesterday's Xinjiang press conference in Beijing, and also detail my updated total internment estimate of up to 1.5 million."

As the camps had originally started in 2016, and the discrimination against Uyghur Turks long before that, it has just gained popularity through social media and news in 2018 to 2019.

Before, thousands of Uyghurs feared testifying to the public due to endangering family members who still reside in East Turkestan. But now, Uyghurs are sharing their experience

to the world, in hopes of not letting the innocent humans trapped in the camps be silenced. You can find over 300 testimonies on the YouTube channel, "Uyghur Aid."

Uyghurs are now utilizing social media platforms to raise awareness for their family members that have gone missing. One of these Uyghurs is Olivia Akida. Her mother, Rahile Dawut, is a professor of Anthropology at Xinjiang University and international scholar, as well as a renowned folklore scholar.

"I still remember that day vividly. It was a Tuesday afternoon. I couldn't wait to tell her about my day. But she was in a rush boarding a plane to Beijing. I was waiting for her to call me back. Two years later, I'm still waiting for that call," said Akida.

Dawut is an extraordinary anthropologist. Her work is inspiring and is published at the University of Hawai'i Press, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies Press, Indiana University Press, The Monacelli Press, and many more.

Her daughter Akida gave testimony at The New York Times, the video published titled "China: Why They Must Free Our Parents From Concentration Camps| NYT Opinion," along with two other Uyghurs on the disappearance of their parents.

The video currently has 27,000 views. This must gain more views, this is happening to Uyghurs now and must be seen by the public eye.

These are Nazi-style concentration camps, not the re-education centers that the Chinese government is trying label them as. There are many stories of rape, abuse, murder,

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and torture that are being told by Uyghurs to the public, which is very traumatizing for them.

Who are Uyghurs, is the first question to be asked, the second following should research on their culture, customs, food, religion, home.

The third should be to listen actively on their testimonies, whether from Uyghur Aid on YouTube or attending local Uyghur events that occur rarely to listen on Uyghurs affected by this ethnic genocide.

Maybe you're wondering how to help Uyghurs, and in what way, as many things related is shut from the public and news media.

You can first go on "freemymom.org" where you can find images on Rahile Dawut to share on social media, a letter template ready for the release of Dawut, and a link to sign a petition for her.

Secondly, write to your local officials. As of now H.R. 649, which is the Uyghur Human Rights Policy Act, passed in the House, and must be ratified in the Senate. Reach out to our Senators Maria Cantwell and Patty Murray and urge them to ratify this bill.

China is committing a human rights violation and they must be held accountable. You can boycott Chinese products and help in raising awareness on your campus through contacting the Chinese study abroad programs, and letting your campus know that if they are to send students to a country that justifies concentration camps, then they must at least let the students know that this is taking place in the country.

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# The impeachment of President Donald Trump

What it means for us in the short term, and the long term.

By NICOLAS LUNA  
OPINION COLUMNIST

On Dec. 18, President Donald Trump was officially impeached. This had been an enduring process, dating back to September. On Sept. 24, Representative Nancy Pelosi publicly announced the official Inquiry of Impeachment, which has just come to fruition. Pelosi additionally said that she believed that President Trump — specifically in his actions with Ukraine — failed to uphold the constitutional responsibilities as President.

Some people are confused about what this all means. The most common thought is that impeachment means that Trump is no longer the President of the United States, which is simply not so. It is important that a distinction is made between impeachment and removal. Many people became confused and thought that the impeachment of Trump meant that the United States is without a President.

This is not true. Impeachment is simply the formal charge of a federal official who has committed a crime — a trial. The next step is actual removal after being convicted in an impeachment trial, and this is the point in which President Trump would theoretically be removed and be replaced by his Vice President, Mike Pence.

The New York Times has provided the official article of impeachment that lays out the specific charges against Trump. He is being impeached on two specific violations: the first of them being an abuse of power. Congress is charging President Trump with using his political status to pressure the

Ukrainian government into investigating his political opponent in the 2020 election, Joe Biden. The impeachment articles further allege that he had withheld much needed aid, \$391 million to be exact, that was meant for the Ukraine in exchange for his request for an investigation. The presumption is that this investigation would give Trump a political advantage over Mr. Biden.

The second charge, in which Trump had obstructed congress, was due to his deliberate defiance of subpoenas, issued by the House of Representatives. He directed the White House and other Executive Branch

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agencies to withhold any requested documentation, and directed Executive Branch officials, past and present, not to cooperate with any questioning by the House of Representatives. This is not only further slowing a process of democracy but makes things harder on his administration and Trump himself.

The subject of Trump's presidency has been a hot button topic ever since he won the election in 2016. I would say that it is the most polarizing topic of this generation. But whether you love him or loathe him I think that it is important to not only consider what this means for the remainder of his term, but for the 2020 elections as well. If he is not barred from the upcoming elections, this impeachment will be a blemish on his credibility and leadership skills, putting a damper on the rest of his term, and making his chances of getting elected for another four years slim. As to how slim the chances are, I cannot say. However, I believe it is pertinent to think about how those who stand by President Trump and those who oppose him will be affected by his impeachment. Perhaps even if he isn't barred from the upcoming election, it is possible he will lose traction among those who voted for him before, and cause those who are unsure of him to decide to vote for someone else.

Now that the final months of Trump's presidency are rapidly approaching, it is obvious that this upcoming election is a very important one. I think our country has learned a lot about itself from his presidency. We can see that even though the President is held at a higher protection than all others, he is not untouchable. This is not a discussion of whether or not Trump is guilty of these alleged crimes, but that no matter who they are, the President should be an idol of democracy for the American people to look up to and learn from.



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im·peach  
/im'pēCH/

To charge (the holder of a public office) with misconduct.



# Washington State History Museum brings untold history to Tacoma

The new exhibit at the Washington State History Museum highlights the untold history of influential African American men throughout the past and present.

By TALIA COLLETT  
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

With the start of winter quarter, the Washington State History Museum brings a compelling and inspiring new exhibit to go along with it; “Men of Change: Power. Triumph. Truth.”

This exhibit, available until March 15, 2020, highlights the untold and suppressed stories of African American men throughout the past as well as the present. This exhibition offers separate displays to its audience to introduce these iconic figures through the use of quotes, excerpts, and photos while also presenting pieces of artwork in order to exemplify the impact these men have generated on the world around them.

The director of audience engagement at the Washington State Historical Society and History Museum, Mary Mikel Stump, provided details regarding this exhibition. Stump stated that “this exhibit was first brought to her attention all the way back in 2018 and this will be the only museum within the Pacific Northwest to house it”. The exhibit was created by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service, also known as SITES. “[This exhibit] consisted of well over 50 advisors and an even larger scholar committee with the intention to bring men of inspiration from those before them and to ensure a display of history and a society constantly evolving,” Stump said. With an extensive past involving hundreds of African American men shaping our history lists of honorable mentions not incorporated in the exhibit, yet still just as important, line the walls

of the exhibition.

The center of the exhibit, involving the quotes, excerpts and photographs shown on 132 light box panels, is comprised of the selected figures and utilized to educate its viewers and offer further knowledge of the men within a historical context. The section is made up of six categories: imagining, fathering, myth breakers, storytellers, catalysts, and community. Each one of these components demonstrate ways in which these individuals, extending from Spike Lee to Jordan Peele and Ralph Ellison to Kendrick Lamar, defied the odds against them in order to create their own histories and break through barriers created to hold them back throughout different aspects of their lives.

Aside from the central portion of the exhibit, the walls are lined with 24 works of art ranging from sculptures, paintings, short films, photographs, mixed media, as well as historical and personal objects. These works were created by a group of modern day artists and relay the personal effect these men had on them. Marketing and communications director of the Washington State Historical Society, Julianna Verboot, mentioned, “The idea of incorporating these works of art was employed so contemporary artists could continue the conversation these men started and sparked through their inspiration.”

Once again reiterating that the Washington State History Museum will be the only museum within the Pacific Northwest to acquire the exhibition, bring your Husky ID along with you to garner free admission and don't miss out on the opportunity to experience it while you can.



PHOTO BY NICKOLUS PATRASZEWSKI  
“Men of Change: Power. Triumph. Truth.” will be at the Washington State History Museum until March 15.

## Do you remember these music hits?

Looking back at the different music hits from the last 20 years. The list for these top 10 songs come from the Billboard Year End Hot 100 Singles, which includes the best of 2000, 2005, 2010, 2015 and 2019.

List compiled by Madi Williams

### 2000

- 1 BREATHE**  
by Faith Hill  
This song spent six weeks at number one on the Billboard Hot Country Songs and peaked at number 2 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart in April 2000. Remarkably, this was the first time this had happened in 35 years.
- 2 SMOOTH**  
by Santana Feat. Rob Thomas
- 3 MARIA MARIA**  
by Santana Feat. The Product G&B
- 4 I WANNA KNOW**  
by Joe
- 5 EVERYTHING YOU WANT**  
by Vertical Horizon
- 6 SAY MY NAME**  
by Destiny's Child
- 7 I KNEW I LOVED YOU**  
by Savage Garden
- 8 AMAZED**  
by Lonestar
- 9 BENT**  
by Matchbox Twenty
- 10 HE WASN'T ENOUGH**  
by Toni Braxton

### 2005

- 1 WE BELONG TOGETHER**  
by Mariah Carey  
While Carey was fairly unpopular between 2001 and 2005 critics declare this song as her musical comeback. The song spent fourteen non-consecutive weeks at number one on both the US Billboard Hot 100 and the Hot R&B/Hip-Hop Songs chart.
- 2 HOLLABACK GIRL**  
by Gwen Stefani
- 3 LET ME LOVE YOU**  
by Mario
- 4 SINCE U BEEN GONE**  
by Kelly Clarkson
- 5 1, 2 STEP**  
by Ciara Feat. Missy Elliot
- 6 GOLD DIGGER**  
by Kanye West Feat. Jamie Foxx
- 7 BOULEVARD OF BROKEN DREAMS**  
by Green Day
- 8 CANDY SHOP**  
by 50 Cent Feat. Olivia
- 9 DON'T CHA**  
by The Pussycat Dolls Ft. Busta Rhymes
- 10 BEHIND THESE HAZEL EYES**  
by Kelly Clarkson

### 2010

- 1 TIK TOK**  
by Ke\$ha  
This song stayed at number one for nine consecutive weeks and broke the record for the biggest single-week sum of all time for a female artist- selling 610,000 digital downloads in one week.
- 2 NEED YOU NOW**  
by Lady Antebellum
- 3 HEY SOUL SISTER**  
by Train
- 4 CALIFORNIA GURLS**  
by Katy Perry Feat. Snoop Dogg
- 5 OMG**  
by Usher Feat. will.i.am
- 6 AIRPLANES**  
by B.o.B Feat. Hayley Williams
- 7 LOVE THE WAY YOU LIE**  
by Eminem Feat. Rihanna
- 8 BAD ROMANCE**  
by Lady Gaga
- 9 DYNAMITE**  
by Taio Cruz
- 10 BREAK YOUR HEART**  
by Taio Cruz Feat. Ludacris

### 2015

- 1 UPTOWN FUNK**  
by Mark Ronson Feat. Bruno Mars  
Uptown Funk topped the Billboard Hot 100 for 14 straight weeks. The song topped the charts of 19 countries and reached the top 10 of 15 others, making it both Ronson's and Mars' most successful single to date.
- 2 THINKING OUT LOUD**  
by Ed Sheeran
- 3 SEE YOU AGAIN**  
by Wiz Khalifa Feat. Charlie Puth
- 4 TRAP QUEEN**  
by Fetty Wap
- 5 SUGAR**  
by Maroon 5
- 6 SHUT UP AND DANCE**  
by Walk the Moon
- 7 BLANK SPACE**  
by Taylor Swift
- 8 WATCH ME**  
by Silentó
- 9 EARNED IT**  
by The Weeknd
- 10 THE HILLS**  
by The Weeknd

### 2019

- 1 OLD TOWN ROAD**  
by Lil Nas X Feat. Billy Ray Cyrus  
First released independently in December of 2018, the remix with Billy Ray Cyrus was released April 5, 2019. Old Town Road reached number one on the Hot 100 for a record-breaking nineteen consecutive weeks.
- 2 SUNFLOWER**  
by Post Malone Feat. Swae lee
- 3 WITHOUT ME**  
by Halsey
- 4 BAD GUY**  
by Billie Eilish
- 5 WOW**  
by Post Malone
- 6 HAPPIER**  
by Marshmello Feat. Bastille
- 7 7 RINGS**  
by Ariana Grande
- 8 TALK**  
by Khalid
- 9 SICKO MODE**  
by Travis Scott
- 10 SUCKER**  
by Jonas Brothers





Daisy Ridley, John Boyega, and Oscar Isaac return as heroes Rey, Finn, and Poe.

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## REVIEW

## “The Rise of Skywalker”



## The Good:

- Attractive set design and visuals.
- Solid performances.
- Epic.

## The Bad:

- Repeats many plot points and rehashes many characters.
- Predictable.
- Pacing issues.

## ‘Rise of Skywalker’ is the fall of a saga

The final chapter in Disney’s trilogy excites on a visual level, but suffers when it comes to storytelling and theming.

By **ANDREW BROWN**  
FILM CRITIC

The biggest movie to open over the holiday break, “Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker” is turning out to be the lowest grossing movie of this new series. Fans with high expectations eagerly anticipating the conclusion of the Skywalker saga are bound to be let down. Regardless, attending the film with some apprehension will leave viewers frustrated.

The evil Emperor Palpatine, presumed dead after the events of “Return of the Jedi,” has emerged once more and recruited Kylo Ren to kill the budding Jedi, Rey, in his bid to reconquer the galaxy. Meanwhile, Rey, Finn and Poe learn of a special positioning gadget

called a Sith Wayfinder, and cracking it just might lead them to where Palpatine is hiding. Even so, it seems possible that seductions from the dark side could turn Rey into an ally of the Sith and the Resistance’s fight against the First Order isn’t going well.

After the extraordinarily divisive audience response to “The Last Jedi,” and the generally negative reception of “Solo: A Star Wars Story,” and “The Force Awakens,” director JJ Abrams has returned as the writer and went back to the director’s chair. As a result, the film more than ever feels like an act of backtracking. Most of the tonal and character choices of “The Last Jedi” have been reversed and the style has reverted to that of “Force Awakens,” with a mostly rehashed plot along with old characters being brought back purely for their

name recognition to the fans.

The most apparent choice that falls flat is the decision to bring back Palpatine. Not only is it a shallow exercise in fanservice, but it nullifies the sacrifice made by Darth Vader at the end of “Return of the Jedi.” The same can be said for the return of Lando Calrissian, who other than one line of exposition, has no reason to be in the movie.

Not only this, but the script is awkwardly constructed with certain characters acting without proper motivation. Additionally, it’s paced way too quickly, with action set pieces stacked on top of each other without giving them room to breathe. It’s almost as if Abrams was trying to make his own correction of “The Last Jedi” at the same time as the finale, and the overall effect is two movies

crammed into one.

This shouldn’t take away from the things the movie does right, though. The action scenes are excellent and constantly keep you on the edge of your seat, nearly to the point of exhaustion. As is par with the rest of the series, it’s a gorgeous film to look at. The special effects are magnificent all over, and the art design by the legendary Rick Carter never fails to make the world of the movie believable.

John Williams, perhaps the greatest living film composer, returns to bring his ninth score in the Star Wars series, and is still at the top of his game. The performances from everyone involved are stupendous, with Adam Driver in particular as the villainous Kylo Ren emerging as perhaps the actor with the brightest future.

It therefore makes the end product that much greater a disappointment for many. Big questions that were posed in the previous films are either unanswered or given cringeworthy explanations that make you wish they were left abandoned. Furthermore, it tarnishes the impact of the original trilogy due to some truly clumsy callbacks and instead of celebrating the end of this saga, we’ll likely all be left wistfully wondering what could have been.

Crushed under the weight of its own ambition, “Rise of Skywalker” ultimately proves what I suspected when this trilogy began: that there wasn’t a cohesive plan for how the series was going to end. It owes too much to its predecessors, and while it may be a satisfying conclusion on a surface level, it’s thematically an empty one.

## SPORT REPORT

*Huskies sent Petersen out with a win in Las Vegas Bowl*

By columnist Brooks Moeller

The Husky football team finished the season on a high note with a 38–7 win over top ranked Boise State in the Las Vegas Bowl Dec. 21. Over the past few seasons, expectations have become sky high for the Husky football program and they ended the season with a 8–5 record, which was seen as very disappointing by some. This win will give the team momentum heading into 2020, where they will see a large number of changes including a new head coach for the first time in six years.

In one of the most shocking announcements of recent memory, Washington head coach Chris Petersen announced that he would not be returning for the 2020 season and beyond. Petersen has been the head coach for the past six seasons leading the Huskies to six straight bowl appearances and two

Pac 12 conference championships. He confirmed that he would coach in the bowl game where it was later announced they would be playing Boise State — Petersen’s former team where he had one of the most successful runs in college football history.

The Huskies were in control for the first half of the game, resulting in the shot out to a 17–0 halftime lead, this lead left Boise State with the inability to recover in the second half. While quarterback Jacob Eason led the Husky offense with 210 yards and a touchdown through the air, it was the defense that stepped up holding the Broncos to 266 total yards. Junior defensive back Elijah Molden was named the game’s MVP where he accounted for nine tackles and an interception, Molden recognized how big of a play his interception was killing any momentum Boise State was gaining on the drive.

“I was just a help player, so I was reading the quarterback and it was a slow-developing play,” Molden said in his postgame interview. “I kind of read his eyes and then saw the player flare

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out and took it. After that play I went toward the offense and was like okay, this is your turn to go.”

It was obvious that the players had some extra motivation to send Petersen out with a win, especially against his former team. He was able to take this program to the next level of national prominence and formed a special bond with all of his players where he recognizes the importance of a bowl game victory.

“I’ve always felt so strongly that this bowl game needs to send the seniors out the right way and catapult the program forward,” said Petersen in his postgame interview. “Every time it seems like we’ve won a bowl game, good

things have happened that next year. It’s the way you want to end it.”

Washington athletic director Jen Cohen spent no time looking for Petersen’s replacement as she handed the program over to Husky defensive coordinator Jimmy Lake. Lake has been on the Washington coaching staff since 2014 and was named co-defensive coordinator in 2016. Since Lake was able to maintain the entire Husky recruiting class this upcoming season as a top 15 class in the country, this move can already be seen as a success. He has also dedicated a large amount of his success to Petersen where he coached under him for most of his coaching career.

During the trophy presentation Pe-

tersen invited Lake to join him on the podium in order to raise the trophy together. When Lake was asked about Petersen he mentioned how he “changed my life, and changed my family’s life.”

It is clear that the program is in great hands with Lake at the helm but there are some questions he will need to answer in the future as we head into the off-season. With one of the biggest questions leaving fans wondering who will start as quarterback for the Huskies since starter Jacob Eason has declared for the NFL draft where he is projected to be a first round pick. It will be very interesting to see what Lake does differently and what carries over from the Petersen era.