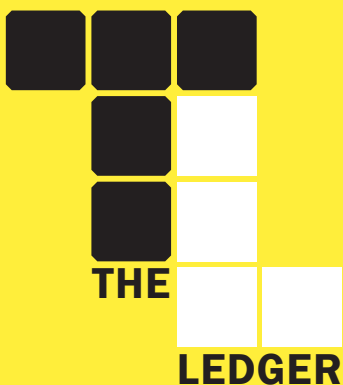


A black and white photograph of a large T-Rex statue, likely at the University of Washington's Husky Stadium. The statue is breathing a large plume of fire or smoke towards the stadium's geodesic dome. In the background, snow-capped mountains are visible. An American flag is flying on a pole near the stadium.

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Secret parking lots discovered underneath UWT

Can't find parking? There's a solution — UWT faculty members just haven't told you about it.

By LETICIA BENNETT
News Editor

1000 stalls of parking have been found under the UW Tacoma campus. The stalls, located directly underneath the Mattress Factory and the Harmon Restaurant, were uncovered after finals week when a student — who was distressed about their final exam score — wandered around campus and fell into the underground cavern which housed the lots.

According to officials, the lots were originally created for student use, but were accidentally sealed with cement and concrete before the university opened. However, unbeknownst to even UW leadership, faculty members have been using them for years.

Several students and staff members expressed their outrage after learning about the lots.

"I can't believe I never knew about this!" said Johnny Corn, a senior majoring in Sleeping Studies. "I mean, 1000 lots is a crazy amount of space. Why would our professors keep something like this from us? If everyone had known

about this when I started here, there wouldn't be any parking conflicts!"

Though all faculty found guilty have denied requests for comments, they will be making a public apology on April 32 in William W. Philip Hall, which the entire UWT community is invited to attend. There will also be an opportunity for students to release their anger at several events that will include food fights, wrestling matches and whac-a-mole.

While the lots are still being inspected for safety reasons, Parking-Mania Addict, the director of parking at UWT, believes that the stalls could be a solution to the parking crisis on campus.

"There's a lot of things we could do with this," said Addict. "This comes at such an opportune time. With these new lots we could finally get students to stop complaining. Because there is so much space, we could probably even add an amusement park down there!"

If all goes well, students may be able to use the lots beginning April 1 of the 2099–2100 school year.

No just kidding, there really isn't any secret parking lots. Happy April Fool's!



PHOTO BY LOGAN JENNY

What we just found out about the parking on campus! There's more parking spots on campus and faculty have been keeping it secret for years.

Breach in UW student database causes loss of all winter quarter grades

A truly devastating event for the UWT community.

By CHRISTIAN BELL
Opinion Editor

On March 27, a day after winter quarter grades were posted, they had suddenly disappeared without a trace. Laurie Quip, an academic advisor at UW Tacoma, was the first to notice the error during a routine registration and class scheduling appointment at 10 a.m. that morning.

"They're just....gone," said Quip after Thursday's shocking ordeal. "I tried to run an audit for a graduating senior, when I noticed none of the classes she took winter quarter were appearing."

Quip claims that she then checked the student's transcript and found all of her courses and grades had appeared except for winter quarter's.

THE BREAKDOWN:

Quip reported the incident to her supervisor who immediately emailed the DARS — the Degree Audit Reporting System — office located at UW Seattle. Mario Boffola, the Senior Associate Registrar and Supervisor of DARS claimed his office received "dozens of similar emails from students and advisers at all three UW campuses regarding the issue." They weren't alone, either. Gertrude Zahl, assistant registrar of the Registration and Transcripts Office claims her small staff of five were flooded with at least 100 calls by noon. By 2 p.m. that day, the entire

MyUW

404. That's an error.

The requested URL was not found on this server. That's all we know.

I'm sorry, your winter quarter grades are unavailable — and need to be re-done.

Office of the University of Registrar had shut down for an emergency meeting.

According to our sources, the University of Washington's lead IT team revealed to the registrars that a virus had penetrated the Electronic Academic Records System. This system contains academics data, directory information, student demographics, holds and transcript information. It also allows UW departmental staff to access student record information and advisers to make notes for student records.

WHAT THIS MEANS:

Helen Wittman, University Registrar and Chief Officer for Enrollment Information Services, reportedly announced to the Board of Registrar's and leadership team via email Saturday night that the loss of winter quarter

grades is beyond repairment.

"Unfortunately, the damage is far too substantial," Wittman said. "Our IT team worked non-stop Thursday and Friday without any luck retrieving the lost files. Worst case scenario, students will need to repeat their respected courses."

An official statement was also released by UW president Anna Blague yesterday morning, which deemed the news as "potentially devastating for our UW community."

THE AFTERMATH:

The news of the breach and it's expected consequences are now reaching thousands of students in our UW community. This news is also crushing for those students who may have to repeat their courses — especially for seniors. UWT senior Natalie Fran, who antici-

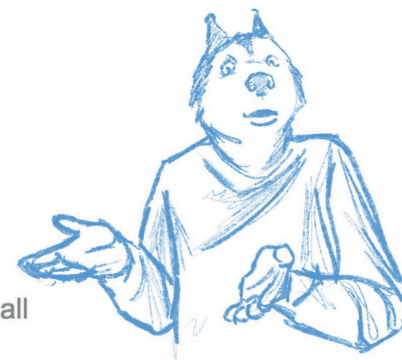


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pated receiving her degree at the end of spring quarter, explained her frustrating circumstance.

"I'm double majoring in psychology and economics," Fran said. "To know that the hardest required courses I've ever taken at UWT will need to be re-taken is simply... traumatic."

Protests for UW to re-compensate students for lost classes are scheduled to occur later this week. There are also rumors of other students planning to sue for emotional re-compensation.

UW's chief administrators, IT team and leaders are currently working around the clock to find solutions to quench the flames. As for the virus, they aren't sure what to call it.

One suggestion has been the SIKE virus — Sike, happy April Fools day!

UWT announces new underwater basket weaving degree

UW Tacoma's new Bachelor of Arts in Underwater Basket Weaving is part of the university's plan to diversify degree offerings starting fall quarter of the 2019–20 academic year.

By MEGHAN RAND
NEWS REPORTER

Beginning fall quarter 2019, UW Tacoma has announced plans to offer a new academic program in Underwater Basket Weaving. The degree, which will be part of the School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, integrates the complex artistic skill of basket weaving with the physical challenge of being underwater for prolonged periods of time.

"We are so excited to be expanding the school of IAS," said Dr. Tentacles, the

leader of the new program. "This degree reflects UWT's commitment to diversity, and we truly believe that students from any program will benefit from the artistic value and complex skill this type of discipline provides."

Underwater basket weaving is a growing industry in the Pacific Northwest, and has become increasingly popular with college students. Colleges, such as Evergreen State College, have also begun offering related programs. UWT's goal is to keep up with the growing demand and continue to foster innovation.

Over the course of four years, students in this field will sharpen their skills on both sides through a combination of textbook reading, building an artistic portfolio and hands-on field work. The mandatory capstone class for this major is a challenging course where students will be required to design and host a live, public exhibition of their underwater creations.

Some example courses include "TBASK 101: Fundamentals of Basket Weaving," "TBASK 213: History of Underwater Art" and mandatory safety



course titled "TBASK 200: Fundamentals of Diving," where a grade of 2.0 will be

required for entry into the major.

The program will begin offering seven courses during fall 2019, and will eventually expand to 10 courses that following spring. Students from other programs are encouraged to take these classes to fulfill their Visual, Literary and Performing Arts (VLPA) requirement that is needed for most UWT degrees.

Disclaimer: While you're registering for your first class in the Underwater Basket Weaving major, remember: this isn't a real major and there's no courses that offer this. Happy April Fool's Day!

City of Seattle announces NBA expansion franchise

By TYLER WICKE
NEWS REPORTER

After 11 miserable seasons without our beloved SuperSonics, the city of Seattle rejoiced Friday morning when NBA Commissioner Adam Silver announced the return of an expansion franchise.

The Seattle SuperSonics — who will keep their original name — will return to the Western Conference in time for the 2021–22 season.

Much of the delay is attributed to the renovations of KeyArena, the former — and future — home of the SuperSonics. With an \$850 million renovation in the works that was once thought to primarily service Seattle's coming NHL franchise, the Sonics will additionally return

home to a city yearning for basketball.

"It is my privilege to announce the expansion of the NBA back to this great city of Seattle, a community that once witnessed a heartbreaking departure over a decade ago," said Silver, who addressed the media on the breaking news. "With the ongoing renovations of KeyArena and the outcry for basketball in the city, awarding Seattle a team was simply a no-brainer."

The NBA currently consists of two conferences — the Eastern and Western Conferences — with 15 teams in each. As part of the NBA's expansion agreement, each conference will add an additional team in order to keep each conference equal in size.

The SuperSonics will return to the

Western Conference, but as noted earlier, they are not the only city with a franchise headed its way.

Kansas City will additionally home an NBA franchise and will begin to play alongside Seattle for the 2021–22 season. This is for good reason — though the cities differ in opinion on who deserves a basketball team more, it seems as if both will have their wish granted.

Typically, it is near impossible for an expansion team to see success immediately upon existence. When first introduced to the NBA in 1967, the SuperSonics were just 23–59 in their inaugural season. But recent news could give Seattle quite an advantage with their return.

Kevin Durant — an NBA superstar and one of just two remaining players to

have donned a Sonics uniform — has committed to play for Seattle once the team returns. Durant played one season with the team before their relocation to Oklahoma City.

Durant also carries with him the ability to lure other superstars to Seattle. James Harden, drafted by the Thunder soon after their arrival, will become a free agent in 2020. Russell Westbrook, who was drafted by the Sonics six days before their relocation, will have to wait until 2023 to sign with another team — but don't rule out a career-ending return to the team that once drafted him.

Though all three were once teammates, Harden and Durant left Oklahoma City in 2012 and 2016, respectively. But if the three were to reunite in

Seattle to make a championship run, the trio could end their careers in storybook fashion, bringing a championship to Seattle — a city that let their team get away.

If you're excited for the 2021 season, don't be — I'm just kidding. I hope this wasn't too brutal.



COURTESY OF SPORTSCENTER

Kevin Durant (right) could lure superstars Russell Westbrook and James Harden back to Seattle.

Huskies in the hallway:

COMPILED BY: KELSIE ABRAM

UW has decided to change their mascot. If you could pick a new mascot for the university, what would it be and why?



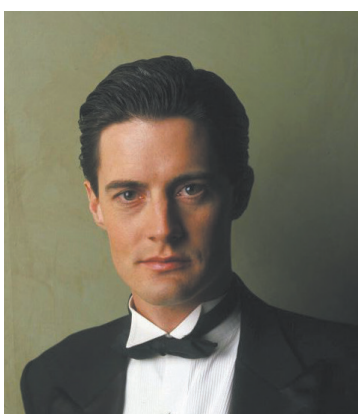
Rainn Wilson
Freshman
Paper Sales

"Definitely the UW Bears. Fact: Bears climb faster than they can run, and they love salami. It's only the most obvious choice."



Anna Faris
Sophomore
Theatrical Parody

"I'm not sure. But whatever they decide on, I think it should be something that really screams out at you. Almost like a scary movie — but in a good way!"



Kyle MacLachlan
Junior
Mystic Studies

"I think UW should consider the idea of not changing the mascot, and instead just moving the campus to Twin Peaks, WA. My girlfriend, Laura Palmer, says some really interesting stuff happens there!"



Detlef Schrempf
Senior
Double Dribble Economics

"I would say the UW Sonics, but I just heard the SuperSonics are coming back to Seattle. One day, I hope to play for the Seattle SuperSonics! But a guy can only dream..."



Kenny G
Professor
Jazz and Sensual Scatting

"Our university should consider breaking the status quo — make our mascot a beautiful, shiny brass saxophone. Playing some sweet, jazzy tunes before any game is the true key to school spirit."

DISCLAIMER: Happy April Fool's Day! These are not current UW students, but famous and notable alumni — and still Huskies — of the University of Washington.

5 fresh and natural ways to prepare for summertime

Are you ready for summer? These dirt face masks will get you in the mood!

By ELLA LUCENTE
MANAGING EDITOR

Ah, spring time — the season to pull out those floral dresses and gladiator sandals, prepare for the upcoming summertime, hit the gym to gain that “summer body,” and most importantly, focus on getting clearer skin, soft luscious hair and a good tan. Here are five do-it-yourself tricks and tips to take advantage of before the summer comes!

DIY CHEETO TANNING OIL

You will need:

- 1 large bag of Cheeto Puffs
- 1 stick of butter

Want a sweet tan like President Trump? We have the remedy for you! Empty the bag of Cheeto Puffs into a food processor and mix well. In a separate bowl, microwave the butter until fully melted, then pour it into the food processor and mix the two together. Finally, rub the concoction all over your body and immediately lay in the sun for 10 hours, allowing the mixture to really soak in. Rinse and voilà! You'll be as crusted and dusted as Trump himself!

KALTEEN BARS ACTUALLY WORK!



PHOTO BY NATALIE PEYTON

Want clearer skin for summer? Try the dirt masks — and don't forget to rinse with bacon grease!

You will need:

- 1 Kalteen bar

We all have watched — and loved — “Mean Girls.” We retweet their memes, we binge watch the movie until we can quote all the lines, and we try their foods — more notably, the Kalteen bar. However, they lied to us! Regina's notorious Kalteen bars from Sweden are actually meant to “burn up all those carbs!” So if you really want to lose those three lbs.,

go on Amazon and buy some of these nutrition bars!

DIY DIRT FACIAL MASKS

You will need:

- 1 solo brand cup
- 3 cups of dirt
- 1 cup of water

Dump the overpriced Lush facial masks, and go for something even more natural! Start with getting a simple solo brand cup, and use it to go into your garden to shovel three

cups of dirt from your garden into a bowl. Then, add the water, and mix gently into a paste. Put the paste all over your face, and allow to soak overnight. In the morning, rinse gently, and make sure to moisturize your face with bacon grease for the dirt to come off easier. Clear skin calls for a happy summer!

EAT PIZZA CRUST FOR BOUNCING, CURLY HAIR

You will need:

- 1 box of your choice of pizza

It's been said that the consumption of pizza crusts correlate with gaining that bouncy, curly hair that many women slave hours away working on. If you want the most luscious and soft curls, try eating the crusts off pizza! There is no set time for how long to eat the crusts, but studies have shown that if you eat pizza crust at least four times a week, your curls will become volumized waves in less than 10 days.

VINEGAR DEODORANT TO MANAGE B.O.

You will need:

- 1 bottle of apple cider vinegar

Is your body odor so bad that you avoid those stylish tank tops during summer? Fear not, for apple cider vinegar is here to save the day! The disgusting smell of apple cider vinegar helps mask the B.O., which is a true win-win for everyone! So go to your local grocery store, pick up a big bottle of this bad boy, and smell like vinegar all day long!

There you have it! Five fresh and natural remedies that will prep and prime you for summer. However its safe to say none of these will actually work because HAPPY APRIL FOOL'S DAY!

‘The Office (U.S.)’ is getting a reboot, but there’s a catch

Attention all fanatics of ‘The Office’ — the day has finally arrived, and your prayers have been answered.

By JENNY LAM
A&E COLUMNIST

Since last year, rumors have been circulating about a reboot when “The Office” cast reunited on “Saturday Night Live” to beg Steve Carell to reprise his role as Michael Scott. While this may have seemed to be just another “SNL” skit at the time, it turns out that our favorite mockumentary series is back, subtly announcing via Twitter that “The Office” is officially rebooting in summer 2019. However, there's a catch.

Executive producer Howard Klein and showrunner Greg Daniels have made a few changes to the workplace comedy. Daniels and Klein appeared on “Good Morning America” on March 18, where they explained their commitment to fixing Hollywood's diversity problem — starting with the critically acclaimed series “The Office” — where 90 percent of its original cast were played by white actors.

Netflix has recently released a statement on March 17 about the series reboot — as they have secured full production rights for a tenth season, which will only be available to stream exclusively on Netflix. There's no official release date yet, as they are still filming.

Carell has also broken the news about the reboot via Twitter, introducing the new man who will take on his legendary role as Michael Scott — Eric

Andre, creator and host of “The Eric Andre Show” on Adult Swim.

“I mean, he's certainly not a model boss [Michael Scott],” said Carell. “A lot of what is depicted on that show is completely wrong-minded. That's the point, you know? But I just know that he [Andre] is perfect for the part, the role suits him.”

Netflix has also confirmed that the tenth season has replaced the entire cast — except for Kaling, who will remain as Kelly Kapoor. Old faces from the original series have been replaced by well-known Asian actors — a hand-

ful of them from the cast of the popular rom-com “Crazy Rich Asians.”

“I was honestly shocked about the casting — I couldn't believe they all agreed to it,” said Krasinski, who portrayed Jim Halpert throughout the original series. “There are a few big names in there that we haven't heard from in years, some I thought were dead. But I love the idea [of the reboot] and I'm looking forward to it.”

Considering what a staple many of the old faces were to the fictional paper company of Dunder Mifflin, it's truly a step forward for Hollywood

being able to look past the decision of re-casting the same people and opening up the roles to newer and more diverse actors — especially to those who aren't typically visible in mainstream media.

Aside from all the changes in casting, most of the original writers are here to stay. Ricky Gervais, Michael Schur (Dwight's cousin Mose), Kaling, Novak, and Lieberstein have all agreed

to return as writers, with new additions to the writing team such as Michael Cera, James Franco and Seth Rogen.

“It's not going to be exactly the same, obviously, but it's better than nothing,” said Rogen.

Disclaimer: Sorry to get your hopes up, but this is an April Fool's joke. However, if you're a producer or director interested in this idea, email me at Lamjen@uw.edu and let's talk.



COURTESY OF NETFLIX.COM

This is a dream come true for Asian-Americans.

NEW CAST MEMBERS

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