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Guiding a new era: First Gen Fellows

First Gen Fellows offers workshops to help students navigate life.

By LORE ZENT
NEWS REPORTER

A first generation student is a student whose parent or guardian has not completed their college degree to a Bachelor's level. Fifty-six percent of students at UW Tacoma are first generation students, based on Autumn 2018's enrollment results. To ensure success and stability for students, First Gen Fellows provides multiple workshops and resources open to the student body.

Yanira Pacheco Ortiz, first generation student initiatives coordinator, explained that their workshops are structured in a way to help guide students throughout the year. Autumn workshops focus on navigation, winter will focus on empowerment and spring with center around leadership.

"The goal of these workshops is to expose people to resources on campus and to connect them to faces — people — in those units for the resources they may need," Ortiz stated. "Our

programs are designed for First Gen, but they are beneficial for all students."

First Gen Fellows has also started a new cohort program. The cohort will be a small community of 20 students. Some of the benefits these students will receive include monthly "lunch and learns," access to all workshops, the opportunity to be a peer success mentor and they also qualify for a \$200 book scholarship. There are two application periods: the one in autumn has already closed, but the other period will open in winter. This cohort is designed for sophomore, returning and transfer first-generation students.

Another First Gen initiative is the 'We Are the First Generation.' This is a returning campaign in which first generation staff, faculty and students can share their story or biography through online submissions. The biggest inspiration for this campaign was to create solidarity and encouragement for other first generation students. Submissions for this year's

campaign are now closed and those selected will have their stories published on the First Generation Fellows webpage, turned into a poster for West Coast Grocery and will be acknowledged next month during the National First Generation Celebration on November 8.

The First Generation Initiatives Office provides several resources for students to readily access, from programs on campus to connections with community members. First Generation also promotes its office as a place where students can feel safe.

"It's a place to study or have a meeting," Ortiz said. "Students come here to eat lunch, use the microwave or fridge. Many people just come here to connect and ask questions ... You have to provide safe places for students to do that without fear of being judged."

"Share what you know, don't be afraid to ask. Be comfortable saying that even if you don't know what to ask that it's okay not to know."



PHOTO BY NATALIE PEYTON

Paola Jean C. Chua, Operations Assistant at First Gen Fellows

First Gen Fellows will host their next workshop on Scholarships and Fellowships information.
Date: October 22nd
Location: Dougan 101.
If you have any questions, you can email them at firstgen@uw.edu or stop by MAT 213.

Autumn Quarter Events

Academic Advising Tools	Oct. 24
Study Abroad Informational	Oct. 28
Time Management	Oct. 30
Handshake	Nov. 13
String Interest Inventory	Nov. 18
How to Apply for FAFSA	Nov. 20
Networking Event	Dec. 4

Huskies in the hallway:


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How do you feel about changing 'Columbus Day' to 'Indigenous People's Day?'




Hali Hirsi
Freshman
Biomedical Science

"I'm not sure. I've never heard of Columbus Day."




Stefan Gryniewski
Sophomore
Global Studies

"I'm fine with it, it seems reasonable."




Savannah James
Junior
United States History

"I'm all for it. I'm actually Native American and find Columbus Day abhorrent."



Micah Gelber
Senior
Sustainable Urban Development

"I support it 100 percent."



Linda Ishem
Faculty
Professor in Urban Studies

"I'm all for it. I think it's been too long overlooked in many ways."

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Rep. Derek Kilmer met with ASUWT's Executive Board and Senate members, holding a dialogue on the concerns that students have on the obstacles of getting a degree.



ASUWT meets with State Rep. Derek Kilmer

Representative Derek Kilmer met with ASUWT to discuss problems college students face.

By MITCHELL FERMO
NEWS REPORTER

Members of ASUWT met with Representative Derek Kilmer to discuss problems and inhibiting factors which college students face — and especially which UW Tacoma students face. The dialogue, held on Oct. 11, covered such topics as mental health resources, food insecurities, parking around campus and support for recently graduated students, among other talking points.

Kilmer, a native Washingtonian and member of the Democratic party, represents the 6th District of Washington State in the U.S. House of Representatives. His district covers all of the Olympic Peninsula, most of the Kitsap Peninsula and most of the city of Tacoma.

One of the main discussion points ASUWT brought to Kilmer was with mental health and mental health services around campus. Student leaders shared that there have been steps made to improve student access to counselors, such as permitting more than three visits a quarter now, but that more steps need to be taken. Student leaders wanted to see more access being given to recent alumni as well as more counselors who accurately represent the diversity of UWT's campus.

Kilmer shared that access to mental

health resources was one of the biggest concerns students and educators had shared with him.

"It's important that we get rid of the

Kilmer responded that there is currently a House Bill — called the "Pell Plus Act of 2019" — that he is sponsoring which would amend the Higher Education Act 1965 and establish the Pell Plus program.

stigma of receiving treatment for mental health problems," Kilmer said. "Mental health came up as a problem with all four of the other campuses I have visited this week. I cannot go to a K-12 school without mental health being brought up within the first five minutes."

The rising costs of student loans and how students can afford tuition was another major talking point. Student leaders mentioned how student debt continues to increase. Kilmer re-

sponded that there is currently a House Bill — called the "Pell Plus Act of 2019" — that he is sponsoring which would amend the Higher Education Act 1965 and establish the Pell Plus program. This program would, in short, allow eligible students in an eligible institution to triple their Pell Grant amount.

"Part of the reason we work on these issues is to improve access to higher education," Kilmer said.

Kilmer and student leaders also talked about the problem of food insecurity. Kilmer said that there are food insecurity problems all around the 6th District. Recently, there have been proposed changes at the federal level to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Those changes, which would eliminate automatic qualification if they receive support from other federal programs, would potentially reduce the total amount of people eligible for the program by 3.6 million.

One of the requirements for students in higher education to qualify for Basic Food, Washington State's SNAP program, is to work for 20 hours a week. Student leaders expressed concern that under the current 19.5 hour for student employees at UWT, students do not qualify for food assistance programs as a student employee alone.

The problem of parking around

Tacoma, and especially parking around UWT, was discussed. With this talk, Kilmer placed an emphasis on Washington State's need to improve its public transportation system, and especially support the light rail systems in Tacoma and Seattle.

"Our state is behind in how we developed our mass transit," Kilmer said. "I'd rather focus on moving people than moving cars."

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Kilmer also mentioned that an upcoming initiative could place much of the funding for mass transportation projects in jeopardy. The initiative, I-976, would limit the tax on annual vehicle license fees, commonly known as car tabs, to \$30. Mass transit projects like the light rail expansions for Seattle and Tacoma rely on vehicle excise taxes collected within King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties. The \$30 car tabs would cut state funding by \$1.9 billion, according to Washington's Office of

Financial Management.

Other topics touched upon included recent imprisonment of Uyghurs in concentration camps by the Chinese government in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, the problems that Native Americans face in reclaiming their heritage from the trauma of American Indian Boarding Schools and the different bills which have been approved in the House of Representatives, but have not gone through the Senate due to never being brought to the Senate floor. Kilmer remarked that many of the bills passed by the Democrat controlled House die in Republican Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's "bill graveyard."

Despite this, though, Kilmer provided a lasting message to the student leaders about change.

"Keep at it making a difference," Kilmer said. "Not just at the university level, but at the city level, at the state level, and especially at the national level."

ASUWT's Director of Student Technology John Nguyen believed that Kilmer's visit to UWT was an important one.

"It was great to meet with Representative Kilmer," Nguyen said. "He was really interested and cared about our district, and our students."

Opinion: Volunteering in nature reconnects us to our roots

The act of volunteering alongside nature reconnects us to our roots, and enlightens our perspective on environmental stewardship.

By **ALYSSANDRA GOSS**
OPINION COLUMNIST

Natural greenery lovingly surrounds us here in western Washington — Mt. Rainier's looming and ever present "kingship" ensures the great outdoors is hardly ever forgotten or ignored. Despite our awareness of cascading trees and abundant wildlife, our interconnectedness to the environment is drastically compromised.

Whether this is due to technological distraction or disinterest in outdoor ventures, it is clear our interests have peaked elsewhere — so how can we catalyze environmental consciousness?

One possible solu-

tion is individual and community participation in environmental volunteer efforts. Active work alongside nature — such as tree planting or habitat restoration — will inspire individuals to reconnect with their roots.

There is an endless supply of volunteer opportunities in surrounding community organizations — such as Pierce Conservation District and King Conservation District. These districts hold community habitat and water quality assessment programs, as well as tree planting parties and agriculture participation events.

For instance, PCD is currently accepting volunteers — through an online application — for their Gleaning Project where individuals harvest in-season fruits and vegetables. Instead of food being wasted, it is harvested and donated to local food banks such as The Salvation Army. KCD also hosts native plant nursery events — twice per month — where volunteers participate in maintaining local plant life.

Paul Provic, the Civic Engagement Specialist at the Center for Service and Leadership, encourages and supports students to participate in volunteer opportunities — such as Break-Away trips to the Nature Conservancy at

Buford Park. According to Provic, this trip awakens environmental consciousness and allows students to recognize their relationship with the Earth.

"If we aren't willing to be part of the solution by volunteering our small actions or mind toward this cause we will not effectively combat climate change," said Provic.

Service trips, such as BreakAway, highlight our interconnectedness with nature and centers our minds towards sustainable living. This consciousness will inevitably awaken awareness of climate change effects in our community.

"Without the value of sustainability in our thoughts and actions as a way of life we will always catch ourselves repairing our relationship with nature instead of learning to live in it," Provic warns.

Living alongside nature — working in the dirt, observ-

ing wildlife, examining its processes — will transition our society away from simply acknowledging its existence. The environment is more than a photo opportunity — it is a chance to learn and experience nature in a new way. These moments bring us one step closer to repairing our relationship with the great outdoors.

The degradation of the environment is clear, but not all hope is lost — banding together as a community and volunteering alongside nature will catalyze environmental consciousness. It is the answer to long term, sustainable practice and is a simple solution to the complicated climate change equation.



ILLUSTRATION BY BRUNO MARQUEZ

Opinion: 3 things to do when life doesn't go 'as planned'

Learn how to make the best out of unexpected situations.

By **CHRISTIAN BELL**
OPINION EDITOR

If you were to tell my ten year old self that I wouldn't be living in an apartment at 18 and getting engaged to "High School Musical" curly haired actor, Corbin Bleu at 22, I'd probably think you were crazy. Alas, twelve years later, Corbin Bleu is happily married — not to me — and I'll be moving out of my parent's home for the first time at 22. Life doesn't always go our way — and that's okay.

There's an old saying which claims, we are the authors of our life

stories. However, I find life has far too many plot twists for this to be completely true. Rather, I liken life to a choose your own adventure tale, where the story is already written but you can choose how you'll react to the situations presented to you. In that sense, we are co-authors with fate. How we react to the curve balls life throws at us is crucial to our ability to grow and progress through our story.

Will you hit the ball and keep running or you will you stop playing because it's not what you expected?

But I understand — this is often

easier said than done. Some situations we face in life are incredibly hard. If you find yourself stuck when life doesn't go your way here are a few tips that may help:

REMEMBER TO BREATHE

When I learned the final class I needed to complete my minor had been cancelled — I panicked. My breaths became short and shallow as thoughts of what this would mean for graduation and my ability to start a job raced through my mind. So I tried slow and deep breaths. After I took control of my breathing, I was

able to drum up a few alternative solutions. Sometimes, you just need to take a deep breath to work your way through a rough patch. Breathing exercises are a great way to reduce anxiety and stress. Try to take slow, deep breaths and take a minute to think if you find yourself frustrated with an unexpected turn of events.

DON'T SHY AWAY FROM HELP

It's okay to seek out help or advice. When my grandmother died during finals week last Spring, I wasn't quite sure what to do. I'm grateful for the professors, family and friends I have

as they helped me get through the rest of the quarter. If you're struggling, reach out to a trusted family member, friend, councilor, therapist or clergy for help.

KEEP GOING

Often we find ourselves fighting life — determined to tell it what to do rather than letting it be. But if we continue to do this we miss out on how beautiful life can be and the opportunities it can bring. Don't hone in on the negative. Cherish your life, each moment and always choosesomething that will propel you forward.

Opinion: End the violence to women in Chinese camps

Uyghur Turks are facing ethnic genocide under the rule of the Communist Party of China, as part of the Uyghur series, this piece explores the women that are tortured and put through horrendous situations.

By **BENGISU INCETAS**
OPINION COLUMNIST

The rise of social media recognition for international conflicts are rising in number of views and people choosing to partake in spreading it through different outlets such as Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, etc. We have seen this with past and current problems such as the crisis in Sudan, Somalia, Kashmir, the murder and assault of women in Turkey, military coups and attempts, war outbreak and violence in different parts of the Middle East and in several different regions in the world.

This next part of the series focuses on the Uyghur women held in concentration camps in Xinjiang — as evidence was found of them being in critical condition in these camps.

Shannon Molloy provided quotes on the outlet News.com.au of Uyghur women that have been in the camps and what they were forced to endure.

“We

had to stick our arms out through a small opening in the door,” said 54-year-old Gulbahar Jalilova, explaining the injections doctors repetitively injected them with. “We soon realised that after our injections that we didn’t get our periods anymore.”

The conditions that the women have to go through are absolutely inhumane and do not differ from the Nazi concentration camps that Jews and many other ethnic groups were placed in.

“In the past, Uyghur women who were detained in camps and now live in western nations have told of being forced to abort babies — including late in the term of pregnancies” said Molloy.

The pictures and testimonies given by Uyghurs should be enough evidence for leaders in power to impose sanctions against China and stand in solidarity for the many humans killed in the unspeakable torturous experiments and acts that are practiced on them.

In 2013, an article by Radio Free Asia went more in depth of the abortions Uyghur women are forced to go through with.

“My wife was injected by doctors at 11 p.m. on Wednesday and she gave birth at 5 p.m. the next day. My son was crying when he was born.” said Memet-tursun Kawul. “The doctors in the hospital tried to save him but failed, citing the abortion drug that had already been injected. My son died an hour after he was born.”

U.S. based Women's Rights Without Frontiers, an international coalition focused on forced abortions, sexual slavery and related problems in China, explained the number of children Uyghurs are allowed to have. In the suburbs they are allowed to have three, in the city they are only allowed to have two.

Along with abortion, the camps for these women are undeniably the worst place to be. The women's ages in these camps can range from teenagers to women in their 50's.

Journalist Bitter Winter

retrieved reports from China, explaining the strict rules and capacity of the rooms in the camps. “One needs to pass through three entrances to get into the detainees’ living quarters: the first is a security door, the second is a locked iron gate, and the third is a small gate in the iron fence. There are 36 people in each small room with three-tier iron bunk beds surrounding the desks and stools for classes in the middle. Four video cameras are installed in each room and even in the bathrooms to monitor the women.”

This rule is fascist, with the surveillance and oppressive situations that the women are put through. There are many more incidents where women are allegedly becoming deranged from being in cramped cells of several women and being restricted from speaking their native tongue or doing anything that the authoritarian rule will disapprove from.

“To shower, hundreds of women are herded into one bathing room where they wash themselves without any privacy, guards observing them” said Bitter Winter.

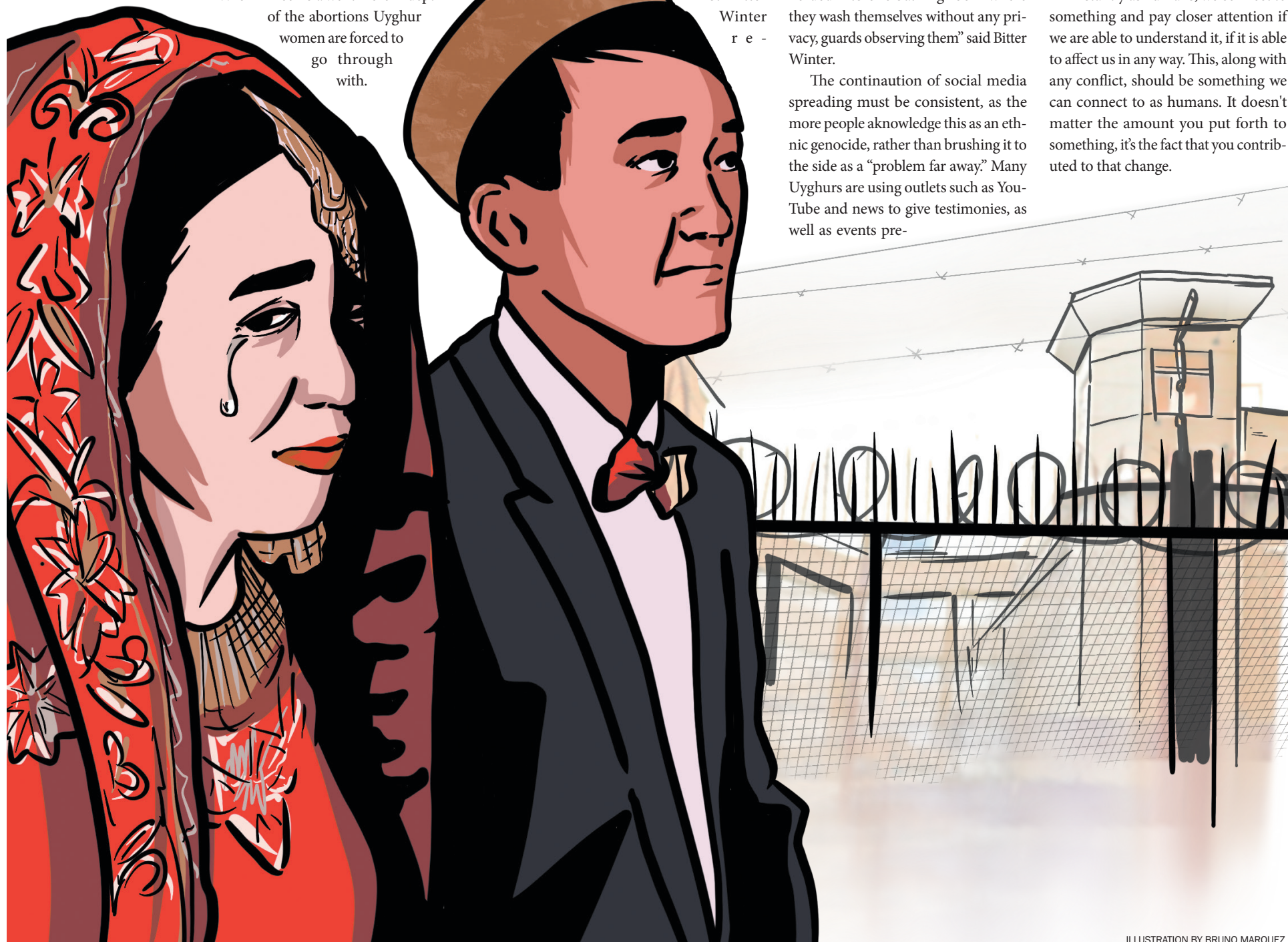
The continuation of social media spreading must be consistent, as the more people acknowledge this as an ethnic genocide, rather than brushing it to the side as a “problem far away.” Many Uyghurs are using outlets such as YouTube and news to give testimonies, as well as events pre-

pared locally to explain and give a more in depth description of what they or their family members/acquaintances endure under such government regulation.

The problem is not with religion, as there are many Chinese converts Muslims in China. The problem is that leaders in the Chinese government don’t want Uyghurs Turks to be situated in the Xinjiang region, and anywhere else in China. This is ethnic genocide, and the government is trying to erase the Uyghur culture and people completely.

Being on the other side of the world, we must first educate ourselves on the Uyghur Turks, then the structure of the Chinese government, and see if we are able to do anything in solidarity locally. The most important thing any university, government and organization can do is acknowledge that this is happening, and do outreach to people who may have or know someone who has the resources to make a change.

Instantly as humans, we connect to something and pay closer attention if we are able to understand it, if it is able to affect us in any way. This, along with any conflict, should be something we can connect to as humans. It doesn't matter the amount you put forth to something, it's the fact that you contributed to that change.



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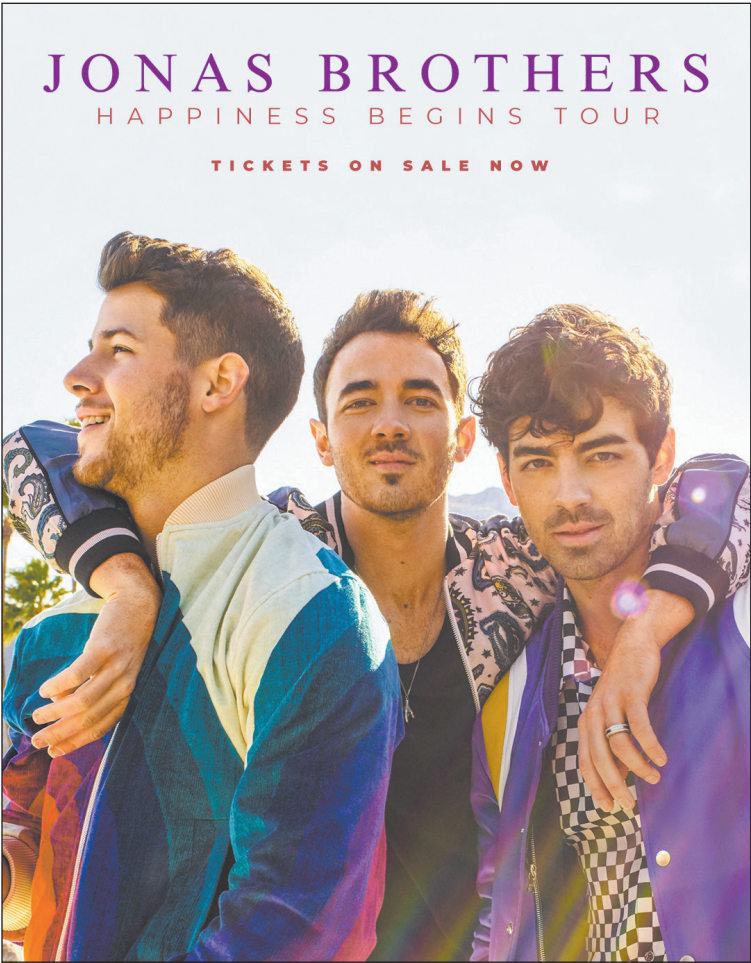
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Jonas Brothers headline the Tacoma Dome with the ‘Happiness Begins’ tour

With a blend of nostalgia and new branding, the Jonas Brothers welcome fans — new and old — to their musical journey.



Caption goes here.

PHOTO BY LEDGER

By MEGHAN RAND
A&E EDITOR

For longtime fans of the three heart-throbs, the Jonas Brothers’ concert was a chance to live out childhood dreams. Originally Disney Channel sensations, the three teenage boys — Kevin, Nick, and Joe Jonas — performed as a trio, playing catchy, poppy, ‘PG’ rated love songs. They captured the hearts of teenage girls everywhere, between starring in Disney Channel productions such as the movie “Camp Rock,” and their release of music. Between 2005 and 2013, the group produced four studio albums before breaking apart to focus on solo endeavors.

Early in 2019, though, the band came together once again for the release of their single, “Sucker,” which put them back on the charts, and back on people’s minds. Their fifth album, “Happiness Begins,” was released on June 7. Along with the smashing success of this album, the band embarked on the tour, with opening acts from new artist Jordan McGraw and American singer Bebe Rexha.

With two talented opening acts, Bebe Rexha really stole the show, inviting an excited fan on stage to

dance, interweaving messages of female empowerment, and performing easily recognizable hits, such as a cover of Post Malone’s Billboard hit, “Better Now,” and her own pop hit “Meant to Be.” Fans came away from the performance with a positive mentality, ready to hear their favorite brothers sing.

The anticipation heavily filled the arena, the crowd going crazy every time they thought they saw somebody coming onto the stage. When the brothers finally descended from the ceiling, the applause was deafening.

From that point on, the band really focused on and played into the nostalgic aspect of the tour, while bringing the audience up to speed on how the band is angling their appearance for the future. Many old, popular fan favorites were played, as all of the loyal fans — myself included — sang along. Songs such as “SOS” and “Year 3000” caused a chaos of cheers from the audience. The nostalgic songs largely dominated the set list — with only a handful being 2019 releases — notably “Sucker” and “Cool.” The band also partnered together and covered some of the members’ own solo releases. Nick Jonas’ “Jealous” was

performed by the trio, as well as the song “Cake by the Ocean” — sung by the band DNCE, where Joe Jonas was the lead singer between the years 2015 and 2019.

When all the lights went dark at the end of the concert, many thought the concert was ending and began to head for the doors. The brothers returned for an epic finale — performing their old song “Burnin’ Up,” complete with fire that warmed the whole arena.

In all, the concert was enjoyable and very feel-good. For dedicated, long-time fans, the night was one of ample nostalgia and the satisfaction of remembering hearing old, loved songs performed live - once again, or maybe for the first time. Newer fans might have been slightly disappointed by not hearing many of the band’s newer releases, however. The concert as a whole felt like a good recap session, bringing everyone up to the latest happenings with the Jonas Brothers. While the tour of nostalgia was nice, it was most refreshing to see the three rebranding themselves in a more grown-up way, while not forgetting their successful beginnings. Fans are at the edge of their seats waiting to see where the Jonas Brothers take things next.

10 Spooky authors to read for spooky season

In the mood for a spooky read but don't know where to start? Look no further!

By MADI WILLIAMS
A&E COLUMNIST

Everything has its season — clothes, makeup, TV shows, and movies — where different things will be in style depending on the time of year. Books also have their own seasons, and in the month of October, it is spooky book season — which includes horror, thrillers, and lots of psychological thrillers. If you want to partake in spooky book season but have no idea where to start, no need to fear — these 10 spooky authors have books that will satisfy your horror book hunger.

STEPHEN KING

King is known for his horror books but some of his big horror books are “It,” “The Shining,” “Pet Cemetery,” and “Salem’s Lot.” If you’re in the mood to add some recommendations to your movie watch list as well, most of his most popular novels have been produced into pretty good movies.

JAMES PATTERSON

Patterson writes within a couple different genres, one of them being thrillers. Some of his more recent books are “Juror #3,” “The President is Missing,” “Womens Murder Club” series, and “13 Minute Murder.” Many of his thriller books are novel forms so you can pick up a book without the worry

of being in the middle of a series.

GILLIAN FLYNN

Two of Flynn’s books will sound familiar — one is a movie, and the other is a mini TV series through HBO, but the books are honestly better than the show and movie. Check out “Sharp Objects,” “Gone Girl,” and “Dark Place” to read during the Halloween season. Flynn’s novels are sure to give you goosebumps.

JOHN SAUL

Saul writes suspense and horror books ranging from supernatural, hauntings, crimes, and much more. If you want a wide range of different types of horror books, this is the author for you. “House of Reckoning,” “Suffer the Children,” “Midnight Voices,” and “Sleepwalk” are Saul’s most notable novels.

AJ FINN

Finn only has one book — “Woman in the Window” — and it has been a popular hit, with plenty of twists and turns. The book is even being made into a movie, which is code for “we are going to turn this really good book into a movie and try and make it just as good.” Read the book before you see the film to make this decision for yourself.

CAROLINE KEPNES

Kepnes is also one of those authors that has recently had a book put into a

TV series on Netflix and is coming out with a second season notably in December — “You.” Her book “Hidden Bodies” is also great for spooky season.

PETER BLATTY

Blatty wrote the “The Exorcist,” which was a book before the movie — and if you’ve seen the movie you know how creepy it is, so just imagine reading it. If you haven’t seen the movie, the book is about a demonic possession of an 11 year old girl and the attempt to exorcise the demon.

IRA LEVIN

Levin’s “Rosemary’s Baby” — another book that has been turned into a creepy movie — is a classic, so why not read it and be freaked out? If you haven’t heard of the storyline, it follows a mother who believes that her newborn is not from the earthly world. The success in this book in the 1960’s helped make the horror genre in the success it is today.

ALEX MICHAELIDES

Published earlier this year, “The Silent Patient” has had many reviews about how suspenseful it is and how people can’t put it down, wanting to know what happens. A wife has acts of violence towards her husband, and a therapist who is obsessed with trying to figure out why the wife did what she did. An unsettling story to set the ambi-

ance for your Halloween holiday spirit.

ALEX NORTH

Also published this year, North’s “The Whisper Man” is a horror fiction, psychological thriller, about a 20 year old murderer who has been caught, but as the same type of crimes continue,

and the investigator wants to solve the crime. How the Whisper Man would target his victims was by whispering at their windows at night, and if that isn’t creepy and sound super realistic like and episode of “Dateline,” then you are a braver soul than most.

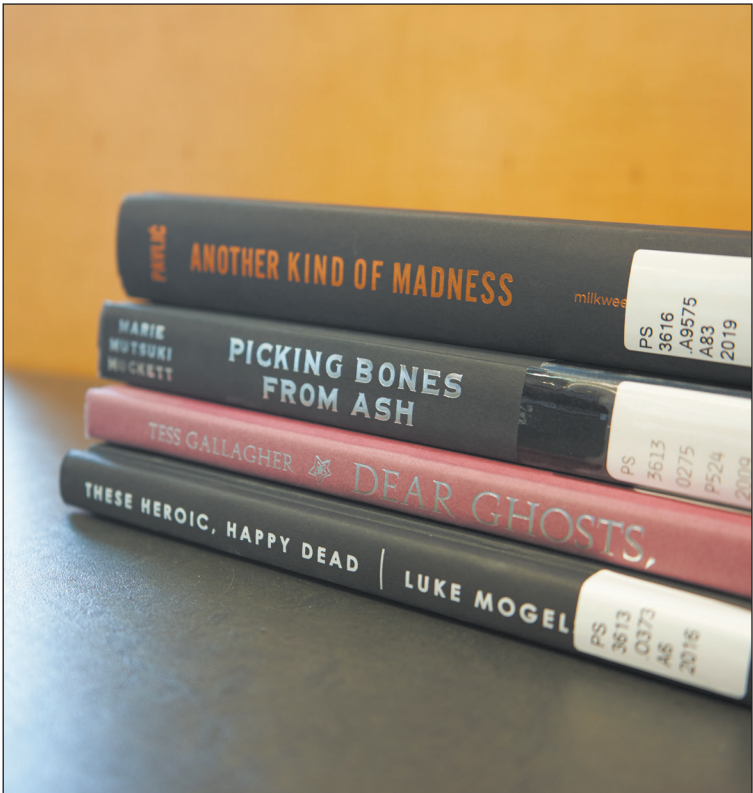


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A snapshot of some spooky books.



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Will Smith plays Henry Brogan in his newest film "Gemini Man."

Will Smith vs. Will Smith in 'Gemini Man'

Will Smith's newest action film 'Gemini Man' gives you two Wills for the price of one.

By **ANDREW BROWN**
FILM CRITIC

It's a familiar story — the old dependable guy is fading due to age and fatigue of the job, and the big corporation behind his exploits has a plan to replace him with someone better, who turns out to be none other than his younger self. What's ironic is that this describes not just the plot of Will Smith's newest action film "Gemini Man," but also the meta narrative of this new special effects trickery that presents Smith as we saw him thirty years ago in "The Fresh Prince of Bel Air."

Will Smith is Henry Brogan, premier assassin, and the best there is. When he tries to retire, his agency feels the need to replace him with a secret program called Project Gemini. Soon, Henry comes face to face with his greatest opponent yet: his own clone.

"Gemini Man" is your typical fun, summer blockbuster, only a couple of months late to the party. The studio Paramount likely figured the fading star of Smith wasn't enough for the movie release to compete with the behemoth of Disney and their never ending Marvel sequels, so releasing "Gemini Man" in October gave it a chance to shine.

It's a shame too, with a few script tweaks, the movie could have been the sleeper hit of the year. Director Ang Lee is familiar with action, and this film contains some pretty solid action scenes. The intriguing premise makes those fight scenes even more engaging — I mean, who else could be a better match for an aging assassin than his younger, quicker, and stronger self?

Smith is also quite good in the role. Especially in the dialogue scenes with himself, which to make work in a movie, is not as easy a task as one would think. It does help that the special effects putting two Smith's on screen together are seamless, with the effect of young Smith being pretty convincing.

Unfortunately, it's everything around Smith that's rather lackluster. The story is disappointingly basic, bad guy makes clone and sends him to kill and replace the original. The music is forgettable, and the locations are used awkwardly in the narrative — characters zig zag across the same three spots of Georgia, Columbia, and Budapest so many times, that they probably qualify for frequent flyer miles.

The filmmakers tried to raise interesting questions about the ethics of cloning, especially as soldiers in war. But they didn't really know how to address them, or explore in detail. There was a moment where the villain — played by Clive Owen with a barely passable American accent — talked about families losing their loved ones due to war, and how cloning would avoid that issue.

He does have a point, but he's still talking about humans dying. Additionally, the fact that Henry's younger clone is also a world class assassin implies that being a ruthless killer is somehow coded within his DNA, which makes as much sense as saying he has great acting ability in his DNA as well.

On top of this, throw in some hazy social commentary on privatized military outfits and absent fathers making their sons good killers, and a little bit of CGI magic on Smith's face,

and you have this movie. If it all feels like a film belonging to the 90's — that's because it was written in the 90's, and only finally was produced now.

I am curious to see where this digital technology that makes actors look young again will go in the future. Soon Martin Scorsese's "The Irishman" will do the same to Robert De Niro. Whatever the case, it appears "de-aging" is a word now, and Hollywood stars will likely have new language in their contracts preventing studios from using their likenesses like this after their death.

While the idea isn't something we haven't seen before, the movie is worth watching. It would be easy to lampoon Owen's line "It's like watching the Hindenburg crash into the Titanic," and apply it to the film. But it's a serviceable action ride you can munch popcorn to. If you haven't seen "Joker," then that's still in theaters, and there's the animated "The Addams Family" if you're already in the Halloween mood. But this is fine.

REVIEW

"Gemini Man"

★★★★★

The Good:

- Exciting action.
- Well done effect de-aging Will Smith.
- Incredible acting by Will Smith.

The Bad:

- Formulaic plot.
- Bland music and set design.
- Predictable.

SPORT REPORT

By Brooks Moeller



Although football takes most of the spotlight during the fall, there are many other Husky sports thriving and making a big impact as we reach the halfway point in most of their seasons. UW athletics have proven that they are a force to be reckoned with in any field or court of play — and that has not slowed down early in the year.

Husky volleyball has shown that they are a national title contender once again after an incredible 12–3 start to the season. This included a 3–1 win on the road over Stanford — who was ranked #1 in the country at the time. This marked only the fourth time the Huskies have defeated Stanford in Palo Alto, and the first time since 2007.

The Huskies now find themselves ranked #11 in the country as they continue to battle through Pac 12 conference play. In the upcoming week, they will be heading on the road to face Colorado and Utah before coming home for a pair of highly important games, with top ranked USC and UCLA.

If they keep playing up to their potential, the Huskies could very well find themselves in the NCAA tournament for the eighteenth year in a row. The win over Stanford gave this team the confidence that they can take on anyone in the country, and will make a run at their second national title in school history.

Moving from the court to the pitch, the Husky men and women's soccer teams both performed well in their seasons thus far. The men are currently ranked #2 in the country, sporting a 10–1 record, including wins over top ranked Stanford and Michigan State earlier in the year.

Leading the team has been redshirt sophomore Lucas Meeks — who has scored six goals this season. Meeks was the hero in the team's upset win over Stanford last week, where he scored the game's winning goal in the 105th minute, thanks to an assist from junior Blake Bodily — the team's point co-leader.

"As soon as I played it out there, I found my way into the box and really just trusted Blake was going to put that one in there," Meek said in an interview with The Daily, "Lucky enough, it landed right at the back post where I was, and I gave it everything I had."

This was a monumental win for the Dawgs as it propelled them to the top of the rankings and made them a legitimate contender for the national championship. The farthest the team has advanced in the tournament is the quarterfinals back in 2013, but this year's squad has their eyes set on a championship.

The women's soccer team has not fared as well as the men thus far, but they are still holding their own as they battle for a spot in the NCAA tournament. The team currently sits at 8–3–2 after a huge win over nationally ranked Arizona in Seattle. This win moves the Huskies up to third place in the Pac 12 and will most likely find themselves ranked once again.

This upcoming week the Huskies will go on the road to play Colorado and Utah before finishing the regular season at home for the final three games, including the Apple Cup versus Washington State.

Remember: your husky card can get you into all UW sporting events excluding football and basketball for free, so be sure to catch your Huskies in action before the season is over.