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MOVIE REVIEW:
ZOMBIELAND COMES BACK
FROM THE DEAD

Land restoration on campus

Conserving water by as many means possible.

By **MADELINE HILLER**
News Reporter

This past summer, UW Tacoma's Facilities Services began to replace the original 1997 irrigation system around the center stairs of campus, between the Walsh Gardner and Garretson Woodruff Pratt buildings. There has been construction and trenching taking place with the installation of new pipes and valves. The hope for this project is to reduce the campus' total water consumption.

The project was intended to finish by the start of autumn quarter, but faced a setback that resulted it being delayed by five and a half weeks. Facilities Services on campus faced the challenge of finding an irrigation maintenance supervisor and hiring them, which took about three and a half weeks. The digging and replacement was wrapped up by Oct. 25. Now, the next step for the project is the replanting of native plants, which

is expected to be completed by the first full week of November.

Tessa Coleman, associate director of Facilities Services, discussed how all parts of the project contribute to the reduction of water consumption — from the upgrades to the system, to the planting of native greenery, including tulips.

"We hope to reduce the consumption of water by 50% at the end of the project," said Coleman.

The cost of this project was built into the maintenance fund. The irrigation portion was the largest and most expensive part of the project, but since this was done mostly with in-house people and no contractors, the budget is still on course.

Facilities Services also plans to involve students who actively participate in environmental sustainability in the replanting effort.

"Some students will be helping with the replanting process because student engagement is a better investment," Coleman said.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

'Liberate Hong Kong, the revolution of our times'

Submitted by Ho-Yeung Chu

Dear Editor,

On the eve of talking on a trade war between China and the United States, sports between China and the United States were suddenly politicized. NBA commissioner Adam Silver has hardened his rhetoric after a storm erupted when Daryl Morey — general manager of Houston Rockets — expressed supporting Hong Kong protest as his perspective. On Oct. 4, he had posted a picture to twitter which the picture in the tweet had indicated "Fight for Freedom, Stand with Hong Kong." However, the post was deleted afterwards. He claimed he could not represent the whole team. Also, both the NBA and the Rockets have men-

tioned in statements that Morey's "Inappropriate Speech has deeply hurt a lot of Chinese fans." At the same time, Americans were unsatisfied with NBA because they thought Morey should have freedom of speech and NBA should not control their employees to say something might opposite to their thought.

It's been the fourth month for the people of Hong Kong people fighting for freedom. They are asking for five demands. Including "completely withdraw the extradition bill," "recall the characterisation of protestors as rioters," "free all the arrested protestors and drop their charges," "thoroughly investigated the Hong Kong Police Force abusing of

power" and "full implementation of the chief executive and legislative council for a genuine Universal Suffrage."

There were a million and two million of Hong Kong people joined the demonstration about withdrawing the bill, but the government had not done anything to make the situation better. While Hong Kong people were doing protest, HK government asked HK Police to flog fellow protestors. Keep shooting tear gases to protestors and keep catching young people abusively and with violence — no matter if they are protestors or innocent. Hong Kong is a society with rule of law and these things should not have happened.

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Huskies in the hallway:

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How are you planning on celebrating Halloween?



Tyler Le
Freshman
Computer Science

"I'll be spending my time with friends."



Hallie Berlage
Sophomore
Accounting

"I'll be giving out candy at my house."



Évelyne Staab
Junior
Environmental Sustainability

"I'm going to an international mole day event for Chemistry — I just want the extra credit."



Gary Livingston Jr.
Senior
Environmental Science

"I'm not working that day, so I will be relaxing and handing out candy."



Emma Cheriell
Faculty
Program Coordinator at Psych Services

"I'm originally from England so Halloween has been interesting to experience. I'll be spending it by passing out candy to the neighborhood kids."

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Legal Pathways to host panel on restorative justice

The “Road to Repair” panel discussion will deal with how to make a community safer and more accountable.

By MITCHELL FERMO
News Editor

UW Tacoma's Legal Pathways — in partnership with Dr. Cynthia Howson's Community Based Justice class — will host a panel discussion centering around restorative justice on Oct. 30, during Husky Hour in CP 108. The seminar, titled “The Road to Repair: Restorative Justice in the Aftermath of Violence and Harm” will feature two members of the Tacoma community: DeVitta Briscoe and Shalisa Hayes. Students do not need to register ahead of time to attend the event.

Director of Legal Pathways Patricia Sully discussed how events like this help students learn more about the different ways to participate in criminal justice reform. Legal Pathways — an on-campus organization aimed at promoting and building legal opportunities for students interested in careers in the field of law — have hosted similar events in the past to show students the different opportunities available for those interested in law, criminal justice, alternatives to criminal justice, and reformation of the system.

“Legal Pathways supports students who are pursuing law school and traditional legal work, as well as students interested in law-related careers,” Sully said.

Briscoe and Hayes will lead and facilitate discussion on how to improve community awareness and accountability, how survivors are affected and how to address violence, all in the scope of restorative justice.

Both Briscoe and Hayes have lost loved ones due to violence, and it was from their losses that inspired and motivated them to work within their communities. Briscoe, who is the survivor network coordinator for the Community Justice Project, lost her son Donald McCaney in 2010 due to gun violence and her brother Che Taylor in 2016 by Seattle Police. She has worked with the city of Tacoma's Gang Reduction Project, the “A Better Seattle” campaign — which seeks to end youth violence — and helped to push for police reform through initiatives to curb police usage of deadly force. She has also helped to increase transparency and fairness in officer-involved shootings.

Hayes, a grief coach and member on the Survivor Advisory Board, lost her 17-year-old son to gun violence. From her loss, she helped to secure funding and pushed for the construction of a community center in Tacoma's Eastside. In October of 2018, the Eastside Community Center opened, featuring modern community center amenities like a pool,

recording studio and several child, senior and community programs. Hayes also founded M.O.M — Mothers of Magnitude — which is a peer support group for mothers who have lost children.

Legal Pathways offers several resources for students interested in the legal field. They help students interested in law school, connect students with local community justice programs and groups and show how laws and policies play out in our daily lives. Every third Thursday of the month, Legal Pathways hosts a workshop to help prepare students for law school. They also hold several panels and discussions on different aspects of law and policy, such as restorative justice and community justice.

“Restorative justice is a fascinating field and UWT actually has one of the foremost experts here on campus: Professor Barbara Toews,” said Sully. “It is my hope that students who walk away inspired by the presentation explore what opportunities are here for them to learn more about this area in one of Professor Toews' courses.”

For more information about Legal Pathways, please visit their website:
<https://bit.ly/2pRWi23>



COURTESY OF LEGAL PATHWAYS

Legal Pathways holds numerous events, from panel discussions to getting students into the courtroom, such as this event from last year.

Annual Day of Caring returns to UWT

Students look to connect and create a positive impact for our community.

By LAUREN ZENT
News Reporter

Oct. 19 marked UW Tacoma's ninth annual Day of Caring — a community service event. This year's projects included Earth Lab, the UWT Giving Garden, St. Leo's Food Connection and Metro Parks. Student volunteers were dispersed into four different project groups based on their site preference.

Earth Lab focused mainly on how the environment affects the community, wanting to instill readiness and resilience. The group traveled to various locations distributing a survey to several of Tacoma occupants. Two questions were asked: “What environmental challenges do you face?” and “How are you coping with them?” The project surveyed a variety of people.

“We had the opportunity to interact with the homeless community and it was definitely a special experience because I got to translate for some of them, Spanish speakers, because they don't really have a voice to speak upon problems here in the environment when if it consists of mental health to, like, the air that they breath in,” said Junior Daniela Quiroz, a Criminal Justice student with a minor in Spanish.

Students also had the chance to volunteer at the Giving Garden, UWT's community garden, located on the corner of 21st and Fawcett. They pulled up invasive weeds, planted succulents on the green roof and mulched several areas. The produce grown at the Giving Garden will be given to The Pantry and several associates.

“The work we did allows the garden to keep providing fresh produce, and that feeds food insecure students on campus,” said Willow Raeburn, a junior Pack Advisor majoring in Ethnic Gender and Labor Studies. “It also goes towards our community partners like St. Leo's to make sure people don't just have microwave meals when you are food insecure but fresh produce that's good for them.”

At St. Leo's Food Connection, students bagged bulk oatmeal, separating them into smaller bags to be distributed to the public. They also escorted clients to available food and supplies, bagged their items and escorted them out to their vehicle if assistance was necessary.

“I'm an older student, so I've had a connection with St. Leo's since I was fifteen when I was a runaway,” stated Heather Swanson, site leader for the St. Leo's project and Social Work graduate

student. “I would go to St. Leo's when they have the hot food there... It was interesting today with the dynamic; I was not the one standing in line. I was serving those who were in line ... There was a lot of impact for me personally.”

The Metro Park's group spent the day restoring Titlow Park on 6th Ave. They learned about invasive, non-native species of plants and how to identify and remove them. The plants which were given the most attention to were Himalayan blackberries and ivy. Towards the later half of the day they shoveled, wheelbarrowed and evened mulch.

Many students agreed that this was an eye-opening experience. Several expressed interest in wanting to participate again, and also encouraged other students to join next year.

“There's a lot you can do as a volunteer,” said Tiffany Eaton, Healthcare and Leadership student. “I think I made an important impact just because I showed up. I showed up to make a difference, to be engaged and just be aware in issues we do have. I don't think we can solve anything unless we are aware.”

Quoriz also believed their experience volunteering at Day of Caring to be beneficial.

“It's a great opportunity to build con-

nections, not only with the community but with your peers as well,” Quoriz stated. “Today I made new friends. Today I got invited to new clubs, basically

hang out with new classmates to interact with. It's a great experience. It's not about the hours, it's more about the connections that you make.”



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Students work hard at their designated volunteer site.



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Come out for some spooky fun competition at our annual Halloween Dodgeball Tournament on Wednesday, October 30 at 7pm! Prizes will be awarded for best costume(s) and winning team.

**VISIT THE Y
TODAY!**

Opinion: How you can help the Uyghurs

To conclude the Uyghur series, this final article will be based upon what Uyghurs want from our society and how we are able to help their current situation.

By **BENGISU INCETAS**
OPINION COLUMNIST

The Uyghurs are facing ethnic genocide in the concentration camps around the Xinjiang region. An escalating amount of detained women, children, men and elders endure inhumane treatment by the Chinese Communist Party as the rest of the country is silent — often due to restricted media awareness on the matter.

This is an ongoing issue, and will not stop until enough people are aware and express this unacceptable form of treatment to high officials.

It is time for change, and it's easier than we think. Whether it's a five second repost of data concerning the number of deaths and detainments inflicted on Uyghurs, or simply creating your own post and sharing it amongst the community, you are assisting in spreading awareness — which is a form of solidarity.

Gulnaz Uighur, an Uyghur activist, informs the public about how people can help using social media platforms, listed on The Muslim Vibe.

"Write letters, tweet them [government officials] on social media, tag them on Facebook or try to petition them. Ask them to call out China and stop them from wiping out our community," said Uighur.

Facebook is a good platform to utilize in terms of finding events near your community that advocates for the rights and freedom of Uyghurs and offers a space for them to give testimonies.

In addition to the testimonies, the Youtube channel titled "Uyghur Aid" has hundreds of testimony videos of Uyghurs explaining what their people must endure in these camps. The more views they get, the better the understanding.

Remember, this is an ethnic genocide. A lot of Uyghurs are Muslim, therefore part of the torture they endure is being forced to eat pork, drink alcohol, and dress unaccordingly to their religion.

With the Chinese Communist Party wanting

to erase the Uyghur culture completely from China, it is only right to continue spreading and gaining knowledge on their traditions, customs, music, art and history.

Save Uighur, a non-profit that is powered by Sound Division, offers a step by step process to make a political change for this conflict. The first step in this as listed is to call Congress, with a text ready for both the House and Senate. The second is to contact representatives and lastly to tweet to elected officials.

There are events planned specifically by the Peace Catalyst, in which they have scholars speak upon the conflict, which events like this were at UW Seattle and other places in Washington State. Being up to date on their social media is crucial for future events.

If you're having difficulty understanding the full conflict, BBC News has a longread titled "China's hidden camps; What's happened to the vanished Uighurs of Xinjiang?" by John Sudworth, it offers more in depth information about the location of the camps and testimonies of people who have been persecuted but escaped from this.

Ablet Tursun Tohti, a 29 year old Uyghur past detainee explained what he had to endure in that longread. "We sang the song called 'Without the Communist Party There Can Be No New China... And they taught us laws. If you couldn't recite them in the correct way, you'd be beaten,'" said Tohti.

Supporters for Uyghur human rights have been partaking in boycott towards all Chinese owned and Chinese manufactured goods. Alibaba, Wish and Anker are all China based companies.

According to an article titled "U.S. businesses, now owned by China" by Ed Leefeldt on

CBS News, American companies such as Motorola Mobility, Ingram Micro and General Electric Appliances are owned by China.

China plays a big role in the international economy world and manufactures many of the goods we own, but it does not justify that it is a country that holds concentration camps.

Every voice counts,
no matter the
amount it

can project to the community. Contact your Congressional representatives. "There are two bills in the U.S. Congress to address human rights violations against Uyghur Muslims in China, Senate Bill (S. 178) and House Bill (H.R. 649). Find your representatives here and ask them to support this legislation," which was retrieved from the Peace Catalyst International.

As a UW Tacoma student or faculty member who wants to contribute in spreading awareness of this conflict, the Representatives of the City of Tacoma to contact would be Councilmembers Chris Beale, Anders Ibsen, and Catherine Ushka.



ILLUSTRATION BY BRUNO MARQUEZ

Opinion: 3 reasons not to skip class

If you think cutting class is a great idea, you might want to think again.

By **CHRISTIAN BELL**
OPINION EDITOR

It's week six, which means for many, the back to school excitement has fizzled. In its place are groans of dread as students prepare themselves for midterms, group projects and never-ending lectures. In times like these it's hard not to slam your hand on the snooze button and sleep through your class. However, here are a few reasons why you may want to think twice before doing so.

IT'S A WASTE OF MONEY

Skipping class is like buying a ticket to a concert you'd never see — a huge waste of money. In fact, one report from USA Today College, found each class at an in-state public university costs \$30. This doesn't seem too bad until you take into consideration

that the more classes one misses the more money they waste. A 2015 survey conducted by the app Class120, found students missed 240 classes before graduation. USA Today College reports this totals to \$7,200 over the course of four years at an in-state public institution. Which goes to show that when you skip class, you aren't just missing a lecture — you are throwing your tuition down the drain.

PROFESSORS DO CARE

Just because professors can't grade students on attendance, doesn't mean they don't care whether their students show up. Believe it or not, the professors at UW Tacoma put a lot of time, energy and effort into their lessons. I've read syllabuses where one can tell the professor has put their life's work onto each page. So, when students skip — especially on a consistent basis — it

can feel like a jab. Much like turning in a wrinkled or stained essay, skipping class shows a lack of care. Furthermore, if a professor feels that you do not care about their class, they might be less inclined to help you if you fall behind, write you a letter or recommendation or develop a positive opinion of you as a student.

LOWER GRADES

Key notes for tests, pop-up quizzes, clarifications about assignments, class announcements and much more are shared in class. When you skip class, you are missing this information and putting your grade at risk. In fact, one study from the University of New York at Albany, found in 2010, that attendance was a better predictor of grades than studying skills and SAT scores. Don't put your grade on the line for a few more minutes of rest.



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6 spooktacular fall date ideas for you and your ‘boo’

Take a break from pizza and Netflix binge marathons with these fun date ideas.

By **MEGHAN RAND**
A&E EDITOR

When the weather cools down and “sweater weather” begins, couples everywhere bunker down and take shelter under blankets, binge watching Netflix and having movie marathons. While taking shelter from the weather is a great way to spend time with your “boo,” sometimes it gets redundant.

If you’re looking for cute dates to go on to celebrate the fall season, look no further. Fall is one of the greatest seasons, and with this list, you can find all kinds of great ways to embrace it with that special someone.

GOING TO A PUMPKIN PATCH

There are ample reasons why this is a great date idea. For one, being out in the chilly weather is a great excuse to get close to that special someone. Also, more and more places also have been setting up places for cute photo opportunities, so you can get a cute Instagram worthy photo with them too. Then, once you’ve strolled the patch and found the perfect pumpkins, the two of you can have fun carving pumpkins together. As a bonus, going to farms is a great way to support local businesses, and they’re always very reasonably priced, so this won’t break the bank.

HAUNTED HOUSES AND SCARY MOVIES

If you’re anything like me, jump scares are not your thing. Going on a date with someone special to a haunted house or watching a scary movie is another way to get close to them, as they can comfort you if you start getting too spooked. Scary movies are a classic spooky season date idea for this reason: being close to someone while you’re scared can be super romantic!

CORN MAZES

If you’re looking for a quick way to test yours and your boo’s compatibility and teamwork skills, corn mazes are a good way. Some places even offer haunted corn mazes, which can be a great way to celebrate the scariest time of year. Pair this with some fresh warm apple cider or a pumpkin spice latte, and you have the perfect opportunity to show off your fall fashion and spend time with someone special.

FALL HIKES

Not a lot of people love getting out and about in dreary weather, but if you’re like me, — and a Washington native — the cold and wet weather doesn’t stop you from getting out and exploring our beautiful state. Again, being out in the elements can be romantic, as it gives you a perfect excuse to cuddle up to your date to stay warm. Due to the weather,

the trails aren’t packed like they usually are when we get our notoriously nice summer weather, and this is a great way to enjoy all of the beautiful fall colors. Plus, no mosquitoes.

MOVIE MARATHONS

You, your boo, and all eight “Harry Potter” movies. Or, watch a bunch of Halloween movies together. Pick up some festive snacks — such as the cartoon sugar cookies everyone loves for holidays — get in your comfy clothes, and bundle up together for a day to watch some old favorites. This is a good option that’s inexpensive, indoors, — so you don’t have to face the weather if you don’t want to — and something that’s a little more special than just watching Netflix.

GETTING CREATIVE TOGETHER

If you go somewhere like Target this fall, they have cardboard pumpkins you can buy for a couple bucks and paint together. Or, going somewhere like a Paint n’ Sip, where you paint and drink wine — if you’re of age — is a great option, too. One place that is a favorite of mine is The Painted Plate in Olympia. For \$45, you and your date each get a drink and a piece of pottery to paint together. When the project is done, you both have something cute to hold onto to remember the time you shared. Please drink responsibly.

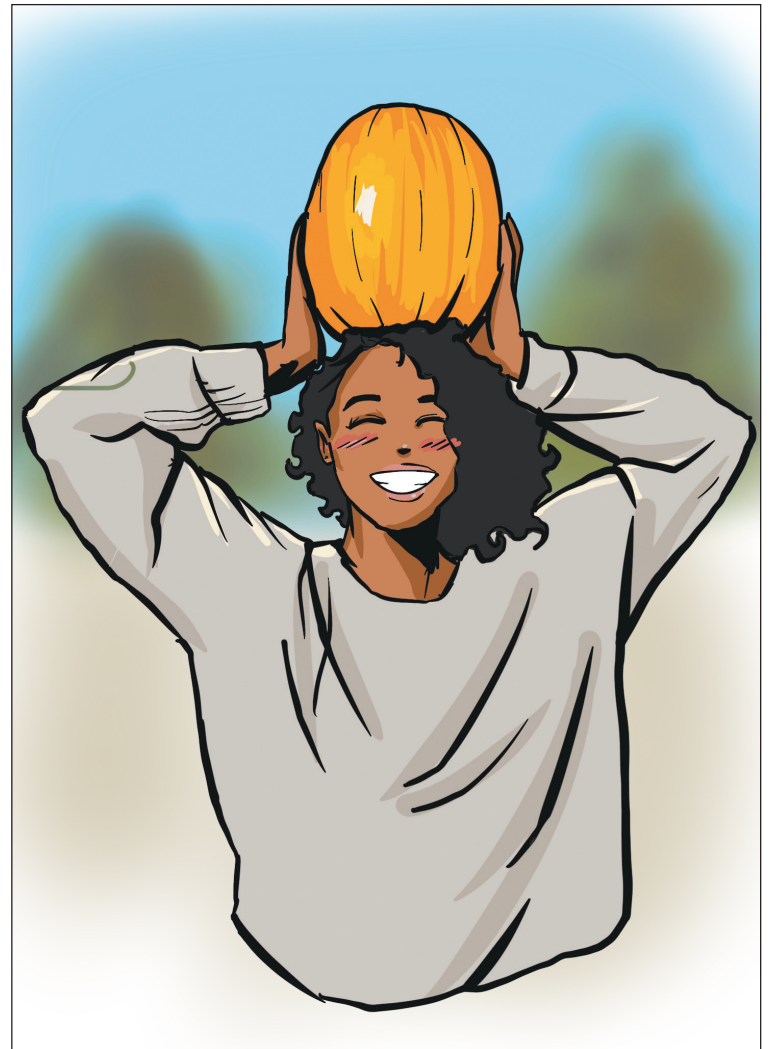


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Last minute ideas for Halloween costumes

In need of a costume for the spooky season? Fear not — a listicle is here to save your Halloween.

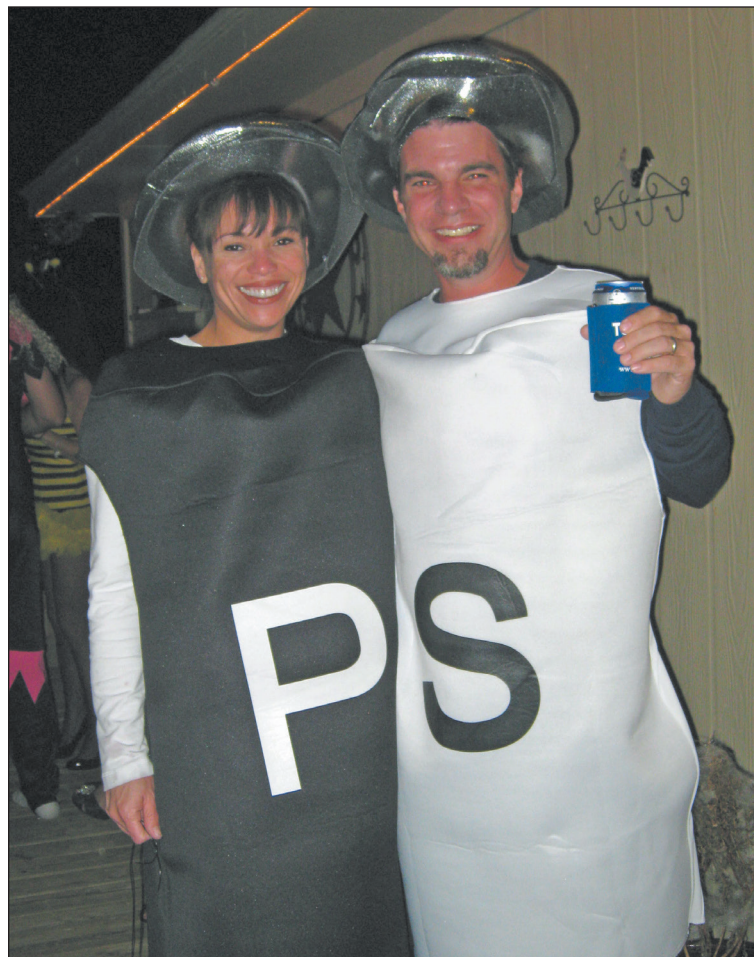


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One of the easy and affordable ways to dress up for a last minute Halloween party.

By **MADI WILLIAMS**
A&E COLUMNIST

Do you ever get invited to a Halloween party a couple days before the Oct. 31 and you have no idea what to wear? You don’t have the time to go to the Halloween store or have the money to spend \$40 on something you are only going to wear once, and you might not go because you don’t have a costume? Don’t miss out on going to a party because you don’t have a costume — just take a look below at these easy last minute costumes that will surely win any contest this Halloween.

ANY TYPE OF ANIMAL

This one is pretty easy. You would have to go out and buy the animal ears or wings or tail, — unless you have those laying around — and then wear your normal clothes as the fur or skin of your animal. For example, for a butterfly you would wear all black — pants, shirt, dress, skirt — and buy the wings and antennas and face makeup if you want to get glam. For a cat, wear whatever colored clothes you would like for the fur, buy just ears and a tail, and use face makeup for the whiskers.

WALDO

Based off of everyone’s favorite book of finding the man in the red striped shirt in a crowd of people, all you will need for this costume is a red and white striped shirt, red and white striped beanie, and fake glasses.

SCARECROW

This outfit of a classic farm decoration is found in the closet of anyone who owns a flannel — which could be anyone living in Washington state. You will need any color flannel, jeans, boots, and a straw hat. If you want to get fancy, get some fake hay and put it at the ends of the flannel and boots so it sticks out, and do your makeup to make the scarecrow face.

SALT AND PEPPER

This is a couple outfit that is very simple. One person wears a white shirt and and puts a black “S” on it. The other person wears a black shirt and puts a white “P” on it.

PAC MAN

A group costume idea. One person is Pac Man by either getting a Pac Man shirt, or cutting a pac man shape out of cardboard and coloring it to look like Pac Man. Have your friends get colored shirts to match the ghosts, draw on the eyes, and cut the bottom of the shirt to

make the ghost waves.

STEREOTYPICAL ELDERLY PERSON

This one is for people who want to be comfortable while at a party. You will need pajamas, a robe, slippers, bed head, and a mug. Super simple, and you don’t even have to match because old people don’t care about everything matching together.

DOMINOES

All you need to be disguised as this simple game is a black shirt, black pants and white dots. On the shirt, put a certain number of dots, and then on your pants do a different number, and then you will be a domino. Easy as pie.

ONESIES

If you really want an easy costume, and one that you will continue to use when Halloween is over, just get a onesie. You have so many to choose from and you can wear them anytime of the year with no shame.

TINDER PROFILE

Something that every college student has seen in their lives. All you need is one of those paper hats that preschoolers make but instead of a turkey you make a flame. Then you get a white shirt and make the “X” and the “<3” and your name and age. Bam — you’re a Tinder profile.

Opinion: Washington hunters support conservation efforts

When accomplished properly, hunting is a sustainable practice that improves habitat and wildlife restoration efforts.

By **ALYSSANDRA GOSS**
OPINION COLUMNIST

Thanks to developments in the food industry, the accessibility and abundance of food has skyrocketed — one quick trip to the grocery store and a meal is provided.

For generations, however, our way of life relied upon hunter-gatherer fundamentals — so what happened to this mentality? As technology improved, did hunting become obsolete?

According to this year's data — configured by the US Fish and Wildlife Service — there are 179,316 paid hunting license holders in Washington. For these individuals, the hunt is still a primary way of life — evidently, this activity is alive and well in our neck of the woods.

Since hunting is still prevalent in our society, it is important to distinguish the role hunters play in wildlife and habitat preservation. While many may perceive hunters to be cataclysmic dominators of the environment — which may be true in some cases like poaching — they actually contribute greatly to conservation efforts.

For instance, the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act of 1937 — or rather the Pittman-Robertson Act

— ensures money is consistently going towards improvement of wildlife habitats. Due to heavy wildlife degradation in the early 1900s, legislation passed this federal excise tax in order to fund restoration projects.

A 10 percent tax on all handgun purchases, and an 11 percent tax on all rifles, ammunition, and archery equipment purchases, are required through this act. Essentially, hunting equipment purchases are directly supporting wildlife conservation.

Furthermore, in 2016 the US Fish and Wildlife Service distributed \$1.1 billion to the states for conservation projects — funds that were accumulated by both the Pittman-Robertson Act and Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act. Due to needing the necessary hunting equipment, hunters are constantly contributing to restoration and conservation efforts through their purchases.

However, economic incentives are not the only reason hunters support conservation. In regards to the evergreen state, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife has two primary goals. The first is to protect wildlife and the second is to create hunting opportunities — with this in mind, it is clear to see that hunters

rely on healthy ecosystems to maintain healthy game populations.

For example, Erik McDonald is a lecturer at UW Tacoma who hunts during archery permitted seasons. Introduced by his father, McDonald has been hunting for approximately 20 years — while by no means an expert on the topic, his experiences in the woods and dedication to sustainable practice exemplifies the typical hunter.

McDonald explained that the key component to sustainable hunting and conservation efforts is the protection of habitat — without science-based land management practices, the wildlife in that ecosystem providing the hunt will be unfavorably impacted.

Another upside of habitat purchases with revenue from hunters is that it benefits every species in that area, not just those that are hunted.

“Let's say we bought ten thousand acres of elk habitat, and secure this large chunk of land, all of the wildlife in that area will benefit from the protection even if the focus is on the game animals,” McDonald stated.

While hunting is no easy task — with one particular hunt lasting him 20 days with no results — McDonald said that the experience is a reward-

ing one.

McDonald further explained that hunting has allowed him to provide his own organic, non-antibiotic meat — in essence, he is no longer supporting the environmental controversy surrounding factory farming.

If an individual is able to provide their own meat source, then the need for factory distributed meat is no longer a necessity. Seen in this light, hunting has the ability to conserve unnecessary water and energy usage. This self-sufficiency goes a long way in terms of sustainability and anthropogenic climate change difficulties.

UW Tacoma senior Mason Ward also hunts, and has witnessed the benefits hunting can bring to communities. While his last hunt was in 2013, he has several years of previous experience hunting deer.

“Conservation efforts by hunting are beneficial in that hunters will ensure that land will be persevered in order to ensure steady game count,” Ward said.

Of course, no system is perfect — while hunting provides several conservation benefits, it is not without its issues.

For example, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife permits

the lawful hunt of predator populations — such as cougars, bears, and coyotes. However, predators provide substantial benefits to the ecosystem, and if they are removed, an ecosystem is at risk of overpopulated prey populations.

Theoretically, hunters will have less competition and game populations will rise. While this may seem like an ideal situation, this action progressively deteriorates an ecosystem. This is not to say predators should never be hunted — especially in overpopulated populations — but rather predator hunting should be limited and strategically pursued.

At the end of the day, hunting aids conservation and restoration efforts, and hunters — such as McDonald and Ward — should continue to be supported and acknowledged for their contributions. Hunting is exhausting and time-consuming — long days spent in various outdoor conditions — but the positives far outweigh the negatives.

Individuals who are curious about hunting, or have questions regarding its practice, are always welcome into the discussion. As always, time spent in the woods — connecting with the environment and its wildlife — is never time wasted.





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Jesse Eisenberg and Woody Harrelson play Columbus and Tallahassee.

REVIEW

“Zombieland: Double Tap”



The Good:

- Delivers the same fun and zombie killing action.
- Excellent casting.
- Lives up to its predecessor.

The Bad:

- Basically the same movie as the first.
- Script rushes through some characterization.
- Not everything set up is paid off.

‘Double Tap’ for extra likes: ‘Zombieland 2’ is full of fun

Reanimating the franchise, “Zombieland 2” gives you a great ride for your money.

By **ANDREW BROWN**
FILM CRITIC

You probably remember that comedic zombie killing gang we all learned to love from “Zombieland.” Ten years later, they’re giving you a double dip of the fun, and are back on the big screen for another round of laughter, guns and zombies.

It’s been a decade since the events of the last movie, and Tallahassee (played by Woody Harrelson), Columbus (played by Jesse Eisenberg), Wichita (played by Emma Stone), and Little Rock (played by Abigail Breslin) have finally found a seemingly permanent home in the White House. But when Wichita gets antsy after Columbus proposes, and Little Rock runs away with a boy she’s just met, soon the gang are on the run once more to ensure each of them are out of danger.

“Zombieland: Double Tap” is the type of sequel you hope for when you hear a beloved movie is getting a long overdue follow up. All the principal cast members, writers, and even the same director as the first movie return to de-

liver this blissful comeback. Despite a whole decade elapsing since “Zombieland,” the moment the film begins, it feels like not a single day has gone by. The actors slide right back into their roles, and it’s a joy to see them again.

Eisenberg seems to have built his entire career around playing neurotic, detail obsessive characters, originating with his turn in the original “Zombieland.” And he’s doing the same thing here, but it’s still funny, and he’s still good at it.

That’s a rather fitting description for the film. It’s like going back to a restaurant you enjoyed as a kid; the menu’s the same and the staff hasn’t changed, but it’s still good service and the food’s still delicious. You’re not getting anything too different this time around, with the same emotional character arcs of Tallahassee learning to let go of being a protective father, and Wichita getting over her attachment issues. The writers tried incorporating some spice in the narrative by giving Columbus and Little Rock new ditzzy love interests, but it’s just new window dressing on the same plot.

That’s not to say that the film lacks creativity. While the comedy skips back and forth between hit and miss, when it hits you’ll be laughing your guts out. And the action incorporates humor while still keeping you on the edge of your seat, which in lesser hands would have led to mood whiplash. The highlight of the film might be the fight scene in an Elvis themed hotel, which is shot and edited to look like it’s all in one take.

It just could have used another script draft. Early in the movie, Columbus explains that in the years since the infection first spread, a newer, harder to kill type of zombie has emerged. You would think this is a plot point, but it’s only important in one fight scene before being promptly forgotten as the team mows down subsequent zombies by the hundreds with ease.

But those minor issues aside, this is a welcome return that brings back the charm, silliness, and exhilaration you expect if you’re a fan of the first. It’s a largely brainless movie — ironically enough — but this is a successful sequel that is perfect for the Halloween season.



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Obey the rules.

SPORT REPORT

By Brooks Moeller



The Husky football season is over halfway done, and sadly, the season has been a disappointment thus far, to say the least. After losing two of their last three games, the Huskies find themselves almost completely eliminated from Pac 12 title contention — something fans were expecting coming into the year. So, what happened?

In almost every preseason poll, the Huskies were ranked 15th or higher in the nation, and were expected to be in the running for their second consecutive Pac 12 championship. Going back to week 2 of the season, it was clear that they did not have the elite defense they have had in past years, after unranked California ran for 192 yards on the ground and won the game 20–19.

Fast forward almost two months later, and the Huskies are coming off a similar loss to Oregon, who has solidified themselves as a national title contender. Their front seven on defense simply could not keep up with the Oregon rushing attack surrendering 154 yards.

Coming out of halftime, it looked like the Huskies could put the game away early after easing down the field for an opening drive touchdown, extending their lead to 28–14. But the offense sputtered the rest of the half — something the defense could not afford, and the Ducks ended up outscoring UW 21–3 the rest of the game. They went on to eventually win 35–31.

The Huskies had a chance to win it after Oregon scored their last touchdown of the game with five minutes left to play. But their last chance efforts were cut short after a referee missed a clear pass interference call on 4th and 4 that would have extended the Huskies’ drive. Even with the missed call, UW had multiple chances to extend their lead, but they simply could not find any offensive rhythm in the 4th quarter.

“I thought it was a well-played college football game. We did a nice job against a good football team,” head coach Chris Petersen said in his opening statement during the postgame press conference. “Our kids played hard, like they always do, and we will keep grinding. There is a lot of football left to play.”

He’s right when he says there is a lot of football left to play, but sadly the stakes will not be as high as they have been in past years during the final stretch. UW’s three year streak of appearing in a New Year’s Six bowl game will most likely come to an end and they will have to settle for a lower tier bowl.

Although this season will be looked at as a disappointment by most people, this is a sign that the program is where it is supposed to be. Expectations will always be high for this team now that it has tasted success, and anything below a nine or ten win season will be seen as a negative. Five years ago, the goal was always to simply win six times and go to a bowl game. Petersen has raised the bar so much higher for the Huskies, and has this program on the right track to eventually win a national championship.

There are a ton of positives to look at this season including the play of quarterback Jacob Eason and the breakout seasons from young wide receivers Puka Nacua and Terrell Bynum. I expect Petersen and his coaching staff to start mixing in some of the younger players to give them a shot now that they are out of title contention.

Coming up, the Huskies will try and ruin the playoff hopes of Utah in a November 2nd showdown at home then making the trips to Oregon State and Colorado before finally finishing the regular season with the 112th annual Apple Cup in Seattle.