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# UW Tacoma Copy Center Q&A

A brief sit-down with the Copy Center.

By **LUKE DENUELLE**  
NEWS REPORTER

The UW Tacoma Copy Center, located in the bottom of the Mattress Factory on the eastern side of the building, provided an update as to how their current operations have been going, especially with very few staff, students and faculty on campus. Members of the Copy Center briefly explained how they are dealing with COVID, what kind of resources they are still providing and what they want the UWT campus to know about their services.

**WHAT DO YOU DO AT THE CENTER?**

We process incoming and outgoing mail for the departments, staff and faculty as well as provide copy and printing services for the campus and surrounding community.

**WHAT RESOURCES ARE YOU STILL OFFERING STUDENTS AND FACULTY?**

We continue to offer all our normal processes. Outgoing mail, copies, fax, poster printing etc.

**HOW HAS THE SCHOOL ACCOMMODATED THE CENTER DURING COVID?**

They installed some screens and customer spacing markers. The nature of our area limits what you can do to some extent as well as working around some ADA requirements limited the layout.

**WHAT HAS CHANGED WITH COVID REGARDING DAY TO DAY OPERATIONS?**

Initially we operated under reduced hours but were able to return to full hours. Our print volumes have lowered due to the lack of in person tests and classes but we have seen a

slight increase in outgoing mail volume as some items are being shipped to students that would normally be picked up in person.

**WHAT DO YOU ALL WISH STUDENTS AND FACULTY KNEW?**

We really appreciate a heads up on larger orders or outgoing jobs. Things can pile up in receiving quite quickly when several large shipments show up on the same day. Equally having all the necessary postage/labeling to send out a large number of boxes isn't always guaranteed without some prior planning.

**HOW MANY ORDERS DO YOU GET?**

We are currently getting about five print/copy orders a day, which is down quite a lot from normal. However we have gotten in multiple 100-plus item outgoing packages in the mail to get items to students from various departments.



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# A look into Milgard's Sports Enterprise Management program

Sports Enterprise Management, one of Milgard's newer programs, takes an interdisciplinary approach into business and the worlds of sports.

By **MITCHELL FERMO**  
NEWS EDITOR

The Milgard School of Business is continuing full steam ahead with their various programs and centers for winter quarter, and among those programs is the Sports Enterprise Management. Headed by Director Stan Emert, the program seeks to provide students with the tools and experience to help them tap into the sports market and break the traditional concepts surrounding sports and management.

"There's so much money in sports today, and you don't have to be a jock anymore to be able to be employed in management," Emert explained. "What they need is business knowledge ... Whenever I hear about schools who need money for [sports] programs, they need people with business knowledge to be able to help them take advantage of the assets that they have."

The Sports Enterprise Management Minor is a 25-credit program which has three core classes in the business school. Students interested in taking this minor will need to take TBGEN 370: Essentials of Sports Enterprise Management, TBGEN 485: Seminar in Sports Enterprise Management and TBANLT 485: Business Intelligence.

Students will then need to round out their minor requirements with 10 credits, or two courses, from a list of 40 different options, most of which are classes offered through the School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences or the School of Urban studies.

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"People who work in the sports related businesses are not necessarily all business people," said Emert, who explained the interdisciplinarity of the minor. "What we essentially are saying is that you don't have to be a business major to do this because there are so many diverse people out there."

During winter quarter, the core seminar class will be offered. Emert stated that the class will have a host

of guest speakers, including UW Athletics Director Jennifer Cohen, former American Basketball League and Women's National Basketball Association player and mother of Rhonda Smith Banchero — one of the currently most sought after high school basketball players — Seattle Storm CEO and General Manager Alisha Valavanis and former Seattle Seahawk Marcus Trufant, among others.

Emert has said that he intends to open these special guest lecture sessions to the public, so long as the students of the seminar are able to get their questions answered first.

The Sports Enterprise Management program was created in partnership with the Tacoma Rainiers, the Seattle Mariners' triple-A affiliated team. In addition to providing the program with funding, the Rainiers have also provided Cheney Stadium as a classroom setting, their marketing and sales personnel and a sharing of their business model and marketing approach.

The program has also been branching into the world of esports, and Emert explained that students are more than welcome to pursue projects related to the world of esports if they partake in the minor. Currently, there is an esports management certification program in the works, but discussions

are still being had regarding how to structure the program.

"It's a growing industry," Emert said. "Growing like crazy. In fact, a really interesting stat is that the NFL Super Bowl 2019 had 100.3 million online viewers. That's the online part. The 2019 League of Legends Championship had 100 million online viewers, and that's a huge deal ... The growth of it is very significant."

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This past October, Emert hosted a panel titled "Women in Esports" with guests Yan Perng, Kate Yeager and Zoe Barsness. During the panel they discussed several issues within the current climate for female esports players, including problems of toxicity and sexism especially towards female gamers and players.

The Milgard School of Business is also placing an emphasis on its other three programs as well. The Students

Assisting Business places students into direct contact with small business to help them through the COVID-19 pandemic. While it's not traditional internship programming, students are still putting together a project to help and revitalize small, local businesses. The Center for Leadership and Social Responsibility aims to help businesses to be mindful how they operate. Finally, the Center for Business Analytics helps to equip students with the new technology and ideas when analyzing data.

When asked what knowledge or advice he would give to students who might be interested in the Sports Enterprise Management program, Emert advised to try a course out and see if it works.

"Take either the essentials class, which is offered in the fall, or the seminar class, which is offered in the winter, and get your feet wet," Emert said. "Right now, all of the faculty are working extra hard, because the online environment is not as good as we would like it to be ... But, because everybody has had sports touch you or your family, my advice is to experience one class in it and see if it's for you. Because there is so much from an interdisciplinary standpoint ... that I think you can fit it into your program."

# Students react to the new COVID-19 restrictions

As another wave of infections hit Washington, Gov. Inslee issues sweeping mandates.

By **LUCAS CASSOL**  
NEWS REPORTER

Recently, Governor Jay Inslee announced new plans to combat the spread of COVID -19 in Washington state, including rolling back previous opening plans and state mandates. Many students work as well as attend UW Tacoma, and these rollbacks could impact their jobs along with countless others and could lead more small businesses to close.

It is worth noting that in the days following his latest COVID-19 mandate, Inslee agreed to fund a stimulus package for small businesses, specifically in the hospitality industry, providing much necessary support to one of the hardest hit industries.

Speaking to a couple of students about how the pandemic has affected them, as well as how they feel about the recent wave of shutdowns, Kelsey Slick and Eliza Patenio offered their thoughts on the mandate rollback.

Patenio, a Communication major and senior, worked at H&M prior to the initial stay at home orders in the spring, but now works as a bank teller. Slick, also a Communication major and a junior, works three jobs, driving for Uber Eats, substitute teaching and event coordinating for the Student Activities Board.

Both were forced out of some work, Patenio being off the job for three months and Slick being

unemployed with unemployment benefits and no options for back pay.

Despite how the previous mandates impacted both, they both stated they are optimistic about the current plans.

"I am very encouraged that our state is taking the pandemic response so seriously," Slick said.

Patenio echoed a similar sentiment.

"I am more optimistic because of the new restrictions," Patenio said. "Every day, I wake up to notifications on my phone that summarize the news for the morning and it is clear that the situation is only getting worse. Something needs to be done to curb the rising cases, so I am grateful for the new restrictions."

They both acknowledge the current frustrations as well as the continued struggle to combat the pandemic.

"Of course, it is a bit scary and disappointing that we have to backtrack, but I understand the reasoning behind it," said Patenio.

Despite warnings from health officials that the back and fourth of mandates would be a reality of work during the pandemic, business and customers are upset and struggling to abide by these rules. Patenio added that she has seen firsthand how the mandates have been affecting people.

"I have witnessed a lot of frustration and anger from customers because we have to follow the re-



Gov. Jay Inslee announcing new restrictions to combat the spread of COVID-19.

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strictions that are set in place," Patenio said.

Both said they were becoming more comfortable with the new normal prior to these new mandates, enjoying restaurants again, being out in previously thought to be dangerous places and taking the necessary personal precautions.

According to a survey conducted by Dynata — a market research company based in Texas — where they surveyed roughly 250,000 people na-

tionwide looking to find how many people are wearing masks on average in each state, Washington only has a 60% mask wearing rate, where at least 70% can effectively combat spread.

Slick noted people are getting burnt out though, and worries that because of the burnout people will not take the mandates seriously anymore.

"I hope that flattening the curve hasn't gone out of style," Slick said.

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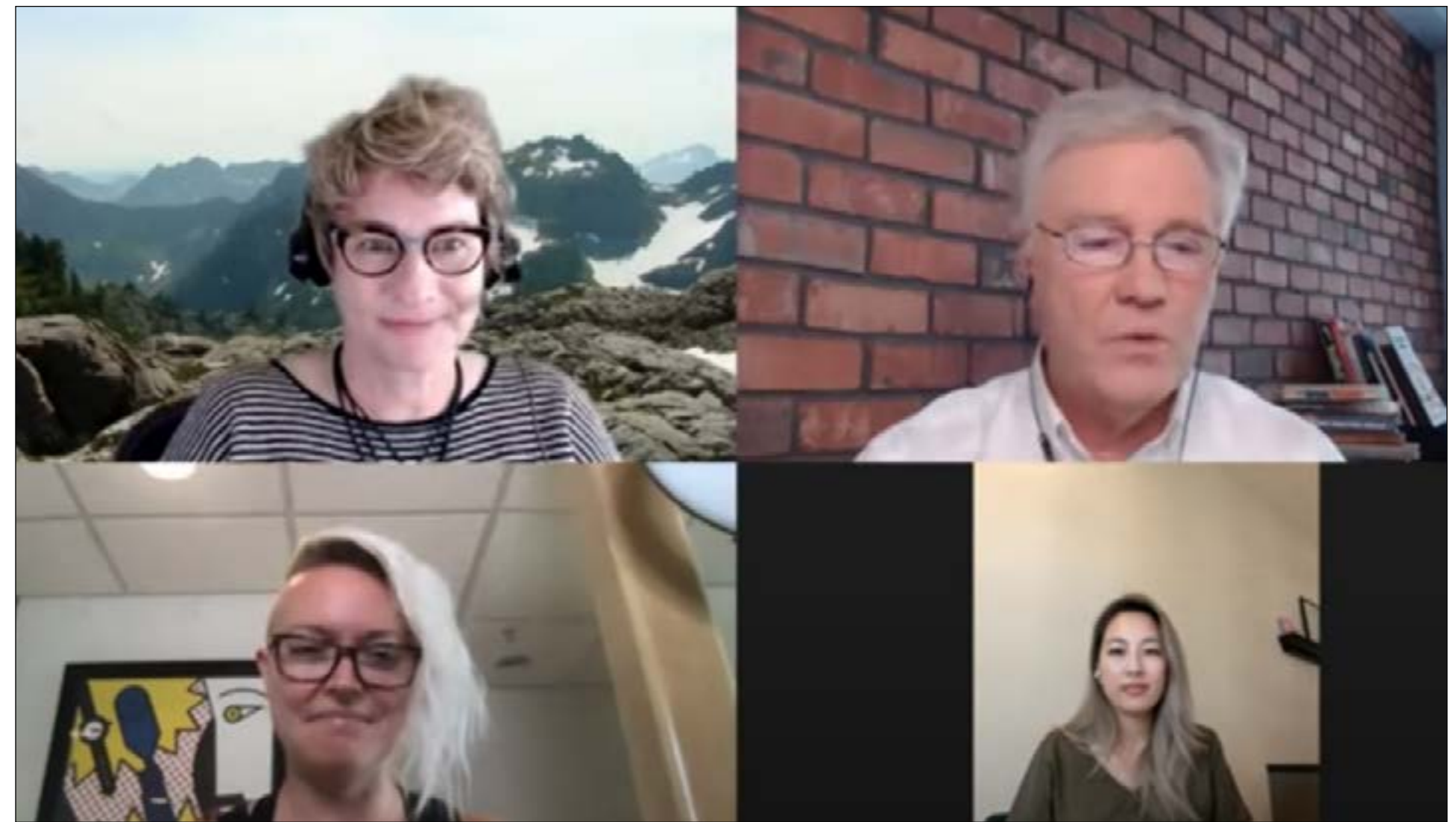
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# The aftermath of Trump's America

Are we ready to be a community of one to dismantle and reassemble a new America?

By **BENGISU CICEK**  
OPINION COLUMNIST

Elections were tough. It was stomach turning to be continuously checking our mobile phones or the T.V. as we went from state to state to see the polls. Looking at the map of the United States, the anticipation grew as the middle states and south were red while the west and upper east turned blue.

Who would win? Would we have to endure Trump's America for four more years? Or would we finally see the progressive change that many of us are fighting for? The popular vote is in, Joe Biden and Kamala Harris are the prospective winners. But, this is only the beginning. There is so much fighting for change to be done, and we are the voice of that change.

As we are absorbed in a pandemic that has taken the lives of over 255,000 people in America, it's become apparent that science has been ignored from the beginning. Unfortunately, this means that our communities are still battling the consequences of the pandemic as cases continue to increase.

With vaccine research coming out and the Turkish-German couple, Dr Ozlem Tureci and Dr Ugur Sahin, being the most recent behind Pfizer, BioNTech vaccine with an efficiency rate of over 90% in late-stage clinical trials, there is hope that the cases will decrease and we will be able to once again step outside maskless and hug our loved ones. But this is only if we begin to listen to science and do what is right. We are only one and a half months away from 2021 and

very close to President-elect Joe Biden's inauguration. With this we can hope to see the change we so desperately need on this front.

We must be optimistic of what the future holds. We must make examples of countries such as New Zealand, who reported COVID free in the first few

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months of the pandemic due to good leadership and proactivity. This leadership includes listening to the people, being sympathetic, empathetic and amplifying issues needing to be worked on within the country.

With so many things to fix within this country, it is hard to start in one place. Racism, sexism, Islamophobia, anti-semitism, transphobia, homophobia and countless more issues have plagued our country since

its founding, but these issues were only exacerbated by the 2016 election. One of the reasons some of these problems, especially fear towards minority groups, grew is because of what prominent leaders, such as the Trump Administration, say and disseminate about these groups.

Reflecting back, I am able to recall acts of racism and Islamophobia committed against me being a Muslim Turkish American. I'm proud of these titles, I see my ethnicity and religion — especially being Muslim — as an important aspect of and a big player in shaping my identity.

But this was not seen by others. Numerous people would mistake me for an international student or an immigrant due to my identity. When I would speak of Turkey they would mistake me as someone who is fresh off the boat — someone who had not assimilated yet into American culture. Was it uncommon that I considered my ethnic country and the United States as both my countries? In the end, we all originated from different countries, whether this be our parents or ancestors, to start a life here in America.

Me being visibly Muslim was a different story. Of course, I would get respectful questions about my practices in Islam, and I urge people to not hesitate to ask curious questions, as long as you're respectful. But others didn't take it in as well. The stares, the degrading discussions, the changing behavior and tone of voice, these were all things I was challenged with. But I'm not regretful that I went through this, I learned how

to deal with acts of racism and hope the other side learned something through my kindness as well.

Dismantling these fears that people still have of people of color and religious groups begins with disproving misconceptions through education and interfaith dialogue, which is so much easier than we would

**“[Dismantling these fears] begins with disproving misconceptions through education and interfaith dialogue, which is so much easier than we would expect.”**

expect. In the age of zoom, texting, video chatting and more, we are all within reach of one another.

Non profit organizations, churches and mosques here in Washington State are organizing online zoom events based on events or holidays as a means to bring people together. This could be an interfaith Ramadan virtual iftar, or Thanksgiving dialogue between community members and Native Americans. By doing so, we are able to form a larger community and support system, and make it a tradition to gather with one another for the sake of friendship.

During a COVID Ramadan, the act of giving was emphasized, where the Muslim Washingtonian community members donated food to frontline

workers such as nurses and firefighters as well as the homeless community.

America does not change in the hands of a leader, a leader is only part of that change. It is we who must take action, whether it be through our words, our leadership or our intentions.

I was reading a book by Dr. Arjun Singh Sethi, a Sikh American human rights lawyer, professor, and activist. The book is titled “American Hate” and it tells the many stories of survivors bravely speaking out to recall hate crimes committed against them, and discuss how we can find power in spite of our oppression.

Dr. Sethi explains that “We will build a united front in and across our diverse communities. The coalitions of tomorrow will be deeper and stronger than those of today... We will teach our children to survive and thrive, even when others push them down. We will teach them to rise, just as we did, and remind them of what our ancestors endured long before us.”

Acts of violence, hate and fear is something evident in this country, and those labeled “different” are the victims deemed unAmerican. America is Native American, America is Muslim, Sikh, Jewish, Arab, Mexican, Black, Asian, LGBTQ+, America is a melting pot!

But it's not enough that marginalized groups are advocating for themselves. We need our allies with us. We need privileged people, people unaffected by Trump's America and its consequences. We need all people with us, standing together. America means all of us, not some.



Burning Seattle police car on a Seattle street during the summer 2020 protests.

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## Policing as a tool of white supremacy; why All Cops Are Bastards

Total abolition of policing and incarceration is the only path to justice and equality.

By **ANDREA NADAL**  
OPINION EDITOR

ACAB a phrase, often seen on social media, that elicits profound responses from people of all ideologies. From vehement disagreement and an insistence on “backing the blue” and praising officers for their “selfless service,” to apprehensive agreement that the system and policing as they exist are wrong, but surely “not every cop is a bastard.” Surely there are good cops, with good intentions. And after all, don't we need policing?

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Then there are those that loudly chant ACAB in the streets, love the sight of a burning cop car and demand abolition of a system that criminalizes and kills so many. A system built on our suffering and oppression will never lend itself to jus-

tice. Those that claim that the duty of the Police is to “protect and serve” misunderstand the nature and ultimate goal of policing.

The Zine titled “A World Without Police” explains how “historically, police forces were created to protect the property of businesses and the wealthy and enforce white supremacy. In cities, they formed to repress the growing numbers of poor people that accompanied the rise of industrial capitalism, while on plantations and in agricultural colonies they formed as a response to the threat of a slave revolt.”

Policing has been a tool of the ruling class since its very inception, and it has been sold to the masses under the guise of protection. As “A World Without Police” demonstrates, being an arm of the state rather than any individual person “policing appears to serve the public as a whole, and those targeted by police appear to be enemies of the public.”

But the only thing that they protect is the status quo, which keeps the masses under the boot of our oppressor. Those that are comfortable under this system see no need to challenge it, even those that have struggled to gain their semblance of comfort see no need to

rock the boat. The American dream has been sold and bought. If you just work harder you can get there. “Pull yourself up by your bootstraps,” they'll say, not understanding the irony of the phrase in its impossibility.

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So, we continue to live in a society where the working class never sees true prosperity while the top one percent has enough money to solve just about every world crisis. Instead, they hoard their money in bank accounts, and occasionally start a foundation where they get to play god and pretend to do some good - ignoring

the fact that their wealth only exists because of the exploitation of workers here and abroad.

The system of policing and the existence of cops only upholds this inequity. The over-policing of communities of color and those in poverty works as a way to criminalize individuals and strip them of their rights.

“A World Without Police” reveals that “... policing always requires the threat and use of violence ... police have the authority to take away individual rights by force — including taking your life. Regardless of legal limits placed on them, the police role requires the power to detain, beat, imprison, or kill in the service of law and order.”

From the war on drugs to the persecution of immigrants to the sweeping of homeless encampments, individuals have long been criminalized and stripped of basic human rights by the system of policing. Upholding any aspect of the system means we are complicit in the criminalization of individuals and the gross abuse of the human rights of those in our community. It means we are complicit in the deaths of those at the hands of the system.

“A World Without Police” illus-

trates, “No matter how nonviolent police forces become, this systematic violence will always remain. No amount of training, legal oversight, or

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reform can alter the fundamental violence of the police institution.”

We cannot allow ourselves to be complacent. Hundreds of years and we have seen no real progress because there is no progress to be made within this system. Defunding is not enough, “50 percent at least” gives us nothing. There is no other option; only abolition of the fundamentally unjust system and a revolutionary transformation of society which includes the equitable distribution of wealth and access to resources.



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# The importance of community support

Supporting small businesses in your area is so important, especially now with the holidays in sight and more COVID restrictions.

By MADI WILLIAMS  
OPINION COLUMNIST

With everything going on in the world right now and the holidays just around the corner, it is important to help those within our communities, especially those running small businesses. Due to mass closures in March there were huge losses of revenue for many independently owned businesses, even causing some to close down permanently.

The new mandate in place until Dec. 14 requires restaurants to close for in person dining which resulted in the fear of losing clientele to other, more essential, businesses. Those that managed to keep their doors open are getting hit hard again. The holiday season is always an important time of the year for businesses, considering it is typically when they are projected to acquire the biggest profit. But, with the mandates having been put into place due to COVID, it's making it harder for the small businesses to make these profits they desperately need.

A small business is an independently, locally owned and operated company that is limited in size and in

revenue. In his mandate, Jay Insee states, "In-store retail, grocery stores and personal services are limited to 25% of occupancy and must close any congregate areas." Unfortunately, for small businesses — with already limited sales space — this mandate means an absolute limitation on sales potential. Whereas bigger stores, such as Target and Walmart, will see a larger portion of customers in the proposed 25% occupancy.

On top of that, the larger corporate stores provide a wide variety of items, things such as art supplies, books, toys and games that can be purchased, while small businesses that sell the same things are struggling to stay afloat. They have been in business for years and now because the mandate has frightened people to stay home and order items online, their business is declining at an even larger rate and pressuring the concept of online vending.

**"Small businesses aren't the only ones getting hit hard, restaurants are in the same boat."**

Small independently owned businesses aren't the only ones getting hit hard, restaurants are in the same boat. When going to a small restaurant in person you go for the experience because, usually, they provide a more home-like feeling compared to big chains. But, since we are unable to have this sit down experience, it takes away one of the best aspects.

If you want to support restaurants in your area there is one important thing you need to know: you have to order from the restaurant directly. This may require that you actually go to the restaurant and pick up the food yourself. However, it is important that you don't just use a delivery service like Uber Eats or Grubhub since it does not lend your support in the same way.

If you use UberEats the restaurant automatically loses a set percentage that is given to UberEats in order to compensate for pickup and delivery charges. This is taking money right out of the pocket of the business that you are trying to support.

It is important to keep these small businesses alive in your communities because they make the community what it is and boost local economy.

They don't make millions like the big brand name companies continue to make, they lean on the local community to come to them and rely on word of mouth to get others to enjoy

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their services. If these businesses were to disappear, not only would that take away the community feeling, but the big corporations will come in and take the space that should be for community-based businesses.

Instead of supporting your community, you will become a supporter of the billionaire who promotes and sells unhealthy food all over the world while simultaneously exploiting the labor of their workers. By shopping small you are helping your own community grow. And not only this, you are also helping someone's dreams

become a reality and helping local families thrive.

Shopping at small businesses not only helps the people who own the store make a living while carrying out their dreams, but it also helps the community and local economy as well. This is why we should all try our best to shop and eat at small businesses. These people care about what they are doing, they aren't trying to get you in and out with a fast time, they want you to enjoy yourself. It's about the love of the craft and a genuine experience. Building these community bonds are substantially more important than getting something as quickly as possible.

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# Holiday lights for cold winter nights

There are a variety of light displays to visit from late November through December.

By LORE ZENT  
A&E COLUMNIST

As winter arrives and Thanksgiving passes, the holiday decorations start to pop up. It is a popular tradition for Washington residents to seek out light displays this time of year. Puget Sound offers a supple variety of light attractions for people to enjoy. Here's a quick roundup of what's available.

**CANDY CANE LANE - SEATTLE**

This neighborhood is one of the most notable light displays in Seattle and has been an institution since 1949. On Candy Cane Lane, multiple residents deck out for the holidays. The intricate design of their lights create a magical atmosphere. It is a great option for those who want a low-cost outing considering it is free of cost to peruse the neighbourhood, not including gas. You can see their lights up after Dec. 6 to New Years Day starting at 4 p.m. each day.

**ZOOLIGHTS - TACOMA**

Each year Point Defiance Zoo, in partnership with BECU, hosts a walk-through lights display. The zoo is transformed with over 700,000 lights. Visitors will be able to see a variety

of 3D animal light displays such as an animated 22-foot rock crab, the giant tiger face or sasquatch hiding somewhere among the trails. There is also their infamous 100-ft light tunnel — ideal for selfies and group photos alike.

They also have a cafe and outdoor kiosk to grab a hot cocoa or other wintertime snacks. Advertised as "[m]agical lights and a safe, classic holiday tradition," the venue has taken strides to reduce COVID-19 exposure. These measures include timed online tickets, face coverings, social distancing, one-way paths and outdoor areas only.

General admission is \$11 Monday through Thursday and \$14 Friday through Sunday. PDZ Members are half-price admission. BECU members can receive a \$1 discount off general admission as well. It is open currently until Jan. 3 from 5-9 p.m.

**FANTASY LIGHTS - SPANAWAY**

As one of the largest drive-through holiday light displays in the Northwest, Fantasy Lights is made up of over 300 displays that cover a scenic two-mile drive through Spanaway Park. A trademark of this ven-

ue is the preservation of each of their displays since opening 20 years ago along with featuring many animated scenes as well. Additionally, they build onto their collection each year, this year introducing a velociraptor. General admission is charged per vehicle at the gate. Prices range from \$15-20 per vehicle/minibus and depends on the date. The show is currently open now through Jan. 3 from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**THE LIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS - STANWOOD**

This drive through is hosted by Warm Beach Camp and Conference Center in Snohomish county. They claim to display over a million lights spread across 15 acres and also have costumed characters along with a mailbox at their location to send letters to Santa. It is \$20 per vehicle on weekdays and \$25 on weekends and during the week of Christmas, snacks are also purchasable from the car.

The park is open now on select days this month from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. In previous years, the park offered overnight accommodation and activities, however, due to restrictions this year, these activities are currently on hold.



The light tunnel is a popular holiday display at Point Defiance Zoo's Zoollights. COURTESY OF PDZ.ORG

**LIGHTED BOAT PARADE**

As a more unique take on the holiday spirit, the ships decorate up in lights to show their festivity. On Dec. 19 at 5:30 p.m., the Tacoma Yacht Club Lighted Boat Parade starts at the TYC basin as they travel across the Ruston Waterfront to Foss Waterway. It is free to see this sight from the parks or outdoor seating at a restaurant or public area per COVID-19 restrictions.

Although there are still plenty of light attractions to visit, some notable institutions have decided to cancel due to pandemic-related causes. These include the Garden d'Lights in Bellevue, Enchanted Seattle, and the Christmas Ship Festival which parades around several Puget Sound waterfront locations. However you spend your holidays, I hope that it is filled with safety and warmth.

# Christmas movies for the Christmas spirit

Films to help you get into the Christmas spirit.

By MADELINE HILLER  
A&E EDITOR

Whether we like it or not, the Christmas season is right around the corner. This year is finally coming to a close, and what better way to end a rough year than with a little Christmas cheer? Whether you like your Christmas movies more on the romantic side or you enjoy a good laugh, there is something to be found for everyone.

Son of a nutcracker! "Elf" (2003), directed by Jon Favreau is one of the most popular Christmas comedies among families everywhere. This super sweet and funny film features an elf named Buddy and his adventures of not only finding his dad but also finding his way through life in the human world after departing the North Pole — where he's lived his whole life. This movie is definitely a great film to watch with your kids and everyone is sure to have a good time.

**NATIONAL LAMPOON'S CHRISTMAS VACATION (1989) DIRECTED BY JEREMIAH S. CHECHIK**

This Christmas comedy seems to be a little less widely known. While kids can find enjoyment in this film, it is more geared towards teens and adults. This film features the all too true chaos

of having family over for Christmas. You've got your fair share of crazy and sweet, but there are definitely some jokes that may fly over your kids' heads. This film is a great tradition to have in the family because it reminds us that amidst all of the chaos, Christmas can still be a wonderful time of year.

**HOME ALONE (1990) DIRECTED BY CHRIS COLUMBUS**

"Home Alone" is a must see around the Christmas season. This is another amazing Christmas comedy fit for families. "Home Alone" features a large family trying to take a nice holiday vacation together but as anyone with a toddler knows, it is near impossible to get everyone out of the house on time. One of the youngest members of the family, Kevin, gets left at home all by himself while everyone else flies to Paris to celebrate Christmas. This movie is full of chaos and mischief as Kevin must protect his house from robbers all while celebrating his very own Christmas. This is definitely one to watch yearly.

**THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS (1993) DIRECTED BY HENRY SELICK**

We all have someone in our lives who is not quite ready for fall to be over and accept that it is Christmas time, so let's throw them a bone with this clas-

sic Tim Burton movie. "The Nightmare Before Christmas" can be the perfect getaway movie for our spooky friends because that is essentially what happens in the film: Jack Skellington, the king of the pumpkin patch, discovers there is more beyond Halloweentown. He discovers the world of Christmas and absolutely falls in love with it.

**A CHRISTMAS CAROL (2009) DIRECTED BY ROBERT ZEMECKIS**

"A Christmas Carol" is another great movie for families because it is a film that reminds us to be selfless during this season of giving. Ebenezer Scrooge is a grumpy old man who hates Christmas with all of the cheer and joy that it brings. One night, Scrooge gets pulled through all of his Christmases past, present and future. Through this, he learns that Christmas is a time to be grateful for everything in our lives and be giving to those who have less. This film has beautiful cinematography and music to really bring the feeling of Christmas.

**LOVE ACTUALLY (2003) DIRECTED BY RICHARD CURTIS**

"Love Actually" is one of the most romantic Christmas movies you can see. This film intertwines and combines the different stories and people who all share one thing: the power of love. This



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movie evokes all the warm and fuzzy feelings, combining Christmas spirit and love, resulting in this beautiful film. If you're a helpless romantic, this is the film for you.

**IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE (1946) DIRECTED BY FRANK CAPRA**

This 1946 film remains a classic to this day and has to be one that everyone has at least heard of once or twice. While it's not necessarily a romantic movie, this film provides the same warm feeling. The story is kind of

similar to that of "A Christmas Carol"; An angel shows George, the main character, what life would have been like without him there. In the end, he is better for it and there can be a great family Christmas after all.

Holiday films, no matter the genre, are always a highlight at this time of year. This year, however, we could use as much extra cheer as we can possibly get. Christmas movies are definitely the way to go.



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## Cronenberg sci-fi horror lives on in “Possessor”

Two people being trapped in the same body might be more terrifying than it sounds.

By HENRY NGUYEN  
FILM CRITIC

David Cronenberg is known for his flavor of sci-fi horror films from popular hits such as “The Fly” to cult hits like “Crash.” These movies tend to feature a technology or idea that sets the main character on a quick downward spiral as they are sucked deeper into the world’s fictional elements.

Funny enough, David Cronenberg just so happened to give birth to another film director drawn to Sci-Fi films in the same vein as him. Now being his second full length film, Brandon Cronenberg introduces “Possessor” and takes everything that made his father’s films great to expand on them with abstract and interesting film editing techniques.

Tasya Vos — played by Andrea Riseborough — is an elite assassin who works for a secret organization that uses brain implant technology to take over people’s bodies to use them as vessels to

carry out high profile assassinations. The organization’s clientele is high paying and attributes hidden political agendas to their assignments.

After a semi-successful hit job, Vos is now realizing she is beginning to lose control over the technology while the price of being the best proxy assassin is simultaneously taking a toll on her both physically and mentally. Now tasked with killing a couple and the head of a multinational corporation, Vos is gradually losing control and sinking deeper into the brain implant technology.

The plot itself is unpredictable and thrilling. I was on the edge of my seat throughout most of the film, and with the incredible atmosphere and world that the movie provides, it’s easy to find yourself immersed within the technologically advanced dystopian world while becoming invested in its characters as well.

This movie contains beautiful abstract sequences that are deep and metaphori-

cal as a representation of the character’s mental instabilities.

However, when it comes to the characters themselves, they can come off a little two dimensional and leave much to be desired. This movie is light on dialogue but heavy on the action. So, when there is dialogue, it can come off as a bit weird and a little awkward.

Tanya Vos is a complex character but some of her actions come off confusing and contradictory with no explanation whatsoever. I can only assume this approach was taken in order to leave most of her actions up to audience interpretation.

Christopher Abbott plays Colin Tate, one of the main victims that Vos controls, and provides a great performance playing her inside of his body. However, toward the latter half of the film as things start to become more complicated and Vos starts to lose control of the brain implant, it becomes hard to recognize who was in control of Tate’s body.

As I consider this to be one of the more gory movies to come out this year, the violence and carnage in the film can come across a little over the top. Some of it proves to be there for a purpose but other times it felt as though the movie is merely trying its best to shock viewers. When it isn’t trying though, the violence definitely aids in building tension all the way up to the film’s climax.

The characters could be a bit more fleshed out as well. Tasya Vos has unclear motives. Some of her actions are questionable and out of character. She seems emotionless, even in extremely intense situations where one should be feeling tense, but her character comes off as mildly confused.

This movie is definitely not for the faint of heart. It’s a gory, nightmarish experience that will leave you dazzled and confused as soon as the credits start to roll. This is not the kind of movie for you if you enjoy stories with rich back-grounds laid out from point A to point

### REVIEW

#### “Possessor”

★★★★☆

#### The Good:

- Well thought out plot
- Abstract sequences are gorgeous
- Immersive world

#### The Bad:

- Lackluster backstory
- Dialogue is shallow
- Violence can be over the top

B. This is a movie that moves at a brisk pace and expects you to keep up. If you are looking for a boundary pushing sci-fi thriller, then this is one you should check out.

## Greatest moments in the history of Husky Stadium

Husky Stadium, the home of UW football, celebrates its 100th year of existence and has been witness to some of the greatest moments in program history.

By Brooks Moeller  
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2020 marks the 100th season Husky Stadium has been home to the UW football team. The stadium has become known as the “greatest setting in college football,” thanks to the picturesque setting of Lake Washington where fans can participate in the unique tradition of “sailgating.”

**“Here are what I consider to be the greatest moments in the history of the now 100-year-old stadium.”**

The stadium has also been home to some of the most memorable moments in the program’s rich history, some of which I was lucky enough to witness in person. It was hard to narrow this list down but here are what I consider to be the greatest moments in the history of

the now 100-year-old stadium.

#### 1990 VS USC — “ALL I SAW WAS PURPLE”

The early 1990s was home to the greatest stretch of UW football program history, which included three straight Rose Bowl appearances as well as the 1991 national championship team. These were some of the most dominant teams in not only UW history, but all of college football and no game sums up the era better than this one.

Nationally ranked USC entered the game as five point favorites and was victorious in their last four meetings with UW. The Trojans were led by Todd Marinovich who was nicknamed the “robo-qb” and had massive expectations coming into the season. The Huskies were clearly unphased by the hype of the QB and the rest of the Trojans as they dismantled the visitors 31-0 in front of 72,000 plus witnesses in Husky Stadium.

Following the game, Marinovich famously stated, “I just saw purple. That’s all I saw. No numbers, no faces, just purple.” This gave the game a nickname that would go down in Husky history

forever and is considered by most to be the game that propelled the program to three straight conference championships.

“That game was definitely a catalyst,” said Husky running back and Doak Walker award winner Greg Lewis. “It gave us supreme confidence that we could play with anybody. To dominate USC the way we did, let us know that we were the team to beat and that maybe we could even win the National Championship.”

#### 2009 VS USC

The first decade of the new century was not too kind to the Huskies. After a trip to the Rose Bowl in 2001, they managed to only go to one bowl game after that and had a streak of six game losing seasons. The program hit rock bottom in 2008 when the team failed to get a single win which led to the hiring of head coach Steve Sarkesian from USC.

Sarkesian brought energy and swagger to a program that was desperate for any sort of positive momentum. The Huskies were able to pick up their first win in two years in the week prior and

had momentum coming into their game with Pete Carroll and top ranked USC.

Quarterback Jake Locker would then lead the team to an upset win where Erik Folk kicked a game winning field goal with three seconds left. This was truly a program changing win. In the following season, the Huskies would begin a new streak of ten straight winning seasons that is still alive to this day.

“We had nothing to lose, we just went in and said ‘just do your job,’” said Cody Habben, who was the starting right tackle at the time. “No one in a million years would have picked us to win that game, and we knew that.”

#### 2016 VS STANFORD

With Steve Sarkesian’s era officially in the past, this was Chris Petersen’s team now. In his first two seasons, the Huskies went to two lower tier bowl games but, coming into the 2016 season, were a popular pick for a national title contender that developed over the past few seasons.

Their first real test came in week five versus the seventh ranked Stanford Cardinals. This was the perfect opportu-

nity for the Huskies to prove that they were legit contenders and can hang with anyone in front of a sold out crowd at Husky Stadium. What followed was a completely dominant performance by the Dawgs with a final score of 44-6.

The nation was introduced to sophomore quarterback Jake Browning, who would go on to break every major UW passing record. We were also witness to a new and impressive UW defense led by now head coach Jimmy Lake. This would propel UW to a 12-2 finish including a conference championship, as well as a trip to the college football playoff.

“That truly was the greatest setting in college football,” UW coach Chris Petersen said following the game. “That was fun for our guys, our coaches, and I hope our fans enjoyed that, too, because that was special.”

Even though the list could have gone on forever, these are just a few of the great moments that have occurred in Husky Stadium. Hopefully Husky fans will once again be allowed to attend in 2021 to witness even more of these experiences.