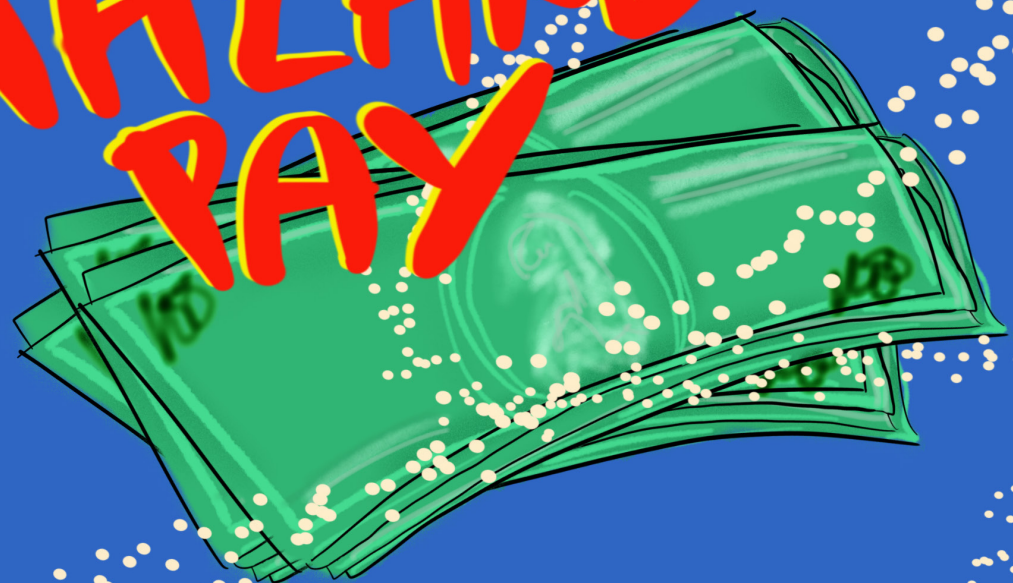


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CSL survey to help expand resources and options for students

In order to help better understand how to engage the UWT community, the CSL is asking for survey responses.

By **MITCHELL FERMO**
News Editor

The Center for Student Involvement is currently collecting information through a voluntary online survey. The hope for the survey is to better understand what students are looking for as far as virtual engagement goes with the campus, as well as how the CSL can improve with the events they already offer. Khadijah York, a student coordinator with the CSL, and her team discussed further the importance of the survey.

"As a predominantly commuter campus, most students live off campus and travel to Tacoma for classes," York said, speaking for her team. "We would like to see all students, including commuters, take an active role on campus. When students fill out the survey, it allows UWT, including the Center for Student Involvement, Student Activities Board, Registered Students Organizations and departments, to cater their events to what the students express desire to see on campus and what times work best for them."

Since the COVID-19 regulations were introduced and enacted back in

March, UW Tacoma has not held any in-person events. With the uncertainty of the future of COVID-19 restrictions, the CSL has been making it their goal to fill in the gap of actual events with virtual ones, hoping to keep some semblance of community engagement in times of social distancing.

"Most of our services have transitioned to being offered virtually," York said. "Those that we cannot offer virtually, such as printing and study area reservation, have been ceased in order to comply with the state lockdown mandate. However, students are still able to print in Cherry Parkes 005 Lab."

York talked further, explaining how important the DawgDen, UWT's online hub for events and student organizations, is for student engagement. Since the beginning of the pandemic, DawgDen has been changed and updated to better handle virtual events. The new DawgBones program, which rolled out this quarter, has already seen positive results for student engagement.

So far, several students have taken the survey, and York and her team expressed that they want as many stu-

dents as possible to take the survey.

"The effort to collect information about student involvement is motivated by the goal of understanding how students want to be more engaged on campus and what restrictions might hold them back," York explained. "The purpose of the Husky Involvement Mentor program is to make sure that students understand the meaning behind involvement and to find opportunities to talk about the different ways of being involved during their schedules. The Husky Involvement Mentor program will involve students in conversations and discussions about different ways to be involved on campus, provide them with resources and support, and also supply information about involvement to different areas of campus."

The CSL has extended the survey to remain open through winter break in the hopes that many more students will take their time to access and take the survey. If you are interested in taking this survey, you can visit <https://uw-tacoma.presence.io/form/uwt-tacoma-survey-for-student-involvement> to get started.

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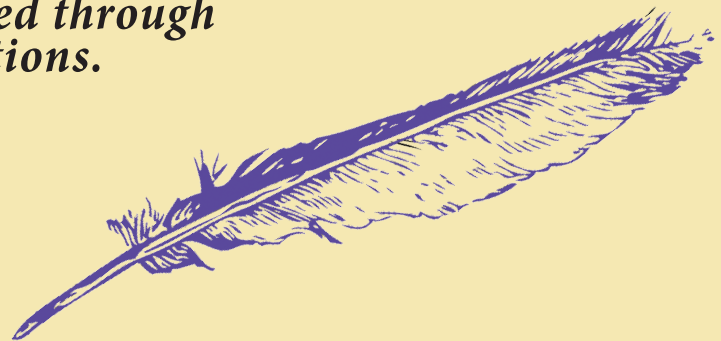
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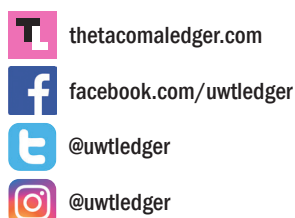
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Student and faculty mental health

How Counseling and Psychological Services continued to prioritize student's well being from home.

By **LUCAS CASSOL**
NEWS REPORTER

Since the end of spring quarter countless programs have attempted to make the leap from in person to online, but UW Tacoma's Counseling and Psychological Services may have had one of the smoothest transitions. By the beginning spring quarter, CAPS was already offering confidential online counseling with each of their providers and have since eliminated any waiting list.

We got a chance to speak with Dr. Cassandra Nichols about how she helped guide the center through the process. Originally studying in California before making her journey up north, Dr. Nichols has been at UW Tacoma for two years after moving from eastern Washington.

When asked about the initial transition and what set their programs up for success, this is what Nichols had to say.

"I saw the writing on the wall, and we

all knew we'd be online very soon. Everyone working in the counseling and psychological services took brief classes on how to serve students online, and by the end of spring break we had fully made the transition."

Following up, we asked about the change in demand for the services. While not going into specific numbers, Nichols told us that year after year the demand for CAPS has increased since she arrived, and at this point there aren't concrete statistics for fall quarter.

We also asked about the challenges of providing their service or other programs through Zoom.

"You know, we've dealt with the change quite well. It went off nearly without a hitch. There are always the little things, like silence on a Zoom call or people being muted but those issues are small."

Finally, we spoke on the potential good that can come out of this trying

experience of working from home, and how Nichols feels about potential improvements in service accessibility.

"Absolutely! There's always room to improve, but this is a great opportunity to use online services to help more students more efficiently."

The Counseling and Psychological Services staff are available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. During weekends an exception may be made to speak with someone or point you towards other available services. If you're looking for available services, need to talk or set up an appointment, you can visit the Counseling and Psychological Services page at tacoma.uw.edu/counseling.

For more info, visit UW Tacoma's Psychological services website at: tacoma.uw.edu/counseling.



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Formerly the home of Counseling and Psychological Services, whose staff has been working from home since March.

The gift of giving: UWT Gives Holiday Gift Drive

A look into how this year's gift drive is spreading joy and cheer.

By **OLUWASEYI FALEKE**
NEWS REPORTER

Each year the Center for Service and Leadership holds its annual UW Tacoma Gives Holiday Gift Drive, and despite COVID-19, this year would be no exception. The CSL, in partnership with the Childcare Assistance Program, hosted the UW Tacoma Gives Holiday Gift Drive on Nov. 18. Rachel Greene, the local events coordinator, noted that this year's UWT Gives program turned out differently than those in the past due to the pandemic.

"UWT Gives is an annual event where students with children who don't have enough money to afford Christmas gifts are matched with UWT staff willing to purchase those gifts for them,"

"We had less people apply for the event than previous years, but still ended up with 8 students and their families plus 18 individual and group donor applications were turned in by UWT staff," Greene said, "This year we made an Amazon wish list for the majority of the gifts."

The idea was to make sure the staff could select what they were willing to

purchase online, so as not to risk in-person shopping during a pandemic.

"UWT Gives is an annual event where students with children who don't have enough money to afford Christmas gifts are matched with UWT staff willing to purchase those gifts for them," said Greene.

As it was stated later on their website, both students and staff need to apply in order to participate.

The Drive's guidelines that are posted on their website are straight forward to ensure anonymous sponsorship. Although Greene stated that the application deadlines for the holiday drive have ended, she explained that staff were already busy with shopping for the right gifts.

Greene noted that "Staff are now shopping for the gifts for students and their families. In mid-December, students will be able to pick up their gifts and wrapping supplies by appointment."

Moreover, the CSL also hosted the Words of Kindness event early last month. Students came together over Zoom to write words of encouragement to the socially isolated residents of Brookdale Senior Living. Writing supplies were used while students socialized with each other. The letters were dropped off at the Center for Student Involvement.

When asked about the update on the gift drive, Greene concluded that the majority of the gifts had already been purchased by staff and all gifts are projected to be received by students and their families on or shortly after Dec. 9.



ILLUSTRATION BY LORE ZENT

The UWT Center for Service and Leadership holds an annual gift drive.



Workers striking for hazard pay.

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Stand behind your local workers

Having the support of the community will help these workers get what they deserve; hazard pay.

By MADI WILLIAMS
OPINION COLUMNIST

With COVID-19 and all the mandates that come along with it, we have collectively been experiencing a year crazier than we could imagine. These mandates are put into place to limit the spread of COVID-19 which has simultaneously been causing businesses to limit the number of people in stores, some even closing permanently.

Something that does not cross many people's minds is that even during lockdowns there were still people working in stores providing an essential service. When the mandates were first put into place in March grocery workers demanded hazard pay. The idea behind hazard pay is extra payment for working under dangerous conditions, COVID-19 would fall under this. During the end of March workers received an additional two dollars an hour. However, by mid-May, this bonus was no longer being distributed.

Big grocery store chains like Kroger, Safeway, FredMyers, Abertsons, QFC and Haggan all encountered a positive influx in revenue and customer attendance. A Forbes article titled "Corporate Greed Won't Bring Back Hazard Pay To Workers—Even With The Resurgence Of Covid-19" stated, "These fortunate stores reaped the benefits and realized significant increases in revenue. The stock share prices of their companies held up or skyrocketed higher, whereas their competitors floundered."

Making so much money from the pandemic these corporations argue that due to the rise in profits, hazard pay or

bonuses are no longer necessary because the pandemic no longer poses a threat — a claim that many union representatives have been trying to fight against. But, this is clearly not the case, we are still in the midst of a pandemic and people still need groceries. In light of this, The United Food and Commercial Workers International Union is fighting for these workers to get the hazard pay that they should have been this whole time.

For those who don't know what a union is, on their website the UFCW describes it as "A nonprofit, democratic organization of workers who have formally come together to promote their interests and advocate on each other's behalf."

They also mention they fight for workers by "pushing for better wages or working conditions with specific employers, defending individual workers when their rights are violated on the job, championing state and federal laws and new legislation that protect workers rights, and holding irresponsible companies or government agencies accountable in court or by other means when they don't do their jobs properly."

UFCW 367 is the local union that represents its workers from Pierce, Lewis, Grays and Mason Counties. Being a part of a union lets the workers know that they have someone who will fight for them when their employers are taking advantage.

Grocery unions are representing workers coast to coast, across the US they have been fighting to bring back, or get, workers hazard pay since the beginning of COVID-19. The workers and the com-

munities on the East Coast fought hard enough that the companies finally gave in and brought back the pay.

An article on the UFCW website titled "UFCW Announces COVID-19 Hazard Pay Deal for ShopRite Grocery Workers in New Jersey, New York, and Connecticut As Pandemic Continues," that came out Nov. 25 stated, "A new agreement with ShopRite on hazard pay for nearly 50,000 union grocery workers in New Jersey, New York, and Connecticut. The deal recognizes the ongoing risks ShopRite workers have faced as the COVID-19 pandemic continues, and provides retroactive hazard pay ahead of the holiday season that covers all hours worked between July 26 and August 22."

In fact, UFCW has confirmed that "109 grocery worker deaths and over 48,000 grocery workers infected or exposed since the pandemic began." The collective power created by the union of these workers allowed them to fight to get their hazard payback.

Following the withdrawal and lack of hazard pay on the west coast back in May, UFCW 367 has been fighting for the workers to get it back since. But, despite all of the hard work of the union, their pleas have fallen on deaf ears as the companies maintain that the pay is no longer necessary.

The president of UFCW 367, Angel González, said "We are fighting for Hazard Pay and safety for all essential grocery workers. The big chain grocers like Kroger have had record breaking profits during this pandemic, they need to invest in their employees and the safety in their stores."

These companies are acquiring increasingly large profits during this time, all they see is the big money flow from customers and are looking the other way when it comes to those working in the stores.

These companies need to stop thinking about the money aspect and think about supporting the people who are making them flourish while also putting themselves at risk. It's obvious these companies are making the money, they have the funds to allocate hazard pay.

This fight should not be left to the grocery store workers alone. The locals can also help fight for their community by showing support. The next time you're at the grocery store, if you see a worker wearing a button that says "All I Want for the Holidays is Hazard Pay" ask about the buttons, the workers will likely be

open to give their insight into the button's significance. You can then contact the company and explain why you, as a community member, feel that these workers deserve hazard pay. Community support can go a long way in winning this fight.

Getting grocery workers the hazard pay they deserve is important because they have been in the stores working when others have the ability and comfort of working from home. They still get up and brave the world despite the prominence of the virus in order to serve their community and ensure we have the essentials we need to live regardless of the potential risk to their health. With everything that they have done for the community one thing that we can do to support them is to help them acquire the pay they should have been getting since March.



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You are alive.

Being the best you

It's time to learn to care for yourself.

By **BENGISU CICEK**
OPINION COLUMNIST

2020 is nearing an end. This year has been difficult for so many people, as a lot of us have struggled with mental health in isolation, financial difficulty through one of the biggest pandemics, loss of people, opportunities and more.

While we quarantine, we know that it's for everyone's safety to be able to soon return to a maskless, energy-filled lifestyle outside. In spite of this, sometimes we can't help but feel alone and hopeless. But in reality, we are not alone. We have someone who is close to us, that person is you.

Could we say we tended to our mental health before the pandemic? What about during? In self-isolation, in circumstances where we are constantly having a conversation in our minds, these situations can get so stressful they can lead us to the breaking point.

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We may overthink, overanalyze, over everything. We might wish there was an off switch for this, where we could only think of good and happy thoughts. I know, we are made to reside in a world where we have to be realistic and not daydream of our own beautiful fairytale we created in our minds that we escape to when things get tough.

We may often bury ourselves in T.V. shows and movies because getting lost in some else's world feels better than facing the reality of ours. But, we have to break this cycle. In life, we might find things and places to run off to so we may forget our own pains and struggles. These vices come in many forms. They could appear as positive actions like painting, reading, writing and hiking. Or, they could be things that impact us negatively, such as drug abuse, alcohol and being with the wrong crowds.

What is bothering us so much that we want to forget that we too have a role like every other being in this world? Could it be past childhood or current traumas? Could it be our depression and anxiety? Or could it be loneliness and an identity crisis? There are many things we could name off here, but we need to focus on one thing, which is freeing ourselves from this to be happy and peace-filled beings.

"If something finite, temporary and fading becomes the center of our life, the *raison d'être* (reason for existing), we will surely break ... Even if you do reach that which you seek, it will never be enough ... That is why we live in

a world of trade-ins and upgrades. Your phone, your car, your computer, your woman, your man, can always be traded in for a newer, better model." said Yasmin Mogahed, a Muslim scholar and specialist in spirituality, psychology and personal development in her book titled "Reclaim your Heart."

Everyone is capable of being kind and loving towards each other as well

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as nature. We are all human. We are born alone, we die alone. We need to stop depending on our happiness stemming from other people and things, because every single human, land, building, food and animal is temporary, and not here to stay.

We are travelers in this world. "Be in this world as if you were a stranger or a traveler along a path," said Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him. This is one of my favorite sayings by him because it emphasizes how evanescent every living and existing being and thing in this world

is. We have seen or witnessed instances of people be ridiculed for their accent, citizenship status and identity, when in reality, none of this matters. Accents will fade, lands and borders will disappear and identity is personal for everyone.

Time is ticking, and will never stop. We set aside time for temporary activities that will make us happy for only a moment, while we don't take time for activities that will improve our well-being. "I'll do it next year," or "I still have time," or "Maybe when I graduate," are some of these excuses we make. How do we know we will live until next year? How about next month? Day? Hour? Minute? Second?

We are sometimes scared to try new things because we fear risks. If we fear it, then what is the point of living our lives in fear? Could it be because we are scared of dying, of making life-long memories?

We need to stop delaying our mental health. Therapy is a great place to start, but in some places and cultures, I understand it is hard to be vulnerable. Some people may have been raised to be dismissive of their emotions. They may have been degraded, abused, manipulated and been around narcissistic people.

Through therapy and focusing in-depth on yourself and yourself only, you are able to find the root of the problem and issues you are facing today in your adult life. This could be experiences you had as a child, teenager or grownup. It may be from a certain time period of your life, or

something less concrete. Running away from it will not heal us. Facing

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it without fear through therapy will help us cut it out completely throughout our lives.

Concluding with one of Yasmin Mogahed's poems from her book "Reclaim your Heart":

"Don't grieve at the stab. It's only meant to free you. From the chains that bind you to the earth and shackle you to the shadows of the people. The mirage of water cannot quench. But is so beautiful to the thirsty. I'm afraid. Of never knowing another life. Different. So different. If I let go, will You take me higher? Above grief, want, loss. Above all that I've ever known. Take me higher. Unbind me from the earth. Like a vaccine, it sickens, to make you stronger. The stab is temporary. The freedom, eternal."

Earth and pain are temporary, so stay as a traveler, learn from this world but don't take it with you. Free it, see it as nothing but momentary amusement. All will leave you, but you will remain for yourself.

Six months later in the streets of Seattle

Biden-Harris celebrations are a detriment to the real work happening in the streets.



PHOTO BY ANDREA NADAL

A photo of one of the barriers of the Capitol Hill Autonomous Zone taken in June of 2020.

By **ANDREA NADAL**
OPINION EDITOR

Nov. 30 marked the sixth consecutive month of daily protests in Seattle since they began in May following the murder of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis PD. Since their beginning, many of us have been in the streets demanding change and/or providing mutual aid in the form of jail support, community defense, supply exchange, resource donations and more.

The initial turn out was incredible, and for several months thereafter we saw hundreds, if not thousands, daily. Over time though there was a loss in momentum, slowly we saw the numbers dwindle, and recently turnout has been

sparse compared to the numbers we saw back in May. The constant abuse from SPD officers, the targeting and tracking of protesters, severe injuries and trauma, and the need for a rotating wardrobe with more advanced gear in order to protect ourselves from SPD along with other threats have all contributed to the decrease in turnout. In addition to the more mundane issues of inclement weather and general burnout.

Beyond that, it would be disingenuous to leave out the effects that C.H.A.Z. had on the movement as well. The very foundations of the Autonomous Zone were revolutionary. To have created a space for free and radical thought on the very ground that the SPD used to occupy was surreal. To walk on the

ground that used to be held by the oppressor and feel a sense of community was powerful, and it felt like real and meaningful change was surely coming.

But months after the forced abandonment of the Autonomous Zone we have seen no major advancements for the movement. To have lost that safe place — well, as safe as any space can really be — to not only discuss radical change and ways to obtain it, but also begin to practice radical forms of community mutual aid, and a reorganization and reprioritization of society was devastating. It was hard for many to regain the same sense of optimism and passion around the movement after that.

Despite the fact that the Autonomous Zone as we knew it is no longer

standing, rising from those ashes we see new and powerful ideas taking form and being realized in creative ways. What we are witnessing is the evolution of strategy.

We are seeing people adapt to SPD tactics, fewer bodies at demonstrations and the ever-changing political scene. Beyond that, networks are forming to share crucial information with trusted individuals while also providing aid to demonstrators along with the community. One incredible example of this is the Capitol Hill Community Center, working where C.H.A.Z. used to be to support the houseless community and activists.

Revolutionary action has been happening in the streets of Seattle daily for six months. A commitment to true justice and equality and a demand for the United States of America to do better. A demand that the institution of Policing no longer be able to terrorize our communities and keep us at the mercy of our oppressors. But the day after the election we saw the opposite of this.

Huge crowds gathered in the streets to celebrate the victory of yet another old, white, conservative, imperialist man to the highest office in the land. To step into the streets and claim victory at the election of Joe Biden, a contributing author of the Crime Bill, a man who opposed reproductive rights as well as the rights of those in the LGBTQ+ community for most of his career is egregious. A man whose entire campaign was based on the fact that he is the middle ground between the democrats and the republicans, when even the

democrats are not offering what we need right now.

The Vice President-elect is no better on this front, beginning her career as a prosecutor before moving on to become the district attorney. During this time Harris refused to act in any meaningful way on criminal justice reform, essentially giving Police Officers a free pass. Further, her actions as district attorney failed to create change for those that needed it most, and in fact, at times was actively harmful to people of color and trans individuals. To celebrate their victory is to celebrate the return to the status quo and the oppression of minorities, these so-called celebrations mock the legacy of the real work being done in the streets.

Anything that can be accomplished by a Presidential Administration in four years can be torn down twice as fast by the following administration. There have been no victories. There is nothing to celebrate. The occupant of the White House is only a backdrop to the real work that needs to be done. Lasting, meaningful change does not come from the top down. It will never come from those that have ascended to power because you can only gain power by giving in to the system.

Change starts in the soil, in the roots, in the community. Never will change be tossed down from those in ivory towers, it will not rain down on us and provide salvation. Nor do we need it to, we create it for ourselves. The community informs the change that we demand. And that is exactly what is and has been happening daily in the streets of Seattle.

Holiday activities for a quarantine Christmas

Festive ways to add some magic to a rough year while we're ho-ho-home for the holidays.

By **MADELINE HILLER**
A&E EDITOR

Christmas is usually a time of family fun and magical activities. While we all know that this year has been anything but usual, there are still plenty of activities for people of all ages — or even just you — to enjoy this holiday season and add a touch of cheer to the end of this year.

BUILD A GINGERBREAD HOUSE

Who doesn't love gingerbread houses? This is something that everyone can find joy in, especially if you have someone doing it with you. Whether you are an expert architect or frosting rookie, it's a fun way to express your creativity this festive season. So, if your kids, partner or other friends and family enjoy a little bonding while making a little bit of a mess, this is one for you.

CHRISTMAS LIGHT DRIVE

This is one of the easiest ways to add some magic to our lives around this time of year. Throughout the month of December, you can drive basically anywhere from your neighborhood to a well known light drive to see beautiful, sparkling lights that decorate the streets. Some known light shows include Zoolights at Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium, Spanaway Lights and Bellevue's famous Snowflake Lane.

Woodland Park Zoo is bringing WildLanterns, a new light show to the Puget Sound this year. It is a light show experience with large light displays of many kinds of animals. These shows are still happening in 2020 to some capacity. If you don't want to go to any crowded light shows in lieu of Covid, driving through neighborhoods is just as magical.

BAKING

Christmas is a perfect time for

baking. Who doesn't love making some festive sweet treats for this holiday season? Christmas baking can include, but is not limited to, cakes, pies and cookies. Two of the most popular cookies I have heard of are gingerbread people and sugar cookies. These are popular with families because they involve a cookie decorating extravaganza where kids can make them their own.

CHRISTMAS CLOTHING

This can be thought of as a Christmas activity for two reasons: matching pajamas and ugly Christmas sweaters. If you're into looking cute with family, significant others or friends, matching pajamas is definitely one way to do it. This is another popular one with families, especially with younger children.

Ugly Christmas sweaters are a whole different ball game. Whether you make your own or buy one, they

are sure to be a day maker to your virtual Christmas party. Plus, with the year we've had, it's time to take ourselves a little less seriously this Holiday season.

CHRISTMAS MOVIES

Two words: Christmas movies. Theaters may not be open right now, but who says that means we can't enjoy a home theater experience? There are oh so many holiday films to choose from. Whether you like classics, comedies or family friendly flicks, there is definitely a movie for you. From "Home Alone" to "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" and "A Christmas Story" to "It's a Wonderful Life," films are one of the best ways to settle into the holiday season. So grab your cocoa and maybe a warm blanket, and get ready to enjoy some warm, Christmas films.

All in all, Christmas is a time of joy and love. So whether it's spent

with your family, your kids, your partner or just you this holiday season, you have this opportunity to end this rough year with some cheer.



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Gingerbread houses are a fun activity to add some sweet joy to Christmas.

Cyberpunk 2077: Behind the hype

“Cyberpunk 2077” is a non-linear open-world role play game that has spent eight years in production.

By **LORE ZENT**
A&E COLUMNIST

Wednesday Dec. 9 will mark CDProjekt Red's highly-anticipated “Cyberpunk 2077” release date. The initial production announcement was back in 2012, with its first computer graphics teaser trailer at 2013's Electronic Entertainment Expo. It was set to be released on April 16, 2020, but has since faced three pushbacks due to the pandemic.

This game will be an adaptation of the “Cyberpunk” tabletop roleplaying series of dystopian sci-fi genre aesthetics. In this game, players will assume the role of V, a customizable mercenary character. Through V, they will explore the fictional open-world of Night City, California — a megacity in a free state that is controlled by corporations.

Across six districts of the city, there are rampant gang wars fighting for dominance with a homeless crisis furthered by additions to cosmetic advancements. Due to the constant threat of danger, almost every citizen is armed with a gun. Its open-ended gameplay lets you choose how you want to experience the story and which ending you shall receive.

The publisher of “Cyberpunk 2077,” CD ProjektRed, is most known for their game “Witcher 3: The Wild Hunt,” an expansive HD world that incorporates boundless playtime. “Cyberpunk 2077” follows suit reportedly offering at least 200 hours of playtime. There has been much positive feedback from the public since its release of trailers and gameplay teasing, receiving high marks on its mechanics. The game will also offer cutting-edge performance graphics with a ray-tracing option. Like “Witcher,” it plans to deliver free downloadable content within weeks and months of its arrival, after that there will likely be paid expansions. Its multiplayer mode does not have a set release but is estimated to be out by 2022.

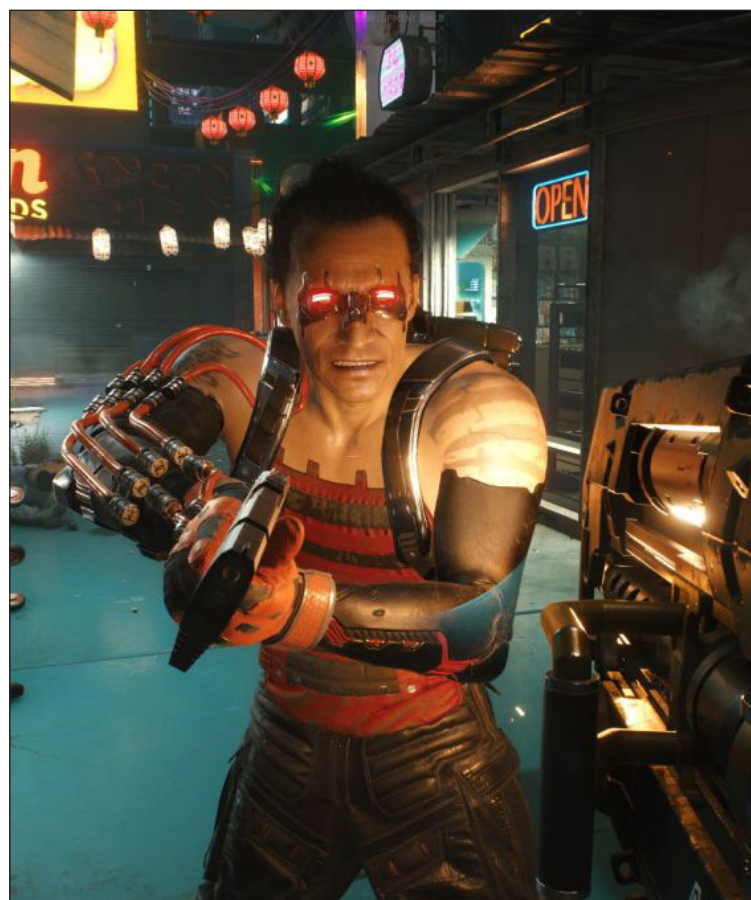
In strides of realistic immersion, the weather and time of day will also affect the non-player characters' behaviors. There are branching dialogues that will actively change your quests and relationships with other non-player characters. There are multiple different languages spoken in the game, which requires the player to buy hearing upgrades. The player can alter their stats by choosing their class, buying

cybernetic parts or visiting the black market for military upgrades.

However, a large selling point is the celebrities that will be featured in the game. Players will hear Grimes, ASAP Rocky and Run the Jewels on the soundtrack with Grimes also appearing as her in-game persona. At E3 2019, it was announced that Keanu Reeves was cast as Johnny Silverhand, lending his voice and likeness to the supporting character. Silverhand has the highest dialogue count next to V's. The game will also feature Mike Pondsmith, the creator of the tabletop game and consultant of the adaptation, in a Stan Lee like cameo.

For those interested in “Cyberpunk 2077,” the game will be released on PC, Playstation 4 & 5, Xbox 1 and X for \$59.99. “Cyberpunk 2077” has released its required specs to play the game on PC. Computer players will need an Intel Core i7-4790 or AMD Ryzen 3 3200G, 12 GB memory, a GTX 1060 6 GB or Radeon R9 Fury and 70 GB of SSD storage.

“Cyberpunk 2077” provides its players with a futuristic landscape focused on glamour and power for hundreds of hours of gameplay. Will you be playing?



COURTESY OF CD PROJEKT RED

Cyberpunk is CDProjekt Red's newest game, taking place in ruggish Night City.

Born to play in Netflix's “Queen's Gambit”

Filled with glamour and intense staring, Queen's gambit makes a game of chess dramatic and suspenseful.



COURTESY OF NETFLIX

Elizabeth Harmon lives and breathes chess.

By **HENRY NGUYEN**
FILM CRITIC

A couple of months ago chess's very own grandmaster, Hikaru Nakamura, started streaming online chess matches against strangers. He is widely known for the ways in which he makes the game fun to watch and would often play against other online celebrities just getting into the game. However, this sparked controversy as a part of the chess community wanted to gatekeep these new players out of the chess scene.

This is one of the main themes from

Netflix's “Queen's Gambit,” a seven-episode show adapted from the novel of the same name written by Walter Tevis. The story sends viewers on a globe trotting chess adventure. It tells us that someone's race, sex, or otherwise should not stop them from achieving what they want to do in life. After watching the entire show in two days, I think I'm finally beginning to understand why it received a surge in popularity in recent months.

Starring Anya Taylor-Joy as Beth Harmon, the show is a coming of age story that starts with Beth losing her

mom and promptly being transferred to an orphanage where she becomes addicted to the administered tranquilizers. As the show progresses Harmon becomes interested in chess and soon becomes a young prodigy, allowing her to compete all across the globe in high stakes chess tournaments against grandmasters.

This show succeeds in making chess fun to watch. As a person who doesn't understand the game, I was still able to comprehend what was happening through the characters' body language. With its grand crescendos and dra-

matic swoons during important chess matches along with sequences spaced out well and steady, the soundtrack also helps to clue in the audience regarding what was happening.

With this being said, I hoped that the show would give viewers more of a sense of what was happening. Some shots of the characters moving around pieces were good to look at but lacked substance to a person like me, one who doesn't fully understand the game itself. The show expects you to trust what it's doing or hope that you already know what's going on.

The side characters in the show are all very interesting. Most of them are players who start off doubting Harmon and end up losing to her at some point in the narrative. You'll most likely find yourself becoming invested in these characters considering they do a lot to impact Beth's success in her chess career. The scenes are filled with mixed emotions as these characters continuously reappear on screen at very unpredictable moments.

However, the story itself is rather predictable. The story's format has been played out dozens of times already with different sports. And while the show attempts to mix it up and keep its audience guessing by having her slip up a couple of times, it's obvious what the ultimate outcome is going to amount to.

The show's cinematography is of

high quality, which renders it to possess movie-like qualities. Chess sequences are intimate and sometimes feel appropriately claustrophobic while other shots of the world are grand. Not only this, but the show is also well edited and the color grading is a sight to behold with noticeable and glamorous contrast.

With its short seven episode format, “Queen's Gambit” is a show that's very easy to binge watch that is worth your time. If you're looking for an emotionally uplifting show that makes chess interesting to watch, then I'd urge you to put “Queen's Gambit” on your list.

REVIEW

The Queen's Gambit

★★★★★

The Good:

- Beautifully shot and edited
- Interesting Characters
- Makes chess fun to watch

The Bad:

- Story itself is predictable
- Could do a better job of explaining the game

Most impactful UW football players over the last 100 years

These players not only made an impact on the teams they were a part of, but also on the program moving forward.

By **BROOKS MOELLER**
A&E SPORT COLUMNIST

Last week, I gave you all what I thought to be the greatest moments over the 100 years of Husky Stadium's existence. But, in order for these moments to occur, there needed to be players that made them happen and brought the UW football program to the national relevance it has today.

To continue the celebration of the centennial, I thought it would be fitting to make a list of the most impactful players to step foot inside of the stadium, donning the gold helmet. It's important to note that although these players made significant impacts as players with their skills, this is not a list of the overall best players in Husky history. These are the four who I believe left the most lasting mark on the program and helped get it to where it is now.

HUGH MCELHENNY, 1949-1950

Hugh McElhenny is considered by most to be the first "star" to come out of UW. He was recruited out of Compton Junior College and began his two-year stint at UW in 1949 where we broke multiple school rushing records. After his senior season, he was drafted by the San Francisco 49ers with the ninth overall pick. After 13 seasons in the NFL, he finished with 11,375 all-purpose yards

and 58 total touchdowns. He became the first Husky to be inducted into both the pro-football and college football hall of fame.

He is perhaps best known for a two-game stretch at UW where, in the first week, returned a kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown versus USC. Then, in the following week, he kicked nine extra points in a 63-6 win over Oregon. He was a player who could do it all and this was recognized by opposing coaches.

"If you ever watched McElhenny," said Washington State coach Jim Sutherland, "you'd think he had eyes on the back of his head. I've seen him cut away from a tackler that 99 percent of the backs wouldn't even have seen. It wasn't instinct — he just saw the guy, out of the corner of his eye."

SONNY SIXKILLER, 1969-1972

Looking back at all the great UW quarterbacks, Sonny Sixkiller was the first to really make a name for himself. He was a star for UW where he finished his career with 5,496 passing yards, 35 touchdowns and held 15 school records at the time. He was inducted into the Pac-12 hall of fame in 2018.

Besides his play on the field, Sixkiller is of great importance to Native American athletes everywhere. He is the great-grandson of a Cherokee Indian chief. His heritage was focused on heavily by the media and may have helped him

become a star at UW, even in a time where minority athletes were not as accepted as they are today.

But, even his teammates wanted the media to focus more on his play rather than his race. The team captains even wrote to Seattle media to stop focusing on his race. He even donned the cover of Sports Illustrated at one point.

"I didn't want to be on the cover of Sports Illustrated," Sixkiller said, "But when you look back at it, it was a very fortuitous time. I was very lucky to be on the same cover that other great people have been on."

WARREN MOON, 1974-1977

Warren Moon was a player that, while not putting up crazy statistics while at UW, made an impact in a big way. In the 1970s, it was almost unheard of for a team to play an African American at quarterback but UW offensive coordinator at the time, Dick Scesniak, was desperate to sign Moon, who played at West Los Angeles College for a year. Many other schools were planning on converting Moon to a different position and UW was the only one to offer him as a quarterback.

Even after putting together a solid career in college, he went undrafted and moved to the Canadian Football League where he became a star after winning five Grey Cups — the Canadian equivalent of the Super Bowl. After five

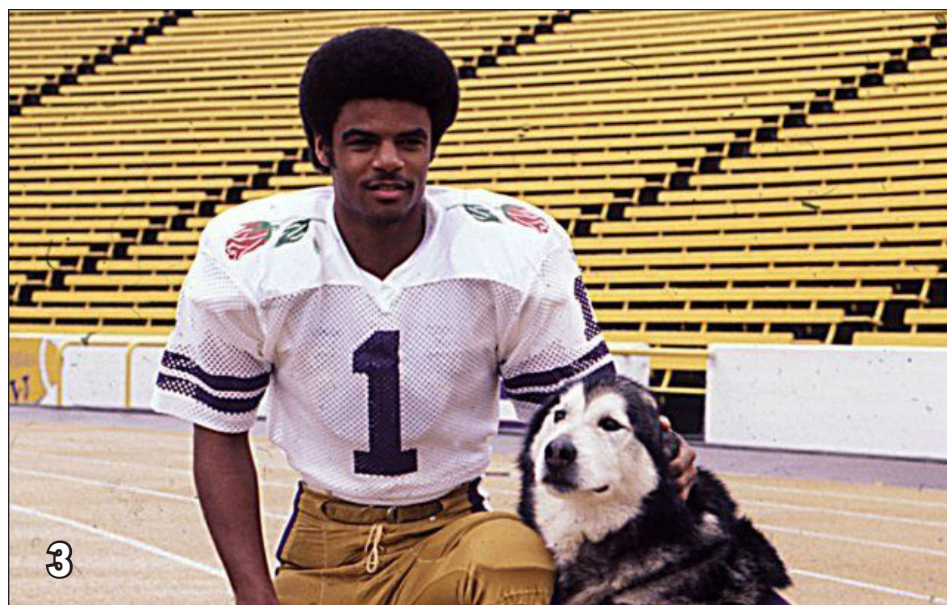
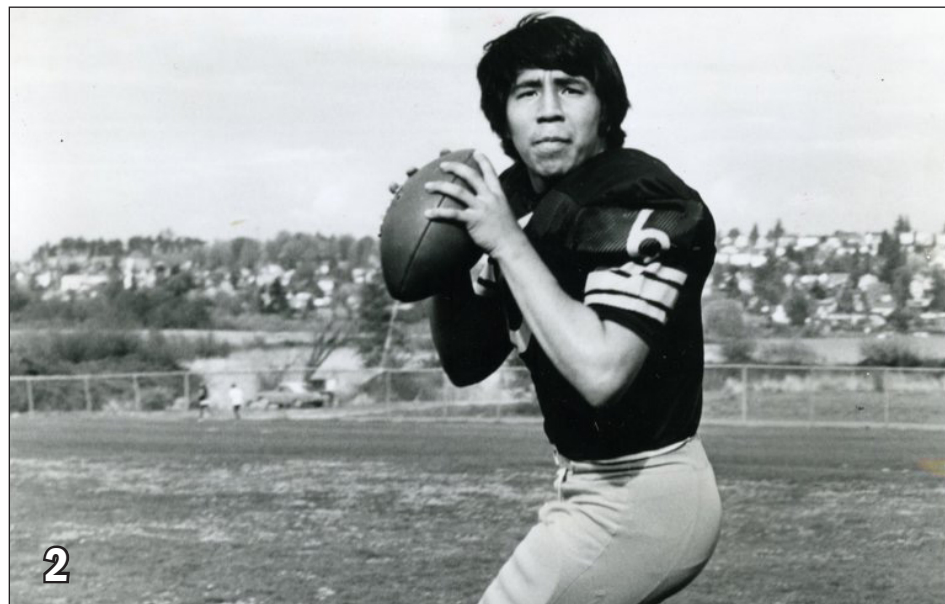
seasons with the Edmonton Eskimos, he was signed by the Houston Oilers, which was the beginning of a 13 year NFL career where he threw for over 49,000 yards and 291 touchdowns.

Moon is looked at by most as a turning point of African American players playing quarterback and gave many more the opportunity to do so moving forward. He is now a member of both the Canadian and Pro Football Hall of Fame.

STEVE EMTMAN, 1988-1991

Steve Emtman is considered by many to be the greatest Husky of all time. He was a member of the greatest team in program history and won a national championship in 1991. Individually, he won the Outland Trophy, Lombardi Award, the Bill Willis Award and a consensus All-American. He was also a Heisman finalist as a defensive lineman, which is extremely rare and shows how dominant of a player he was. Following 1991, the Indianapolis Colts picked him with the number one overall selection, the only Husky to hold that honor.

Emtman is one of the most decorated UW players of all time. He is the image of the UW teams from the early 90s that was all about physicality and toughness. Injuries brought his NFL career to an early ending, but he will always go down in UW history as one of the most impactful players to step on the field.



1) Hugh McElhenny, 2) Sonny Sixkiller, 3) Warren Moon, 4) Steve Emtman

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