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The Ledger is getting a makeover

Our new overlords bosses have decided that it is time for a name change for the Ledger

By REMI FREDERICK
OPINION EDITOR

Managing Editor Madi Williams, Editor-in-Chief Madeline Hiller and Layout and Web Manager Morgan Morgans have taken over The Ledger and have made several key changes.

Firstly, the Ledger is now going to be called the M&M&M Monthly. Secondly, the newspaper will now publish every month instead of every week.

"I think they're becoming dictators really good bosses," said Alex Buckingham, an opinion writer, "They've started to censor our articles and quotes from sources. It's just not right."

Hiller said in response to Buckingham that she could do whatever she wanted and then kicked Buckingham out of the office.

"The idea came from our three names and just grew from there," said Morgans upon being asked for the inspiration behind the new name, "It just represents the most important parts of the newspaper: Madi, Madeline and me."

This change does bring up questions for some in the newspaper.

For example, Jaida Noble, illustrator, wonders how she will be able to do a month's worth of illustrations in one week as that is the length of time given to the writers, photographers

and illustrators to do a month's work.

Williams said that the reason for this is that it means less work for Hiller and Morgans.

"If they are doing their stuff all in one week, then Madeline, Morgan and I have two whole weeks to get everything set up. It makes it much easier for us," Williams said.

Josephine Trueblood, the Arts and Entertainment Editor, has her own idea of the reasoning behind all these changes to the Ledger.

"I think they just snapped. I mean, they have so much pressure put on them, I think it finally got to them," Trueblood said.

It is understandable that they

could snap, but it leaves the staff of the formerly known Ledger in chaos and with a lot of questions.

Some are considering leaving the paper entirely.

"I just can't take being censored. What's next, they start telling us what articles we can and can't write? It's just childish," Buckingham said.

As a side note, this author was forced encouraged to do an article on the name change but, that's neither here nor there.

Many think that this name change symbolizes a shift in the UWT student newspaper and its coverage of events, opinions and the arts.

"I just don't think we will be able

to write fairly and accurately under Madeline, Madi and Morgan," said Noble, "I am scared for my job and its safety under them."

This will be a definite shift for the paper.

"Please bear with us while we figure out our new direction and establish a new publishing schedule," said Morgans.

In case you didn't realize, this article is very fake. None of the above is happening or was ever said by any of the people above. Happy April Fools!

New Friends in UWT offices

The Ledger is getting something new in its office during spring quarter.

By MADI WILLIAMS
MANAGING EDITOR

UWT is now allowing offices to have an office pet; it can be any type as long as the pet is not disruptive to the other offices around it. The email sent out to offices specifies this as, “The animal cannot be barking/meowing/chirping continuously and needs to be trained to use the animal bathrooms that are being installed the second week of spring quarter.”

This brings joy to some people in the offices because they have grown used to being home with their pets over the pandemic and have come to miss their pets and the stress relief an

animal brings them. On top of it all, animals are just cute. Who wouldn’t want an office pet?

The Ledger agrees that having an office pet will benefit the office and help the staff if they are feeling stressed during the quarter. After a vote from the office staff, The Ledger is going to be having an office cat.

The Ledger office is a perfect space to have a cat. Not only do we have endless amounts of papers for the cat to play with, the office also has paper clips, rubber bands and pens to knock off tables. The cat would have seven computer keyboards to lay on while others are using the computer. The best activity the cat would get to

experience is knocking mugs of tea or coffee off the tables since many of The Ledger staff live off of some type of hot caffeinated drink.

The Ledger staff can not wait to have their office cat with them this spring quarter, they can’t wait to share the cat’s story on the website where the office cat will have its own blog about life as an office cat. The website for the blog is www.thetacomaledger/office-cat-blog/APRIL-FOOLS

Yes this is an April Fools joke. There will be no office pets anywhere on campus as much as some of us wish there were.

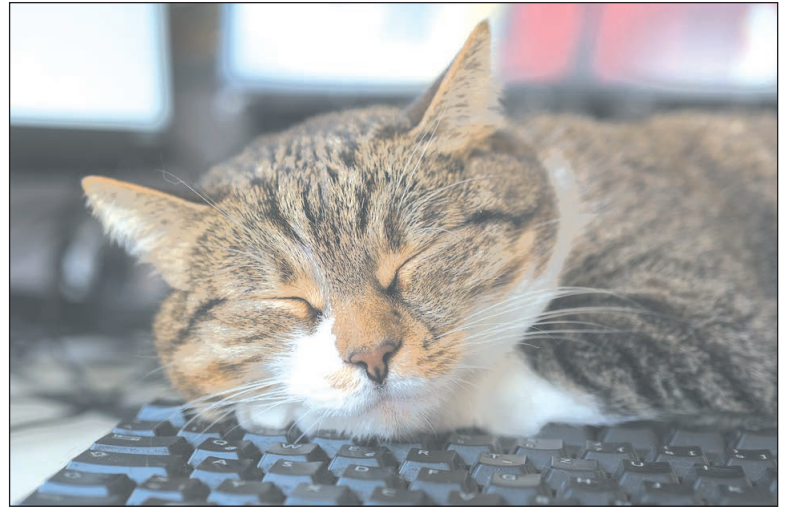


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Potential trained office cat the staff has found taking a nap on the keyboard.

UWT announces Dubs’ new rival mascot: “Stinky”

The stuffed animal’s name was chosen to honor the historic “Tacoma Aroma”.



By JOSEPHINE TRUEBLOOD
A&E EDITOR

After seeing the love and admiration shown to all fourteen of UW Seattle’s adorable live Alaskan Malamutes, UW Tacoma has finally decided to adopt a mascot. Joe Lawless, UW Tacoma’s Chief Strategy Officer said “rather than adopting a live mascot, we believe that choosing an ethically-sourced, sustainable plush toy better reflects our campus’ focus on social responsibility.” With great excitement, UW Tacoma is happy to introduce “Stinky,” the loveable, slightly-used Husky stuffed animal discovered in South Tacoma’s Thrift City.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Mentha Hynes-Wilson, said “we knew it was time to introduce a mascot after UW Bothell’s roaring success with ‘Brian,’” a Husky-Chihuahua mix with a lot of personality.

From Frosty in 1922 to Dubs in 2018, UW clearly takes great pride in naming their mascots. UW Tacoma Chancellor Sheila Edwards Lange said “we wanted to choose a name that reflected this vibrant, eclectic and historic

city - a truly Tacoma name.” After great debate: “Stinky” was selected to represent the Tacoma Aroma, a sulfuric and industrial scent which has adorned the air of Grit City since the 1940s. Other possible names included Frisko, Ivan and Destiny.

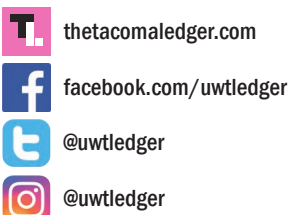
While models were considered from Warmies, Pillowpet and Squishmallow, ultimately it was Stinky’s unique charm that won the hearts of the Chancellor’s office. Lawless said “you can get a brand-new husky toy at any old UW bookstore...only Stinky truly represents the UWT experience: secondhand and sometimes forgotten.” UW Tacoma has entrusted the Tahoma West Literary Arts Magazine to take care of this sweet, plush creature. You can spend more time with Stinky at the magazine headquarters during Spring Quarter, located in the Mattress Factory (MAT) building. Unfortunately, this emotional support Husky is just an April Fools joke.

PHOTO BY JOSEPHINE TRUEBLOOD

“Stinky” radiates excellence and community at the UWT Grand Staircase.

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Alchemic academics: UWT's new major

With a new spring quarter UW Tacoma has added another major for students to pursue.

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With a new quarter beginning at UW Tacoma, new majors have been added to the catalog after weeks of debate among staff, alumni and the school board. In an email sent out to relevant staff and shared with some offices such as The Ledger, the latest major to be offered at the Tacoma campus is the Alchemy major which is to fall under various other science degrees and majors.

Alchemy, for those unfamiliar with the subject, is the study of transmutation and, as is often the case, turning metals into different metals. While there is some overlap between potions work, runes and astrology, the new major will focus on the core principles as defined by the National Alchemic Association.

The new course of study will be of-

fered as a major, but there will be a track of study for those interested in it being a minor. The classes will train students on the process of transmuting metals, the basics of alchemic circles and the beginnings of herbology under the teachings of new professor Dr. Nick Flamel.

Flamel is a certified alchemist under the National Alchemic Association and was recently hired as of Jan. 2022 this year.

"UW Tacoma is quite excited to finally offer a major that really allows the students to explore and learn more of the natural world," Flamel was quoted saying when asked about the new major, "I've been teaching alchemy for a long time, mostly in France before I moved here, and I'm honored to be able to join UW's teaching staff."

Flamel shared some brief visions on where he would like the course to be in

the coming months.

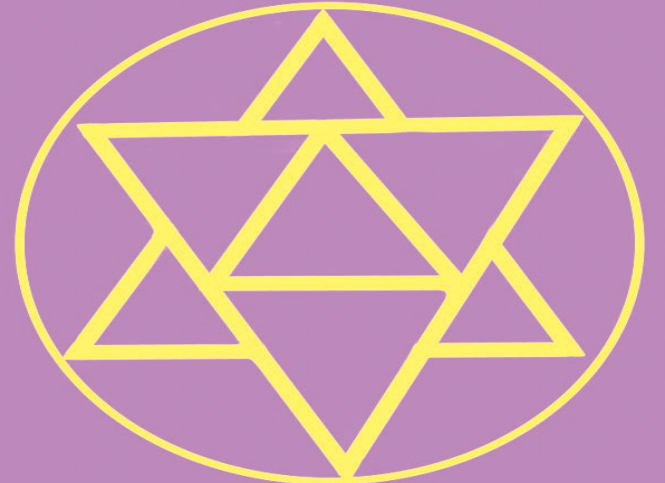
"We're hoping that by fall this year we'll have enough interest to really get this program going. A lot of our classes are going to start off theoretical due to some budget deficits, but we're hopeful that we'll get the interest needed to introduce labs and more physical classes."

When questioning students on campus about the new classes to come, Ed Elric, an undeclared student focusing on science classes, was quick to comment.

"Sure," Elric responded. "I'd love to play God. I'd probably be better at it, too."

Classes for the major will not be beginning this Spring Quarter and more information will never be available because this was an April Fool's joke. This reporter desperately wishes it wasn't, however.

T ALC 100: Intro to Alchemy
Class Code: 23076



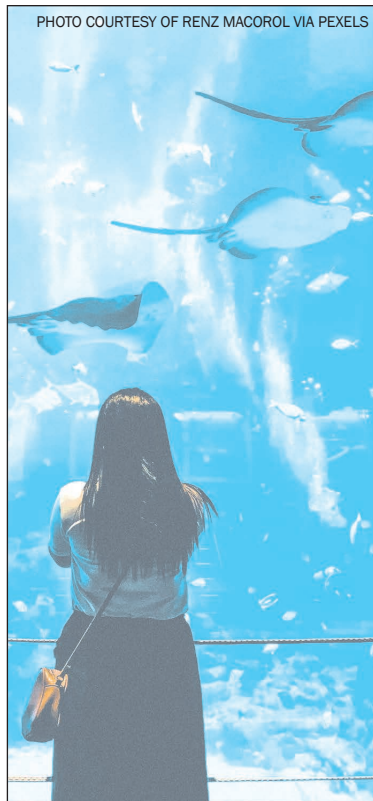
Questions? Contact Dr. Nick Flamel nicolasf@uw.edu

ILLUSTRATION BY JAIDA NOBLE

An Illustration of Alchemy class information.

New campus to open 2024

A new campus meant to be the sister location of UW Tacoma will open under the Puget Sound in 2024.



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NEWS EDITOR

While funding and budgeting has been strict among all University of Washington campuses, UW has recently announced that they will be opening a new underwater campus that will overlap and share classes with the Tacoma campus.

This decision, while not supported by all staff and board members, was endorsed by the Chancellor in an email sent out to faculty to inform them of the upcoming changes.

"This will be a big change, but we feel that it is our responsibility and duty to expand our students' horizons," the Chancellor explained in the email, "Construction will begin on April 1 and we're hopeful the campus will be opened in 2024."

The campus will be accessible from Union Station just outside of the Tacoma campus. A series of underground tunnels will lead to the school, which will be built in the deepest point of Puget Sound. The campus will specialize in oceanography classes with a new array of labs that will be able to look up into the waters of Puget Sound.

Students, when questioned about the change, seemed generally positive.

"Sure! It'd make Oceanography class a lot less boring," Ariel Triton said when asked her opinion, an Anthropology major with a minor in Ocean Studies, "Plus, it'd be a great chance to study some of the ocean life up close."

Students interested in learning more will be unable to as this was an April Fool's joke. This reporter, however, wishes it wasn't, because an underwater campus sounds totally sick.

All UWT students will be granted a bachelor's degree

With COVID-19 and a 4.3 million dollar budget deficit UWT will have to close down before Fall '22, granting all students a bachelor degree regardless of academic standing.

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NEWS REPORTER

The COVID-19 pandemic created global restrictions and quarantines and as a result, economic deficits have compromised the university.

During the town hall meeting that took place in the William W. Phillip Hall on Feb. 10, it was noted that UWT finds itself in a \$4.3 million budget deficit along with low enrollment numbers.

These low enrollment numbers and the budget deficit are playing a crucial role in the continuity of the university. As reported by the office of the registrar, in March 2020, UWT had an enrollment of 5,369 students for the Autumn quarter of 2020. With COVID-19 causing massive shutdowns of universities and businesses, that number has dropped down to 4,842, creating a 9.8% decrease in enrollment as of Winter 2022 compared to that of Autumn 2020.

The budget deficit has created funding problems for student safety. During the town hall meeting it was discussed that to meet demand No. 1, to provide students with better resources for on-campus safety, is simply not possible at this time.

In regards to low enrollment on campus, students are able to partake



PHOTO COURTESY OF UW TACOMA

A look at what was once the UWT campus

in smaller class sizes and professors are able to dedicate more time to student needs. However, now the university finds itself in a conflict; how long until the university has to close down? Fall 2022.

With the closing of the university, students who are juniors and seniors will find themselves with an automatic bachelors degree for their area of study. While those starting; freshman and sophomores, will hold an honorary degree as they transfer to the Uni-

versity of Washington Seattle or Bothell campus to finish their studies.

As many of you know it is April Fool's and this article is almost completely false, although the university is currently facing a budget deficit and low enrollment, the university will not be closing nor will it be granting bachelor degrees to students as a result.

Happy April Fool's.

“The Rising of the Shield Hero” Season 2 has been canceled

Shield Hero series to be replaced by the Bow Hero series

By ANGELO ALEGRE
A&E REPORTER

The second season of the much-anticipated anime “The Rising of the Shield Hero” that was set to start its broadcast in April 2022 has been canceled. The animation studio behind the show, Kinema Citrus, has chosen to stop all animation production of the “Shield Hero” series on the recommendation of the author, Aneko Yusagi. This is because Yusagi has chosen to start a brand-new series with her favorite character, the Bow Hero.

With the start of the “Bow Hero” series and the end of the “Shield Hero” series, Kinema Citrus has predicted that Bow Hero will gain much more popularity since “bows are much cooler than shields,” and they believe that the new series will “bring in much more revenue for the company,” according to the CEO Muneki Ogasawara. With this idea, it is easy to see why Kinema Citrus would drop the “Shield Hero” series in favor of

the upcoming “Bow Hero” series.

It is a sad thing to learn if you are a Shield Hero fan, but this whole situation will end up giving anime fans more content to enjoy in the future if the launch of the Bow Hero series proves to be more popular than its predecessor. There will not be a long wait for fans of Aneko Yusagi’s work as the Bow Hero series anime is slated to start in July 2022, which is just around the corner.

Just kidding, April Fools! Fans of the Shield Hero series have nothing to worry about as the anime will begin its broadcast in April 2022. The author Aneko Yusagi has been known to publish works of other heroes, such as the Spear Hero books, but she won’t be stopping production of the Shield Hero series anytime soon.

If you plan to watch the upcoming season of “The Rising of the Shield Hero,” it is available to stream in April 2022 on Crunchyroll.



Show poster of the “The Rising of the Shield Hero” season 1

PHOTO BY KINEMA CITRUS (ANIMATION STUDIO)

New food on campus coming Spring Quarter

UWT finally listened to students and gave us more food options

By MADI WILLIAMS
MANAGING EDITOR

With a new quarter comes new amenities. We are happy to report that food and drinks that are not found on Pacific Ave. are coming back to campus.

Some seniors might remember that’s where Charles & Terry Gourmet Chinese food used to be in the Mattress Factory by the Dawg Den. In this space, Infinite Soups will fill students’ stomachs and warm their bodies during those cold spring days. There will be vegan and vegetarian options that will change daily.

Another place that will have a large food section will be the underground tunnels to the underwater campus. Within these tunnels, students and staff will have access to Greek, Mex-

ican and Indian foods at affordable prices. Along with these affordable prices, the containers your food will come in will keep your food hot and fresh and are leakproof!

Mad Hat Tea will also be coming to campus for those students who enjoy tea over coffee. The shop will be located on the third floor of the Mattress Factory. This shop will allow students to access a high-class tea experience, including extensive sampling before choosing the ones they want to drink in classes.

This would be a great addition to the school by having more food options on campus, but sadly this is an April Fools joke. Students and staff are stuck with the same decision of choosing sandwiches or pizza if you forgot your lunch at home.



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Now open sign that will be around campus leading students to the new food options

MLB cancels baseball season again, signs your dad’s softball team

After tense negotiations, the league came to terms with your dad’s softball team.

By RYAN MANTLE
FILM CRITIC

In a shocking turn of events, Major League Baseball (MLB) has canceled the recently signed labor agreement with the Major League Baseball Players Association and instead opted to sign your dad’s softball team. MLB Commissioner, Rob Manfred, held a press conference to announce the decision.

“While we thought we had finally come to an agreement with the Player’s Union, we left a clause in the contract in invisible ink-kind of like the map on the back of the Declaration of Independence from that Nick Cage mov-

ie-which allowed us to void the contract if a better offer came along. We are proud to present the Tacoma Aromas as our first new team and we know that we will be finding other top-notch talent in the coming weeks,” said Manfred.

The Player’s Association released a comment: “While we are disappointed with the league’s decision, after hearing the terms of the deal, we found it better to just move on.”

This of course is in reference to the player salary, which is a six pack of Bud Light per game, and the medical coverage which is a bag of frozen peas and two boxes of expired “Despicable Me” Minion Band-Aids.

When asked if Manfred had thought about employing women’s softball teams he replied “People don’t want to watch peak athletes push their body to the breaking point any longer. They want to see people they can relate to and after watching a women’s softball game, we realized that they were simply too talented to be relatable to the average American.”

Perhaps the most shocking revelation of all is that the announcement was made on April Fool’s Day.



Rob Manfred commenting on the decision to cancel the season

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