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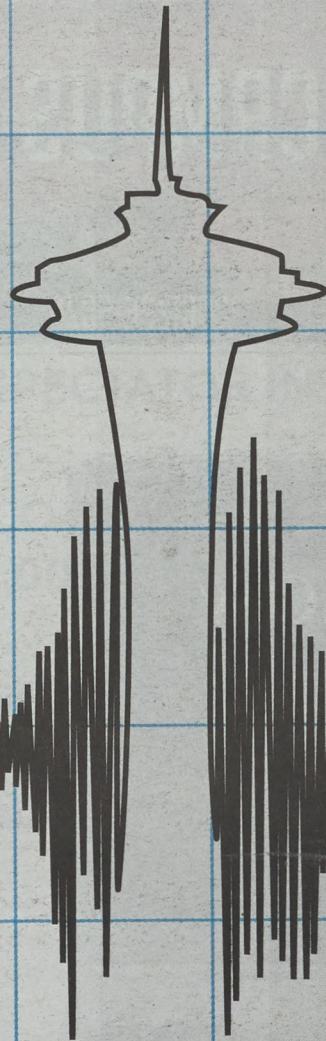
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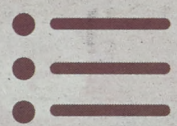


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SEATTLE AND THE SUPERQUAKE—WE'RE SCREWED

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It was 1980, the middle of April, when the ground started to shake. For two months, the ground around Mount St. Helens continued to intermittently rumble. Scientists monitored the situation, eventually concluding that volcanic activity was inevitable. Most people evacuated, fearing the widespread destruction that most scientists forecasted. A few, however, decided to stay.

Among those who remained on the mountain was Harry Truman (not the President). Truman operated a lodge on the foot of the mountain and refused to vacate the premises, despite constant warning. Truman eventually had to move his bed to his basement after repeatedly being knocked to the floor by continuing quakes, he remained unconvinced that disaster was imminent.

On May 18, 1980, Mount St. Helens erupted. A large segment of the peak was completely obliterated and Truman's lodge was completely buried under approximately 150 feet of debris. Truman and his 16 cats were presumed dead.

Dozens of parodies on television programs and in books have portrayed Truman as a lunatic, completely ignoring obvious danger when his world was, quite literally, about to explode.

The reality is that Truman's story isn't a unique one. Every day we—the citizens of Seattle—face a similar threat and look right through it.

You see, Cascadia is quite a special place in the tectonic world. While the vast majority of the United States sit on the enormous North American Plate and push up against similarly massive oceanic plates, the corridor from British Columbia down to the Northern tip of California doesn't push up against the Pacific Plate like the rest of the Western Pacific seaboard in North America. Rather, they border a small jagged piece of tectonic plate called the Juan de Fuca.

De Fuca was a Greek explorer whose journals included drastically inaccurate details. He also claimed to have been marooned by English privateers in Mexico and to have been a friend of the Spanish King Phillip II, despite the fact that there is no sign of his name in royal records.

Everything we know about de Fuca comes to us secondhand from an obscure writer. There are some scholars who would argue that de Fuca may never have existed.

However, the name of a puffed up, arrogant, possibly fictional explorer who reportedly sailed wildly up and down the Western coast of North America bragging about his friends in high places, making radically inaccurate observations and naming things after himself is perhaps the perfect

A "superquake" in Seattle is expected to take 1,000 lives and destroy infrastructure.

thing to call a tectonic plate as obnoxious as the Juan de Fuca.

Beneath our feet the tiny, shard-like Juan de Fuca plate has been aggressively pushing against the North American plate—several times its size—for thousands of years. The area where the two plates meet is called the Cascadia Subduction Zone.

Calling the area a subduction zone, however, does little to convey the violence that truly occurs there. Geology texts imply that subduction zones are areas where one plate glides beneath another; they suggest a submissiveness of one plate to the other.

Evidently, the Juan de Fuca plate isn't well versed in elementary geological thought. Rather than sliding neatly below the North American Plate, the Juan de Fuca is crashing against the North American with a

vengeance. While it does subduct, it doesn't do so without a fight—the two plates generate enormous pressure as they press against one another, every so often lurching forward with a jolt.

It's difficult to convey the tension occurring underfoot. This activity might help you better understand: find a friend and have them hold their hand steadily in front of them, palm-up, at an approximately 30-degree decline. Next, you place your palm on theirs at a parallel incline. In this exercise, your friend's palm is the tiny, angry Juan de Fuca and yours is the big hungry North American.

Now, push. And push hard. Direct your push toward your friend's core while he/she directs his/her push toward yours. You should be directing tremendous force at your partner. At first, neither hand should move as tension continues to mount. Eventually, however, someone's hand will abruptly jolt upward or downward.

That jolt is a subduction zone earthquake, a "superquake," and it's terrifying.

In 2005, fearing that citizens and institutions of Cascadia were unprepared for a subduction zone quake, members of the both the public and private sector formed a board to address the issue: CREW, the Cascadia Region Earthquake Workgroup.

CREW's report is quite comprehensive, discussing the potential impact of different types of quakes in different areas of the region as well as dryly illustrating the potential havoc wreaked on the lives of single mothers and stay-at-home fathers in the event of a large quake.

There are three kinds of earthquakes we face in Cascadia, according to CREW's report. The first of these, shallow quakes, are caused by the slight movements of faults in the crust and are recorded almost daily. The majority of their impact is limited to slight shaking in the immediate area where the fault movement occurred. There is a faultline running directly

beneath the city of Seattle, but because the quakes are so small and localized, there isn't great cause for alarm.

Intraplate quakes are of more concern. These are caused when fractures form in the Juan de Fuca plate. Because they occur so deeply (nearly 20 miles beneath the surface), their effects are more widespread but are dampened by the distance between the point of rupture and the surface. These are estimated to occur approximately every 10 to 30 years.

In 2001, an intraplate quake was centered beneath the small town of Nisqually, Wash. This magnitude 6.8 quake, according to Seattle's Office of Emergency Management, took one life, injured 407 people, and caused \$2 billion in damage. While the Nisqually quake caused a significant amount of damage and was treated by the media as a large disaster, it was nothing compared to the threat of a subduction zone quake.

Subduction quakes are typically above magnitude 9 and occur at the seafloor where the plates subduct. CREW forecasts total devastation should one of these quakes occur.

They predict that many of the roads and bridges in the I-5 corridor will be lost to liquefaction as the quake shakes the water-saturated sandy soil of Puget Sound and pavement sinks below ground. Several communities are likely to be disconnected from receiving help as the only routes in or out slip un-



derwater.

Depending on the intensity of the shaking, many single-family homes may disconnect from their foundations and sever utility lines.

The now free gas could fuel fires while firefighters stand helplessly by, unable to do much given that water lines could also be damaged beyond use.

Larger buildings are at risk of destruction in the event of a subduction zone quake. CREW explains that this is the one area of preparedness where we have definite control. Unfortunately, the area is less than prepared in this regard. The buildings most

at risk are U R M s ,

or unreinforced masonry buildings. The report

notes that most URMs are brick buildings with concrete or wooden flooring.

"There are thousands of these buildings throughout Cascadia. Even though most URMs are one to five stories, they may not be able to withstand the duration of shaking," the report claims.

The Spectator, without detailed structural analysis, could not determine whether any buildings on campus

are URMs. However, there are a handful of buildings at the university that fit the "brick with concrete or wooden flooring" mould.

It isn't over yet.

Aftershocks would continue to disrupt structures as survivors waited for aid, likely without power and the ability to communicate. The wait could be long; infrastructural damage is expected to destroy sections of roads and highways.

The real threat of a tsunami also looms. CREW estimates that a tsunami would isolate many coastal communities and lead to dozens of deaths, citing sweeps of 30+ foot waves that could continue to ravage the coast for up to 12 hours.

Seattle's Office of Emergency Management estimates that a subduction zone quake could claim, in total, 1,000 lives and destroy infrastructure. They make sure to note that URMs and buildings constructed on slopes are incredibly vulnerable, and that our dependence on bridges will make it near difficult for emergency supplies and aid to be delivered.

For comparison's sake, a 1964 magnitude 9.2 earthquake in Alaska killed 12 people. The resulting tsunami killed another 119.

CREW drew parallels from this Alaskan quake, centered in Valdez, to possible Cascadian scenarios. The equivalent of a subduction zone quake centered on the Juan de Fuca plate, they argued, would have similar effects on Seattle as the Valdez quake had on the city of Anchorage, approximately 120 miles away.

In Anchorage, a landslide destroyed a 30-block area of downtown, two schools, an airport control tower, the entire city's sewer system. In a city of 55,000 people, 2,000 were left homeless. Nine were killed.

The report also included several pages detailing the long-term after effects of a large subduction quake, dis-

cussing the major economic implications of the infrastructure destruction. The implication is billions of dollars in loss, a major decline in employment and tourism, and a long and arduous period of rebuilding and recovery.

Clearly, a subduction zone earthquake would be devastating. You could breathe a sigh of relief that these types of quakes are incredibly rare, occurring in this area, on average, every 300 years.

Unfortunately, it is important to note that the last subduction zone earthquake that occurred in this area occurred on January 6, 1700.

As one PBS NewsHour anchor quipped in April of this year, "Do the math."

Immediately after the superquake strikes, tsunamis become a life-threatening concern.

However, aside from fleeing the area, there isn't a whole lot we can do. However, almost every region on the planet is particular vulnerable to some sort of natural disaster, be it hurricanes along the eastern Seaboard, destructive heat waves across most of the center of the country, or near total water depletion in the Southwestern United States, there really aren't very many safe places to turn.

Maybe, after all, Truman was on to something. We could spend a lifetime running away from the possibility of random natural disasters and still never get away.

Assuming you are resigned to stay in the area and face the subduction zone quake there are some things you can do to lessen the forthcoming blow. For one, advocating that buildings and bridges be made earthquake-safe. This

won't be an easy transition though. In April, Oregon's Highway Division Administrator Paul Mather claimed that it would take at least 100 years to make the 1,000 bridges in that state that are still deemed at-risk "earthquake-resistant."

Second, make sure you know what you are doing. Seattle University does have an emergency plan issued through the Human Resources department and is thus focused on aiding faculty in responding to a disaster should one occur during working hours. Their advice is similar to the advice you should have received in elementary school: if you are outside, move to an open space; if you are inside, get on the ground and try to make your way under a table.

Avoid potentially hazardous objects like windows, shelves or unsecured sharp objects you inexplicably have on your walls (better yet, take these down), or 15-foot blown glass sculptures precariously perched above doorways.

The plan, however, doesn't provide guidance to those who aren't on campus. Depending on where you happen to be, your strategy should shift.

For example, if you happen to be on the coast, run like hell for higher ground.

Pat Corcoran, the hazardous outreach specialist with Oregon State's Extension Service, warned that those on the coast would largely "be on their own when the earthquake strikes" and advised that these individuals make their way to high ground immediately, as the consequent tsunami could hit the coast within minutes.

Really though, all the planning in the world might not do any good if a subduction zone quake hits. Truman may have had the right idea after all; perhaps the best we can do is to cross our fingers and hope for the best.

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IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SECEDE...TRY, TRY AGAIN

Grace Stetson
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What with all the hoopla leading up to the 2012 presidential election, it is difficult to believe that it's all over now.

While the results were largely met with favor in the rather liberal Capitol Hill, the outcome has caused many to utilize their First Amendment right to free speech.

By Nov. 12, citizens in 20 states had filed petitions to peacefully secede from the United States. Less than two days later it was reported that petitions had been filed by all 50 states and the territory of Puerto Rico.

All the petitions were filed through the government-run website We the People. The Obama administration has previously claimed that any petition garnering more than 50,000 signatures would be met with an official White House response. Though Texas's petition has since accumulated well over 100,000 signatures, and several other states have surpassed the 25,000 signature mark, the President has not made a formal statement regarding the matter.

Logistically, secession would be incredibly difficult, especially because states with smaller economies might find it difficult to perform duties required of a nation, like forming a military.

However, it is important to note that 33 percent of movements to se-

cede a group of states from a parent government in this country have been successful.

Likelihood of secession aside, the petitions do provide an excellent example of how staunchly divided this country has become.

Sophomore Clark Huey is a native of Portland, a self-proclaimed Democrat—and a child of conservative parents. While Oregon is traditionally perceived as an enormously blue state, Huey explains that many parts of the state are conservative, making it more clear as to why Oregon was one of the first 20 states to petition to secede.

"I think there is kind of a knee-jerk reaction to the results of the election," he said. "I don't think it's very logical, because if you actually went down and thought about it, if you actually did succeed in seceding, are you able to protect your borders, have a military, etc.?"

Huey recently read an article that states that the petitions are more of a symbolic act to express dissatisfaction with federal government rather than an actual call to action. As we discussed, there are many conservative areas in blue states, although these often have a smaller population than the more liberal urban centers.

"I think for there to be any serious consideration [by the federal government], there has to be more than 50 percent of the population of the state which wants to secede to agree," he

said. "Even then, you have to take into account that half of the population of the state do not want to secede from the nation."

Cascadia Now is an organization set in the bioregion of the Pacific Northwest that focuses on gaining more rights in local government. According to the organization's website, the term "Cascadia" was adopted in 1970 by Seattle University professor David McCloskey as a way to "better describe our growing regional identity."

While the term originated more than 40 years ago, media liaison Mike Hodges says that Cascadia Now has been around for several years in terms of the website and a core group of individuals. The current and more well-known organization came up and running a little more than a year ago.

"I moved to Seattle about four years ago in 2009, and pretty immediately recognized a culture and landscape that is unique from anywhere else in the U.S.," said Hodges. "I ran into some people who were already a part of the core group that had been building; since then, Cascadia Now has really grown through word-of-mouth."

It makes sense for the people of this area to make decisions for their own region.

Mike Hodges,
Cascadia Now

Unlike many politically focused organizations, Cascadia Now doesn't take sides based on liberal or conservative topics, but rather issues of self-determination and autonomy.

"People in Portland have more in common with Seattle than they do with Washington D.C.," Hodges said. "It makes sense for the people of this area to make decisions for their own region."

The organization currently has about 6,000 individuals engaged on its forums, and the spread of the Cascadia idea culturally has been

remarkable over the last few years. These individuals are interested in focusing on the local government and how it affects the people of the Pacific Northwest.

"A large part of the case we've been making is the shifts that are happening on a national level are the shifts most relevant to our everyday lives," Hodges said. "The issues that are covered on a national level are simply wedge issues; they camouflage the things that are important to us. Local government has a far greater impact on us than a presidential election can."

Huey, on the other hand, believes that government will continue as it has been unless things get worse than they already are.

"Right now, I just don't think there's enough to actually focus on breaking away from federal government and create a stronger local government," he said.

As of this past week, the petition submitted by Louisiana had already garnered more than 30,000 signatures. The federal government has 30 days from the time a petition has received 25,000 electronic signatures to respond. Several cities, including Atlanta, Austin and New Orleans, have also submitted petitions asking to stay a part of the U.S. if their respective states are able to secede from the union.

Along with the petitions for secession, there are also petitions calling for the removal of President Obama, as well as a call to shut down White House petitions since they are "ultimately worthless."

More humorous than the petitions to secede are the petitions to strip the citizenship of all those who signed secession petitions, as well as have all the states wishing to secede pay their portion of the national debt before they are allowed to do so. One of the deportation petitions currently has 25,263 signatures—more than enough to be considered by the federal government.

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This is your New United States of America, accounting for the possible secession of at least 9 states from the Union. The States omitted here are those whose secession petitions to the White House have garnered over 25,000 signatures - the amount required for an Obama Administration response.

NEW WEB-BASED TUTORIALS 'LYNDA' HAND

Chelsee Yee
Staff Writer

It happens without fail at least once a quarter: a professor tries to use a computer program in front of the class, and students squirm in their seats until some poor soul finally caves and helps out.

...The faculty were taking class time...to teach this stuff...and they weren't very good at it.

Chuck Porter,
Chief Information Officer

In an increasingly plugged-in academic climate, technological proficiency is becoming a must. The Office of Information Technology has recently addressed the problem by subscribing to the tutorial website Lynda.com.

This online learning company, named after founder Lynda Weinman, provides registered members unlimited access to a vast library of high quality video tutorials. This library includes 1,530 courses on about 300 software programs.

Lynda organizes these software programs by skill level and their companies, such as Adobe and Google, as well as by their operating system platforms so that students can learn the programs that identify with either their Mac or Windows.

Lynda courses cover a host of subjects, from 3-D animation to web design to time management. New courses and topics are added weekly at no extra cost to the user.

Not that the cost would be a problem—now that Seattle U subscribes to the program (which is usually \$25 per month), students can access the database for free. Part of the \$50,000 OIT budget, which could be used to pay for hardware upgrades, has been allocated to pay for the subscription.

"I had one student send me an email and she said, 'This is so awesome! I've coveted an account with Lynda for years and I could never afford it and now you just gave it to me.'"

"They got really good modules on time management and resume writing," said CIO Chuck Porter. "We got a lot of software training, but

...Now I'm getting emails from faculty... students that are essentially love letters.

Chuck Porter,
Chief Information Officer

we also got some other training that I think is going to be really helpful for students."

The program could be helpful for students who are expected to use Adobe CS programs, Final Cut Pro, or design web sites, not only in school but in the workplace.

While Albers does provide certification training for Microsoft programs, Seattle U did not provide general training for most programs prior to its subscription to Lynda.

There are also a number of websites devoted to providing free tutorials.

"We found that the faculty were taking class time and office hours to teach this stuff to students, and the faculty weren't very good at it," Porter said.

Currently, there are plans to have the faculty take the necessary training from Lynda and to encourage students to watch a couple of modules on their own. The school hopes that this will give professors more time to spend on class material.

Lynda is readily accessible from any computer or mobile device with WiFi. Porter hopes to get the word out to students, faculty and staff who he believes can all benefit from the site.

"I get a lot of emails that are complaints from everybody, but now I'm getting

emails from faculty and staff and students that are essentially love letters," Porter said.

Only time will tell if the awkward classroom technical difficulties will cease for good, but if they do, Lynda will be more than worthy of students' love.

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ON A BICYCLE BUILT FOR SEATTLE UNIVERSITY

Bianca Sewake
Staff Writer

Walking on the sidewalks of Seattle I hear a bell ring twice. I move aside, recognizing the familiar sound of a cyclist wanting to pass me.

Since coming here, I've noticed people biking to work, school or wherever it is they're going.

Seattle has a strong community of bicyclists. As this culture grows, the city will continue to support cyclists by updating the 2007 Seattle Bicycle Master Plan.

This plan served as guidelines to improve Seattle's bicycle network, allowing for increased ridership, encouraging biking as a transportation alternative and creating a safer environment for bicyclists.

In 2007, \$240 million was used to implement the plan over the next 10 years. The plan has brought about improvements in bike infrastructure, including 129 miles of bike lanes and bike lane symbols, nine miles of multi-use trail improvements and 2,230 new bike parking spaces.

"That's absolutely huge and I'm kind of excited about that. You always see more bike lanes going in and things like that. It's very impressive," said Max Snyder, president of the Bicycle Club at Seattle University.

The Seattle Department of Transportation and the Seattle Bicycle Advisory Board are working to improve the plan in an updated 2012 master plan by working with the community to come up with the best practices for bike facilities as well as safety and design improvements.

So far, improvements to be implemented in 2012 update include greenways in neighborhoods for those who want to walk or bike away from congested streets and a Corridor Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Campaign along different streets to increase awareness of bike safety and the benefits of biking.

The city can also expect to see

bike boxes. These bike boxes are a green space painted with a white bicycle symbol on the inside which will create space between motor vehicles and the crosswalk so that bicyclists are ahead of vehicles. Bike boxes will give bicyclists more visibility on the road, making it safer when cars are making turns.

The push to create a stronger and safer bike network aligns with Seattle's evolving bike community, which will launch a bike share in Capitol Hill and Puget Sound as early as Fall 2013 to Spring 2014.

"The idea of bike share has been rapidly spreading from Europe where it started into the U.S. and has sort of popped up in multiple cities, especially in the past four years," said Holly Houser, executive director of Puget Sound Bike Share.

Bike share is a program in which the city provides bike rentals as a means of transportation to work,

school, or to close the gap between getting off a bus and to their destination which could be blocks away.

Some of the biggest bike shares are located in Washington D.C., Boston, Denver and Minneapolis. Other cities that will launch bike share in their community next year include New York, Vancouver B.C., Portland and San Francisco.

"Seattle has been looking at bringing this innovative transportation alternative to our city and there's a group who over the past four years made up of representatives ... in the community who over the past four years have been working to make this happen and discussing the potential," Houser said.

From there, a company made a business plan that tested the capacity of the city for how much it would cost to have bike share in Seattle. Houser was hired as the executive director and has been working for a little over

a month.

The business plan was divided up into different phases, and each phase rolls out as a progression of the last.

Phase one will cost \$3.7 million and have 500 bikes and 50 stations located in parts of downtown, South Lake Union, some connecting stations around East Lake, University of Washington, Children's Hospital and Western portion of Capitol Hill.

"Basically, the idea is that stations are placed conveniently and sort of densely two blocks away from each other. The idea is that they'll be used really for short trips to connect people from other forms of transit to the workplace or school or retail and services," Houser said.

Though the system is not set in stone, ideally, the way bike share would work is through a 24 hour, monthly or annual membership where the member has a card or some kind of electronic device used to scan



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Seattle residents commute from work on Sunday, Nov. 18. Seattle continues to implement their "Bike Master Plan" in an effort to streamline both the public transportation and the bicycle systems.

at the station to check out a bike.

"The whole reasoning behind that is bikes really are for short trips," Houser said. "They're not sort of a bike that you are going to take on a road trip for three hours. We want the bikes to stay in the city. We want them to stay available and stay accessible to people who want to use them."

The organizations are hoping to raise the funds through partnerships with private corporate sponsorships and grants.

On a smaller scale, the Student Government of Seattle University (SGSU) is working toward having a bike share on campus.

"A bicycle share would be good to have on campus because of the environmental impact as well as the health impact and some of these things like that. Seattle itself is set up for cycling. There has been a lot of infrastructure," Snyder said.

However, factors of cost and maintenance were problematic in implementing bike share on campus. So although the Seattle U community will not see bike share this year, SGSU plans to work toward that so that future SGSU students can eventually see the project.

In the meantime, SGSU plans to bring covered bike racks and lockers to campus, which is a progression toward having bike share on campus.

"You'd have a bike locker that you can store your bike in for a quarter and you'd rent it out for a quarter," Gaddie said.

However, these bike lockers are still a bit costly. One bike locker is two triangles put together to form a rectangle and so it stores two bikes. It costs \$2,535.

However, bike lockers would be useful for students.

"It's kind of like a safer storage and convenient way to store a bike. These would be covered so you won't have the damage of rain or the possibility of them being stolen because these are really secured to the ground and lots of people, like really anyone could use these bike lockers," Gaddie said.



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Currently, SGSU is planning to have five lockers which would store 10 bikes, and the cost to implement that will be \$12,500. However, SGSU is still figuring out how to cover the costs when their project funds for this year is \$13,000.

"Anyone can tap into this fund to put on programs or events or if there's something they want to do for the campus. And that's \$13,000 this year. So when you think about it, \$12,000 for 10 bikes for five lockers would basically be using up this entire funds for our reps to use. So we can't take it all from that," Gaddie said.

Currently, SGSU is working with the Bicycle Club to raise funds for the

bike lockers.

With interest in using bikes as an alternative for transportation, the master plan update could not have come at a more appropriate time.

"Biking is just like a healthier option, better for the environment," Gaddie said.

It also works well with other alternative transportation.

"We're making obviously great progress in terms of transit in Seattle and there's sort of a lot of pieces of that puzzle whether it's metro bus, light rail, the street car. Bike share in Seattle is going to be a great way to connect all of those transit types. ... It's sort of that last mile connection

that's really key," Houser said.

And with attention to more bicyclists, it also makes the community more bike friendly.

"By having more bikes on the road and people riding bikes, it's going to make the bicycling environment safer for everyone," Houser said.

The final update of the Seattle Bicycle Master Plan should be ready for City Council in 2013.

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I-1240 MAKES EDUCATION A LOTTERY FOR SOME



CHARTER SCHOOLS RECEIVE
19%
LESS MONEY PER STUDENT THAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CHARTER SCHOOLS WOULD COMPRISE ABOUT
1.6%
OF WASH. STATE SCHOOLS

12% OF CHARTER SCHOOL TEACHERS ARE UNIONIZED COMPARED TO THE
76.4%
OF UNIONIZED STATE TEACHERS NATIONWIDE

SOURCE: PARTNERSHIP FOR LEARNING

Holly Martinez
Staff Writer

The possibility of public charter schools in Washington state has been a source of controversy since the mid-1990s. Until now, Washington voters had rejected all three attempts at establishing charter schools at the state level.

This November, Initiative 1240 passed, competitively earning approximately 51 percent of the vote. Initiative 1240 will allow for eight charter schools to be established each year for five years. After the five-year development period, the charter schools will be subject to review. After the state has determined the success of the charter schools, it will be decided whether or not more charter schools will be allowed to open.

Charter schools are run by non-profit organizations, cannot discriminate against any student, and are free to attend. Teachers at charter schools are required to meet the same certification requirements as teachers in traditional public schools throughout the state. If a charter school should receive more interested students than it can seat, a lottery must take place in order to ensure that each student has an equal opportunity to be admitted into the school.

"My main concern about charter schools is where the money to run them will come from," said Washington resident Stacie Glenn, 29. "If [Washington] can't afford to effectively fund the schools we have already, how will these new schools survive?"

Washington's education system has been facing extreme budgeting challenges as lawmakers brainstorm ways to raise at least one billion dollars before 2016 in order to fulfill the state Supreme Court's orders for education reform and to offer free all-day kindergarten, pay for bussing, and ease the load of local govern-

ments enforcing tax levies for education. However, according to Governor Chris Gregoire, it appears nearly impossible not to enforce new tax levies to reach this goal.

Governor-elect Jay Inslee has spoken out against raising taxes for education; however, current Governor Chris Gregoire is responsible for writing the first draft of the new budget plan.

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"Washington, King County specifically, hasn't done well managing their budget or the taxpayer's money," said an anonymous King County employee. "We all know the education system isn't working, but it's hard to convince people at the local level to give more money when they haven't seen any results."

According to the Capitol Hill Seattle Blog, Seattle Public Schools (SPS) has said that the area would benefit most from a new middle school.

Charter schools traditionally have longer school days, even offering classes in the evenings, on weekends and in summer months. These flexible hours could allow students to spend more time in the classroom and/or attend a school whose hours best accommodate the student and their family's needs.

Charter schools can be established as elementary, middle or high schools. Stanford researchers have conducted studies regarding the effectiveness of charter schools compared to traditional public schools and found that while overall charter schools don't function more effectively than traditional schools, they show exponential growth and higher success rates for students in poverty stricken areas.

Currently, 56 percent of seventh

graders in the state are not reading at grade level. Of those living in poverty, reading level drops to less than 50 percent. Similarly, 24 percent of Washington students drop out of high school. The campaign in support of I-1240 argues that because charter schools have a more flexible curriculum than traditional public schools, they have more freedom to contour their schedule to more effectively accommodate and strengthen their students.

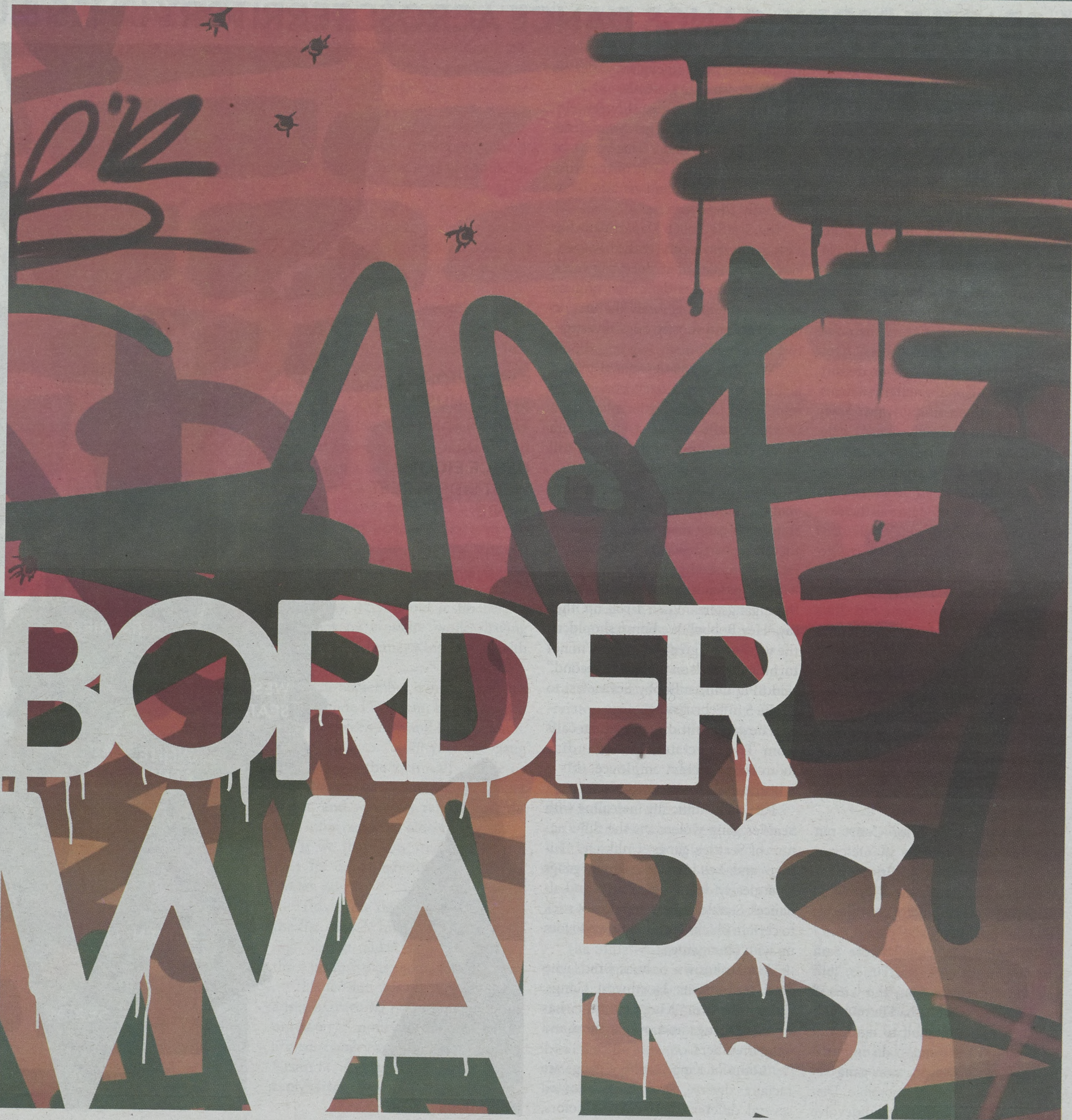
Washington state is the 42nd state to approve charter school legislation. According to the Washington Coalition for Public Charter Schools, by 2018 nearly 70 percent of jobs in Washington state will require degrees or certificates from an accredited institution in order to be considered for hire. Proponents of I-1240 believe that the development of charter schools can increase graduation rates, particularly among students from homes of economic hardship and minorities, because charter schools can offer a more personal classroom experience and can offer job training and lifestyle classes.

According to the Seattle Times, education spending in Washington has dropped from nearly 50 percent of the state budget to just above 40 percent. Charter school proponents argue that charter schools will be cheaper to maintain and will be more effective than traditional public schools.

A recent study conducted by the Partnership for Learning reviled that charter schools typically receive an average of 19 percent less money per student than traditional public schools.

"We had charter schools where I grew up," said Jerry Lisauckis of the Coast Guard. "Being stationed in Seattle made me realize that if something doesn't change [with the education system in Washington], this isn't the place I want to raise my kids."

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HUSTLERS, BLOODS, DEUCE EIGHT AND STREET MOBB

A SEATTLE STORY: GANGS DANCE ACROSS TERRITORY LINES & UNDER THE RADAR

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Staff Writer

Another day, another timely warning notification. They come with regularity, reminding us of the realities of the neighborhood in which we live. Skim them, and you just might enjoy a blissfully ignorant four years. Pore over them, and the paranoia will likely set in once you realize just how close those cross streets are. Most of us have a vague awareness of the violence that occurs south of campus and the presence of gangs on Seattle's streets.

You're not the only one who doesn't know the details. Gang activity, it turns out, is near impossible to pin down and identify. It certainly doesn't help that reliable facts are generally limited. If officers respond to reports of shots fired, often times when they arrive on the scene the only evidence is the casing on the ground.

"It's such a challenge to try to get some traction to investigate this stuff," said Public Safety Director Mike Sletten.

Sletten also said the anti-informant, secretive culture of gangs, makes it hard to determine gang involvement. "Snitches" are demonized in the gang community, and there have been many documented cases of violence against informants.

"That's a huge, huge wall that this death or that death or whatever is up against," Sletten said.

King County Superior Court ran into this very problem in October, when shooting victim JaeBrione Gary avoided investigators and provided inconsistent testimony to keep the alleged shooter out of jail.

"He wanted revenge," wrote Sara Jean Green of the Seattle Times, "but exacting vengeance from the witness stand was not what he had in mind."

When it's so difficult to figure out the basic circumstances, distinguishing gang activity from non-gang related crime is nearly impossible. Discussions of gang activity often devolve

into discussions of unexplained deaths and youth crime in general.

"It is a challenging, slippery circumstance to try to get your arms around," Sletten said. "That's part of living with it. That's part of the frustration about it too, and yet also it has its deadly consequences."

The Seattle Police Department has a gang unit and it's one of the few agencies in the state that does. However, due to the unclear definition of gang violence, the unit is rarely the first on the scene, and mostly does investigative work.

"Whether it's gang-related or not is kind of a secondary concern of ours," said Detective Mark Jamieson of the Seattle Police Department's Public Affairs unit. "A shooting is still a shooting."

The gang unit also focuses on prevention, largely by building relationships with gang members. This allows them to get an inside look into a world rarely glimpsed by outsiders.

"I've gotten street close with a lot of these gangsters. When I roll up, they say, 'Hey Bobby!' We bump shoulders, the whole man greet thing. But I'm not turning my back on them for a second," said SPD Officer Bobby Sevaetasi to KING 5 in February.

The gang unit did not return calls from The Spectator, but according to an East Precinct employee, this is not unusual.

Part of the difficulty in dealing with Seattle's gang violence is the fluid nature of Seattle's gangs. Unlike in Chicago and Los Angeles, where gangs have clearly defined territories and alliances, Seattle gangs often do not stick to certain blocks and are known to join up with other gangs.

A man known only as Brad, who runs the website Northwest Gangs, estimates that King County has over 125 gangs and over a thousand gang members.

"Many of King County's gangs are racially diverse, and have adopted several different symbols and colors,

EAST UNION
STREET HUSTLERS
YESLER TERRACE
BLOODS
DEUCE EIGHT
WEST SIDE STREET
MOBB
WEST SIDE
MAFIA BLOOD
GANG



THE GANGS OF SEATTLE

This map is based on speculation by the Northwest Gangs website. SPD could not confirm or deny locations of gang territories.

making it more difficult for local law enforcement to track who is who, and current rivalries," wrote Brad, who uses an alias to protect himself from gang retaliation to his research.

Northwest Gangs produced the Seattle gang territory map that can be found in Google Maps. It names two major gangs—the Yesler Terrace Bloods and the Union Street Hustlers—near Seattle University, though officers warn that the map should be viewed with skepticism.

"A graffiti sighting could merely indicate that a gang member passed through a certain neighborhood, and the gang members themselves are likely to overstate their presence and numbers," wrote Seattle Weekly's Keegan Hamilton of the map.

Eventually, any investigation into something so nebulous begins to feel like a fool's errand.

Yet the violence continues, and to read a list of victims is to know: however hard they may be to pin down and define, gangs still matter.

In February, 22-year-old Desmond Jackson, who was not affiliated with any gang, was shot outside a SoDo nightclub when he tried to keep a friend from fighting with a rival group.

In May, 42-year-old Justin Ferrari was shot by crossfire while driving down Martin Luther King Jr. Way with his family.

In late September, a man was struck and wounded by errant bullets on Jefferson between 12th and 14th Avenues.

On Nov. 5, a 20-year-old gang member was the victim of a drive-by shooting on 23rd Ave. and E. Alder Street, and witnesses refused to provide information to officers.

"If we [had] any traction on this, we'd be down advising the mayor," Sletten said.

"This is the deadly impact. This is the list. This is horrible. It's devastating," Sletten said. "There's tension out there in the gangs right now."

This tension was made apparent by a timely warning notification released on Nov. 18 notifying students of an armed robbery at 13th Ave. and E. Jefferson St. The suspect was an adolescent African-American male, and the

incident could be gang-related.

Senior Mary Bromfield is trying to make sense of the senseless through her work at the King County Youth Detention Center. Bromfield mentors incarcerated youth, most of who are connected to gangs in some way.

"A lot of [the kids], when they're in there, are asked which crew they ride with," said Bromfield. "If one of the kids is like 'I don't do that,' they're usually like 'Well, who did you used to do it for?' It's expected that they had that sort of association by that point in their life."

Most youth choose to associate with a gang for financial reasons. According to Bromfield, low-income parents will sometimes tell their children how short they are on rent for the month, and give them the responsibility of coming up with the cash.

"They kind of leave it up to their 14-year-olds to decide how they most quickly make that money," Bromfield said.

Theft is common among young gang members, who are often too young to get a real job.

"They look at someone at the bus and are like 'I don't want to hurt them, but if I see their iPhone I know that I can make \$400 in two minutes if I steal [it]. Otherwise it's going to take me so long to make that money, and I need it now for my family,'" Bromfield said.

The city is home to a number of organizations which attempt to alleviate gang violence. The Youth Violence Prevention Initiative is one such organization.

"In 2008 there were five kids shot and killed in Seattle by other kids," said initiative director Mariko Lockhart. "That was a breaking point. There had been a trend of increased youth violence in the city and the mayor's office pulled together a task force to hold community meetings and look into what was working around the city."

The initiative is still young, and it's tough to measure whether it has already had an impact. Bromfield mentioned that such organizations rarely reach at-risk youth before gangs do; however, she also spoke to the importance of a citywide push to connect with one another.

"If there is a relationship there then people won't be as likely to cross each other because they will be of the same community," Bromfield said. "You don't necessarily have to be involved in the detention program or with at-risk youth but just working with people in the community to form that relationship can begin a lot of healing."

Students who commute often find themselves confronted with a dilemma: how can you keep yourself safe without stigmatizing an entire neighborhood?

"There are a lot of people who are just as intimidated by you as you are of them," Bromfield said. "I live south of campus, and I am usually just very aware of where I am going and who is around me and who isn't. Because of my awareness I don't need to be afraid."

She also mentioned that gang members are unlikely to come too close to campus or specifically target students, who are more likely to report crimes.

Junior Yishai Reno, who witnessed a police chase from his rooftop patio earlier this year, agreed that awareness is crucial to stay safe.

"We keep all the windows on the first floor shut all the time, we lock the door—typical, no-nonsense 'duh' stuff. But sometimes you have to remember how important the 'duh' stuff is," said Reno.

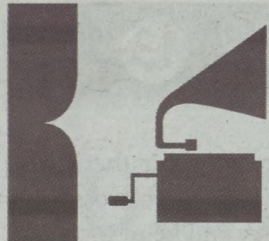
The house he currently lives in with his roommates was broken into two years ago when a burglar entered through the first floor bathroom window.

When it comes down to it, what exactly is going on in Seattle?

When the stories, reports and hearsay come together, the resulting picture is little more than a patchwork. Yet the conflict remains painfully real.

"It's like trying to understand an earthquake, in a way," Sletten said. "We know they happen, but we don't know how to prevent them yet or when they're going to happen — the next hour, the next day. But when they hit, they hit hard."

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THE GREAT SEATTLE STREET MEAT ADVENTURE



Monster Dogs
10th Ave. and Pike Street
Rating: 4/5

The first cart I visited was Monster Dogs. I ordered a dog topped with barbeque sauce and grilled onions. Monster Dogs offered the spiciest dog I tested, though I would imagine that topping the dog with some cream cheese would help. Although the taste was overpowered by the spice, the dog had a full-bodied flavor.



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Mad Dawg's Hot Dogs
12th Ave. and Marion Street
Rating: 4/5

The last destination on our hunt was nearby Mad Dawg's Hot Dogs. Currently located behind The Chieftain, Mad Dawg's grilled me up a beef Polish smothered in caramelized onions, sauerkraut and barbeque sauce, making it somewhat similar to Monster Dogs. The cart offered a solid and flavorful dog that I would like to try with cream cheese—they were out when I visited—next time I drop by.



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Comet Dog
10th Ave. and Pike Street
Rating: 3/5

Second stop was Comet Dog, directly across the street from Monster Dogs. The Seattle Dog was the dog of choice at this stand. This dog had a much milder, typical beef frank flavor similar to any hot dog you've had at a picnic or sizzled on your grill at home. The cream cheese and onions added flavor, but not nearly enough.



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Po Dog
10th Ave. and Union Street
Rating: 3/5

Po Dog differed from my other stops. Po Dog is not mobile like the others, but its location and popularity made it a must-taste. Their gourmet twist of scallions instead of onions didn't satiate my palate in the same way as the traditional Seattle Dogs. However, the bun was the best bun of all. Po Dog is worth the visit if you're game to eat the Deep Fried Danger Dog or the Texas Dog instead.



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Staff Writer



Monster Dogs: Best Veggie Dog

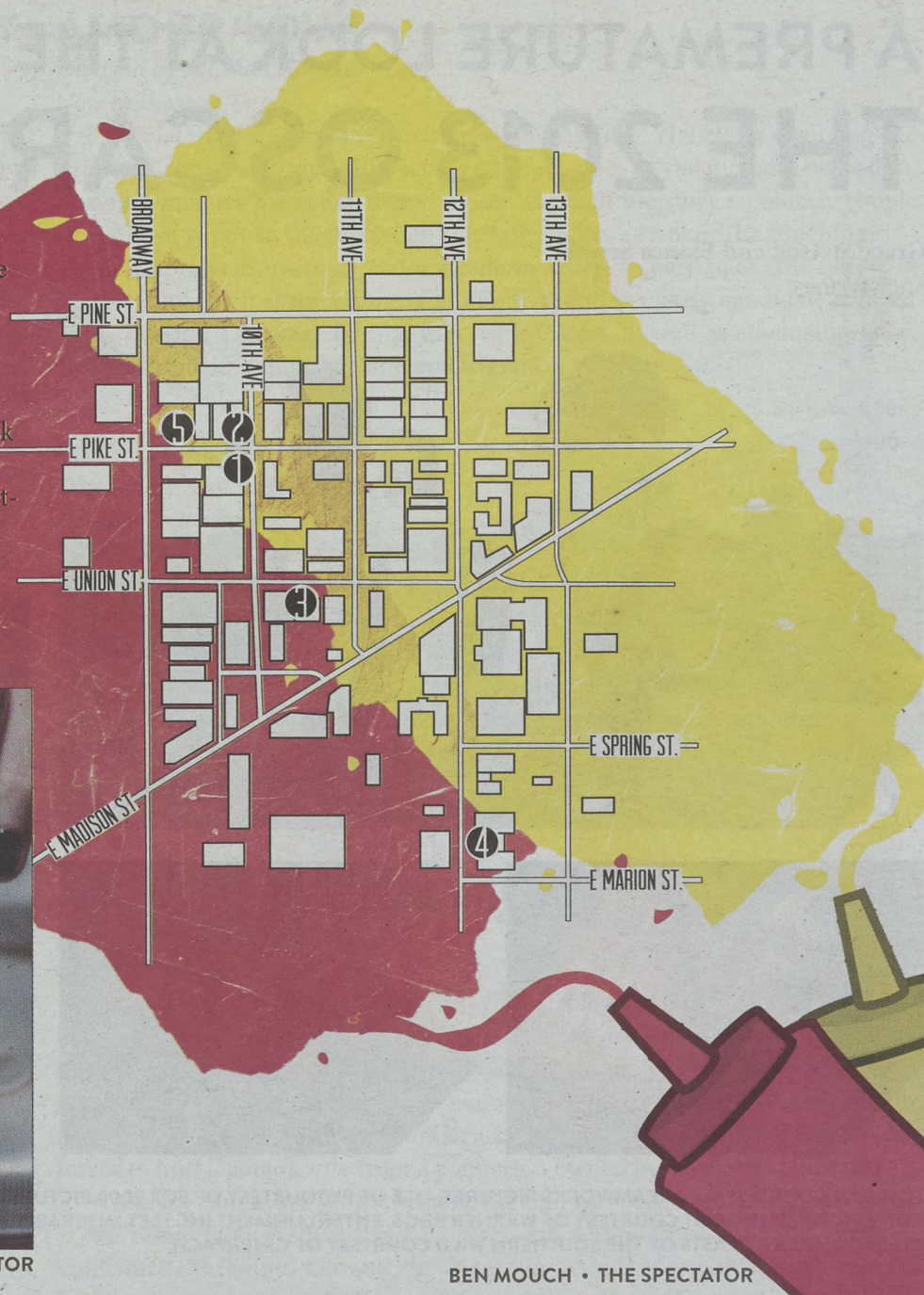
Rating: 4.5/5

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Staff Writer

I must preface this review with an honest admission: the best vegetarian hot dog that Capitol Hill has ever seen briefly graced the city in October 2011, when Po Dog featured a short-lived and utterly divine kim chee dog. Despite my tireless campaigning, that kim chee dog is now lost to the sands of time, but Monster Dogs manages to fill the void rather nicely. The cart's use of hearty dogs made with field roast, rather than soy, elevates their vegetarian fare, which tastes like a sad, spongy afterthought at most hot dog joints. In true Capitol Hill style, it's essential that a dog be loaded up with add-ons. Ask for cream cheese and onions, and be sure to add plenty of sriracha and hot mustard at the condiment bar. A balance of heat, creaminess and some sweetness from the caramelized onions, Monster Dogs' veggie dog is a refreshing departure from the typical vegetarian option. In fact, if I close my eyes I can almost pretend it's a kim chee dog.



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WINNER: Cart in the front of the Shell Station

Broadway and Pike Street

Rating: 5/5

The hot dog stand outside of the Shell Station was the next to attract my taste buds. With more options than the other stands, it was hard to stick to my Seattle Dog-exclusive duties, but I was able to stave off the myriad options and complete my mission. Low and behold, it was the best dog I had yet to try. You can't ask for a much better dog than this. The onions were grilled to perfection, offering a sweeter flavor than the other dogs and expertly complementing the subtle spice. The cream cheese was warm and sweet, making this dog everything I could ask for. Despite my full stomach, this was the only dog that I desperately wanted to keep eating. Bonus: this stand also provided heat with its three fireplaces and a pimped-out street meat atmosphere made unique by the addition of LCD screens, brightly colored lights and a well-stocked condiment bar to the large cart.

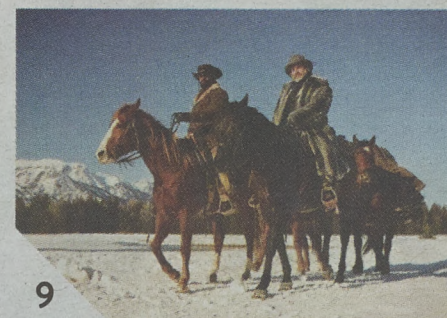
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COURTESY OF YELP

A PREMATURE LOOK AT THE 85TH ACADEMY AWARDS: THE 2013 OSCAR CONTENDERS

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BEASTS OF THE SOUTHERN WILD

Directed by Behn Zeitlin
Now in theaters

In Zeitlin's feature film debut, he focuses on the tale of southern Louisiana bayou community known as the "Bathtub" and two of its members, six-year old Hushpuppy and her father Wink. As a young girl without a strong adult figure in her life to emulate, Hushpuppy must learn the ways of courage and love by herself in the wake of a major storm.

Many of the residents from in and around Montegut, La. either acted or helped with the production of the film. Dwight Henry, who plays Wink, is a baker by trade and was not even interested in auditioning for the film. However, once you witness the Henry's talents and the various other actors, you will be grateful for Zeitlin's determination to make the most authentic Southern narrative drama he could.

The film has thus far won six awards, including the Camera d'Or award at this year's Cannes Film Festival, along with the Grand Jury Prize: Dramatic at this year's Sundance Film Festival, where it premiered.

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LES MISERABLES

Directed by Tom Hooper
Release: December 25

This year's "Les Miserables" will be the 13th screen adaptation of the musical. However, this version is the first adaptation since the 1998 movie directed by Billie August.

The classic story tells the tale of the unfairly imprisoned Frenchman Jean Valjean (Hugh Jackman) being released after a 19-year imprisonment for stealing bread. Valjean breaks his parole and is pursued by Inspector Javert (Russell Crowe); the pursuit of policeman after prisoner continues for the next two decades and leaves the two men to find themselves in the midst of the 1832 June Rebellion of Paris.

Like "Django Unchained," the film has not been reviewed yet and thus does not have released reviews as of yet. However, the film has a great deal of both talented film actors (Anne Hathaway, Amanda Seyfried, Helena Bonham Carter) and talented stage actors (Eddie Redmayne, Samantha Barks).

The film reportedly had a budget of \$61 million, so it's pretty difficult to believe that this adaptation of the classic French story will be anything less than extraordinary.

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THE HOBBIT: AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY

Directed by Peter Jackson

Release: December 14

Oscar-winning director Peter Jackson earned a Best Picture win for the final installment of "The Lord of the Rings" and another nomination could be in store for Jackson this year. A three-part prequel to "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy, "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey" follows Bilbo Baggins on his journey to reclaim the lost dwarf kingdom of Erebor from the dragon Smaug. Though expectations are high for Jackson and his returning "The Lord of the Rings" crew, competition is stiff and epic this year. "The Hobbit" is playful, particularly compared to Jackson's previous films, and the Oscars tend to

3 nominate weightier films.

LIFE OF PI

Directed by Ang Lee

Now in theaters

Based on Yann Martel's best-selling novel, Academy Award-winning director Ang Lee took what critics call an "unfilmable" book and created a cinematic masterpiece. Footage of the film was first seen in April at the CinemaCon in Las Vegas and has been making waves since. The film follows protagonist Pi who is stranded on a boat with a tiger following a disaster at sea. Although the footage revealed in the trailer was short, and hardly any words were spoken, the visuals—which can be credited to the film's cinematographer Claudio Miranda—were stunning. While the film is already arresting in 2-D, some say this is

4 perhaps this movie is the only 3-D worth the extra dollars.

ARGO

Directed by Ben Affleck

Now in theaters

Ben Affleck's talent as a director is gaining even more attention since "Argo's" release on Oct. 12. The thriller, which has already brought in almost \$120 million at the U.S. box office, is loosely based on the rescue of six U.S. diplomats from Iran during the 1979 hostage crisis.

Upon hearing news of the hostage situation, a CIA specialist (played by Affleck) determines that the government should create a cover story that the embassy escapees are actually Canadian filmmakers, scouting out locations in Iran for a sci-fi movie. The movie follows Affleck into Iran and through the various struggles he and the six hostages face when trying to return to the United States.

The film currently has a 95 percent rating on Rotten Tomatoes; The Washington Times stated that "Argo" felt "like a movie from an earlier era." However, critics also believe that characters were not as developed in the movie as they

5 should have been for the audience, which could hurt the film's chances of an Oscar for Best Picture.

SILVER LININGS PLAYBOOK

Directed by David O. Russell

Now in theaters

According to critics, it seems that "Silver Linings Playbook" will be going head to head with "Life of Pi" for Best Picture. The film follows Pat (Bradley Cooper) who, after coming out of a mental institution, hopes to patch things up with his ex-wife. That changes when Pat meets the mysterious and equally erratic Tiffany (Jennifer Lawrence). Since winning the People's Choice Award at the Toronto International Film Festival, the critics haven't stopped raving about director David O. Russell and the film's leading actors. Cooper, who is known

6 as one of the sexiest men alive, and Lawrence, whose fame came from her role as Katniss Everdeen in "The Hunger Games" and a 2011 Best Actress nomination, may be key contenders for the acting nominations.

AMOUR/LOVE

Directed by Michael Haneke

Now in theaters

In his latest film "Amour," Austrian auteur Michael Haneke is changing the pace. A director who typically focuses on the themes of violence and obsession, "Amour" pursues the softer theme of love through the story an elderly couple whose love is put to the test when the wife suffers a stroke. The touching storyline is foreseen to attract senior Academy voters in particular. The film won the Palme d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival and is a likely candidate for Best

7 Foreign-Language Film at this year's Oscars, as well as cinematography. Haneke could also land an Original Screenplay slot.

LINCOLN

Directed by Steven Spielberg

Now in theaters

Within a few hours of the film's preview at the New York Film Festival, "Lincoln" generated talk of Oscar nominations and is now at the forefront of this year's Oscar buzz. The film is set during the Civil War, as president Abraham Lincoln argues with his own cabinet over the emancipation of the nation's slaves. Two-time Oscar winner Daniel Day-Lewis plays Lincoln and the critics have so far sung his praises as a favorite for Best Actor. Tommy Lee

8 Jones—who plays Republican Thaddeus Stevens—could be considered for a Best Supporting Actor nomination and the film could also garner Best Picture and Best Director nods or wins.

DJANGO UNCHAINED

Directed by Quentin Tarantino

Release: December 25

Inspired by Sergio Corbucci's 1966 film "Django," "Django Unchained" allows Tarantino to prove to his audience how vast his directing talent truly expands. The film follows the story of Django, a slave living in the Deep South who begins the film awaiting a slave auction. Django is freed by Dr. King Schultz (played by Academy Award winner Christoph Waltz), and the two then join forces to find Django's wife from a plantation owned by Leonardo DiCaprio.

While the film is not yet in theaters, the film was predicted to screen secretly at the Rome Film Festival this past weekend. Although nothing has yet been confirmed, Tarantino allowed the media in attendance at this year's Cannes

9 Film Festival to view some seven to eight minutes of footage. The rest of us will have to wait to see this director's mastery when the film is released on Christmas Day.

THE MASTER

Directed by Paul Thomas Anderson

Now in theaters

In Paul Thomas Anderson's first film since 2007's "There Will Be Blood," The Master focuses on a World War II veteran struggling to adjust to a post-war society. The veteran, played by Joaquin Phoenix, meets a leader of a philosophical movement known as "The Cause," and the two begin to travel along the East Coast to spread the teachings.

Released on Sept. 14, the film has already garnered a great deal of critical acclaim in the film community. At the Venice Film Festival on Sept. 1, it won the FIPRESCI Award for Best Film. Yet, writers at Indiewire claim that while the acting and cinematography of the film were spectacular, "The Master" still left

NP many critics cold.

As of Nov. 11, the film has earned more than \$15 million at the U.S. box office, \$20 million off from the film's initial budget.

AVENUE Q WILL ELICIT AN EXISTENTIAL CRISIS

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Editor-in-Chief

Avenue Q is full of bawdy puppets and lewd jokes. Don't go into it expecting sunshine and rainbows though. I'm here to warn you as a fellow college student—this musical is going to be pretty heavy. When we left the Balagan Theatre on Harvard after the show, a lengthy conversation was had about our unsure futures, the nature of God and existential philosophy.

Again—do not let the puppets fool you. This is heavy stuff.

Opening originally as an off-Broadway production in 2003, Avenue Q has swept theatres across the world. The Tony Award-winning musical is often billed as “Sesame Street for adults.” The puppets in the world of Q watch a lot of pornography, struggle with repressed homosexuality and confront racism. There are graphic scenes of puppet sex. There are puppet strippers. The Avenue these puppets live on is far from Sesame.

Princeton, our puppet protagonist, begins the show full of wonder and possibility. At 22, he has just graduated from college with an English degree. Princeton is wide-eyed and wistful, excited to explore his

purpose he knows is waiting for him just on the horizon.

Reality hits Princeton about two minutes into the show though. After realizing he cannot afford housing in Avenue A through Avenue P, Princeton finally settles on moving into the run down Avenue Q, the only place that fits in his price range. The neighborhood is full of depressed, down and out puppets, with a robust set of unfulfilled dreams and personal issues. His neighbors are lonely, unemployed and low on cash. Princeton launches into the show's first musical number “What do you do with a B.A. in English?” and the comic horror begins to set in.

We are often told growing up that we can do anything. Our “Millennial” generation gets charged by fuddy-duddy sociologists for being more entitled than previous generations (along with a million other accusations that have to do with MySpace or something). Forget that the world is in the pit of an economic recession. Forget your student debt. You'll be okay. You'll get a great job doing what you love. You are special! Once you are an adult though, the reality is, you've got to eat and pay rent on your own. You might have to find some not-so-spe-

cial ways to make that happen.

This “special as a child, not so much as an adult” dichotomy is embodied by the superintendent of Princeton's building on Avenue Q, none other than Gary Coleman. The once famous child actor, full of promise as a youth, is now an adult toiling in obscurity. He is a punch line.

And that's why Avenue Q is so heavy. You, my dear soon-to-be college grad, are the punch line. Your hopes, dreams and fears about entering into the adult world are played out in front of you. A bunch of pup-

pets, singing funny songs about your doubts. Russian satirist Nikolai Gogol's work was self-described as an attempt at “laughter through tears.” Avenue Q is hilarious. It is full of razor sharp wit and fabulous writing. You will laugh. You will have a great time. The Seattle show is wonderfully cast and produced. Just know going in—this musical is in the spirit of Gogol.

Don't worry though. You are special!

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COURTESY OF THE BALAGAN THEATRE

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LAUGHS:

Ham for the Holidays:
 Hamageddon @ Theater
 Off Jackson, 7:30 p.m.

FILM:

Bad Santa @ Central
 Cinema, 8 p.m.

30

OPENING:

Elf @ 5th Avenue Theater,
 8 p.m.

MUSIC:

Seattle University Choirs
 Christmas Concert @ St.
 Joseph's Cathedral, 8 p.m.

1

MUSIC:

Ravenna Woods @ Sunset
 Tavern, 9 p.m.

MUSIC:

Adam Carolla and Den-
 nis Prager @ The Para-
 mount, 8 p.m.

2

DO IT:

Urbancraft Uprising @
 Seattle Center, 11 a.m.

3

STAGE:

Seattle Confidential @
 ACT, 7:30 p.m.

4

MUSIC:

Deck the Hall Ball @
 KeyArena, 3 p.m.

HOROSCOPES Sudoku

- ARIES**
3/21-4/20

Finals week is going to be hell. Your grades are going to plummet.
- TAURUS**
4/21-5/21

A bad decision is going to come back to haunt you this week.
- GEMINI**
5/22-6/21

This week you will receive lots of great toothpaste coupons from Bartell's.
- CANCER**
6/22-7/22

You're going to be extra lucky this week.
- LEO**
7/23-8/22

This week is going to full of beards.
- VIRGO**
8/23-9/22

Your bed is going to be filled with ice cubes when you wake up tomorrow.
- LIBRA**
9/23-10/22

Your desperate attempts to make friends are going to continue to fail.
- SCORPIO**
10/23-11/21

You're going to bomb your finals, but you're gonna kill at Halo 4.
- SAGITTARIUS**
11/22-12/21

Powerful moon energy is flowing. Do what needs to be done.
- CAPRICORN**
12/22-1/20

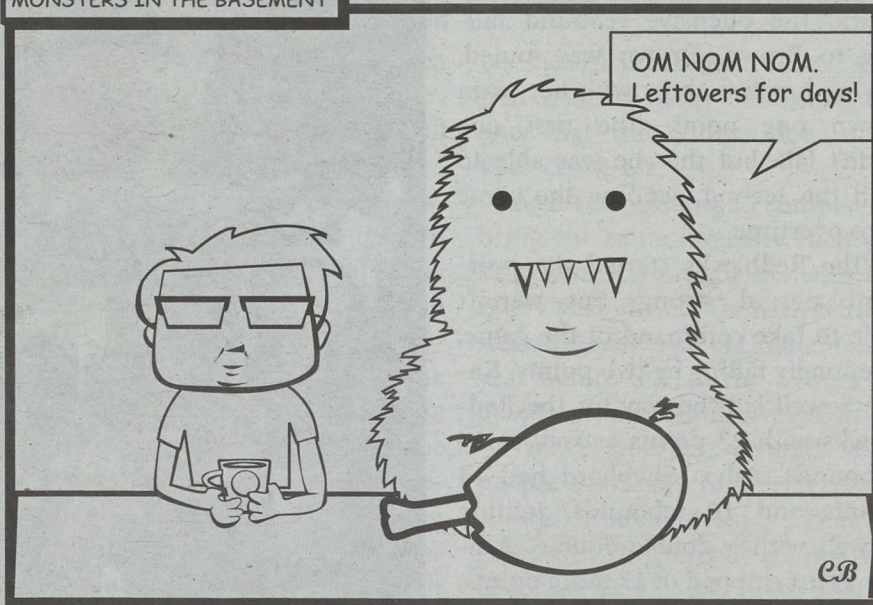
Things are going to heat up this week. Try to maintain control.
- AQUARIUS**
1/21-2/19

You're going to get beat up this week. By your friends.
- PISCES**
2/20-3/20

This week is a good time to get secrets off your chest.

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MONSTERS IN THE BASEMENT



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Public Safety HIGHLIGHTS

MALICIOUS MISCHIEF

NOVEMBER 22, 4:38 P.M.
Three Graffiti tags were documented on campus and work orders were submitted for removal.

SAFETY ASSIST

NOVEMBER 23, 9:35 A.M.
A resident community member got stuck in an elevator. DPS responded and freed them. The elevator contractor was contacted to service elevator.

WELFARE CHECK

NOVEMBER 24, 3:54 P.M.
SU received a call from a non-affiliate regarding a student. DPS and RHL performed a welfare check and made contact with the student.

SAFETY ASSIST

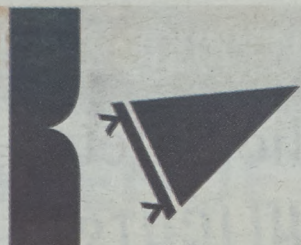
NOVEMBER 24, 8:30 P.M.
DPS officers found a quantity of broken glass on the sidewalk and cleaned and disposed of it.

SAFETY ASSIST

NOVEMBER 26, 12:00 A.M.
DPS responded to a report of vomit. On-duty HRL staff reported the person was fine and going to bed. Contract janitorial staff responded and cleaned the area.

SAFETY ASSIST

NOVEMBER 26, 1:37 A.M.
DPS located and properly disposed of syringes and drug paraphernalia.



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL FALLS IN LANDMARK GAME REGARDLESS OF LOSS, COACH JOAN BONVICINI CELEBRATES 1,000TH GAME

Kevin Dunham
Staff Writer

Seattle University women's basketball coach Joan Bonvicini celebrated her 1,000th game coached on Nov. 14 against cross-town rival University of Washington. The game began with Coach Bonvicini being introduced and presented with the game ball.

Once the ball was up, however, the mood changed from celebratory to cutthroat, as the Redhawks looked to avenge last year's defeat at Alaska Airlines arena. The Redhawks got on the board first on a three-pointer from senior Ashley Ward before quick baskets put UW up by two. After trading baskets, the Redhawks were able to extend the lead to eight midway through the first half, capitalizing on fastbreak opportunities offered by steals from senior Daidra Brown and junior Sylvia Shephard.

UW didn't take long to respond however, cutting the lead with three-pointers from standout point guard Jazmine Davis. The run continued for the Huskies, fueled by steals and transition baskets.

At the half, the Huskies led by five.

The second half started much like the first, as teams traded baskets. The UW lead hovered around five points until a small Seattle U run restored the lead to the Redhawks. It wouldn't last long however as Washington junior and All-Pac 12 honoree Kristi Kingma hit two shots from downtown to put the visitors back ahead.

Another UW run stretched the lead to double digits with five min-

utes remaining. The Redhawks weren't able to chip away at the lead until five quick points from Ward cut the lead to four points with just a 1:23 to play. Two missed free-throws gave the Redhawks life, and offensive rebounding kept the play alive long enough for Shephard to knock down a three, cutting the lead to just one point with 20 seconds to play. Mercedes Wetmore stepped to the line for the Huskies with a chance to stretch the lead to three, but missed the front end of the one-and-one, leaving the ball game in the hands of the Redhawks.

After a 30-second timeout called by Bonvicini, Shephard got a look for a three-pointer but was off the mark, the offensive rebound falling to Brown. Brown was fouled, giving her two shots with her team down one point. The first one didn't fall, but she was able to nail the second, sending the game into overtime.

The Redhawks started the overtime period strong, but weren't able to take command of the game, eventually falling by two points. Kacie Sowell led the way for the Redhawks with 22 points as well as 14 rebounds. Sylvia Shephard had 14 points and 10 rebounds, joining Sowell with a double-double. Ashley Ward chipped in 17 more points, and Brenda Adhiambo contributed nine points and 10 rebounds in the effort.

After the game, Bonvicini commented on how her team was able to respond late and send the game into overtime.

"We were down 10 with 5:06 [to play]. I really liked our intensity, but

as I told the team, they've got to do that and be more consistent with that intensity and not wait until the very end."

"I really wouldn't consider it a rivalry, but they are a good team and they are in the same city as us," said Shephard. "They are a bigger school so we're considered an underdog. Other than that we both played a good game. It was a really back and forth game until the end."

Seattle U dominated on the glass, grabbing 59 rebounds to the

36 of the Huskies, but weren't able to overcome Washington's three-point shooters, who made 12-30 for the game.

"For us, our players are really upbeat. They are disappointed they lost but we're ready to win and I think we just need to practice a little bit more and work on some things," Bonvicini said. "I think there were some points in the game where we had a lead and I think relaxed a little bit. We have to have more of a killer instinct."

The loss was Seattle U's second



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Daidra Brown dribbles past UW's Kristi Kingma during the women's basketball game on Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2012.



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of the season, part of an 0-3 stretch that saw the Redhawks lose by a combined six points. They righted the ship shortly after however, winning a recent Thanksgiving Tournament that included Boston College, Sacred Heart and Portland. Seattle U was able to beat Portland in their opening game, 63-61, before knocking off Sacred Heart, the winner of the first matchup, 74-70. Sylvia Shephard garnered tournament MVP honors on her way to being named the College Sports Madness Western Athletic Conference player of the week.

In a subsequent interview, Bonvicini reflected on her time as a head coach and what 1,000 games coached meant to her. En route to 1,000 games coached, Bonvicini held jobs at Long Beach State, where she made two consecutive Final Four appearances in 1987 and 1988 and at the University of Arizona, where

she is the all-time winningest coach in women's basketball history. She is also the 18th women's basketball coach to reach 600 wins.

"If you asked me, my absolute favorite part is the relationship with the players. I really enjoy talking with them. It keeps me young and it's fun," Bonvicini said. "The absolute, most favorite part is when the players are done playing, when they come back and just their memories to know that they had a good experience and that how much playing basketball, and being on a team, going through great times and tough times and how it impacts their lives now."

She went on to talk about memories of both players and games, as well as the role that coaches play in being a mentor and teacher to students and young people.

"There's an old adage, sometimes people say that sports build charac-



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ter. I don't think that's true. I think that coaches help build character and that the competitions reveal your character."

As for continuing to compete and bring the same intensity each year, Bonvicini has no qualms with that. Every year she comes back with the same intensity and excitement as the year before due to the players and people she surrounds herself with.

"When you are around young people, it's really fun. It keeps you young," Bonvicini said. "They engage me. I really, really enjoy it. One of the reasons is I'm a real relationship person. I enjoy talking to the players, I enjoy listening, how things are in a lot of ways the same as what I've done 15, 20, even 30 years ago, and how things are different."

Upcoming action for the team includes games against UC Irvine and Portland State at Connolly Center on Saturday, Dec. 1 and Sunday,

Dec. 9, respectively, before a road trip sees the team face Pepperdine, BYU and Idaho.

The Idaho game marks the beginning of conference play as the Redhawks look to make their march to the NCAA tournament, finally being eligible as of this year. Seattle U was picked to finish fourth in the WAC behind Utah State, Louisiana Tech and Denver. Conference play will determine seeding for the WAC tournament, held in Reno, Nev. on Mar. 12-16, with the winner receiving an automatic birth to the 2013 NCAA Tournament.

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US NEEDS TO SUPPORT PALESTINIAN BID FOR UN

Last Tuesday, France announced its support for Palestine's bid to become a non-member observer state in the United Nations. This announcement is hugely important for government and people of Palestine, who have been struggling for decades to gain international legitimacy. To gain status in the United Nations as an observer state, Palestine's application must have the support of two-thirds of member states with a prior recommendation for admission from the Security Council. This requires the unanimous support of the council's five permanent members. Russia and China have already declared their support for Palestine's bid.

In the context of the recently inflamed conflict between Palestine and Israel, the French government's move is seen by many as a statement of opposition towards the Israeli government and the more militant Palestinian factions.

The United States, longtime allies of Israel, have staunchly denied support for the bid, and as long as the U.S. maintains this stance, Palestine will not gain observer status.

It's time for the United States to change its stance.

Any change in Palestine's international status would be largely symbolic. It won't give them complete control of the Gaza Strip, and it certainly won't stop the fighting.

But that shouldn't stop us from doing the right thing.

Palestine has spent the last 65 years as an independent entity with little international legitimacy. The current president of the Palestinian Authority, Mahmoud Abbas, is a political moderate who could bring stability to the region. But for that to happen, we need to give him our support. We need to acknowledge that Palestine is, and ought to be, an independent and legitimate state.

We need to stop making foreign policy decisions based on maintaining strategic allies, and start making foreign policy decisions based on what's right.

GOP CHAIRMANSHIPS REVEAL PARTY'S WOES

In keeping with a time honored tradition of the Grand Old Party, all Republican Committee Chairmanships in the House of Representatives will be filled by old white men, except Paul Ryan of course, who is relatively youthful but still, white and male.

While, as the Huffington Post reported, it's sad that the GOP didn't feel the need to appoint any minority representatives to chairmanships, the real tragedy is that the GOP just doesn't have that many minority representative to choose from. For example, there are just 20 female Republican representatives compared to 61 for the Democratic Party.

Of course, some serious feathers would have been ruffled had women or ethnic minorities been promoted above those white men with seniority, but this latest public display of the GOP's maleness and whiteness is not going to do anything to help their demographic problem.

There is a temptation to bemoan the discriminatory practices of the House Republican Steering Committee who picked the chairs. But the reality is Americans voted for a predominantly white, male, Republican caucus this November. These voters may be out of step with an increasingly diverse America, they may even be on the wrong side of history, but they have the right to choose predominantly white, male, Republican representatives. Indeed it is somewhat it is problematic to be reducing these representatives to their maleness and their whiteness, perhaps they were chosen for their values rather than their demographic characteristics. Either way, this is not being imposed on America from the top down. Rather than asking what's wrong with Boehner, the republican Caucus or the GOP steering committee, we should be asking, what's wrong with America? Why is there a party for white men, and a party for everybody else? How did we become this partisan? And how can we have a thoughtful, creative, intelligent, constructive opposition part?

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WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT FINALS?

It's the end of the quarter and we don't have school for a month!

Danika Isaksen, Freshman



It's the last time I'm going to sit next to the most annoying person at SU.

April Garlejo, Sophomore



It makes Christmas break that much more exciting!

Victoria McHugh, Freshman



I like nothing about finals.

Caleb Zimmerman, Freshman



THE GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

by Sam James Moreno

Sam is not a licensed counselor. He's a junior with lots of good advice in his head, located right here.



Q: What remedies do you suggest for getting through finals week?

A: A good playlist. Avoid The Byte. Take it easy on the coffee. Vitamin B12. Pizza. Make a plan, even if you don't follow it. Office hours. Find someone in your class who you can consult with. Breath. Water. Hot showers. Take a break every now and then, but not too often. Avoid Netflix. If you have to cry, just do it and move on. Treat yourself.

Q: I had sex with two different guys this past break, (both of whom I'd been with before), kissed my ex, and I have a boy who I see sometimes in Seattle (but we don't have sex). It doesn't seem like a lot, but am I in over my head?

A: As long as you are being honest, being safe and being respectful to them AND yourself, I say get it. If you feel good about it and aren't doing anything shady then by all means, enjoy your body.

Keep It Classy,

TGC

Have a question? Send it to guidance@su-spectator.com

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Spectator,

I find it absurd that Seattle University students have to pay an additional \$100 fee quarter to use our school gym. Attending Seattle U is a very expensive proposition and the practice of tacking on a mandatory fitness center charge to every student's tuition bill is outrageous, especially since a large number of students live off-campus and are unlikely to use the facility.

Seattle U students work hard and are in typically in class for more than 15 hours a week. When not in class, students are busy studying and preparing for exams or presentations. I think it is important for the gym to be available for students to unwind and to channel stress during the limited periods of free time we have during the week. Additionally, not every student studies the same way. I, for example, have my most creative thoughts while I am running on a treadmill. I think that the fitness center should be considered as a necessary part of the campus, just like the library or student center. Imagine if there was an extra charge assessed for using the library or for hanging out in C Street! Similarly, the gym should be available to students without an associated fee. Student health should be a priority for the university, so the administration should encourage exercise and stress relief, but not put a price on it.

Over half of our student body does not even live on campus. Therefore, they are paying a mandatory fee every month that they may receive no benefit from and has nothing to do with their education. These students pay enough money to commute to class and I find it ridiculous that they would have to pay a fee for a resource that provides them no benefit. These students may also have the additional expense of gym memberships near their residence.

Finally, consider the market cost of a gym membership. 24 Hour Fitness charges \$29.99 per month at their gym on Capitol Hill. The recent improvements to Connolly Center cost a cool \$10 million, funded from the recent \$164 million university capital campaign. So, unless the \$10 million was not quite enough to pull off the project, why is the university charging students over 10 percent more than the market rate to work out there? If the school wants or needs help to fund necessary projects like the new gym, maybe they could conduct additional fundraising, find additional "naming" opportunities (like locker rooms), charge alumni for gym access/use, or even add the option of donating to the tuition bill (think the \$1 election fund donation on the tax form). These additional contributions could go toward necessary equipment and/or student safety, and therefore eliminate the need for students to pay the fee.

Simply put, I think it we should not have to pay to have a school gym. Students should be encouraged by the university to work out, be relaxed and study in any way or place that works for them, including the gym.

Kait Parrott



THE 10

10 omens that herald the end of the world

- 1 The federal government secedes
- 2 Seattle U loses its football team
- 3 Bath salts
- 4 The Hobbit is kind of mediocre
- 5 Obama reveals he's an Illuminati
- 6 Kony 2013
- 7 C-street lowers its prices
- 8 The Internet runs out of cat memes
- 9 Fr. Steve pushes the button
- 10 Steve Jobs returns as sadistic necro-mage

CORRECTIONS

There are no corrections for this week.

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