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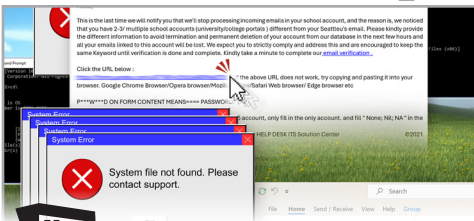


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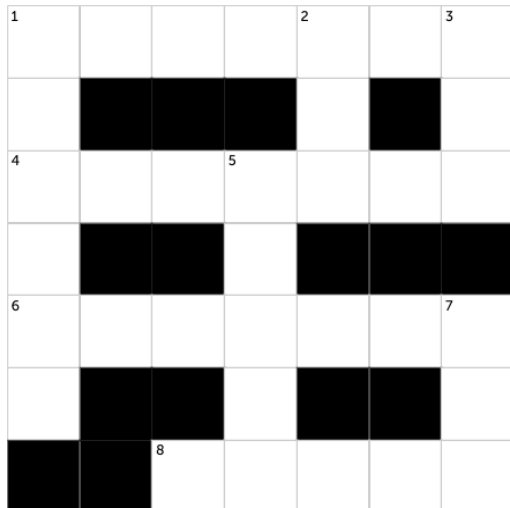
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1. Food preferred by minions and monkeys
4. A chore commonly despised by college students
6. Like "13 Going on 30" but with Zombies
8. Something to keep your eyes on

Down

1. "From ___ With Love," as featured in A&E
2. An agreeable head movement
3. Dairy alternative, or "I am" in Spanish
5. Kinder in demeanor
7. "Get it?"

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Phishing Emails Plague Student Inboxes

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In recent months, Seattle University students and staff have noticed a sudden increase in phishing emails sent to their university email addresses. According to the FBI, phishing scams are aimed at capturing personal information like passwords, bank information and social security numbers. This information falling into the wrong hands can have disastrous consequences for students, including financial loss and identity theft.

A popular tactic scammers have utilized is presenting fake job opportunities, preying on students who may be seeking employment. It was this style of email that Keemora Flowers, a second-year communication and media major, nearly fell victim to.

Flowers, like many other students, had been job hunting recently. Because of this, receiving a job offer in her email didn't set off any alarms. The offer was very appealing, describing a job with flexible hours, high pay and the ability to work from home. Included in the email was a Google form asking for fairly basic information, including the school Flowers attended, her phone number and who she banked with.

"I had applied because it sounded like a very easy job. It sounded too good to be true," Flowers said. "The process was so easy. I was feeling like, 'Wow, this is kind of cool.'"

Feeling hopeful about the opportunity she had been presented with, Flowers submitted the form and awaited their response.

The next morning, Flowers awoke to two emails; an acceptance letter from the "company" she had applied to, and a warning from Seattle U's Information Technology (IT) department about job offers that seemed too good to be true.

"The follow-up email was worse. It was telling me they needed my bank information, my routing number and my social security," Flowers said. "If I didn't see the email [from IT], I probably would have continued."

Flowers remarked that she had noticed a massive uptick in scam emails compared to last year.

"Last year I didn't get any phishing emails," she said. "I got similar emails that were actually directly from the school, like job applications and people I knew on campus who were leaders of the communication and media internship program."

Because of this, Flowers assumed that her university email would be protected from scams and had no reason not to trust the email she received.

First-year Political Science Major Cris Rosales found himself in a similar situation. The email Rosales received appeared to come from the university and warned him that if he didn't respond, all accounts associated with him would be deleted. The wording was urgent and seemed accurate, so, like Flowers, he clicked on the link that was sent to him.

"They asked for my password and my emails, and I'm like 'Oh, that's kind of weird,'" Rosales said. "But I give it to them because I'm trustful like that. I saw it in my school email, so I was like, 'Ok, it's from the school.'"

By the time Rosales noticed there were Russian characters in the form he was sent,

it was too late. A few days later, he could no longer access his account. He tried to reset his password but was blocked from doing so. After a weekend of stress, Rosales was able to reach out to the IT department which helped him retrieve his account.

Rosales also received a warning about scam emails, but in his case, it was too late.

"It'd be hard to call [the warnings from the university] effective or not, because how would you know which people are getting the emails at what time? I'm pretty sure the scams were not a mass thing, it was an individual thing. So I think it was kind of hard to get the timing right," he said.

Some, like First-year Marketing Major Via Tay, were lucky enough to receive the warning emails before any phishing emails. While the communication from the university helped Tay to be more aware of potential scams, they feel that more could be done to increase awareness.

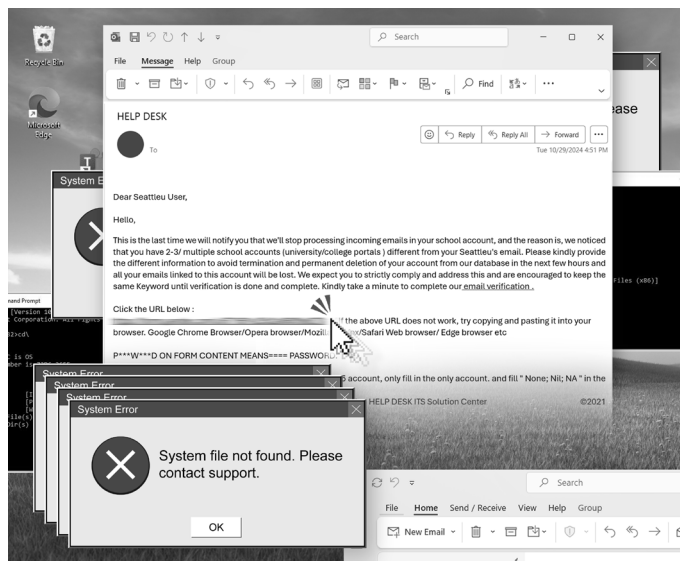
"Not a lot of us check our emails regularly," Tay admitted. "That information is easy to miss. I think if they used a different avenue to communicate that this was happening, that would have been a lot better."

Tay recommended that the university utilize the public safety text message alerts that are sent out when there's danger on or near campus. Flowers agreed, saying she'd like to see physical posters up around campus spreading the word.

We reached out to the IT department to hear more about their plans going forward, but were unable to schedule an interview. For now, it's important to remain cautious of any emails that seem suspiciously promising or urgent as well as keeping an eye out for further communication from IT.

"If it's too good to be true, it's too good to be true," Tay advised.

Regardless of the content of the email, never share personal information like passwords or bank details. If you fall victim to one of these scams, reach out to the IT service desk as soon as possible to secure or recover your accounts.



ANNABELLE DEGUZMAN-CARINO 

WGSS Holds A Salon To Process the Election

Abdullah El-Sherbeeney

Staff Reporter

The Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies (WGSS) department held a salon Nov. 7 for students and faculty to discuss the election results. The event was open to everyone who wanted to express their feelings about Donald Trump securing the presidency.

"The aim of the salons is to create informal spaces for students to think through topics that they find relevant in their daily life or in the present political climates," Maria Tedesco, associate teaching professor at the Matteo Ricci Institute, said.

Nova Robinson, an associate professor of history at Seattle U and the director of WGSS, shared how successful salons have been in the past year.

"Last year, we had a salon on Gender and Barbenheimer, looking at the construction of gender in both of those films and that phenomenon from last summer," said.

WGSS invited students for a chat at an event titled "Race, Gender & the Election: Recap Conversation." The event was designed to give students and faculty a safe space to process the results.

Sadie Nelson, a fourth-year double major in history and women, gender and sexuality studies, attended the salon to better understand her peers' positions on the election.

"I wanted to go because I wanted to get a better political awareness of my classmates and my friends, especially in women and gender studies. I appreciated that faculty was there, too. I think it's really important to know how your faculty are feeling, and they are leaders in our communities. And I do think they lead by example."

Sadie Nelson

Robinson explained how the tone of the event would have been significantly different had the election been in favor of Kamala Harris.



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"To be frank, we were hoping that the election might be an opportunity to celebrate the first female president, which would have been, of course, something that we in women, gender and sexuality studies would have welcomed," Robinson said.

The space provided by WGSS helped students understand the implications of the election results. Some students used the space to discuss abortion rights, some spoke about immigration laws and others speculated about what the future holds.

Nelson talked about how they felt in regard to Trump's victory.

"I actually remember I woke up in the middle of the night, and I was like, I hope I just didn't see this right. I was like, whatever, but I went to work the following morning, and it was just like the worst vibe," Nelson said.

Nelson also shared how they found this space beneficial for them.

"[WGSS] always meets student needs, and that's apparent in the number of students that attend. I think just having information sessions when necessary. Community spaces, whether it's just for people to process events like last Thursday's event was, or to engage people," Nelson said.

Tedesco discussed the importance of having spaces like these.

"I think to have a space in the university that is designed for students to come just as they are," Tedesco said.

WGSS says it will continue to use its resources to help students and faculty during the Trump administration, especially the trans community.

"We are really concerned about what the Trump administration will do for trans individuals in our community at Seattle University. We will be doing everything we possibly can to make sure that trans and LGBTQ students feel protected and safe, and that they have a place that makes them feel seen and heard," Robinson said.

WGSS strives to create a strong community through events like salons helping students and faculty stay politically aware. If one finds oneself needing a structured space to work through their feelings regarding the election, WGSS is going to continue to hold salons. The next one, titled "Resilience and Resistance," will be Dec. 5 in Loyola 200 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Feminist Theory Class Takes It From the Classroom to the Community

Dylan Berman

News Editor

Seattle University emphasizes engagement and social change as an important part of the educational experience, and Char Brecevic, an assistant professor in the philosophy department is putting that value into practice. Her “Feminist Theories” class is currently working on a community engagement project taking what they’ve learned in the classroom, and making a difference.

The class is planning an art gallery event exploring period poverty, which is the inability to afford or access menstrual products. It will also involve a screen printing set up for anyone in attendance to participate in the art work. The art gallery will consist of work submitted by the Seattle U community. Submissions are open until Nov. 16, and students interested in submitting can contact avu3@seattleu.edu.

Part of the event will also be a donation drive of menstrual products. The class is planning to work with local women's health charities to get donations to populations that need them. This event is happening Nov. 22 at 3 p.m. in the Casey Commons. The class recently settled on the title “Free The Flow: Period Poverty and Menstrual Justice.”

“Feminist praxis calls for us to recognize and work against systemic injustices. This project does just that by providing educational information about this topic, while collecting menstruation-related products for vulnerable populations,” Brecevic wrote to *The Spectator*.

Rose Lindsey, a fourth-year creative writing major, explained that this project is an effort to put the theories and ideologies of the class into practice.

“Really the goal of this project was to find something that would be able to put that kind of feminist methodology into actionable things we are doing as a community together,” Lindsey said.

Brecevic explained that she was motivated to do this project for her class because of growing apathy she sees among students, and because AI

has undermined traditional academic writing assignments as a means of evaluation. She also explained that community engagement and support are core to feminist theory as a field. Brecevic believes engagement like this project should play a larger role in higher education.

“Community engagement should be interwoven across our curriculum in order to give students access to the kinds of lived experiences that have the power to help them see the world (and all those who inhabit it) in more nuanced, more curious, and less prejudicial ways

Char Brecevic

“[It can] cultivate a kind of institutional ethos that sees its responsibility to care for the communities in which it is embedded as an integral part of its intellectual mission.”

The class is still looking at which local organizations to partner with, but are looking at Mother Nation, a local Indigenous women's activist group. Gabi Muña, a fourth-

year political science and sociology major, explained the importance of real action along with feminist theory.

“It’s really about having an engagement-based learning, so breaking down those institutional barriers, the red tape that surrounds creating events, and seeing what great things can come out of persisting past those and working together to organize people,” Muña said.

Muña explained that a lot of the feminist theory explored in the class focuses on lived experience and community care, making community engagement an important part of exploring the subject material.

“We wanted to make an event that would not only have a theoretical, educational element, but that would have a direct impact for people in need in the community through the donation process,” Muña said. “Dr. B thinks it’s very important to bring it back to the people the theories are supposed to serve, and make sure we’re actually doing something meaningful.”

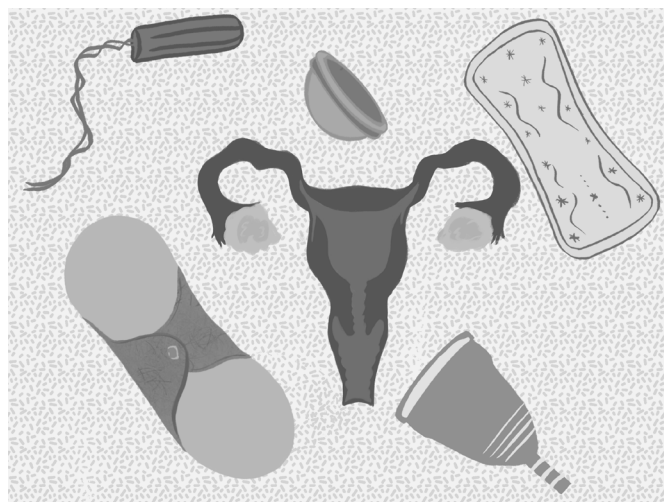
Brecevic explained that community engagement felt necessary in line with the works being taught in her class.

“For me, it felt half-hearted to assign the sagacious works of Hooks, Lorde and Anzaldúa without demonstrating to my students what their philosophies are exhorting us to do (namely, to take seriously our responsibility to care for ourselves and one another with unrelenting love, compassion, and answerability),” Brecevic wrote.

Currently, the class is in the process of coordinating the event. Brecevic, along with the students, explained that at first, the task was overwhelming, but that the class is on track to host a great event.

Muña and other students emphasized that Seattle U is a part of the Seattle community, and that work like this project is at the core of the school’s Jesuit educational ethos of social change and community contribution.

“I also hope the project marks an inflection point in how the community conceives itself in relation to the university (and vice versa). We aren’t just here to talk about the good work, we are here to do the good work ourselves and galvanize others to join in for the sake of ourselves, our neighbors, and our shared home,” Brecevic wrote.



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Is the Death Penalty Working?

Naja Johnson

News Editor

The Texas Supreme Court halted the execution of Robert Roberson Oct. 17 after his attorneys filed a civil appeal for a stay of execution. In 2003, Roberson was convicted for the death of his daughter, Nikki Curtis. Prosecutors argued Curtis' cause of death was due to shaken baby syndrome. However, the American Academy of Pediatrics have questioned the validity of the scientific evidence used against Roberson during his trial. Experts have now attributed Curtis' death to severe pneumonia.

Given the evolving science around diagnosing shaken baby syndrome, the Innocence Project has taken up Roberson's case, and the case has been discussed by television personality and clinical psychologist Dr. Phil. Supporters of Roberson argue that doctors misdiagnosed Curtis' injuries and that the science regarding shaken baby syndrome is outdated. Courts across the U.S., including in Texas and Michigan, have overturned convictions and dropped charges surrounding shaken baby syndrome.

If Roberson's final request for clemency is denied, he would be the first person in the U.S. executed for a murder conviction involving shaken baby syndrome.

A month earlier, Marcellus Williams was executed in Missouri, despite public pleas and objections from the original prosecuting attorney who handled the case in 1998. Williams was convicted in 2001 for the killing of reporter Lisha Gayle and waited 24 years on death row.

The Midwest Innocence Project argued that racial discrimination affected jury selection in Williams' trial. Additionally, Williams' attorneys alleged that witnesses were offered incentives to testify against him. Sept. 24, Williams was executed by lethal injection after his final appeals were denied and Gov. Mike Parson rejected his clemency request.

Kai Schnitzius, a third-year political science and international studies major, first became interested in capital punishment after learning about its effects on the legal system.

"Seeing multiple innocent or underprivileged people sent to die. In high school, we watched a video about an attorney who handled death penalty cases. That was eye-opening for me and really showed me the issues," Schnitzius said.

While Schnitzius acknowledged that capital punishment might deter violent crime, he questioned its effectiveness, concluding that

capital punishment disadvantages more people than it benefits.

"It's happened multiple times where innocent people end up dying for things they haven't done. So I think that's horrible and atrocious and still an issue," Schnitzius said.

Across the U.S., attitudes toward the death penalty and its role in the criminal justice system have evolved. Currently, 27 states still practice and enforce capital punishment, and six states have gubernatorial holds on their executions.

Since 2014, capital punishment has been abolished in Washington state, as a result of democratic Gov. Jay Inslee's stance on capital punishment. Inslee declared an official moratorium on the death penalty in 2014, and in 2018, the Washington Supreme Court ruled capital punishment unconstitutional.

Sarah Cate, an assistant professor of political science at Seattle University, explained that for capital punishment to be reinstated in Washington, the law would need to be repealed.

"There is one contested seat this election, but I don't think it's going to change the overall composition of the Washington Supreme Court. You would need the governor, and then the legislature would need to also flip on this issue," Cate said.

Cate concluded that many Washingtonians, along with prospective voters, do not want capital punishment reintroduced in the criminal justice system. Cate detailed the legal steps necessary if a future governor wanted to reinstate capital punishment.

"It's off the books, essentially. It would take quite a bit of effort. You would have to repass laws recreating the death penalty again. It's not like the governor can just flip a switch—they would be violating the constitutional interpretation," Cate said.

Recently in the media, there has been a lot of conversation about the importance of capital punishment in the criminal justice system as well as its impact on criminality.

Visiting Assistant Teaching Professor of Political Science Thomas Mann explained that the use of capital punishment is up to the states.

"It's still the state's choice to decide if we have the death penalty or not. That's the constitutional stance. When it comes to laws



MORGAN WONG

in the states and it has to do with constitutional rights, the apex of that would have to be reviewed by the state courts," Mann said.

Mann emphasized that capital punishment pertains to constitutional rights. Furthermore, voters concerned with constitutional matters should express that through the candidates they consider.

"Yes it's the representatives, yes it's the governors but it's also the judges who we vote for. They decide if something is constitutional," Mann said.

Mann expressed the legal precedent established on capital punishment within the U.S. through the Supreme Court, more so on the legal discrepancies that intersect with the aspect of due process for cases in the criminal justice system. He mentioned former Justice Antonin Scalia's stance on procedural fairness in death penalty cases.

“There are questions of process, the late Justice Scalia used to say that the United States is well within its rights to execute an innocent man as long as the process is fair. He would say as long as that person's guilt is proven the state is within its rights.”

Thomas Mann

The nation remains divided on the use of capital punishment within the criminal justice system. In an evolving world, modern attitudes toward how we punish crime continue to be examined in the media as well as in society.

Trump Won: What it Looked Like and What it Could Mean

Henry Leyden & Jake Rushlo

Volunteer Reporters

It's been over a week since the general election, but the dust is far from settled. With inauguration looming ahead, many at Seattle University, and in the greater Seattle area, are either holding their breath for what comes next or trying to forget.

President-elect Donald Trump's re-ascendence to the highest political office in the United States—along with Republicans' takeover of the Senate and the House—will have profound policy impacts on American politics for far longer than the next four years. Reflecting on Nov. 5, the sentence starter for a familiar American phrase comes to mind; “Where were you on election night 2024?”

Election Night in Capitol Hill

For some students, the answer was Wyck-off Auditorium, where the political science department hosted a modestly attended election night watch party. Students filed in and out of the auditorium throughout the evening, most holding a mixture of anxiety and reserved hope.

“I’ve seen people cry, so...I’m trying not to care a lot, because I don’t want to feel big emotions,” Ella Grayzel, a third-year English major, said.

Camila Tomez, a second-year English major who attended the watch party, said she was feeling hopeful, but that if Trump won, she would promptly call her mom to cry and commiserate. This would be followed by a bowl of ice cream, some T.V. and her couch.

Around 7:30 p.m., the watch parties’ primary host, Associate Teaching Professor Patrick Schoettmer, interrupted CNN’s broad-



Students at SGSU organizational meeting after Election Day.

cast to share with students what was likely driving liberal panic across the country—The New York Times Needle. This device is a sort of temperature indicator that collects various data to give real-time predictions on election outcomes. The dial displayed Trump having a 75% chance at victory with a predicted 291 electoral votes. A hush fell throughout the room, some students started to slowly leave.

At the Chieftain, Seattle U’s long-time unofficial student bar, students were in sparse supply. However, it’s important to remember that for a majority of citizens who voted in this election, Nov. 5 was far from a somber affair. The Chieftain on Tuesday night included at least one of these excited individuals.

Tim Dillon, the self-proclaimed inventor of sports gambling and owner of multiple sports-betting and sports management businesses, was elated by the night’s results. He was excited by Trump’s proposal to slash the corporate tax rate and believed it would allow companies to hire more domestic workers. While he admitted he did not think Trump was a good person, he was willing to overlook issues of personality in favor of someone who he saw as a successful CEO and businessman.

Dillon believed Democrats failed to convince voters that they possessed the same

economic prowess Trump had.

“At the end of the day, we care about prospering. We can talk about social issues all day and argue about them, but this is not about abortion, this is about the economy and lifting people up,” Dillon said. “I think the Democrats lost this because they made it about abortion, they made it about a social issue.”

This sentiment seems partially supported by early exit polling, reporting that the vast majority (68%) of Americans see the U.S. economy as doing poorly. Republicans won seventy percent of these voters. By contrast, less than half the respondents said abortion was their primary issue.

As the night began to wind down, a short walk around Capitol Hill found the usually vibrant neighborhood empty and mute, even for a Tuesday night. The pizzaiolo at Mario’s Pizza gave free slices to everyone in line as he cast dejected glances at the television, occasionally muttering to himself in disbelief. Most bars were empty by 10 p.m.

Fed Up at the Needle

Other constituencies in the Seattle area had a different perspective on why Democrats failed across the board last week. Friday, Nov. 9, several hundred demonstrators gathered at the Space Needle to protest the outcome of the U.S. elections—no matter who won.

Those attending the event were certainly not friends of Trump, but Harris and the Democrats also failed to receive anything close to partisan support. Instead of citing the campaign’s messaging on abortion and other “social” policy as its greatest misstep, speakers at the event seemed to believe it was due to a failure to platform policy positions



Patrons of the Chieftain watching the CNN live broadcast of the election.

that would energize the working and middle class. This, they said, was symptomatic of a larger disease in American democracy—big money politics and the two party system.

“We reject the lies that both parties are peddling... this two party system has failed us all,” Jordan Faralan, an organizer from Anakbayan USA, said.

Liz Park, a speaker from the International League of Peoples Struggles, also addressed the demonstrators in tandem with Faralan.

“In this election, the democrats through Harris showed their true alliances; to keep the ruling class in power, and ultimately, did not have any concrete solutions for the true needs of us all!” she said.

One thing felt clear; the attitudes and ideologies spurring this protest were not the same as those that swept the nation following Trump's first presidential win in 2016. “Love



Rally organized by International League of Peoples Struggles at the Space Needle Nov. 9.



Protestors wear keffiyehs and hold Palestinian flag that reads “Free Palestine.”

Trump's hate” has become “Dems + Reps serve Big Tech + War\$.” Social protest following Trump's re-election has been noticeably different, both in the coalitions and issues that have been centered, and the numbers they have drawn.

The Implications of a Second Trump Term

While those that attended Friday's protest may only represent an ideological fraction of the electorate, it's easy to see that there are voters missing from 2020, and they all haven't just gone to the Republican party. Turnout is down across the board, even when the Harris campaign outspent Trump at every leg of the race. These findings raise questions about what comes next for those in opposition to the current administration.

One thing to immediately focus on are the policy areas Trump excelled at, and what following through on these campaign promises could mean for the Seattle U community and the wider Washington area.

There are a variety of different competing narratives attempting to explain the results of the 2024 election. Associate Professor of Political Science Onur Bakiner, the university's newly appointed director of technology ethics initiative, identified key pieces, like anti-immigration policies, as well as a host of nationalist conservative platforms having a run of success in post-pandemic governments.

“It is hard to talk about one global trend, but anti-immigrant politics appears to be the unifying thread for the far-right in much of Europe and the United States,” Bakiner said.

During his campaign, President-elect Donald Trump proposed an overhaul of illegal immigration nationwide. Trump has defined a more concise approach this term, starting with a proposed expansion of 66,000 immigration enforcement officers alongside the introduction of a completely new deportation force that will pull from military, federal agents and state and local police from across the country.

His proposed immigration policies would mean large-scale mobilization of enforcement agencies at every level of government, the feasibility and legality of which has been questioned.

Trump has also voiced his intention to shift a large amount of resources to the integration of AI into his second term as president.

“Trump and Vance have made it clear that they will deregulate the technology sector,” Bakiner said. “The new administration may be very attentive to right-wing tech billionaires who supported Trump's election campaign, like Elon Musk and Peter Thiel.”

Musk and other tech giants were not only important in the process of election, but

are well positioned to steer future national advancements on AI rollout and the safety procedures surrounding the technology. A new petition has been gaining traction in conservative spaces calling for Musk to receive a leadership role as special advisor to the president on AI. While Musk has a somewhat respected track record on AI, there are concerns about conflicts of interest. Consistent with his leadership role at the yet to be created Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), specifics are lacking.

Alongside these new appointments, Trump hopes to enact a number of financially impactful policies as well. One that will certainly affect students in the Seattle U community is a walkback from President Joe Biden's student loan relief programs. Trump has repeatedly criticized the Department of Education, even vowing to cut the entire department. With the branch definitely in for a mass amount of overturn, plans to relieve students of laborious loan debts do not seem to be in the cards.

Looking at Washington state's outcomes, just one of the five measures cast on local ballots were passed. Washington measure 2066 was approved, by a narrow 51%, banning the prohibition of natural gas in homes and various buildings. This repealed a state reform that hoped to enact a transition away from forms of natural gas to widespread utilization of electricity.

Our country has already lived through one Trump presidency, but this one will be different.

Alternative reforms, such as proposals to repeal capital gains and carbon credit taxes failed, as well as measure 2124, which aimed to allow citizens the ability to opt out of the statewide long-term healthcare plan.

Our country has already lived through one Trump presidency, but this one will be different. The response from Democrats and others on the larger left appears to be somewhat muted in the days following Nov. 5, but it remains to be seen how the beginning of Trump's policy roll-out will affect the response. This upcoming term will bring changes that have not been experienced thus far. Tackling new nationwide focuses like AI while escalating efforts on previous policies surrounding immigration and the economy, our president-elect seems to be taking a more concerted approach to his second term.

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Redhawks Men's Basketball Falls to Liberty Flames on Homecoming Night

Diego Dumlao

Volunteer Reporter

Fans packed the stands, students filled up the Redzone student section, many families were in attendance for family weekend and everyone was eager for the beginning of the game. The energy in the Redhawk Center was vibrant as the Seattle University men's basketball team prepared to take on Liberty University for the first home matchup of the 2024-25 season, and the 2024 Homecoming game. After an unfortunate loss during the season opener vs. Eastern Washington University this past Wednesday, the team was looking to bounce back against a competitive Liberty Flames squad.

This Seattle U squad is filled with a lot of notable talent, with the likes of forward Matthew-Alexander Moncrieffe joining the Redhawks this year from the University of Georgia as a grad student transfer. Returning is John Christofilis, a local Redshirt Junior guard who was an All-WAC pre-season selection this year, as well as senior forward, Kobe Williamson, the all-time record holder for blocks at Seattle U. Unfortunately, Williamson has not appeared in the first two games this season, due to a metatarsal injury, and his status is unknown for the upcoming games.

The Flames won the tipoff and struck first with Junior guard Colin Porter laying one up for two. But the Redhawks responded quickly, with Sophomore forward Malek Gomma putting one up into the basket, tying the score. From there, the game was a back-and-forth battle with both teams putting on strong defensive performances, leading to a 27-27 score at the half.

After only scoring three points in the first half, Christofilis started to find his groove after halftime. In the second half, he scored 13 points, finding some offensive momentum for the Redhawks. With just over a minute and half left in the game, the Redhawks had a six-point lead over the Flames, but the Liberty offense was able to make some big plays to bring the score to 64-63 with just a minute left in the contest.

In the final seconds of the game, Liberty's Kaden Metheny drained a three-pointer, giving the Flames the lead with three seconds left. The Redhawks got the ball back, but the inbound pass from Vasja Pandza was stolen by Liberty's Owen Aquino, securing the win for the Flames.

Despite not taking home the win on Saturday, there were many positive takeaways from the game. Chris Victor is going into his fourth year as head coach for the Seattle U men's basketball team.

“I’m really proud of how we played and competed this game... our intensity on defense was where we wanted it to be and throughout the game the guys stayed together which is great to see

Chris Victor

Both Christofilis and Moncrieffe have had hot starts to their 2024-25 seasons, with Christofilis posting a stat-line of 33 points, six rebounds and eight three-pointers in the last two games, and Moncrieffe scoring 32 points with 15 rebounds in the last two games. But despite the impressive stats, both players have expressed that the team's success is their main priority.

“I’m not really so much so focused on the stats I just want to come out and, you know, win,” Moncrieffe said.

Christofilis agreed with Moncrieffe regarding the outcome of the game.

“As much as those [stats] are cool and stuff, it doesn't matter if we don't win... I want to

put my team in the best-case scenario to win and that's what I try to do each and every day I go out on the court,” Christofilis said.

Christofilis and Moncrieffe weren't the only impact players in this game. Junior guard and fellow starter, Maleek Arington, put up eight points, five steals and four rebounds during the contest. Arington left the game with 9:49 left in the half after falling hard on a play and suffering an injury to his head, he returned to the game minutes later with bandages over his eyebrow and finished the game. Coming off the bench, Senior guard Paris Dawson and Vasja Pandza both had nine points.

Another player who had an impressive performance off the bench was the 6 foot 10 freshman center from Neimenggu, China, Houran Dan. Dan came off the bench, scoring six points, including a big dunk that got the crowd on their feet, along with five rebounds and two blocks.

It is still very early in the season for the Redhawks, so it is too soon to make any assumptions about how this year will look for the team. What can be said is that this squad is loaded with talent, ranging from young newcomers to veteran athletes who will be leading this team to success. The team hits the road this week, taking on Cal Poly Nov. 14 and UC San Diego Nov. 16. This team will be an exciting one to watch this year and fans are looking forward to seeing what the future holds for the squad.



The Seattle U men's basketball team plays in the Homecoming game.

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Tempering Seahawks' Expectations Amidst Fan Overreactions

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The Seattle Seahawks bye week came at a good time, as they stand at the bottom of the NFC West after two frustrating home losses to the Buffalo Bills and Los Angeles Rams. The manner in which they have lost games this season has led to harsh reactions from fans and analysts.

The Seahawks welcomed the Bills to Lumen Field in week eight, and let the Bills Mafia leave with a rather comfortable 31-10 victory. Buffalo walked away with the game in the second quarter after consecutive mistakes in the red zone cost Seattle 14 points. The Seahawks had to settle for a field goal after Seahawks center Connor Williams snapped the ball several yards over quarterback Geno Smith's head. They turned the ball over on downs the next drive when Smith was tripped by one of his linemen. The offensive line had a rough game all around, as Seattle ended the game averaging a measly 1.9 yards per carry on offense. This was contrasted with allowing 164 rushing yards among 445 total to Buffalo.

If this loss wasn't frustrating enough, they followed it up with an overtime loss at home to the Rams. Seattle's defense saw an improved performance in this game, holding the Rams offense to 2.8 yards per carry and forcing seven three-and-outs thanks to efforts from former Rams linebacker Ernest Jones IV, who joined Seattle via trade from the Tennessee Titans.

Geno Smith was the main talking point from this game, as he threw for 363 yards and three

touchdowns—though he also threw three interceptions including a 103-yard pick six. Smith bounced back and led a game-winning drive at the end of the fourth quarter, but after turning the ball over on downs in overtime, they lost as the Rams sealed the game 26-20. Seattle's offensive struggles in the trenches were amplified this game as the unit let Smith get sacked a season-high seven times. The 12 penalties across the team didn't help either—Seattle ranks second and third in the league for the most offensive holding and false start penalties.

The need to fix these mistakes was emphasized by head coach Mike Macdonald in a recent press conference.

"The operation and the self-inflicted penalties is the most frustrating," Macdonald said. "We need to play cleaner football. That's obvious, and it's our responsibility as coaches to make sure our guys are playing clean football."

Seahawks fans on social media were evidently upset by these two losses, as the team's performances had people calling for jobs—specifically Geno Smith and Mike Macdonald's. The reality in any case is that people are going to be upset when your starting quarterback is at the top of the charts for interceptions thrown.

However, he hasn't been poor this season—more like the opposite. Smith has been consistently

amongst the passing yard leaders in the league this season, an important point when considering the struggles in the run game. You can argue that every interception hasn't been his fault either, as the first against the Rams came after a good throw bounced off the hands of Seahawks wide

receiver Jaxon Smith-Njigba. The players have acknowledged these mistakes on offense, and they still have confidence in their quarterback, as both Smith and Smith-Njigba shared in press conferences after the game.

“I know if we give him the ball and do what we're supposed to do, he's going to put the ball where it's supposed to be, we have total confidence when we go out there, we just gotta stop beating ourselves.

Jaxon Smith-Njigba

While Seattle's defense has looked far from the dominant one Macdonald led in Baltimore, hiring him was not necessarily a mistake. The roster that Macdonald inherited needed a lot of work, and so far, has just gone through one offseason with the team. Not to mention the team's cap space issues, which will worsen next year. Seattle lost both of their starting linebackers in the offseason, and were limited to sign Jerome Baker and Tyrel Dodson to prove it deals. Baker was included in the trade for Ernest Jones, and Dodson was waived on Monday. Yes, the team needs to improve, but Macdonald needs time to construct a team that completely fits his style, as stated by NFL Analyst Daniel Jeremiah on Seattle Sports 710 radio.

"Let's have some patience," Jeremiah said. "Let's let them go through a draft cycle, bring in more guys and kind of get the right fits for how they want to play."

The Seattle Seahawks sit at 4-5 and look to build as they head into the rest of the season, this weekend away at San Francisco.



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SPORTS

MOSAIC and ROTC Honor Veterans with Robert Bennedsen 5K

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Saturdays at 9 a.m. on the Seattle University campus are a time for contemplative reflection. No classes, no one out and about, just you and your thoughts as you stagger to the dining hall for your fifth Red Hot Rudy's breakfast burrito of the week.

That is the case most Saturdays. But Nov. 9, dozens of students, alumni and community members lined up at the foot of the hill next to the library. It was there that the Robert Bennedsen Veterans 5K began.

Now in its seventh year, the race went north on 12th Ave, past Xavier Hall and the Administration building and down the hill by the library. After five laps on this one-kilometer loop, runners were done.

Anthony Gunsby, an active-duty Army service member and graduate student pursuing a master's in sport and entertainment management, ran the race despite running the previous day. For Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) students like him, the choice to participate was an easy one.

"Being a veteran, it's important to be involved in a race like this to support the veterans for Veteran's Day coming up," Gunsby said. "It's pretty special to be a part of this."

The 5K is one of the Meaningful Opportunity for Student Access, Inclusion, and Community (MOSAIC) Center's biggest events of the year for veterans and military-connected students on campus. They also host a Memorial Day barbeque and quarterly events with food for these students. Their Outreach Link space for veterans and military-connected students can be found on campus in the 1103 building.

Linda Taing is a graduate program coordinator with the MOSAIC Center who works to support veterans in a variety of ways. Taing, a Navy veteran, appreciated the support of everyone who attended the race, whether they ran or just came out to watch.

"Visually, this is us supporting our veterans," Taing said. "Showing up really supports them and shows that our institution supports their lives."

The support for student and community veterans was clear. Steady rain could not stop the runners or their excitement as they ran through a cloud of bubbles at the finish line.



Runners participate in the Veteran's Day 5k at Seattle University.

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However, the output of bubbles mixed with the rain created a slightly slippery conclusion.

"I was worried I was gonna slip in those bubbles... I don't think they thought about that," Gunsby laughed.

All participants made it safely across the sudsy finish line.

Darrell Wrightquick, a graduate student working on his master's in sport and entertainment management, emphasized the importance of recognizing veterans. Wrightquick served in the Army for 16 years on active duty.

"Veterans are some of the most overlooked people, probably some of the most... selfless people. Sometimes we give more than we really want and it kind of goes unappreciated," Wrightquick said.

It is not just important for people across the Seattle U community to show up to events like this 5K. Deanne Liu, associate director of the MOSAIC Center, shared how these events also help veterans connect with their community.

"A lot of times we don't know who our veterans and military-connected are," Liu said. "It's not an identity that is easily seen."

This was the fourth 5K Liu helped to organize. Liu, who is military-connected, mentioned that the race started because of the support of Board of Regents member Tom Hove.

Veteran's Day falls on Nov. 11 each year. Sean Nakagomi, a veteran and Seattle U

alumni who graduated in 2024 with a degree in mathematics, spoke about the significance of the holiday.

“It’s great to have the day off, it’s good to go out and run, but it’s also good for every holiday to reflect on the history. What exactly are we celebrating?”

Sean Nakagomi

Honoring veterans is significant for current ROTC students, many of whom are about to go on and serve in the military. Nakagomi noted the race as a passing of the guard moment for these students. He served in the Navy for five and a half years.

Whether you have served in the military, are about to serve, or know someone who has served, Veterans Day is an opportunity to reflect on the sacrifices made by people in our community. Thanks to ROTC and the MOSAIC Center, the university's support for veterans was front and center last weekend.

“From Belize, With Love”: A Gallery that Interprets Strength through the Symbol of Shadows

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The shadows portrayed in the Vachon Gallery’s most recent exhibit, “From Belize, With Love,” convey the spirit of children who lived with minimal resources, yet possess the spirits and aspirations beyond what society expected of them.

Until Jan. 10 you can find the “From Belize, With Love” exhibit in the Vachon Gallery located in Seattle University’s Fine Arts Building.

Photographs line three of the walls, with each one picturing a black door and shadows of groups and individual children. One wall of art shows groups of children creating shadows of bird wings, high fives and heart gestures on the white walls surrounding the black door. The photographs hang on the other two walls depicting an individual’s shadow beside the obtrusive black door.

An interactive element was also incorporated in the exhibition, with notes gathered from the children of Belize voicing their hopes for the future.

Audience members had the option to leave messages to be taken back to the children of Belize.

“Your shadows are dark, the future is bright, keep doing you & you’ll see the light!” read a message from an audience member.

Videos throughout the exhibition show the children of Belize playing at their schools and homes, as well as the staff behind Seattle U’s Professionals Without Borders (PWOB) program explaining how they have been supporting the facility Liberty Children’s Home since 2013 through a small documentary.

Seattle U’s PWOB program allows students and faculty to stay and work at the Liberty Children’s Home in Belize, a sanctuary for neglected, abused or abandoned children. Naomi Kasumi, the director of Seattle U’s design program is a PWOB member and has traveled to Belize the last three trips.

Kasumi also shared in an email to The Spectator that the resources of the home are limited and there are usually over 50 children present who don’t have ways of speaking up for themselves.

“What we can do is share their story and join efforts to collaborate with them in serving these children in need,” Kasumi wrote.

Maria Gotay, a second-year graduate student working to get a master’s in arts leadership, was responsible for directing and creating the exhibit on her trip to Belize last March with the PWOB program. She said that directing this project started with creating a lesson plan for shadow work through an education management class.

“We had the opportunity to develop a lesson plan that touched on some specific educational framework that we were learning to help get kids to want to respond, react, and show up in genuinely expressive ways.”

Maria Gotay

because they’re in a hive mind situation where all the kids are treated the same, they all go to the same school, they all come back, they all go to sleep, and they all eat dinner together. So trying to give them a moment to see themselves and who they are as an individual and how strong and how bright their future is,” Gotay said.

While the shadows of the children are a main element of the photography, the black door pictured juxtaposes the joy and strength portrayed beside it.

Gotay says that, at first, incorporating the door wasn’t even intentional.

“Afterwards, I realized that the door was one of the strongest components of the shots because it does represent the potential hindrances that the kids may face while trying to follow their path ...the door very strongly stands there to kind of show how the wonderful energy of children can be blocked by the hard circumstances of their life,” Gotay said.

Regan Luz, a third-year communication and media student, visited the gallery and found the symbolism of the shadows rather than faces particularly interesting.

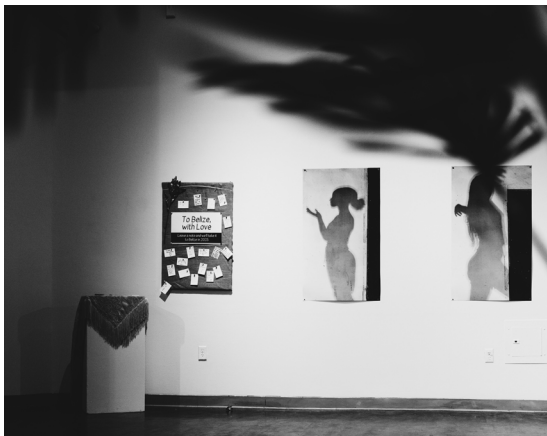
“It spotlights aspirations and goals from people from different backgrounds while keeping their identity hidden which takes away any prejudice or discriminative thoughts when imagining who would fit that category,” Luz said.

Gotay hopes that those who come to visit participate by leaving messages for PWOB to take back to Belize where she hopes that by showing the children the messages they can understand the impact and accomplishment of their gallery. She also hopes people can reflect on their privilege as they stand before the photographs and realize that being able to view the art is a privilege in itself.

“Understand that there’s a need to perform social good and to give back and try to help make visible a lot of the invisible privileges that we have, and also I hope they connect with the kids and feel connected to childlike wonder and that childhood energy,” Gotay said.

At the annual gala of PWOB Feb. 15, the prints included in the gallery will be up for auction. On a parting note in her email, Kasumi encouraged students to reach out about getting involved in future service events.

For more details, visit the PWOB Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SUPWOB/>.



Photos taken by students framed on the wall.

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Working with some constraints such as not being able to photograph the children’s faces, as well as needing to stay equitable about giving all the children (about 50 to 100 according to Gotay) equal chances to participate, Gotay, along with two undergraduate students, Peiran Liu and Danika Hluska, created this exhibit with a singular large spotlight and a wall of the facility they were staying in.

Gotay wanted to give the children of Belize a chance to express their hopes and dreams through this project.

“I don’t think that the kids there get a chance to separate themselves from their circumstances very often

Little Shop Hops: Twice Sold Tales

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Despite general reading rates declining and online retailers and big box stores consistently monopolizing the book-selling industry, Twice Sold Tales, an independently owned used bookstore, has managed to defeat the odds and thrive, serving as one of the most iconic establishments of Capitol Hill for nearly 40 years.

The store, located on the corner of Denny and Harvard, is known for two things: a large selection of affordably priced books, and the six resident cats that roam the store. These two factors create a cozy, welcoming atmosphere to browse, read and purchase books that are seldom found in larger establishments.

The store sells a wide range of titles, including both fiction and nonfiction, ranging from science fiction to classics to romance. The store offers these titles at discounted prices, which can be appealing to customers on a budget, as new books become more and more expensive.

Additionally, because all the titles are used, the selection can often include unique and rare editions of a work, leading to a much more exciting and involved search than one might find at a traditional bookstore.

According to owner Jamie Lutton, the store's origins trace back to her small-scale book purchases, which quickly grew themselves into the store we now know today.

“I had a bicycle and a fistful of dollars from my mother. She wanted some pulp novelists from the mid 20th century... and that turned into this business.”

Jamie Lutton

After making money selling books out of a cart at the Broadway Market, Lutton expanded to the first brick-and-mortar location in 1990. A few more moves led to the location we know now, a quaint brick store lined with books from ceiling to floor.

Jennifer Hiatt, a customer of the store, emphasized the leisure and entertainment aspect of the store.



Nestled by the window at Twice Sold Tales, a cat lounges on its bed surrounded by shelves filled with books.

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“It’s really easy to get lost for hours and have a really nice time, and it’s a nice way to spend an afternoon. It brings me joy,” Hiatt said.

Lutton herself corroborated this, describing the draw of the store.

“It’s a place to go and be quiet and hold a cat and spend 12 bucks, which keeps us going.”

In addition to the literary aspect, the impact of the resident cats cannot be overstated. While it may seem like a novelty at first, the presence of the animals works closely with the other qualities of the establishment to make the space feel welcoming, tranquil and reflective.

“I’ve had three to nine cats at any time in the store [since opening]. Sometimes I foster kittens, sometimes people just hand me cats. Right now we’ve got six... they keep us in business. People have come all the way from Montana just to see the kitties,” Lutton said.

Each cat at the store has its own distinct personality and behaviors. There is Buster, a gray-haired, extroverted half-Siamese cat; Lily, a Calico cat who is occasionally shy but still very friendly; James, a tuxedo cat named after the Bond character; his brother Screamer, a talkative black short-hair; Pepperjack, an orange tabby cat who loves to play and is best friends with James; and Myrtle, a sassy Calico who loves water and birds.

The cats help attract the subset of people who might be interested in reading and

literature, and those who are fanatical about cats. Often, a love for cats can be the driving factor to visit the store.

“I love this bookstore because I am a cat lady, and there’s cats here, and it’s great,” Hiatt exclaimed.

In addition to simply providing a place to spend time and money, independent bookstores offer a huge service in expanding the shelf life of books and allowing them to change hands and find the people who are willing to read them.

“I feel like they’re underserved at something like a Goodwill. I wanted to give them to someplace that could use them,” Cat H., a seller, said about her decision to sell her books to Twice Sold Tales.

She also touched upon the role of independent bookstores in her own journey as a reader, attributing them to expanding her literary palette.

“There’s so many genres that you either don’t think about or don’t know that you walk by, and then suddenly you have a new genre that you’re exploring and diving into,” H. said.

Small bookstores have become increasingly difficult to maintain in a time when retailers like Amazon or Barnes and Noble have monopolized the book market. When a new book can be at your door in less than 48 hours, it is especially critical to support the stores that maintain the humanity and community of the literary world.

You can visit Twice Sold Tales at 1833 Harvard Ave., and more information about them can be found at twicesoldtales.com.

Sew an Ugly Stuffed Animal: Photo Essay

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Last Tuesday, the Billodue Makerspace hosted a “Sew an Ugly Stuffed Animal Head” workshop. Here’s how it went:



Sam (‘26) introduces Kayla (‘28), Kanoko (‘28), and Hana (‘28) to the Makerspace’s selection of sewing materials.



Hana and Kanoko laugh as they continue in the planning process.



Kanoko (left), Hana (center), and Kayla (right) pose with their stuffed animal heads.



Hana loads up her sewing machine after Sam’s demo as Kayla and Kanoko watch.



Kanoko and Hana’s stuffed animal heads lie on the table, ready to be sewn.



Kayla is hard at work on her stuffed animal head.



...And sew it begins! Kanoko tests out a sewing machine.



Hana tests out a sewing machine.



Kanoko assists Hana in holding down her fabric.



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