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Oil spill threatens center's research

By Jennifer Wynn
staff reporter

Oil from a barge that sunk near Anacortes 10 days ago could pose a threat to the Shannon Point Marine Center, Western officials say.

Center Director Steve Sulkin said leakage of more oil could force the center to close down its seawater pumping system. The thick, heavy oil could enter the filters and ruin the pump system, he said.

The water is pumped to nearly 50 seawater tanks that house research animals. Those animals are dependent on clean, free-flowing seawater and would be endangered without it, Sulkin said.

Since the barge sank, the U.S. Coast Guard has alerted the center to periodically shut down the system, Sulkin said.

The 176-foot, Seattle-bound barge was loaded with 394,000 gallons of oil when it rolled and sank in about 100 feet of water, hitting one end on the bottom.

About 46,000 gallons already have leaked, and the broken barge is vulnerable to more leakage when attempts are made to raise it from Guemes Channel, he said.

Should huge amounts of oil spill during the salvage, the pump system could be shut down, costing Western thousands of dollars, he said.

Huxley professor William Summers is searching for earlier studies of currents in the area to help predict where the oil may flow. Drift markers from those studies have been found as far south as the Oregon Coast.

Sulkin said he is uncertain of long-term effects the spill will have on the area's ecology. If the oil breaks up and disperses, the center's 1,800 feet of shoreline should be safe. But if the oil sinks in a heavy mass, bottom-dwelling creatures will be harmed.

Sulkin said officials hope to winch the barge up before pumping out the remaining

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AS drafts restructure plan

By Erin Earles
staff reporter

An Associated Students Review and Restructure committee, formed last Wednesday to find ways to get the AS budget under control, has released a preliminary list of recommendations.

The committee, which will review all AS programs and positions for possible consolidation or elimination, will make its final recommendations to the AS Board by March 28.

Preliminary recommendations drafted by AS President Dan Wood include:

*Evaluation of all AS programs every four years by review committees.

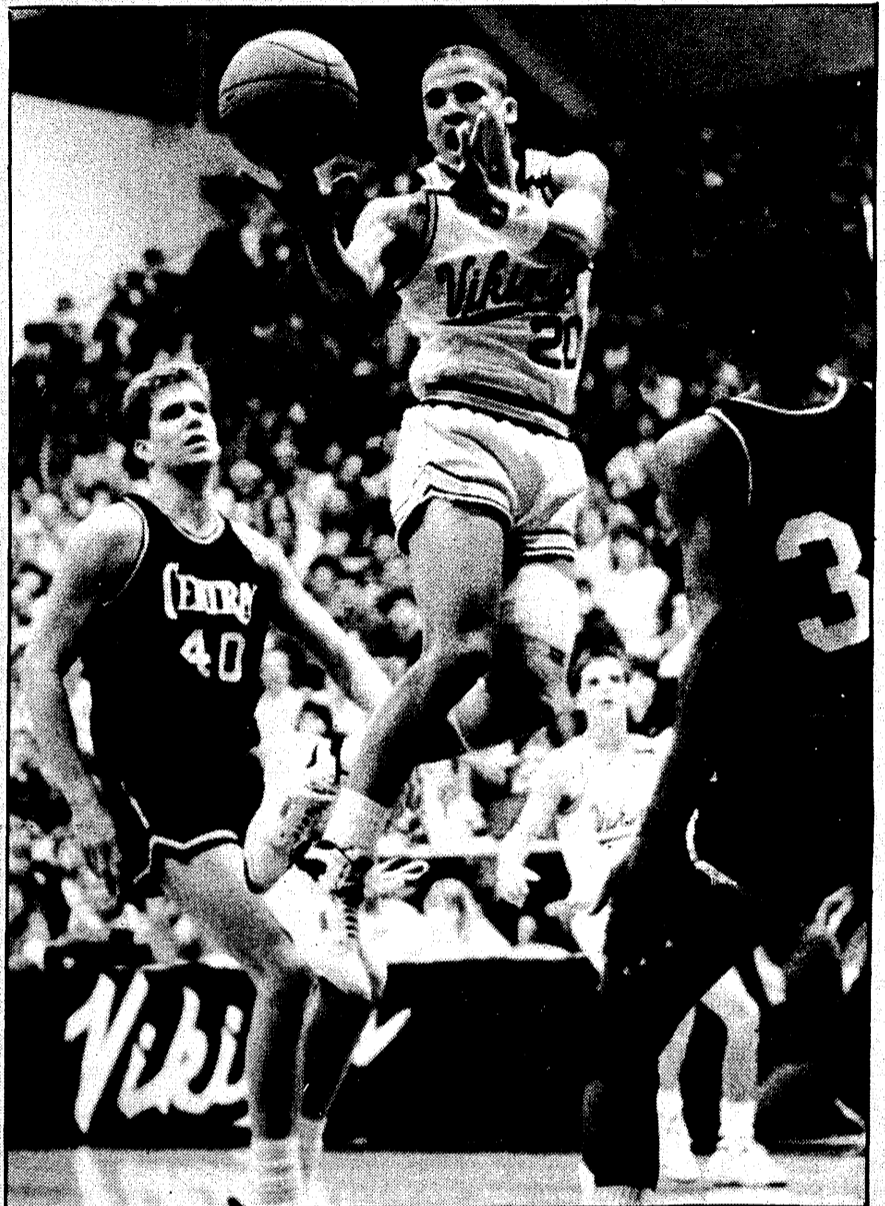
*A policy requiring the AS Board to approve expenditures by AS program heads that exceed \$15,000.

*A possible reorganization of the campus chapter of the Washington Student Lobby.

*Merger of AS programs. The Sexual Awareness Center would be combined with the Sexual Minorities Center under the proposal. The merger of the University Notetaking Service and the Used Book Exchange also is recommended.

*Creation of an office of Survey and Research to solicit student opinion concerning campus issues. The Faculty-Course Evaluation office and the Legislative Research Assistant would be incorporated into this office.

*A personnel policy requiring all AS employees to maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.0 for each quarter of employment. A leave-of-absence policy for board members also is recommended.



Alycien Van Droof

Oots! Oots! Oots!

Western guard Ray Ootsey drives the lane past Central bigmen Steve Evenson (40) and Carl Aaron for an assist. The Vikings beat Central, 83-80, to increase their Division 1 lead to two games over the second-place Wildcats. See story on p.9.

Concert, speeches honor civil rights leaders

By Janet Murray
staff reporter

Hundreds of people gathered at Western's Performing Arts Center on Friday in remembrance

of Martin Luther King Jr. Still, behind the songs, praise and candlelight vigil, it was clear they weren't celebrating the fact that his dream had come true.



Soloist Jai Howard of The Total Experience Choir.

Pete Kendall

Speakers paid tribute to the heralded '60s civil-rights leader's work during the evening event, which coincided with February's Black History Month. Yet they emphasized the need to act on King's dream and bring an embodied sense of community to all people.

Keynote speaker Sandra Taylor, vice president and dean of Student Affairs, cited an article in *Ebony* magazine that stated only 38 states actually honor King by giving state employees time off, holding ceremonies or acknowledging the holiday.

"They give many reasons," Taylor said. "'It's economically not feasible,' or, 'We're not sure he deserves a whole day, so we'll just acknowledge one hour. We'll take a pause at noon.' You know who takes a pause at noon? The stock market. That tells us something about our country and our

priorities.

"It's testimony to the fact that we may all be here this evening, but a lot of people are not here and do not consider Martin Luther King Jr. worthy of a holiday," she said.

She said many mistakenly see King as a great man preaching from a mountain top. The word "dream" in King's famous speech may imply his goal is intangible and unreal.

So much of what he stood for was tangible, she said. He was a real man who led prayer vigils. He organized picket lines and sit-ins that often led to imprisonment. Viewing him this way would help bring him down the mountain.

Taylor said people must ask themselves how they can do more to make his dream of genuine, accepted integration more of a reality.

As part of the celebration,

Bellingham Mayor Tim Douglas proclaimed the month of February 1988 as Black History Month in special recognition of Martin Luther King Jr., but also for other black leaders such as John Henry, Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth.

Students Tina Cobbin and Floyd Davenport Jr. emphasized the importance of remembering the people in black history who are not as well-known, such as Phyllis Wheatley, a poet and slave in the 1770s, and Beuford Delaney, a painter in the '30s whose works include paintings of Louis Armstrong and Duke Ellington.

The tribute was sponsored by the Associated Students Black Student Union, the Multicultural Center, the AS Cross Cultural Center and the College of Fine and Performing Arts.

For Your Information

Blood drive to start Thursday

Western's Student Health Service will sponsor its winter quarter blood drive from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday and Friday in the Old Main registration center.

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Appointments are not necessary, but are available by calling 676-3400.

Deadline nears for peer helpers

The Academic Advising Center is accepting applications for Peer Adviser positions for the 1988-89 academic year.

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Applications are available in Old Main 275 and are due by Feb. 17.

JWE results

ready Feb. 24

Winter quarter Junior Writing Exam scores will be available beginning Feb. 24.

Students who have not

declared a major may receive their scores from the Academic Advising Center in Old Main 275. Declared majors should report to their department's office. Students need to bring identification and their blue books to receive test scores.

Tennis teams to sell Valentines

Western's tennis teams are sponsoring a Valentine's Day flower sale. Roses or carnations and a personal message can be delivered on Friday or Sunday, Valentine's Day, whichever the giver prefers.

Roses are \$3 and carnations are \$1.50 and must be ordered before 4 p.m. Thursday in the intramural office in Carver Gym.

Stage designs to be on display

An exhibit of the life and work of Adolphe Appia, who is considered to be the father of modern stage design, will be on display Feb. 12 through March 4 in the Western Gallery in the Art/Technology Building.

Appia, a turn-of-the-century Swiss musician and architect, is known for his revolutionary work incorporating stark set designs with dramatic shafts of light.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Admission is free. For more information, contact the art department at 676-3663.

Probation policy revised

By Michael Reeves
staff reporter

Students whose report cards brought bad news last quarter may find a glimmer of hope in Western's new academic probation policy.

Ron Johnson, director of the Academic Advising Center, said he believes few students are aware of the new policy despite the effect it may have on many of them.

Johnson said if students show they are making progress by achieving a C-plus quarterly grade point average, they are given more time to raise their cumulative GPA under the new policy.

According to the old policy, students who failed to maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 were placed on academic probation.

Once on probation, students were given two quarters, one of probation and one of continuing probation, to improve their GPA to 2.00. Students who failed to raise their GPA after the two quarters were dropped from the university.

The new policy allows students to stay on continuing probation, even if their cumulative average remains below 2.00.

According to the new policy, students on continuing probation must maintain at least a 2.3 quarterly GPA, or they are dropped.

"Obviously, you've got to make progress, because you can't graduate unless you have a 2.0," Johnson said.

The new policy also allows students on probation the option

of taking fewer credit hours.

"Before, if you had to get your cumulative up to 2.0, you had better take a number of credit hours. Say you've got two years of credits, and you've only got two quarters to raise these above 2.0. If you take one course, you aren't going to make it," Johnson said.

One reason the university changed the policy was to allow part-time students more leeway. The new guidelines will allow them to remain part-time, Johnson said.

"Some students do better to take one course at a time. With the new policy, as long as they keep that (quarterly) grade average over 2.3, they can stay on continuing probation," he said.

Campus cops

University Police reported the following incidents the past week:

A hit-and-run accident on the Ridgeway service road was reported at 2:04 p.m., Feb. 7. The accident caused a dent in a door of a 1985 Oldsmobile Cutlass. No injuries were reported. Damage was estimated at \$150.

At 9:22 a.m., Feb. 7, the windshield of a 1968 Ford station wagon parked in the free lot on 21st Street was found broken. Total damages were \$150.

A door at Upper Highland reportedly was kicked several

times, shattering the wood around the knob at 2:35 p.m., Feb. 6. Damage to the door was set at \$150.

A cassette player was reported stolen at 2:19 a.m., Feb. 5, from a car parked in lot 15C. Loss of the stereo amounted to \$380.

At 1:45, Feb. 5, a hallway wall at Fairhaven was reported to have been kicked, leaving a hole in it. Damage was estimated at \$75.

A vandalized elevator emergency light in Mathes Hall was reported at 10:15 p.m., Feb. 4. Damage was set at \$50.

A locked bicycle was reported stolen from a bike rack on the north side of Parks Hall at 6:15 p.m., Feb. 1. The loss is estimated at \$600.

A 1971 Dodge van in lot 26P caught fire and was reported at 12:12 p.m., Feb. 1. The cause of the blaze is thought to have been an electrical malfunction in the vehicle. The Bellingham Fire Department extinguished the fire. Total damages were \$500.

Campus Cops is compiled by staff reporter Michael Reeves.

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University policy opposes AIDS discrimination

By Alycien Van Droof
staff reporter

Discrimination or segregation against people with AIDS at Western is not justifiable or legal based on present medical information about the disease, according to the school's current AIDS and communicable disease policy.

The Communicable Disease Task Force (CTDF) at Western drafted the current AIDS and communicable disease policy last year.

The CDTF researched AIDS information that corresponds to state and federal guidelines and also considers AIDS a disability, said Sandra Taylor, dean of Student Affairs. The guidelines also refer to the disease as a handicap when dealing with discrimination.

The policies are here to let people who test positive with a disease know that "they have rights and would not be denied entrance to the university," Taylor said.

Confidentiality and the rights of the people on campus will be protected under both of the policies.

According to a statement released by the university, no current evidence exists that individuals infected with the AIDS virus can infect other individuals by casual contact. Accordingly, Western sees no reason to exclude these individuals from campus employment and activities.

The policy also states that vice presidents in the various departments shall be responsible for developing guidelines appropriate for their areas. In other words, guidelines for the chemistry department may differ from those in the personnel department.

Some situations may arise on campus that will require medical review by the university. In these instances, the president of Western will seek the advice of the appropriate campus personnel, the report says.

The communicable diseases policy was

established to inform staff and students about ailments such as measles and hepatitis. The policy also states the school will ensure that cases of infection are managed.

Taylor said the policy would help the school prepare for a potential outbreak of a communicable disease.

"We felt a responsibility to be prepared," she said, "if an outbreak should happen we will have the facilities here."

The policy states that guidelines for specific departments on campus will be developed by the vice-presidents for their divisions, Taylor said. The president or acting president will then review the guidelines for consistency with Western's new policy.

If a situation requires medical review by Western, the President will seek the advice of the appropriate university personnel.

Resources for emotional and social support will be made available to the campus community.

Educational information will be distributed to the campus community by the Health and Safety Committee. Appropriate clinical services including counseling and testing will be made available to students, when possible. Referrals will be made to health-care agencies if necessary.

Inquiries or questions regarding these policies will be handled through the vice president of student affairs office, Old Main 390, 676-3846.

AIDS forum set

A two-hour forum titled "AIDS: Fact and Fiction," is scheduled for 11 a.m. Thursday, Haggard Hall 245. The forum includes presentations by Dr. Philip H. Jones of the Whatcom County Health Department, and Western personnel officer Mike Shea, followed with a discussion led by John Jordy of campus counseling center.

Environmentalist speaks on urban dwellers

By Alycien Van Droof
staff reporter

Urban dwelling is the biggest threat to our world, says the director of a group concerned with ecological damage caused by cities.

Peter Berg, director of the San Francisco-based Planet Drum Foundation, came to Western last Thursday to promote "green cities," which Berg described as urban areas that are ecologically sustainable.

Berg said a green city is a park

or wilderness area within the city that people can enjoy and that will keep the world cleaner. He said green cities could improve the quality of life, bring back wild animals to parks and make people appreciate wildlife.

"Urban dwelling is the worst crime a person can commit," he said.

As an example, Berg turned to San Francisco, where run-off from rainfall comprises 40 percent of the pollution while industries are creating pestilent swamps with

their dumps and landfill projects.

Berg suggested cities should use willow trees instead of storm drains for flood control. Willows collect water, slow down drainage, keep water in channels and prevent the formation of gulleys or erosion unless the incline is steep.

Mexico City is an urban area that needs to protect its environment, Berg said. It is estimated the population will reach 35 million before the year 2000.

Water already is transported

into the city to accommodate the population, Berg said. Six new power plants for pumping water will be needed for the expected population increase, he said.

Berg mentioned other groups defending the natural environment. One group supports renewable energy; it wants to equip all public buildings for renewable energy in San Francisco. An urban planning group he referred to has demanded that no new development occur in cities unless garden space also is provided.

FYI deadlines

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DEBT MANAGEMENT COUNSELING for student loan borrowers is now available in Student Financial Resources. Sign up for an appointment in OM240.

STUDENT TEACHER INTERNSHIPS: Those wishing to student teach fall/winter semester 1988 should plan to attend one of the following meetings: 2 p.m. Tues., Feb. 9, LH4; 3 p.m. Wed., Feb. 10, LH2; 4 p.m. Thurs., Feb. 11, LH2. Includes information about student teaching procedures and timelines.

BE A PEER ADVISER! The Academic Advising Center is accepting applications for 1988-89 peer advisers. Qualifications include 2.5 gpa, full-time student status and strong communication skills. Applications are available in OM275 and are due by Feb. 17.

FOREIGN STUDY: An interest session for all Alpha/Delta residents regarding work, travel and study abroad opportunities available to WWU students will be held at 8 p.m. Tues., Feb. 16, in the Delta main lounge. Includes slide presentations and guest speakers.

AN OPEN SEMINAR on WWU's Center for Apparel Design/Fashion Marketing in Seattle will be held at 3:30 p.m. Thurs., Feb. 11, in OM80.

JWE SCORES will be available beginning Feb. 24 through the department in which you have officially declared your major. Students who don't find their scores in their major department should contact the Writing Center, HU346, and then check with their departmental adviser to ensure that their major declaration has been registered. Scores for students who have not declared a major will be in the Academic Advising Center, OM275. Those who have not yet declared a major should make an appointment with an Academic Advising Center adviser to discuss/clarify their academic goals.

On-Campus Interview Schedule
Seniors and certificate and master's candidates must be registered with the Career Planning & Placement Center to interview. Completed campus interview forms (CIFs) are required at time of sign up for all employers except school districts. Please check sign-up folders for additional requirements.

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- Holland-America Line—Westours, Fri., Feb. 19. Summer (cabin attendant). Sign up in OM280.
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- Electronic Data Systems, Tues., Feb. 23. CS majors. Pre-select interviews—Resume/CIF due Feb. 9.
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- Microsoft, Mon., Feb. 29. English/journ internship. Pre-select interviews—Resume/CIF due by Feb. 17.
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Civil rights not just confined to holidays

During the past few years, the accomplishments of the civil-rights movement, and especially those of its greatest martyr, Martin Luther King Jr., have begun receiving the acknowledgement they deserve. Many once highly polarized attitudes have shifted toward the middle and history has provided a context for the turbulent events of the last 10 years of King's life.

Washington state has joined in the recognition of King. Last month we had a state holiday for his birthday and February is Black Awareness Month at Western.

Last Friday at the Performing Arts Center, about 200 community members celebrated black culture, focusing on King's accomplishments and his dream.

In the keynote address, Vice President for Student Affairs Sandra Taylor said we need to challenge ourselves by asking what we mean by having a holiday for King. Is it just to celebrate his dream and what it symbolizes, or is it to realize he was a man of action as well?

Taylor said King was a man who pursued his dream of a just, beloved community on the front line. That's why he made such strides in civil rights. And here in "WASPington," the land of white Anglo-Saxon Protestants, we may feel completely comfortable celebrating his birthday and treating the few people of another color we see the same as everyone else.

Is it enough to be happy that things are better now and not to practice racism ourselves? We don't think so. Racism is alive and all too healthy in the United States. Any truly non-racist nation wouldn't be as chummy with a government like South Africa's as we seem to be.

As far removed from the above situation as life in the Northwest is, we still must remember that only vocal opposition to our government's South Africa policies will bring about change.

Consider 18-year-old black South African Godfrey Dlomo, who told Walter Cronkite in the CBS documentary "Children of Apartheid" of ill treatment at the hands of the police. Dlomo also said his willingness to talk probably would put his life in danger.

The *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* reported Jan. 27 that Dlomo had been discovered shot to death five days after police detained him for questioning about the film.

And consider the case of upstate New York teenager Tawana Brawley. According to the Jan. 28 *New York Times*, she was discovered outside her town, beaten, with "KKK" and "Nigger" written on her body. She said six white men kidnapped her and raped her for four days. One wore a police badge, jacket and holster.

Yes, we should take time out to raise our awareness of black history and culture. But if we study our present situation in regard to racism and bigotry everywhere, we will realize it still takes more than just awareness.

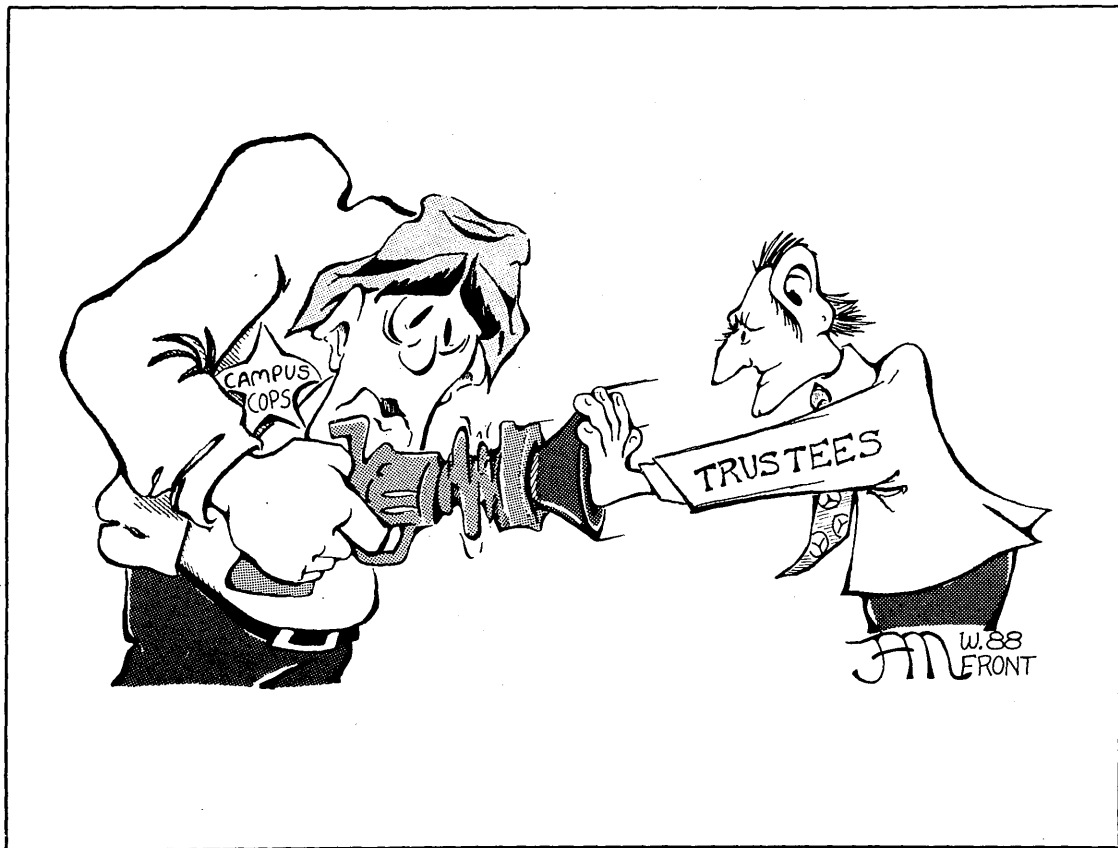


Figure it out, softies

More money means less work

The Washington Legislature wants to show its soft heart and give the low-end, hourly wage earner a better life. They want to improve the basics in life, such as clothing, quality food, bus rides, improved housing, and maybe even a car. The idea the Legislature has is simple enough: Make a law that raises the minimum wage from \$3.35 to \$4.70.

The lay-offs created by this bill are going to multiply the ranks of the unemployed. The majority of the unemployed will be from the unskilled labor force. Then there will be taxes to raise money to pay the unemployed. And because of the job shortage the people laid off won't be able to find work and will be forced onto the welfare rolls, which means more taxes.

Life on welfare means no new clothes, lower quality food, no more bus rides, and low-income subsidized housing, which means more taxes, too!



Herb Reich

staff reporter

The minimum wage bill will be felt longer than originally planned through the taxes raised to pay for the multiplied unemployed.

The taxes combined with fewer consumers will take money out of the Washington market. The domino effect will cause more unemployment. The lay-offs will not stop in the unskilled labor market but move into the higher wage market.

The bill will upset the delicate Washington economy and cause lay-offs in all wage brackets. People who are skilled will end up competing with the less skilled and unskilled; creating more un-

employment and welfare.

Students also will be affected: It will be impossible to find a summer job. That job market will be flooded by the unemployed. These summer jobs are crucial in receiving job experience.

The market has one option when consumers leave and taxes increase -- inflation. Inflation brings more job lay-offs, which again will hit hard on the unskilled, who were supposed to be the benefactors of the minimum wage bill.

With inflation, banks will raise loan percentages to cover the rise. Another domino effect will take place; a potential new business will be faced with larger loan payments and forced to raise prices. New businesses then will look outside Washington, taking revenue and jobs out of the state.

Soft hearts do not give good ground for soft minds and the Legislature needs to differentiate between the two.

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Professionalism is missing

AAA always will let you down

It was late afternoon on a cold, dreary day, and I was heading home for a wedding rehearsal in Tacoma. My friend and I were jamming to some tunes when I suddenly noticed the amp light on my dash go on.

I instantly pulled my small Datsun off to the side of the road. I lifted the hood and found the fan belt pulley cracked. I uttered a few distasteful words and then headed to the nearest exit to call the American Automobile Association.

I made the call and was told by the dispatcher that a tow truck would be there in about a half hour.

My friend and I waited patiently by my car. As we waited, three state troopers showed up.

The first trooper asked if he could be of assistance. We told him no, we already had called AAA and they should be there soon. He laughed and said he



Paul Douglas

staff reporter

would have someone check up on us in about a half hour. We assured him we would be gone by that time.

The next visitor we had was the KTAC assistance van. He asked if we needed a tow truck. We told him we already had called for one and it should be there soon.

The second trooper showed up 20 minutes later. By this time, we had been waiting for AAA for an hour. We informed the officer of this. He called his dispatcher and ordered another tow truck. A tow truck company sponsored by AAA was to respond.

By the time the third trooper showed up, we had been waiting

an hour and 45 minutes. I asked if he would place a call to my family and let them know my car was disabled on the highway. He placed the call and said he would check back in 15 minutes.

After waiting two hours, the tow truck finally arrived. By now I was not only a little wicked, but I was furious. The guy had a stupid grin on his face. He offered no explanation for responding to the call so late. He did however acknowledge he had gotten my call two hours ago.

This is not the first time this has happened to me; AAA has let me down before. It is an incompetent organization, incapable of performing a service professionally. I realize AAA subsidizes out all of their towing. Still, they should do a hell of a lot better job of screening the companies who represent them.

I pay for the service and expect better than I am getting.

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Funding ruggers is a big mistake

The Front,

I am writing in response to a letter written by Gord Wilson about the rugby team providing "school spirit."

I would like to know when the definition of spirit was changed to "running through the residence halls vandalizing, pushing over people and spraying shaving cream into their faces."

Sure, it's true that Western is without "yearbooks, fraternities, sororities or any Greek system," but there are other ways to express school spirit. Oh! That's it! I forgot! Thrashing on residence halls, getting drunk and being ob-

noxious are true forms of school spirit.

Get a clue, Gordo! This is not the University of Illinois Illini! I thought you already knew that when you sent in your application to Western. Didn't you glance at the "Western Washington University" letterhead on your letter of acceptance, or are you illiterate?

I haven't heard or seen anything positive about the "ruggers," and I think that funding for this "club" is a serious mistake. There are better ways to spend the activities money.

I'm sure that \$50 will come in handy when it comes time to donate to that worthwhile charity, "Budweiser." That poster child of theirs, Spuds MacKenzie, gets me every time.

Jack McCallum

Guns for cops won't stop crime

The Front,

Just as I suspected! My worst fears about giving the big boys guns all came true in the Feb. 2 *Western Front*. Campus police officer Jerry Becker said it all, "Sometimes it's like a castrated bull. You don't have all the equipment." I figured that's why those cowboys wanted pistols -- they feel less virile, less manly if they can't pump someone full of lead. Poor old bulls.

In all of the dangerous incidents cited in the article, the only persons who might have benefited having a gun were the crime victims themselves. Robert Schlewitz, the coffee shop manager, needed a gun. What good would that .38 have done the cops who found Schlewitz? Women walking home at night on unlighted paths need guns, not the cops in their cozy little cars. Why not simply arm the student body and eliminate the cops altogether?

Are cops with guns going to cut down on petty campus thefts?

Do textbooks, tape decks and toilet paper warrant armed protection? If the cops want guns, let 'em go back to Chicago where they need to dress for war.

Pamela S. Helberg
English department

Lack of support for AIDS week

The Front,

Apparent student apathy concerning AIDS here at Western is only partially responsible for the low turn-out at the events and programs during AIDS Awareness Week. While it is true that the government has done scant little to educate the public about this deadly disease, it is not necessarily true that the student (or any) population will follow suit, as *The Front* implies.

The Front must also take much of the responsibility for the low attendance at this, the largest AIDS-educational event ever in Bellingham. We on the AIDS Awareness Week Committee had implored *The Front* to run its center-spread on the week's events. Instead, spreads on musical groups and KUGS were run. In addition, John Jordy from the

Counseling Center repeatedly asked *The Front* to run an AIDS survey, testing student knowledge of this disease. At no time during the planning and organization of this event did one reporter interview an AIDS Awareness Week Committee member.

Western's AIDS Awareness Week received more coverage in Seattle and Vancouver, B.C., than it did on this campus. Even *The Bellingham Herald* and the weekly *Bellingham Times* did more to publicize the week's events than *The Front*. The various news media on Western's campus -- AS Review, KUGS, Klipsun, Western View -- contacted the AIDS Awareness Week Committee for interviews, press releases and public service announcements. But where was *The Front*?

Running a calendar of events, and an article on the heterosexual couple with AIDS three days after the fact does little to make students aware of AIDS Awareness Week. Student apathy is only partially responsible for the low attendance. *The Front* apathy is even more so.

AIDS Awareness Week Committee
Bryan T. Fujimoto, coordinator,
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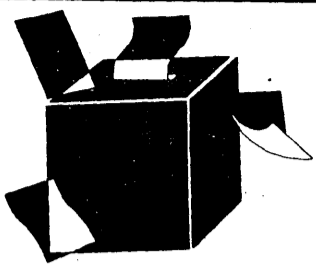
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DESCEND OLYMPIA

Legislators pass still-unfinished HEC Board

By David Kuester
staff reporter

The Legislature voted Friday to pass the Higher Education Coordinating Board's master plan by a vote of 92-2 -- or did it?

A joint resolution, passed the previous week, separated aspects of the overall plan. Some were passed, and some postponed until next year's legislative session.

The proposal consists of a statement of goals and a four-point focus for change that includes increased access in urban areas, performance evaluation of institutions, a new funding system and strengthened admission standards.

The funding and admission standards parts of the proposal have not been approved. Without approval for these aspects, the

proposal is still basically in the planning stage.

"The plan is useless unless we have funding," Dennis Braddock, D-Bellingham, said.

According to the resolution, the Legislature supports the funding approach the board has suggested, but is yet unwilling to implement a new funding mechanism until it can further study funding and related higher education issues.

The related issues include: a state-wide enrollment policy that maintains access while insuring quality education; appropriate quality comparison groups; state funding priorities and goals; and a process for evaluating educational service needs and establishing off-campus programs in underserved areas.

The resolution has called for the establishment of a joint study group composed of eight legislators, a member of the HEC Board, a gubernatorial appointee, and a member of the Office of Financial Management (OFM). The committee is to report to the Legislature by the 1989 session.

There still is debate over all aspects of the proposal. The urban access proposal includes the building of branch campuses. The specific locations for these branches are the subject of intense squabbling amongst legislators.

Dan Grimm, D-Puyallup, has been accused of pressuring the University of Washington, the probable institution to be chosen for a branch campus, to locate the branch in Tacoma.

According to the plan, performance evaluation of institutions will be based on student performance on nationally normed

"These evaluations will be very expensive if they are not done right," Weiner said. She pressed doubt that they will be

SAFE demands the O make enrollment forecasts to predict student populations at institution. It also requires use of the Higher Education Price Index to predict inflation so legislators can account for rising costs of higher education when appropriating budgets.

The new funding system called SAFE (Stability, Adequacy and Focused Excellence), calls for student funding based on the average of peer institutions. Institutions are ones that are in size, program offerings, student mix and research orientation.

Institutions will have authorized enrollment levels to guarantee that per student funding not drop below the average level. But, if the Legislature decides it cannot afford to achieve the authorized levels, they will be decreased, possibly denying access to entering students.

According to the plan, "enrollment in excess of authorized enrollment levels represent an institution's discretionary decision and will not be recognized for any funding purposes."

In other words, if the leg

"The basic formula says they will reduce enrollments, which means bad news for the freshman class."

--Sen. Dan McDonald, R-Bellevue

tests and surveys of graduated students and their employers.

Ruth Weiner, faculty member of Huxley College and opponent of the HEC Board master plan, said she believes such evaluations will be highly ineffective unless they are done appropriately.



Rep. Dennis Braddock, D-Bellingham, explains a point to some Western students in the Capitol on Friday.

Jesse Tinsley

Student storms hill, finds conflict afoot at Capitol

By Theo Gross
staff reporter

(Ed. note: This article was written by a staff reporter who presents a first-timer's view of the legislative process in the state Capitol.)

I awoke at 6:50 a.m., just 10 minutes before the Associated Students bus was scheduled to depart from Western Friday.

I still wasn't fully awake when, a couple of hours later, Western's 19-member "Descend Olympia" lobbying contingency entered the state Capitol building, and one student exclaimed, "Let's storm the hill!" Instead, I immediately stormed the Capitol building coffee shop.

Western's venture to the Capitol offers students an organized opportunity to directly lobby state legislators or to just watch state government in action.

I aimed to do the latter. So after buying my coffee I sat down with an unlikely pair of men who were smoking cigarettes and studying documents.

One of the men had tattoos on his arms and hair hanging in a ponytail down to his waist. The other had on a crisp three-piece suit, and his short hair was finely tailored to his head. A pin attached to his lapel read "Third House," which meant he was a lobbyist.

The lobbyist turned out to be a paid advocate for the "tattooed guy's" interest group, "A Brotherhood Against Totalitarian Enactments" or ABATE.

I wasn't too surprised to learn that ABATE's main activity is fighting a mandatory helmet law aimed at motorcycle riders. In the coffee shop, a big, fat guy with grease under his nails came over to the table; then the bikers and the lobbyist went off to face senate committee members.

A moment later a pair of wise-cracking bureaucrats sat down at my table. Through hurried bites of their burgers, Kevin and Stan informed me they were budgetary analysts and advisors to senators on the Ways and Means committee.

By coincidence, it happens that Stan worked for two years on higher education budgeting for Gov. Booth Gardner. He was well versed with Western's concerns.

"Western gets less money per pupil than other regional universities," Stan said factually.

"Well, I'm glad the governor is aware of this," I thought, but I was hoping Stan might spill the beans about some hush-hush fiscal planning.

"I've already discussed the agenda with Dan Woods. Do you know Dan Woods?"

-- State Senator Ann Anderson

I asked him for a scoop and what I got was a lecture about how advisors leave dispensing opinions and inside information up to the politicians. Well, so much for my "... a high-level source said" story.

Before he left, however, Stan did urge me to get Western cracking on lobbying efforts for a new science building.

I wouldn't have minded parking myself in the cafeteria all day and checking out the parade of personalities, but my appoint-

ment with Republican Senator Ann Anderson from Whatcom County beckoned.

We presented her with the Associated Students' 10-page legislative agenda guidebook, then I changed the topic and began voicing my negative opinions about drug testing to the senator.

We began to discuss the matter, but were interrupted when a senate page brought the senator a message that the governor's office called.

Visibly surprised by the message, Anderson left to call Gardner's office. We basically were finished anyway, and as a constituent, I felt satisfied with the effort she had made to listen to my concerns.

An hour later I ran into Senator Anderson again, but this time things were not so cordial. I had seized an opportunity to sit on the Senate floor (at a senator's desk even) when Sen. Anderson sat down at her desk, close to the one I occupied.

Perhaps not realizing my presence on the floor, Anderson picked up the ten-page Associated Students' booklet I had given her an hour before and tossed it in the trash can.

I was not prepared for this unexpected honesty. Slightly irked, I approached Anderson at her desk and asked her why she threw out the booklet.

Surprised to see me, Anderson tried to explain her act. "I've already discussed the agenda with Dan Woods [sic]. Do you know Dan Woods?" Anderson asked.

I explained that I do know AS President Dan "Woods." Later I spoke with "Woods" about the incident on the bus ride back to Bellingham.

"If in fact she did this," Wood said, "basically what she's done is thrown Western into the garbage can. When a group of

students from her district comes down here, and she takes our legislative agenda and throws it in the garbage -- that's not being considerate of our needs."

After I confronted Anderson about throwing out the agenda, she began throwing out all sorts of things on her desk. Then she got up and dropped a note on "my" desk, chastising the AS and the Washington Student Lobby for picking such a critical day in the legislature (which it was) to introduce Western's agenda. She also explained that she already had a stack of papers a foot high in her "in" basket.

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-- Dan Wood

From my point of view, the situation was more exciting than upsetting. It was like George Bush and Robert Dole in heated debate on the Washington, D.C., Senate floor. I never expected to get in a conflict when I decided to descend on Olympia.

I expected the legislators to smile, listen, act concerned, and throw things away later.

Maybe I should have stuck to the coffee shop.

THE GAPITOL



ard plan

ture can't afford it, either per student funding or the authorized enrollment lid will drop.

Authorized changes in enrollment levels can be proposed by the institution, the HEC Board or the governor and must be approved by the legislature.

The proposed admission policy demands creation of a formula to predict probabilities of program completion by students.

According to a hypothetical HEC Board study, of the freshmen admitted to the state's colleges in 1986, 33.7 percent of Washington State University's would not have been admitted under the new policy, along with 1.8 percent of the University of Washington's, 20.1 percent of Eastern Washington University's, 19 percent of Central Washington University's and 8.1 percent of Western's.

Due to a 15 percent cushion on admittance standards, though, only WSU, Eastern and Central would have been affected by the change.

"Try as we might, we can't keep up," Sen. Dan McDonald, R.-Bellevue, chairman of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, told the Seattle Times. "The basic formula says they will reduce enrollments, which means bad news for the freshman class. I'm not willing to buy off on that."

Lobbyists bring students' issues to Olympia

By Kris Lundeen
staff reporter

Although only nineteen Western students participated in Descend Olympia last Friday, Washington Student Lobby chair Andy McLean said he was pleased with the results.

"It was definitely a success," he said.

Originally, the Associated Students had expected at least two busloads of students to make the second annual trek to the Capitol.

Brian Prosser, AS director-at-large for communications, said he heard Rep. Ren Taylor, R-Spokane, say Western had the best, most-organized and rational student action in the state.

Prosser also spoke with Sen. Patrick McMullen, who said he was excited because it was the first time he had seen a lobbying group take a long-range look at things.

The group went to Olympia knowing action wouldn't be taken on most of the agenda items during this year's non-budgetary session. The students simply wanted to explain Western's position on issues likely to be addressed in next year's long session, according to a legislative agenda drawn up by the AS Board.

Students met individually with state representatives and senators

to discuss Western's legislative agenda issues, which include:

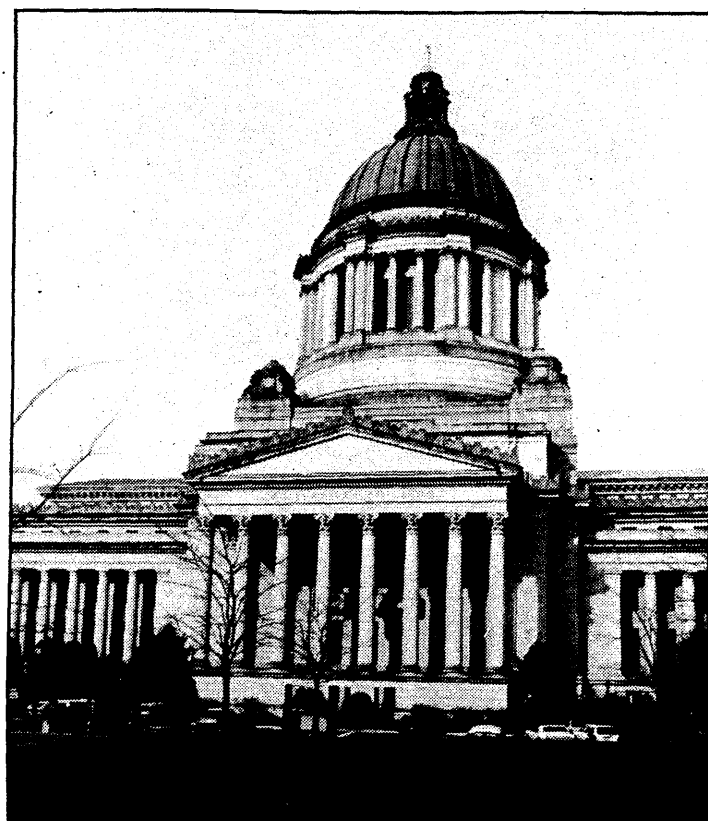
Equitable Funding: Western receives approximately \$480 less per student per year than any other comprehensive university in the state. Because Western is more efficient compared to other comprehensive universities, it receives less funding.

AS President Dan Wood said Western would like to bring its equitable funding concern to the attention of the legislators during this session. With additional funds, Western could hire additional faculty and buy new equipment.

Enrollment Lid Increase: In 1985, the Washington State Legislature imposed an 8,250 enrollment lid for full-time students. Since then, the 1983 addition of Parks Hall and the 1987 addition of the Ross Engineering and Technology Building have increased the square footage available for academic use.

Regardless of high entry qualifications, more than 400 qualified students were denied admission to Western in the fall of 1987.

Western requested the 1987 Washington State Legislature increase the enrollment lid by 150 full-time students every year in the 1987-89 biennium. Wood said an enrollment lid increase would



Nineteen Western students brought our school's concerns to the attention of our legislators Friday.

cost the legislature more money, so the issue will not be resolved in this session.

Minority Programs: Western has a 4 percent minority enrollment, the lowest proportion of any public university in the state. Western students asked legislators for their support on programs that would offer the recruitment and retention of minority students.

Financial Aid: Although the need for more financial aid is a concern, the students lobbied to clarify the state and federal definition of an independent student. The difference in definition is causing confusion and delay. The AS recommends changing the state definition to the federal

definition to determine financial aid eligibility.

Disabled Parking: Students urged legislators to support a bill that would allow disabled persons attending higher education institutions to park free, since many don't have an alternative to driving to school.

The current law allows disabled people to park free if their vehicles display appropriate identification. The AS requested the law be clarified to state that higher education institutions be required to allow disabled persons to park free. Wood referred to the bill as humanitarian-type legislation and said it would be hard to oppose.

Legislative checklist

Following is a partial checklist of legislative bills which have made it out of committee as of the Feb. 5 cutoff date. Many of these bills could play a pivotal role in this and the state's other four-year universities' ability to offer better access and quality to higher education:

The G. Robert Ross public service award: The bill establishes an annual award of \$25,000 and a certificate of recognition from the governor for outstanding public service to one faculty member from a state four-year university or college.

HB 1115 Disabled parking: Eligible vehicles transporting disabled students and others will be allowed to park free in parking zones or more accessible areas which meet the needs of the handicapped person.

HB 1356 and SB 6591 College Savings Bond Program: This would encourage savings for college and enrollment in Washington institutions of higher education.

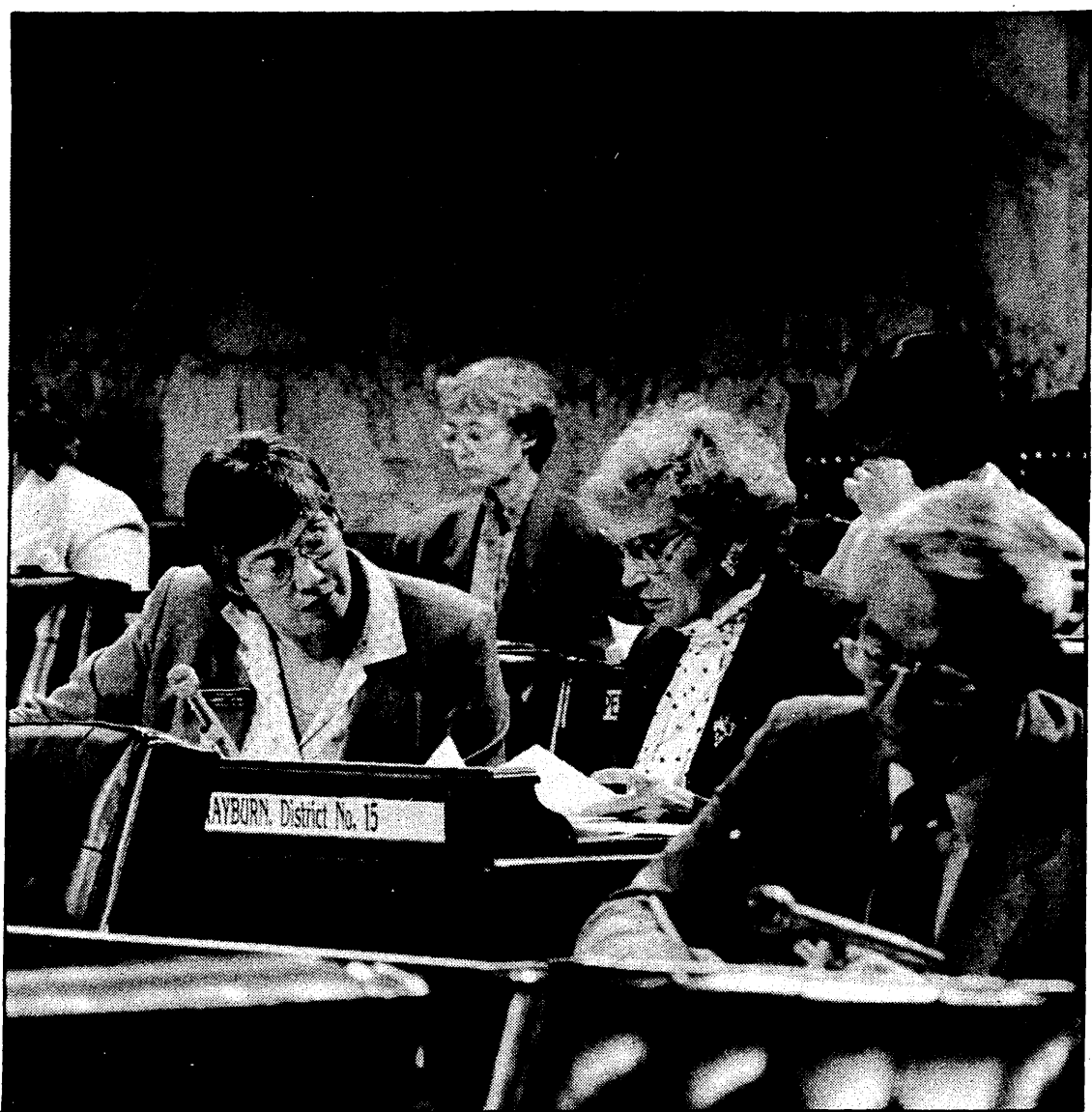
HB 1595 Resident status policy change: Provides that if the head of a student's household receives a job transfer to Washington state by their employer, the student shall be considered a Washington state resident.

HB 1885 Repeal of RCW 28b.10.281, which makes a student ineligible for financial aid who demonstrates or riots in an attempt to disrupt the normal educational process.

SJM 8026: this bill requests Congress to exclude tuition waivers from income subject to federal income tax.

HCR 4433 and SCR 8429 -- Six-point HEC board master plan: The legislature approves the major goals of the HEC board master plan. The legislature defers implementation of any new funding processes until the legislature completes a study of higher education funding policies.

Some of the above information was provided courtesy of the Washington Student Lobby.



Andrea Lightburne

Nineteen Western students descended upon the Capitol on Friday to discuss legislative issues relevant to Western with such lawmakers as Rep. Harriet Spanel (left), D-Bellingham, and Margaret Rayburn (center), D-Grandview.

Western students teach Russian language

By Michelle Hurst
staff reporter

Five Western students who teach Russian to Sehome High School students have a new teacher.

Tanya Kogan, who recently emigrated from the Soviet Union, will supervise the second semester of the twice-a-week course.

"Tanya's fluent Russian and personal knowledge will help everyone," said Edward Vajda, a Russian language teacher at Western who supervised four of the five students last semester.

"I'm doing it again because it's not only a good review, it's a lot of fun," Liz Hawkins said. "The students are very enthusiastic and learn very quickly."

The Sehome students are introduced to the language and culture of Russia through a series of British Broadcasting Corporation video tapes. The six teachers divide the students into small groups to discuss and repeat what they've learned.

They also are taught the Russian alphabet and conversational Russian.

"It's easy to teach them, but sometimes they ask hard questions like, 'What is the etymology of this word?'" said student Erik Hilsinger, who taught for the program last semester.

The students also are exposed to the politics, history and arts of the Soviet Union through the videos.

"Even if they don't learn any language from it, they're still learning about the culture," Vajda said.



Jesse Tinsley

Tanya Kogan and Edward Vajda teach high school students to speak Russian.

Vajda and Sehome French teacher Pat Clarke developed the program last fall. Last semester the program was a success, with an attendance rate of about 50 students.

"About 80 people wanted to join but couldn't because of conflicting schedules," Clarke said. "The turn-out rate is expected to be the same this quarter."

"High school students should have the opportunity to study what had been considered an exotic language," Vajda said. "With Russia opening up more, there's bound to

be a need for Americans who can speak Russian."

For those students or other community members interested in learning the language and culture, Western is offering a Russian extension course using a BBC video tape series.

The eight-week course will meet 6:30 p.m. each Thursday, beginning April 7 in the Humanities Building language lab.

The course costs \$59 and has no preregistration deadline. For more information call 676-3324.

Oil may threaten marine research

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oil. Pumping oil when it is under water is considered risky because cold temperatures there make oil syrupy and difficult to pump.

"We want to go carefully rather than fast," Sulkin said.

David Schneider of the biology department said the center should be safe as long as no more oil comes into the area.

"There are a few physical spots (where) I like to take my classes," he said. "But I could always take them somewhere else."


Western biology student Jim Wiggins agreed the center, which is used for research and study by students and faculty from Western and from across the nation, probably is safe.

"From all points indicated, there appears there would be no adverse effects, but there are two points -- the nature of the spill and the currents," Wiggins said.

"I hope it doesn't affect the lab. I am definitely concerned," he said.

Work at the center is supplemented by grants from the government. Sulkin said the spill would not jeopardize the center's chances of getting grants in the future because they are awarded on a competitive basis.

If the center is shut down during the spring, students who need the spring classes for graduation or a master's theses will have to go to another research center or have the classes waived, Sulkin said.



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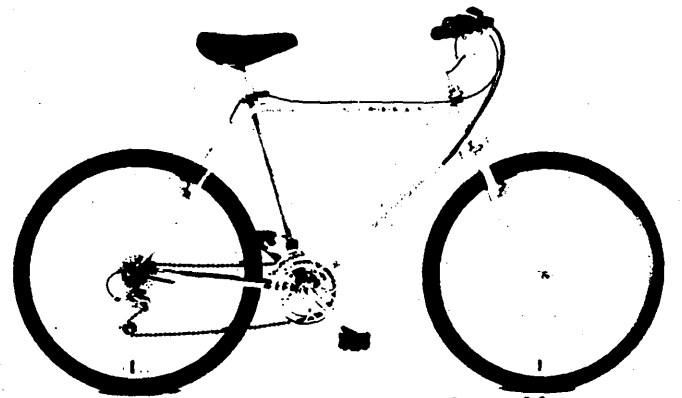
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Vikes skin 'Cats

By John Sleeper
staff reporter

On a scale of one to 10, Western guard Ray Ootsey rated the screaming throng of 3,200 fans that jammed Carver Gym Saturday night a "nine" in its intensity level.

Ootsey's rating just proves he is as difficult to please as an apartment-complex manager on moving day.

What more did Ootsey want from the crowd (read "mob") that witnessed the Viking men's 83-80 triumph over arch-rival Central Washington University?

It was a player's dream, and because virtually no room could be found in the aisles, on the balconies and in the doorways leading into the gym, it also was a fire marshal's nightmare. About 1,000 fans were turned away at the door.

"I love playing before a big crowd," Ootsey said. "It's easy to get that intensity up and it becomes much harder for the other team to get into the game."

Huge crowds, however, mean little if they make the gym sound like a library on Sunday morning.

No problem.

The horde, fueled by the rabid District 1 rivalry (and by a variety of consumables, legal and illegal), packed Carver Gym a full hour before tip-off and shook the building in a game-long, ear-splitting frenzy.

The emotional display played a key part in the contest, a game that saw the Vikings tighten their grip on first place in the district at 10-1 and improve their overall record to 18-4.

"We knew the crowd was going to be like that," said Western forward James Johnson, who scored a team-high 20 points and grabbed 11 rebounds. "But when you get the crowd pushing that emotion up, it's tough to stay down."

"I love to see it," Central Coach Dean Nicholson said. "In a way, it benefited us, too. It brought out the best in both teams."

Although the crowd was slightly quieter after the Wildcats reeled off the first five points of the game, it exploded and littered the court with toilet paper streamers following Rod Whatley's 16-footer from the left side of the key.

Whatley's bucket started an eight-point Western surge that gave the Vikings an 8-5 advantage -- a lead that Central threatened, but could not erase.

The first Wildcat uprising came late in the first half. Central chipped away at a 10-point Viking lead and got within five, 40-35, on a three-pointer by Bill Veliz with 55 seconds left.

Johnson countered with a turnaround baseline jumper to put Western up by seven.




Pete Kendall

Western's Manny Kimmie (21) and Eric Schurman apply defensive pressure on Central's Bryan Gerig (22) and Israel Dorsey (32).

Central turned the ball over with 18 seconds left while trying for a last shot before the half. Western guard Tim Dickerson nailed a three-pointer with two ticks left on

the clock to give the Vikings a 45-35 lead at intermission.

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Women split weekend hoop games again

Vikes are close to earning playoff position

By Butch Kamena
staff reporter

For the past five weeks, Western's women's basketball team has played back-to-back Friday and Saturday night games.

Last Friday and Saturday, for the third week in a row, the Vikings split a pair of NAIA District 1 games, defeating Pacific Lutheran University, 74-67, Friday night at Carver Gym, then losing to Central Washington University, 69-66, Saturday night in Ellensburg.

The Vikings enter tonight's game with Seattle University at Carver Gym with a 16-6 record. Western sits in fourth place in district standings with an 11-4 record.

The top four teams will qualify for the district playoffs. The Vikings seem to be a good bet to finish in one of those spots, as they are two games ahead of fifth-place Seattle Pacific.

In Friday's game, PLU scored the last 11 points of the first half, and grabbed a 38-28 halftime lead, but the Vikings used a spurt midway through the second half to turn the game around.

"I think we were just really flat in the first half," Western

Coach Lynda Goodrich said. "In the second half, we came out in man defense all over the court, and put pressure on the ball. I think that helped get us moving."

The Vikings outscored the Lutes 21-5 in a five-and-a-half minute period early in second half, taking a 58-49 lead with a little less than 11 minutes to go.

During that stretch, Western scored on 11 straight possessions and hit eight straight field goal attempts.

PLU rallied, pulling to within two points twice late in the game, but a three-pointer by redshirt freshman guard Erika Porter with 49 seconds left put the game out of reach.

Junior forward Anna Rabel led a balanced Western attack with 17 points.

Kerri Browitt added 15 points, Karen Gannon had 14 and Porter tossed in 12.

Junior Donna Monette had a fine game coming off the bench for the Vikings, scoring 12 points and grabbing 10 rebounds in 31 minutes of action.

"Coming off the bench, I can change the tempo of the game," Monette said. "I don't mind it.

Coach (Goodrich) says it doesn't really matter who starts."

On Saturday, the Vikings trailed most of the game, then used a late rally to take a 64-62 lead on a three-point play by Gannon with 2:10 left.

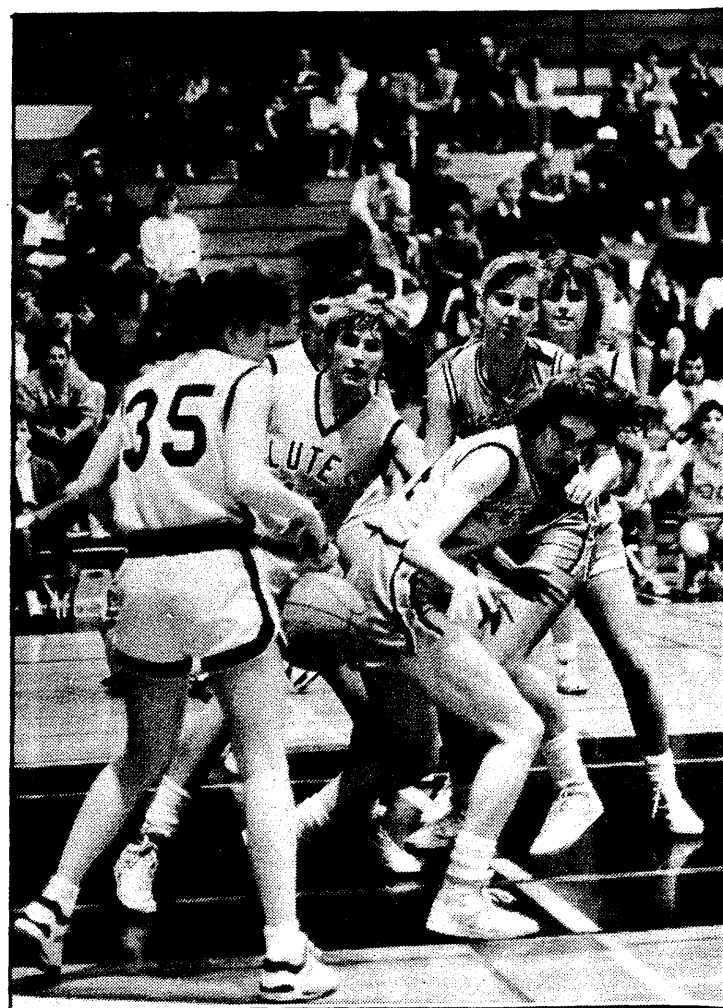
But Central's Natalie Long, who led all scorers with 21 points, hit a shot to tie the game at 64-64. After two free throws by Western's Allison Giles, Long scored again, was fouled, and hit a free throw to put the Wildcats up for good, 67-66.

"We learned a valuable lesson," Goodrich said. "We really had to scratch and claw just to stay in the game, but when we finally got the lead, we let down."

Sophomore Alayna Keppler led Western with 14 points and 11 rebounds.

This weekend, the Vikes will receive a forfeit victory from Whitworth College. Western was supposed to play Whitworth Friday, but several players were suspended for undisclosed reasons earlier this season and all remaining games were forfeited.

After today's game with SU, the Vikings next contest will be 7:30 p.m., Saturday against Lewis-Clark State College.



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Western's Allison Giles and PLU's Melanie Bakala scramble for the ball.

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Pucksters resume action

By Henry Schwarz
staff reporter

Western's ice hockey team will take to the ice for the first time since early November when they travel to Wenatchee this weekend for the Wenatchee Invitational.

The ten-team tournament begins Saturday morning and will continue through Monday night's championship game.

Teams from California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana will be competing in the invitational tournament.

Viking team captain Eric Eldridge said the squad is excited to be playing again, but has a lot of catching up to do.

"We haven't been on the ice since November and we're out

of shape," he said.

Some of the participating teams include Gonzaga University, the University of Washington, the University of Montana and Pacific University of Stockton, Calif. Two men's recreational league teams from Seattle and Wenatchee also will be competing, as well as Junior C League teams from Tacoma and Portland, Ore.

Eldridge said he doesn't know how tough the competition will be, but believes the Vikings have a good chance to win some of their games.

"We know we can beat the Huskies and we've beaten Gonzaga quite a few times, but we don't know too much about the rest of the teams," Eldridge

said. "The University of Montana will probably be the team to beat."

The Vikings aren't in prime condition going into the tournament because they don't have access to a local ice rink to practice on. Despite their lack of practice time, Eldridge is optimistic about the team's chances in the tournament.

"We're just going to have to go down there, skate and suck it up," he said.

The last time the Vikings participated in the Wenatchee Invitational was 1985 when they won the tournament.

The next game for the hockey team will be Feb. 19 in Seattle against the University of Washington.

Late Central rally falls short

LATE, from p.9

"That was a big shot at the end of the half," Western Coach Brad Jackson said. "Tim really gave us a lift. Going into the locker room with a 10-point lead as opposed to a seven-point lead was a big difference."

Also a big difference was Western's defensive intensity in the first half. Switching between a harassing man-to-man and a 2-3 collapsing zone, the Vikings limited the Wildcats to just 39 percent shooting in the first 20 minutes.

Western shot 58 percent for the half.

"That's one big difference," Nicholson said while glancing at the shooting percentages. "We did a poor job defensively and in our early offense. They're tough to stop. They've got a lot of weapons."

One of the biggest weapons was Whatley. The 6-foot-4 center scored 18 points, hitting 7-of-11 from the floor, despite battling a Wildcat front line that averaged 6-8 a man.

"It's like playing at the bottom of the Grand Canyon," Whatley said of the height difference. "They really go to the boards hard. If you're in their way, you're in their way. It doesn't matter to them."

What did matter was a 10-4 Viking run to open the second half that gave Western its big-

gest margin at 55-39 with 16:30 to go.

Central made a run of its own, an 11-3 streak that cut Western's lead to 58-52.

Johnson's three-point play and Whatley's jumper in the key, however, temporarily turned back the rally and pushed the Vikings' lead to 11 points.

"I thought we maintained our composure real well," Johnson said. "Even when they were making those runs at us, we knew we could take 'em."

Central's final serious run came with three minutes left when Carl Aaron, the smooth, 6-6 forward who finished with a game-high 25 points and 13 rebounds, hit four straight points to bring the Wildcats to 79-73.

But Whatley and Ootsey (who had 10 points and seven rebounds), made two free-throws apiece to give the Vikings a 10-point lead and put the game out of reach.

Whatley said the rivalry may not be over for the year.

"I'll take a win over Central anytime, anywhere, anyplace," he said. "I wouldn't be surprised to see them in the playoffs. Only the strongest survive."

Western hosts the University of Alaska Southeast at 7:30 tonight.

Men and women host doubleheader today

By Craig Daly
sports editor

The Western basketball teams will host a doubleheader today, beginning at 5:15 p.m. with the women taking on first-place Seattle University. Afterward, the men play the University of Alaska Southeast at 7:30 p.m. Color posters of forward James Johnson or the women's team will be given to the first 1,000 people.

Although both games are District 1 contests, the women's contest is especially crucial, since Western is trying to hang on to

the fourth and final playoff position.

With the cancellation (forfeit to Western) of the Feb. 12 Whitworth College game, Western has only four games remaining on its schedule. The women, 16-6 overall and 11-4 in-district, have a two-game lead on fifth place Seattle Pacific University. Defending district champion SU is 19-2 overall and 15-2 in league play.

The women are 57-3 at Carver Gym since they joined the NAIA in 1982. A win would mark the

350th career coaching victory in 17 seasons for Western Coach Lynda Goodrich.

The men's game will feature two high-scoring, offensive-minded squads. U of AS is third nationally in NAIA scoring and first in the district with 100 points per game. Western is averaging 89.7 points a game, well above the school record of 80.8 set last year. The men, 18-4 overall and 10-1 in district, are two games in front of second-place Central Washington University with seven games left on their regular season schedule.

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Multicultural center seeks information from disabled

Students share disadvantages of disabilities

By Darlene Obsharsky
staff reporter

Western's Multicultural Services Center wants to know what problems disabled students have getting around campus. The center will use the information to propose projects for the 1989-91 biennium.

"We need (handicapped) students to tell us if they are having problems getting around or if there is a building that is not easily accessible," said Jane Bello-Brunson,

the center's coordinator.

The center, located in Old Main 285, provides support services and programs for students with a variety of disabilities. A reading service is provided for blind, visually impaired and learning-disabled students. This service includes textbook taping, note-taking and exam assistance.

"When I came to Western, I didn't know how I was going to get my reading assignments done," said Juanita Wilson, a blind journalism major.

Wilson said she encountered some resistance from people when she started her major. She said some seemed to believe she would never graduate, but many others went out of their way to help her.

"People have a hang-up about being independent," she said. "No one can be completely independent. We should learn to be interdependent, to accept help when it's offered."

Transportation to and from the campus at night is a major concern, Wilson said. The lack of transportation restricts her from taking night classes, using the library and attending campus events.

She also said when notices are posted

on campus, no provisions are made to accommodate visually impaired students.

Dale Bockstadter, a technology major at Western, is quadruplelegic. Bockstadter said he is concerned about what to do when the fire alarm goes off.

He said he needs help because his wheelchair is difficult to get through doorways. When the fire alarm goes off, other students evacuate the building, but he has to wait until someone can help him get out of the room.

Contractors should be required to follow uniform building codes and make all buildings safe and accessible to disabled people, he said.

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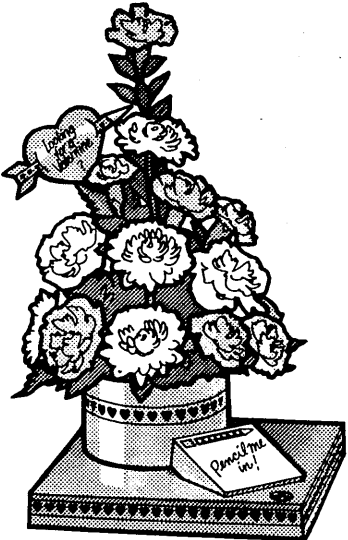
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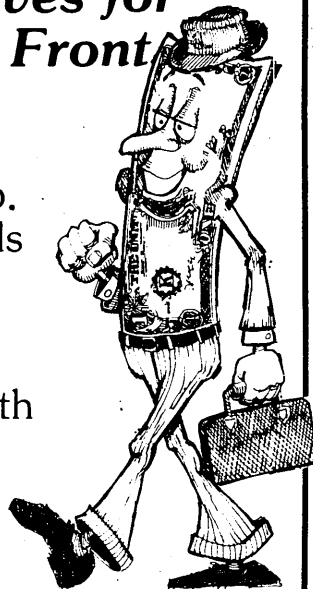


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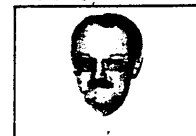
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