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Mortimer will look to Legislature to increase enrollment to 10,000

By Wendy Sawyer
staff reporter

Convincing Washington's Legislature to raise Western's enrollment lid to 10,000 full-time students will be the most pressing task when he assumes his position as university president, said Kenneth P. Mortimer.

Currently Western's enrollment lid is 8,250 full-time students.

"This does not mean we will sacrifice in quality," Mortimer emphasized.

During a brief meeting with *The Front* Friday, Mortimer said Western has the capacity to serve more students, and added that it will be more cost-effective for the state to allow Western to take all the students it can handle.

While Mortimer said he realizes adding more students will require hiring more faculty, he said this will be less expensive than adding more off-campus Western branches.

"The Legislature and the public need to know the quality of students demands the enrollment lid be raised to 10,000," he said.

Mortimer said keeping the enrollment low is "educationally bad." Students who might need to take a quarter off fear not being re-admitted, making Western's retention rates high, he added.

Aside from raising the enrollment lid, Mortimer stressed the need to fill the position of vice president for Academic Affairs, Western's primary academic voice.

This position has been vacant since Paul Ford resigned in March, 1987, to return to his faculty position in the College of Education.

John Yost, vice provost of the University of Nebraska, had been chosen for the post last August, but a series of delays caused his withdrawal in March.

Sam Kelly, dean of Western's Graduate School, has temporarily filled this vacancy.

Mortimer said a nation-wide search, estimated to take six to eight months, will be conducted.

"The most realistic scenario would be to have someone in the position next summer," he said.

Mortimer, who will officially assume his position as Western's leader Sept. 15, said he has many tasks on his agenda for fall.

Mortimer added, however, that he is unable to say what specific programs Western requires until he has spent time becoming more familiar with Western's policies and programs.

As vice president and vice provost at The Pennsylvania State University, Mortimer administered a number of recommendations and programs put forward by the university's Strategic



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Incoming Western President Ken Mortimer's first fight might be to lift the university's enrollment lid.

Study Group on the Status of Women. This major study was dedicated to improving Penn State's climate for women faculty, students and staff.

Mortimer said he will consider conducting a similar study at Western.

Mortimer is assuming the position left vacant by the death

of G. Robert Ross.

Ross was killed in a Nov. 4 plane crash that also took the lives of Western university vice presidents Jeanene DeLille and Don Cole, and pilot Ty Hardan.

Al Froderberg, special assistant to the president for state government, has served as Western's interim president since Ross's death.

Fall registration moved to Carver Gym D

By Jenny Shuler
staff reporter

The location of fall registration has been changed because of asbestos removal work in the first-floor gyms of Carver Gymnasium. Registration now will be in gym D on the second floor.

Graduate students, fifth year students and post-baccalaureate students register Sept. 16.

Undergraduate registration is Sept. 19 through 21. Students should report at their assigned registration times to the gym door opposite Bond Hall and proceed to gym D.

First-floor gyms, A, B and C, were closed Aug. 1 for refurbishment, which involves stripping the ceilings of asbestos

coating, painting the walls and refinishing the floors. The process should be completed by Oct. 17, said Joseph M. St. Hilaire, registration administrator.

Several years ago, the Department of Labor and Industries ordered Western officials to either remove asbestos from the ceilings or encapsulate it by spraying a thick plastic-like coating over it, St. Hilaire said.

The cost involved in spraying the protective coating was much lower than the cost for removal of asbestos, so officials decided to encapsulate it, St. Hilaire said. But now, officials have been ordered to remove the asbestos altogether because it's possible some particles can escape the protective coating.

"Had we not encapsulated

the asbestos before, the cost of removing it would be only a fraction of what it will cost us now," said Eugene Omev, Western registrar.

Omev said the state allocated \$1.2 million to Western specifically for emergency asbestos removal. Several ceilings on campus will be cleaned up, but Carver Gym is top priority. Old Main 100 (Lecture Hall 1) and the music lab will be done with remaining funds.

Because of the closure of the first floor gyms, the schedule for fall physical education classes and intercollegiate sports also will have to be readjusted. Sports information director Paul Madison said P.E. classes have top priority, and efforts will be made to accommodate these students.

Summer tuition increase likely

Western may lose state funds

By Gail Skurla
staff reporter

Summer session tuition may increase by \$150 for full-time students if Western loses its state funding, Registrar Gene Omev said.

"At this point it is total guesswork," Omev said. The university will not find out until after the next legislative session, however, it's very likely state support will end. "We are expecting it and trying to plan for it," he said.

Western is one of only three Washington state universities still funded by the state during the summer, he said. The other two are Eastern and Central Washington universities.

If Western becomes self-funding, a tuition increase is inevitable, and cutbacks will have to be made, Omev said.

"I hope it doesn't discourage students (from attending summer session)," he said. "Every effort will be made to make it desirable and worthwhile."

Summer classes are already tightly matched to the needs of the students, he noted.

Cutbacks will affect graduate assistance, waivers and reductions, building and grounds maintenance, and the student loan account, he said.

Without state subsidies, all costs of operation must be covered by tuition. Omev estimated that 98.1 percent of the money will go toward faculty salaries and benefits and service and activity fees. The remaining 1.9 percent will cover the cost of running the summer session, he said.

Tuition for the 1989-1990 academic year also is due to increase by a yet-undecided amount, Omev said.

Normally, summer quarter tuition is the same as the upcoming fall quarter, he said. Summer tuition will likely be higher than tuition for the fall, winter, or spring quarters.

"The majority of summer students are juniors, seniors and graduates," Omev explained. Although tuition may increase, he said these students often find it economical to attend summer school in order to complete their education sooner.

The \$150 increase is only a "ball-park" estimate for full-time students, Omev said. The increase for part-time students will be comparable, depending upon the number of credits taken.

"We are playing with the figures and examining all areas" to provide the best solution to cover expenses at a minimal increase in cost to the students, he said.

Western will inform students of the actual increase "as early as we possibly can," Omev said.

This is the last issue of *The Front* for this quarter.

The first issue of fall quarter will be the Sept. 19 edition.

Indian bones housed at Western

By Thomas M. Davis
staff reporter

The bones of an American Indian, recently found on Whidbey Island, are being stored by Western's anthropology department.

The skeletal remains were placed here by Island County Coroner and former Western graduate student, Dr. Barbara Andersen.

A passing motorist had noticed the bones sticking out of an eroding road embankment. After examining the site, Andersen concluded the bones were those of a native Indian due to the many sea shells scattered around the burial site. She contacted the Swinomish Indians, a local tribe, to inform them of the find. The tribe recommended

Andersen contact Dr. Astrita Onat, an archaeologist who had assisted the tribe in the past.

Onat and Andersen spent a day exhuming the bones from the embankment. The coroner, who places a high regard of dignity on any remains she finds, sought to find a location to store the bones.

"I don't have any provision for storing skeletal remains in my office," she said. "They'd be ruined if I kept them here. The storage at Western is good and it will keep them in good shape until the Swinomish are ready to pick them up."

Andersen's duties as county coroner give her jurisdiction to examine any remains found in Island County. And occasionally

this includes Indian burial sites. This is where her job gets sticky, she said.

The State Preservation and Archaeological Agency requires no remains be moved until proper permits are granted by the agency, Andersen said. But in order to make a proper examination, as her job requires, she must remove the bones first in order to identify them. Once she does identify them as belonging to a native Indian, she has already removed them from the site, thus violating the agencies requirements.

"The state law mandates that the coroner investigate to determine how a person died and when," she said.

Discovery of ancient Indian burial sites isn't uncommon in Island County, since there were many Indian groups who lived in the area, she said.

Recent excavation for a sidewalk on Camano Island unearthed more skeletal remains. After examining the location, Andersen concluded it was an original Indian burial site. She estimated the bones had been there approximately 100 years, due to the artifacts found around the body. Two square, iron nails and a harpoon tip were discovered. The nails helped pinpoint a date, since the Indians didn't have access to iron nails before the arrival of white men. And the harpoon tip, an Indian artifact, helped confirm the ancestry of the remains.

The skeletal remains from Camano Island also will be placed in temporary storage at Western, Andersen said, as soon as her evaluation is completed.

Andersen has her doctorate degree in physical anthropology, with an emphasis in forensics, which provides her with the necessary background to analyze these types of cases, she said.

Three grid assistants leaving for other jobs

By Robert Sherry
staff reporter

Three of last year's nine football coaches are leaving Western to accept coaching positions at other universities for fall.

Phil Earley, Richard Sweeney and Kevin Ikeda were part-time assistant coaches at Western, and have accepted full-time positions at other universities. Western has only two full-time coaching positions.

"All three are outstanding coaches who will be greatly missed," said Viking head coach Paul Hansen.

"There is a lot of turnover at this level," Earley said. "Most coaches want to move into full-time jobs."

"A lot of coaches at this level are young, have ended their playing days and are finishing up degrees or working on their master's," Sweeney said.

Ikeda, Earley and Sweeney all are working on completing master's degrees at Western this summer.

Ikeda will be the new assistant head coach at Kinki University, in Osaka, Japan. Kinki is in the highest division of collegiate football in Japan. Ikeda has been the defensive coordinator for three of his four years at Western. Ikeda also was a defensive lineman on the 1982 University of Washington Rose Bowl championship team.

Sweeney was the outside linebacker and special teams

coach at Western last season. He will be the new offensive coordinator at Saint Mary of the Plains College in Dodge City, Kansas, a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Division I school.

Earley will be an assistant offensive line coach at Illinois State University, a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II School. He will be in charge of tackles and tight ends.

"The fact that they are moving into such fine jobs is a good sign of the respect our program is gaining," Hansen said.

Although the Vikings are losing the three coaches, a strong returning class and new recruits should help continue the improvement and success that Viking football experienced last season.

"Western is coming off its best football season in 10 years," Sweeney said.

"They (the Vikings) will have eight offensive and eight defensive starters returning from last season. Pete Le Barge is a great kicker, and if they stay hungry they should be successful," Earley said.

The Vikings did very little recruiting for the 1987 season, but expect a good recruiting class this year.

The university was considering eliminating the football program until it was saved, and awarded a budget increase of \$40,000, by a student vote in the spring of 1987.

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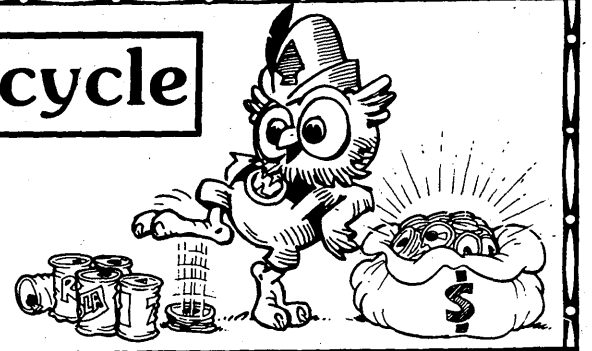
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Please Post

- **SUMMER QTR. DEGREE & INITIAL CERTIFICATE CANDIDATES:** Pay degree and/or certificate fee to the Cashier, VU Plaza, by Aug. 5. Questions on graduation requirements outstanding should be directed to Credit Evaluation section of Registrar's Office, OM230.
- **SUMMER COMMENCEMENT** will take place at 2 p.m. Fri., Aug. 19, in the Performing Arts Center.
- **ATTENTION NATIONAL DIRECT/PERKINS AND GUARANTEED STUDENT LOAN BORROWERS:** If you are not returning fall quarter or are graduating summer quarter, you are required to schedule an exit interview. Stop by NDSL Repayment, OM265, or call 676-2943 no later than Aug. 3 to schedule an interview. Transcripts will be subject to withholding if you do not appear for the required interview.
- **GRAD STUDENTS:** Last day for receipt of faculty recommendation (white card) is Fri., Aug. 5. Commencement is Fri., Aug. 19.
- **THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING** set for Thurs., Aug. 4, has been canceled. The next scheduled meeting is 1:30 p.m. Thurs., Sept. 1. The location is to be announced.
- **SUMMER STOCK PARKING:** Lots 11G, 25G, 13G and 14G are reserved for summer stock performances on Aug. 3-6 and 16-20. Reservation begins at 5 p.m. Lots should be cleared of vehicles by 5:30 p.m.
- **SUMMER STOCK '88** August 3 to 6, Moliere's farce *The Miser*. August 16 to 20, the popular musical *Fiddler on the Roof*, under the musical direction of Bruce Pullan and choreographed by Teo Morca. Tickets are \$5 and \$4 each for *The Miser*, admission to *Fiddler* is \$7 and \$5. For reservations, season tickets or more information, contact the Department of Theatre/Dance, X/3873.
- **REGISTRATION FOR FALL QUARTER** will take place in the Gym D, Carver Gymnasium, not in the main gym or in the Old Main Registration Center. Dates are September 16-21. Classes begin Sept. 22. Students should receive registration appointments in the mail in early September.

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Musicians mastering music method

By April Osborne
staff reporter

Natural learning ability, curious minds, ready fingers -- these are qualities found in children. Such qualities inspired Shinichi Suzuki to begin his experiments in teaching music to children over forty years ago.

This week, Western will host the Pacific Northwest's Suzuki Institute, a workshop sponsored by Bellingham Suzuki teachers.

The Suzuki method, also called Talent Education, is a philosophy of teaching that stresses the ability of children to learn early in life.

According to "An Introduction to the Suzuki Method," a handbook that explains the program's philosophy, Talent Education uses the natural learning abilities of children, familiarizing them with music and various musical instruments at an early age.

Most children begin Suzuki lessons between ages three and five, said Elizabeth Stuen-Walker, director of the workshop at Western.

According to the handbook, Suzuki believed talent isn't an accident of birth, and every child has potential that can be highly



Young violinists practice for Thursday's Pacific Northwest Suzuki Institute concert in the PAC.

developed with proper training and learning environment.

The Suzuki method of teaching music is similar to the natural way children learn to communicate. They learn to speak first, and are then sent to school to learn grammar.

Instead of learning how to read music, beginning Suzuki students become familiar with their instrument and learn to hear variations in tone and pitch, Stuen-Walker said.

Repetition and memorization are crucial in early stages of

Suzuki training and eventually students are taught to read music, Stuen-Walker said.

"It's absolutely amazing how quickly the children learn," she said. "They are so eager."

According to the handbook, parents play a crucial role in the

learning process. Parents attend their children's lessons, work with them outside of class, and are encouraged to hold mini-recitals in their homes to familiarize the child with performing.

"It (parent involvement) is crucial. The parent, teacher, and student form a dynamic, three-way partnership," Stuen-Walker said.

Parents, teachers and families have come from around the Pacific Northwest and Canada to participate in the institute at Western.

Bruce Pullan, chair of Western's music department is very enthusiastic to have the program at Western.

"We are very glad they are able to use our facilities," he said. "I'm looking forward to it. It should be a great experience. We're very supportive of what they're doing."

The five-day program began Sunday, and will continue through Thursday.

The Bellingham community is invited to attend a final concert by the Suzuki students 7 p.m., Thursday in the PAC Concert Hall. Admission is free.

film

De Niro and Grodin team up for a 'Run'

By Don Hunger
staff reporter

In his latest film, "Midnight Run," Robert De Niro plays a solitary bounty hunter, haunted by political injustice and tormented by forlorn love, who cruises the streets of Los Angeles to bring in criminals while the justice system sleeps.

Jack Walsh, played by De Niro, is an ex-Chicago cop who refuses to give in to corruption, a law-enforcer frustrated by an inept judicial system. He works alone by his own code of ethics -- get the criminal and bring him in.

Walsh has a run-in early on with a detective from the FBI named Alanzo Mosely, played by Yaphet Kotto. The towering, slick detective ruffles Walsh's clothes, but not his persistence. The men banter for information concerning a mutual fugitive but to no avail. In the end, Walsh dons his sunglasses and grins. Walsh's job isn't done until he gets his quarry.

Walsh's antagonist is a corrupt-accountant-turned-martyr named Jonathan Marducas, otherwise known as "the Duke," played by Charles Grodin.

Marducas is wanted by the Mafia for swindling them out of \$15 million in drug money and donating it to charity. He's also wanted by the FBI to be a government witness and Walsh is after him for \$100,000 bounty. The result is a half-cooked, rough and tumble odyssey from coast to coast.

Walsh finds Marducas in the suburbs of New York and has a week to get him back to L.A. After failing to get him on a plane, Walsh tries everything from a bus to train-hopping to get back on time. During their harrowing adventure, they become reluctant comrades and build a guarded rapport.

Walsh can't seem to swear enough to keep Marducas quiet. Meanwhile, Marducas is a soft-spoken, amiable person. And he's continually offering Walsh advice on his domestic problems.

"Midnight Run" is a classic "lone detective" film containing all the right ingredients -- a loner fighting the system, a criminal who isn't all bad, and crooks you love to hate. It fits the genre perfectly and colors itself tongue-in-cheek with scenarios that make us laugh instead of cringe. The violence is minimal, the suspense is plenty, and the characters' rapport is dynamically funny.

And on it goes in the film, good versus bad, or moral right versus moral wrong. It's the basic dilemma of any cops and robbers film. In "Midnight" it's brought to a refreshing level of intimate perspective because we enjoy them for who they are, not what they do. The good and bad guys tend to slug it out rather than blow each other away. In fact, they're all still alive in the end.

The story as a whole is believable. It threads a fine line between reality and fantasy by giving us believable characters with sometimes unbelievable events.

Calendar

TUESDAY:

- Noon Concert Series welcomes Karen Brunner 12:30-1:30 p.m., VU Plaza.
- VU Gallery presents a show by Veronica Tomaszewski, opening night, noon to 4 p.m.
- Tony's Coffees and Teas presents Vic Cano, 8 p.m. Admission is free.

WEDNESDAY:

- AS Productions sponsors a chess tournament at 3 p.m., VU Plaza.
- Western's theatre/dance department presents "The Miser," 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.
- Tony's Coffees and Teas welcomes a 10-string jazz quartet at 8 p.m. Admission is free.

THURSDAY:

- Outdoor program sponsors Mt. Shuksan climb, pre-trip meeting at 7 p.m., VU 113. Call 676-3460 for more information.
- "The Miser" continues at 7:30 p.m., PAC.
- Tony's Coffees and Teas presents The Quest Show at 8 p.m. Admission is free.
- Cal's Tavern presents open mike night at 9 p.m. Admission is free.

FRIDAY:

- Outdoor Program sponsors the Mt. Shuksan climb.

- Coffee & Company presents Marcia Guderian, 7-9 p.m. Admission is free.

- Summer Stock's "The Miser" continues at 7:30 p.m., PAC.

- Tony's Coffees and Teas presents Lorraine and the Olsons at 8 p.m. Admission is free.

SATURDAY:

- Outdoor Program sponsors the Mt. Shuksan climb.

- "The Miser" concludes at 7:30 p.m., PAC.

- Tony's Coffees and Teas welcomes Mark Wilson at 8 p.m. Admission is free.

SUNDAY:

- Outdoor Program sponsors the Mt. Shuksan climb.

- Jimbo's Tavern and Deli presents the Acoustic Players' Open Mike night, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

- Tony's Coffees and Teas presents K.J. McElrath at 8 p.m. Admission is free.

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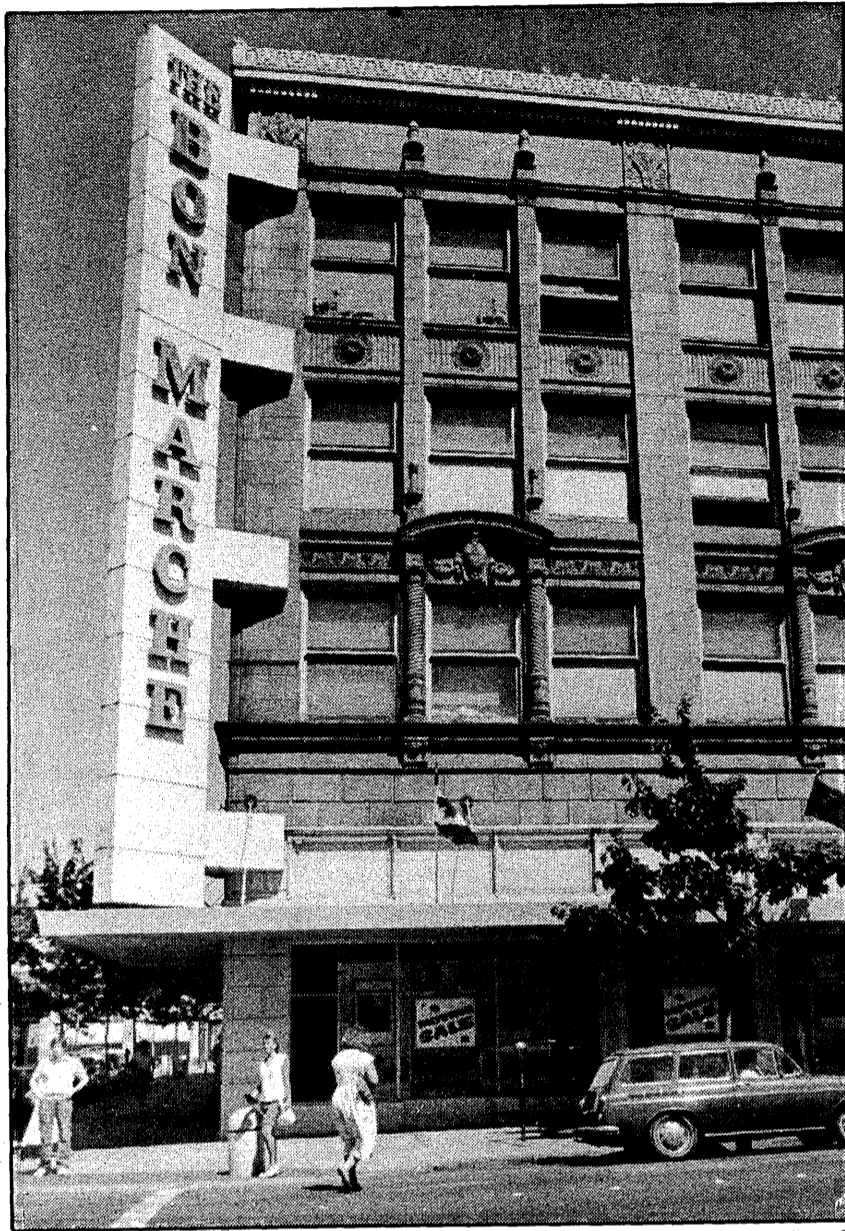
- Outdoor Program sponsors volleyball at 3 p.m. Call 676-3460 for location and more information.

- Tony's Coffees and Teas welcomes The Web at 8 p.m. Admission is free.

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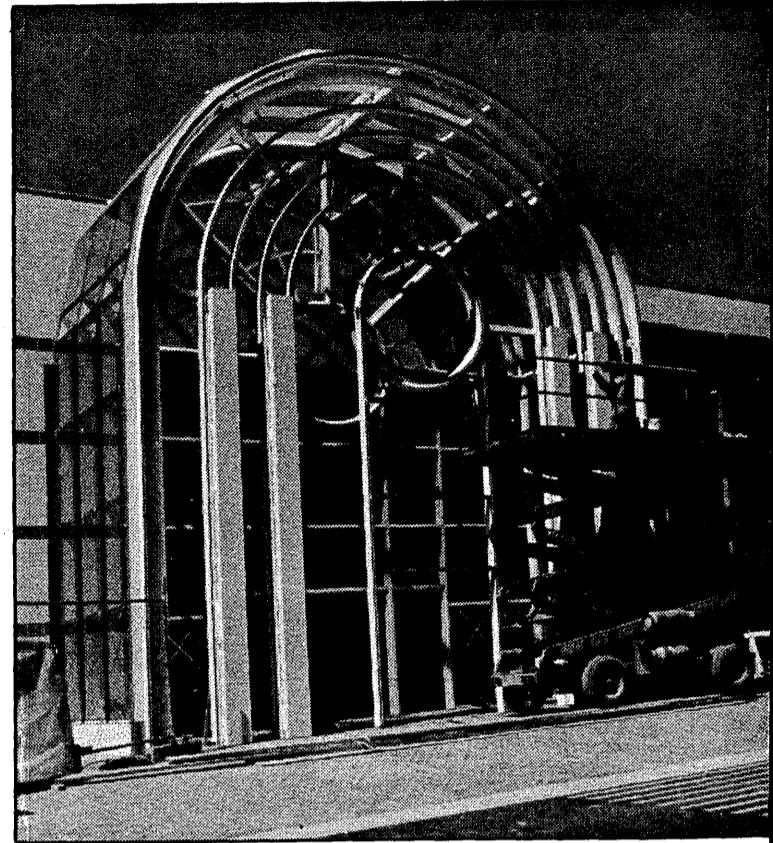
Ambassador Paul F. Gardner of the State Department will be at the Career Planning and Placement Center on Thursday, Aug. 4th, at 2 p.m. to talk with those interested in foreign service careers.

Bellis Fair and downtown vi



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The downtown Bellingham Bon Marche soon will be just a memory.



This entrance to Bellis Fair will be crowded with curious customers.

Downtown seeks new businesses

By Eric C. Evarts
staff reporter

In the wake of many downtown Bellingham stores moving to the new Bellis Fair Mall, downtown planners are seeking Western students' intellectual and creative ideas to create a unique new downtown atmosphere.

"Students as entrepreneurs have a unique style of business and a unique product mix" the downtown needs, said Ron Otis, owner of a downtown financial consulting business, and member of Western's alumni board.

He said the downtown has already seen an increase in small businesses, and sidewalk vendors, like sidewalk flower stands, and espresso bars, and he would like to see this trend continue.

Such ventures require little capital outlay, and so are well suited to students, he says.

"We business people my age only look at \$100,000 ventures anymore; we don't even remember that businesses operating on a smaller scale can be very successful," Otis said.

Many Western students, like many merchants who now operate on Vendor's Row, have started

small businesses and been successful. Some downtown planners would like to see more students do such things downtown in the future.

Students' more creative ideas will be welcomed downtown, Otis said, because planners are trying to create a unique shopping area. One possibility Otis said he sees for the downtown is the growth of a fine and performing arts sector, greater, and more concentrated than Bellingham has currently.

He says this also may include some sort of a street theater, to entertain shoppers patronizing downtown.

Pam Cushing, Executive Director of the City Center Development Authority (CCDA), sees a different sort of opportunities downtown for students. In support functions necessary to a business center downtown, Cushing believes there must be opportunities for students to find jobs, internships, or research projects for credit. For example, she said, the city often conducts feasibility studies, and there is always a need for daycare workers in a business district.

"There is so much expertise (on campus) that the community could use," she said.

Last year CCDA had four student interns working on city planning. A Western marketing class also conducted a survey of downtown pedestrian traffic flow for the city.

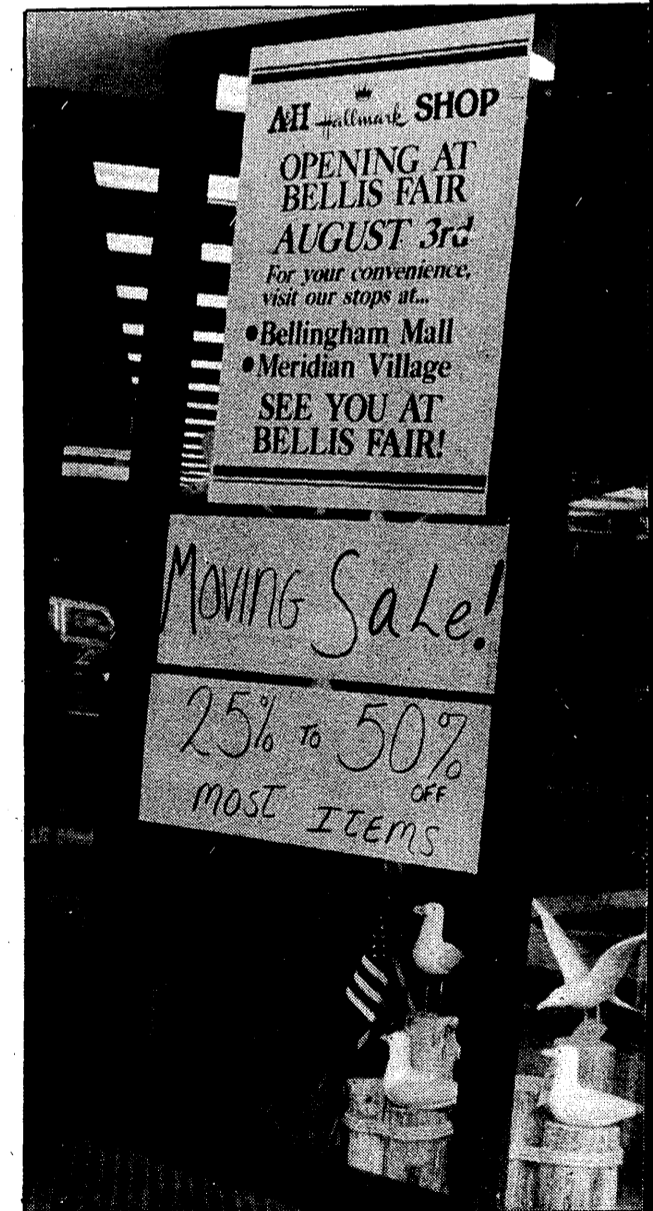
Cushing says there are many internships available for business, economics, marketing, and public relations students, who are willing to look for them.

Downtown planners also are looking for students to continue to shop downtown.

"There are a lot of dollars up there on that campus," said Cushing, and she would like to attract them downtown.

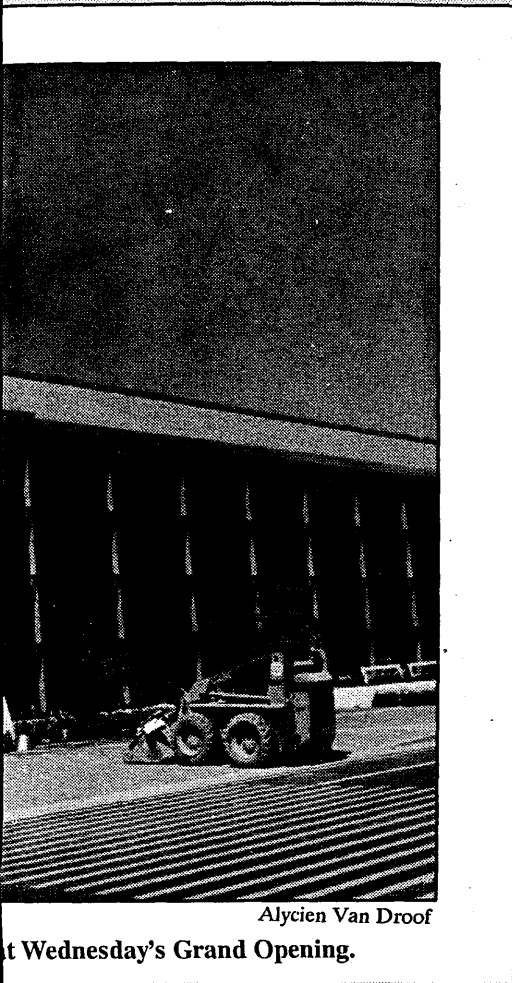
You have to identify your customers so you can market yourself to appeal to them, Cushing said. "I think students like to spend time downtown. I would just like to invite them into the businesses."

One approach CCDA has tried to attract consumers downtown, was an autocross held on downtown streets July 3. That area of downtown, near City Hall doesn't usually get that much foot traffic, Cushing said. But businesses put out sandwich boards, or put signs in their windows, and attracted many of the nearly 3000 spectators at the event.



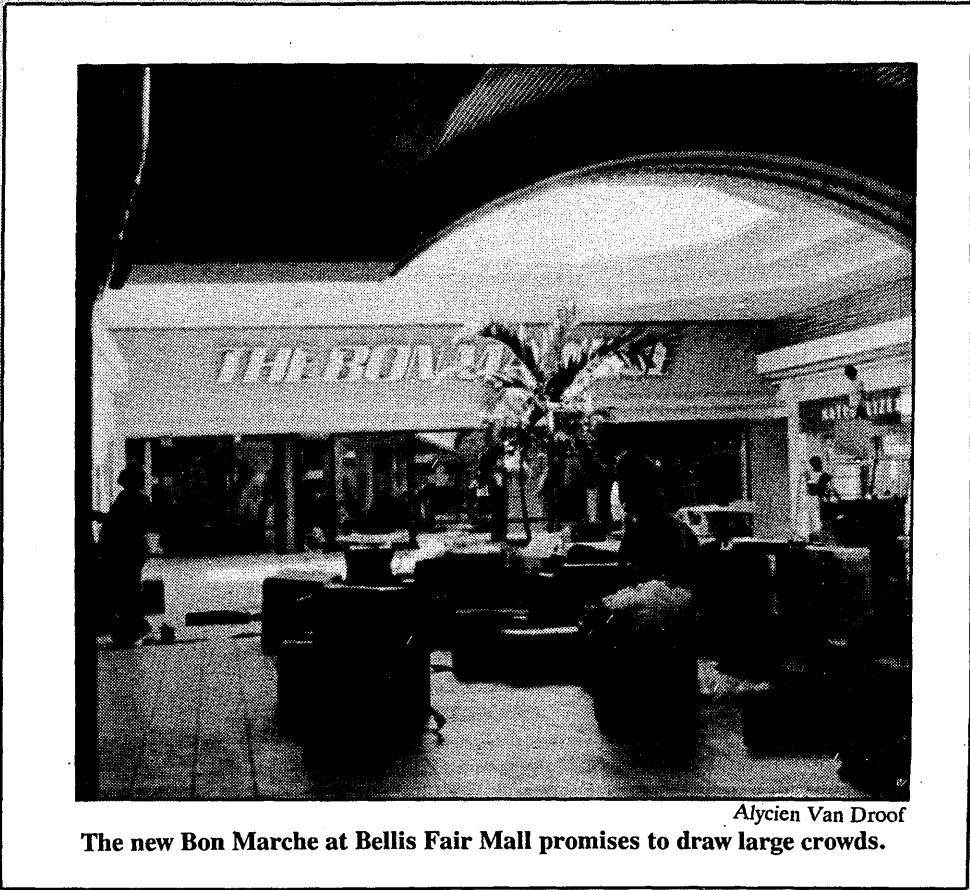
The Hallmark on Cornwall Street is one of many downtown for the new mall.

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t Wednesday's Grand Opening.



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The new Bon Marche at Bellis Fair Mall promises to draw large crowds.

New mall: quick fix for shoppers

By Wendy Staley
staff reporter

Western students who sometimes used to travel an hour or more to satisfy the urge to shop among rows of indoor stores will now be but a few minutes' drive from the Bellis Fair mall, which opens at 10 a.m. Wednesday.

Within the mall's 900,000 square feet, students and other customers will find 62 shops open for business, including the Bon Marche and Sears, as well as a 600-seat eating area surrounded by 15 restaurant counters, a six-cinema movie theater to be open by the end of the year and a sit-down restaurant.

The mall is decorated inside with nine skylights, plenty of palm trees and small turquoise, lavender and pink banners hanging from the ceiling in front of

each shop.

Bellis Fair's storefronts protrude into the corridors of the mall to provide "architectural interest and get the merchandise out into the aisles where the customers can see it and be drawn in," said Gary Bixler, general manager of Bellis Fair.

A combination of media will be used to promote the mall, including direct mail, billboards, television and newspaper advertisements, said J.W. Robison, marketing director of Bellis Fair.

"We bring a very strong retail angle to everything we do here," said Douglas Kline, mall public relations director.

The mall also will feature a "Service Stop," where shoppers can rent strollers, buy gift certificates, make photocopies and get purchases gift-wrapped. Mall

restrooms will have diaper changing counters.

By the end of the year, 90 stores should be open for business in the shopping complex. Mall capacity is 125 stores. About 75 percent of the space currently is leased, Kline said. Close to 85 percent should be leased by the end of the year.

As of last Thursday, Bellis Fair looked like it needed much more than just finishing touches to prepare it for opening day. Only a few stores contained merchandise and looked ready for business. The mall still teemed with construction and maintenance workers, and stacks of wooden planks, cardboard boxes and carpet rolls were still all over. Drills were whirring, planters were being filled with soil and paintbrushes were spelling

out the words "Coming Soon..." on various walls.

The mall, however, is right on schedule, Kline said. He added he is pleased with the progress being made.

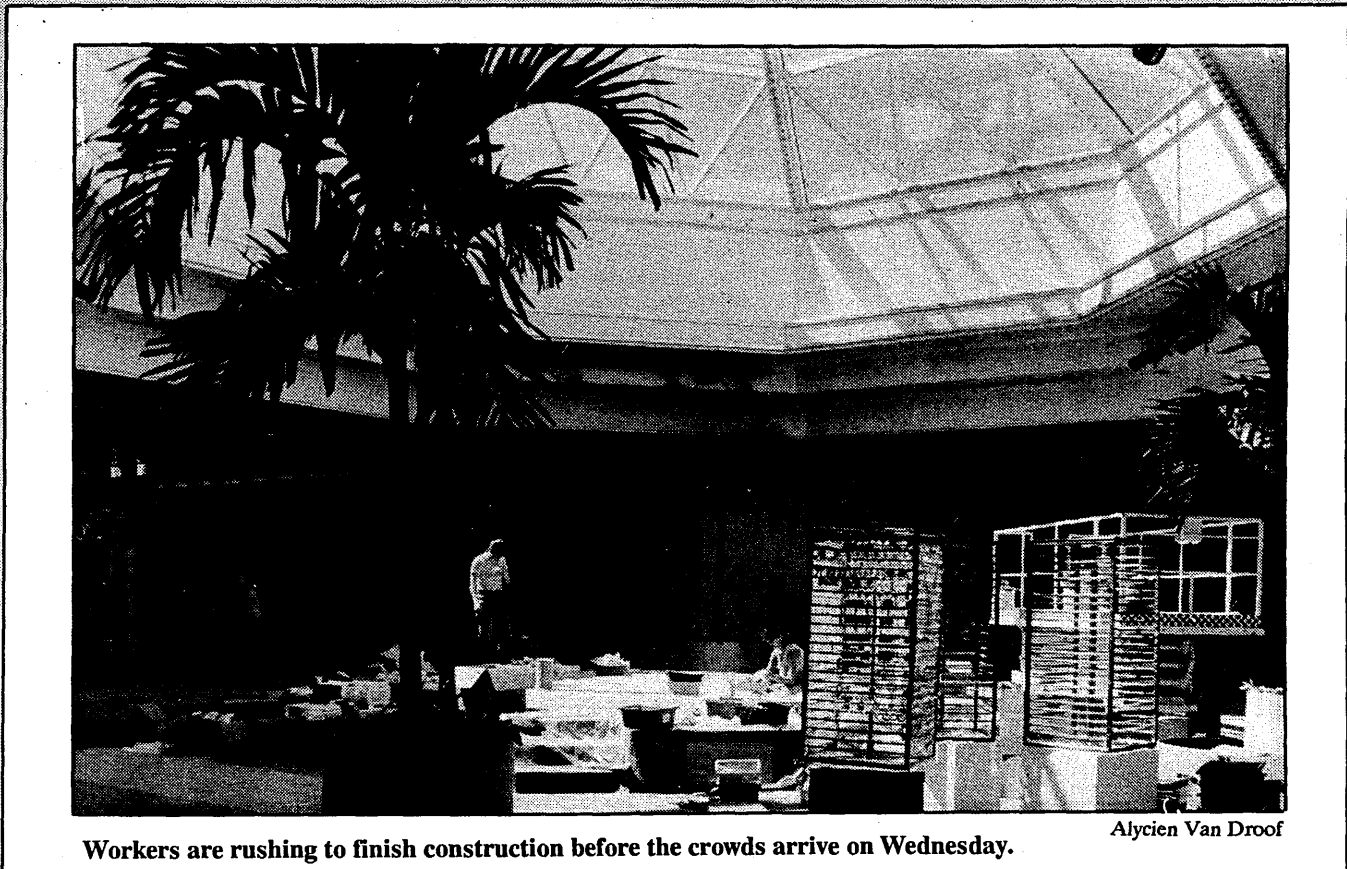
Various activities are scheduled for the first week of the mall's opening to entertain shoppers. Chuck Israels, of Western's music department, is putting together a 17-member jazz band to perform during the mall's ribbon-cutting ceremony at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Fashion shows are scheduled for 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday. Treb Heining, a balloon artist, has designed balloon displays for the opening.

Stores in the mall will be open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.



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business deserting



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Workers are rushing to finish construction before the crowds arrive on Wednesday.

LETTERS

Campus not safe nor even gun-free

The Front,

As a concerned student, I feel obligated to voice my opinion and my concern about the decision to decommission Western's University Police department.

The decision came about after a complaint was filed with the Department of Labor and Industry, after years of waiting (and postponement on the part of the Board of Trustees) on "the gun issue." This complaint resulted in a fine against the university for putting its police force in a dangerous working environment—namely, law enforcement without a sidearm.

It seems as if the Board, in a rather juvenile way, was trying to prove something. In effect, they're saying "We'll give them a dose of their own medicine, we'll take away all their power now!!!" What the Board needed to prove in this situation was the campus would be better off without a police force.

I don't believe they have proved anything as of yet, except that the administrators view the campus possessively, even though they are only here from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. We are the ones on campus 24 hours a day. We see the need for a campus security force that is able to handle any potential problem. The situations that require police assistance occur around 3 a.m. on a Saturday morning, NOT between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays.

In addition, it was stated in *The Front* on July 12, that the administration felt most of the activities warranting police attention were off-campus and under the jurisdiction of the Bellingham Police Department. It seems to me rather obvious that the reason "those parties" are off-campus is because we have a competent police force that keeps the campus under control. This is achieved by being visible on campus and in the residence halls, having the ability to levy fines against people who break Washington State law and university policy, and having the reputation of being competent police officers.

Without the powers of arrest and ticketing, what incentive will campus dwellers have to stay reasonably responsible?

When asking a noisy neighbor to "keep it down a bit," or "quit partying after midnight," the response "What are you gonna do, call university police?" (followed by laughter) could become

a popular one this year in the residence halls.

Seriously, how many times are the Bellingham police going to want to come to campus on a Friday night? I realize they will be committed to the campus' security (to the tune of \$175,000 a year), but when it takes nine minutes to respond to a shooting, and the Bellingham police are asking "Where's Mathes?" I think we are in for an interesting, but hopefully not tragic year.

I think any decision the Board comes up with should be a beneficial one for the entire campus; I would wholeheartedly support it. But this is one which puts students and on-campus residents at risk, because of the ideas and beliefs of a small group of people (Board of Trustees). This risk is in the form of a lack of security!

By the way, didn't the Board originally contend that Western didn't want guns on campus? Well, we got 'em now!!!

Before that, the only people on campus not allowed to carry guns were the University Police force. Doesn't that seem kinda' strange, considering they have just as much training as any Seattle cop?

The decision to decommission the officers seems to have nothing to do with whether or not they can carry guns, it has to do with the Board of Trustees exerting their control over a group that makes too much noise!

Am I the only one who doesn't see any logic in the decision to decommission the University Police department?

Joe Rush

Read, then think before inquiring

The Front:

Ignorant Staff Responds

First, let us look at the definition of "ignorant" as Bridget Treloar uses it loosely. Webster's definition is 1. lacking knowledge or experience 2. caused by, or showing lack of knowledge 3. unaware (of).

Second, let us look at the true purpose of this university -- EDUCATION. The sole purpose of this university is not students, but the education of students. Students need to PARTICIPATE in ALL phases of their education. I, as a staff person and former student, often question how many students actually take responsibility for their college career. Granted, university life is a myriad of bureaucracy, and no one regrets it more than I. It is, however, very much like life in the "real world." There are 'little' things students can do to ease the bureaucratic burden: read all let-

ters/notices sent specifically to you, the student, from the university; read the official notices, and the not-so-official notices in *The Western Front*; read pertinent sections of the General Catalog; and first and foremost THINK.

The university puts out incredible amounts of information in writing so that redundant questions might be easily answered and staff personnel might have time to work on the not-so-redundant questions. If only I had a nickel for every time a student has asked me a question of when, where what -- when I have gone to great length to post a LARGE AND VERY VISIBLE SIGN answering this question on the front door of my office and at the front desk. Often, it is the same information that they were also mailed a notice of. I have puzzled over this problem for hours. How can we effectively disperse large amounts of pertinent information ... when students don't appear to read? I believe that verbal communication is important. It is, however, not possible for me to verbally tell 9,000 individuals all the requirements they need to be aware of in our department. The numbers involved necessitate students having to accept some, if not most, of the responsibility of their college careers.

You are right, I get testy after having innumerable students ask me the same questions over and over and over. I earnestly try to anticipate questions that are frequently asked of our department, and to post the information in a conspicuous spot. And, I get tired of students who are unable to follow the simplest written instructions. And I get tired of students who assume that we, as employees

of WWU, will act as their parents and anticipate every need, want, and whim that they may encounter at the university.

What this comes down to, Bridget, is that I will be glad to help you, if you will help me. Pay attention to the information put out by the university, look for

notices, and listen to advisers. If the information is not readily available, I will be glad to help you. If, however, you choose to be IGNORANT, you will probably find me lacking in pleasantness.

Margaret Dunlap
Staff Member

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FRONTLINE

Downtown 'malled': Bellis Fair sure bet

The downtown merchants finally have gotten their wish. The fight to remove parking meters obviously wasn't waged with enough vigor by those who could have wielded some influence at City Hall. Got a Parkade, though. And we all know what a resounding success that white elephant has been.

No, the parking meters will remain, only to be replaced by an absence of vehicles filled with fun-loving and money-laden spenders hoping to get that slot just a few steps closer to whatever store is their target.

Much to the chagrin of many Bellinghamites, the oft-lauded and maligned Bellis Fair mall opens with what will probably be a bang, tomorrow. Believe it or not, the developers of the true shopper's dream have contracted for a professional balloon person to systematically release thousands of the windbags during and after ribbon-cutting ceremonies.

Perhaps some of this same wind could have been used to convince city and county officials during the past two mayoral and county executive administrations to take a closer look, perhaps even beyond their noses, to see in what direction the rest of the country was moving.

Now that Bellis Fair is about to become a viable and, perhaps, essential part of the economic community (taxes and jobs), those mudslingers and doubters might well take a lesson from the pros.

General Growth didn't come to Whatcom County and decide to build a multi-million dollar facility on a whim. These people analyze demographics, count cars, take into account livability factors, and learn from their previous successes in cities and towns much like Bellingham.

They even contributed a couple million dollars of their own money to make sure people could get in and out of Bellis Fair, as easily as possible.

No. This group has not erred making Bellingham and Whatcom County their choice for what will be a more than successful merchandising effort.

Downtown Bellingham will have some rough days ahead of it in the near future. With any gumption and foresight, those downtowners will try to follow the example shown by General Growth. Recognize opportunity and seize it. No one wants to see downtown fail.

For the Bellis Fair bashers still raising a clamor about their darned outsiders, stand back; more of the same are making preparations to "invade" as you read this.



Historical hatred

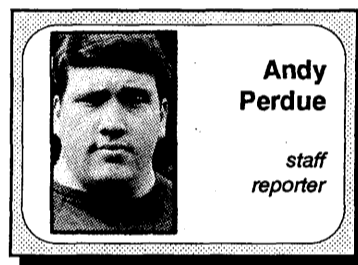
Anti-Semitism unbridled in U.S.

In 1982, a Jewish female student was shot five times with a BB gun at the University of Maryland. The attacker shouted "Heil Hitler" as he fired and used other epithets that indicated anti-Jewish feelings.

An underground campus newspaper hailed the assailant as a hero and suggested that next time he use a flamethrower on the victim.

In this world, where we have enough somewhat rational fear and hatred, we can do without irrational types such as anti-Semitism and other forms of racism.

Anti-Semitism has pervaded mankind since at least the time of Christ, when Jews first were branded with the title of "Christ-killers." In America, anti-Semitism came across the Atlantic Ocean with the Puritans who were fleeing religious persecution in Europe. When they arrived, they began their own.



Since that time, racist groups such as the Ku Klux Klan, the Church of Jesus Christ Christian have continued anti-Jewish sentiment, which crop up from every corner of society, even those who pretend to be champions for the oppressed.

During the 1984 presidential campaign, Rev. Jesse Jackson made several blatantly anti-Semitic comments to a *Washington Post* reporter. Jackson groups all Jews with the rich people he wants to tax to death and sees Israel as a terrorist nation. While he claims this is because of the Palestinian problem, his record

would indicate that anti-Semitism and racism direct his politics. His Rainbow Coalition has no room to include Jews.

Jackson's friend and ally, Black Muslim leader Louis Farrakhan, is vehemently anti-Semitic, having referred to Adolph Hitler as "a great man." In a letter published in an Aryan Nations publication, a Farrakhan follower stated the two groups should work together to establish separate racial nations.

But Jesse Jackson and white supremacist groups aren't the only anti-Semites in America. To a great extent, we all are. It is easy for us to tell Jewish jokes and poke fun at Jews because we were brought up that way.

We must realize that Jews are not Christ-killers who own the United States and all its politicians. Instead, we must embrace Jews as people who are the same as any other American and who deserve the same chance to succeed.

Concrete jungle spreading

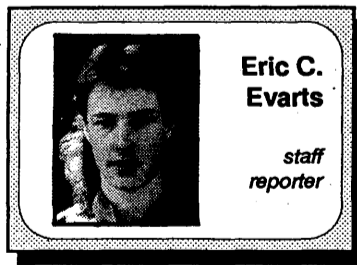
Proposed parking lot not needed

Just as Bob Marley warned us back in the 1970s, the concrete jungle is spreading.

Southern California, from San Diego nearly to Santa Barbara is now completely blanketed with concrete and asphalt. With well over 1000 miles of freeways, the area has been overrun with motels and fast food outlets, stucco homes and office complexes, shopping malls and skyscrapers. And of course they all must have adequate parking lots.

The monotony is barely broken by the few designated state parks, and sidewalk saplings, which strangely never survive more than a year or two.

Most Western students I've talked to list Los Angeles as one of the only places they refuse to go to find a job after graduation. Who can blame them? L.A. has no quality of life for its inhabitants.



But here I am in sleepy little Bellingham, going to school hundreds of miles away from this cancerous overgrowth of civilization, in a community that cares about its beautiful natural origins, right?

Apparently not, if the university has anything to say about it.

Now the university has plans to mow down the Rufus Jones prepschool, and a half an acre or so of alder, and eucalyptus trees along with it, to create another parking lot — as if the world really needs another parking lot.

Studies have shown the benefit of early childhood education, in producing high academic achievement in children, and getting more of them to attend universities later in their lives.

The lower half of Western's campus is already one-third covered by flat gravel parking lots.

There must be ample opportunity for students to carpool from nearly anywhere. And there are five buses traversing the campus from all areas of Bellingham, near and far, for students to ride. There already is more than enough parking around campus.

The administration refuses even to justify its decision with any more of an answer than, "It's our property, and we'll do what we want with it." Surely many of the pupils at the Rufus Jones School are capable of acting more grown up than that.

The Western Front

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Tech program granted \$19,000 by Chrysler

By Eric C. Evarts
staff reporter

A \$19,000 research grant from Chrysler has been netted by John McCoy, of the Vehicle Research Institute (VRI) in Western's technology department.

Western is the first school west of Michigan to be awarded such a grant from Chrysler, said Michael Seal, VRI director. McCoy sees this as a major accomplishment.

"Here was something I could do that would really get Western noticed," McCoy said. "So far no one in the auto industry really

recognizes us ... There are some really bright students here, with some really good ideas. They deserve some recognition. That's what motivated me."

McCoy is developing a head with five valves per cylinder for an engine Chrysler uses in most of its current models. In a time when four-valve heads are considered the technological rage, McCoy is on the cutting edge of technology.

"Mike (Seal) suggested the possibility in class one day, and I took it from there," McCoy said. McCoy is a returning student, who spent many years working in machine shops for various com-

panies in California and Nevada.

McCoy's experience as a machinist made him well suited to build the new cylinder head. He said he's read many books, done research, and made many drawings to design the project. He said, however, without his practical experience, he would have been lost.

The new cylinder head is designed to increase the horsepower of the Chrysler engine, without giving up too much fuel economy. Seal estimates the new engine should provide more than 170 horsepower without a turbocharger.

Normal engines operate with one intake, and one exhaust valve. New four-valve engines double both counts. And the VRI's new cylinder head has two exhaust valves, and three intake valves, only one of which draws fuel at low speeds.

McCoy said he expects to have the project completed, and shipped to Chrysler within three weeks.

Chrysler has signed a non-exclusive contract with Western for the project, leaving Western, and possibly McCoy with the option of selling the new design to other companies as well.

This is where the story gets complicated, McCoy said. The university's policy is to pay for patents on employees' inventions, if they believe an idea is patentable. But then, the university owns the rights to those patents as well, said Seal.

Seal doesn't believe anything about the design is patentable, however.

"Everything on it has been done before, on motorcycles, or somewhere," he said. But no one has ever done it on an American car.

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