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This job's no pipe dream



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A collapsing sewer line under Red Square prompted the removal of the bricks shown above. Plumbing supervisor Dick Honstein said replacing the line will take about two weeks. Several other locations will also require excavation and new sewer lines this summer.

Summer session follows past trend

By Ellis Baker
news editor

A sharp jump in the cost of tuition apparently has not affected summer session enrollment this year, said Eugene Omev, registrar and director of summer session.

Advance registration in May was about 200 students ahead of the usual number planning to attend summer, but the first day of add/drop was normal, he said.

Tuition jumped to \$60 per credit, from \$42, for undergraduates and to \$100 per credit, from \$60, for graduates after Western requested self-sustaining budget status in January for summer session.

Preliminary enrollment counts for this session follow a historical trend and the number of summer students will total about 3,000 full-time-equivalents, Omev said.

About 60 percent of that total are juniors and seniors who attended spring quarter. Some are continuing this summer to keep graduation plans on track and others to catch a class missed during the academic year.

The other 40 percent are here to attend one-to-three-week workshops, Omev said, of which "most are designed for specialty audiences and a good share are designed for schoolteachers."

About 3,000 students have attended Western's summer session each year for the past several years, totalling 3,242 in 1988 and 3,158 in 1987.

Enrollment apparently continued this year at the same level because the total cost of attending summer session is still less than the regular academic year, Omev said. That is because lower living expenses, such as rent and electricity, offset the higher tuition cost.

Western requested self-supporting status, which removed funding for summer session from the state budget, because it makes administrative planning much easier, he said.

"From my own, personal point of view, every year we'd hear that the Legislature was going to make the program self-sustaining and it never happened. So, it's better to have it self-sustaining because we can plan — get the (summer session) catalog published and in the mail by early February," said Omev, adding that when the Legislature is in session, decisions are often delayed until April or May, making planning more difficult.

The Evergreen State College, the University of Washington and Washington State University have had self-supporting summer programs for about five years, Omev said. The same requirement was extended to Western, Eastern Washington University and Central Washington University this year.

"In the long run, we're confident that we can operate the self-sustaining program and attract students on a cost-effective basis," said Omev.

As a result, there are fewer full-time-equivalent professors funded by Western's self-sustaining program, 90 instead of 100, but Omev thinks the program's course offerings are still strong.

"I looked at it course by course and I thought it was comparable in viability, from a student's point of view, to what was offered last year. Students who wanted to attend summer school could put together the schedule that he or she wanted..."

"If there were some courses that were not offered that were offered another year; those were ones that had very low enrollment or that we could offer another way," Omev said.

Add/drop for summer session ended Friday. Omev said a fairly accurate enrollment figure will be available next week. The total, however, will not be available until August, because students will continue enrolling in short workshops offered during the session.

Offices to reach alumni

By Rob Martin
staff reporter

The Alumni Association is combatting low alumni donations with the creation of regional, alumni branch offices that will contact graduates who have moved out-of-state.

"We have set up regional offices across the country," Chris Goldsmith, of the Alumni Association, said.

These offices have been formed to contact Western alumni living in that geographic area and to inform them of the Western Alumni Association and its different programs, Goldsmith said.

This program is relatively new and the number of regional offices is increasing, he said.

While each Western graduating class comes with about 1,000 new resources for the Alumni Association's efforts to raise money to support its scholarship fund, this program is attempting to pad the propor-

tionately low number of those resources that actually are tapped.

Alumni students traditionally have volunteered donations to Western after they graduate to help other students, said Albert Froderberg, vice-president for External Affairs. But Goldsmith said the number of alumni paying annual dues is about 26,000 — only 8 percent.

Alumni contributions accounted for more than \$34,000 last year; more than \$15,000 of that went to the Alumni Scholarship fund, which provided tuition-and-fees scholarships to five of the more than 240 Western students who applied, Goldsmith said.

The Alumni Association's goal is to offer up to 10 such scholarships each year by 1991, he said.

The Alumni Association has 32 board members, who discuss grants, different scholarships, programs, events and most importantly, how to raise money, he said.

Aside from the grassroots project, letters are sent yearly to alumni across the country, who may or may

not decide to contribute.

Most of the students asked said the decision to contribute would be based on their income upon or after graduation. For many students, however, the chances of being employed upon graduation are not as high as in the past because of growing job competition.

When asked whether he'd contribute, senior Dave Layson, an accounting major, said he wouldn't during the first couple of years after graduation. He would, however, if he was already established in his career field, he said.

Senior Brent Arndt, a finance major, said his decision to contribute or not depends on his situation at the time. If he is fully employed and happy, he will definitely contribute. If he is in a transition stage or between jobs, he won't consider it. He said he won't contribute if he isn't employed.

"I do believe in this school. I am positive about that," Arndt said.

Farm future pending

By Michelle Partridge
and David Sienko
staff reporters

The Outback Farm Committee presented its final proposals to the deans of Fairhaven and Huxley colleges last week, which may decide the outcome of the Outback Farm.

"We formed to see what kind of program we could create which would utilize the Outback as part of its resources," said committee chair Ernst Gayden of Huxley.

Gayden, environmental studies professor, said the committee developed an agricultural ecology course-of-study that would use resources already available at Western. The program would be part of Huxley and Fairhaven colleges and the biology department.

"A person prepared in biology and chemistry could finish the degree in two years," Gayden said. Biology courses would be a prerequisite to entering the program.

"It's a study of agriculture, as part of a cultural system, to understand its place in society," he said.

Students would explore the relationship between the agricultural system and a range of environmental studies. He said this would be the quality that would set Western's program apart from other agricultural school's programs, Gayden said.

"Other schools teach people how to be farmers," he said. Western's program would incorporate ecological problems, such as the overuse of chemicals and their effects on soil and animals.

"This is an area of environmental studies," Gayden said. "It's a look at the other kinds of ecologies. Agriculture has the most widespread effects of any human activity. However, very few schools have looked at it as part of their ecological studies."

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News in Brief

Phi Kappa Phi chapter installed

Western has been awarded a chapter of the national academic honorary, Phi Kappa Phi. Juniors and seniors of exceptionally high academic achievement are eligible for the honorary, regardless of major. Membership is by invitation only.

The installation of the chapter took place on Wednesday, in a ceremony at Canada House. The chapter initiated its first class of students.

Computer labs alter timetable

Some computer labs will be closed during summer session, but labs in Bond, Miller, and Parks Halls will be open.

Bond Hall will be open 24 hours daily; Miller Hall 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays. Parks Hall hours have not been announced.

Art professor on committee

Thomas Schlotterback, professor of art history, has been elected to the board of trustees of the Washington Commission for the Humanities.

The commission is a non-profit foundation which awards grants statewide to organizations, such as schools, colleges, libraries, museums and community groups.

Wilson Library shifts schedules

During the summer session, Wilson Library will be open 7:45 a.m. to 10 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays; 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays; and 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sundays.

The library will be closed Independence Day, July 4.

From Aug. 19 to Sept. 27 the library will be open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. The library will be closed Saturday, Sunday and Monday, Sept. 4, Labor Day.

Students win in fiction, poetry

A Western student and a recent Western graduate won prizes in fiction and poetry in the 1989 Holt, Rinehart and Winston Prizes in Literature Contest.

Senior Norma J. Gusdayl-Halvorson received the poetry prize of \$200 for her poems "Sick Bed Sestina," "Portrait" and "Prisoners."

Don Dolese, a Bellingham resident who graduated in March with a bachelor's degree in English, received the fiction prize of \$200 for his short story "Mr. Erdman's Violin." He started the story in one of Western's advanced writing classes.

Out of the 800 entries the contest received, only 50 won. Holt, Rinehart and Winston, one of the largest publishing firms in New York, will print the winning entries in an anthology of American student literature scheduled to appear in January.

Cabrera, others get scholarship

Journalism major Angel Luis Cabrera III is among six high school and college students who received \$1,000 scholarships from a coalition of organizations June 14.

At a private ceremony at the Meany Tower Hotel in Seattle, the

Northwest Minority Media Association, Seattle Chapter of the Asian American Journalists Association and the National Association of Black Journalists presented the awards to Cabrera, Western; Marcus Chan, Whitworth College; I-Chun Chen, Roosevelt High School, Seattle; Carol Coleman, University of Washington; Maria McCarthy, Bethel High School, Tacoma; Linda Woo, UW.

The scholarships are part of a program designed to encourage minority students to pursue a career in journalism, assist in college education and increase the pool of minority journalists.

Faculty Senate gets chairwoman

The Faculty Senate will be chaired in 1989-90 by Chris Sucek, associate professor of geology, who succeeds George Mariz, professor of history.

Sucek served as chairwoman this year for the Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Affirmative Action.

Stories, music at Waldorf School

Story telling, music, bookmaking, nature studies and other activities will be offered to children, ages 4 through 10, at the Whatcom Hills Waldorf School this summer.

The program will run weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., until Aug. 25.

The school operates on a drop-in format, with a cost of \$1.75 per hour, per child. Weekly rates and discounts also are available.

Children can be registered at the school. For more information, call 733-3164.

Meetings

● **Freedom Socialist Party** presents "China: Battleground for Democracy," 8 p.m. Saturday at New Freeway Hall, 5018 Rainier Ave. S., Seattle. Door donation \$2, low income \$1.

● **Recycling Services** will host a ceremony to kick-off Bellingham's new recycling program 5 p.m. Thursday, June 29, at Carl Lobe Park, Eldridge and Victor Streets.

DID U. KNOW ...

Cats, dogs stir ire in Pullman

Dogs and cats may be good companions, but to many landlords in the Pullman area they're nothing but a costly mess.

"I would say it costs us about \$1,400 to fix a seriously damaged apartment," said Marijane Fraisure, manager of the Campus Commons North and South apartment complexes.

The amount covers the cost of stripping the carpet, resealing the floors and putting in new carpet.

"Last year someone left a mother cat and her three kittens over Christmas break completely unattended," she said. "It was a real disaster."

Ephrata picked as movie locale

Firebombers will be flying over Ephrata this summer.

Not to put out forest fires, but as a remake of an old Spencer Tracy movie "A Guy Named Joe," starring Richard Dreyfuss and Holly Hunter. The new movie will be titled "Aways."

Director Steven Spielberg's new movie will bring two Universal firebombers and 150 personnel to the Eastern Washington town. The site will be a training ground for the flight crews. Some scenes will be

shot in Ephrata, then in Libby, Mont., later in the summer.

The film is about two army pilots, one of whom dies and comes back as a ghost, played by John Goodman, to help his buddy.

Software given to make amends

Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma recently furnished \$14,000-worth of computer equipment and software to the Parkland Fire Department to dilute bad blood between the two.

Money problems, more specifically taxes, were the aorta of strained relations between PLU and the department. Thirteen percent of the department's calls are to PLU, yet PLU is tax exempt because of its church affiliation.

The equipment mostly will be used to track hazardous materials.

UBC man finds planetary mass

Using a new technique for measuring stellar velocity, Bruce Campbell, of the University of Victoria, B.C., said he believes objects of planetary mass are orbiting several stars in the Milky Way. After eight years of research, he has identified nine stars with orbiting masses.

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Please Post

- **FOREIGN STUDY:** Application deadlines for fall quarter study-abroad programs are as follows: **Siena**—July 1; **Morelia**, July 26. For more information, contact the Foreign Study Office, OM530B, X/3299.
- **STUDENT PARKING, FALL 1989:** Student parking application packets for 1989-90 parking permits are available at the Parking Services Office. To participate in the priority assignment process, completed application forms must be returned by July 24. Applications received after that date will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.
- **VISITORS CENTER HOURS** are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays during the summer session.
- **MUSIC SALE:** Friends of the Music Library will host a summer book sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 11, in front of the Performing Arts Center. Scores, records, music books and music periodicals will be for sale. For more information, call the Music Library, X/3716.
- **SUMMER HOURS FOR WILSON LIBRARY: Nine-Week Session:** Monday to Thursday, 7:45 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 to 10 p.m.; closed Independence Day (Tuesday, July 4). **August 19 to September 27:** Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; closed Saturdays and Sundays and Labor Day (Monday, September 4).
- **SUMMER STOCK '89:** Discount season passes are now on sale for Summer Stock '89. The program includes Gilbert and Sullivan's operetta *Pirates of Penzance*—July 11-15; Neil Simon's *Broadway Bound*—July 18-23; Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*—July 25-29; a fourth show to be announced—August 1-6; a children's show, *The Great Sausage Mystery*—August 10-13; and *Noises Off*, a contemporary comedy by Michael Frayn—August 15-19. Full-season passes are \$20 general and \$15 student/senior; half-season (three shows), \$13 and \$10. Single admission to most plays is \$5 and \$4; exceptions are the musical at \$7 and \$5, and the children's show at \$3 and \$2. For reservations and information, call the box office, X/3873.
- **A.S. SUMMER PROGRAM** is offering a variety of weekend trips and Thursday afternoon hikes and rock climbs. Cost of weekend trips vary; those interested must sign up by noon Fridays and attend a pre-trip meeting. For Thursday events, sign-up must be made by noon Thursday. Rock climbs cost \$2; hikes include a potluck dinner and cost \$1.50. For further information or a schedule of events, contact the Summer Program, 676-3450. To sign up for trips, go to the Finance Office, Viking Union 207.

Allergies prove to be nothing to sneeze at

By Tina Stevens and Rob Martin
staff reporter

Summer is here and, with it, an excess of pollen and dust.

Unlike the dead of winter when sneezing and wheezing are caused by the cold and flu season, those sounds now are the result of allergic reactions.

Associate Director of Student Health Services Jo Sandberg said although she has read the pollen count is high this year, it isn't translating into office visits.

"I haven't seen as many cases as I expected to see," Sandberg said.

Last year, Student Health Services treated 216 students for allergy symptoms, most of which were hay fever, she said.

The symptoms associated with hay fever come from different



Illustration by Joel West

sources, depending on the season.

In the spring, pollen is the major contributor to hay fever problems. During the summer and fall months, however, grasses, weeds and seeds make people suffer.

The health center treats students'

allergies in a couple of different ways.

Some students may experience severe breathing incapacities requiring shots, administered at the health center. According to health center records, 711 allergy shots were given

to students last year.

If a student comes into the center with a mild case of hay fever, the center will recommend products to use and will give free starter doses, Sandberg said. Students are given Chlor-Trimeton, but because of the

drowsiness it causes, most choose to live with the symptoms rather than continue over-the-counter treatments, she said.

A new drug, Seldane, does not cause drowsiness or any of the other known side-effects of Chlor-Trimeton, Sandberg said. The Federal Drug Administration, however, has not approved its sale without a prescription in the United States, she said. But it is available in Canada, she added.

Sandberg warned nasal sprays might be used in excess.

Long-term use of these sprays may cause nasal inflammation in greater proportion each time used. However, using sprays for two or three days is fine, Sandberg said.

Children's allergies usually are outgrown; but, if an adult begins to have allergic reactions, it usually stays for life.

Kappa-Theta wins Residence Hall of the Year Award

By Kim McDonald
staff reporter

Outstanding contributions in social and educational programming won Kappa-Theta the Residence Hall of the Year Award for 1988-89. The hall was chosen from a field of seven applicants.

Kappa-Theta received the award at the National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) banquet in May.

Each hall submitted an essay that summed its activities and contributions for the year and explained why each should win the award.

Hall representatives used many different and creative formats for

the essays, including newspaper and travel brochure styles. Kappa-Theta representatives used an archaeological report which projected 25 years in the future. It included uncovered excerpts from stories about the winning residence hall (Kappa-Theta) in 1989.

National Residence Hall Hon-

orary members—Kay Rich and Mike Bartosch, director and associate director of University Residences respectively—were on the selection committee.

"All of the halls in our system do things worth recognizing," Anna Skraitz, secretary of NRHH, said. "To be able to pick one hall that is outstanding from the rest is really difficult."

The deciding factor in Kappa-Theta's victory, Skraitz said, was its attempt to start two traditional events among the residence halls on campus.

To promote hall unity, Kappa-Theta hosted the Kappa "Colors Dance," in which residents wore their hall's assigned color to the dance. The hall also organized the Kappa Carnival in Red Square.

Kappa-Theta invited all residence halls to set up booths and took no direct profits.

The staff's involvement with educational programming contributed to their winning the award, Skraitz said. Kappa-Theta sponsored programs on racism, date rape, alcohol education and Bafa-Bafa, a cultural awareness program. The hall also played host to a Christmas party, which included a hay ride, and celebrated the Kappa-Theta building's 25th anniversary with a dinner and dance in May.

"Whether we won the award or not, I was really proud of the job that my hall council and resident advisers did this year," Scott Barton, Kappa-Theta resident director, said.

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Features

Western served Hall of Fame commons

By Kurt McNett and Rob Martin
staff reporters

A joint venture between University Residences and the Athletic Department dished Western a new Hall of Fame dining room to honor its sports greats Feb. 18.

Located on the lower level of the Viking Commons, the sparkling dining area was dedicated to coaches, athletes and administrators that comprise the Athletic Department's Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame began in 1968 by then-athletic director Bill Tomaras. The number of inductees has grown from seven in 1968 to 51 today.

Kay Rich, director of University Residences, said the special dining room was whipped up to accommodate both the Athletic Department and university residence halls located on north campus.

"We (University Residences) have been talking about building a side dining room for the north campus residence halls for quite some time, and just decided to go for it," Rich said.

"Both the Ridgeway and Fairhaven residence halls had such areas, but up until now, Mathes,

Nash and Higginson Halls really did not," she said.

Leslie Strong, interior designer for the university residences, designed the 33 feet by 20 feet dining area that primarily had been used for storage.

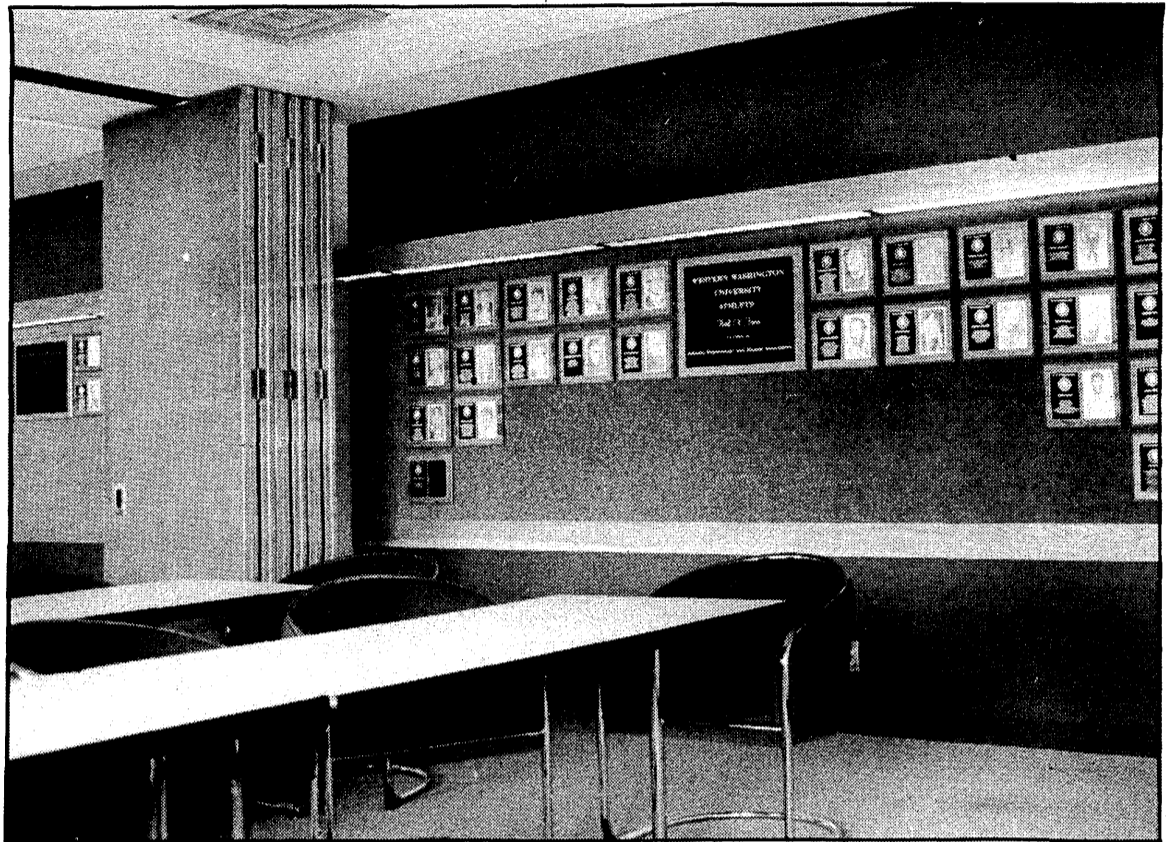
Remodeling began in early October, with the total cost reaching just below \$29,000.

The Department of University Residences had planned on building the special dining room since the beginning of the year, but had not decided on a specific theme until Athletic Department Director Lynda Goodrich approached Rich.

"The athletic department really didn't have a place of honor for the hall of famers," Goodrich said, adding, "One of the athletic department's main goals in working with University Residences on this was to find a home for the Hall of Fame."

One wall of the dining area, designated as the "Wall of Fame," is decorated with plaques that contain pictures and a little information about each of the 51 Hall of Fame inductees.

"The Wall of Fame both remembers the Hall of Famers and reconnects them to the university," Goodrich said.

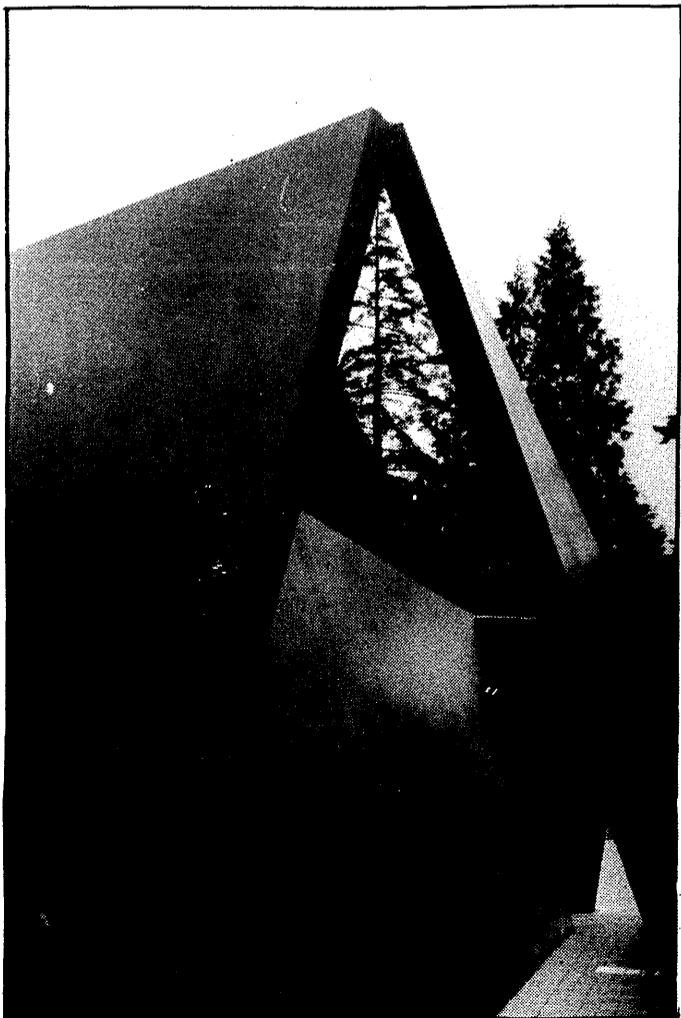
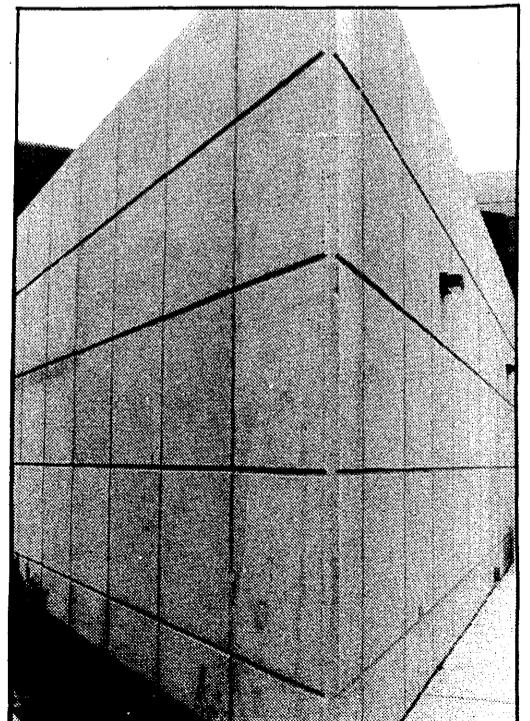
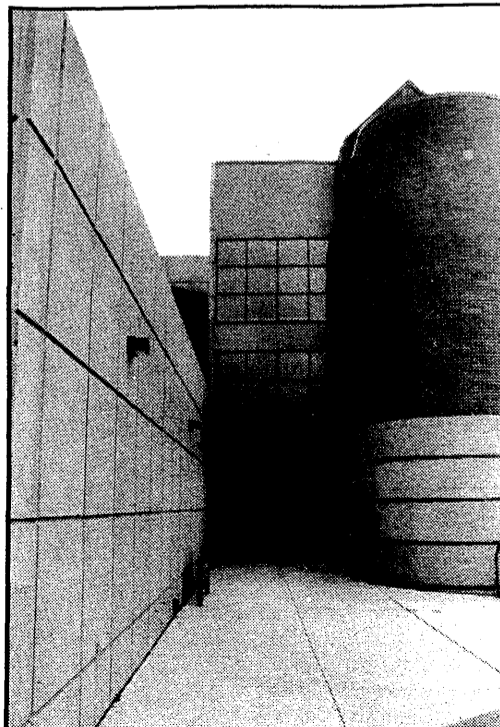
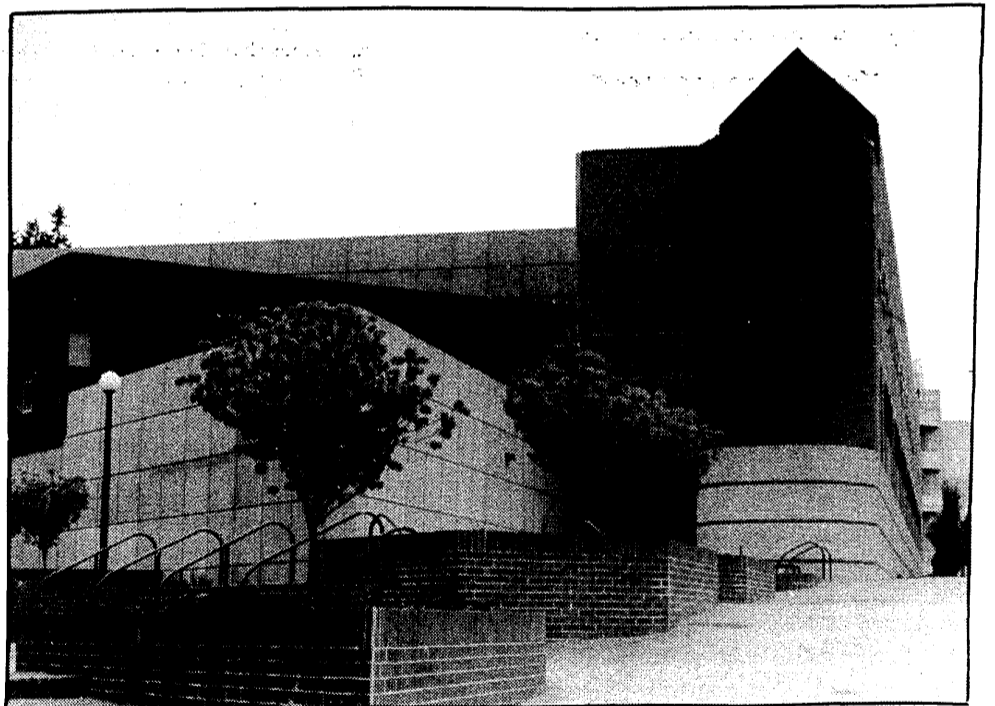


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The Hall of Fame room is located on the bottom floor of the Viking Commons.

What's the angle?

The Ross Engineering Technology Building can't seem to make up its mind what shape it wants to be. Front photographer, Brad Ellis, recently captured some of the many faces of Western's newest building. Clockwise from the right: north entrance of the building; the cement of the outside wall comes to a sharp point; the north entrance is accentuated with various geometrical designs and details; Wright Triangle, on the building's west side, further enhances the building's geometrical design.



Summer employment pays off in money, variety

By Susan Stockwell
staff reporter

To beat the rising cost of education and pass time, students usually work during summer months to get a break from school.

Most students look for something interesting to do — preferably a job that pays the almighty dollar in the largest amounts possible.

Junior Rick Edmiston, broadcast major, spends his summers putting cold tar on roof tops. This summer will be his fourth working on the Western's roofing crew patching and repairing roofs.

The crew works 40 to 50 hours a week and earns \$9.50 per hour, Edmiston said.

"It's interesting because I'm kind of afraid of heights, so sometimes climbing up the ladder is a little frightening," he said.

But the job isn't always hard work. "One time we got to go out to a little recreation park the school owns. Technically, we were working on the roofs," said Edmiston. "We worked on them for a couple of hours, then we took a long lunch break, we did a little fishing and had a barbecue."

Edmiston doesn't especially like his job. "It's not bad. It pays well and I need the money," he said.

Students have a variety of summer jobs. Sophomore Nathan Vogel,

business major, enjoys his summer work because he gets to travel and learn more about business.

This summer will be Vogel's second working with the Southwestern Company, which recruits students from campuses nationwide. Students, such as Vogel, who work with the Southwestern Company run their own business selling educational books in another part of the country.

Vogel sold books door to door in Waco, Texas, last summer. "It was a chance to make really good money, but the best part about the opportunity was the experience," Vogel said.

"Last summer, I made a little over \$5,000 and after expenses I saved about \$3,500," he said.

One of the hardest things Vogel had to deal with was rejection. Not all the people he visited wanted to buy his books. "In reality in life, especially in business, there are going to be times when you are rejected. You're going to have to learn how to deal with it and learn how to persist until you succeed.

"The experience was phenomenal," he said. "I learned how to communicate with all different kinds of people."

In another people-related job, Rennie Medved, a junior business major, said she will work for her fourth summer at the International



Brad Ellis/The Western Front

Deskins works with a happy face for University Catering.

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Medved said she earns about \$1,100 a month working full time.

This summer, because of her school experience, Medved said she will work as a bookkeeper, part-time

manager and a waitress for the restaurant.

Many of the customers are regulars, Medved said. "One guy comes in up to three times a day. He tells everybody that The Who wants him to be their drummer," Medved said.

Not all customers are quite this colorful, but there are a lot of unusual people.

Medved said being a waitress has its embarrassing moments, too. "Once I was next to a table. I picked up their dirty plates and a knife fell off landing on the table next to it in a customer's blueberry pancakes. Blueberry splattered all over the front of the customer's dress. I felt so stupid," she said.

Medved has worked at IHOP for four years because she likes her job. "The owner works there all the time, he's paying your salary and he'll go bus tables. You feel like you have respect from the owner when you work for him," Medved said.

Some students have decided to work on campus this summer. Help

is needed in areas, such as, food service in the dining halls and residence hall cleaning. Senior Lance Deskins is working for University Catering.

Sophomore Tammy Gross, an English major, will work with children again this summer.

Gross said she will work her third summer as a Girl Scout Camp Counselor at Camp Arrowhead in the Columbia River Gorge.

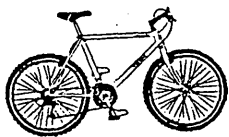
She takes groups of 12- to 15-year-old girls backpacking and canoeing for one to three week trips. Gross said the groups usually are comprised of eight girls and two counselors.

Summer room and board is free and camp counselors make between \$800 and \$2,600 per summer, Gross said.

The campers come from all over the world. "It's a real mixture of girls and some are totally terrified of the woods," Gross said.

Gross said she spends the whole summer laughing; she never knows what will happen next.

"Once I was carrying two gallons of milk and boxes of cereal up a hill to the unit. In the middle of the path there was a porcupine and it was pissed. It chased me through the bushes snarling," Gross said.



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invite any performing artists, who wish to present original material before an audience, to attend the IRG Songwriter's Open Mike Showcase. The showcase is 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. Sundays at the Theater 1313 Gallery, 13.3 Commercial St., downtown Bellingham. The host-performer is Marcia Guderian.

The event is smokeless, non-alcoholic, free and open to all ages. The gallery is displaying an assortment of Native American Artwork as well.

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Cal's Tavern has open mike on Thursdays. The performances usually begin with acoustic music at 8 p.m. and move into harder rock 'n roll performances about 10 p.m. Cal's is located in The Market Place in Fairhaven. Admission is free. Interested musicians should contact Cal's for booking details.



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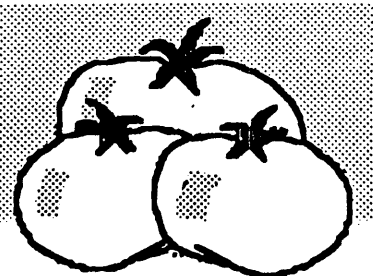
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Opinion

Frontline

China crisis needs tough U.S. policy

"Give me liberty or give me death."

The quote is a familiar one. Few Americans would be unable to recognize the ultimatum issued by Patrick Henry. History transformed an individual's statement into the symbolic cry of an entire people. Freedom, autonomy and self-determination were the human rights Colonial Americans demanded, fought for, and eventually won.

More than two hundred years later, those cries were heard once again, this time across the Pacific Ocean in China's student demonstrations for democracy. Over a month after the initial peaceful demonstrations in Tiananmen Square began, those cries are being brutally and ruthlessly stifled. Communist China's old guard answered the people's ultimatum simply enough.

Give them Death.

Yesterday seven protesters were executed in Beijing following their conviction on charges of arson, theft and attacking soldiers during the military suppression of the democracy movement, in which the army killed hundreds of unarmed civilians in Beijing on June 4. In the last three days 27 people have been put to death in China.

U.S. response has so far been confined to symbolic actions, such as cancelations of scheduled diplomatic meetings. No denunciations have been issued. President Bush has gone out of his way to defend China's leader Deng Xiao Peng, saying Western observers could not be sure who was really responsible for the massacre of civilians in Beijing.

While the administration continues to keep diplomatic and economic ties with China tight, the executions, persecution and terrorization will continue.

It is time the administration roll-up its sleeve and begin dealing with the crisis in China with a firmer hand. Economic sanctions, despite their risk, cannot be overlooked.

Chinese student protestors, early on, cited the U.S. democratic system as a model for their own fight. It was a replica of the Statue of Liberty which they erected in the center of Tiananmen Square. The U.S., as a world power and the self-professed world model of a successful democratic system, has the responsibility and obligation to make it known that such appalling acts of repression against individual liberty will not and cannot be tolerated at any time.

The U.S. must now stand behind its ideals.



Keep your paws off the posters

Ripping signs stifles truth

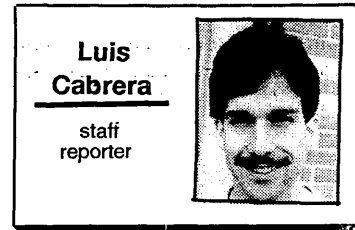
This is a letter to the young man who ripped down a poster on the south wall of Wilson library. The poster said "No more U.S. \$ to El Salvador" and announced a demonstration scheduled for Thursday, June 2, in the Viking Union Plaza.

You know the poster. You walked up like you owned it, ripped it off the wall and went away smiling.

I don't know your name, but I know your type.

You didn't want people to know about this demonstration, did you? If they knew about it, they might have gone to see it. If they saw it, then they might have learned some truth about Central America you didn't want revealed.

Don't you realize every time you suppress the rights of someone else, you suppress your own? When you appoint yourself Big Brother and go



Luis Cabrera
staff reporter

around deciding what the students at Western should and should not see, you deny the free exchange of beliefs and ideas — and the next expression to be denied could be your own.

"When ideas compete in the market for acceptance, full and free discussion expires the false ... " Supreme Court Chief Justice William O. Douglas said.

I can only assume you know the truth about what's happening in El Salvador, and are afraid I, and others who might have seen that poster,

would learn it as well.

"Full and free discussion, even of ideas we hate, encourages the testing of our own prejudices and preconceptions," Douglas said.

Perhaps you should test your own prejudice. I challenge you to be as bold at the next demonstration as you were when you ripped the poster down. Go to the demonstration and listen to the speakers. Hear their arguments and the facts with which they back them up. Then tell them why you think the United States is justified in giving aid to El Salvador, if that is what you really believe.

That's how it happens. They talk, you talk and you let the people listening make up their own minds. You don't force people into believing as you do, and you don't prevent them from hearing both sides of an issue.

It's called freedom of speech, and it's been working in this country for a very long time.

Wanted: student involvement

New game plan necessary

A proposal by the Academic Coordinating Commission to eliminate its four student seats because of lack of participation has inspired four Fairhaven students to volunteer to fill the vacancies.

They volunteered because they were upset students would lose their

say on the commission's decisions, said Steve Smith, Associated Students vice president for academic affairs in charge of recruiting students for campus committee positions.

Though the Fairhaven students' show of activism — to get involved in deciding what courses are offered — is admirable, it should never have had to come to this. By refusing to get involved, students have been giving faculty and administrators free reign of their education. In essence, they are saying they don't think student input is important. Come on, you don't believe administrators and



Paul Mahlum
staff reporter

faculty always know what students want, do you?

Students fill Carver Gym for basketball games, and sit through the wind and rain for football games. But how many would like to sit through a one to two hour committee meeting? Probably not too many.

What students need is incentive to get involved. Western should offer students two credits per quarter through independent study to work on administrative committees.

Last fall, freshmen filled most of the 50 student positions on adminis-

trative and student committees. By winter quarter, a majority of them quit. Smith said students gave the excuse they just "had too much to do."

The credit idea was suggested half-jokingly by Constance Faulkner, ACC member and Fairhaven professor.

"Students on committees have a real disadvantage," she said. "Faculty need to motivate them not to just attend meetings but also to understand how the university governing system works."

Students shouldn't just be sitting in a stuffy conference room taking notes, listening to people. They should talk to administrators and find answers to how proposals might be carried out. A student's goal in attending meetings should be to experience the same feeling one gets jumping up and down in Carver Gym when Western wins a game at the buzzer.

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The Outback Farm, behind Fairhaven College, is the site of a proposed agricultural ecology program. Last week, the Outback Farm Committee presented its recommendations for the program to the deans of Huxley and Fairhaven colleges.

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Peter Frazier, a Fairhaven student on the committee, said an emphasis of the proposed program is low-input agriculture, which builds the soil by using composting methods rather than harmful chemicals treatments.

"This way of agriculture would give Western yet another area that would draw students who want to learn on the cutting edge," Frazier said.

The present system of farming

is chemically-based, Frazier said, requiring a lot of chemical input that is very destructive to the soil.

"It's crippling the soil in a short period of time," he said. "We want to improve the soil over a long period of time."

Interest in the Outback Farm has increased since fall quarter, said Connie Stone, a student actively involved in the Outback. Stone also attended many of the committee's regular meetings.

"The farm is doing much better now," she said. "The class has 20 students now and there is a waiting list for students who want in."

Stone credits the increased interest to all the publicity the Outback Farm has received this year. She said the farm is an important part of Western's campus because it offers an alternative living style.

"It's a place where students can go an get away from academia," Stone said.

Professing couple bound for Kentucky

Assistant professor Bill Keith and his wife, Kari Whittenburger-Keith, a lecturer, will be leaving Western's speech and broadcast department in August to fill two full-time teaching positions at the University of Louisville, Ky.



Keith

After two years here, the Keiths will pack their belongings and make their third cross-country move in the last three years. They have taught in Ohio, Texas, Pennsylvania and Washington.

Along with the rare opening of two positions, a lighter teaching load and a highly supported communications department helped the Keiths

make the decision to move. The Keiths will be teaching mostly public speaking and communication theory classes.



Whittenburger-Keith

"It is a really good department and a good situation," Keith said.

Keith said they will miss the students and scenery the most.

"I can only hope that I will like the students there as well as I like the students here," Keith said.

Senior Patti Stewart, a speech communication major and a student of Keith's, said, "He's a really intelligent man. He really gets you thinking, beyond the book."

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