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Forum deals with racism, affirmative action

By BRETHA URNESS-**STRAIGHT**

the Western Front

"Do not condone racism through apathy and do not perpetuate it through racism," said Veronica Galvan, former student president of MECHA (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan).

Galvan was one of eight panelists in the "Ethnic Diversity" forum last Wednesday in the Library Presentation Room.

More than 50 students, faculty and administrators attended the forum which dealt with racial problems and interracial solutions.

The forum was moderated by Vernon Johnson of the political science department, and dealt with many complicated human issues, ranging from ethnic identity to the implications of affirmative action at Western.

Johnson began the forum with the question, "If you are a black student, what is it you want the white student or the majority student to call you?"

"I don't care what you call me, just call me it with respect," said Chad Goller, a freshman student panelist.

Although, Goller continued, you can get into some trouble by lumping all minorities together under the term "colored." term makes it seem as if all minorities share the same views. which isn't true.

The question of identity among ethnic groups was prevalent in the forum discussion.

We develop a sense of identity by comparing ourselves to said panelist Joseph Garcia, a professor in human

resources management.

"All of us, no matter where we're from - it goes across cultures, across nations — it is really important to realize that we're dealing with the human condition," Garcia said.

of culture shock," said one student from the audience. "I soon learned that people believed I was not here because of my achievements and accomplishments, but because of affirmative action.

"Racism denies part of humanity. If you have a racist professor, he is cheating you."

- Kelly Kutchum

The human condition Garcia referred to is the sensitivity and the need to ask how individuals of ethnic groups want to be identified.

Concerns of the affirmative action were addressed at the fo-

"Coming up here was a form

"(It's because of) ignorance, because they don't feel that you're a normal, average student; it's like you are here under special circumstances, to fill a quota," the student concluded.

President Kenneth Mortimer's mandate of ethnic diversity proposes to increase ethnic diversity at Western. This growth brings up the issues of ignorance and racism in the classroom.

"Racism denies part of humanity," said Kelly Ketchum, director of Highland Hall. "If you have a racist professor, he is cheating you."

"We want to respect everyone for themselves and respect their heritage," said panelist Howard Harris, a professor in the anthropology department.

Other panelists were Elizabeth Partolan from the Multicultural Service Center, Milton Krieger from the liberal studies department and Greg Anderton, Associated Students vice president of External Affairs.

The forum brought up a lot of issues, questions and concerns about the ethnic diversity at Western. Many more questions came up than answers.

AS to get bigger salary next year

By DOUGLAS BUELL campus government editor

Pay raises totaling \$8,458, part of an Associated Students salary increase proposal for next year, were announced at the AS Board meeting last week.

Under the proposal, a jump from \$43,480 to \$51,938 in the payroll would mean raises for 64 student employees including the AS president, board members, administrative managers and coordinators. The plan also sets up a cost index to adjust pay scales any time tuition goes up.

Another proposal is being revised which would give raises to AS employees paid hourly wages.

AS President Kent Thoelke said to become competitive with local businesses, the new hourly rates should be set at \$4.45 and should peak at \$5.35. Longevity

raises would begin July 1.

When someone can work at McDonald's and get \$4 or \$5 an hour and come to AS and get \$3.35, it's hard to keep them Thoelke said. The pay "just doesn't cut it," he added.

He said salary levels were originally set to cover the cost of tuition and compensation for the level of responsibility and duties required in each position. During that same period, he noted, salaries didn't stay even with tuition hikes.

Thoelke receives \$1,305 a quarter, and would see his pay go to \$1,589, an increase of \$284. It is the highest-paying position.

Chris Hart, vice president for internal affairs, said the pay is fitting because the visibility in such a role requires additional time.

The six board members are

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Freedom Walk



Students protest against U.S. involvement in El Salvador during a march through campus last Thursday. (Photo by BRAD ELLIS)

Alejandro Salazar speaks to a crowd in the Viking Union about El Salvador. (Photo by BRAD ELLIS)

Salvadoran wants ARENA out

By ALAN WETMORE the Western Front

Last weekend the FMLN (Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front) launched a nationwide offensive against the government in El Sal-

Jaime Suriano, U.S. representative of Radio Farabundo Marti of the FMLN, was scheduled to speak last Thursday about conditions in El Salvador and about the radio network used to communicate with the people of the country.

Due to the emergency situation in El Salvador, Suriano was unable to be at Western to speak. Alejandro Salazar took Suriano's place and delivered a speech about current affairs in El Salvador.

Salazar also is a U.S. representative of Radio Farabundo and the FMLN. He is a photographer, a

printer and a co-editor of the official FMLN magazine called Vencere-

Salazar told how important the radio network is in El Salvador. He said 60 percent of the population is illiterate, so the radio network is the best way to get information about the war, health services and other important announcements to the people.

Salazar said the goal of the FMLN is to overthrow the ARENA military government which is killing many citizens. Once this is accomplished, the FMLN will set up a new government that will be much better for its people.

He pointed out that the United States government is sponsoring the El Salvador government, ARENA, which has been in power since June 1. ARENA is a government by the minority for the minority. This government also is responsible for a growing number of disappearances and murders of civilians like the six Jesuit priests murdered Wednesday. Salazar said.

These murders, along with another 680 soldiers, rebels and civilians who have died, are the direct result of the ARENA government retaliating against the FMLN for the offensive that began last Saturday, accord-

ing to the Seattle Times.
Salazar said, "The civilian population has become a target" for the ARENA regime.

ARENA is killing civilians with bombs and strafing runs (shooting to inflict damage) on highly-populated residential targets. The airplanes (A-37s) and helicopter gunships used to kill civilians are American-made. The American government supplies the government of El Salvador with these weapons.

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Briefs

Guatemalan speaks on exile

Guatemalan student leader Julio Lopez Maldonado will speak about his forced exile at 7 p.m. today in the Viking Union Lounge.

Maldonado left Guatemala this fall when death squads began assassinating student leaders. He will address the need for international grassroots support to struggle with the climate of increasing violence.

He's now a student representative in the multisectoral Commission for Life and Peace at the national University of San Carlos and a member of the directorate of the Department of Agronomy.

Thanksgiving without turkey?

Bellingham Vegetarian Collective has its fifth annual Vegetarian Thanksgiving Potluck at 3 p.m. Thursday in the Aftermath Hall, at the corner of Broadway Avenue and West Holly Street.

Dishes may be either vegan or ovo-lacto and should be accompanied with a list of ingredients so people with food sensitivities and dietary concerns can partake freely. Last year, more than 75 people dined on foods such as homemade bread, vegetable dishes, lingonberry cheesecake and pumpkin pie.

Storytelling and games will be provided for the children. Participants should bring their own place settings (to reduce the use of paper and plastics), beverages and musical instruments.

Call Frank Haulgren at extension 3087 for more information.

Rally and all-night vigil today

A rally including civil disobedience to protest United States aid to El Salvador's government will be at 2:30 p.m. today, at the Federal Building, on the corner of Cornwall and Magnolia Streets.

People will return at 9:30 p.m. for an all-night vigil, followed by the "Wake-up Congress" demonstration at 7 a.m. Wednesday.

A candlelight vigil will be between 9:30 and 11 p.m. to mourn the deaths of six Jesuit priests and the estimated 70,000 civilians killed in that country's 101-year civil war. Bring candles, musical instruments, warm clothes and any poems, readings or thoughts you may want to share.

\$600 scholarship available

Whatcom County Medical Society Auxiliary will award a \$600 health career scholarship for 1990-91 academic year to a resident of Whatcom County.

A written application and an interview are required. To obtain more information, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Scholarship Committee, WCMSA, 2125 N. Shore Road, Bellingham, 98226. Deadline is Jan. 1, 1990.

Corrections

The Western Front tries to be accurate in every story it publishes. When we do err, we want to correct the mistake. To submit a correction, please contact the managing editor at 676-3162.

Give blood, supplies low

During the past five years, Western students have supplied 40 percent of all the blood donated in Whatcom County.

Bloodmobiles provided by the Whatcom County Blood Program will be on Western's campus from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Nov. 28-29 in the Old Main registration center.

With bloodmobiles coming to campus three times a year for two days at a time, Western has become the largest single source of blood in Whatcom County. Last June, almost 40 percent of the year's total, 1,109 units, were drawn from students and staff.

In the United States, the al-

ready limited blood supply is getting worse, said Jo Sandberg of Health Services. An adequate supply is difficult for our bloodbanks to maintain. A mere 5 percent of those who are eligible give blood.

The need for blood goes up as the available supply goes down. The number of transfusions increased 100 percent from 1971 to 1980, while donations rose to only 40 percent. Hospitals now use a fractionating process to separate blood's component parts.

Transfusion receivers often require only the components vital to their systems. This process

is closing the wide gap between supply and demand.

Blood donations help to ease the pinch. Volunteers from the Elks Emblem Club and the Whatcom County Medical Auxiliary will help with the draws made on campus. The Whatcom County Blood Program, an affiliate of the Puget Sound Blood Center, has become an integral part of the Puget Sound Regional Blood Program for the past 16 years

With winter and the holiday season approaching, blood draws become very important, Sandberg said.

COPSBOX

Bellingham police responded to the following incidents:

Nov. 13:

A mountain bike valued at \$440 was stolen from an apartment in the 700 block of East Myrtle Street. The victim thinks the thief must have seen where he hid his key because there were no signs of forced entry. Police have no suspects, but advised the victim to hide his key in a different place and report the serial number of the bike.

Nov. 14

Police responded to an alarm that went off in room 176 of the Performing Arts Center. Officers found the room secure and don't know why the alarm went off.

Nov. 15:

Personal property valued at \$360 was stolen from a car parked on Sehome Hill.

Nov. 16:

A student reported his wallet stolen from Carver Gym while he was playing racquetball. Police have no suspects.

Stereo equipment valued at \$830 was stolen from a car parked on Indian Street. Police have no suspects. No damage was done to the car.

Nov. 17:

A car parked in the 200 block of North Garden Street was hit in the left front area. The damage was estimated at \$400. Police have no suspects.

Nov. 18:

Police responded to a noise complaint in the 600 block of North Forest Street. Officers found a few people on the porch of the house and advised the resident to keep her guests inside because their loud talking was bothering her neighbors.

A motor scooter was stolen from the 100 block of Highland Drive. The owner of the scooter left it parked with the key in the ignition while he went to visit a friend for a few minutes. When he went to leave, he found his scooter missing. He went back inside to call police. When he returned, his scooter had reappeared, but the key was missing. Police advised him to secure his scooter overnight and have keys made the next day.

A fight was reported in the 1500 block of Grant Street. When police arrived, the fight was over, but the sidewalk was littered with broken glass (from the front windows of the house), blood and beer cans. Residents of the house were warned about receiving a citation for disorderly conduct if police returned.

Nov. 20:

Police received a loud music complaint in the 1000 block of Jersey Street. Officers arrived and found a band practicing. Police advised the band to keep the volume down or else they could receive a citation for disorderly conduct.

Compiled by Kristin Peterson

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Please Post

- IMPORTANT DATE: Fri., Dec. 1, is the last day for late course withdrawals (for students with late-withdrawal privileges), as well as the last day to withdraw from the University.
- TCCC MEETING: The Teacher Curricula & Certification Council will meet at 4 p.m. Wed., Nov. 29, in MH210.
- PRE-DENTAL & PRE-MEDICAL STUDENTS: The UW School of Dentistry will have representatives on campus at noon Tues., Nov. 28, in MH156. A recent WWU graduate now attending the UW dental school and two local dentists will be available to answer questions and discuss "shadowing" experiences. All interested students are welcome.
- FALL DEGREE & INITIAL CERTIFICATE CANDIDATES: Pay degree and/or certificate fee to the Cashier, VU Plaza, by Dec. 1 if you have not already done so. Questions on graduation requirements outstanding should be directed to the Credit Evaluation section of the Registrar's Office, OM230.
- ATTENTION NATIONAL DIRECT/PERKINS & GUARANTEED/STAFFORD LOAN BORROWERS: If you are
 not returning winter quarter or are graduating fall quarter, you are required to schedule an exit interview. To do
 so, stop by OM265 or call 676-2943 no later than Nov. 27. Transcripts will be subject to withholding if you do
 not appear for the required interview.
- FOREIGN STUDY: A mandatory meeting for all students going to Morella winter quarter is set for 3-5 p.m. today (Nov. 21) in OM355. Everyone must attend. All students not signed up for Morelia but interested in going are welcome to attend as well.
- THANKSGIVING RECESS LIBRARY HOURS are 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wed., Nov. 22; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sat., Nov. 25; & noon to 11 p.m. Sun., Nov. 26. The library will be closed Thurs.-Fri., Nov. 23-24.
 INTERESTED IN FASHION DESIGN? A seminar for students interested in WWU's Center for Apparel Design
- & Fashion Marketing in Seattle will be held from 2-3 p.m. Thurs., Nov. 30, in the OM Solarium (fifth floor).
 INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING/LEADING YOUR OWN SUPPORT GROUP? A support group leadership training conference will be held on campus Dec. 1-3. Cost for students is \$40 (plus \$5 late registration fee after
- Nov. 22). For information, contact Sanjay Rughani, 647-6119.
 VEGETARIAN THANKSGIVING POTLUCK will be held Thanksgiving Day at Aftermath Hall (corner of Holly & Broadway). Festivities begin at 3 p.m. with dinner at 4 o'clock. For information, call Frank Haulgren, 676-3087 (days), or the Bellingham Vegetarian Collective, 733-7945 (evenings).
- WINTER QTR. SUPPORT GROUPS offered by the Counseling Center include Adult Children of Alcoholics; Assertiveness Training; Bulimia; Dealing with Procrastination; Fresh Meat: Taking the Quarter by Storm; Self-Esteem; Stress Management/Biofeedback Training; Women's Support Group; Women's Support Group at Fair-haven; Women Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse. For information or to pre-register, contact the Counseling Center, MH262, 676-3164.

Teleconference aim on AIDS, habits

By DEVEN BELLINGAR the Western Front

"Most people on college campuses know about HIV diseases, but they don't put that knowledge into their behavior," said Richard Keeling, M.D., during an AIDS teleconference last Thursday in the Viking Union.

The program, centered at Ohio State University, was titled "AIDS in the College Commu-

nity: From Crisis to Management," and included input from experts around the country along with questions from viewers.

Keeling, the Director of Student Health at the University of Virginia, said people should not look at just the simple issues such as sex partners and AIDS prevention.

"Intimacy and relationships must also be looked at when discussing sexual behavior," Keeling said.

Keeling referred to Sex Under the Influence (SUI) as a term he uses for sexual relations under the influence of drugs or alcohol. It is an important point when discussing AIDS prevention, he said

"In society, 'Just say no' is used frequently, but entertainment and television say 'yes, give it a try,' " Keeling said.

He outlined four points for good sexual behavior: assertive communication, choosing lower-risk sexual partners, separating alcohol and drug use from sex and barrier protection (condoms).

A viewer from North Carolina asked if student sexual behavior had changed since the outbreak of AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome).

"It is really a mixed picture. Certain groups of students are changing their behavior, but there has been no mass effect on the change of behavior," Keeling said.

Asked if the drug AZT could be the cure, Keeling said it is "a tremendous advance, and will be the cornerstone in the treatment of HIV (Human Immuno-Deficiency Virus) diseases."

He said people infected with HIV positive may contract AIDS if left untreated, but with a complex series of treatments, the person may not contract AIDS at all.

Discussing government's role in the AIDS outbreak was Gov. Richard F. Celeste of Illinois.

"Government has a major role in AIDS education and to help young people make decisions about their behavior," Celeste said.

Celeste said if students are not educated about AIDS until they reach college, they may have already put themselves in danger.

"Instructors and faculty need

"Instructors and faculty need to be informed also. Students often come to them for non-academic reasons," he said.

Rhonda Rivera, J.D., from Ohio State University's School of Law, said more lawyers are relying on doctors for information in possible AIDS discrimination cases.

"A university cannot discriminate against students, faculty or staff who have AIDS," Rivera said.

Many law cases were outlined which show workers around the country are fighting AIDS discrimination and winning.

Each panel member stressed the importance of education, as discussed by Celeste.

"We must educate first, because without it, the situation can only get worse."

Loans unavailable Nov. 20 to Dec. 4

By KATHY TUCKER the Western Front

Student fiscal services won't be able to draw student aid checks until Dec. 4 while the student information system converts to a more modern computer system.

Kathy Sahlhof of student financial resources said no institutional financial aid checks will be available during this time. However, \$100 signature loans still will be available.

Carolyn Hindes, manager of student fiscal services, said emergency loan funds have been set up for needs that might arise.

She said it might be possible for checks to be drawn as early as Nov. 29 if the computer system doesn't have any problems. However, Hindes said student fiscal services are not scheduling for that date, and that not many students will impacted.

"Not many checks are issued during this time of the quarter, anyway," she said.

Mary Jo Lewis, senior analyst in charge of student information systems, said all data related to students has been transferred and they should have the system "up" before their projected Nov. 27th date.

Student information systems has been converting computer hardware from an outdated Perkinelmer minicomputer system to a multiprocessor Sequent, with more computing power.

Student information systems holds student records, admissions, registration, financial aid, accounts, housing and anything else related to students.

The new system will give more people access to student information. Lewis said the Perkinelmer system, which has been at data capacity for

some time, limited the amount of people that could be allowed access to the information.

Lewis said student information services picked this period of time to move the data because it will inconvenience the university community less than if it was done at another time.

Summer may be longer

By PAUL MAHLUM the Western Front

Finishing college in four years might become a reality for more Western students if administrators push through a plan to revamp the summer school program by 1991.

During the Faculty Senate meeting last Monday, Les Karlovitz, vice president for Academic Affairs, told faculty he and the Deans Council are planning changes they hope will lead to increases in the size of the programs opportunities for summer employment for faculty and chances for students to graduate sooner.

Changing tuition and the length of summer quarter are two considerations.

Summer quarter would be as long as the normal quarter, Karlovitz said.

Reducing summer tuition would be accomplished over a period of time to the same level for a normal quarter, Karlovitz said.

Making the summer quarter longer would give students the chance to take a normal quarter's worth of credits in the summer, said Michael Fisher of the liberal studies department.

"I think it would be good to have summer quarter as long as the regular quarter," Fisher said. "It is hard to get out in four years."

A longer summer quarter would be advantageous to faculty too, he said. "It would mean if we wanted more pay, we could work another quarter, and our salary would go up a third."

Determining how much more faculty would get paid is the task of the Deans Council and department

"I don't want to turn away any customers."

- Les Karlovitz

chairs, he said.

Another advantage for faculty would be the option of taking one quarter off from teaching during the year to do research and then teach in the summer, Fisher said.

Deciding what additional courses to offer will be a gamble, Karlovitz said.

"There won't be courses in every program to help all students," he said. "We will help in key areas."

Scheduling summer courses is a

balancing act for the administration, Fisher said. "If Western promises faculty and no students come, they

Not all of the additional classes offered during summer school could financially be expected to finish in the black, Karlovitz said. But, the total number of classes should finish

have to pay.'

in the black.

Expanding the program would help beat the enrollment limit the legislature has placed on Western, Karlovitz said.

Because summer quarter is funded by Western and not by the state Legislature, the university can lift the enrollment limit without breaking the rules, Fisher said.

"I don't want to turn away any customers," Karlovitz said.

Senator Joan Stevenson expressed concern that not enough clerical staff would be available to meet the demands of an expanded program.

Karlovitz disagreed, saying the needs could be met.

Fisher said the U.S. as a whole is falling educationally behind Japan. "One of the reasons is the summer holiday. Japanese students spend more time in school."

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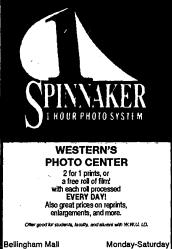
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"Just Down The Hill From Western"

Evans to give lectures in PAC

Former Gov. and U.S. Senator Dan Evans will speak on "Whatever Happened to the Bully Pulpit" and "Policy Implications of Global Warming," Nov. 27 and 28 in the Performing Arts Center Concert Hall.

The lectures are sponsored by the Puget Power Arts and Sciences Lecture Series and are free and open to the public.

Evans' first lecture will begin at 8 p.m. Nov. 27.

"Ît's increasingly apparent that politicians read polls before making any significant decisions," Evans said in a press release. "Business leaders retreat in panic at each citizen protest. Whatever has happened to Teddy Roosevelt's 'Bully Pulpit'? How do we recreate an era in which leaders lead even when the appropriate direction looks unpopular?"

The second lecture takes place at 10 a.m. Nov. 28 and is followed by a question-and-answer period.

Evans is chairman of the National Academy of Sciences' Commission on Policy Options for Global Warming.

On Nov. 28, he also will have a discussion with students, faculty and staff on careers in politics and other issues at 2 p.m. in the Payne Study Lounge, Arntzen Hall 419.

"Gov. Evans has always spoken with candor and sincerity about current issues," said Larry Richardson, lecture series chairman. "Since his early days in the Washington State Legislature, he was noted for his non-partisan, progressive approach to problems of this state and nation."

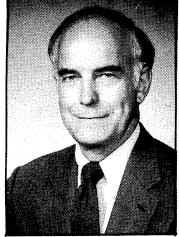
"This is a good opportunity to renew acquaintance with a

good friend of the state," Richardson said.

Evans currently works as a political commentator at KIRO-TV in Seattle.

Peter Elich, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said he encourages members of the community to attend the lectures.

"The university is delighted with the contribution Puget Power is making to the life of our community," Elich said. "Through this speakers' series, we are able to present important thinkers of our day. Activity of this sort demonstrates corporate



Dan Evans

recognition of community needs

Computer labs open for break

Campus computer lab hours during Thanksgiving break:

Art Annex Lab, AA 255

Tuesday, Nov. 21: 9 a.m. -

9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22: 9 a.m. - noon

Noon Wednesday - Saturday, Nov. 25: CLOSED

Arntzen Hall Lab, AH 01-05

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Wednesday Nov. 22: 9 a.m. - noon

a.m. - noon

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p.m.

Bond Hall Lab, BH 17-321 Open 24 hours through the break

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Tuesday, Nov. 21: 9-11
a.m., 1-9 p.m.

■ Sunday, Nov. 26: 5-9 p.m.

Environmental Studies Lab, ES 410

■ Tuesday, Nov. 21: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 22: 9
a.m. - noon
Noon Wednesday - Satur-

day, Nov. 25: CLOSED

■ Sunday, Nov. 26: 6-9 p.m.

Engineering Technology Lab, ET 321-322

Tuesday, Nov. 21: 9 a.m. -

9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22: 9

a.m. - noon

Noon Wednesday - Saturday Nov. 25: CLOSED
Sunday, Nov. 26: 5-9 p.m.

Humanities Lab, HU

Tuesday, Nov. 21: 5-10

Noon Wednesday - Saturday, Nov. 25: CLOSED

■ Sunday, Nov. 26: 4-9 p.m.

Miller Hall Lab, MH

■ Tuesday, Nov. 21: 9 a.m. -

Wednesday, Nov. 22: 9
a.m. - noon
Noon Wednesday - Satur-

day, Nov. 25: CLOSED

Sunday, Nov. 26: 4-9 p.m.

Parks Hall Lab, PH 206

■ Tuesday, Nov. 21: 9 a.m. - p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 22: 9 a.m. - noon

Noon Wednesday - Saturday, Nov. 25: CLOSED
Sunday, Nov. 26: 6-9 p.m.

Plans continue for Ethnic Studies Center

By MARIA MANLICLIC the Western Front

A committee of student unions, faculty members and administrators of the Multi-Cultural and Cross Cultural Center will meet in the next few weeks to discuss the future of the Ethnic Studies Center, a project expected to have been completed this fall.

A sum of \$9,000 was set aside for the center by the Associated Students, but was short of the needed funds to meet operational costs and provide for a staff.

The center, which will be run by students and a trained staff, will provide services such as interactive student networks and educational, cross-cultural communication workshops in the Viking Union.

"It will be a base for deciding student activities in such matters as Black History month," said Larry Estrada, vice president of Student Affairs/Diversity. "(It will be) a place where majority and minority students can interact and assist with program issues and concerns."

Leading members of the International Student Union, Associated Student Government, the Asian Pacific Student Union and the Native American Student Union will be deciding what type of programs the Ethnic Studies Center will be offering to assist students in their university experience and ensure their needs are addressed.

"An estimated \$250,000 is needed to build the center in the Viking Union," Estrada said.

The proposed budget went through the university's allocation process and was approved, but there needs to be more planning and groundwork.

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English language service offered to Asian students

By DEVEN BELLINGAR

the Western Front

The International English Language Institute (IELI) at Western teaches English as a second language to Asian students and also shows them how to put together a newsletter.

While the students are not enrolled at Western, they take four classes daily in reading, listening, writing and grammar in hopes of improving test scores, required of Asia University students. Better scores also might enable them to enroll in universities abroad.

The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is given to foreign students to test their level of English. Western requires a score of 535 on the TOEFL before allowing a student to enroll.

"Western requires a large score on the TOEFL, while other colleges are much lower," said Mary Dougherty, director of the

The Institute is self-supporting, Dougherty said.

'We receive no state funds. All salaries are paid by student fees to IELI," Dougherty said.

IELI has three programs: the Intensive English Program, a Summer English Language Program and the Asia University Program.

The Intensive English Program (IEP) runs year-round and currently has 29 students, not all of which are Asian. One student is from India and another is from Germany. Students must attend a minimum of 20 hours per week in class. Most stay six months to a

The Summer English Language Program (SELP) receives mainly German students during the summer who go on field trips along with attending classes.

The Asia University Program (AUP) has 90 students from

April 3 through August, who attend the same type of classes as the IEP students.

"Those students provide Western with an international experience," Dougherty said.

She said it's easy to overlook the IELI, which is on Old Main's fifth floor, but when 90 Asian students come, it's not easy to miss them.

Asia University Students live in the residence halls and are provided with an International Living Group Adviser (ILGA), who lives in the hall with them. One ILGA is assigned to every ten students.

'They are the 'American

"It's easier for me to live in America than Japan. Japan is a very strict society."

— Kinuyo Sato

friend' who introduces the students to the other hall residents,' Dougherty said.

ILGAs are also "cultural interpreters," that introduce and interpret American culture.

These students don't receive Western credits, but do get credit from Asia University, where students major in international rela-

Included among the classes for the year-round IEP program is the production of a weekly newsletter. The Flash.

The class meets twice a week and writes stories about life in the United States, things to do on campus and comparisons with their native countries. They come up with their own story ideas.

This is a real good group. It really reinforces their English when they can see their work on paper," said Richard Saari, adviser to the newsletter.

The instructors in these classes try to have the students speak English and not their native language, Saari said.

Class members have the same viewpoint about being here; they like it very much.

Tomoko Murakami, from Kure, Japan, sees Western as a good system for foreign students.

"It is a very nice place for Japanese people to live. It is much easier and safer," Murakami said.

She said she likes interviewing people, but she is not good at

Kinuyo Sato, from a suburb of Tokyo, is a senior at Asia University and will graduate in March. She is vice-president of AJAS (Association of Japanese and American Students), a campus club designed to help students of different backgrounds meet each other.

She has been an assistant to a foreign language teacher, but she will be teaching a night class next quarter in conversation.

"It's easier for me to live in America than Japan. Japan is a very strict society," Sato said.

She spent the summer of 1988 at Eastern Washington University, and has been back in Bellingham since March.

Jae Wook Kang, of Seoul, South Korea, has been at Western since September. Besides taking curriculum classes, he is in a social orientation club and plays volleyball every Monday night.

"We are not very good, but it doesn't matter, we have fun," Kang said.

He would like to take hotel administration at Cornell University next year, but he said his English must improve.

"There is good instructors here, they explain things well. I have quite a few American friends, also," Kang said.

Top book on power

"The Power Game," by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Hedrick Smith, is the second Book-of-the-Quarter.

The New York Times' bestseller explores power in Washington, D.C., using anecdotes and recent examples of the exercise of power by the president, congress, lobbyists and the me-

Book-of-the-Quarter chairman Larry Richardson said the book is startling to citizens unfamiliar with "beltway politics" the insider's view of Wash-

Copies of the book are available in the Students Co-Op

Bookstore.

A panel discussion on "The Power Game" will be at noon Tuesday, Dec. 5 in Viking Addition 454. Panel members are Don Alper of the political science department and Lyle Harris, chairman of the journalism department. The discussion is free and open to the public.

Former Gov. and U.S. Sen. Dan Evans recommended reading "The Power Game" as preparation for his public talk entitled "Whatever Happened to the Bully Pulpit?" at 8 p.m., Nov. 27 in the Performing Arts Center Concert Hall.

WSL project aims for the 'grassroots'

By JENNIFER HAYES the Western Front

The Washington Student Lobby hopes to increase awareness and student membership this year through the "grassroots" program at Western, said Pam Kruse, Western's WSL chairper-

WSL focuses on raising awareness among legislators on issues affecting students in universities all over the state.

Other grassroots programs are being distributed to other WSL-member schools to raise student involvement.

A state and regional grassroots program will direct smaller programs at university levels.

The program maps ways to highlight WSL visibility and get other groups involved in WSL fund raisers and the lobbying process.

Kruse said she hopes to have every residence hall and club on campus own their own copy of the grassroots program. An introduction in the manual would

explain to students how they can write and better communicate with their legislator about how to effectively lobby an issue.

"WSL needs an increase in student involvement to combine voices; a lot louder voice in Olympia would better accomplish student goals. The quality of education and racial make-up are affected by legislation and a louder voice can have a real impact," said Greg Anderton, Associated Students vice president of External Affairs.

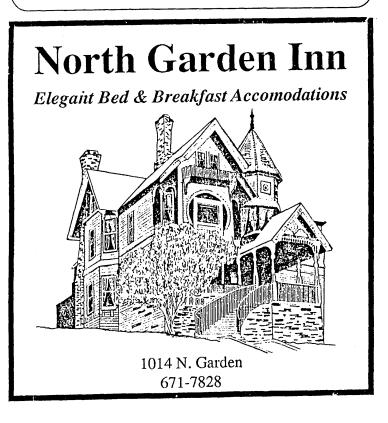
Eventually, WSL hopes to create a statewide communication network among schools, which would list individuals from a school who knew certain Olympia legislators and could contact them when needed, Kruse

More people who make a legislator aware of an issue will greatly increase its chances of survival, because votes are made on issues that will serve the stu-

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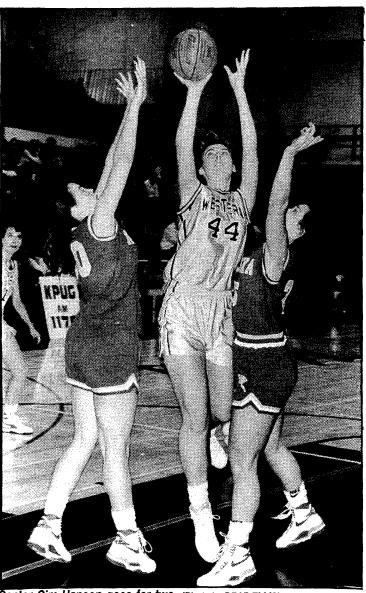
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Center Cim Hanson goes for two. (Photo by BRAD ELLIS)

Women harpoon Whales

By MATTHEW CAMPBELL

the Western Front

In the opening game of the 1989-90 season, the women's basketball team beached the Whales of the University of Alaska Southeast by the score of 91-60 Monday night.

Western dominated the game in Carver Gymnasium from the onset. Led by a strong, hardpressing defense and a fastbreaking offense, victory was never a doubt. Determination was the key to the game. Every loose ball was run down and on one occasion, it proved costly.

With 6:48 left in the first half, center-forward Chris Garrison went after a ball in the key. Garrison was hit in the side of the knee and went down grasping her left knee in pain. She was helped off the court and left the gym on crutches. A Western trainer said Garrison would be going to see a knee doctor this morning. Last year Garrison injured the same knee

Even without Garrison in the lineup, the Viking women did just fine. At halftime, Western led

Leading the way was guard Erica Porter with a game high 23 points, most of them scored on the fast-break. Rebounding was another major factor. Western out-rebounded the Whales 42-28. Center Cim Hanson, guard-

forward Kerri Browitt and rookie forward Alissia Lumpkin had seven boards apiece. Western dominated on the offensive rebounds, out hustling the Whales for a 19-6 edge.

The only chink in the Viking's armor was in the threepoint range. The team made one of seven shots.

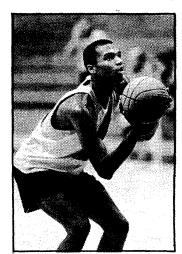
The Whales were led by center Mercedes Angerman, who had 19 points, while guard Mary Force tossed in 16. The Whales shot only .389 from the field for the game on 21 of 54 shooting.

They also committed 29 turnovers, nine of which belonged to Force.

Western was 39 of 76 from the field for an average of .513. Other top scorers were Browitt and forward Alayna Keppler, who had 16 and 14 points respec-

The next game for Western is Saturday against St. Martin's College in Carver Gym. Tipoff is at 6 p.m. Western will also host Pacific Lutheran University Tuesday, Nov. 28th at 7 p.m.

Vikes beat Warriors



Todd McAllister

By MATT BAUNSGARD the Western Front

Monday night's game proved victorious for the Viking men as they beat Western Baptist College 105-91 in a non-league basketball game.

Western increases its record to 2-1 while Western Baptist dropped to 3-2.

Guard Manny Kimmie was the high scorer with 32 points and forward Eric Schurman made 14 out of 17 field goals to score 30 points. Top rebounders for Western were Schurman with 11 and center-forward Todd McAllister with nine. The Vi-

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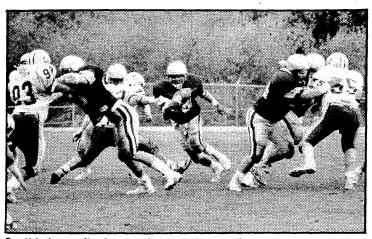
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Scott Lohr won't return next year, but most of his blockers will. (Photo

Smith to reload team

By RAY TOWNSEND the Western Front

At the beginning of the football season Viking Head Coach Rob Smith had one goal for his team — to improve every game. With only a few setbacks, the team met its goal and became one of the Columbia Football Association's elite teams with a 7-2 record.

To move into the CFA elite (Central Washington University, Linfield College and Pacific Lutheran University), the CFA Coach of the Year, Smith, relied on an explosive offense and a stingy defense.

The leaders of the offense were first-team All-CFA running back Scott Lohr and second-team

All-CFA quarterback Kirk Kriskovich. Lohr had the greatest season for a Viking running back setting records in rushing, touchdowns and scoring.

Kriskovich became the leading passer in Viking history, setting the career record for completions, yards and the season mark for touchdowns. One of Kriskovich's favorite targets was tight end Kirk Schneider, who tied the record for most touchdown receptions in a season, with eight. All three of these players are seniors and with their graduation Smith will have many holes

The receiving squad showed its depth during an injury-

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Marathon opens in Seattle

By MICHAEL FLYNN the Western Front

The Vikings are expecting to get a head start in their quest for the district track title Saturday, when four men and three women from Western's track squad compete in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) District I Marathon.

The marathon, which is held in conjunction with the Seattle Marathon, will begin 9 a.m. at Marymoore Park in Redmond.

The men are led by Mike Gates, a senior from Lynnwood. Gates was the district runner-up each of the past two years. Also competing for the men will be seniors Craig Knapp and Steve Duncan and freshman Mike Holz. A total of 10 runners from the district are expected to com-

In the women's race, the Vikings return with the defending district marathon champion, Jill Bruner, a sophomore from Vancouver, Wash. Sophomore Denise Holz and senior Liz Taylor also will compete.

Bruner has been training hard and should show strongly, said Coach Kelven "Pee Wee" Halsell. But she will have some strong competition from the University of Puget Sound's Wanda

Howlett. Howlett won the National NAIA Cross Country Championship this past week-

Gates will have some strong competition in the men's race.

UPS has two returning All-Americans. Mark Brennan, the returning district champion, was sixth at the National Marathon last year. Scott Sturbetz was fourth.

Halsell said he anticipates his runners will show well, noting Western has the advantage of having the largest number of runners from any one team.

"Some of the runners have never run a marathon before, so it's really hard to speculate just how they will do, but I think they will do well."

The marathon will be scored like a regular track meet. The top eight finishers receive points. Scoring for places one through eight runs 10, eight, six, five, four, three, two and one point. With four of the 10 men runners and three of just six women, the Vikings have a good opportunity to pick up valuable points for the District I track meet in May.

Qualifying for the National Marathon in May is a steep goal, but one Halsell thinks could be in reach for his top runners.

"Last year Jill ran three hours and 35 minutes in her first marathon. National qualifying is 3:30," Halsell said. "It certainly is a good goal to strive for and definitely within her reach."

National qualifying for the men is 2:31.



Mike Gates

Halsell said the runners trained in part by running cross country, but were on a different schedule than the other runners.

"The marathon group does a lot more mileage than most of the other distance runners and their interval workouts are longer, but less intense than the cross country group," Halsell said.

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Dennis Lapchis hopes to turn his team around. (Photo by TYLER ANDERSON)

Vikes lose national playoff

By SIRI THROM the Western Front

For the men's soccer team, the excitement of making it to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics championship tournament at High Noon Stadium at Las Cruces N.M. didn't outweigh the disappointment of defeat.

The Vikings lost their first game of the NAIA tournament 3-1 second-seeded Rockhurst, Mo. Rockhurst has a season record of 20-1-0 after Monday's win.

The Rockhurst Hawks are led by Assistant Coach Denny Lee this year, because Head Coach Tony Tocco is serving a post-season suspension from the tournament after assaulting a referee in the 1988 tournament.

The Hawks started off the scoring six minutes into the first half. Forward Tom Knox carried and then shot the ball, brushing it past Western goalie Paul Maycock.

Rockhurst began subbing 15 minutes into the first half. Lee explained they have been subbing early all season.

'We have a lot of depth in our players. They are fast and we want to keep them fresh," he said.

The buzzer announced the end of the first half with the Hawks leading 1-0. Western decided they needed to slow the ball down. "We needed to switch the ball in the air," said Western forward Dennis Lapchis.

Rockhurst changed lineups and loaded their goalbox with players. The Vikings couldn't get a shot through.

"They had a wall on top of their box," said Viking coach Kevin Quinn. "We needed to test them in the air; to go across and behind."

As the second half progressed, the Viking displayed their dominance over the ball, but Rockhurst got another shot off and forward Jon Perry had his name on the goal. Rockhurst led 2-0.

With 15 minutes left in the

game, Viking Chris Santee lofted a beautiful chip off a pass from Cliff Potter, into the back of the net to set the score at 2-1. Western's confidence was boosted.

From the kickoff after Santee's goal, Rockhurst made a sprint and forward Kevin Eleeson let goal number three rest against the net, ending the game

"Western scored and we got a little worried suddenly," Lee said. "Then we scored our third goal and I think it deflected West-

ern's confidence," he said.

Quinn said he felt the team played a little flat. "For our first game of the tournament it was almost to be expected," he said. "We stayed in it as long as we could. The team felt frustrated with the loss but they know they are not out of it yet.

"Tomorrow's the best we can do," said midfielder Mike

The Viking hope the match against Texas' Midwestern State University tonight earns them a

Men's soccer still has chance for

By SIRI THROM

the Western Front

Western men's soccer team put the word "loss" back into their vocabulary. The Vikings were defeated 3-1 in the first game of the NAIA men's soccer championship tournament Sunday in Las Cruces, N.M., to second-seeded Rockhurst, Mo.

But Western is not out of the tournament yet.

If the Viking pull out a victory over Midwestern State University, Texas, today, and Midwestern defeats Rockhurst tomorrow, the team with the highest amount of goals scored will continue to semifinals on Friday,

Midwestern State, with a season record of 15-5-0 is seeded seventh. The Indians are led by veteran coach Howard Patterson, who has achieved a 221-83-20 record in his 17 years of coaching the team.

Midwestern was the national runner-up in 1982 and 1983, losing the title championship game to Simon Fraser University both years. This is the Indians' tenth appearance in the NAIA nation-

Patterson said the top schools in the NAIA are as good as the top schools in the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

"They're just as many of them.

tity is different," he said.

Although Midwestern's top scorer Uris Henderson struts an impressive 14 goals and seven assists for 35 points, he takes a backseat to Western's Peter Barge, who has 19 goals and five assists for 43 points.

Western has been confident from the beginning. The Vikings mean business when they step onto the playing field.

"If we play a full 90 minutes, we will be all right," said Western Head Coach Kevin Quinn.

The championship tournament is a chance for Western to prove themselves.

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kings out-rebounded the Baptists 42-26.

At halftime, the Vikings led 49-42, but the Warriors made a comeback in the second half, pulling within one point. With 15:51 remaining, forward-guard Atiavo Jude led the Vikings in an 11-3 run, clinching the game for the Vikings.

Guard Brad Crosby ward Matt Taylor led Western Baptist in scoring, with 18 points each.

Western Baptist College was defeated by Western last year 80-

The first game of the District 2 Tip-off tournament last weekend proved victorious for the Vikings as well, pulling out a 76-64 win over Lewis and Clark College. But they couldn't continue their reign, losing the second and championship game to host Linfield College.

In the first game, Kimmie led Western with 35 points. He scored 20 points in the first half, then went on to score 19 of Western's 24 points during a nineminute stretch. Center Todd McAllister had 18 points and guard Scott Carlson scored 15. The Vikings fell behind at the

beginning. At one point, they trailed 20-7. Yet by halftime, the Vikings had worked their way up to trailing by three.

McAllister scored the first three baskets in the second half, giving the Vikings their first lead of the game.

Kimmie scored a fast-break layup, then a three point basket to put Western ahead for good, 44-40, with 15:30 remaining. Lewis and Clark was led by

nter Brad Senatra with 18 points and guard Ian Gee had 13

Western hadn't met with Lewis and Clark College since the 1975-76 season, when they lost 78-72.

Also playing that night were Western Baptist against Linfield. Linfield won the game, pitting Western against Linfield in the championship game Saturday night.

Saturday's game proved disappointing for the Vikings.

Western trailed the entire game. Linfield's Jon Colasuonno and Donnie Hakala combined for 50 points.

Linfield maintained a huge lead in the first half, hitting their first 14 shots of the game, including four three-pointers and six layins. Colasuonno and Hakala combined to score their team's

first 21 points.

Linfield led 35-13 at the end of the first half.

Western did cut the lead to five points during second half, but the Wildcats made 13 of 14 free throws in the last four minutes to claim their victory.

The final score was 97 to 79. putting Western in second place for the tournament with an overall record of 1-1.

The Linfield Wildcats have all five starters back from last season's 16-13 team. Western's last meeting with the Wildcats was in 1984-85, where they lost

Kimmie earned all-tournament honors for the Vikings, with 25 points Saturday night combined with his 35 points Friday night. Joining him in the honors were Linfield's Hakala and Colasuonno, Eric Estep of Western Baptist and Senatra of Lewis and

Game cancelled

The Western women's basketball team's home game against the University of British Columbia has been canceled. The contest was scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22 at Carver Gym.

FOOTBALL

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plagued year and should be a strength next year, even though it loses several second-team All-CFA players,

The offensive line will be one of next year's strengths with a majority of linemen returning. All-CFA center Kevin Beason will return to anchor the line.

The defense loses seven to graduation with the key losses being two first-team All-CFA defensive backs; Kelly Susee and Mike Minnehan.

The linebacker corps will be a strength with starters Greg Enell and Tom Walters return-

The defensive line will also return strong, even though they lose three due to graduation.

The defensive ends will be a. strength for the Vikings with firstteam All-CFA defensive end Cory Heins and John Olcese re-

The special teams will also return strong losing only the punter and punt returner, Susee, and the holder, Meath, to graduation.

Smith will see if he can continue the improvement of the Vikings, even with the loss of key players. It will be a good test to see if the Vikings are among the CFA elite.



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Runners fall down at nationals

By MATTHEW CAMPBELL

the Western Front

With the temperature in the low 20s and an icy wind blowing, the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) national cross country championship took place Saturday at Kenosha,

The lone Western woman competing was freshman Lisa Waltenburg. Out of the 329 women finishers, Waltenburg finished 29th, with a time of 18:44.3.

Waltenburg said she was disappointed by her finish because she was so close to obtaining All-American status, which is awarded to the top 25 finishers. Her finish was the sixth best among freshman entered in the five-kilometer race.

The cold weather affected Waltenburg's performance, said Coach Kelven "Pee Wee" Halsell. He said when she finished, her "head was frozen." Halsell said her head was numb and she was having problems breathing. But Halsell said he was pleased with Waltenburg's effort. He said her inexperience played a role in her 29th place finish, but added he expects her to fare much better next year.

The overall individual winner on the women's side was Wanda Howlett of University of Puget Sound. Howlett, a junior, finished with a time of 17:55. Her teammate, Ann Grande, finished

In the team competition, Adams State University from Colorado dominated, scoring 70 points. Their nearest competition came from Western State University, also from Colorado, which scored

Next year Western's District I will have four entries in the national meet. They had three teams finish in the top 10, gaining three extra berths, along with the one automatic bid that goes to each district. The three teams to finish in the top 10 were Pacific Lutheran University (fifth), Simon Fraser University (seventh) and the University of Puget Sound (ninth).

Of the women's team, only Lynn Reder will graduate this year. Halsell expects great things from next year's team. He said, even without recruiting, the team should be very competitive.

The entire men's team qualified for the trip to Wisconsin. Todd Baerny, the top Western runner this season, had high hopes of finishing in the top 25 and obtaining All-American status. As the 350 runners began the eight-kilometer race, Baerny was tripped in the starting pack and fell down. He tried to get up, but several runners ran into him. He managed to get back up, almost taking out teammate Kirby White in the process, but by this time he was well behind

the leaders.

Still, Baerny managed to finish 158th with a time of 27:11. Sophomore Jeff Van Kleeck led the way for Western. He came in 96th with a time of 26:34.

The team, which had a good shot at finishing in the top 10, came in a disappointing 17th. Halsell said had Baerny not fallen down, the team could have finished 10th.

The men's individual winner was Rick Robirds of Adams State. He crossed the finish line with a time of 24:01. His teammate, Dan Maas, was second in 24:16. Adams State also won the men's team title by having their top five runners place in the top 20. Adams State scored 39 points, while the nearest competition, Malone College of Ohio, scored 53. Simon Fraser University finished in fifth place, giving District I another national berth next year.

Other finishers for the Western team were Craig Hanson, 104th in 26:39; Matt Ruhl, 130th in 26:54; White, 153rd in 27:08; Luke Von Mohr, 225th in 27:52 and Bob Arthur, 286th in 28:46.

Western men will lose only two runners, Ruhl and White, to graduation. Halsell said he was disappointed in the finish but encouraged by the way the men ran, adding some runners didn't run well and others ran better than he thought they would. Halsell said the cold affected them because very few of them had ever run in such cold weather.

He expects the men's team to be

late into another national championship try in 1990.



Assistant Coach Bill Roe and Todd Baerny looked forward to nationals after qualifying at the district tournament. (Photo by BRAD ELLIS)

Sport puts players in a real pickle

By DEANNA OTTAVELLI

the Western Front

"A Fun Court Game. Keen Competition At All Levels of Ability — That's Pickle-Ball."

The United States Pickle-Ball Association's letterhead really summed up the gist of this game by calling it "fun."

But what is Pickle-Ball? Pickle-Ball is the latest racquet sport fad. Created only twenty-four years ago in the summer of 1965, it is still unknown to most people.

The game was first played on Bainbridge Island, Wash., invented by Congressman Joel Pritchard, and Seattle businessmen Bill Bell and Barney Mc-Callum.

Pickle-Ball has found it's almost instant success in the fact that this is a game that can be played, and played well, by anyone. It's true that a good tennis player will pick the game up faster than a racquet sport rookie, but just give the rookie some time. Because a Pickle-Ball court is less than one-fifth the size of a tennis court (measuring 20' x 44'), physical fitness is not the most important aspect. It takes more determination, than sweat, to play Pickle-Ball.

The inventors stumbled onto their game because of their families constant complaints of "there isn't anything to do." The men, having just gotten back from playing eighteen holes of golf one Saturday afternoon, decided to end the boredum once and for all. Shooing the families to the outdoor badminton court, the men rummaged through the hodge-podge of equipment. Everything seemed to be broken, sparking the men's creativity. Four damaged badminton racquets were found and their handles were cut off to a short size. With the only intact ball being a small whiffleball, a strange variation of badminton was invented.

The men soon agreed the racquets weren't serving their purpose very well. Into the workshop they paraded. An hour later the men emerged with four solid wooden paddles which looked almost the same as the paddles used today. The kids lowered the net to about tennis-net-height. Pickle-Ball had officially been

But how did Pickle-Ball get its name?

It might be hard to believe, but the Pritchard's had a dog named Pickles who enjoyed chasing after stray balls hit out of bounds in this new game.

"It was hard on the plastic balls, but the sport was given its name from this four-legged, thieving house pet," Barney McCullum said in a recent Pickle-Ball article.

The success of Pickle-Ball has come by word of mouth. Pickle-Ball's primary seller is that it's an indoor gym activity fitting well into school physical education programs. It was designed as a family game so practically any age can play. The family enjoyment has continued twenty-four years and is constantly growing.

A corporation was formed by the original three men in 1972 protecting the name Pickle-Ball and distributing the game nationally. Although it hasn't been advertised, Pickle-Ball has become an international fad.

But what about Pickle-Ball at Western?

Says Judy Bass, Intramural Coordinator, there hasn't been much of a demand for Pickle-Ball at Western. "I've had a couple of people ask and I have to just tell them that there's a tournament in the winter," Bass said.

Exchanges can be quick and competitive, especially when doubles teams are playing. Long rallies are the most common with frequent slams, spins and strate-

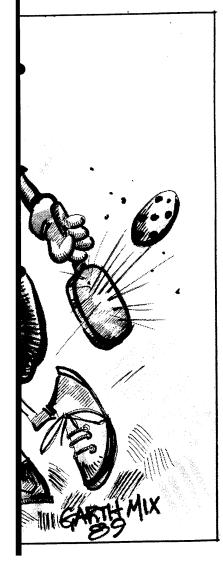
Last winter's tournament only attracted 24 people. "A lot of people haven't heard about it, which keeps it small. Usually it turns into a workshop of sorts to teach people how to play, Bass

One problem facing the future of Pickle-Ball at Western is that basketball teams take up the majority of gym space, squeezing out other activities.

If you are interested in playing or learning how to play Pickle-Ball, there will be another tournament this winter.

Once you start playing you'll see just how easy and fun the gam of Pickle-Ball can be.

As an article on Pickle-Ball by Dick Squires stated, "Players can scream, cheat, swear and scheme on the court, and better yet, they can abandon the worries of the world and laugh during rallies without being subjected to fines or technicals. It is, in a word, sheer and refreshing 1 UN."



No tolerance for problem gangs

By KURT MCNETT the Western Front

A big city parallel has emerged in Bellingham with the rise of two street gangs, resulting in a 'zero tolerance' policy in effect by the Bellingham police department, said department offi-

cer Todd Ramsay.

Ramsay, a graduate student at Western, said a strict policy seems to be the best way of curbing gang activity. He is currently working on his master's degree in sociology.

Ramsay is originally from Bellingham, so his interest in the area and its troubles is strong. He went to Bellingham High School and was a police cadet before enrolling at Washington State University for his undergraduate degree. Ramsay graduated from WSU in 1987 with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. He has been an officer with the

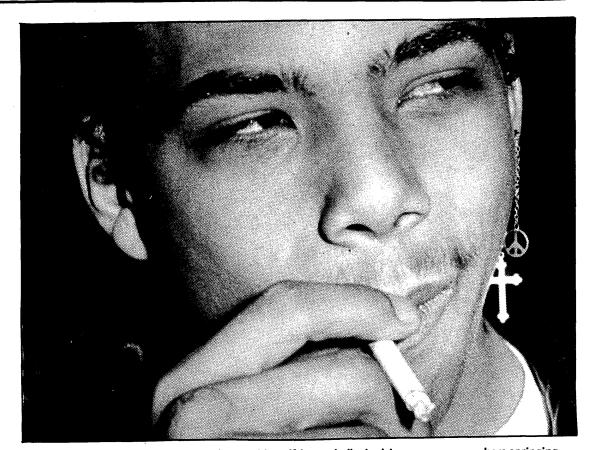
Blacks, Native Americans, Filipinos and Chicanos.

They also wear black and white bandanas or 'rags' either on their heads, wrapped around their legs or sticking out of their pockets.

Special hand signals and tattoos are used by the members to identify themselves to each other. The tattoos, located on the upper left arm, read "M-1 187." The 187 is the number in the California state penal code meaning homicide.

The M-1's came into existence in the fall of 1988. Ramsay attributes the gang's beginnings to an outside influence somehow affiliated with gang activity, such as a member or members of other gangs from outside the area moving into town.

The PWPs, or PeckerWood Posse, have just established themselves within the last six months. They supposedly came



This Oak Harbor youth, not a member of a gang himself, has a similar look to some gang members springing up in the Bellingham area. (Photo illustration by TIM BOYLES)

ber has had enough to prove that he is strong enough to take it.

Ramsay said getting out is harder than getting in. Ramsay recently had contact with a member who had to pay the price for retirement. He said the now exmember was "beaten so badly that his eyes were swollen shut and blood was visible in the cracks of his skin."

Ramsay said the M-1 gang members seem to fit a similar mold. All seem to come from either single parent homes or dual parent families where both parents work. All seem to be supervised by their parents at a minimal level.

In August of 1989, the Bellingham police department held a meeting with gang member's parents to inform them of activities the gang was involved in and to perhaps get some of the kids out of the gang. Out of the 21 M-1 gang members then known of, 14 of the member's parents were notified of the meeting. Only seven showed up.

"I think that (the poor turnout at the meeting) showed the general level of concern among the member's parents," said Ramsay. "The seven that did show up, however, were very concerned with the well-being of their children."

The meeting did result in one member leaving the gang. Originally three members had left the gang, but two have since rejoined.

"We're (the police department) not going to lose," said Ramsay. "That's all there is to it."

"Several calls were made to 911 telling me to back off or they (the M-1's) would kill me."

- Todd Ramsay

Bellingham police force for two years now.

Ramsay spent the summer as a plain-clothed detective monitoring both the M-1 Posse and the PeckerWood Posse, as the two street gangs are called. That work lead to several death threats against Ramsay.

"Several calls were made to 911 telling me to back off or they (the M-1s) would kill me," said Ramsay. "All the death threats seemed to do was create more interest within the police department."

The larger and more established of the two gangs, the M-1's or Murder One Posse, is made up of about 27 Whatcom county youths ranging in age from 13 to

Ramsay said the M-1's dress predominately in black and white, signifying a multi-lateral mix of races involved in the gang. Ethnic backgrounds of the gang members include Caucasians,

into existence out of a hatred of the M-1s. Ramsay said that some affiliation has been reported through two brothers that are active in each of the gangs.

Although quite a bit smaller than the M-1s, Ramsay said he felt that they are gaining popularity. He described them as basically "copy-catting" the M-1s.

The M-1's are suspected of involvement in drug trafficking, assault, theft and threatening a police officer.

"There are some serious criminals invloved here," said Ramsay. "We've taken loaded guns off M-1 members."

Two members are currently serving time on second-degree robbery charges at Nasalle correctional facility on the Olympic Penninsula.

Initiation to the gang involves what members refer to as a "jump in." This involves a severe beating by five or six members until someone decides the new mem-



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Teenagers target for new gang activity

By SARA BRITTON the Western Front

In Bellingham, school officials and community counselors agree middle school kids are at risk for gang recruitment. However, the extent of the problem, especially for middle school students in Bellingham, is debated.

"It's definitely out there at the middle school level," said Whatcom Middle School Vice Principal Mike Copeland. "But we haven't identified anyone in our school (as a gang member.)"

Fairhaven Middle School Principal Gail Aarsdahl agreed.

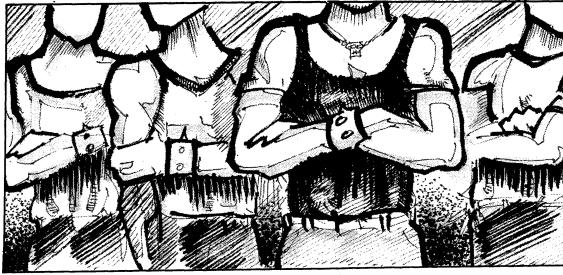
middle school involved in gangs."

Scott Owen, another counselor at Whatcom Connection said he hears about gang activity every day. "Working with kids so keyed up, you can tell it's a really big deal.'

Owen is also a Western student, a senior with a double major in psychology and liberal studies. He is taking this year off and working full-time at the Connection.

Owen said he first heard about Bellingham gang activity six months ago.

"We were pretty spooked,"



"I'm not sure if people just aren't seeing it...I know there are kids in middle school involved in gangs."

—Linda Barry

"We don't have gang activity on campus," she said. However, she said school staff is keeping an eye on kids who might be involved in intimidating behavior.

"I'm not sure if people just aren't seeing it, or if kids themselves don't play it up at school," said Linda Barry, a counselor at Whatcom Connection who said she has worked with gang members. "I know there are kids in

Most gang members do not talk about their gang ties, he said, so group origins are unclear.

According to one of Whatcom Connection's group members, one gang, the PeckerWood Posse (PWP) was originally formed as a support group to help five guys stay off drugs, Owen and Barry said.

"Now, that's a bunch of crap, but I don't know where the truth

is," Barry said. "You've got a kid saying its a social club and you've got an adult saying they're involved in Satanic rituals.'

"There's a lot more to it than that," Owen said.

Members of the Pecker-Wood Posse (PWPs) have been linked to gang fights and, occasionally, to Satanic rituals, Owen

PWP group members work their way into the group by performing various activities they believe are worthy of members. Some members have told Owen that first initiation activities may include shoplifting and cat muti-

"That's pretty violent stuff," Barry said. In her experience, gang members have denied involvement in animal mutilation but have told her gang members are initiated into the group after a fairly severe beating by other group members.

Bellingham gangs are made up of kids who are "acting out," Owen said. "Right now, being in a gang is one of the most rebellious things a kid can do."

During early teenage years, kids are trying to separate from their family and hook up with friends. For teens from dysfunctional families, a social group can serve as a surrogate family,

group members know work the system," Owen said.

"We can't make them stop ... they have to be able to make their own choices," he said.

Crisis homes provide kids with a temporary family situation and help them improve communication between group mem-

The teenagers, who stay for as long as three months, often bond with the group "family." Gang members, who have already found some type of bond within their gang, may be harder to reach initially, Owen said.

"They're just not totally into

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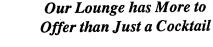
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—Linda Barry

Barry said.

Gang members are often referred to crisis clinic homes like Whatcom Connection as an alternative to juvenile hall, Owen said. Usually bright kids, many the Connection," Owen said. "I try to pal up with them and be

their friend ... If you give them alternatives, eventually they'll pick up on them."

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Two arts students paid recognition

good use. Alumna Heidi Grant, who Theater in Vancouver, British Coreceived her degree from Western in lumbia. 1987 in vocal performance, made her debut last week with the Metropoli- year's tuition and fee waiver under tan Opera in New York. Kwok Wong, the conditions of the J. Ruth Kelsey a junior majoring in illustration and award. The award was made on the graphic design, is the newest recipi- basis of Wong's strong portfolio of ent of the J. Ruth Kelsey award.

production of "Die Frau ohne Schat- Europe. ten" in which she played two roles.

originally been rehearsing for the spring. role of the first servant, but was later roles in the production.

Northwest to perform as a soloist in surfaces. Redmond is a transfer stu-Handel's "Messiah" with the Van- dent from Highline Community couver Bach Choir and Vancouver College and plans to become a work-Symphony Orchestra. Western mu- ing artist after receiving his degree sic instructor Bruce Pullan will be from Western.

their arts training received here to for Dec. 16 and 18 at the Orpheum

Kwok Wong has received a full studio work in illustration and com-Grant's, 24, first opportunity to puter and graphic design. Wong perform with the Metropolitan Op- previously attended Columbia Basin era was as one of 11 winners of the Community College before coming Met's auditions during the 1987-88 to Western. His future plans are to season. Her debut performance on teach graphic design and travel Monday, Nov. 13, was in the Met's throughout the Middle East and

The scholarship program was The Strauss opera is based on a established in 1984 by Kelsey, an Persian fairy tale about the daughter Associate Professor Emeritus of Art of Keikobad, king of the spirits, at Western. The winner of the scholmarried to a mortal emperor of the arship will have a show of recent South Eastern Islands. Grant had work on campus sometime in the

A second award, a Special Merit assigned the more important role of Tuition Award of \$300 (funded by "Guardian of the Threshold." As a DeanRobertSylvesterand an anonyresult, she ended up performing both mous donor) was given to student Michael Redmond for his series of Soon, Grant will return to the paintings with carved and engraved

Prof publishes book

By SARA BYNUM the Western Front

Five long years of research and concentrated work have paid off for Alan Gallay, of the history department, whose first book "Formation of a Planter Elite" was published last month.

The book is about power, and in particular how a frontier region was transformed to a plantation region," Gallay said.

"I was driven to explain where the South came from. I was driven to explain power," he said.

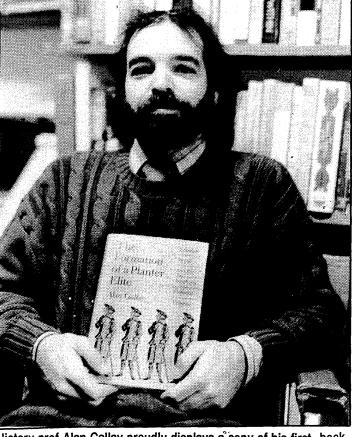
Gallay's book also looks at relationships between the planters and Indians, the planters and slaves and the planters and their

The book may be used for upper-division courses in the fu-

Gallay has long had a fascination for the culture of the Old South. After graduating from high school, Gallay visited Southern battlefields and fell in love with Southern culture. He noted that the culture was astonishingly different from his stomping grounds in New York

"In the South, contradictions of America are magnified, especially racism and hostilities between urban and agricultural workers." he explained.

Gallay decided to become a university professor after realizing he could study and write about Southern culture and get



History prof Alan Gallay proudly displays a copy of his first book published (Photo by TYLER ANDERSON)

paid for it. He has studied at the University of Florida and Georgetown University.

He finds that all Americans outside of the South like to blame the South for everything, racism

being one example.

"People look down on the South as being backward, intolerant and violent. Yet the violence and intolerance is everywhere," he said.

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Faculty Showing diverse, powerful

By MARISA LENCIONI features editor

Within shapes and steel and leather and paint lies the power of the unspoken word.

Monday evening the Western Gallery premiered its Faculty Showing for 1989.

The Gallery is a large, airy space; somehow warm, perhaps owing to the soft trac lighting casting beige shadows on the white walls. The entrance is glass doors outlined with steel. In the immediate right corner is black and textured canvas, scrawled words, a goat's head skeleton

crucifix-shaped spears crowned with toothy goat skulls sprouting spindly twig antlers.

'Scapegoat #1' has a mass of feathers sprouting from the skull's crown. It looks like a flexed wing. The bottom of the pole ends in a cloven hoof, presumably also a goat's, bound to the pole with the same black, sticky-looking tape that winds its way up the perimeter of the work.

Jensen also features a charcoal drawing, flattened in its middle with a battery cover plate. The charcoal is traced in even gridmarks centered on the white background, the irridescent

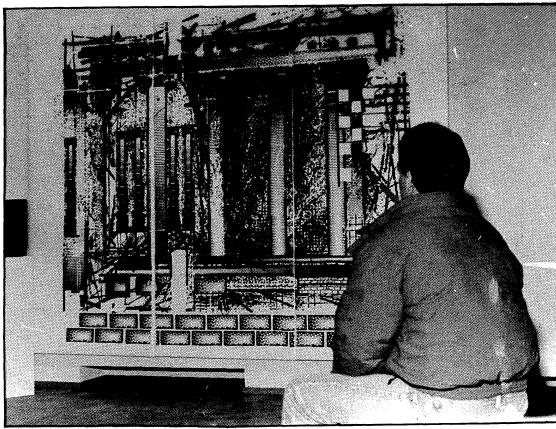
'Sato transformed the water image, making it full and sensual, flushed color highlighting the curve of the waves as they fell from the spout.'

speared on a wooden pole wrapped with canvas tape and buckled with leather.

The skeleton work is called 'Scapegoat #2 (Scarecrow Series)' by faculty member R. Allen Jensen. Students milling about the piece referred to him as 'Bob'. Two 'Scapegoats' make up the series. They are both tall pieces, stretching almost to the ceiling,

blue-black of the metal plate heavy and opaque against it. The frame is composed of screws and glass. The screws look almost delicate as they curve in deep Ushapes threefold against the clear pane. It is an image at once weightless and strong.

Next to Jensen's portraits of deep color and texture are those of instructor Dave Marsh. Marsh



Doug Ottenson, junior business major, studies Madge Gleason's 'Digital Doric South' work on display part of the Western Gallery' 1989 Faculty Art Show (Photo by TIM BOYLES)

works in watercolor, mixing intense color with the lightness of clear liquid.

The brushstrokes of 'Blazing Forest' are rhythmic. Cerulean blue, violet, hunter green and deep blood red meld together as mirror images, the repetition of the brush patterns bleeding into the crater-textured canvas. It's calm, but powerful.

Points of stiff, bound treetrunks seem to pierce the plastered wall of the Gallery. Mary McIntyre has created 'Gate for the Spider Woman'. Using trunks and boughs of cherry and alderwood gathered from a friend's acreage, McIntyre binds the knotty limbs with sharp rustcolored silver and wrapped copper wire.

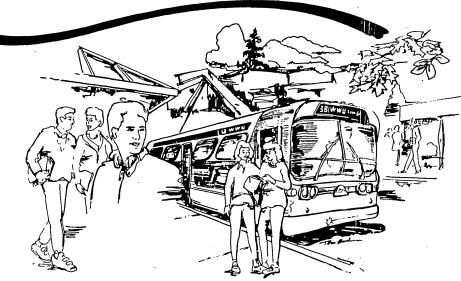
Not all the art presented lay still. Video images were represented as well, some computeroriented, others using the moving-picture medium to shed new light on familiar scenes.

Norie Sato's 'Resevoir' was video of water running. By using light and shadow Sato transformed the water image, making it full and sensual, flushed color highlighting the curve of the waves as they fell from the spout.

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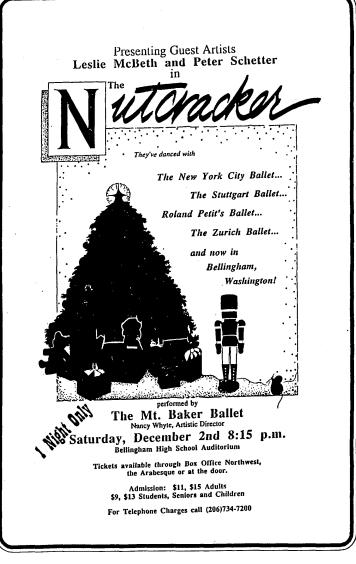
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Official label sells greed

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Everything from film to deodorant to feminine hygiene products have fallen prey to the whims of greedy advertisers by sponsoring events such as the Olympics. And we thought they were just being patriotic.

So many advertisers are jumping on the "official sponsor" bandwagon. It appears as if more emphasis is being placed on the products rather than the events themselves.

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And what would happen if it were discovered Greg Louganis wasn't wearing Speedos? Would they take away his gold medals? Would the Statue of Liberty have received a face-lift if it weren't for Sure deodorant? Would Robert Conrad have a life at all if it weren't for Energizer batter-

Official sponsors have worn out their welcome. The novelty has passed; everyone has one (or more).

Sure, it's nice to know the companies want to be involved, but trying to take credit for the Bill of Rights seems pretty tacky.

Kind of like the KKK sponsoring the Declaration of Independence.

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Who needs the sun?

Be thankful for those rainy days

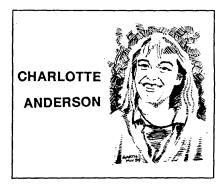
aybe the rain isn't so bad. My roommate and I had the pleasure of meeting our new landlady from California last

The clouds had just lightened their load of lead-weight water on Sunday. The landlady pulled up in a borrowed BMW and began taking pictures of the interior of our humble abode. She told us, "We bought the house sight-unseen, you know.'

"What on earth made you do that?" I asked through a strained smile.

'Oh, the realtor said it was a good deal," she answered while photographing the exposed leaking pipes and rotting ceiling in our bathroom.

She took her first tour of her "sightunseen purchase." A relatively pleasant person, I thought she had the potential of being a conscientious landlord.



Yes, she is conscientious, but primarily of money.

My roommate and I led her into the dirt-floor basement which was an inch deep in water at the time. One could see through the holes in the foundation, and it was colder than Nancy Reagan's

Her observation: "Oh, this could be

made into another room. Just put up some sheet rock."

We gave her the grand tour of the musty, wood-rotted one-car gargage in the alley above our apartment. We walked around on the creaking, uneven boards, taking care not to fall through any hidden traps.

Her first cute comment: "This would make a good room, too."

What is this woman doing here? I clenched my teeth, thinking, "Does she like the Northwest? Is she considering MOVING HERE?"

So I asked her, "We finally got a break from that rain today; do you like the weather here?

"Oh, the rain is so depressing. I could never live here," she answered.

Thank you rain gods, thank you slugs and thank you mildew, whose special purpose is to deter the Califor-



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many meanings

Faith is best defined by two leading authorities, the dictionary and the Bible. The Webster's Dictionary defines faith as, "unquestioning belief, specifically in God, with complete trust or confidence," while the Bible defines faith as, "sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." (Hebrews 11:1)

With these definitions in mind, most of us would conclude that faith is strictly for the religiously pious. Or can we? Certainly, we know that in most daily activities we presume a certain amount of faith.

For example, when we get into the passenger seat of a friend's car, we trustingly place our lives in their hands. How about our families? Do we not faithfully believe that they love us? Although we know through faith that our family loves us, we are un-

able to scientifically prove it. Faith is outwardly unprovable, but inwardly unwavering. We can be certain that whether we put our trust in Jesus Christ, family, friends or possessions, we all have faith. Thus, the question remains, In what do you put your faith?

Kyle Lindley,

Recruitments promots ideas

Editor:

Every year the CIA recruits prospective employees at Pacific Lutheran University. This sparks controversy and discussion; students organize protests and petition to ban the CIA from campus. After reading the article in the Nov. 3 issue of the Western Front, I discovered the situation is similar at Western.

Students who do not approve of the CIA's missions have every right to protest its recruiting. People must fight for what they believe in. Banning

recruitment could be a step toward the end of the agency, but it is not likely However, should their protesting and petitioning succeed, the recruiting visits would no longer be the catalyst for discussion. By allowing the CIA to recruit on campus, the universities show that they support a free exchange of ideas. As students of higher education, the Western community should be eager to hear the argument from both sides — we must avoid prejudiced, one-sided education.

Is it fair to students to ban the agency from coming? Surely students are well-educated enough to make their own choices. It is not fair to choose for them. Instead of banning the CIA from campus, concentrate on educating others on the roles of the CIA and its philosophy. If the agency is as heinous as the protestors believe, there should be little difficulty in convincing potential recruits that it is the wrong career choice.

-Kevin James Knutsen PLU social education major

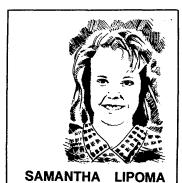
Abolish racism

Racists, dig up family roots

Picture this: You are a white American and do some research into your family's heritage and discover, to your surprise, one of your ancestors was black.

Does this upset you, or are you not bothered by the fact that you come from a family of a different race? This question would have an interesting answer if answered by a racist, wouldn't it? This wouldn't bother me, but I know white racists would be quite enlightened by such a discovery in their past.

Racism today is said to be caused by a number of things: stereotyping, segregation, childrearing and, most importantly, ignorance. The most understandable being ignorance —



people's ignorance of their families' roots — and that deep inside of them they are not as pure as they appear on the outside

Some people in this world do not appreciate the fact that all of our families come from

Communism is nonexistent

Editor:

My argument is not with Mr. Bokamper's criticism of Christianity's history and apparent goals (Nov. 14). The difficulty I find with his argument is his reference to Communism as a similar structure.

Communism as an ideology is as opposite from Christianity as an ideology can get. Communism is based on the philosophy of dialectic, a process in which mind is changed by continuing to understand matter. Each builds on the contradictions between them, integrates, and results in a new set of contradictions. This dialectic materialism places humans at the center of the process because philosophically we are matter.

In contrast, Christianity is based on faith. Faith is defined in Webster as a "belief that is not based on

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Is In the Hands of a Friend proof." And proof is "evidence sufficient to establish a thing as true ..." Therefore, Christianity is not based on matter and its relation to the thought process, whereas Communism is. Bokamper's statement that the "adherents" of Christianity, like Communists "are not taught to think, but blindly believe ..." is false.

What he's probably referring to is the current, false perception of Communism. Contrary to what many government officials, the media, textbooks, etc. say, true Communism does not and has never existed on this planet. What does exist in places like the Soviet Union is an effort to reach a Communist state, sometimes employing the unfortunate tactics mentioned by Bokamper.

The reason I've chosen to rebut Mr. Bokamper's claims about Communism is that I'm tired of reading and hearing about all the cruelties wrongly attached to the Communism theory. In a world of individualism, competition and exploitation created by capitalism, we are light years away from the kind of society set forth by Karl Marx. Fear and ignorance have stopped us from understanding the possibilities, achievements and benefits of a different society; one that is based on promoting human development and intellectual thought.

> —Carol Schimke, Fairhaven major

different countries, and we all are not originally from America

I believe the white supremicists of this world should take a look into their family tree; they might have a different perspective and discover what a mistake they've been making — thinking they belong and have the right to rule this country.

It would be nice to show one of those skinheads their family history — revealing that perhaps an ancestor was Jewish or black. They would instantly think about all the harm they've done and hopefully put themselves in the shoes of the Jews and the blacks they so violently hate. Perhaps we could use this as a method through which we could ultimately abolish racism.

Religion should not be forced

Editor

I wish to commend your Nov. 14 edition which featured a letter from a gentleman attacking fundamentalism.

It is high time that something be done about these bigoted, unthinking fanatical extremists. I am sick and tired of these misled individuals strongly believing that they need to earn brownie points from their god by cramming their beliefs upon others.

The Judeo-Christian religion teaches to love people, which these individuals neglect to do. I feel that it is necessary to remind all of you readers of the many millions of innocent Jews who were exterminated under Hitler's Nazi Germany during the Second World War.

All of these people really are born again Nazis who are itching day and night for there to be another inquisition just so they can participate in executing a "heretic" in "the name of God."

Let us, as a civil society, prevent these over-zealous maniacs from taking over our colleges and universities.

— Timothy Moshier

Helmets really do save lives

Editor:

In response to Rita Severeid (Nov. 14): In June of 1986, I too was cut off by a car while riding a motorcycle. Luckily for me, I was wearing a leather jacket, gloves and a helmet with a chin bar. Without those basic items, I surely would have been finished.

The crash happened in the worst of all possible scenarios. It was late at night, I was alone (except for the other driver), and the road was the dark, secluded, and dangerous Chuckanut Drive.

The driver of a dark blue or black Volkswagon Rabbit was speeding toward me in my lane. To avoid a head-on collision (in which I definitely would have died), I rode onto the shoulder, where I launched off a rock. The bike and I landed back in the middle of the road, upside down.

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The palms of both gloves were scraped down to the thickness of paper. My jacket and jeans had more holes than stitches. My helmet looked like someone went over the top with a chain saw. And the driver didn't even stop.

I agree very much, Rita, that riders of motorcycles and scooters should wear helmets. It is unfortunate that popular opinion says that such a law is wrong.

The facts stand on the helmet law side. For every helmeted rider who dies of head injuries, about two hundred and fifty unhelmeted riders die.

If only everyone had agreed to make it law, Rita, your friend would still be here. And if only people would take notice and avoid cutting others off ...

—David K. Middleton, senior, psychology

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Drugs, AIDS talk informs students

By SAMANTHA LIPOMA the Western Front

An estimated 20 to 30 people on Western's campus carry the HIV positive (Human Immuno-Deficiency Virus) which can cause AIDS.

Three informative films about drugs and AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) were shown, and a question-and-answer session was held Wednesday in the Viking Union Lounge.

Dennis Dashiell, coordinator for the Drug Information Center, and John Jordy, pre- and post-counselor for HIV testing in Western's Health Center, introduced and discussed the films.

"Not a large audience came here today because AIDS is a hard thing to talk about, and others are just plain afraid of it," Jordy said. About 10 people were in attendance.

Last week was AIDS Awareness Week. The main thrust of Wednesday's discussion was drugs and AIDS. Jordy said to his surprise, Bellingham has a high percentage of intravenous (IV) drug users. One out of every 500 people who attend college in the United States test positive for the

"Some people are walking around who don't even know they are infected; they may be spreading it to others," Dashiell said.

The first film shown, "The Best Defense," dealt mostly with IV drug users. According to the film, right now most people who have contracted AIDS did so through IV drug use. It is no longer an epidemic among only homosexuals. Just having sex once with someone carrying the virus will do it. This is why the importance of condom use is stressed.

If a person isn't ready to quit drugs, they should not share or reuse "works" (paraphernalia used while shooting-up: cotton balls, water, spoons, syringes, etc.) The rule is "SAFE SEX AND CLEAN WORKS" to prevent the spread and contraction of AIDS.

During the question-and-answer session, Jordy said any drugs (even alcohol) puts your risk higher because your immune system is lowered. It makes you more susceptible.

"There are not many heroin users on campus, but there are steroid users. They run the same risk if shooting up," Dashiell said

WSL

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dents, not on party politics, Kruse said.

"Everybody has a positive view of education and a students' perspective makes a difference," Anderton said.

Five regions in Olympia's legislature are distributed among WSL universities and are divided according to districts for each school. Assigned schools will tell legislators what issues should be given attention.

Western has twelve districts, University of Washington has 27, Central Washington University has four, Eastern Washington University has five and Washington State University has three. "District divisions serve as a way to concentrate student energies on every side of the legislature to make sure everything gets covered," Kruse explained.

Historically, on Western's

Historically, on Western's campus, students have had little involvement in WSL because a lot of competition exists from other groups, Anderton said.

Issues currently on the WSL agenda for this year are the SAF bill, which gives students greater control over student monies; the financial aid bill, which would increase financial aid for students by 11 percent and would include special provisions to adjust financial aid when tuition costs increased or decreased; and graduate and tuition fees, which would supply money for graduates earning a degree so they

wouldn't have to work a 40-hour work week to get through school.

WSL is currently looking for WSL volunteers, who would attend state board meetings, afterschool activities, conduct letter writing campaigns to increase legislative awareness on issues and make contacts within the legislature.

Volunteers may also go with a Western delegation to testify on a bill and talk with legislators in Olympia, Kruse said.

People who are interested in government are encouraged to volunteer because WSL is a non-partisan group and can represent all student interests, Kruse said.

For more information on volunteering, call 647-6124 or drop by WSL's office in Viking Union 221.

SALARY

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paid \$870 apiece, and their pay would go to \$1,047, making a difference of \$177.

At the administrative level, coordinators and managers would earn a raise from \$870 to \$1,037, making a difference of \$167.

The salary proposal states that to attract qualified student employees for jobs which may apply in their chosen careers, the AS must pay an amount competitive enough to convince students that on-campus work is an affordable alternative to working off-campus.

SALAZAR

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Salazar said America is responsible for the continuation of the war in El Salvador. If the United States were to cut off aid to the ARENA government, it would collapse and the FMLN would be able to set up a government that doesn't employ death squads.

According to a CISPES (Committee in Solidarity for the People of El Salvador) press statement, the American government has approved \$85 million

in military aid to El Salvador. Attempts are being made to speed up the process so the ARENA government will have weapons to battle the FMLN.

The press statement goes on to state, "Allies in Honduras and Guatemala have been placed on full alert. El Salvador threatens to explode into a full-scale regional war, just like Vietnam."

The focus of the speech was on what happened last weekend and the murder of the priests. The speech also included plans to overthrow the military government for the minority that currently is in power in El Salvador.

The meeting closed out with a rally chant, "FMLN, El Salvador is gonna win!"

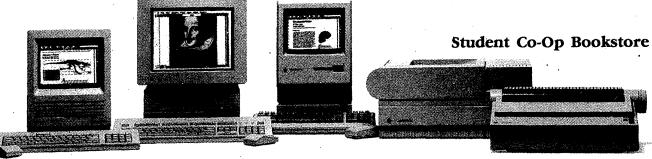
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