



Voters elect conservatives to local offices

By Margret Graham
News editor

Whatcom County voters defeated both tax-revolt measures 601 and 602, voted "yes" on "three strikes you're out" initiative 593 and narrowly approved a referendum to loosen up the county Critical Areas Ordinance in the Nov. 2 general election.

Conservative newcomers will replace eight city and county council members. But Jim Cozad, chair of the Democratic Party of Whatcom County, said the election "wasn't a conservative landslide by any means."

He said he saw hope in the fact that in all but one race, 5 percent or less was the margin of victory or defeat.

"The voters out there are split 50-50," he said. "They weren't necessarily the candidates I would have picked, but I believe they're candidates who are committed to

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Expert to talk post-college job prospects

David Swanson, internationally acclaimed job expert of the "What Color is Your Parachute" team, presents "How to Get the Job you Want After College" from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday, Nov. 8, in the Viking Union Main Lounge.



DAVID SWANSON

The free workshop, which targets students, will focus on three main areas: the new job market for the next decade (what works and what doesn't); how to decide what you want to do; and how to market yourself into the job you want.

The presentation is sponsored by the Career Services Center and others.



Anthropology major Damond Crump (left) and philosophy major William Gerdes battle in Red Square as part of Rolehaven, an ongoing life-sized role-playing game. Photo by Adam Leask

602 fails; 601 passing, but opponents to go to court over constitutionality

By Troy Schauls
staff reporter

Washington voters soundly defeated Initiative 602 in Nov. 2's statewide election with a 56 percent "no" vote, temporarily relieving the anxieties of thousands of educators and students across the state.

But with I-601 passing by about 15,000 votes at press time, hard times for higher education could still be on the fiscal horizon.

At the time of this writing, with more than 98 percent of precincts reporting, 601 leads by about a 1 percent margin with about 175,000 absentee ballots yet to be

counted.

601, the companion initiative to 602, would limit general state spending increases to the percentage rate of population growth plus the percentage increase in inflation. Additionally, 601 would require a vote of the people in some cases (in others, a two-thirds majority vote of the legislature) for the state to collect any new taxes. A public vote would also be required if the legislature wishes to exceed the legal budgetary spending cap.

Associated Students President Keith Boyd said he believes the people of the state did the right thing by defeating I-602, but 601 still spells trouble for higher ed.

"I am very relieved (about 602's defeat), but there is still a long road ahead because of 601," Boyd said. "But 601 won't come into effect until 1995, so we still have a couple of years."

Larry Richardson, chair of the Council of Faculty Representatives, an association that represents Washington's six four-year universities in the state legislature, said even though 602 failed, 601 could mean services and facilities cutbacks, further financial aid scarcity and a statewide tuition increase. On the other hand, Richardson said, because 602 didn't pass "we won't have to fire 100 faculty, which is what we

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Realty companies' role in city housing hard to define

By Vanessa Blackburn
staff reporter

This is the second installment of a four part series focusing on affordable housing in Bellingham. Future articles will look at tenant laws and the homeless.

The glut of students in the

rental market has contributed to excessive rent, lack of availability and, often, poor living conditions. Property management companies are central to student housing and sometimes a key focus in these issues because they tend to target the student market. These companies have a reputation for having problems, how-

ever, and being unresponsive to tenants.

Few statistics are available on the role of realty companies in the rental market, said Chris Chisholm, coordinator of the Rainbow Coalition's Housing Task Force.

"Hardly any research has been done in this area, but the Coalition

and other political activist groups are starting to fill that void," he said. These groups will continue to watch out for price fixing which keeps rent high.

Former student Carolyn Eyestone believes some realty companies "prey" on students because they believe students are unaware of their rights. She rented

a house from Lakeway Realty, one of many companies that rents houses and apartments to a large student population.

"The house I rented was poorly maintained and expensive compared to other houses in the neighborhood," she said. "I felt that because I was a student, they

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Campus and Bellingham Cops Box

Campus Police

Nov. 1, 4:08 p.m.: A student reported her bicycle frame and rear tire were stolen after she had locked it to a Mathes Hall bike rack. She had taken off her seat because it could be easily removed. The woman found only the front tire and lock. Police had no suspects.

Nov. 3, 9:24 a.m.: University police received a phone call from a woman at the south side of Wilson Library. She reported a former co-worker had been calling her names loud enough that everyone around them could hear it.

Nov. 3, 9:29 a.m.: Campus police said someone had removed photos from a wall display in Miller Hall.

Nov. 3, 1 p.m.: The campus security office received a complaint from a woman living in the Kappa dormitory claiming her ex-boyfriend has been making harassing phone calls and visits.

Bellingham Police

Nov. 3, 12:01 a.m.: Bellingham police cited and released a Ferndale woman for allegedly committing an assault on the 1300 block of Railroad Avenue.

Nov. 3, 9:16 a.m.: Police responded to a caller who reported some unknown suspects broke into a collection box and stole cash from the second floor of a building on the 1200 block of Railroad Avenue. The suspects apparently used some sort of prying tool to break the mailbox's lock.

Nov. 3, 10:48 a.m.: A shop owner on the 4200 block of Meridian Street said a person tried to buy drugs with a fake prescription.

Nov. 3, 4:01 p.m.: An officer received a call from a Bellingham resident who lives on the 1700 block of Texas Street claiming a roommate was making too much noise. The roommate said the complainant was also boisterous. The officer told both parties to consider each other's feelings and peace.

Nov. 3, 4:25 p.m.: Police went to the 3200 block of Northwest Avenue, where a woman said a man had threatened her because he was not satisfied with the dog she had sold him. The man wanted to return the dog and get back his money. The woman said she didn't want the dog. The man said he did not make any threats. However, he agreed to no longer go to the women's residence, as long as she would not visit his home either.

Nov. 3, 7 p.m.: Police answered a call from a business on the 100 block of East Magnolia Street which reported a burglary.



Campus and community events

Bingo night to benefit anti-harassment group

To benefit the Northwest Coalition Against Harassment, the Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Alliance (LGBA) is sponsoring an evening of bingo beginning at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 6 in the Viking Union Coffee Shop.

For more information, contact the LGBA at 650-6120 or stop by Viking Union 223.

Fax newsletter seeks to provide emotional support

"New Patterns," a new newsletter that seeks to provide spiritual solutions and emotional support, is available by fax for free. The letter, usually less than 5 or 6 pages long, is published the first and third Monday of each month.

Readers may call 647-0889 and activate the polling feature of their fax machine or fax modem for a copy. The telephone number is available 24 hours a day.

Distribution of this newsletter is entirely at the reader's request and anonymous.

Book sale will help send students to conference

Phi Alpha Theta and students in the history department will host a book sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Nov. 8, 9 and 10 in the carpeted area of the Viking Union Main Lounge.

Proceeds will help support students delivering papers at an annual history regional conference.

Class to help displaced homemakers adjust

A career exploration/job search class for displaced homemakers will Monday through Thursday mornings, Nov. 8 through Dec. 2, at Whatcom Community College's facility at 5217 Northwest Road.

Participants will learn how to take inventory of their skills.

State, national and world news in brief

Gay Seattle couple to provide foster care for boy under temporary ruling

BELLINGHAM (AP)—A Bellingham court commissioner turned down Megan Lucas' request for temporary custody of her three-year-old son. He is in the foster care of a gay Seattle couple who want to adopt him.

The closed-court hearing to determine whether Lucas can reverse her decision to give up the boy for adoption was recessed Thursday because of scheduling conflicts in Whatcom County Superior Court. Lucas said that when she gave the boy up more than a year ago, she was told he would be placed with a heterosexual couple.

Demos downplay strong Republican showing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats downplayed the Republican's sweep of major races in Tuesday's elections. They said it showed that people want change, but didn't show the voters want to change who controls the White House.

Hollywood reacts to Phoenix death

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Leeza Gibbons said it will be a long time before Hollywood can come to terms with River Phoenix's death. "I don't think anyone knows what to believe," Gibbons said about the rumors drugs may have been involved.

Clinton says fewer than anticipated will pay more under proposed health plan

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Clinton Administration said the news on the cost of its health care plan is even better than thought. Officials now estimate

only 30 percent—not 40 percent—of Americans with health coverage will pay more under the Clinton plan.

Officials apologize for racially motivated attack on U.S. luge team in Germany

OBERHOF, Germany (AP) — City fathers of the small German town Oberhof, concerned about the international uproar caused by the neo-Nazi attack on members of the U.S. luge team, penned a note of apology to President Clinton Thursday and continued to search for the attackers.

Witness says police fired first at rapper Shakur

ATLANTA (AP) — A witness said rapper Tupac Shakur didn't fire the first shot in his alleged gun battle with two off-duty police officers in Atlanta. The witness told police he saw one of the officers pull a gun and fire at Shakur's car. Shakur then fired three shots, hitting one officer in the back and the other in the buttocks, the witness said. The shooting began after a car came close to hitting the two officers. Shakur was

charged with two counts of aggravated assault and is free on bond.

Blind Melon singer charged after stripping, urinating on crowd in Vancouver, B.C.

NEW YORK (AP) — Blind Melon lead singer Shannon Hoon said he didn't mean to offend anyone when he stripped and urinated on stage in Vancouver, British Columbia, Halloween night. In a statement, Hoon explained that he had something to drink and got caught up in the celebration. Besides being Halloween, Oct. 31 was guitarist Rogers Stevens' birthday. Hoon was arrested after Blind Melon's set and charged with public nudity and with committing an indecent act.

WWU Official Announcements

Deadline for announcements in this space is noon Friday for the Tuesday edition and noon Wednesday for the Friday edition. *Announcements should be limited to 50 words, typewritten or legibly printed, and sent through campus mail to "Official Announcements," MS-9117, fax 7287, or taken in person to Commissary 113A. DO NOT ADDRESS ANNOUNCEMENTS DIRECTLY TO THE WESTERN FRONT. Phoned announcements will not be accepted. All announcements should be signed by originator.*

PLEASE POST

- **WINTER QUARTER DEGREE AND INITIAL CERTIFICATE CANDIDATES:** All students who expect to graduate and/or receive a teaching certificate at the close of winter quarter must have a senior/certification evaluation on file in the Registrar's Office in OM 230 by Dec. 3. *Degree applications must be returned by Dec. 3.* To pick up a degree application, go to OM 230. Deadline for *spring* graduates is March 11.
- **ATTENTION NDSL/FEDERAL PERKINS AND GSL/STAFFORD/FFELP LOAN BORROWERS:** If you are not returning winter quarter or if you are graduating fall quarter, you are *required to schedule an exit interview.* Stop by Student Fiscal Services, OM 265, or call X/3943 no later than Nov. 22 to schedule an interview. *School records will be subject to withholding if you do not appear for the mandatory interview.*
- **A LAW SCHOOL INFORMATION DAY** will be held in the VU Lounge from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, November 5. Representatives from several law schools will be present. For more information, call X/3240.
- **INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS AND EXCHANGES** is accepting applications for full-year exchanges to Japan. Applications and information are available in OM 530B and 530E. Applications must be returned by Nov. 5.
- **LOT RESERVATIONS.** Lots 11G, 12G, 13G, 14G and 25G will be reserved starting at 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6 for those attending the Guarneri String Quartet performance. Drivers who park in a reserved lot prior to the attendant's arrival and then remain parked during the lot reservation period without authorization from the attendant will be considered illegally parked. Except for lots 10G and 8V Monday through Thursday, any G, V or C lot other than those listed may be used. Permit holders' vehicles may remain in their lot after 5 p.m. for work-related purposes. The permit holder's vehicle will automatically be authorized if the parking permit is properly displayed.
- **THE TEST FOR ENTRANCE INTO TEACHER EDUCATION (TETEP)** will be given at 1:30 p.m. Nov. 10. Registration is required. A \$20 fee must be paid in the exact amount at time of registration. TETEP takes about 2½ hours.
- **TCCC WILL MEET** at 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18 in MH 210. Agenda items include petitions for a BA in education without certification and a discussion of the BA in education without certification.
- **A WORKSHOP: HOW TO GET THE JOB YOU WANT AFTER COLLEGE** will be held from 7-9 p.m. Monday, Nov. 8 in the VU Main Lounge. The event is free and open to the public.
- **A CAREER CONNECTIONS WORKSHOP** for graduating students is scheduled for Nov. 16 and Dec. 1. Designed for students who will graduate between Nov. 1, 1993 and Oct. 31, 1994, it provides opportunities to connect with the information and resources provided by the Career Services Center, including on-campus employer interviews, notices of job openings, workshops to assist in searching for jobs, preparing for interviews, individual counseling, and more. Contact CSC, OM 280.
- **CAREER SERVICES CENTER WORKSHOPS:** Career workshops are offered throughout fall quarter. Due to space limitations, *signups are required* for all workshops. Several sessions also are scheduled for CHOICES, a computerized career guidance system. For information on specific workshops, on CHOICES sessions, or to sign up, stop by Old Main 280 or call 650-3240.

On-campus interviews

Please note: Signups are required in OM 280 for all interviews and workshops.

- **Microsoft Corp.,** various positions and degree requirements. Some positions have deadlines for submitting résumé, cover letter and CIF. For more information, contact Career Services Center, OM 280.
- **Lady Footlocker,** Thursday, Nov. 11. Submit CIF when you sign up to interview.
- **Businessmen's Assurance Co.,** Thursday, Nov. 11. Submit CIF when you sign up to interview.
- **Weyerhaeuser Co.,** Thursday, Nov. 11. Attend information session, HU 103 at 10 a.m. or HU 101 at 2 p.m. Signup not required. Interviews winter quarter.

ACC discusses reinstatement, transfer policy, general degrees

By Kris Alexander
staff reporter

Western's Academic Coordinating Commission (ACC) met with Academic Advising administrators and the registrar Nov. 2 to discuss the process of reinstating students released on academic probation and to examine problems with the Associate of Arts (AA) transfer policy.

Academic Advising Director Ronald Johnson described the duties of the Scholastic Standing Committee, an administrative group that reviews the petitions of students who are applying for reinstatement because they have been dropped from the university.

The committee is made up of about 15 faculty members from diverse departments and cultures and coordinated by Academic Advising.

Several ACC members raised questions regarding the procedure, including whether it is appropriate for the committee's members to be recruited rather than elected, and whether decisions made by the group should be submitted to other branches of the school for approval.

Johnson said 68 percent of reinstatement petitions are denied. The committee has to predict whether or not a student will be successful at Western.

Registrar Joseph St. Hilaire requested that the ACC help clarify current AA transfer policies. He and several ACC commissioners explained that many variables need

to be considered, particularly situations in which a student leaves Western to finish an AA because it would be easier than completing the General Undergraduate Requirement (GUR) program. Also, students sometimes fail to complete their associate's degree before transferring to Western and then decide to complete it while they are enrolled here.

The ACC responded by passing a motion to endorse the catalog guidelines on pages 34 and 35, which states that if a student must complete a degree to satisfy a GUR at Western, he or she must earn it by the time 45 credits have been earned or one year has passed.

In other business, ACC Chair Lee Dallas asked members to help start an ad-hoc committee to review the pros and cons of changing to a semester system, including looking at other universities.

Developing generalized degree programs that would comprise a wide variety of learning fields within a particular department was also discussed.

"Part of the challenge ... is (to ensure) that the degree, in terms of course requirements, isn't looser than the standard major," said Fairhaven professor Daniel Lamer.

"We continue to be impacted with students ... (who) are sent from psychology and they run to sociology immediately because psych is filled. (With the new policy) students, some, will seek a generalized major and others will use it as an alternative," said geology professor James Talbot.

Prize-winning alumnus to speak on new book

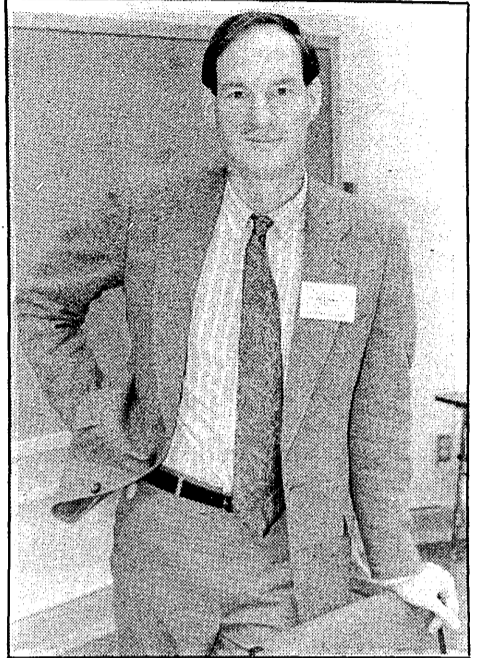
Bill Dietrich, a Western and Fairhaven College graduate and Pulitzer Prize-winning environmental reporter for the *Seattle Times*, starts Western's new series of quarterly talks by accomplished alumni from noon to 1 p.m. today, Nov. 5, in the Wilson Library Presentation Room.

The author of "The Final Forest: The Battle for the Last Great Trees of the Pacific Northwest," Dietrich will discuss material from his upcoming book on development and transformation of the Columbia River and its environmental cost.

His talk, "The Press and the Environment in an Age of Uncertainty" follows a one-hour signing of "Final Forest" in the Student Co-op Bookstore.

The talk is free. Those who attend are welcome to bring their lunches.

Dietrich's visit is sponsored by Homecoming 1993 and the Alumni Speaker Series.



Bill Dietrich

Junior Writing Exam scores posted

As of Nov. 4, this quarter's Junior Writing Exam results will be posted in the Writing Center on the third floor of Wilson Library and in individual academic departments.

Carmen Werder, Assistant Director of the Writing Center, said students who did not pass should first get a JWE study packet from the bookstore if they have not already. The next step is to sign up for a summary workshop or the Microlab computer program depending on what part was failed.

Werder said the two most common problems with the summary are the accuracy of one's thesis and a lack of connections between ideas. The workshops, which will resume on Nov. 9, are designed to help students with these and other problems.

Werder also encouraged students to sign up to meet one-on-one with a tutor before or after a workshop. Students can bring in practice summaries and discuss them with tutors.

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LOST & FOUND SALE

The Lost & Found will be holding its quarterly sale **Wednesday, November 10th**, from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the Viking Union TV Lounge. There will be many different items to choose from, so stop by and check it out!!



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Legal questions may decide the fate of initiative

I-601,

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would have done."

Boyd and the AS Board are being pessimistic and bracing for whatever might happen as a result of 601, Richardson said. But both Boyd and Richardson said they will do all they can to protect the funding base for higher education.

"No matter what happens," Boyd said, "it's ironic that we (the state) spend \$27,000 a year to keep each inmate in prison and are spending so little to provide higher education."

In the event that 601 passes, many believe a court battle over

the constitutionality of the initiative is inevitable. Eugene Hogan, expert on the subject of jurisprudence and professor in Western's political science department, said he sees at least three points of legal attack.

First, Article VI of the Washington State Constitution states that the power of taxation can not be "suspended, surrendered or contracted away" from the legislature. I-601 could potentially take taxation power away from the legislature and give it to the public by way of a direct vote on revenue generation issues, which the courts may find illegal, Hogan said.

Second, Article II of the Washington Constitution states "no bill shall become

law" unless all who vote on the bill have their votes recorded and a simple majority (50 percent plus one) votes either in favor of or against a bill. This again, Hogan said, may be found unconstitutional because tax increases under 601 would require a two-thirds vote and not just a majority of the legislature.

Third, Hogan said, 601 contains many of the elements of a constitutional amendment, but in reality it is not. Article I states that all "provisions are mandatory unless by express words they are declared otherwise," so I-601 might be stricken down

because it is not an amendment and thus cannot change constitutional mandate regarding taxation and spending.

Additionally,

a federal question regarding 601 may exist. Hogan said 601 may violate the 14th Amendment of the United States Constitution, which states that through proportional representation of the people, legislatures can make law by an affirmative majority vote, thereby ensuring majority rule. I-601 would allow a minority to block the will of the majority through the two-thirds voting provision, because that method would require only a third of the legislature plus one vote to block passage of a taxation bill.

Thus, a minority of the population, through the legislature, can dictate the desires of the majority. And since states can

not make laws that conflict with the U.S. Constitution, Hogan said, therein lies one of the most important legal questions.

Richardson warned that Washington isn't safe from initiatives like 601 or 602 for long, though.

"I think the opening (shots have been fired) by those who want to see spending limited. Bills like this tend to keep coming back, like Proposition 5 in Oregon and Proposition 13 in California. I think we'll definitely see this again," Richardson said.

Boyd said Western may undergo a radical tuition restructuring soon as a result of 601 spending limitations, forcing upper-

middle-income families (from which the vast majority of Western students come) to pay much higher tuition bills.

"I think it's fair to ask students and their families to pay a bit more, but phase it in," he said.

Both Boyd and Richardson said the language of 601 is very vague, and that even without 602, it could have serious funding consequences.

"No one really knows what it all means," Richardson said.

"Five years down the road, we may be in more trouble than we're in now," Boyd said. "I'm keeping my fingers crossed."

"No matter what happens, it's ironic that we (the state) spend \$27,000 a year to keep each inmate in prison and are spending so little to provide higher education."

— Kelth Boyd
AS president

Voter turnout low again

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ensure that the political process remains free and open to the public.

"It wasn't an earth-shattering defeat by any means," he added.

Cozad said he was "delighted" by Whatcom County's defeat of Initiatives 601 and 602.

"The people of Whatcom County really saw through the scam that has been perpetuated by the Republican Party," he said.

The small margin by which voters passed Referendum 92-3, which will remove many barriers to development by weakening the county's temporary Critical Areas Ordinance, also encouraged him.

"It is of great concern to many people,

both in terms of how we balance ... economic growth in the county as well as protection of our critical areas and environment," he said.

"The issue at this point in time is forging ahead with what's there and trying to come up with a permanent ordinance that strikes a balance."

The new ordinance is in place for two years, at the end of which "it'll all be opened up and we'll all fight and argue again," Cozad said.

As for the state and local elections in general, Cozad said what really concerned him was not the results but the voter turnout. In Whatcom County, only 48 percent of registered voters went to the polls.

"That's up 8 percent from the last off-year election, but more people need to be aware and involved," he said.

Huxley graduate uses degree to put hemp to work

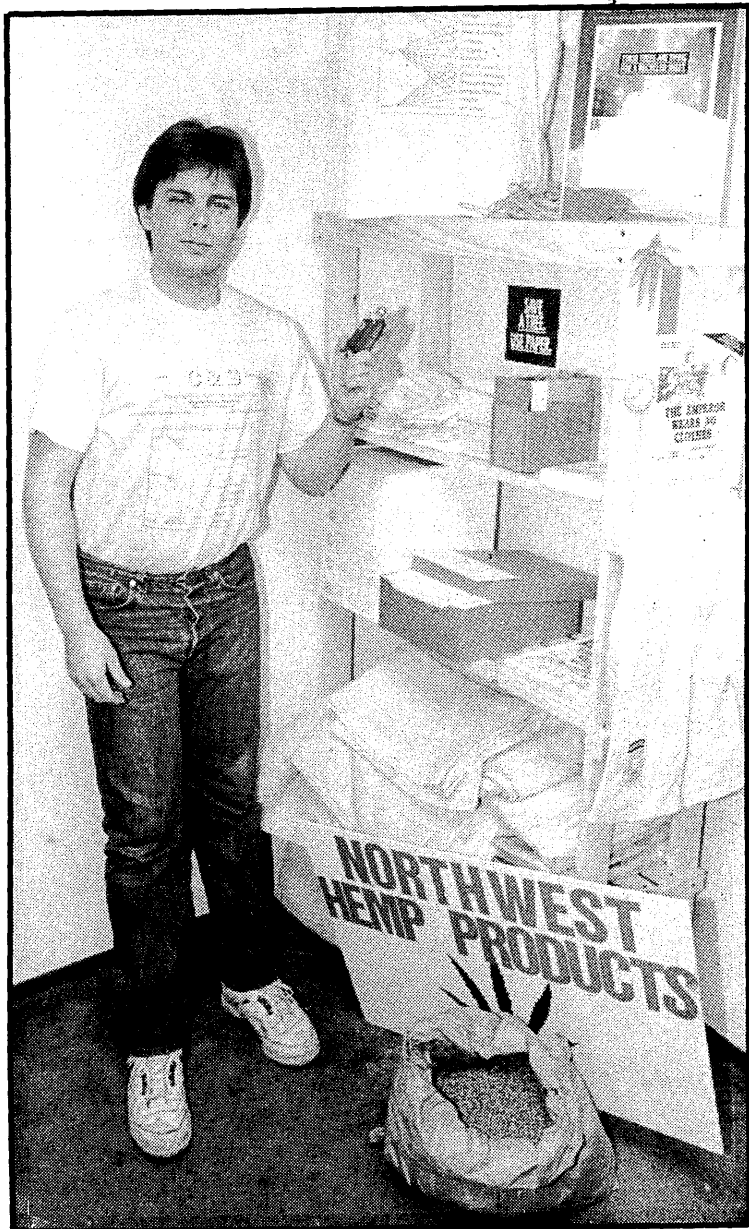


Photo by Adam Leask

Brian Estes hopes hemp can conserve wood products.

By Jason Overstreet
staff reporter

Northwest Hemp Products is a small business — literally.

The office is barely bigger than a bathroom stall. But it is run by Brian Estes, a man with a big mission.

Northwest Hemp Products, 3205 Northwest Ave., sells hemp products not generally available anywhere else — products Estes says are on the way in. Paper, fabric, oil for cooking, lighting, lubrication and fuel are all made from industrial-grade hemp.

"I'm one of only two people in America that I know of who are processing hemp oil," said Estes, a Huxley graduate with a degree in biomass resource technologies.

Estes said the oil is good for cooking because it is nutritious and easily digestible.

Hemp products are a viable and environment-friendly alternative to paper products, Estes said. He explained that was part of the reason he's opened the store.

"I'm an environmentalist. I have strong ties with the planet. I'm also a workaholic. For me, hemp is my passion. I want to

make hemp my food, my clothing. I use hemp oil on my skin. I'm tired of wiping my ass with a tree — I'd rather use hemp toilet paper," Estes said. "The biggest obstacle (with starting the business) is having to tackle real work and creating an industry and make this business into something I can use my degree for.

"Hemp is my passion. I want to make hemp my food, my clothing. I use hemp oil on my skin. I'm tired of wiping my ass with a tree — I'd rather use hemp toilet paper."

— Brian Estes
Northwest Hemp Products

"What's most important is the ultimate goal, to be able to utilize the best resource to save the planet and revitalize industry," Estes said.

Estes said he wants to start revitalizing Whatcom County, perhaps beginning with Western's campus.

"I want to grow hemp on the (Fairhaven) Outback Farm, or find pasture land that has been totally stomped by cattle, which increases erosion. We have to revive and rebuild the soil," Estes said.

He said he thinks hemp will change the economic climate in Bellingham because "Georgia-Pacific's going down — they are

polluting. They have got to find something that is clean and dioxin free; something that doesn't use chlorine."

Many of the products Northwest Hemp Products sells, such as durable hemp canvas and denatured hemp seeds, come from China, but Estes said he'd rather have hemp re-legalized, permitting Americans to produce seeds and fiber from Europe.

"I'd like to use French seeds — (the French) have strains that they have been using for 20 years — industrial strains with high yields in fiber

with no redeeming value as an intoxicant."

The office is almost ready to open to the public. In addition to selling stock items such as hemp stationery, envelopes and canvas, the store will carry "hemp buttons, bumper stickers, lip balm, and clothes made of hemp."

"And before Christmas I'll have a 'limited edition specialty project' available," Estes said.

Estes won't reveal just what the project is, but he said it's a gift for that person who has everything.

"I'll tell you this: it's usable, recyclable, natural and unique," he said. "Oh yeah, and it's legal."

Election results from state and county recorded

As of Nov. 3, local polls showed the following:

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL

District 1
Ward Nelson 18,992 57.0%
Sherilyn Wells 14,312 43.0%

District 2
Alvin 18,696 55.3%
Starkenbug 15,111 44.7%

District 3
Robert Imhof 17,187 53.4%
Lora Strobel 14,992 46.6%

At Large
Marlene Dawson 16,725 52.0%
Dennis VanderYacht 15,416 48.0%

BELLINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

Ward 2
Gene Knutson 6,966 54.1%
Foster Rose 5,910 45.9%

Ward 4
Bob Hall 7,223 52.2%
Sandra B. Fancher Garcia 6,608 47.8%

Ward 6
Bruce Ayers 6,866 51.7%
John Blethen 6,409 48.3%

All-County Votes

I-601
Spending Limits
Yes 18,003
No 19,810

I-602
Spending Limits, Tax Repeals
Yes 22,528
No 15,272

92-3
Critical Areas Ordinance
Yes 16,839
No 15,266

State elections showed the following unofficial results, with 99 percent of precincts reporting, according to the Nov. 4 Seattle Post-Intelligencer:

I-601
Yes 675,837 51%
No 660,477 49%

I-602
Yes 586,702 44%
No 748,510 56%

House Joint Resolution 4200
Chaplains in Hospitals
Yes 760,059 59%
No 529,574 41%

House Joint Resolution 4201
Extension of court jurisdiction in equity cases
Yes 756,171 67%
No 378,763 33%

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Students must choose landlords carefully, know rights

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wouldn't respect me."

Eyestone said she was paying \$825 per month for a three-bedroom house through Lakeway, and now she is paying \$700 for a four-bedroom apartment rented by a private landowner. She has noticed a difference in the treatment she received from her current landlord.

"My landlord will come by and fix things when we need it, and he is very polite," she said.

"He tries to keep the place up. He acts proud of his property, and this (apartment) is a much better deal for me."

Lakeway Realty manages about 250 houses and apartments. Kay Hansen, co-owner of Lakeway Realty, said with that many properties to manage, one must prioritize problems that come up.

"We get too busy with the big things. When you get into this much volume of work, it's difficult to quickly get to every tenant that calls, even with two full-time repairmen. A private owner has the advantage of only having a few rentals and can respond quicker," Hansen said.

Brent Hamner, vice president of property management at Ebright-Wight, said that because the cost of living on campus is so high, many students move off campus. This creates a larger group of renters looking for housing, which drives prices up.

Having a large rental group

can also lead to lower quality housing. Senior Josh Rankin has had problems with realty companies in the past but rents from a private landlord now. When he moved out of one house because of conflicts with his management company, the rent went up. He said he cannot believe the rent being charged for the house now.

"Some of those houses are like warehouses for students," Rankin said. He said he had problems getting the company to fix problems such as broken windows.

"Some of those houses are like warehouses for students."

— Josh Rankin student renter

Some landlords feel that students expect too much from them.

Hamner said sometimes tenants will call asking for extra work to be done, especially during the beginning of a new quarter.

"One of the biggest issues that appears often with student tenants is that most haven't lived on their own without Mom and Dad, and they aren't accustomed to their new responsibilities," he said. "Many students think all their housing problems are the landlord's responsibility. For instance, tenants will call wanting us to take care of a plugged-up toilet. We'll help them out, but they need to learn how to do these things on their own."

Written rental agreements are essential to protect the rights of both tenants and landlords. Nancy Ivarinen, an attorney with Evergreen Legal Services, said tenants should put complaints in writing immediately if oral agreements aren't complied with. Once a



Photo by Adam Leask

While little information is available on the role of realty companies in Bellingham, students must protect themselves and understand their responsibilities.

problem is discovered, the tenant must give written notice to the landlord and then wait for the landlord to start making repairs. A landlord has 24 hours to respond to hot or cold water, heat or electricity problems; 72 hours for refrigerator, range and oven or major plumbing repairs; and 10 days for all other repairs.

One way tenants can protect themselves before problems even start is to go to small-claims court to find out which landlords have had claims filed against them. Most cases involving management companies stem from the company filing for unlawful detainment of rent, but sometimes tenants will take the companies and owners to court.

Sarah Green, junior, became aware both of her rights and the system's shortcomings through a court case she filed last year. She and another housemate sued because her landlord had allegedly refused to pay a deposit after their lease was up. But because her landlord filed a countersuit against a different housemate, the awards to both landlord and tenant counter-balanced each other.

Green said she was disappointed with the court system because she felt justice was not served to the full extent. The court process made her look at the track-record of a landlord before settling on a housing agreement, however.

"When you go to the (Superior) court, you can find out who

has sued and who has been sued," she said. "The names of some (property management companies) come up over and over again, and you know to stay away from them. It's a good way to check out landlords if you're new in town and you're trying to find a place."

Hansen has also been disappointed with the court system. Lakeway recently went to court over a damage deposit, and where the court would usually find in favor of landlords, this time it ruled against them.

"The courts have been fair until recently," she said. "(Fines) can really get you and put you out of business. I think the laws are slanted towards the tenant, though."

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Was It Rape? Who Can Help?

Prison guards talk about jobs, frustrations with system

By Pam McCormick
staff reporter

Three correctional officers from the county jail spoke at the Fairhaven College auditorium on Thursday night, describing what their jobs are like.

"You get used to being sworn at and spit at — it becomes normal after a while," said Wendy Jones, Cor-

rectional Sergeant at the Whatcom County jail.

Officers Jones, Glenn Stinar and Mark Holst shared some

job-related experiences and answered questions from an audience of about 60 people.

The discussion was part of a prison lecture series at Fairhaven College. It also served to promote the Friends of Fairhaven's upcoming production "Yeomen of the Guard," a Gilbert and Sullivan musical.

The officers said their jobs mainly exist to help people.

"Eighty-five percent of the people are drunk when they arrive at the jail," Stinar said. "They usually need someone to tell them what they're in for since most of them don't remember what they did to get there."

"We spend time talking about

how to deal with people in a non-violent way. Our goal is to get them into the system as quickly as possible," Stinar said.

Holst admitted that once a person enters the system it is hard for them to get out.

"If a person gets picked up for a DWI, then they spend some time in jail and are on probation for a year. If they foul up, then they're in there again," he said.

The officers reflected on some difficulties of the job, saying it was frustrating to see

repeat offenders behind bars when jail time is not an effective deterrent for them.

"We need to get a little more creative when jailing someone doesn't work," Jones said.

She said the majority of the inmates are people serving time for drug-related charges, and the solution for social problems is to lock the offenders up.

"Seventy-five to 85 percent of the people there are re-offenders. If I had a doctor that was wrong 85 percent of the time, I'd find a new doctor," Jones said.

"We lock up more people in the United States than any other country, which wouldn't bother me if it worked," she said.

"(Up to) 85 percent of the people there are re-offenders. If I had a doctor that was wrong 85 percent of the time, I'd find a new doctor."

— Wendy Jones
county jail corrections officer



Photo by Cassandra Burdsal

Officers Wendy Jones, Glenn Stinar and Mark Holst talk about being prison guards.

The jail was originally designed to accommodate 148 inmates. Currently, it has around 160 inmates, although that number fluctuates daily. The jail administration is firm in their limit of 185 prisoners staying there at once.

The officers continually guard against the possibility of a prison uprising. Two years ago, a small uprising occurred after a boat-lift

of refugees were taken to the jail.

Rumors indicated they would be sent back to Cuba so they armed themselves with anything they could get a hold of and vandalized the common areas.

The incident was over before anyone was injured. The corrections officers talked the people back to their rooms.

Jones said her job has few external rewards, but she still en-

joys it.

"I like fixing things, problem solving ... helping them understand their charges and helping with attorneys. I like helping someone get out.

"Every once in a while there is someone who lets you know they're getting their life back together, but those times are few," she said.

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On Campus

Friday, Nov. 5

Bill Dietrich, book signing 11 a.m., lecture at noon.

Fireworks, 6:30 p.m., Huxley field, free.

Saturday, Nov. 6

Turkey Trot Fun Run/Walk, 8:15 a.m. registration; 9 a.m. start. \$4 students, \$6 general; half-price with donation to food drive.

Salmon Barbecue, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Civic Field Parking Lot, \$7 students/seniors, \$9 general, \$5 children 12 and under.

Football Game, 1:30 p.m., Civic Field, \$7 reserved, \$6 general, \$2 students/seniors.

The Guarneri String Quartet, 8 p.m., PAC Concert Hall, \$10 students, \$18 seniors, alumni, staff, and faculty, \$20 general.

Homecoming Dance, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., VU Lounge, \$3.

Bars Around Town

Beech House Pub

Friday, Nov. 5

Brett Lovins, 9 p.m. to 11 p.m., no cover.

Saturday, Nov. 6

500 feet, 9 p.m. to 11 p.m., no cover.

Bellingham Bay Brewing Company

Friday, Nov. 5

Gravel Stymie, 9:30 p.m., \$4.

Saturday, Nov. 6

Mono Men, Southern Culture, 9:30 p.m., \$4.

Speedy O'Tubbs

Friday, Nov. 5

Rattled Roosters, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 6

Freakscene, King Salmon and The Stiffies, 9:30 p.m.

Local photographer creates drama

By Renee Trelder
assistant Accent editor

Known for his scenic panoramic photographs, photographer Mark Bergsma brings drama to landscapes with a slight departure from reality.

"I like to make images that simplify so much of the confusion that we see in nature," he said. "My thinking causes me to look for things that are simple that I can pick out in all that confusion."

Bergsma has photographed numerous places from the San Juan Islands all the way to the Oregon Coast and Canadian Rockies. He spends time studying and looking for the right locations for his triptych photographs — complete images separated into three panels.

When Bergsma finds a particular area he likes, he said he will go back when he feels the lighting or season will give him the feeling of beauty, simplicity, serenity or power.

"I'm not trying to convey a particular

feeling to people when I take pictures," Bergsma said. "What I'm trying to capture is more or less images that create a feeling for me."

Bergsma was born in Bellingham and graduated from Western with a bachelor of science degree in visual communications. However, while he was attending Western, photography was only a hobby, and he said he had little interest in it as a profession.

"A lot of people had told me how hard it was to make a living being a photographer," he said.

Regardless of what people told him, in 1978 Bergsma began working as a professional photographer and started his own business. He owns and operates his own gallery on 1306 Commercial St.

However, on many occasions Bergsma said he thought he might as well just throw the camera out.

"Getting started is no problem ... It's establishing a business that's the hard part," he said.

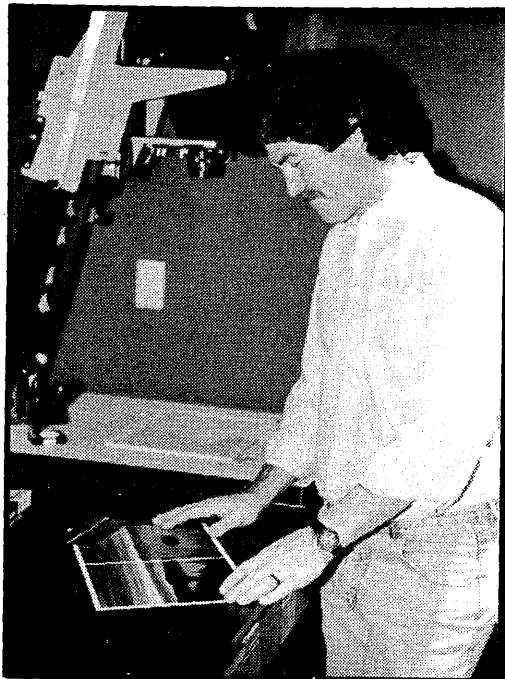


Photo by Adam L

Bergsma works on a triptych — a complete picture with three separate panels.

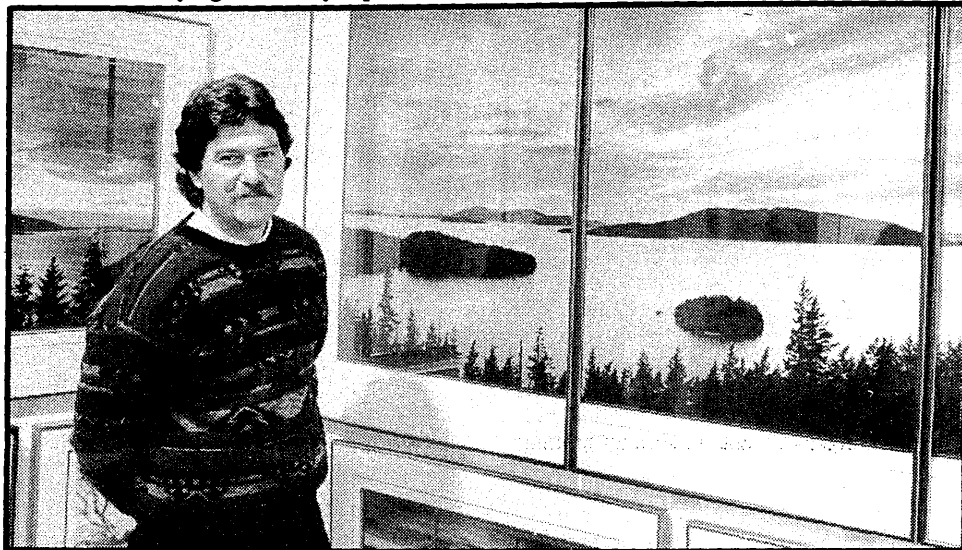


Photo by Adam Leask

"Summer's Calm Settles Into the Bay" is one of Bergsma's many triptych photographs.

Concert review

Dome lights up for Alabama

By Dawn Bittner
staff reporter

Alabama gave a spectacular performance in a Nov. 2 concert in the Tacoma Dome. Kathy Mataya opened the show with her band, Monster Truck Pull.

The concert was free for those lucky enough to receive a winning scratch card at Texaco gas stations. It was not possible to purchase tickets; the only way to acquire a pair was to win.

The Tacoma Food Bank settled outside the Tacoma Dome, taking canned food donations from concert-goers.

I-5 traffic was like a parking lot en route to the Tacoma Dome, but the concert was well worth it. Even for people unfamiliar with Alabama's music, the band's sound was enthralling. Most of the audience sang and clapped throughout the concert. One couple proceeded to two-step around the dome.

Alabama performed several favorites along with some recent new tunes. The audience especially enjoyed "Born Country." The dome was illuminated by lighters and the peaceful feeling that arises from a song performed with honest emotion pervaded the atmosphere.

Another favorite was "Reckless" from the band's latest album "Cheap Seats." The

audience roared with excitement and it was like one giant hoe-down through the duration of the song.

The concert attracted as many different types of people as fill-up at a Texaco station. The avid country music fans stood out among all the others, decked out in their cowboy boots and hats. Those who attended simply because they won the tickets were also easy to recognize, as some seemed bored and left long before the conclusion of the show.

Alabama only performed one encore, but they deserved several more. If it weren't for the non-fans in attendance, they may

... it was like one giant hoe-down through the duration ...

have had the encouragement to continue for at least another 30 minutes. The limited length of

the show was a disappointment.

Mataya was a definite asset to Alabama's incredible performance. Her strong, clear voice filled the air when she sang a favorite of her fans, "Where have you been?," a tear-jerker written about her husband's grandparents.

Mataya's humor added to her excellent music. She joked and kept almost everyone interested, despite the people roaming around the dome throughout her portion of the show.

Alabama and Mataya shined in Tuesday evening's concert.

Jacob's Mouse effort lacks

By Erik Tesouro
staff reporter

First there was the Beatles, next came the Kinks, now make room for — Jacob's Mouse?

Jacob's Mouse is a young, three-member band from England that uses power chords and heavy drum lines in its album "I'm Scared."

"I'm Scared" is the band's second release and finds Jacob's Mouse expanding in every direction. Having played together since they were 11, the band members have a keen sense of where they're going musically and how to get there.

John Troutman, minister of propaganda for Frontier Records in California, brought Jacob's Mouse to America.

"The band's first release received real good press reviews and die-hard radio support, especially in Chicago. I'd like to go beyond that," Troutman said.

Jacob's Mouse is a basic three-piece band. Hugo Boothby is on guitar, his identical twin brother Jebb controls the bass, and Sam Marsh plays drums and is responsible for most of the singing.

The album contains unusual song titles

Saints to boogie down with Black Currant Jam

By Paul Peterman
staff reporter

Those attending the concert Nov. 5 in the Viking Union Main Lounge should come prepared to boogie.

The headlining band, The Renegade Saints, describes its sound as "Bohemian Boogie Grind."

Members of The Renegade Saints have entertained Northwest audiences for more than six years. The band consists of members from the successful Oregon bands Nine Days Wonder and Mission District.

The Renegade Saints' music grooves with powerful vocal harmonies and a heavy blues influence. The band, which once opened for Bob Dylan, cites Eric Clapton, Santana and the Allman Brothers as some early influences.

The band's keyboardist, Mike Walker, plays both the piano and an ancient Hammond B-3 organ. While most bands have gone



Photo courtesy of Proton Productions

The Renegade Saints describe its music as "Bohemian Boogie Grind."

strictly to electronic keyboards, Walker sticks with the sheer power of the Hammond to give audiences the purest sound available. Walker's musical range is comparable to that of the Doors' keyboard guru, Ray Manzarek.

The Renegade Saints have more than 80 original tunes in their arsenal. Bassist Dave Coey and co-lead guitarists/singers Alan Toribio and John Shipe give the band a triple vocal threat, while drummer Matt Reynolds keeps

the band grooving through its set.

The band delivers its music from the soul — in Toribio's words, "playing every note like it was our last."

Bellingham's Black Currant Jam will also perform Friday.

"Lately we have been describing our sound as thrash boogie," said bassist Brian Hughes from Black Currant Jam.

Guitarists Jeremy Hughes and Brandt Milczewski are the group's main vocalists. Brian Hughes and drummer Loren Schnieder make up the rhythm section.

Schnieder, Brian and Jeremy are Western students.

"Every tune we have has a lot of improvisation in it. Sometimes our songs last 10 or 15 minutes," Brian said. "It gets pretty loud, but we're definitely not a grunge band. It's straight-forward rock."

The name Black Currant Jam was made up by Brian and made the Seattle Times' weird band of the week list.

"I wasn't exactly thinking about jam. I was thinking more like water current, like a river," Brian said.

The Clay People will open the show at 9 p.m. Tickets will be sold for \$5 at the door. A beer garden will be offered.

From peanut butter to jalapeños, new bagel shop has much to offer

By Dave Kihara
staff reporter

Anyone craving a freshly cooked bagel shouldn't miss The Bagel Factory's Day-Before-the-Grand-Opening this Saturday, located across from the Children's Company in Sehome Village.

Not only will any patron have the opportunity to choose from over 25 specialty bagels, but the owners plan to give all who enter a free bagel.

"We wanted to help the community," said Betty Zane, the owner of The Bagel Factory. She and her husband Joel started the factory with hopes of offering a healthy alternative for the citizens of Bellingham.

The Bagel Factory, which seats more than 40, makes its bagels without animal fats, oils or preservatives and all who enter the restaurant have a wide variety of bagels to choose from, such as the peanut-butter chocolate-chip bagel, Danish bagel, or for those craving something a little

wild, the jalapeño bagel.

Although The Bagel Factory specializes in bagels (hence the name), the menu offers a wide selection of specialties, such as eight bagel sandwiches and meatless hot-dogs and hamburgers, said Zane.

"We are health-conscious, environmentally-conscious, and community-conscious," said Zane, who moved from California, where her husband was a contractor and she operated a real estate firm.

Anyone hunting for a delightful alternative to packaged macaroni and cheese with florescent cheese powder or rubbery ramen should visit the Bagel Factory and try one of the many different types of bagels, after all "Our bagels are the best you've ever tasted," Zane said.

The Bagel Factory, which is open seven days a week, 6:30 a.m. Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sundays, will be open this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for their Day-Before-Grand-Opening.

Artist feels close to ancestors while weaving

By Pam McCormick
staff reporter

While weaving baskets, local artist and Western graduate Anna Jefferson feels close to her ancestors.

Jefferson, 39, is a basketry instructor at Northwest Indian College. Her tribal affiliation with Lummi, Upper Skagit, Haida and Klallam tribes brings tradition and history to her craft.

"I think about them when I'm working," Jefferson said. "Weaving is a spiritual experience."

As her basket making career gains recognition, the fruit of her work is on display until Jan. 9 at the Whatcom Museum of History and Art.

A self-described purist in her work, Jefferson only uses materials that she gathers and harvests herself. She considers this important to the process.

"I'll just be traveling along and pull over and harvest," she said.

She collects cattail, sweet grass, tules, wild strawberry vines, wild cherry bark, birch bark, honeysuckle, willow, hazelnut shoots and seaweed.

Making a single basket can take as long as a year. It starts in late spring when the cedar tree is ready for harvesting. She usually takes long hikes into the woods to find

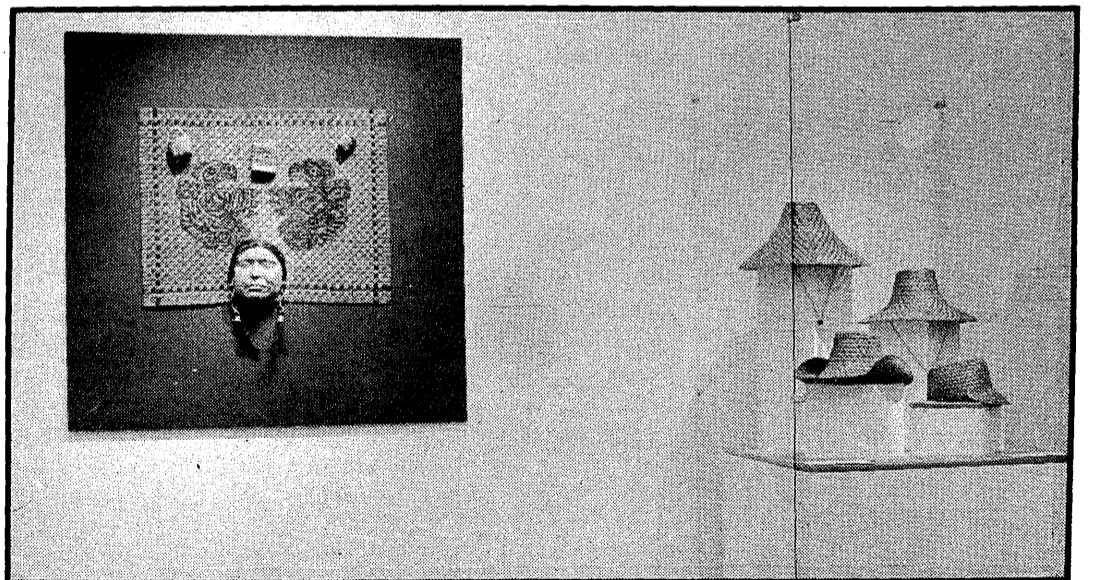


Photo by Adam Leask

"My Dream," Jefferson's self-portrait, is part of the "Anna Jefferson: Baskets" exhibit at Whatcom Museum.

the perfect tree.

The wood must be dried before it is used. This process can take anywhere from six to nine months, depending on the weather. The grasses she uses must also be completely dried.

One piece on display, titled "My Dream," is a self-portrait. The project took Jefferson about 100 hours to complete. The work includes a mask taken from a mold of her face. It is made of cedar paper she created herself.

She has been weaving baskets for seven years and teaching weaving for four years.

"I picked it up almost instinctively,"

she said.

The exhibit reflects her growth and range as an artist. The display is a mix of both her early and recent work. It contains traditional hats and potlatch baskets along with more contemporary baseball and cowboy hats.

"I want to provide a broad scope of all the work I've done and show how it's developed," she said.

On weekends, the exhibit will include a video showing what to gather and how to weave. Jefferson will share her techniques in a demonstration at 4 p.m., Nov. 20 in the Rotunda Room at the museum.

se's second driving force

like "Kettle," "Zig Zag" and "Coalmine Dig."

The titles of the songs pretty much describe the sound of the music — strange and different.

"The band likes to select their song titles by pulling things out of the air. The original (album) title was 'Burnt Wood,' but they were talked out of it and renamed it 'I'm Scared,'" Troutman said.

The band's heavy chords and upbeat tempo sound like a bar band on amateur night. However, some of the songs' heavy drum lines and power chords connect with a favorable tone.

"The guitar lines are basic chords just like all other alternative bands," Western senior Chris Aherns said. "The drum lines sound outstanding on some songs, and on others it has a basic garage-band sound."

"The band tries to season the sound with heavy drum lines and power chords in order to make it sound different, kind of like reggae," Troutman said.

The music is for anyone who enjoys hard rock with a touch of heavy metal without the harsh words. In fact, I give a lot of credit to anyone who can understand the words the band uses.

New ski film provides viewers with ultimate 'rush'

By Sarah Troxel
staff reporter

Warren Miller's annual ski adventure feature film, "Black Diamond Rush," opens

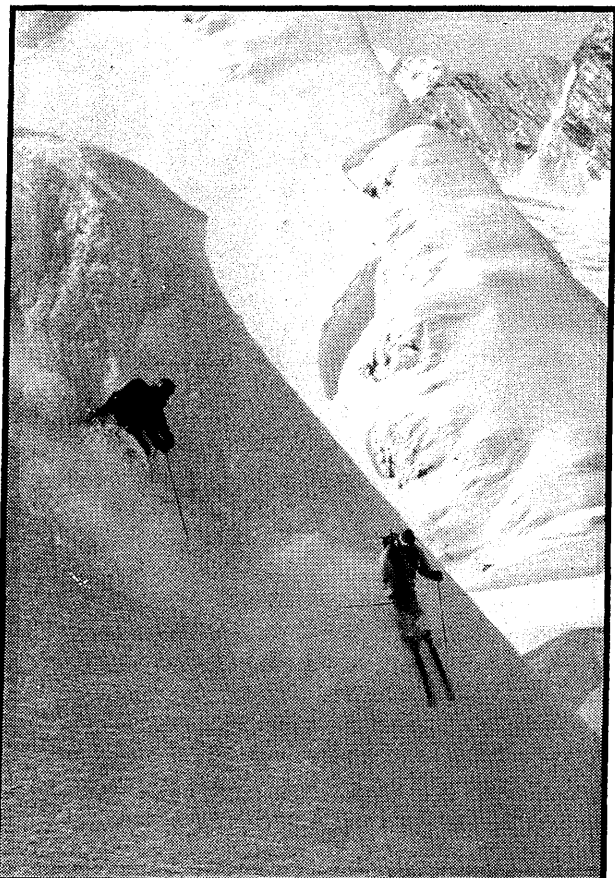


Photo by Karl Weatherly

John Gate and Jim Zell heli-ski 10,000 feet above Valdez, Ala. in "Black Diamond Rush."

for two showings, at 6 and 9 p.m., Nov. 5 at Mount Baker Theatre.

The making of the film took cast and crew all over the nation to achieve just the right mix of sights and sounds that writer Warren Miller desired to present to his audiences.

With help from producers and directors Kurt Miller and Peter Speck, Miller takes his audience on a skiing journey through exotic locations in search of the best slopes and the biggest adrenaline rush. Camera crews followed skiers to France, Transylvania, Romania, Alaska, British Columbia and Iceland.

Each location not only provided skiers with new mountains to conquer, but also technical challenges for crew members to overcome.

"There are very few ski lifts in Iceland, so a lot of the skiing and snow boarding was done by snowmobiles," skier Billy Madsen said in a press release.

Like Miller's 44 other feature films, "Black Diamond Rush" contains Miller's trademark wit. Skiers in Sumo suits and tree-kissing inner tube rides break



Photo by Max Bervy

The half-pipe action at the Butterfinger World Snowboard Finals in Breckenridge, Colo. is one of three events filmed for "Black Diamond Rush."

up the intensity of the skiing shots.

An accurate reflection of Miller's passion for skiing is also included in the film.

"I want to still be skiing and making movies when I am 110-years-old," Miller said.

In each of his films Miller tries to share his own experiences.

"I have been a very lucky person. I was part of the good old days of skiing on several foot, six inch skis wearing soft leather boots. I have shared many of my adrenaline rushes that I have experienced in

50 years of skiing and filming all over the world," Miller said.

Miller has not only successfully reached the hearts and minds of skiing fans through his films, but has won the AT&T Skiing award and been inducted into the Skiing Hall of Fame.

Tickets for "Black Diamond Rush" are on sale at Mount Baker Theatre, The Great Adventure, Yeager's, Sportsman Chalet, Fairhaven Bicycle and Ski, Petersen's Ski and Sports and all Ticketmaster outlets for \$10.50. To charge by phone, call 734-6080.

Mama Sundays plans evening of acoustic jams

By Kris Alexander
staff reporter

A 1992 finalist of Musician Magazine's Best Unsigned Band Contest is performing at Western tonight.

Somebody's Daughter, a folk-rock band from Seattle, is being presented by Mama Sundays as part of Homecoming activities.

"They're really great," said Deane Smith, Mama Sundays coordinator. "They're one of the up-and-coming bands in Seattle; one to really watch for."

This is the band's first performance at Western.

Somebody's Daughter consists of Sheryl Wisner, vocals and rhythm guitar; Dustin Waln, lead guitar and vocals; Clayton Park, electric violin; Cory Van de Ven, bass; and Steve Smith, drums.

Only Wisner, Waln and Park will perform in the concert at Western. The sound will resemble the band's earlier years, when Wisner and Waln were an acoustic duo. They will perform more ballads, and the lyrics and melodies will be more definite, Wisner said.

"It's a whole different dimension," Wisner explained. "It's sonic, very powerful, very dynamic ... Things are stripped away. The passion, the intensity, it's all there, but at a different level ... It's more of a subconscious thing than in your face. It has an edge to it."

"It's like the difference between going to the beach in the Caribbean and the beach in Tahiti. They're two different locales, both equally exotic, but they're different," Wisner said.

Wisner said the band takes its music very seriously. She said that she thinks it's important for songwriters to be able to strip their music down to the simplest instrumentals. She gave Lyle Lovett as an example of a talented musician who could

do that.

"You take this work ... You take it out to the next level and see what kind of response you can get," she said. "Whether you're a visual artist, dancer, whatever, you have to take it out into the world ... let it live."

She said she is pleased about the success of Seattle grunge bands, particularly bands that take their music seriously.

"It's not about people's individual egos, it's about the song," she said, describing the difference between being a serious musician and the "Ooh, I'm a rock star!" ideology.

But Wisner and the other members feel there is also a place for Somebody's Daughter.

"I like to think that there's a lot of people out there who are tired of volume and would like some content," Waln said in a 1990 interview with *The Rocket*. "The proof is that a lot of loud bands are now doing some acoustic gigs, and people really seem to like it."

Wisner said that the new adult, alternative, contemporary radio stations seem like a plausible market. Because the band takes its music seriously, an audience in its mid-twenties will probably appreciate it, she explained. Of course, she is not insinuating that younger generations won't enjoy the music.

"It's like Dustin (Waln) says, 'We didn't learn about sex yesterday,'" she said, laughing.

The band will be releasing a new five-song cassette EP in a few weeks. "Niagara" probably won't be available in Bellingham, but copies will be in Seattle stores. "Walking on Eggs," released in 1991, and "Blind Date" (1990), are still available.

Last year, Somebody's Daughter placed as finalists in the Musician Magazine Best Unsigned Band Contest.

The band formed in 1989, when Wisner and Waln decided to perform together at Two Bells Tavern in Seattle. Waln manages the Moore Theater and Wisner was a concert promoter. The two interacted with each other occasionally and decided to try a gig at the tavern.

"We did a Monday night, sitting at the bar, candles all over the place," Wisner recalled. "It's been a remarkable collaboration. It's grown so much."

A year later, bassist Diane Swisher joined the band and began to transform its sound. Soon Park and drummer Dave

Simpson were playing along and the change was successfully completed. Swisher and Simpson are no longer with the band.

Wisner said that she and the other band members love playing music and hope their success will continue to expand.

Mama Sundays began in 1969, conceived by a local musician. It has continued to expand and holds the record as the longest-running music program at Western. In its earliest years, concerts were always free.

The concert starts at 8 p.m. in the Viking Union coffee shop. Admission is free with a canned food donation or \$2 without.

Alumni shares Colorado River expedition through slideshow

By Helen Buller
staff reporter

Huxley graduate and professional photographer, Joseph Bailey will present a benefit exhibition of his Colorado River rafting slide show, "Running the Ditch," at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 6 at the Bellingham Public Library.

A donation of \$5 to \$15, suggested to help Global Community Institute (GCI) develop programs and provide scholarships, will be accepted at the door.

GCI co-founder Daniel Kirkpatrick said the show is set to music and uses two projectors and a dissolve unit to blend images.

Bailey refers to the presentation as an orchestration rather than a travel log. He said the show begins with music and images, then moves onto narration from journals written during the trip.

"I think people can come expecting a wide variety (of scenes)," Bailey said.

He said he considers the slide show

part of his art work and he wants an interactive format so the audience can ask questions.

Bailey said the show's title reflects some of the feelings he experienced rafting the Colorado River for 17 days in August 1993.

"For me it was an adventure and kind of uncomfortable. I wanted to find a title that spoke that uncomfortableness," he said.

Narration includes discussion of Colorado River environmental issues, geology and history. The interaction, education and entertainment of the blends well with GCI goals.

Kirkpatrick said GCI offers experiential based learning, a hands-on versus lecture approach, for all ages.

According to a GCI newsletter, GCI is a non-profit organization of volunteers with "the mission of enhancing creativity, honoring diversity and promoting those qualities that foster social justice and ecological balance."

Western hosts number one ranked team

By Paul Peterman
staff reporter

Two of the nation's best teams square off at 1:30 p.m., on Saturday Nov. 6 at Civic Stadium, when the seventh ranked Western Vikings (6-1-0 overall, 3-0-0 league) meet the Pacific Lutheran University Lutes (6-0-1 overall, 3-0-0 league), the number one team in the nation.

The Vikings' number seven ranking in this week's NAIA Division II national poll is the highest in school history. Western has won seven straight home games.

The Lutes have played for the national championship five times, winning twice in the 1980s.

Western is coming off last week's defensive struggle that saw the Vikings edge Simon Fraser 13-9. The Viking defense forced four turnovers and amassed six quarterback sacks. PLU has scored over 40 points a game in the team's six game winning streak.

"It's obviously a very big game for us," said Rob Smith, Western head coach. "We look at it as both a great opportunity and a challenge to play the number one team in the country."

Both teams are led by standout defensive squads. PLU, ranks second overall defensively in the Columbia Football Association,

and second nationally against the run, has allowed only 80.7 yards-per-game on the ground. The Lutes are led by junior defensive tackle Jason Thiel, an honorable mention All-American.

The Vikings' dual sophomore attack, quarterback Jason Stiles and running back Jon Brunaugh, is facing its toughest challenge. Brunaugh, already fourth among Western career rushing leaders, with 1,956 yards, is averaging 125.4 yards-per-game in 1993.

Stiles has 15 touchdown passes this season, throwing six interceptions. Stiles is sixth among Viking career passing leaders with 2,917 yards.

PLU's offense is led by senior quarterback Marc Weekly, last year's CFA Offensive Player of the Year and an honorable mention NAIA All-American. Weekly has completed a league leading 65.9 percent of his passes in 1993. PLU leads the CFA and ranks third nationally in scoring (42.4 average).

"He (Weekly) does so many things and can hurt you in so many ways," said Rob Smith, Western head coach. "The way he improvises and makes things out of nothing is amazing. We need to contain him and that's something nobody has done yet."

The Vikings, leading the CFA

in takeaway-turnover ratio at plus-15, have a young but tenacious defense. There are only six seniors on the Vikings' roster, one on offense and five on defense.

Western ranks third nationally in rushing defense (allowing 84.1 yards-per-game). Defensive tackle Paul Selle had a game-high 12 tackles and a safety last week against Simon Fraser. Selle was named co-defensive player of the week. Defensive end Mike McLaury leads the Vikings in quarterback sacks with seven.

Weekly's response to McLaury and Selle's constant

pressure will determine the success of the Lute's offense on Western's homecoming weekend.

PLU has dominated the series history, winning the last 15 meetings. PLU leads the series 34-17-4. The Vikings' last win was in the 1976 NAIA District 1 Championship game.

Last year's 49-16 loss to PLU was Western's worst since a 49-0 blanking by the Lutes in 1986.

Weekly threw five touchdowns in just 15 pass attempts in last year's contest in Puyallup.

Western must win, in all probability, its remaining two

games to reach the national playoffs for the second time in two years. If Western beats PLU, but then loses Nov. 13 at Central, the three schools would be tied with 4-1 league records. Only two teams from any one league can qualify for the playoffs.

"This is a championship game," Smith said. "If we are to have a chance at winning the Mount Rainier League title, which is one of our goals, we have to win our last two games. We're not going to concede anything to PLU. We're going to go out there and compete and see what happens."

Bike tour offered for small fee

By Brad Meyer
staff reporter

A 21-mile bike ride through the rolling hills of Orcas Island will highlight a Nov. 6 and 7 women's bike tour sponsored by the Outdoor Center.

Twelve women, led by Kathy Begeal and Johanna Munson of the Outdoor Center, will make the ride from the Orcas Island ferry terminal to the Doe Bay resort.

The route will wind through Moran State Park and will give

riders several views of the scenic San Juan Islands.

Although some hills await riders, Munson said those interested in participating don't need to be experienced riders. She said they simply need to be in good shape — a factor that should be comforting since it's an all-woman group.

"Some women may not be interested in a coed ride because physically they may not be able to keep up," Munson said.

The group will leave early morning on Nov. 6 and drive to

Anacortes to catch a ferry. After spending the night at Doe Bay in a cabin overlooking the beach, the riders will make the 21-mile trek back to the ferry the next afternoon.

"It will be an excellent opportunity for women to spend a weekend together and enjoy the outdoors," Begeal said.

Anyone interested in taking part in the bike trip should stop by the Outdoor Center in Viking Union 104.

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Vikings beat Simon Fraser in regular season finale

By Erik Tesaura
staff reporter

Prior to their Nov. 4 match against Simon Fraser University at Carver gym, the Western woman's volleyball team had already clinched a first round bye in the district playoffs. The Clan had defeated Western in all three meetings this year. Most teams in that situation might be intimidated or look ahead toward the post-season — not Western.

A pre-game inspirational speech from coach Dean Snider, seniors playing in their last home game in front of family and friends, and the revenge factor played a huge role in Western's 3-1 victory.

Senior outside hitter's, Lynnette Bonnema and Gretchen Haakenson led the way for the Vikings with 21 and 19 kills, respectively.

"Simon Fraser beat us in the first part of the season, so we really wanted to come out here tonight and show them what we are made of," Haakenson said.

Western showed how much they really wanted this win early on by taking the first two sets, 15-4 and 15-9.

The third set witnessed Simon Fraser jumping out to a commanding 14-5 lead; however, the Vikings showed a lot of character by scoring the next seven points before falling 15-12.

"In the beginning of the sea-

son, we probably wouldn't have done that. Our confidence level is really high right now. In practice, we've been pretending that we were behind which I think really helped," Bonnema said.

"We have a strong bunch of individuals," Snider said. "We battled back after starting the set poorly. After sucking it up and getting point after point after point — it's really admirable.

Western had brought it to 14-12, forcing Simon Fraser coach Patty Schlafen to call an immediate timeout to slow down the momentum.

"The main thing we realized was that our lead was running away. It was not anything done so much by Western, it was errors on our part," Schlafen said. "We had to get back to our game plan."

The Vikings took an early lead in the third set and never looked back.

"That's the best I've seen them play against us," Schlafen said. "Gretchen and Lynnette really played well and hit the ball well tonight. We have to combat that with a little more 'oomph' which wasn't quite there."

"A championship team goes out to play as hard as they can every match. We had a lot to prove since we hadn't beaten SFU and it was our last home match," Snider said. "There certainly wasn't any

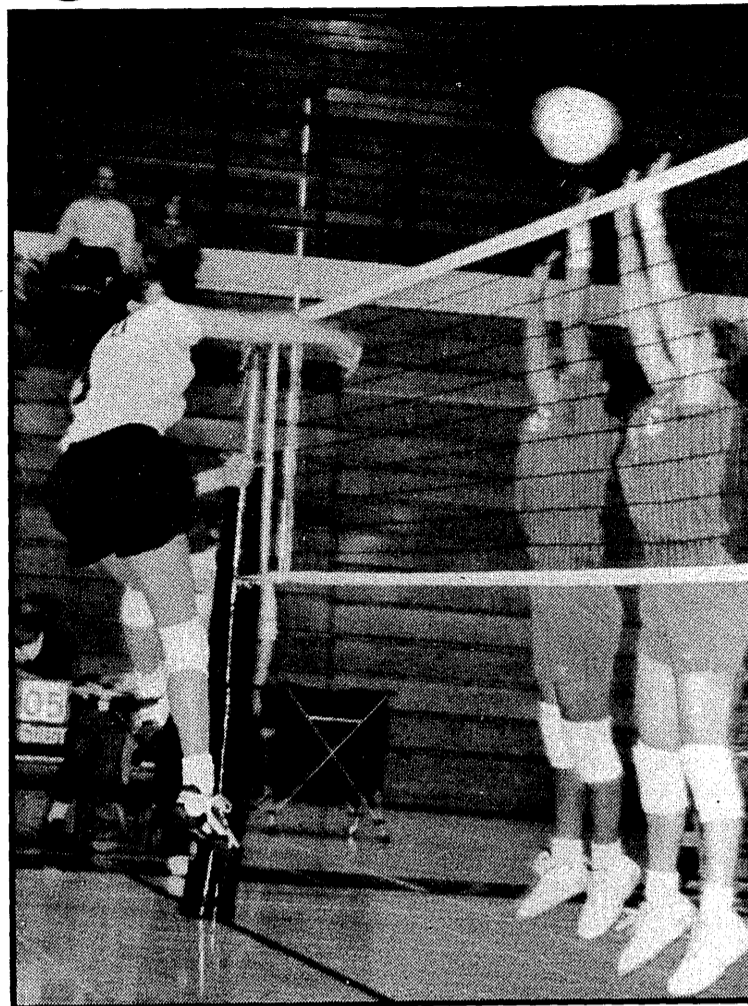


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Krls Martin spikes over top of two SFU blockers.

lack of motivation on our part. Western finishes the regular season 30-14 and 7-3 in districts.

Simon Frasers finished 13-14 overall and 3-6 in districts. Next up for Western is the playoffs.

Midnight Madness previews basketball

The seventh annual Midnight Madness, Western's pre-season introduction of its men's and women's basketball teams, will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 5 in Carver Gymnasium.

The one-hour program, which is part of homecoming week festivities, includes an in-

roduction of the rosters of both teams, intra-squad scrimmages, a slam-dunk contest and a three-point shooting competition between the men's and women's squads.

There will be drawings for prizes, music and a dance routine by the Western cheerleaders.

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Experiments in human cloning lead us down dangerous path



By Tedra L. Meyer
staff reporter

The line separating science and ethics was blurred once again when scientists at George Washington University Medical Center announced their ability to clone human embryos last week.

Unfortunately, not everyone is acknowledging the ethical dilemma that such a scientific development produces.

Before cloning human embryos is accepted as another form of helping infertile couples conceive, people must consider possible side-effects.

Human cloning would not only make possible twins of different ages, but twins with different parents.

Dr. Arthur Caplan, director of the Center for Bioethics at the University of Minnesota told *The New York Times*, "We have twins and triplets in the world, but they are there by accident. You begin to worry that when

you deliberately set out to make copies of something, you lessen its worth." This is a serious consideration in a society that values individuality as ours does.

In theory, an embryo could be divided into 100 separate cell clusters; each cell cluster could then be implanted into a womb — as a result, each cell cluster would then develop into one human being with 99 twins.

Not only would this alter nature and fate, but it would cause serious effects on the future of the human gene pool by decreasing variation and the number of gene mutations.

Ethicists are asking if the possible benefits outweigh the possible risks.

Certainly, it would enable more people to parent, but a world full of children who need parents already exists. Over-population is also burdening our planet's resources; the real problem isn't creating more children but taking good care of the ones we have.

If human cloning entered the marketplace — as it surely would — people could purchase their embryo according to their favorite grown duplicate.

It would be similar to ordering dinner after viewing the menu

choices. It's the epitome of consumerism: people shopping around for the perfect embryo.

"I am far more concerned about the potential social consequences of merchants' peddling 'desirable' embryos (no doubt white and potential Harvard material) than about the personal disappointment experienced by couples who cannot easily produce children," Susan Jacoby wrote in an opinion piece in *The New York Times*.

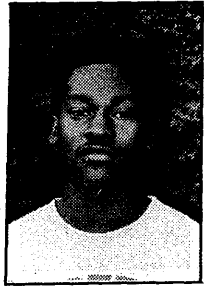
Our society almost always attaches positive connotations to the term "scientific development" without thinking twice about the implications or causal effects such discoveries may have.

But "development" does not always mean "improvement." Scientists too often allow the ends to justify the means.

Driven by the search for knowledge — and money — researchers sometimes forget to consider the future.

The development of human cloning could have destructive effects on the human species if we don't take the time to consider the possible effects and place the necessary limitations on its uses.

High-tech, high-priced ticketing toys not way to fix parking problem



By Shahid Rahman
staff reporter

Handing out tickets with a costly device which seems straight out of an episode of *Star Trek* will not end the parking problem at Western.

The last thing the school needs to do is spend money on \$2,800 toys.

In the past four years, Western has grown from a campus of 7,000 students to more than 10,000 students, and the parking system has not kept up.

The new, high-tech ticketing devices purchased by the university might be more efficient in catching parking violators, but the real problem is not violators but in the amount of room the university provides for students and their vehicles.

The university purchased three of the devices for an approximate cost of \$8,400.

For years students have been complaining about the

parking problem and the complaints have fallen on deaf ears. The problem is more space for cars, but Western's solution is to find a better way to punish its students.

The only thing they've come up with is another way to get money out of students who are already financially strapped. The cost of an education at Western is ridiculous enough as it is.

The purchase of these hand held computers will only add to a prevailing theme: Western is not sympathetic to the needs of its students.

Ticketing students with a space-age gadget only demonstrates the parking office has a lot of money and doesn't know what to do with it.

Western's parking office needs to take care of the so-called parking problem by exploring options such as creating space closer to campus, adding more parking meters and converting faculty-only spaces to student use.

The point is, if there is a will to eliminate the parking problem, there's a way to solve it without costing the student an arm and a leg.

Ticketing and towing will not solve Western's parking problem. There has got to be a better way.


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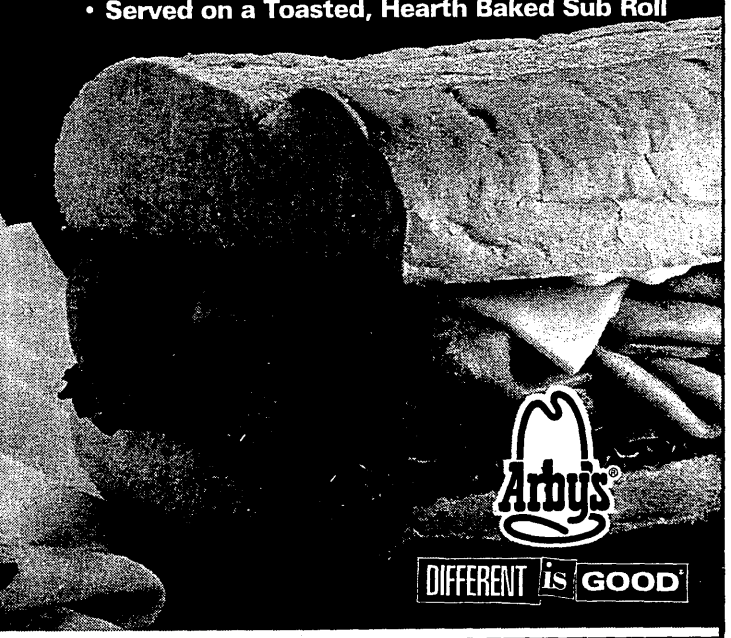
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Scientists provide findings, not ethics

Scientists are not to be blamed for playing God. What happened with the recent experiment of cloning human embryos is something that was inevitable.

Cloning (the form of reproduction that uses cells from one organism to produce an identical offspring) is, by far, not a new concept. The first report of a successfully cloned frog was in 1952. Scientists found the physical process of cloning relatively easy and subsequent experiments with rabbits, mice, sheep and cattle also succeeded. But because of the ethical implications, they decided to never attempt the cloning of human embryos. Until now.

The *New York Times* reported last week that Dr. Jerry L. Hall, of the in vitro (test tube) fertilization program at George Washington University Medical Center, had successfully subdivided 17 embryos into 48. Each of the original embryos were abnormal and would not have been brought to term. After six days of fertilization, all 48 embryos were destroyed.

Dr. Robert Stillman, director of the in vitro program at George Washington, said since it is now proven the process can be done, it is time to step back and think about what science has wrought.

Stillman's decision is a wise one. The purpose of the experiment was solely to see if human cloning could be done, and it can. Hall conducted his experiment as sensitively as possible in using embryos that would have been destroyed anyway and did not allow those or the cloned embryos to continue development after the experiment.

Debating whether or not the experiment should have been done is useless because we can't turn back time and what's done is done.

The responsibility now rests not with the scientists, but with society. We need to make the most ethical decisions on what should be done next — if cloning should continue, if it should be temporarily halted or if it should be illegalized.

The controversy of human cloning has become as heated, if not more so, as the controversy over all the other forms of artificial human reproduction when they were introduced — artificial insemination, in vitro fertilization and freezing embryos for future "use." Religious groups and ethicists raised the question "Are scientists playing God?" to each of these findings. But regulations were formed for their uses and, gradually, ethicists are cooling off. It is uncertain whether the debate of human cloning will ever die off, however.

If the ethical question is raised everytime a new scientific method is introduced, scientists may feel apprehensive in following through with new hypotheses that may, in the long run, be beneficial to society. Scientists should not be suppressed in their research, rather, they should be encouraged as long as they do not break any laws. After they prove their experiments, new laws pertaining to them can be formed, if necessary.

Before scorning scientists for playing God, people need to remember that the scientists' role is to only bring forth the information of their findings. What people do with them afterwards is the topic of debate.

— R. Nina Ruchirat, Managing editor



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Barney the Dinosaur PRO: Kids' show sends positive messages CON: Greedy companies using Barney as cash cow



By Renee Treider
assistant Accent editor

No.

Parents shouldn't object to a program for children that promotes anti-racism and non-violence — two things all children need to learn about.

"Barney & Friends" has a multi-cultural cast of children hosting the show and the different nationalities and ethnic backgrounds are welcomed. Barney preaches loving, sharing and caring among all people, especially in his theme song "I love you/ You love me/ We're a happy family."

The program has a different theme each episode; themes range from recycling to counting numbers. Children have the opportunity to learn about a variety of topics while being entertained through song, dance and crafts.

The debate over what kids should watch or not watch on television will continue for years.

But why are people debating over "Barney & Friends"? Is it that Barney isn't teaching children anything or the fact that he is just irritating for adults to watch?

According to *Business Week*, the main complaint parents seem to have is that the program offers little in the way of adult-minded entertainment for parents who tune in with their kids.

Of course some adults would find the oversized, stuffed animal irritating to watch, but "Barney & Friends" was designed by a former school teacher for children ages two through five — not adults — and children of all ages worship him.

Barney doesn't talk down to children, unlike the famous adult in "Mr. Rogers Neighborhood," because he is seen as a child himself. If children can relate to characters such as Barney and programs like "Barney & Friends," why not let them enjoy it, especially if positive messages are getting sent to the children watching?

If children are happy with Barney, let them watch him.

Every morning millions of kids turn on the television to watch Barney.

And at the same time, millions of parents cringe when they see their children watching the six-foot-four purple and green tyrannosaurus on the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS).

But do parents have logical reasons for not wanting their children to watch "Barney & Friends?"

He's the children's video king and has an album in Billboard's top twenty. He even has his own line of lunch boxes. Who is this marketing genius? He is big and purple, and named Barney the dinosaur.

Barney is everywhere. From the talking Barney doll to Barney action figures and backpacks, no one can escape the wrath of Barney.

But there's a bad side to Barney. What goes unnoticed among the kindergarten-set who get sucked into Barney-Mania is the fact Barney is raking in the bucks, with millions of dollars of sales in commercial spin-offs.

The hype has already caused a backlash. Anti-Barney organizations are popping up all over the United States, created by parents who simply can't stand to hear "I love you, you love me" one more time. Even grade schoolers are split on the Barney issue.

The creators of Barney have constructed a money making machine. Almost everything that kids use can be bought with Barney on it. From bed sheets to bathrobes, top marketing minds are working hard to come up with new products to plaster the purple dinosaur on. Barney beer and Barney toilet paper would be big sellers on college campuses.

Barney-mania would be OK if he was actually entertaining. His mouth barely moves when he talks. He dances around, but Vanilla Ice has more rhythm than Barney. Not to mention he is flat-out annoying.

The quality of children's television programming in the 1990s falls short of the quality in the 1980s. Programs such as "Banana Splits" and "The Great Space Coaster" would run circles around Barney, even in today's market.

Barney is an enormous commercial success. His album will easily sell over one million copies, and will have no problem outselling many of today's top musical artists.

Barney's television show is essentially a commercial for his products. But kids, unlike Barney, don't have money. That's what parents are for. Parents need to take a stand and just say no to Barney paraphernalia.

(Overheard at the playground:

I hate you, you hate me,

Let's hang Barney from a tree

With a kick to the stomach and a bullet to the head,

Now that purple freak is dead.)



By Paul Peterman
staff reporter

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Earth First! fights to protect biodiversity

Dear editor,

This letter responds to Mark Connolly's article on Earth First! Mark repeatedly cites the opinions of individual EF! members and uses these to criticize and generalize the entire EF! movement.

His argument is based on a lack of knowledge about EF! Earth First! is a decentralized, non-hierarchical, all-volunteer ecology movement.

Individual's opinions, such as those found in the EF! Journal, do not necessarily represent those of the EF! movement, local EF! groups or individuals.

Regardless of our decentralized nature, there are several beliefs held in common. EF! is a wilderness defense movement which believes that the well-being of the ecosphere is superior to the exclusive de-

sires of any individual species, including humans (i.e. the whole is more important than any one of its parts). Destruction of the natural environment due to the greed of one species will result in the demise of all life, which the whole encompasses.

This idea is central to Ecocentrism: all species have an intrinsic right to exist regardless of any real or imaginary benefits they have for humans.

Ecocentrism means that social issues (i.e. internal concerns of one species) are of lesser importance than ecological issues (i.e. concerns of the greater life community). This does not mean we must ignore the need for social justice, but rather social justice must be established within the guidelines of ecological justice first.

There are many other species on this planet which are more oppressed by the

forces of capitalism that the human species.

As important as social change is to the health of the biosphere, it is a slow process. In the meantime, the Earth's last remaining wild places disappear faster than social change occurs.

Thus, we must fight to preserve all remaining native biodiversity until either *Homo sapiens* go extinct or the social paradigm shifts to a sustainable existence.

We in Shuksan EF! would like to thank our fellow activists who have demonstrated thorough, compassionate ecocentric analysis without being racists, sexists or right-wing reactionaries. We seek credibility from no one but the Earth.

Chris Murphy, Steve Hahn,
Marlene Reynolds and
Tony Van Gessel

Organizers thank Western blood donors

Dear editor,

Congratulations and a big "Thank You!" The Western blood drive Oct. 12-13 was a great success.

Over the two-day period, 333 students and staff registered to donate blood. And it couldn't have come at a better time. Blood supplies have been running dangerously low for much of the summer and into early fall and Blood Center officials had earmarked the Western dates as an opportunity to boost those inventories.

We were not disappointed. Your donations will be distributed to over 750 patients at hospitals in the Puget Sound region, literally saving hundred of lives.

Annually, Western students and staff donate and average 1,000 units of blood with remarkable cooperation and enthusiasm, making your institution one of the largest donor groups in the 11-county region served by the Puget Sound Blood Center. These donations represent nearly one-third of all blood donated in Whatcom county.

On a national scale, only about 5 percent of all eligible individuals donate blood. Yet it is estimated that nearly 70 percent of Americans will need blood products at some time in their life.

On behalf of those individuals who's lives were touched by your donations, I would like to thank all of those who took an hour out of their busy schedules to participate in this life-saving event.

We have scheduled the next blood drives at Western for February 15-16 and May 3-4. Please mark your calendars and make plans to reach out and save a life!

Clint Kendrick,
Donor Resources Representative,
Puget Sound Blood Center

Dwelling on dismemberment clouds issue

Dear editor,

Oh my. Mark Scholten's rant about the founding fathers' penises and his "recommendation" of the death penalty for penile dismemberment are both very amusing. Yes, it's true, the National Organization for Women's charter states "Thou shalt concern thyself with hatred toward men and the penises which they worship." Truly, dismemberment is advocated as the leading household defense mechanism against rape by anyone intimate with the subject. Betty Crocker recommends using a dull blade and messy, carving motions directed at the base of the shaft. Alternately, Julia Childs advocates sharp blades clearly and swiftly aimed parallel to the shaft, delivering a cleft not unlike a hot-dog bun.

Envision an army of women wielding

butcher knives marching toward your crotch, Mark. Hopefully they can rely on the same leniency the courts and prosecuting attorneys have given to rapists. Perhaps rape survivors can form an offshoot of the NRA and ask the governor of Alaska to allow us the right to declare an open rapist season where we can track packs of wild rapists from the air and bring back their penises for our big game trophy rooms.

Do you know why few rape cases make the headlines? Because it happens every 17 minutes in this country and it's barely new anymore. I read of one woman whose husband ripped out her stitches after a difficult birth so that he could rape her repeatedly. He couldn't be charged with anything because in that state marital rape wasn't recognized as a crime. How many bleeding vaginas equal the atrocity of one

reattached penis? Only when the erect, sacred phallus (AMEN) becomes the victim does the media scream BRUTALITY!

Chanda Meek

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