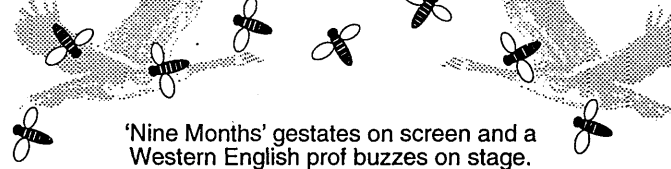


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Mr. Shoji comes to Washington



Front/Fred Rutherford

Bellingham Mayor Tim Douglas (left) fosters good will with sister city Tateyama, Japan's mayor, Atsushi Shoji (fourth from left) last Wednesday with an awards ceremony. The evening began with introductions, including greetings in Japanese and English from the Bellingham Sister City Committee. Flamenco dancers provided entertainment for the affair. Awards from around the state were then presented to Tateyama. Tateyama's delegation is not Bellingham's only Japanese contingent. Western is currently home to more than 80 AUAP students. **See adjacent story.**

AUAP students say 'Sayonara'

By Brian Olson
Front reporter

The instant spring quarter ended many Western students said "bon voyage" to Bellingham and cleared out of campus quickly.

Some die-hard Vikings did stick around to see what summer life in Red Square would be like without mass amounts of people.

On July 25 the remaining students will see another exodus as the Asia University America Program students say goodbye to Western and America.

The 89 AUAP students still here arrived at Western from Asia University in Tokyo on February 27. Business studies dominate most of the students' intended plans, with majors ranging from economics to international relations.

The international relations department at Asia University requires making this five-month trip in order to graduate. Judging from

the AUAP students' reactions they are glad this visit is required.

"I really like international relations because it is current and very interesting to me," Riho Kojima said. "This trip is only required for Japanese students, but I think we are lucky."

"This is a beautiful area," Yuji Onodera said. "Bellingham has a large sky and a beautiful sunset."

The AUAP students have been able to see more of this sunset lately because they moved into Mathes for the remainder of their stay. Fairhaven originally housed the students for the first three and a half months, serving as their initial home away from home.

International Peer Advisor Eric Smith said the transition to Mathes has gone well, although there are some difficulties with the new location.

"It's harder for them to make

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South Hill parking subject of meeting

By Mike Brennan
News editor

Residents and students who park in the South Hill area near campus may want to attend tonight's public meeting at City Hall concerning the residential parking permit proposal.

The meeting, which starts at 7 p.m., will provide the council with an opportunity for an informal exchange with the public, legislative coordinator Paula Beatty said.

"This is just the beginning of many meetings," Beatty said. "(The Council) is not anywhere near ready to take action."

Beatty said more than 2,000 notices for the meeting were sent to residents within the boundaries for the parking permit proposal.

The plan, presented to the Council June 5 by Bellingham Police Chief Don Pierce, would require residents in the large area surrounding campus to buy \$20 parking permits. The permits would be required to park on the neighborhood's streets.

Carl Root, of Western's facilities and master planning de-

partment, said students and faculty could have a vested interest in tonight's meeting.

"If it's implemented at full-scale as proposed there could be a big impact on faculty, staff and students," Root said.

Root doubts the eventual ordinance would be as wide-reaching as the proposal. If, however, the ordinance were as restrictive, Root said the Transportation Management Program could adapt.

"My job is to get people out of their cars," Root said. "I'm confident we can manage the number of spaces we have currently—we don't have enough land to add anymore parking."

One South Hill resident sees the parking problem spreading like a disease.

"Western is gradually terminating on-campus parking," Jerry Bailey said. "What was a university (parking) problem is now a neighborhood problem, which becomes a city problem."

Bailey described Western's parking plan as a trouble-free transition from some on-campus parking to no on-campus parking.

Western's own waterworld Lakewood offers a variety of watersports

By Traci Edge
Front reporter

In the past couple of weeks, Bellingham has experienced some exceptionally hot summer weather. People are flocking to the beaches and lakes around the area—anywhere to relieve themselves of the "scorching" Washington heat.

Just ask Jeff Davis, program manager of Lakewood, a recreational area on Lake Whatcom. "It gets really busy here when the weather gets warm," Davis said, "last week (when the temperature lingered around 90 degrees) we were really crowded."

Lakewood is open to students, faculty and their families. Classes are offered to Western Washington University, Whatcom Community College and the Northwest Indian College students.

The facility includes a boathouse as well as men's and women's shower/changing rooms.

A large grassy area provides space for loungers and picnickers and an indoor meeting room provides space for indoor instruction and meetings on cooler days.

Classes offered to students in-

clude windsurfing, sailing, kayak touring, racing and instructor training. Private lessons are also offered.

Beginner's classes require proof of passing a University/College swimming test, which includes one lap, free floating and treading water for Western students.

Wet suits are available, and even though it is hot out there most wind surfers take advantage of the opportunity so they do not get to cold when they fall into the water. Life jackets are also available and are required by Washington state law.

The Lakewood boathouse supplies 10 sailboards and approximately 20-25 sails. It also provides 14 Alpha, five Laser and two Keel boats; as well as eight kayaks, eight canoes and two row-boats.



Front/David Lynch

Senior Amme Wixom practices wind-surfing at Lakewood last Friday.

Davis said anyone who is not enrolled in a Lakewood class, but would like to rent equipment must demonstrate that he/she has the

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Western Briefs



Campus Police

July 10, 11:50 a.m.: A fire was reported in an exhaust vent near Bond Hall. Someone apparently threw a cigarette down the vent. A maintenance employee doused the fire by throwing a bucket of water on it.

July 10, 9:10 p.m.: Medical aid was dispatched to the 600 block of South College Drive for treatment of a football-related injury. The victim was transported to the hospital for further observation as a precautionary measure.

Bellingham Police

July 6, 9:05 p.m.: A person called to complain about a male who removes grocery carts from her place of employment. She said she knew where the carts were, and didn't want the male arrested. She just wanted him to stop taking the carts.

July 7, 9:55 a.m.: A victim reported unknown persons poured a salt-water solution into various vending machines. Police have no suspects.

July 7, 6:58 p.m.: The sidewalk on the 300 block of West Champion Street was obstructed by a live band. The owner of a nearby business said the band was for celebrating his grand opening. The owner did not have a permit. The owner stopped the band and said he would obtain the appropriate paperwork.

July 7, 9:27 p.m.: Four people on the 100 block of East Kellogg Avenue were contacted for starting a fire in a frying pan.

July 8, 12:17 a.m.: A person requested assistance from officers because he thought he was being followed by people from California. The person was reported as having other medical problems that were taken care of by Bellingham Fire Department medics.

July 8, 9:00 a.m.: Two victims reported someone damaged their yard by driving on their lawns. They believed a local male to be responsible because he is "bad news." No grass remains and no vehicles were found at the male's house.

July 8, 2:31 p.m.: A person at the Squalicum Harbor Net Lockers reported a male had been sleeping and defecating there. When contacted, the male was drunk on Listerine. Police issued a trespass warning against the male for one week.

July 10, 8:10 a.m.: A victim on the 1600 block of Texas Street reported someone had sprayed taco sauce on his residence and car.

Compiled by Front reporter Fred Rutherford

Former teacher's works to be displayed this month

Associate professor emeritus Ruth Kelsey, who taught in the Department of Art from 1948 to 1972, will display a series of portraits she painted depicting members of the Nes Pelem Indians.

The paintings were created in the summers of 1938-40 while Kelsey was a member of a Washington State University art colony.

The exhibit is set for July 17 to August 17 in the Viking Union Gallery. A reception, which was previously scheduled for an earlier

date, will take place from 1 - 3 p.m. Wednesday, July 19, with the artist in attendance.

The event will also be a celebration of her 90th birthday.

Western All-Card delayed

The Western Card, Western's new identification and transaction card, will be available soon for students, faculty and staff.

Due to defective cards shipped by the manufacturer, the cards will not be printed at this time. Current plans are for production of the cards to begin in late July.

Photos can be taken right now via a camera that stores them on disc for later use. Potential card recipients are encouraged to avoid long lines and have their picture taken now.

The Western Card can be used in the campus eateries, the library and copy machines on campus.

Photos for the cards can be taken from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays at University Residences in Edens Hall South 108.

For more information, go to University Residences or call 650-7414.

News off the wire

Ethics committee to decide Packwood hearing status

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Public hearings on sexual and official misconduct charges against Sen. Bob Packwood are still up in the air.

The Senate Ethics Committee is meeting to discuss holding hearings on charges against the Oregon Republican. The committee's top Democrat, Richard Bryan of Nevada, yesterday joined the call for a public hearing.

Packwood is accused of making unwanted sexual advances on 17 women between 1969 and 1990. He's also accused of altering his personal diaries when he learned the committee might subpoena them for the investigation.

Packwood notified the committee last week he would not exercise his right to hearings — leaving it up to the committee.

Without hearings, the committee would proceed with delibera-

tions on whether Packwood violated Senate rules and, if so, what punishment would be appropriate.

U.S. normalizes relations with Vietnam 20 years later

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Twenty years after the fall of Saigon, President Clinton has announced the normalization of relations with Vietnam.

Clinton said any improvement in relations between the U.S. and Vietnam had depended on Hanoi's progress in accounting for missing American servicemen. And he said Vietnam has "taken important steps" on the M.I.A. issue.

In his East Room announcement, Clinton stressed restoring diplomatic relations with Hanoi will not end the U.S. effort to resolve M.I.A. cases. He vowed his administration will continue to press Vietnam for a full accounting of the more than 2,200 soldiers still listed as missing in action.

Clinton said improved relations with Vietnam will likely help efforts to resolve more M.I.A. cases. And he said restoring relations should help Americans "bind our own wounds" from the war.

State fruit growers ask for more temporary workers

SEATTLE — Some Washington fruit growers are among the farmers asking Congress for permission to import large numbers of foreign workers.

The Washington State Apple Commission said as many as 50,000 temporary workers are needed to harvest the nation's largest apple crop.

Wenatchee apple grower Randy Smith said a labor shortage may occur in three to five years if a crackdown on illegal immigration begins.

Compiled from AP Wire by Front reporter Stephanie Moore

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basic proficiency skills necessary.

He said paddle boats are available and campus identification is required. The cost of renting equipment varies depending on the student's credit load for the quarter.

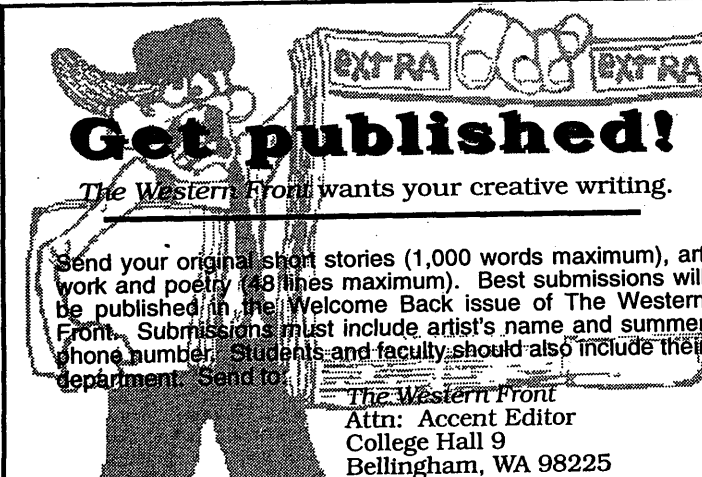
When asked where to start kayaking, one student said, "One of the best places to start is at Lakewood. The water is not as rough and there are a lot of trained people around to watch you."

The faculty currently consists of 10 instructors. The facility is open year-round, but the boathouse is closed during winter quarter.

The land for the Lakewood facility was bought in 1929 by the Western.

When the sun is warm and the water is cold, most people agree that the place to be is by the water.

Lakewood provides both the space and facilities for those warm days.



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PLEASE POST

THE VETERANS OUTREACH CENTER is open this summer from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The center provides benefits information, peer counseling and employment information to veteran and non-veteran Western students. It also acts as a liaison between students and campus or community resources. For more information, call X/6115 or stop by VU 212.

THE JUNIOR WRITING EXAM will be offered for retest examinees only on July 13 in LH 4 at 2 p.m. **Test scores from this date** will not be available until the beginning of fall quarter. Preregistration is not required for the JWE. Students may take the test only once per quarter. Students will not be admitted without photo ID and must bring a pen and a number 2 pencil to the test. Testing takes about two hours.

THE MATH PLACEMENT TEST will be offered in OM 120 at 9 a.m. on the following dates: Mondays — July 17, 24, 31 and August 7; Thursdays — July 13, 20, 27, August 3 and 10.

TETEP, THE TEST FOR ENTRANCE INTO TEACHER EDUCATION will be given at 2 p.m. July 20 in LH4. A fee of \$20 must be paid in the exact amount at time of preregistration in OM 120. The test takes about 2½ hours. TETEP is not administered on an individual basis.

THE TUTORIAL CENTER OFFERS FREE SUMMER TUTORING for students in Math 102-105, Math 156-157 and Chemistry 101-122. Study skills tutoring also is available by appointment in areas including time management, note taking, textbook comprehension and test taking. All Western students are welcome to use the Tutorial Center, OM 387, as an informal work area for individual or group study. Center hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call X/3855 for more information.

WESTERN STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF CAN LEARN ABOUT A DIFFERENT CULTURE this summer while helping a student from Western's Intensive English Program learn about the United States and its people. **Conversation partners** meet one hour a week at a mutually convenient time for informal conversation. **Conversation labs** will be held from 3 to 4 p.m. on five Wednesdays this summer for organized activities and free conversation to let participants get acquainted with their international partner. To sign up for either activity, contact Gerre Jech-Galvin or Rita Miller at X/3755.

BIOLOGY OFFICE MOVES TO NEW BUILDING. The Department of Biology office is now located in the new Biology Building, BI 315.

CENTER FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITY HOTLINE. The Center for Equal Opportunity has a 24-hour hotline, 650-7404. It provides recorded information about such topics as discrimination laws and sexual harassment.

Continuing summer undergrads up 20%

One-fifth of summer students between 35 and 49 years old

By Noelle Kompkoff
Front reporter

More juniors and seniors are giving up summer break and hitting the textbooks.

While students attending summer school tend to be older than during the rest of the school year, the population of undergraduate students has risen from 40 percent of students continuing from the previous spring quarter ten years ago to 60 percent in 1994.

Roughly one-third of the summer stu-

dent population — 1,073 — were seniors in 1994.

Typically, teachers returning for master's degrees make up the bulk of the 3,000-3,200 students registered during summer quarter, said Joe St. Hilaire, Western's acting registrar.

"The juniors and seniors get within sniffing distance of their degrees and decide to stay in Bellingham for the summer," St. Hilaire said. "They also may have a regular job that they want to keep."

The average age for students during the regular year is 21-22 years old. During the summer time, 39 percent of all students are 21 to 24 years old. Nearly half are between 20 and 26 years old. Twenty percent of summer students are from 35 to 49 years old.

St. Hilaire said some benefits also draw students to summer courses. With the school population cut by two-thirds, students have a better chance of getting into classes that are crowded during the regular school year.

Tuition can be cheaper at certain class

loads, St. Hilaire said. Taking between nine and 10 credits is cheaper in the summer, at \$68 per credit with the \$50 enrollment fee.

During the 1995-1996 school year, the flat fee for 10-18 credits would be \$78 per credit.

Because there is no flat fee, taking 18 credits is more expensive in the summer.

Since the summer tuition set-up changed to a self-sustaining model several years ago, enrollment has remained steady at around 3,000 students, St. Hilaire said.

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new friends in Mathes because they already had set friends in Fairhaven," Smith said.

Meeting people is a high priority for the students, but some feel the program makes it difficult to do so. A few AUAP students roomed together with Western students while living in Fairhaven, but most were paired together to live with other students from the program.

"I think if they divided the dorms you could meet more people," Miho Suzuki said. "It's better to interact with people, and I think that I could've progressed further in my English."

"Being roommates with American students would be a good change," Yuichiro Aoshima said. "I think that talking with Americans is the best way to learn English."

The classes AUAP students take focus on helping them feel comfortable in their new culture. American history, English and a class that works on interacting try to give the students knowledge and skills to overcome communication problems.

The international peer advisors have also helped the AUAP students assimilate into

American society by arranging many activities outside of class to show different sides than just school.

These events included trips, arts and crafts, parties and a Fourth of July barbecue. More activities are planned for the AUAP students' final week at Western, including a sunset cruise on Bellingham Bay, midnight bowling and a closing ceremonies.

As these activities approach though, so does the end of the program.

"It's a hard thing because right at the end you become a good friend and then it's time for them to leave," Smith said.

July 25 is not a final farewell however — familiar faces could be seen again soon. "I came here with many Japanese friends, and I leave with Japanese and American friends," Suzuki said. "I'd like to come back."



Front/David Lynch
Junko Sakakibara (left) and Sanae Kawasumi (right) play piano for their friends in the main lobby of Mathes Hall last Tuesday. AUAP students will soon be saying goodbye to friends they have made in America.

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Tragedy puts focus on safety

By Steve Kerkelie
Front reporter

"River rafting is exciting and filled with challenges, but can also be very dangerous," Deputy Scott Rossmiller, Whatcom County Sheriff's Search and Rescue coordinator, said.

On June 25, six rafts floating down the Nooksack River flipped and dumped all 36 occupants into the rapidly flowing river. The apparent culprit in the accident was a log that was partially blocking a segment of the river.

According to the June 26 issue of *The Bellingham Herald*, a chain-reaction collision began when one raft hung up on the log and overturned. Five other rafts floating down the river had nowhere to go and consequently flipped — dumping all on board into the water. There were a few minor injuries but no fatalities.

A week later, two sailors from Whidbey Naval Air Station were not as fortunate. The raft the men were riding apparently hit a log and flipped. The sailors were thrown into the water and pinned by the log — both men drowned.

Those were the first fatalities this year due to river rafting in the state, and the first on the Nooksack since 1991. Rossmiller said this has been an "abnormal" year and

added that last year no major accidents occurred on the river.

These accidents have raised concerns about safety of river rafting on the Nooksack.

The Nooksack is listed as a Class III and Class IV river. Class III means it's adventurous, with side-like waves and rapids with clean passages. Class IV means powerful waves with big drops and long rapids.

Rossmiller, however, said it is difficult to rate which parts of the river are Class III and which are Class IV. "In parts of Ferndale it looks like a small storm drain, where other parts are very rough."

Rossmiller added that, because the Nooksack is a glacier-fed river, it's unpredictable.

Two of the major factors in how rough and dangerous a river will be are snow-pack and temperature. The two accidents that happened earlier on the Nooksack were during a heat wave that swept across Whatcom County. Rossmiller said this caused a large amount of snow to melt increasing the water level and speed of the river.

Another problem facing rafters on the Nooksack is the amount of debris in the river. The water is extremely murky.

"You can't even see your hand when it's submerged in the water,"

Rossmiller said.

This poses a great risk to rafters who are thrown out of their raft into the rapid currents of the river because it is very difficult to see where they are and where they're going.

Rossmiller outlined five important questions to ask when looking into a rafting company.

- How long has the company run this particular river? (Not just how long has the company been in business.)

- How did the last run down the river go?

- Have they had any previous problems with the river?

- Have they scouted out the route for obstructions, such as log-jams?

- How many people will be in each boat? (average size ranges from four to eight people.)

Rossmiller doesn't discourage people from rafting but said "be prepared, things happen unexpectedly."

One of the best ways to prepare is to listen carefully to the instructions of the guides before going rafting. In emergency situations instructions are given quickly and it is important rafters know exactly what to do in an emergency situation.

The difference between an accident and a tragedy depends primarily on the reactions of rafters.

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Western prof buzzes Boulevard Park

By Noelle Kompkoff
Front reporter

Accordions, drums, mandolins and electric guitars may not seem like harmonious companions at first glance, but Mark Sherman of Western's English department and other band members of the Bumblebees are booked for the summer to combine these instruments into world-beat rhythms.

"It isn't the sound people expect when they visualize those instruments," Sherman said. "Accordions are present in a lot of world music, such as Zulu jive."

World music is an eclectic style borrowing melodies and styles from around the world. The Bumblebees combine world music with zydeco music, a close cousin to Cajun style.

"One time I was talking with a friend about what we would put on our tombstones," Sherman said. "On mine it would say I was the father of the zydeco mandolin, which isn't common in world beat music."

Sherman, 45, has played the mandolin with the band for the past three years. He and bassist Reid Smith, accordion player Dan Duggin, percussionist Michael Bajuk and drummer Julian McDonough have been on the road every weekend traveling to gigs. They spent last weekend performing at the Oregon Country Fair, and are scheduled to appear 7 p.m.,



Courtesy of Bumblebees

Mark Sherman (second from left) of Western's English department, with fellow Bumblebees Reid Smith (left), Dan Duggin (center), Michael Bajuk (right) and Julian McDonough (lower center).

Aug. 12 at Boulevard Park.

It's a grueling schedule, Sherman said. Band members cram their equipment and themselves in cars, drive to the show, set up, play, knock it down and drive home. It's often a tight squeeze.

Playing in bands isn't new for Sherman, who began at age 12 after his brother bought him a Harmony Rocket guitar. He played his way through college on guitar with country bands at American Legion halls and with rock bands. Ten years ago, he traded an

amplifier for a mandolin. He hasn't picked up a guitar since.

"Mandolins are really portable, but more physically challenging," he said. "It's eight strings in two layers. My fingers have big calluses on the tips."

Sherman said he has seen world beat music grow in popularity during the past three years. Earlier this summer, the Bumblebees opened for Leftover Salmon, a Colorado band that also fits into the world beat genre.

"You're not likely to hear one kind of sound two songs in a row," he said. "When we're playing, we see 50- and 60-year-old couples dancing to a polka. Next to them will be a guy in dreadlocks and patchouli moving. It's good-time music."

Sherman said when he gets on stage, the packing, long rides and set-up time are worth the effort. He enjoys seeing the audience's response.

"We love to have a crowd of people in the audience ready to punish their feet," he said.

In addition to the Bumblebees, the Boulevard Park summer concert series will also include evening performances in July and August by the a capella group The FrontPage; the retro-Beatles group The Britt'n's; and Seattle's Navy Band "Northern Lights," an R&B and show tunes band.

Hugh Grant does 'Nine Months'

By Fred Rutherford
Front reporter

"Nine Months" will surprise you.

Not because of intricate plotting. Unless you have severe brain damage, you will see the ending coming from millions of miles away.

"Nine Months" instead gives good performances, good directing and interesting scenarios and settings, provided by Director Chris Columbus (not the guy from Spain) and his all-star actors.

Columbus (Remember him? He did "Home Alone"), draws interesting performances from his cast.

"Nine Months" stars Hugh Grant (Remember him? He did a prostitute), with Julianne Moore, Tom Arnold and Joan Cusack.

Jeff Goldblum and Robin Williams also make brief, though important, appearances.

Together, cast and crew weave a tale of love, children, praying mantises, a dinosaur beating and, of course, pregnancy.

Child psychologist Dr. Samuel Faulkner (Grant) loves dance instructor Rebecca Taylor (Moore) and is very uncomfortable around children.

After an unexpected first meeting with Marty and Gail Dwyer (Arnold and Cusack) and their three children, Sam sees only terror from children, while Rebecca feels her maternal instincts stirring.

On the drive home from the beach, Rebecca takes a pregnancy

test and finds out she's got a bun in the oven. Sam reacts by crashing the Porsche.

Columbus drives the film around Samuel. Visually, he first conveys a sense of freedom, then an unexpected circumstance that changes the situation. The opening shot of the film is a kite, flying free. The kite later crashes into Samuel. Deep stuff, no?

Symbolism runs throughout the movie. Many characters, situations



and possessions convey Samuel's feelings at various times in the film. His Porsche becomes a symbol of his freedom. The car crash, combined with Grant's earnest performance, conveys his character's helplessness and immaturity.

Also symbolizing Sam's immaturity is Gail's brother Sean (Goldblum), a confirmed bachelor, artist and womanizer. Sean believes more in the now than in the future. His feelings mirror Sam's feelings of irresponsibility.

Samuel deals with his insecurities in a variety of ways. He has hallucinations about praying mantises. He stammers when thinking about the baby. He cares more about his car than the welfare of the child.

At a toddler supply store, Sam tells Marty he just doesn't feel ready for children. Sam and Marty then see a dinosaur named "Arnie" and beat him up.

Later, Rebecca and Sam go to see their obstetrician for the first time. Dr. Kosevich (Williams) is a former Russian researcher who has never delivered a human child before.

Williams effectively conveys a sense of helplessness. His insecurity mirrors Rebecca and Sam's feelings.

Will Sam finally grow up? Will he marry Rebecca? If you don't know the answer, then you don't have a pulse. The story does not offer surprise to the audience.

The interesting situations and performances do give the audience much to grab. Hang with the film, because even though you know where it's going, you will be surprised at what you find when you get there.

The final scenes of the film include a wild ride through San Francisco and a must-be-seen-to-be-believed delivery room sequence.

They give many farcical, strange and funny moments in a movie about the importance of change and love. In these cynical times, it's a surprise worth finding.

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT

Friday

The Pedestrians; Bellingham Library lawn, Noon.

Magical Devices; Lummi Island Library, 3 p.m.

Booksigning: Phillip Margolin; Village Books, 7:30 p.m.

Val D'Lessio; Cookie Cafe, 8 p.m.

Tailor Maid; Beech House Pub, 9 p.m.

The Nighthawks; Pogo's Pub, 9 p.m.

Truck Stop Love; 3-Bs, 10 p.m.

Saturday

Earthquakes!; Lynden Library, 1 p.m.

The Nighthawks; Pogo's Pub, 9 p.m.

Sunday

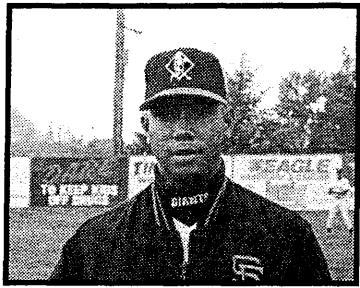
Booksigning: Sam Halpert; Village Books, 7:30 p.m.

Comedy: Todd Sawyer, Chard

Hogan, Brett Hurliman; Elephant and Castle, 9 p.m.

Puerto Rican loves game, playing in B'ham

By Fred Rutherford
Front reporter



Rey Corujo

Rey Corujo strolls into the Giant's clubhouse, bat hanging over his shoulder. The leftfielder sits quietly. Mention baseball, and he lights up.

"Baseball? I love this game. That's why I'm here."

"Here" is Bellingham. This is Corujo's first season as both a professional player and as a member of the Bellingham Giants. He's come a long way.

"I've known Rey for two years, since Puerto Rico," said Giants outfielder Ricardo Calderon.

Corujo has been playing ball for 17 years. He played at South Eastern Oklahoma State University for five years in left field, including a collegiate World Series bid in 1993. Corujo also made the Series All-Tournament team in 1993.

"After that, I went back to Puerto Rico. I played semi-pro ball there for almost a year for a team called Yabucoa.

"Then (Giant's scout) Luis Rosa saw me play." Rosa immediately signed Corujo to a pro contract, sending him to play for the Mid-West League Giants in Burlington, Iowa.

"The fans there ... They never went to the games. But here, the people, they're so great. They come to the games ... they're so supportive."

And for good reason. Corujo and the Giants are off to a good start this season, despite uneven play. They're currently in first place by a game. A few more wins could solidify their hold on the top spot.

"We play hard, and do our best. At the end of (the) season, we'll be in the pennant and fighting for our place."

Corujo smiles. He's seen the Giant's future. But he likes to take each day as it comes.

"I just try to do my job, and play day to day. I just do what I'm capable to do."

"(Corujo's) swung a lot better than his average ... He's a smart player. He makes good decisions in the field. He's a hardworking kid

who does all the right things," said Bellingham Manager Glenn Tufts.

Calderon feels the same. "Rey's made a lot of progress. He's a good guy who likes to play hard all the time."

"All I can do is work hard. I'm hitting, but not consistently. I have ups and downs." Corujo says this with matter-of-fact ease. Like the team, Corujo is a laid back individual. But he's also excited about playing the game.

A player in the clubhouse walks by, calling Corujo a wimp.

"Come on, put that in the article, eh?" The player laughs and keeps walking.

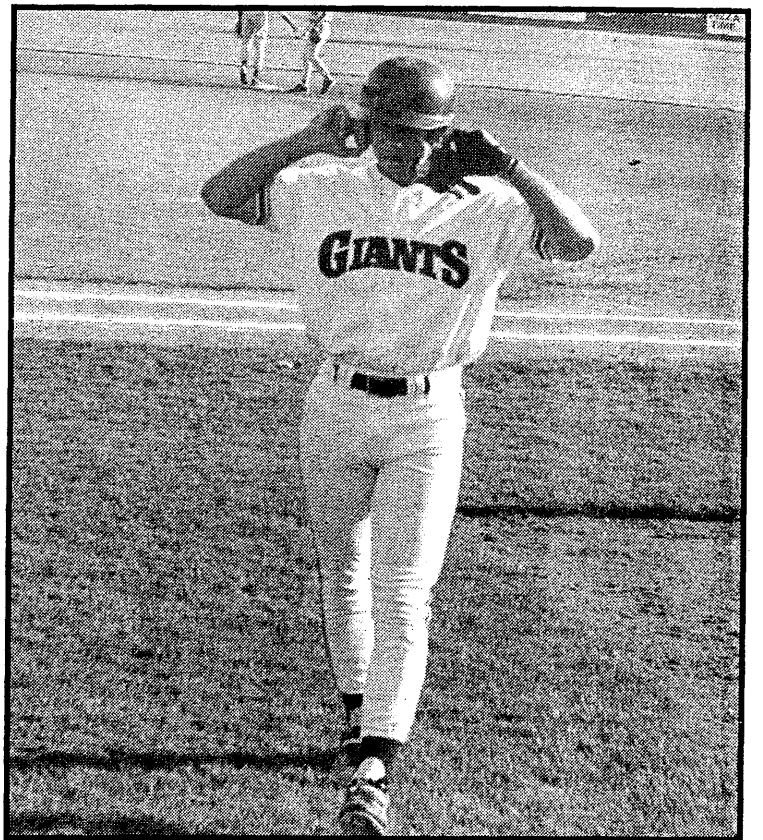
Corujo turns and smiles.

"When you're down, all you can do is come back and do again. (Here) it's easy, though, because the other players, they're enthusiasm comes up, and makes you want to go up too," Corujo said.

Teammates are also enthusiastic about him. Calderon beams when asked about Corujo. "We are like brothers," he said.

His mother, father, sister and brother are back in Puerto Rico. Corujo has been playing baseball since the age of six.

"I used to watch my dad play in the Amature (Amateur) League. He played, my grandfather played



Front/Stephanie Moore

Corujo steps off Joe Martin Field after an at-bat.

... it's in the blood," Corujo said.

The game does not start for another hour. But Corujo doesn't like to think too much about it.

"All I can do is go out and play my best. And hustle. But thinking

about things too much before, it's just not me."

Corujo is engulfed by baseball. He kicks back and relaxes. "I just play hard, and what comes, comes. I love the game, man."

Author captures 1993-94 season in vivid portrayal of Sonic boom

By Bill Urlevich
Front reporter

The Seattle Supersonics joined the NBA in the 1967 expansion; they won the NBA championship in 1979 but have otherwise had to sip from the cup of mediocrity.

Enter George Karl, a former college player for Dean Smith at North Carolina and pro player. He had coached in Cleveland for three erratic years, then briefly for the Golden State Warriors. Next he alternated between the Albany Team of the Continental Basketball Association (the NBA's minor league) and Real Madrid in Spain.

Karl, a hard-driving, outspoken man, took over the Sonics in 1992 with high hopes. By the 1993-1994 season he and his team were ready to move.

Author Curt Sampson covers that year in "Full Court Pressure: A Tumultuous Season with Coach Karl and the Seattle Sonics," when Seattle compiled the best record in the regular season only to make NBA history by losing to the eighth-seeded Denver Nuggets in the first round of the playoffs.

Sampson averaged ten points per game in high school in Ohio, but only scored nine points for an entire season at Kent State University. It would seem that with this thin background, a more qualified man might be given the job for covering a season with one of the top ten teams in the NBA.

However, "Full Court Pres-

sure" throws you on the sidelines, into the locker rooms, the hotel rooms and the pressures of the NBA hype machine with extreme detail.

In an excerpt from the "Head Games" chapter Sampson describes bench players coming to practice.

The other players started to arrive on the court forty minutes later, roughly in ascending order of salary. First out, as usual, was Steve Scheffler (\$170,000), a six-foot-nine Huck Finn. He had already spent an hour in the weight room; he looked as if he'd been born there.

Next was Alphonso Ford, a guard, a CBA player called up to the big show as a ten-day fill-in for Pierce. He dribbled a ball off into a corner, looking up at the 14,000 empty green seats, like a tourist in the big city.

Chris King, a fast, first-year forward from Wake Forest, was next; he earned the NBA minimum, \$150,000. Then came Rich King, seven feet two, eyes of blue, and \$700,000 a year. Though his career statistics were practically identical to Scheffler's — an average of a couple of points and a couple of rebounds per game in limited action — King made a lot more money because he had been a first-round draft pick, in 1991. Big contracts first, that was the NBA way; young players were paid on perceived potential, not performance.

Or the excerpt from the chapter

titled "Hooked on Sonics" where tempers flared before Gary Payton beat the San Antonio Spurs on a last second, turn around shot.

No one in the Alamo Dome sat after that. 'I hate the Spurs,' Karl told the team in a final minute timeout. 'They're fuckin' pussies!' The huddle broke, and Karl pointed to the Spurs' Willie Anderson, who was lined up next to Kendall Gill for a free throw. 'Kendall!' Karl said. 'Hit him.' Anderson's eyes grew wide.

With seven seconds left and the Sonics down 99-98, Payton dribbled left, was repelled by two defenders, bounced the ball off his foot, grabbed it before it went out of bounds, turned and fired. The shot entered the center of the hoop so precisely, and from such a steep angle, that the net barely moved.

When the horn sounded 1.2 seconds later, Payton's head wagged in I-told-you-so fashion in the center of the Sonics' group hug, in the center of the suddenly silent building.

"Full Court Pressure" is a funny and fast paced read through the NBA. If you're a Sonic fan it is a definite must read. Unfortunately, this book paints a picture of Coach Karl as a man who can't control his temper and runs his mouth.

It also gives fans the opinion the Sonics should have dumped Karl after their second-straight early playoff exit, this time to Nick Van Exel and the Los Angeles Lakers.

Huna Hogs thrill fans

By Stephanie Allen
Front reporter

Last Saturday, the Bellingham Polo Club was trampled not by horses but by men. The annual Can-Am 7's Rugby Tournament hosted 36 of the best rugby teams from British Columbia to California.

Throughout the hot day teams grabbed, kicked and punched their way to victory.

The Huna Hogs, all weighing in at over two hundred pounds, added humor to the normally blood-thirsty sport. All members donned stock tags on their ears with exact weights, as well as pink jerseys.

Spectators and players laughed as the Hogs threw themselves atop

rival players in an incredible effort to stop them from obtaining the ball, to avoid any running.

As teams were eliminated, the beer garden filled with spectators waiting to watch the semifinals. The University of British Columbia Old Boys played Meraloma Rugby Club, both from Vancouver.

San Francisco Tongans and Old Mission Beach Athletic Club, from San Diego, played in the other semifinal.

The San Francisco Tongans and the UBC Old Boys dueled it out in the final. A hard earned victory was claimed by the Tongans.

At day's end players waded through a mob with torn shirts and bruises.

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Frontline

Bellingham's your city

Western students like to complain about many things thrust upon them by the powers that be. Whether the gripe-of-the-week is Marriott, tuition increases, health service fees or parking, we seem to bitch about a lot of things but do very little about them.

In a public meeting at 7 p.m. at City Hall, Bellingham residents and members of the Western community will have a chance to express their thoughts about a sharp thorn in our side — parking:

On June 5, Bellingham Police Chief Don Pierce showed how much he appreciated us by presenting a proposal that would require residents of the South Hill area, otherwise known as "home" to many Western students, to purchase \$20 parking permits to park on the street.

Carl Root, Western's director of facilities and master planning, has said the Transportation Management Program will remedy the area's growing university-related parking problem (see *The Western Front*, June 22, page one). However, we won't know the details until this fall.

Meanwhile, the city isn't waiting for Western's plan, so it has presented a harsh proposal of its own to the public at a time many of those affected by the proposed ordinance are out of the area.

It seems like the city wants to screw Western students over. Then again, maybe we're doing it to ourselves.

The next time you're sitting on your butt in some bar drinking beer while complaining about the police, taxes, the bad-smelling air or how there's nowhere to park, try to remember the last time you wrote your congressman or newspaper editor, went to a city council meeting or even voted.

If you can't remember the last time you did any of those things, remember this: other people write letters, other people go to public meetings and other people vote. These people shape the decisions that affect everyone. Yes, the activities at those boring city council meetings affect you.

Bellingham City Hall and those who work in it may seem unapproachable and irrelevant, but during our time at Western, Bellingham is home. We must live with the decisions made by Bob Hall, Arne Hanna, Gene Knutson, Bruce Ayers, Pat Rowe, Louise Bjornson, Don Gischer and Tim Douglas (he's the mayor).

Western students and the university's neighbors can help shape the parking policies in the South Hill area by speaking out at tonight's meeting and other meetings to follow on the issue. Stay involved in the political process after this issue is decided. Attend council meetings, write letters to public officials and newspaper editors and vote. There will be other decisions to make. If you don't help make them, someone else will.

— Jeremy Stiles, Opinions editor

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New approach to China needed

Understanding the Chinese way key to resolving problems

With the formal announcement on Saturday of Harry Wu's arrest on charges of revealing state secrets, China served notice on the United States that it is prepared to intensify the confrontation over the issues of human rights and Taiwan's future.

China, already angry with the U.S. over its recent decision to allow President Lee Teng Hui of Taiwan to visit Cornell University, his alma mater, last month detained Wu as he crossed into China's western Xinjiang province from Kazakhstan.

Wu, a naturalized American citizen, was travelling with a valid U.S. passport and Chinese entry visa. Initial attempts to gain consular access to Wu have been denied, and despite intense U.S. pressure to have Wu released, China demonstrated that it was unwilling to find a compromise with the U.S. and instead, formally arrested Wu on Saturday.

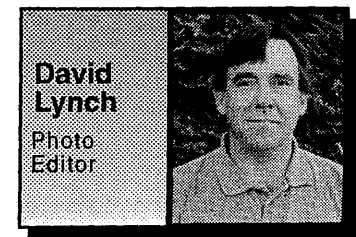
With Wu's arrest and the recent re-imprisonment of well-known dissident Chen Ziming, the steady decline in Sino-American relations seems to have accelerated its downward spiral which began after the Chinese army crushed the pro-democracy demonstrations in 1989.

In recent weeks diplomatic relations between the two countries have deteriorated over President Clinton's decision to allow Lee to come to America.

It was the first time a Taiwanese president ever set foot on American soil. Not even American World War II ally and Chinese nationalist Chiang Kaishek came to these shores.

Allowing Lee to come to America was a clear sign to the Chinese that U.S. policy towards Taiwan may be on the verge of changing.

As part of the 1976 agreement



David Lynch
Photo Editor

with China establishing formal diplomatic relations, the U.S. agreed to end all official relations with Taiwan.

The Chinese are particularly sensitive toward what they view as outside interference into their internal affairs. With the change in leadership now taking place in Beijing, no contender for paramount leader can appear weak or appeasing western interests. This is particularly true for President Jiang Zemin and Premier Li Peng.

Further complicating the already delicate state of affairs between China and the United States was Clinton's decision to establish full diplomatic relations with Vietnam.

It seems likely Beijing will interpret this move as a further sign the United States is attempting to "contain" China, interfere with its internal affairs and prevent it from assuming its role as a world power.

Wu's arrest and Chen's reimprisonment are just the latest signs Beijing intends to punish Washington for allowing Lee's visit. China contends the United States bears full responsibility for the deterioration of relations.

The Chinese government claims the U.S. is attempting to stir up internal political opposition by supporting political dissidents and by using Taiwan and Vietnam as barriers towards its economic and political expansion in the southeast Asian region, claims Clinton administration officials sharply deny.

For the past several months state department officials have said

American foreign policy is designed to "engage" the Chinese and not to "isolate" them.

It is not difficult for the Chinese to have gained the impression that isolation and confrontation are exactly the intentions of the American government.

In the last days of the 1992 election President Bush agreed to sell 150 F-16 fighter-bombers to Taiwan. The House of Representatives has passed legislation calling for an independent Tibet, allows for official relations with Taiwan and demands the Chinese government allow more international monitoring of prisons and human rights conditions throughout the country.

When Congress voted overwhelmingly to issue Lee a visa several months ago, China warned it would not allow this obvious slap in the face to go unanswered.

In recent weeks, delegations from Iraq and Iran have been in Beijing attempting to improve relations.

China has indicated it intends to sell equipment that will help Iran develop its nuclear power facilities, something Washington vehemently opposes. China has also indicated it will push for the lifting of the economic embargo on Iraq.

The relations between the two countries will continue to deteriorate unless both sides moderate their behavior and rhetoric.

The United States should pursue a more rational foreign policy with China, and not dictate how they should run their country.

Twenty percent of the world's population lives in China, and its economy expected to be larger than the United States' in 20 years.

If the U.S. treats China as an enemy, an enemy it shall have.

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