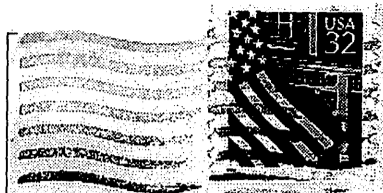


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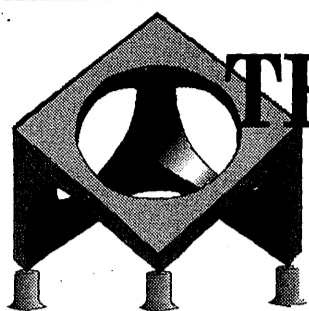


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Hey Ed, you have a nice set of horns



Front/Ryan Hooser

Hanna Carpenter says hello to Edward the Goat at the farmer's market grand opening.

By Ryan Hooser
 The Western Front

Hundreds of people gathered in the sunshine at the grand opening of Bellingham Farmers Market's 1997 season last Saturday at the intersection of Railroad Avenue and Chestnut Street.

Boppy the clown and his balloon animals, the one-goat petting zoo, the sound of bagpipes and street musicians added to the festive atmosphere.

Many customers addressed the vendors by first name and started conversations that wouldn't have seemed out of place if they had happened over a backyard fence. Judy Olsen of Nettles Kitchen said, "You have repeat customers ... and get to recognize the same faces and that's what is really a lot of fun about it."

But vendors aren't here for the company alone. The market took in over \$500,000 last season.

"These vendors make a living doing this," Market Manager Emily Weaver said.

Erik Pearson, who sells handcrafted hardwood jewelry boxes and cutting boards said, "They've got great marketing here."

Many new vendors were attracted to this profitable environment. Over 100 vendors and 51 full size booths in the market sell everything from massages to cashmere goats.

The range of goods being sold was matched only by the diversity of the large crowd. From old people to infants, the well-dressed to shabbily-clothed, all types of people mingled among the booths, browsing through the many hand-made wares.

Newstand wins federal civil suit

By Jacob Henifin
 The Western Front

Whatcom County. Prosecutor David McEachran violated the civil rights of The Newstand International's owner and former manager through prior restraint and retaliatory prosecution, an eight-member jury ruled Friday.

They subsequently awarded Ira Stohl and Kristin Hjelsand \$1.3 million in damages.

McEachran prosecuted Stohl and Hjelsand in February 1995 for promoting pornography by selling an issue of the magazine Answer Me!, which dealt explicitly and graphically with rape. The two were acquitted of criminal charges a year later and brought suit against Whatcom County in federal district court in Seattle.

"It is incredibly gratifying to tell your story to a jury — how the business was hurt and how horrible it was," Stohl said.

Stohl and Hjelsand's federal case was based on precisely what McEachran said to them in a February meeting. After a complaint was brought to McEachran's attention, he threatened them with prosecution if they continued to sell Answer Me! or "anything like it in the future." McEachran testified he did not say "anything like it," but instead said "anything exactly like (Answer Me!)."

The central issue in the case was prior restraint, which occurs when an agent of the government abridges First Amendment guarantees of free speech and press through threat of arrest.

Attorney Breean Beggs, who defended The Newstand in the criminal trial, explained the subtlety of the semantics. McEachran argued that what he meant by "exactly like it" was that a change, such as a new cover, if everything else remained the same, would be "exactly like it" and therefore prohibited, he said.

Judge Thomas S. Zilley instructed the jury that "exactly like it" in this context would not have been prior restraint.

"Anything like it" is more vague and crosses the line of permissible vagueness," Beggs said.

McEachran's testimony was contradicted by the testimony of Bellingham Police Det. Tim Lintz, who was present at the meeting with Stohl and Hjelsand.

McEachran's claims were also refuted by former Western Front reporter Jason Hickman, who interviewed and quoted McEachran verbatim.

"Zilley misinstructed the jury on prior restraint," Randy Watts, representing Whatcom County, said. "He only gave half of the equation. McEachran would have to have removed material from

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Sexual assault effects highlighted this week

By Jennifer Hart
 The Western Front

"The Ripple Effect: Sexual Assault Impacting Our Community" is the theme of this year's Sexual Assault Awareness Week, running from April 13-19.

When many people think of sexual assault, they think of it as something that happens to someone else. "That could never happen to me" has been uttered by many women and men.

Though many of us may never be victims of sexual assault, odds are we know someone who has.

Whether it be a friend, family member or co-worker, anyone who has known a victim of sexual assault realizes the violation

not only has a profound effect on that person, but also everyone around them.

The goal of the week is to promote community awareness of sexual assault and how it affects not only victims, but their loved ones as well.

"Sexual assault crosses all boundaries. Men, women, children, old people, they are all victims of sexual violence," said Allison Bennett of Whatcom Crisis Services.

"And when someone defines what has happened to themselves as not being a sexual assault, it normalizes violence," Bennett said.

"Victims of sexual assault often experience trust issues with those

around them. Sexual violence is both stressful and draining for the victims and their families," said Kathy Nyhuis of the Brigid Collins House.

Another goal of Sexual Assault Awareness Week is to show how widespread sexual assault really is.

"Awareness of sexual assault leads to education. Educating the community will make people more conscious of things like safety," Nyhuis said.

"There were 151 sexual assaults and 32 rapes by force in Bellingham in 1996," said Lt. Dascom Jamison, of the Bellingham Police Department.

During Sexual Assault Awareness Week, neighborhoods

can come together to look at the current state of sexual violence in our city and what can be done to stop it.

According to crisis services, several things can be done throughout the community to promote awareness and put a stop to sexual violence.

These include talking to children about safety, becoming informed on the issue of sexual assault and volunteering at a sexual assault outreach center in your community.

"Volunteers provide both physical and emotional support for victims. They act as listeners without telling the person what to do," said Caytie Cuniff of crisis services.

Crisis services is sponsoring several events to correspond to Sexual Assault Awareness Week.

A forum, "Sexual Assault: The Ripple Effect," will be conducted at 11:30 a.m. April 16 at Whatcom Community College's Student Center. Bennett will oversee the forum, which raises the issue of sexual violence and its effects on the community.

"But I Said No," a play about the affects of date rape on both men and women, will also run on at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 17 at Allied Arts of Whatcom County, 1418 Cornwall Ave.

Bennett said violence perpetuates cycles of abuse and can have a snowball effect unless it is stopped.

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Campus Police

Western Washington University Police had no incidents to report as of April 14, 1997.

Bellingham Police

April 12, 2:30 p.m.: Officers responded to a bomb threat in the 3900 block of Meridian Street. After searching the area the threat was determined to be false. No suspects were taken into custody.

April 12, 3:17 p.m.: A father was reported to be abusing his 3-year-old child.

April 12, 6:56 p.m.: A man reported, while driving his vehicle in the 1500 block of Alabama Street, that an object struck the windshield causing a large chip. He said it was intentionally thrown from a residence. Officers contacted the occupants of the house where the man said the object came from, and they denied the incident. The object was later determined to be a bolt.

April 12, 9 p.m.: A male was arrested and booked into Whatcom County Jail for the second-degree rape of a child.

April 12, 9:17 p.m.: A juvenile was detained and cited for minor in possession of alcohol.

April 12, 9:53 p.m.: Officers responded to a loud party in the 3600 block of Ridgmont Way. The occupants were warned to turn down the music and to disperse the party.

April 12, 10:35 p.m.: Officers responded to a report at Bellis Fair Mall that unknown suspects had broke a truck window, gained entrance and stole several items. The truck received minor interior damage.

April 12, 11:14 p.m.: Officers responded to a report in the 2400 block of Alabama Street that two half-racks of beer had been stolen.

April 13, 3:39 p.m.: A male was cited and released for shoplifting after stealing beer from the 1700 block of North State Street.

April 13, 9:25 p.m.: A juvenile was reported as being intoxicated. She was taken to the hospital by family members then transferred to the Whatcom County Jail for an eight-hour detox hold.

April 13, 10:34 p.m.: A man in the 2400 block of Meridian Street was cited and released for not having enough money to pay for food.

April 13, 10:47 p.m.: A woman and her child were arrested for shoplifting in the 1200 block of Sunset Drive. The woman admitted to using the child to carry out the crime.

Cops Box compiled by Kevin Rus

Western Briefs

Belly Dance Fever club shakes its stuff in town

The members of Belly Dance Fever, a Bellingham dance club, will be giving a show along with other belly dance performers from Whatcom County. The show will be at 7 p.m. tonight in the Allied Arts Center of Whatcom County, 1416 Cornwall Ave.

Belly Dance Fever will also be performing at 4:15 p.m. Saturday on the Fairhaven Courtyard main-stage during Earth Day festivities.

Volunteer Information Fair comes to Viking Union

The Center for Student Work Experience is hosting a volunteer fair 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday in the Viking Union Main Lounge. Representatives from local non-profit organizations as well as service related programs on campus will be on hand to offer information and to answer questions.

Representatives from health, education, environment, law, crisis services, youth programs and more will be present. For more information contact Suzanne Baker at 650-3158.

Whatcom presents music, storytelling in two shows

Whatcom Community College will host the "International Music and Storytelling Festival," 7-9 p.m. tonight in the Student Center Lounge. For more information contact 676-2170 ext. 3425. On Wednesday, Master Pablo Ortiz, a professor of classi-

cal guitar at the Universidad Nacional in Heredia, Costa Rica, will play at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the theater of the new Heiner Center at WCC. Ortiz will perform in a "Latin American Classical Concert," tickets are \$4. For more information call Steve DeRoy at 676-2170 ext. 3240.

'But I Said No' focuses on date, acquaintance rape

The Whatcom Crisis Services Sexual Assault Program is sponsoring a presentation of "But I Said No," a powerful play about the effects of acquaintance or date rape on both women and men. It will be at 6 p.m. Thursday April 17 at Allied Arts of Whatcom County. This play is free. However, donations will be accepted at the door.

Neighborhoods to discuss controversial master plan

Three more neighborhood meetings on Western's Draft Comprehensive Campus Master Plan have been scheduled. The first meeting will be at 7 p.m. Thursday for the Sehome neighborhood. The second will be 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 30 for the South Hill neighborhood.

The first two meetings will be in the Whatcom County Courthouse Annex Hearing Examiner's Room, 1000 North Forest St. The third will be 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 14 for the Happy Valley neighborhood in the Happy Valley Elementary School cafeteria, 1041 24th St.

Upcoming Presentations:

- "The Ecological Effects of Wildland Roads," a slideshow presentation and discussion will be at 7 p.m. today in Fraser Hall 3. Bethanie Walder of the Wetlands Center for Preventing Roads will explore how roads in wildlands contribute to erosion, flooding, landslides and wildlife habitat fragmentation.

- The Dean of the Faculty of Forestry at the University of British Columbia, Clark S. Binkley, will discuss changes in the British Columbia forest policy at 3 p.m. Wednesday in Environmental Science 100. The presentation is free and open to the public.

- "Making It You and Your Planet," a presentation given by Professor Emeritus Vern Tyler at 4 p.m. Saturday in Miller Hall 162. All students and faculty are welcome.

- Peace Corps recruiters will present a slideshow and question-and-answer session from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday in the Wilson Library Presentation Room. For more information contact Scot Marriott at 650-3017.

- "Harold of Orange," presented by the Native American Student Union, will be shown at 5:30 p.m. tonight in the Wilson Library Presentation Room. Admission is free.

Briefs compiled by Kevin Rus

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

THE UNIVERSITY WRITING PROGRAM IS NOW RECRUITING qualified students to work as Writing Center Assistants/Writing Fellows for 1997-98. Applications are available in the Writing Center, WL 342.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED IN OM 120 OR BY CALLING X/3080 FOR THE MILLER ANALOGIES TEST (MAT). Scheduled dates are 3 p.m. on April 15 and May 12 in FR 4. A \$35 fee is payable at time of testing. Allow 1½ hours.

THE JUNIOR WRITING EXAM should be taken after acquiring 60 credits and before accumulating 90 toward graduation. Registration is not required. The JWE can be taken only once per quarter. Picture ID, a pen and No. 2 pencil are required. Allow approximately two hours. Testing is in FR 4. First-time examinees may take the test at 3 p.m. on April 16, 18, 22, 23 or 28. Retests only may be taken at 4 p.m. April 29 or 3 p.m. on April 30.

A VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY SERVICE INFORMATION FAIR will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 16, in the VU Main Lounge. More than 60 agencies will be on hand. For more information, call X/3158.

LOTS 7G, 11G, 14G AND 25G WILL BE RESERVED beginning at 5 p.m. April 16 for the Mark Plotkin presentation. Lot 19G will be reserved for students, staff and faculty not attending the event. • **Lot 9V will be reserved** starting at 7 a.m. April 17 for those attending the annual scholarship luncheon. A shuttle will run from lot 26C for both events. Permit holders may leave vehicles parked in reserved lots for work-related purposes.

SPRING QUARTER GROUP OFFERINGS THROUGH THE COUNSELING CENTER include • **Discovering Your Body Pride**, Wednesdays 11-noon starting April 16, Fridays 1-2 p.m. starting April 18; • **Parent Support Group**, time to be arranged; • **Student Grief Support Group**, time to be arranged. For information or to register, call X/3164.

REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED FOR THE MATH PLACEMENT TEST. A \$10 fee must be paid in exact amount at time of testing. Photo ID and No. 2 pencil required. Allow 90 minutes. Testing is in OM 120 at 9 a.m. Monday test dates are April 21, 28, May 5, 12 and 19, June 2 and 9. Thursday test dates are April 17, 24, May 8, 15, 22, 29 and June 12.

SPRING QUARTER PAYMENT DEADLINE FOR TUITION AND FEES is Friday, April 18. If you need a billing statement or more information, contact Student Accounts, 650-2865.

VOTING FOR ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS will be from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. April 22 and 23 in Red Square. Students will need drivers license or student ID. Candidate statements are available in the A.S. Review.

DIRECTORY AD SALESPERSON NEEDED. Sell ads to businesses for the 1997-98 *Campus Directory*. Must be available through fall quarter, including summer break. Must have own transportation and telephone. Voice mail or answering machine access preferred. Salary: \$6 to \$8 per hour plus mileage. Interviews begin April 21. Contact Margaret Loudon, X/3914, for appointment.

WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATIVE INTERNS are being selected this quarter to serve during winter quarter, 1998. Information and application forms are available in Arntzen Hall 415. Qualified undergraduates in all disciplines are eligible with at least junior standing and a minimum GPA of 2.75. Closing date is May 16.

On-campus recruiting

Signups for on-campus interviews are required in Old Main 280. Additional information on many positions is available in the career library and/or sign-up folders. For more information, contact the Career Services Center, OM 280, X/3240.

- **Girl Scout Council**, Wednesday, April 16, drop-in only in VU lounge for information, primarily about summer jobs.
- **Renton School District**, Thursday, April 17, 4 p.m. Interested in applications from candidates in all areas, levels and specialties. Event will last until about 5:30 p.m.
- **Marysville School District**, Tuesday, April 22. Candidates for all levels and areas considered. Submit a résumé when you sign up beginning April 16.
- **Mervyn's**, Thursday, April 24. Information session, 7 p.m. April 23, OM 280. Submit résumé at signup.

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AS candidates vie for positions

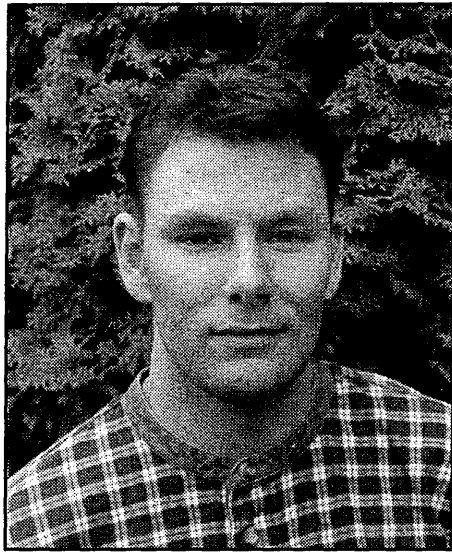
Vice president of internal affairs

Caleb Holt

When I transferred here last year and saw all but two positions in the AS ran uncontested, I knew that representation was not all it could be. I decided almost immediately I was going to run in the next election and use my experience to attempt to change the entire basis of our student government. This election is only the first step of many in improving student representation in the AS.

While in student government at Skagit Valley College, I was part of budgeting, reviewing and allocating processes for many financial affairs. These skills and experiences apply directly to the office of Internal Affairs. Additionally, my knowledge of parliamentary processes and procedures are invaluable in student government. Experience brings results, reliability and effective government.

My goals are focused towards improving the student representation in the AS. Specifically, I would like to see a senate of at least 20 additional students included in the student government. A referendum is on the ballot that brings Western closer to this goal, but even if passed, would need a student like myself to effectively see it into reality.



Caleb Holt

Morgan Hepfer

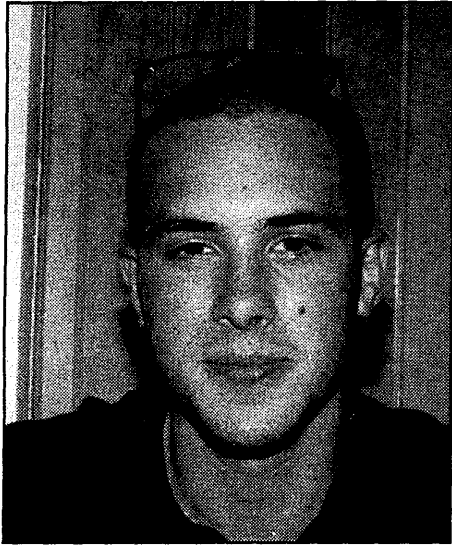
I am running for this office because I do not feel the AS plays a large enough role in the average Western student's life. My goal for the future is to bring the AS and all of its vast resources to the students.

I have been involved in student government throughout high school. I think my most valuable administrative experience has been in the organizing and running of St. Francis House, a charity geared toward helping low-income families in Puyallup.

I bring a new face and fresh ideas to the AS. My experience at St. Francis House taught me the value of publicity. The AS has a lot to offer, but for students who don't know about those resources or how to access them, the AS is just an organization for students to play government.

For fear of sounding arrogant, I am intelligent, friendly, creative and I have a genuine desire to help. My primary goal for the future is to publicize the AS. This can be done in a number of ways.

First, through more active and efficient use of current methods. Second, every incoming student should receive notification and information about the workings and resources of the AS. Third, a pamphlet detailing what the AS has to offer and how we as students can access needs to be designed and distributed to all current students. I want to bring the government to the people. With the help of concerned students on April 22 and 23, I will be able to do that.



Morgan Hepfer

Vice president for student life

Meché Brownlow

This position encompasses all activities I have participated in here at Western and is an excellent opportunity to increase dialogue between students and administration.

I have been an Resident Hall Association representative, vice president activities/External for Beta and Gamma and a resident advisor for four years.

I can articulate students' needs and wants clearly to the administration and the "system" of housing, dining and resident life.

I am the best person for this job because I have experience with all differing groups this position deals with. I am enthusiastic and have good communication skills, and I already drink a lot of coffee.

I plan to increase dialogue between students and administration. Also, I want to increase the knowledge of opportunities on campus for students to get involved in.



Meché Brownlow

Vice president of diversity

Joshua Cummings

I am running for this position to continue an important aspect that is provided by the AS — to enrich our lives through the expansion of our minds and eyes.

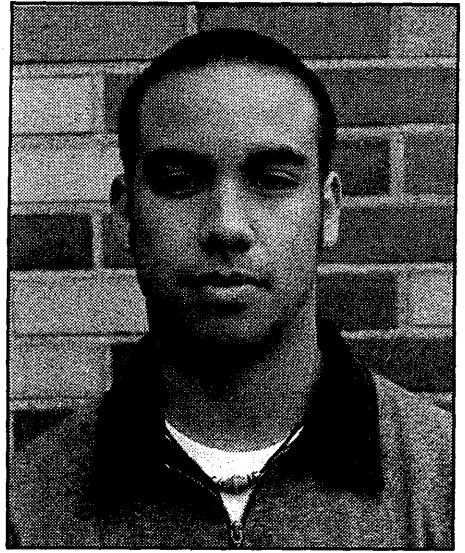
I am currently involved in RHA (Residence Hall Association) and am a precinct committee officer for Clark County.

I am able to reason, listen and respond effectively and quickly to various situations. I also have an even keel and an open mind.

I am the best person because I am understanding and have multiple focal points.

I plan to make the office a little more visible and expand its reach. Ultimately, I want to move ahead with the great progress that has already been achieved.

Get out there and put a (check mark) next to Joshua Cummings.



Joshua Cummings

Pan Kantiyavong

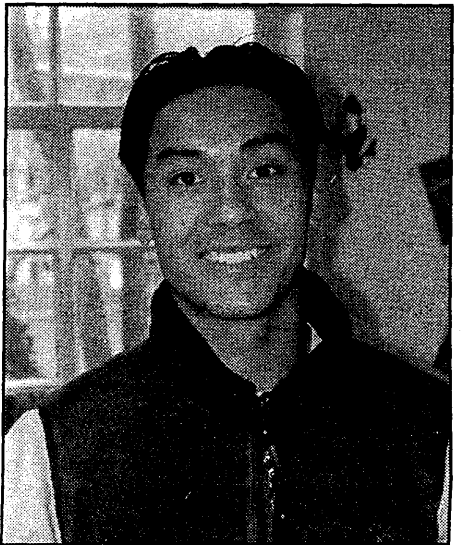
I am running for this position because I am deeply concerned and strongly committed to diversity and the issues dealing with the underrepresented population on Western's campus.

I am co-founder of Lao and Thai Student Organization, activities coordinator for the Multicultural Service Center Peer Mentoring Program and coordinator for the Native American Mentoring Program. I have also participated in the National Student Exchange Program.

My skills that would benefit the AS office are strong leadership and communication abilities, people and interpersonal relations, and above all, my willingness and determination to work hard.

I am the best person for this position for various reasons. As a junior, I have observed, learned and most importantly, contributed to Western's community through my work with the above organizations.

In this position, I will continue to serve as an advocate to students and administrators by encouraging, promoting and initiating a celebration for diversity.



Pan Kantiyavong

Vice president for activities

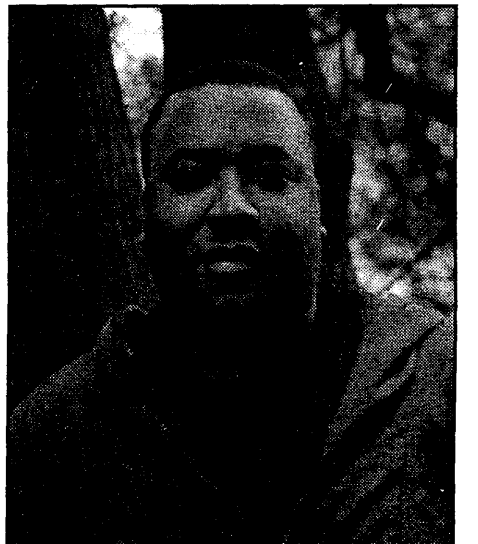
Douglas W. Leek

I feel that I am qualified and can make a positive difference on campus. I was a student representative at Bellevue Community College, president of the Black Student Union at BCC and a member of the Steering Committee and Activities Council at Western.

I felt I was a better man for the job, and it just turns out that nobody's running against me. I am honest, hardworking and dependable. I work well with other people, am responsible and creative.

Coming from a school where we regularly served the community, I'd like to see clubs do a lot more positive things on campus when they become chartered, whether it's community service, volunteering, putting on programs, etc.

Community service gives your club recognition, and you get a lot more members in your club if they see you do positive things for the community.



Douglas Leek

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Each candidate completed an identical questionnaire. Profiles for AS President and AS Vice President of External Affairs will be in the Friday, April 18 issue of The Western Front. Hyan Berglund, running for Vice President of Internal Affairs, will also be profiled in next issue. Photos of Morgan Hepfer, Sarah Steves and Meché Brownlow taken by Sun McElderry and are courtesy of the AS Review. All other photos are taken by Aaron Dahl.

Western Front, Klipsun win first place Trial from page 1

By Naomi Dillon
The Western Front

The Western Front and Klipsun magazine garnered a place in five of the 28 categories in the 1996 Society of Professional Journalists Region 10 Mark of Excellence contest in March.

Each year the SPJ region, which includes Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Alaska, honors "the best in college and university student journalism."

This year the best happened to be: Craig Scott for Column Writing, Jesse Hamilton for Spot News Reporting, The Western Front for Non-Daily Student Newspaper, Klipsun for a Student Magazine Published More Than Once a Year, and Rachel Morrow for a Non-Fiction Article.

All winners except for Morrow won first place; Morrow won third.

First-place winners are automatically entered into the national contest where only one award will be given in each category.

The national winners will be announced at the SPJ convention in Denver the first weekend in October.

Scott's humorous, cynical style

has earned him a following among the campus community.

"It was pretty cool because the category was really for serious columnists, and I came in and beat them all with a humorous column," Scott said.

Hamilton, who not only won for his breaking news report, but was also Front Editor for two of the three contest entries, said he

The category was really for serious columnists, and I came in and beat them all with a humorous column.

Craig Scott

felt really honored to have been selected.

"It really capped off my journalism education," said Hamilton, who will be graduating in June. "It was a great way to finish my years at Western."

"The fall (1996) Klipsun editors are all really proud of this particular SPJ award because we tried a design change for the whole magazine and we think it worked," said Collin Coyne, edi-

tor of Klipsun for the award-winning issues.

"I'm not allowed to say how many people run in each category, but I will say that although some categories did not receive a lot of entries, the winners shouldn't feel any less worthy of the award," said June Almquist, contest coordinator for Region 10 and chairman of the National Awards and Honors Committee.

"They are selected on their own merit and will not be placed unless the judges feel they deserve it.

"In some instances there may be three entries but only one will actually win an award," Almquist said.

The judges selected are professional journalists from their specific fields. For example, feature-writing

journalists judge feature stories.

"Accuracy, completeness, effectiveness and writing style are some of the criteria used to judge the stories," Almquist said. "But overall excellence is also a determining factor."

"Western always does well," Almquist said. "Especially the Front, which as long as I've known, has always placed every year they entered. It really is an outstanding paper."

commerce for prior restraint to have occurred. His statement doesn't make prior restraint alone."

"Prior restraint is based on [McEachran's] language telling them they can't sell it," said Gene Hogan, Western professor and constitutional legal scholar. "Lintz contradicted McEachran's testimony, and the jury believed Lintz."

After Stohl and Hjelsand refused to comply with McEachran's demands, they were arrested and prosecuted. This constituted retaliatory prosecution, Beggs said. Retaliatory prosecution does not depend on probable cause but the motive of the prosecution.

"If McEachran had simply prosecuted them for selling the magazine without threats, while truly trying to prosecute, he would have been fine," Beggs said. But when threats are made a prosecution sets itself up to be substantially illegal, he said.

"The way in which [McEachran] did it is what they call overzealous prosecution," Hogan said.

McEachran had to prove the magazine was obscene in order for Stohl and Hjelsand to be convicted. To do this, an average person would have to find that the

entire magazine appealed to a perverse and lustful interest and explicitly depicts or describes patently offensive pictures or stories and lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value.

"Not only was this impossible, but it was illegal," Beggs said.

"Why McEachran proceeded with his actions is probably what you should ask him," Hogan said.

McEachran did not respond to repeated phone calls, but is quoted in The Bellingham Herald as saying "When I bring actions here, I bring them because I believe they're correct."

"The prosecution was done because there was a violation of the law, not retaliation," he said.

"The award demonstrates that our clients went through a nightmare," said Andrea Brenneke, a Newstand attorney.

"I was staring up at the ceiling, as they read the decision — I was overwhelmed," Stohl said.

"There are always legal issues in a complicated trial," Tim Ford, lead attorney for the Newstand said. "I don't think there are any appeal issues; Zilley was very even-handed."

"If they appeal and lose, they have wasted an incredible amount of the county's money," Stohl said.

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Vice president for student life

Josh Skoko

I want to bring new ideas and committed leadership and to serve Western students. I want to be a strong voice of students' concerns to the university.

While at Western, I have been the council secretary for Beta/Gamma Hall and a member of the American Marketing Association. I was also vice president and publicity coordinator of the associated students in my high school.

I have goals and plans for the future, and I want to be involved with students about their concerns dealing with the academic programs at Western. I also have experience with representing students at the local and state levels.

I believe I have the knowledge and experience to lead the AS in the future. The large student backing of my campaign also shows that I will be directly involved with representing students' concerns.

I would like to continue the work of upgrading and expanding Western's technology systems. I would like to create e-mail hub stations at more locations so students can access their e-mail between classes and/or while they are waiting for a bus or class.



Josh Skoko

Sarah Steves

I want to continue my work as a student representative through a position similar to my current and past experience. The Associated Students has the ability to affect all students, and I can utilize the resources of the AS to successfully complete my goals and represent the students' views.

I am the secretary of the Residence Hall Association and have been an orientation student advisor. I am currently a member of the National Residence Hall Honorary. I also have been on Nash and Fairhaven Hall Councils for the past two years.

My leadership, expertise, experience, spirit and creativity will make the VP for academic affairs a valuable position on the AS Board. I am also focused on students, a necessary ability for any AS position.

If elected, I plan to ensure proper use of the funds for technology for every student, as chair of the Student Technology Fee Committee. I also plan to modify the faculty evaluation as liaison to the Faculty Senate, so it judges the professor's teaching ability.



Sarah Steves

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FLIPPIN' THE DISC

By Jacob Henifin
The Western Front

"C'mon Jimmy," Al Schwartz yells, coaxing his disc to fall advantageously near the hole. Tom Osterdahl throws a long, flat drive, that if played well, may give him a birdie.

A terrible toss by Lee Taylor arcs out of the trees and down toward Squalicum creek. He solemnly proclaims that his chance at getting a birdie, hitting the pole in two strokes, is hopeless. Steve "Sugar Pants" Van Lente throws a high beautiful drive, settling in nicely for the coveted birdie.

Disc Golf, or "folging" as it is referred to by slurring hillbillies and a few hippies, has some elements of ball golf but is a much different sport.

Both sports "drive" from a "tee" attempting to reach the "hole," or in the case of disc golf, the "basket" in as few "strokes" as possible. This is where the similarities end. Many small courses, such as Bellingham's Cornwall Park, use posts, bells or even trees for goals.

As opposed to swinging expensive clubs into white, dimpled balls while wearing ridiculous clothes at expensive, well-manicured courses, disc golfers play for free at public parks or for a pittance at the few private courses. The plastic discs range in weight from 140-180 grams. They are smaller with a much sharper rim than normal flying discs. Like ball golf, courses are nine or 18 holes, yet much shorter because even the strongest throws travel only about half the distance of a ball drive.

"A Wham-O®" is a large beaded disc that is meant to float at slow speeds. It is not a short beveled disc that is designed to cut directly through the wind," Tom "Monster Pull" Osterdahl says at the fourth hole tee where Al explains his strategy.

"If you got balls, you throw straight and thread the needle," Al Schwartz confidently said referring to the roughly three-foot gap separating a nearly impassable cluster of trees.

Al pulls out his big cajones, tests the wind and steps up for the drive. He barrels the disc into trees framing the gap as the group laughs at his misfortune. Apparently, Schwartz is neuter.

Bark slowly falls to the forest floor while Al retrieves the disc folded by the impact.

The postholes at Cornwall are buried four-inch PVC pipes filled with a concrete-rubber compound rising about four feet from the ground with an 18-inch "sweet spot" designated by red tape, from the top of the post down. One must hit the pole in this area to complete the putt.

It's huge in Europe and Asia because it is such an inexpensive sport. It takes up a tenth of the land of a regular course and poses the same challenges.

— Tom Osterdahl

Baskets have the same size sweet spot, but consist of a series of chains and a steel basket the shape of a jug-band washtub — 26 inches in diameter and about eight inches deep. The chains taper from a two-foot diameter hanger on top, onto smaller rings fitting snugly on the two-inch steel pole. The beauty exists not so much in the aesthetics of the basket, but in the element of the basket that allows discs to stay in the basket even when putting from greater distances. Also, there is little contention about holes-in-one because the proof is in the basket.

Unlike the tree-lined fairways of ball golf, disc golf fairways are generally a wooded labyrinth like the clutter of Cornwall's hole four.

People attempt to navigate three routes through the tall pines and cedars. Branches are high, but the numerous thick trunks create a dense and hard-to-negotiate fairway. It is not so much that these guys are trying to avoid trees, but squeeze out a small opening or window to fly the disc through.

"Over-stable discs have a tendency, if thrown flat, to fall to the left when the power starts to die down. And conversely, the opposite is true for an unstable disc, which falls to the right when thrown flat," Osterdahl explains with authority.

Many courses are tucked away in wooded glades and fields that if a person played a different course daily, it would take a year-and-a-half to play just the listed courses of the Pro Disc Golf Association directory.

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The inspired and talented, or at least the lucky disc golfer, could potentially claim the coveted and growing "ace pot;" \$127, two discs and a rule book will be given to the crafty golfer who can get a post-in-one. The ace pot was established by golfers putting in \$1 before Sunday's regular game. It continues to grow until skill, or chance bestows the fortunate with its bounty. Hole seven avails itself as a potential windfall. It is a wide-open, short, 150 or so foot drive.

The boys focus, wind and throw — all in vain. The pot grows.

Hole 18 is fraught with hazards. The road winds like an oil-slicked river bisecting the fairway. To clear it, one must have a well-placed monster drive. Consideration and caution must be exercised to avoid the additional hazard of a planter just beyond the road toward the hole.

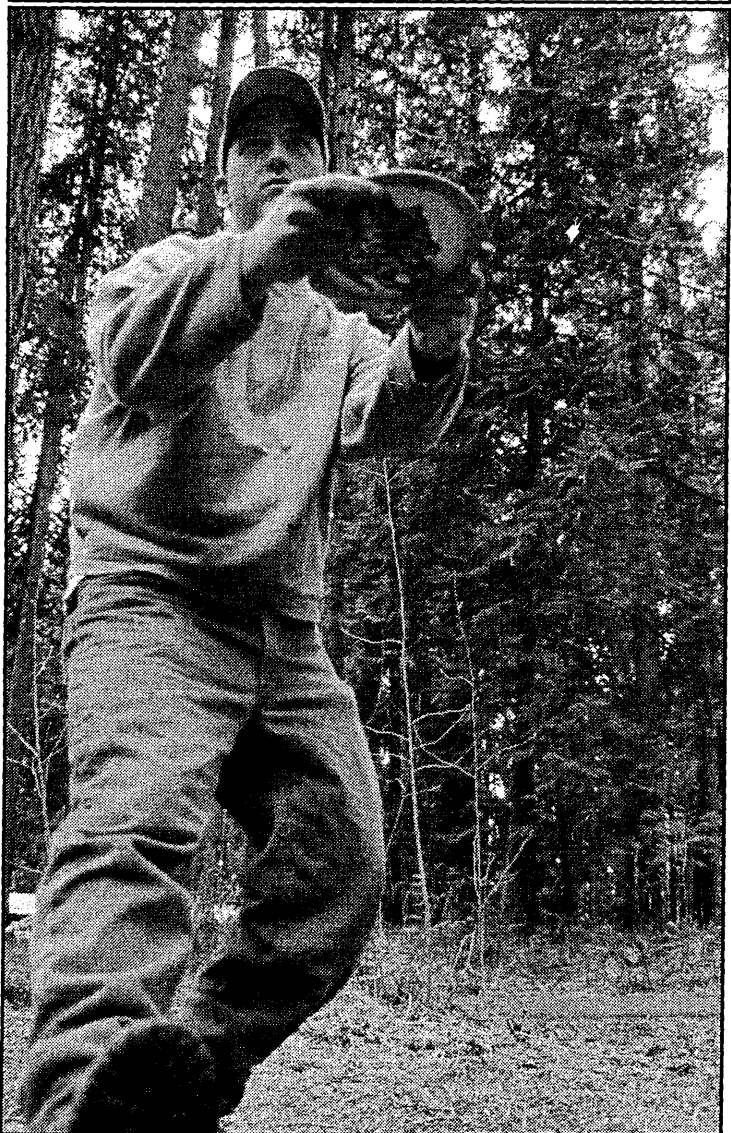
Osterdahl clears the road with power and conviction. But his toss lacks the necessary finesse and lands figuratively miles from the hole.

Sugar Pants plants his right foot and throws a miserable, yet dynamic drive. The disc dives into the road and skips across a large, ever-present puddle like a hydroplane violently crashing during a late-summer weekend. This is going to cost Mr. Pants dearly, as he fails to hold any chance of faring well in the final standings.

After all is muttered and finished, Al strides victoriously away from the final hole. Mr. Taylor and Osterdahl tie as first losers — second place. And Sugar Pants ... well what do you expect with a name like that?

"Disc golf is basically a lot of guys getting together," Osterdahl said. "The full aspects of competition are there, but people are laid back. It is an organized hippie sport, that is what it is."

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Poised in Cornwall Park, Tom "Monster Pull Osterdahl focuses and dials in a shot on post-hole eight.



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SCAMS

They're Everywhere ...

Students risk it all for a little dough

By Shelby Benny
The Western Front

In an effort to pinch pennies, work the system and to get more of a good thing, Western students admittedly take part in everyday scams.

Some scams seem so natural we tend to forget they're classified as a scam. For instance, have you ever filled out a mail-order CD club's enrollment card using your address, but another person's name? You've taken part in a scam. Or, how many minors have used a fake ID to get into a bar? Caught again!

According to "Webster's Dictionary," a scam is defined as "a con game or deception practiced to defraud." And in some cases, the con game could lead to a fine, an arrest or a court hearing. However, the possible penalties don't seem to stop students from participating in fraud.

One of the more popular scams seems to be mail order music clubs.

"I've ordered CDs from mail-order companies, and when I received the discs, I'd record the music onto tape.

Then, I'd send the discs back and claim that the CDs quality was not what I had expected," sophomore Tiffany Buchart said.

"One of the best ways to get out of a fake music membership is also pretty fun," Sophomore Angela McKinney said. "Usually, you have to write to them and say that you want to quit. Then they call you and try to make you a deal that will keep you in the club.

"This is when living in the residence halls or an apartment comes in handy because I just say 'oh (insert fake name here) doesn't live here, and I just moved in so

they could have lived here before.'

Ignorance can be fun!" she said.

A Western junior, who wishes to remain anonymous, admits to misspelling his name when applying for a music club membership.

"I did it on purpose so that I could receive nine extra CDs. It worked and I ended up with two memberships, but I know that it was wrong to do," he said.

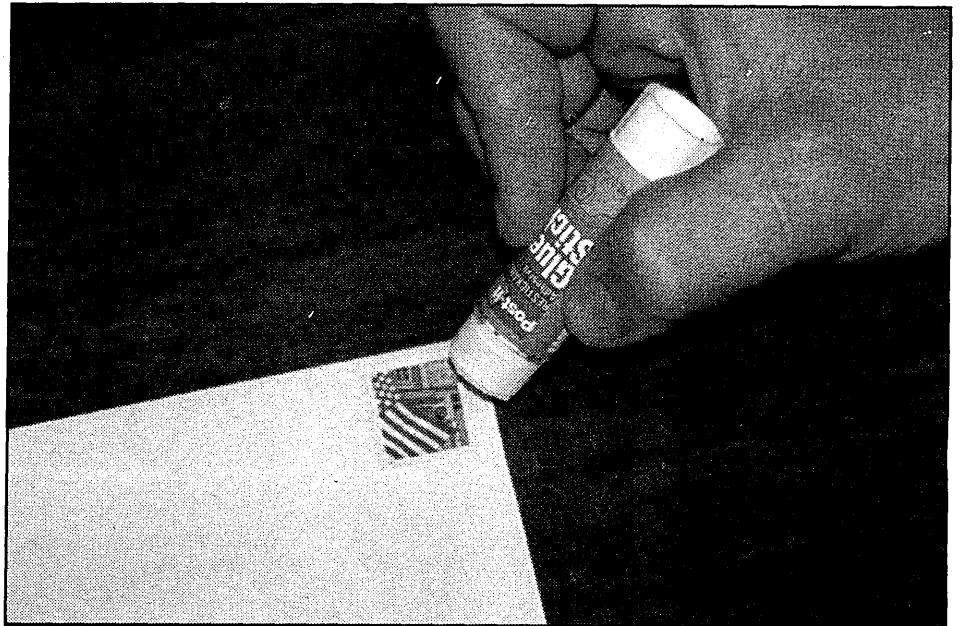
Buchart and McKinney are no strangers to such seemingly harmless, everyday scams. Besides the mail order music clubs they both have stories about how to scam the U.S. Postal Service.

"I used to write a lot of letters and since stamps are so expensive, I'd try to save money by putting glue over the stamps and letting it dry. Then I'd attach the stamps to the letters and ask the person I was writing to to send me the stamp back the next time they wrote to me," Buchart said.

"The glue creates a barrier that makes the stamp's cancellation mark erasable. I could erase the stamp and use it over and over again. It ended up to be a great way to save money," he said.

While many students know that 32 cents isn't going to break their banks, they do enjoy the convenience of not having to purchase stamps. Another Western student, who also wishes to remain anonymous, remembers a time when he placed six letters in his mailbox without stamps.

"The people that I had sent the letters to got charged for the postage. One of my friends even got sent to collections because he forgot to pay the 32 cents from the letter that I sent him. I think he's still mad at me!" he said.



Front photo illustration/Aaron Dahl
With a glue stick and a will to deceive, a 32 cent stamp can be worth millions.



Front photo illustration/Ryan Hooser
Is freshman Ryan White trying to deceive the post office?

McKinney adds two postal tricks. "You can put the person's address that you're sending a letter to as the return address, your own address in the center of the envelope and then accidentally 'forget' to put a stamp on it. The post office sends it to the return address. This one works better if both people on the envelope live in the same city, though. Otherwise the post office probably gets suspicious."

"You can also just write return to sender on the envelope after you've opened it and insert your correspondence back to the sender!" says McKinney as she laughs.

Mail-order music services and postal fraud are by no means the only scams that Western students take part in. A few students revealed, but did not want their names disclosed in fear that they would be caught, that they regularly go to a specific fast food restaurant that has an open beverage bar. They always order water (which is free of charge), but repeatedly fill their cups up with soda instead.

Last year, in Westerns' residence halls, students tried to get a free load of laundry by hooking fishing line to the laundry tokens. Their goal was to insert the tokens into the machines and pull them back out with the fishing line. Unfortunately, their endeavors didn't pay off, and they ended up breaking the machines.

Fraud may be morally wrong for some individuals, but even for the morally challenged, scams are illegal. So why do people engage in such risky activities?

Buchart thinks it's convenient and cost-effective. McKinney agrees. Others commented that they get a thrill out of working the system.

McKinney seemed to sum it up best when she said, "I would never do a scam person to person — like fake ID. If I can separate myself, and there's no face recognition, I feel like it's not that big of a deal. It's like having a Versateller banking account instead of a real one. It's you and the system ... no feelings involved."

Sucked into some unexpected lessons

By Arvid Hokanson
The Western Front

Throughout college, most students are subject to some sort of get-rich-quick scam. Whether the scam falls within legal bounds or not, many students are left with a dented wallet and a bitter feeling in the stomach.

One scam happens to many students in the first week of every quarter. Various banks and companies offer free t-shirts, food and other items to sign students up for credit cards.

One student told his story of signing up for a credit card during his freshman year with a credit limit more than \$1000 and an interest rate of more than 25 percent.

An interest rate such as this would imply the company is insuring against late payments, but the fine print presents a much different picture. The first bill didn't come in the mail for a year, allowing the bill to build up with delayed tracking of transactions, and a single payment with one large interest rate.

Taking a deal like this may be judged as either ignorance or stupidity, but the scam is in how the credit card issuer tricks the eager student to sign up with no credit check, then scars this newly established credit record for life.

As anyone who eats dinner knows, many scams are executed over the phone. Persistent, smooth-talking salespeople try to persuade students to give money to various organizations, as well as to sign up for great deals, such as cheap long-distance rates.

A recent television report focused on scam artists, who claimed to be from a fire or police department, asking for donations over the phone to upgrade old equipment and facilities.

Sounds like a great idea, except when the caller is a private citizen, and the check is deposited into a personal bank account.

The classic scam can be found in the advertisements of newspapers and magazines. The advertisement will usually lack details, but contain information on how to make money fast and easy by sending

away money for more information. The response will instruct the unsuspecting victims to run the same advertisement they were scammed with.

Mala Nagarajan, supervisor of the local Attorney General's Office Consumer Resource Center, said many college-aged students get scammed in landlord/tenant situations. "Students don't read contracts and there are a lot of obligations they are agreeing to when they sign the contract that come out later."

Nagarajan said students usually don't realize the obligations until an unfortunate situation arises. She recommended to fully read contracts, and to read them together with all parties involved.

Another scam affecting students at home involves magazine subscriptions.

Western sophomore Amanda Moglebust said she got scammed during her freshman year in the Fairhaven dorms by two guys selling magazines to help fundraise a trip to Europe. In the end, she only received one or two issues of the magazines she ordered.

Julia Dunham, assistant coordinator of

Western's Legal Information Center, warned of a scam involving the sale of meat. The scam artists will claim that their restaurant or business ordered more meat than they can use, and they need to get rid of it before it goes bad. What they don't know is how cheap the salesperson purchased the meat for. The victim buys the meat for what they think is a good price, and is stuck with a large amount of meat, later feeling that salesperson made a big profit.

Nagarajan warned that the best way to avoid scams is to take preventative measures against them. Nagarajan said it is best to research situations before you commit to anything.

The Better Business Bureau offers help to consumers, both with inquiries and complaints. Be careful though, registering a complaint without the company's phone number will cost a small fee.

As long as students have some money to spend, scam artists will try to get a share of the pie. In the end, the smarter person will win the battle of the buck.

Save pennies, waste time

By Christopher Luczyk
The Western Front

Commentary

They come in many forms. They invade your mailbox, clutter your newspaper, fill your student bookstore bag and even adorn your favorite cereal carton. These things are supposed to save you money — and who wouldn't want to save a little dough? But what is the exact purpose of these things we call coupons?

Today coupons are only pieces of paper worth no more than 1/20 of a penny. Of course, this is the face value and they can actually save a consumer hundreds of dollars a year with a little bit of effort.

In the world of coupons, some are worth clipping and others are worth pitching. It is the ones worth pitching which conjures questions about their purpose. Often a coupon will be encountered which begs to be laughed at. These bunk coupons cause us to often wonder why they are made.

"Yeah, coupons that are like 15 cents off are stupid," exclaimed consumer Sara Long. Many

people don't even bother with coupons because of their money-saved to time-used ratio.

"It's just not worth the time to use them. Stores that just put the items on sale are better," shopper John Finny said.

Many coupons deserve recognition in the worthless coupon category. The high volume coupon is definitely deserving of the category. Any coupon where a dozen items are needed to utilize it is just plain bunk. Look to the classic 10 Ramens or eight mac and cheeses's for a buck for sheer absurdness.

Society has no need for these coupons; for mass quantity, shop at Costco.

Another questionable coupon is the 10 percent jobbie. This type of coupon provides little savings to the consumer. Actually, it really just covers the sales tax; And this is an often heard statement about the "10 percenter." This isn't good because it gives us a taste of what no sales tax is like. Either that or it's like pretending we live in Oregon — lame either way.

The ultimate loser coupon comes from an unlikely source. A florist — yes, a florist. Either this business has some under-the-table-stipulation with a divorcee lawyer or it is catering to the suave pimps around town.

The offer extended seems innocent enough at face value; "Buy one rose and get one free." Take a minute to think about this. Buying someone two roses is a major faux pas. Who buys a rose to give one away yet keep one for themselves? Certainly an idiot.

So, the only other market is for the individual planning on using both roses — for two different reasons, or in other words, two different people. For you "mack daddies," this is a hell of a deal. For idiots, it's not helping much. And for the average guy, it just ain't going to work.

The idea of coupons is one certainly worth abolishing. It would save paper, time and a bunch of monkey business. Straight-up sales are more viable and don't poke fun at consumer intelligence. Soon enough lame coupons will evolve into the likes of "the 5 cent rebate" for which people can get checks in the mail. And at that point we all will be wasting our shopping time with coupons.



Front photo illustration/Christopher Luczyk
Is this consumer saving money or wasting paper and time?

Top five scams to look out for

By Naomi Dillon
The Western Front

You're standing in line and your pager goes off. You don't recognize the number. It's from a different area code, but you decide to call to let the caller know they've dialed the wrong number. Instead, you get a recording about male impotency. Disgusted, you listen for 20 minutes before you hang up. You have just been scammed.

Has anything like this ever happened to you? Read on to learn more about the most popular scams hitting the nation.

1. In California, a number of people have received pages from an 809 area code and after returning the call, they are surprised to find a charge of \$3-\$25 per minute. How is this possible? (809) is an area code in Antigua and is not subject to FCC regulations.

2. In Kansas and Missouri, bogus travel packages are being sold to unwitting consumers, who after showing up at the hotel, restaurant, show, etc. ... discover that reservations were never made for them.

3. This scam, called the Recovery Rooms, works well with the above scam. Con artists will compile a list of people they have scammed — the sucker list. They then call each person, posing as a government agency who will help them recover their money. But first, they must send your money.

4. Nationwide, thousands are being duped by imitators of legitimate sweepstakes companies, claiming "you have won." Lured in by the promise of big cash prizes, people dole out money for "taxes, shipping charges and even the cost of the truck to deliver a non-existent prize," according to a Newsbank source. The Publishers Clearing House has done its part to warn consumers about frauds by putting reminders in their mailings that "winning" is always free.

5. A brochure in the mail, a phone call at home or a solicitor knocking on the front door could be a scammer asking for a donations to help save the rainforest or feed the starving children in Rowanda. Americans gave \$141 billion in 1995 to charities, according to the National Charities Information Bureau. It is estimated that 1 percent went to con artists, fake or uncharitable organizations.

Men en route to Final Four

By Meredith Lofberg
The Western Front

Despite tough play from the Vikings, the Western men's lacrosse team fell to the Simon Fraser University Clansmen 14-13 in sudden death overtime Saturday on Western's home field.

On Sunday the men defeated the University of Washington Huskies 15-10.

The Vikings found themselves in an early deficit when Simon Fraser scored two goals within the first two minutes.

"We came out flat and let them set the tempo of the first half," senior defenseman Ian Tomlinson said. "Momentum plays a big part in this game and for us it wasn't there in the first half."

Early in the second quarter, Simon Fraser was leading the Vikings by four goals, giving the Clan their biggest lead of the game. The Vikings then picked up the pace, and by the end of the half, were tied with the Clansmen at 8-8.

Throughout the second half, the lead teetered back and forth between the two teams.

Once again, the Vikings stepped up the level of play and



Western attackman E.J. O'Neal fends off a Simon Fraser poke check in Saturday's game.

came back from a three-point deficit to tie the game forcing sudden death. However, the valiant efforts of the Vikings fell short.

Senior attackman Kristian Brekke attributed the team's loss to fatigue.

"We didn't have the fresh legs in the week of practice beforehand the way we should have," Brekke said.

Brekke also said he believes that psychological factors had a part in the Vikings defeat.

"We started off the game giv-

ing them two goals and doing a lot of chasing; psychologically, that's difficult. We also had trouble recognizing their predictable offense," Brekke said.

The loss made Sunday's game against the University of Washington vital. Whichever

team claimed the crucial game would be heading to the Pacific Northwest Collegiate Lacrosse League Final Four on April 25-27 in Portland.

"Tomorrow, we've got to go out there and play every quarter like the fourth quarter of this game," Head Coach Tim Bishop said.

On Sunday, the Vikings once again got off to a slow start, but quickly pulled away from the Huskies in the second quarter, and Western clinched the victory.

All 15 goals for Western were scored by five members of the Viking arsenal. Brekke and junior midfielder Ryan Mills both pulled off hat tricks for the Vikings, while senior attackman Ryan McGowan scored an unprecedented five goals.

Also contributing to the scoring was senior midfielder Adam Foster and Jason Shuck.

If all goes according to plan on April 25, the defending champion Vikings will be playing for the league title once again. The Vikings have held the prestigious title for the past three years.

"We want to work on correcting our mistakes," Brekke said. "One of our talents is being able to recognize what we do and don't do best."

Vikings stroke their way to victory

By Ted Brightman
The Western Front

In the only home regatta of the year, Western's crew teams dominated their meet Saturday at Lake Samish, taking home six of nine races entered.

Competing along with Western were Pacific Lutheran University and the University of Puget Sound.

The Viking men won four races, including the varsity eight, novice eight, varsity four and novice four races.

The Viking four is on a roll picking up their third win in as many races.

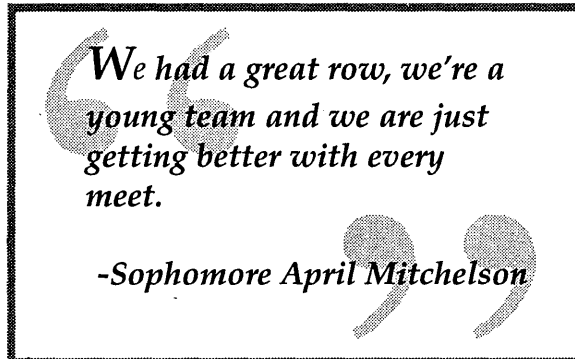
The varsity four won with ease racing to a nine-second advantage over second-place PLU.

"This was the strongest race we had all year, we are starting to practice at a higher level of intensity," sophomore Dave Friedrichs said.

The Viking men brought in another strong finish in the varsity eight race when they edged out the Lutes and finished with a time of 6:13.

Seated in Western's men's varsity four were sophomore

strokes Jan Nielsen, Friedrichs, Jason Moorehead and senior bow Robby Neumann. The coxswain was sophomore Nora Andren.



Nielsen, Friedrichs, Moorehead and Neumann also participated in the varsity eight with freshman Joe Fieldman, Jesse Miller, Cameron Moorehead and Dustann Jones. The coxswain was Mackenzie Douvier.

The Viking women were also very successful winning

the varsity eight and the varsity four.

Like the Viking men, the varsity eight rowed away with the title finishing six seconds in front of PLU.

"We had a great row, we're a young team and we are just getting better with every meet," sophomore April Mitchelson said.

Seated in Western's women's varsity eight were sophomore stroke Saskia Esslinger, freshman Jennifer McLaughlin, sophomore Tina Carter, sophomore Amanda Moglebust, sophomore Molly Spellman, sophomore Jen Chaffee, sophomore April Mitchelson, junior bow Robin Koolen, and the junior coxswain Kimmie Marton.

Both the men's and women's teams are nearing the end of the regular season and looking forward to the Pacific Coast Rowing Championships.

The PCRCs will start on May 17 and Western's teams will compete to have a shot at making it to nationals.

Western crew will face the University of Washington Saturday April 19 in Seattle.

"We have a great team, it is just a matter of how bad we want it," Friedrichs said.

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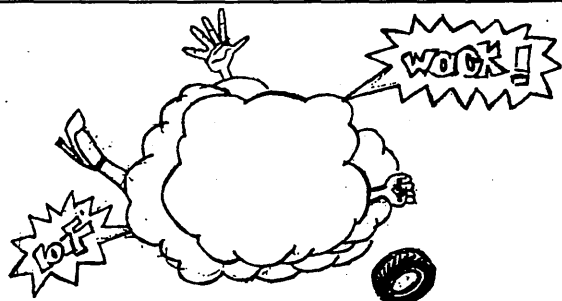
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Women's lacrosse sets sights on defending title

By Meredith Lofberg
The Western Front

In the next two weeks, the Western women's lacrosse team will cap off a successful season by playing for the league championship in Portland.

Coming into the season, Western lost 10 starting members who led it to the league championship for the past two years.

Younger, less experienced players have had to step up from the B team to fill the shoes of the vacated shoes of the A team.

According to junior center Lena Schiller, the hard work that these players put in makes up for their lack of experience.

"Many of our players hadn't played lacrosse until they came to Western, but we're still a threat and a really strong team," Schiller said. "Our new players are amazing. They get a lot of support from the more experienced players."

Team coach Catherine Shook feels that being the only school in the Northwest with two teams gives Western an advantage over their opponents.

"As we lose players each year, that second team is stepping up, and women's lacrosse at

Western maintains its competitive force," Shook said.

Shook, a former offensive player, and Sidney Shuck, previously a defensive player, have both been sidelined due to knee injuries.

Neither has been lost to the team, their plaguing injuries have turned part-time coaching duties into full-time positions.

"We lost them on the field, but we haven't lost their strength," Schiller said. "Their morale and leadership are still there."

Offensive player Sarah Sheldon has taken over Shook's longtime position on the field. "She is doing a great job and is leading the offense down the field," Schiller said.

Returning goalie and former high school All-American Marina Sheldon is one of the more experienced members of the team.

"She's the power behind our defense," Schiller said.

Another experienced player, sophomore Kate Harrington, "is a strong force on the field, in both defense or offense," Schiller said.

New to the Western team is Cammie Thrash, a transfer student from St. Mary's. "Thrash has been an aggressive, good edition

to the team, starting at defense and showing good offensive skills as well," Schiller said.

With two weeks remaining until the league championship, the Vikings are focused and practicing hard for the upcoming tournament.

Schiller believes that they are an aggressive team, and their individual strengths go together to make one cohesive unit.

The team also hopes to use the championship to show up some old rivals. "We're predicting a game against UW for the championship," Schiller said. "We want it bad."

The Vikings took their chance at a local tournament to watch the Huskies, and to adjust their game plan according to UW's style.

Shook believes that the team is ready to show off the skills of the new additions in the championship.

"We have our work cut out for us, but I can honestly say that I am just as confident going into this championship as in the last two years," Shook said. "I am really proud of all the work that this team has put into this season, and I have every confidence that we will be a threat to all our opposing Northwest teams."

"MAIN EVENT"

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April 15, 3 p.m. at the University of Washington

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Brains, baskets equal All-American

By Jim Morrell III
The Western Front

Western women's basketball forward April Saunders has recently been named a 1997 NAIA Division I All-American Scholar-Athlete.

Saunders is an accounting major with a 3.94 grade point average and has been named to Western's honor roll seven of her eight quarters.

When questioned on the award, Saunders said "Both academics and athletics are a big part of my life, I have worked hard at both. It is through this hard work that has gotten me to where I am today."

A 5-foot-11-inch junior, Saunders also received honorable mention all-Pacific Northwest Athletic Conference honors this past season and was co-captain for the Vikings, who finished 18-8 and reached the semifinals of the PNWAC playoffs.

Saunders believes that the strength of the team lies with experience next year. "Our team will have a lot of experience coming back, not necessarily older players, but experienced younger players."

Both academics and athletics are a big part of my life, I have worked hard at both ...

— April Saunders,
Academic All-American

"It is a great award, it's good to see some recognition for someone who works hard in class and on the court.

She is a great leader for our team," said Lori de Kubler, the women's assistant coach.

Saunders averaged a team high 8.5 points and 7.3 rebounds per game.

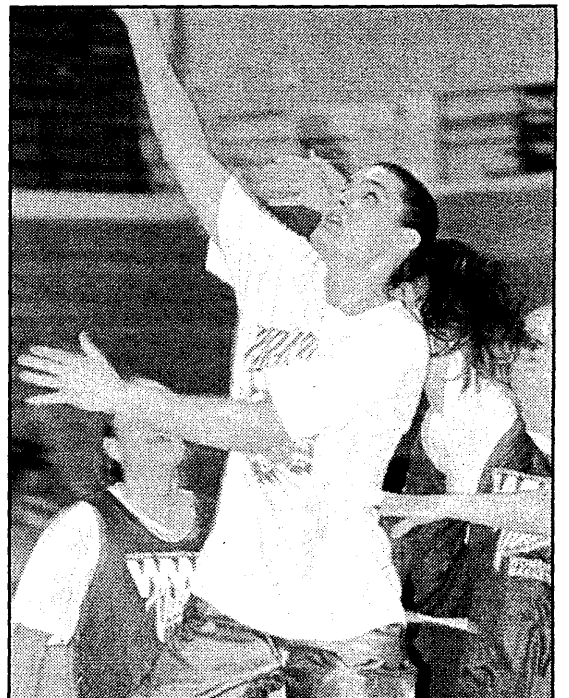
Saunders has started the last two years at Western after playing in every game as a true freshman.

She is a graduate of Woodinville High School where, not surprisingly, she was class valedictorian.

With very little free time, Saunders cherishes the time when she can relax and enjoy time outdoors. She especially enjoys camping and outdoor activities.

Saunders will return to the Viking line-up next year for her final season.

Other PNWAC players honored were Rosie Albert, Jodi Benson and Robin Berg from Lewis-Clark State College; Erin Brandenburg from Seattle University and Megan Scott from Simon Fraser University.



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April Saunders strives for athletic success.

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Real world not as forgiving as Western students expect

Western students are in for a rude awakening as shocking as an ice-cold shower once they hit the real world. The first time you go to your boss with some lame excuse for a late report, you won't get any sympathy.

Maybe a pink slip, but no sympathy.

I am disgusted by the slacker mentality at this school. Every time a paper is due, a professor can bet that a few choice whiners will be begging for an extension.

You know what I'm talking about, you've all seen it. Maybe you've been a whiner at one time or another. Either way, students don't see the need for a deadline if they can get out of it. In order to escape the dreaded deadline, some blatantly lie or say they were deathly ill when their symptoms came simply from partying.

By lying, they think they are improving their grades. In truth, they might be. What they are missing out on, however, is the fact that college is supposed to prepare them for reality.

What reality can these slackers possibly hope to enter? Even coffee jerks have deadlines — would you go to an espresso stand that took a half hour to make a mocha? Slackers and whiners only hurt themselves when they "get by" with a late assignment.

Integrity and honesty, which are sacrificed by this lying and complaining, are much more important than grades.

Professors are often lax, accepting late papers with no more than an apology. Because of this, the friendly teachers we all love are just as responsible as their lazy students. By not slamming students for late papers, they are coddling them into believing time is irrelevant. I applaud those harsh teachers who either penalize or don't accept late papers. Although we might hate them now and call them choice names behind their backs, they are preparing us for life.

That's what they are supposed to do, isn't it?

College isn't going to last forever, and it's up to you to create the adult you will be when you leave. If you want to be an irresponsible slacker working as a peon, good for you. Keep turning in those late papers. If you want to be worthy of respect when you leave Western, you have to work a little harder to get things in on time.

You might have to cut down on your partying now, but you'll feel better someday when a slacker you went to college with hands you your morning mocha.

— Kristen T. Paulson, News editor

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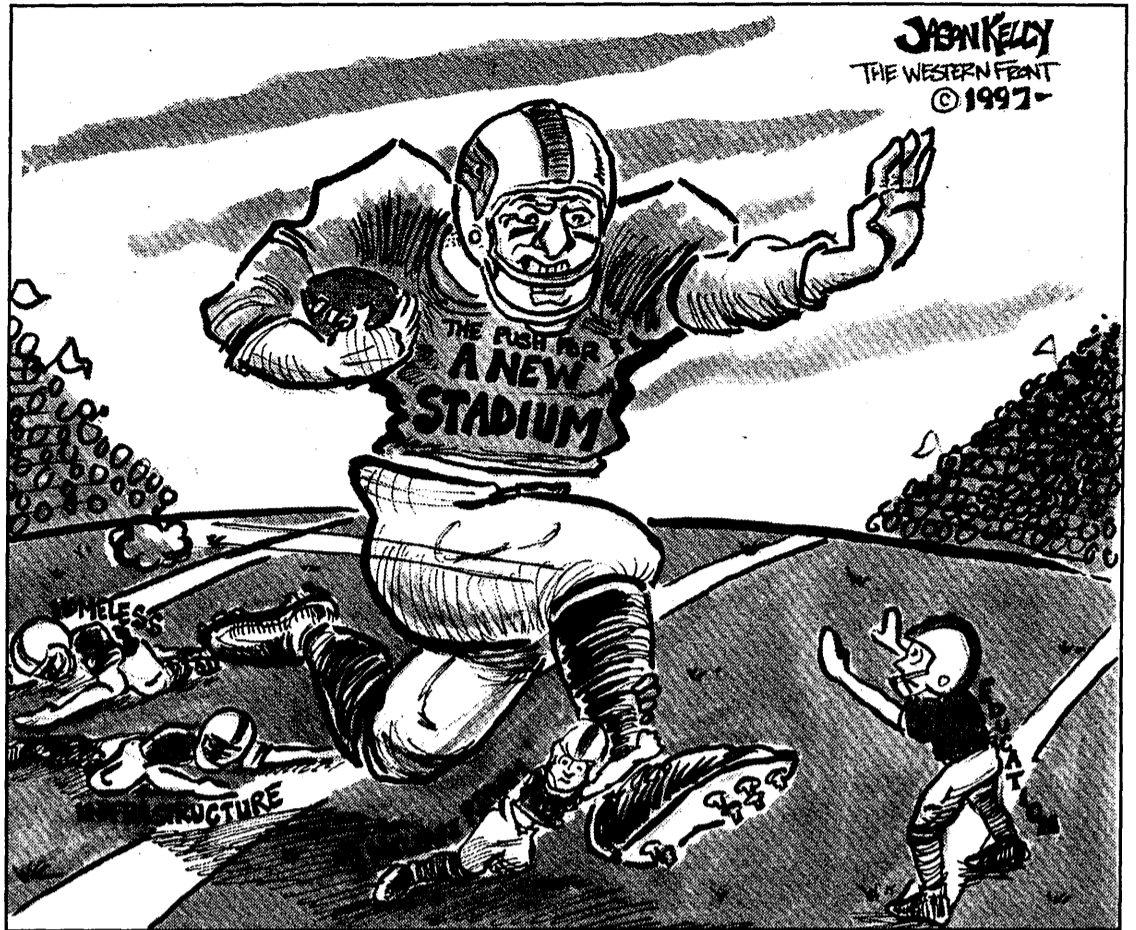
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Sports stadiums: a waste of limited public resources

COMMENTARY



In a cartoon printed in the March/April 1997 edition of the Washington Free Press, a homeless man is shown sleeping next to a cardboard box as a voice from a giant sports stadium broadcasts the tragedy of the city sports team losing its chance to make the playoffs.

For as long as I can remember, I have generally enjoyed events in the Kingdome. From baseball to monster trucks, the Kingdome has hosted a wide variety of activities for everyone to enjoy.

Unfortunately, the Kingdome has become unfit for use after just 21 years of existence. At least it took Haggard Hall 37 years before it needed to be gutted.

The Mariners and Seahawks want new stadiums. Yes, each team wants its own new stadium.

Microsoft Co-founder Paul Allen has been working with state legislators to formulate a proposal for a new Seahawks stadium that would be presented to voters in a special election.

So far The Seattle Times, Seattle Post-Intelligencer and

The Bellingham Herald have all endorsed the voter option.

Conversely, the Mariners' ownership appears to remember that as children, throwing a tantrum in the grocery store would get their parents to buy them whatever they wanted in order to shut them up and make them temporarily happy.

After all, they did put the team up for sale when lawmakers didn't initially bend over backwards to build them their new stadium.

But why must the citizens of the Puget Sound area be subject to dealing with these large, private-enterprise mansions?

According to both of the proposal summaries, the two proposed stadiums would come with a price tag of more than \$800 million.

This figure is a grotesque amount of money for the Seahawks, and more importantly the Mariners, to shove down citizens' throats.

According to the Metro King County Council website, the Mariners' stadium alone is estimated to cost \$402 million.

Politicians have been working endlessly to cater to the professional sports teams of Seattle, trying to accommodate their every need.

Initially, the Mariners demanded that their stadium be finished

for opening day 1999.

The Washington Free Press stated, "As of the end of last year, major league baseball's six newest stadiums have taken an average of 30.5 months to build ... Additionally none of them have retractable roofs, which add a major design complication and make the Mariner's stadium the most expensive of them all."

Doesn't it matter that homeless people are sleeping throughout Seattle every night? Or that after a recent drive to West Seattle, the shocks on my car barely made it through the minefield-like array of potholes scattered over Spokane Street? What about citizens losing their homes to mudslides?

Government has lost sight of what it was elected to do — serve the public interest.

Publicly subsidizing professional sports makes about as much sense as government tobacco subsidies. For one thing, neither industry is in crucial need of money.

Politicians, sometimes known as public servants, need to worry about the people who elect them, not a few deep-pocketed, greedy billionaires.

The well-being of our cities and citizens should always take precedence over the money-hungry world of professional sports.

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Campus parking jungle helps to push stressed students beyond their limits

COMMENTARY



Meredith Lofberg

Everyday at Western, many students are forced to do something they dread. It is with apprehension that they climb into their cars and head toward campus, for they are aware that an awful chore awaits them.

No, I am not talking about exams, nor am I speaking of lectures worthy of a good snooze. I am talking about parking.

Finding a parking spot on campus can be a frustrating chore. Many frazzled students have been pushed to the brink of insanity as they circle the lots, praying for the mercy of the parking gods.

They drive maniacally to reach the lone space off in the horizon, only to be cut off by someone who spotted it sooner. As a result, a long stream of expletives may be heard streaming from their

contorted faces. Many students who walk to school during the day make the foolish mistake of trying to drive to campus at night.

We have all made this grave error. We assume we will easily find a space to park, since several of the lots are not monitored for passes after 5 p.m.

However, I have spent many much-needed study minutes endlessly circling the lots on West Campus Way. I always find a spot in the end, but not before I wonder why I didn't just walk.

Now that spring is here, most of us are willing to hoof it. But in the winter, the frigid nights with the tearing winds were enough to deter all but the most dedicated of off-campus students from making the trek to Wilson Library.

Many of us have previously parked in spots we weren't supposed to, figuring we would just pay the fine if we got ticketed.

Well, I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but the parking office is onto our scheme — they have raised the price of parking tickets in order to curb this practice.

Now you may be forced to pay up to \$20 for the hideous crime of parking where you are not allowed.

doing their job and shouldn't be reviled for performing their assigned duties.

A year ago, I would have agreed with this premise.

That was before I had my first run-in with the campus parking police. My parents had come up to visit me, and like every other college student, my cupboards were bare. They took me to the store to do some shopping and upon our return, parked in my dorm lot to help me carry the groceries upstairs.

When we returned to the car, we found one of those carts parked behind our van, and a man writing us a ticket.

My mother began to explain our reasons for committing the violation and that we had been in the space for less than 10 minutes.

But the man in the blue coat was unmoved by her explanation

and curtly told us that the ticket stood. His rudeness was not called for, and I had the distinct feeling that my proper mother would have liked to give him the finger.

Since I started school here last fall, I have seen continuous construction being done on the campus.

Perhaps it is time we use some of the energy being put into creating new libraries or science lecture halls into solving our parking situation.

With all the other headaches Western students endure, we shouldn't have to be so worried about a little thing like where to park.

Perhaps it is time we use some of the energy being put into creating new libraries and science lecture halls into solving our parking situation.

Who among us can honestly say that they like the sight of the parking patrol in their little blue-and-white golf carts? More than once I have heard students refer to these men and women as the "parking Gestapo." You might say that these people are just

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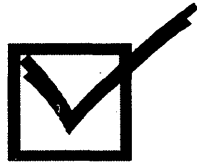
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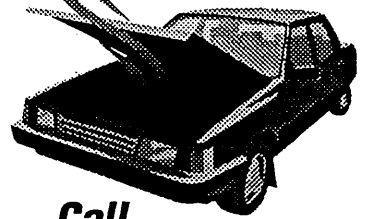
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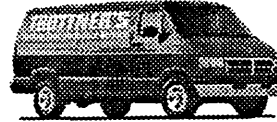


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