

The Western Front

Forum discusses new Campus Services Facility

By Shannon Ager
THE WESTERN FRONT

concerns and questions they have about the new building.

"We want to bring you into the fold here and let you know what's happening," said Michael Smith, the architect designing the project.

Construction of the \$7.4-million project will begin in October 2001 and should be completed by the summer of 2002. The new building, which will be on the northeast corner

of 21st Street and Bill McDonald Parkway, will house the offices of University Police, Student Health Services and Parking and Transportation.

The meeting was the first in a series, which will be every two weeks at Zervas Group Architects. The formal presentation to the city will be in October. Specific dates for meetings have not yet been set.

Several concerns were dis-

cussed at the meeting. John Servais, Happy Valley resident and community activist, expressed concern about previous fill operations conducted where the new building will be.

"I think Western should be held accountable for that sort of thing," Servais said. "To put any type of emergency facility on top of that is stupid."

Smith said this issue has been raised before.

"We had an early warning radar system out," Smith said. "We know where the fill is. It's obviously unsuitable for the building. It will have to be dug out and replaced with something suitable."

Another concern was how to separate vehicle traffic from pedestrian traffic on 21st Street.

Smith said the plan is to create
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A small group of 14 people gathered in the large, first floor lounge of Fairhaven College in an informal setting to discuss controversial issues about the planned Campus Services Facility.

The focus of the June 15 meeting was for people to voice

Interim librarian named

By Angela Smith
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A nation-wide search will begin for a new university librarian this fall.

Former University Librarian Judith Segal declined to comment about her departure from Western.

Marian Alexander became Interim University Librarian July 1, former interim provost Dennis Murphy stated in a press release.

She will fill the position until a permanent appointee is found. "A minimum time (for the search) is usually about one year," Alexander said. "But it can extend from a few months to 18 months."

Library staff and faculty participated in interview forums and submitted comments to the provost to help choose an interim university librarian. Alexander was one of three nominees for the position.

"I have experience doing the work," Alexander said. She served as acting director of the library from October 1994 to August 1996.

The position entails mainly administrative duties but also includes working with library and university records, including student records, archiving and working with various library programs.

These programs include enhancing the Library Information System, improving the Internet-based inter-library loan system and a college-based librarian program.

She explained the library has many undertakings she doesn't plan to wipe from the slate, but rather will look into ways to continue the programs while in the position.

Alexander said the perma-

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Smooth Sailing



Matt Anderson/The Western Front

Junior sailors enjoy a clearing in the weather at Lake Whatcom. Sailing programs are available to students through the physical education department or Whatcom County Parks and Recreation and are taught at Western's Lakewood Boating Facility.

VRI car succeeds in European race

By Angela Smith
THE WESTERN FRONT

Western's Vehicle Institute Research team is coming home Thursday from an eventful competition in Birmingham, England.

Rob Giovanale drove Viking 28 to fourth place in the autocross with a time of 48:11.

According to an e-mail from VRI Grant Specialist Eileen Seal, however, the team was unable to finish the fourth run of the autocross because of a broken axle.

The team placed third overall

in the 1999 Formula Student Competition and third in acceleration.

Viking 28 took second place in the figure-8 skid pad test — the skid pad test judges the vehicle's cornering ability — with Brian Bressler driving with a time of 21:90, beat out by only .01 seconds by the University of Texas at Arlington.

The car proved to be economically feasible as well, placing fourth in cost accounting, which judges the car's ability to be mass-produced.

"The British judges have been very impressed with the unique-

ness of the design and use of our materials," Eileen Seal wrote.

"The competition (was) very stiff, as Western (was) competing against the top winners of American SAE competition as well as the very best of the British," Seal wrote.

The competition was cut short Saturday when officials canceled the race when UTA's car crashed.

According to a press release, Western's team won the Sir Henry Royce Memorial Foundation award for its awareness of basic engineering principles in the construction of a racing car.

Twenty students chosen as math fellows

By Craig Kanaya
THE WESTERN FRONT

Twenty Western students have been chosen by Western's mathematics faculty to be math fellows. They will help students conquer their math problems.

"A math fellow is an outstanding math student who provides free tutoring throughout the year to students in calculus, linear algebra, statistics and differential equation classes," Mathematics Center Director

Donna Rochon said. "Math fellows will also conduct workshops on the use of graphing calculators and other mathematical software."

Twenty math fellows are chosen each year. They are recommended by the math department, fill out an application, write an essay and are interviewed. They are then chosen to be math fellows by undergraduates. This process starts in February, and the math fellows start their jobs in September.

"The math fellows are some of our strongest math students, but they do not need to be math majors," said Rochon.

In addition to being outstanding math students, math fellows must be able to communicate concepts.

"Math fellows must have good communication skills and must also know what questions to ask to lead the student in the right direction," said Frank Gonzalez, a returning math fel-

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2 officers to join campus police

By Justin Hall
THE WESTERN FRONT

Two new pairs of eyes will be watching Western's campus.

Western recently received \$150,000 to expand campus police forces as part of a nationwide effort to increase public safety.

The Community Oriented Policing Services Universal Hiring Award, established by President Clinton's administration and granted by the Department of Justice, will allow Western to increase campus safety by hiring two campus police officers.

"We'll hire two additional officers at a great cost savings to the university," University Police Chief James Shaw said.

Assistant Chief David Doughty explained the department is in the process of hiring two officers. Applicants completed tests last spring to establish a list of candidates and University Police are now checking candidates' back-

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Fairhaven features outdoor movies



Outdoor theater features classics such as The Wizard of Oz and Pee

Wee's Big Adventure.

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Fishing on the fly

Fishers still cast flies into local waters. Find out about places to shop and fish in the area.

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COPS BOX

Campus Police

July 15, 2:01 a.m.: In the 2900 block of Bill McDonald Parkway, a 25-year-old male was booked for communication with a minor for immoral purposes after being in contact with an intoxicated 15-year-old female.

July 15, 8 p.m.: In the 700 block of South College Drive, a person reported vandalism to a Western softball field.

July 17, 6 p.m.: In the 2400 block of Bill McDonald Parkway, a 19-year-old female requested an aid car. She was suffering a sustained, high fever and muscular pain. Bellingham Fire and Medic responded and transported her to St. Joseph Hospital for evaluation.

July 18, (no time reported): In the 100 block of East College Way, officers responded to an alarm and discovered the building was burglarized. The investigation continues.

Bellingham Police

July 17, 12:42 a.m.: In the 700 block of West Illinois, a 24-year-old male was observed masturbating near two people's houses. He was arrested and released.

July 17, 12:51 a.m.: In the 600 block of West Holly, officers responded to a report of rape. The sexual assault was reported at St. Joseph Hospital. Police said they have a suspect and will investigate further.

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A P WIRE NEWS BRIEFS

STATE NEWS

Plane caught in power lines causes \$15,000 in damages

The City of Seattle is suing a Silverdale man whose light plane got tangled in a power line while trying to land at Boeing Field last year.

The lawsuit filed last week in Kitsap County Superior Court seeks nearly \$15,000 in damages from Jerry Michael Warren.

The Cessna 150 Warren got caught on a power line April 9, 1998 and dangled upside down with one wheel caught on the wire. Firefighters rescued Warren after about four hours.

Seattle officials want Warren to pay for damage to the power line. Warren said he has received a bill from the city, but has declined further comment.

Man strikes motorist with baseball bat

Second-degree assault charges were filed against a man accused of striking a motorist with a baseball bat in a road rage incident on Mercer Island. Bunna Nut, 19, is accused of beating a 22-year-old man after the two exchanged words on Interstate 90 a week ago.

NATIONAL NEWS

JFK Jr.'s plane still missing

Divers are back in the waters off Martha's Vineyard,

searching for the wreckage of John F. Kennedy Jr.'s plane.

Officials say Navy divers from the U.S.S. Grasp are checking 15 underwater "targets" identified by sonar.

State police divers will also be assisting in the search.

Yesterday's search effort by divers was hampered by bad weather. And they turned up nothing from the sites where sonar had indicated possible wreckage.

Kennedy's plane went down Friday night, with his wife and her sister on board.

The caller did not sound very concerned, when he said JFK Jr.'s plane hadn't arrived.

That is how the Federal Aviation Administration defends its response to a call from a worker at the airport in Martha's Vineyard Friday night.

The FAA said the call was simply a request for information, and that it didn't carry any sense of urgency.

It came less than 30 minutes after the plane vanished from radar.

It was about five more hours before a rescue effort was launched.

The delay would not matter if Kennedy and the others died on impact, however, new radar information shows that the plane was in a steep dive before it disappeared.

The call to a FAA station in Connecticut came from an intern at the Martha's Vineyard airport. Adam Budd made the call at the request of a couple who had come to the airport to meet Lauren Bessette.

He was told the FAA does not give out such information. And he gave up, saying, "it's not a big deal."

38-year-old space capsule found at ocean bottom

Thirty-eight years after the crash, Gus Grissom's space capsule has been retrieved from the bottom of the ocean.

An underwater salvage team brought up the Liberty Bell Seven early Tuesday, about 300 miles southeast of Cape Canaveral, Fla.

It is being transported to the Cape in a special container filled with seawater that will keep it from getting damaged by exposure to the air.

The capsule splashed down with Grissom after a 15-minute sub-orbital flight in July 1961.

The hatch blew open too soon, and the capsule took on water and went down.

Grissom was pulled to safety, but it was the only time a U.S.-manned spacecraft was lost following a successful flight.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

1,100 pounds of marijuana seized in Vancouver

Canada Customs has made the largest seizure of marijuana ever at Vancouver International Airport — more than 1,100 pounds. No arrests have been made since the marijuana was discovered Monday in a shipment originating in South Africa.

Malaysian state will not allow women in government

Malaysia's strictest Muslim state has put out the word — beautiful women need not apply

for government jobs.

A newspaper report quotes the chief minister of Kelantan state. He says male officers who interview civil service applicants have orders to hire "less beautiful" women.

Kelantan state is governed by a fundamentalist Islamic party. Half of Malaysia's 22 million people are Muslim, but enforcement of Islamic law is left to the individual states.

The chief minister of a neighboring state says the Kelantan hiring code is wrong.

"It is not fair to penalize women who are blessed by God with pretty faces," he said.

Refugees straggling back to Kosovo; some face extortion, robbery

Less than six weeks after NATO peacekeepers entered Kosovo, UN officials said nearly 700,000 refugees have returned to the province.

More than 800,000 ethnic Albanians had fled Kosovo.

The return of the refugees means most camps in Albania have been emptied out and 29,000 Kosovar refugees remain in Macedonia.

Refugees coming home are facing some problems.

UN officials said many arriving in Albania by ferry from Italy are often harassed or robbed on their way back to Kosovo.

Officials are advising the refugees to stick together to deter attacks.

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City threatens to terminate pipeline

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Monday, the City of Bellingham sent the Olympic Pipeline Co. notice that the City may choose to terminate its franchise agreement within the next 60 days unless certain conditions are met.

"We are sending this notice now so that we can keep every option available in the event that Olympic fails to agree to perform the safety-related measures we have requested," Mayor Mark Asmundson said.

Asmundson said he hopes Olympic Pipeline Co. will meet Bellingham's requirements as soon as possible.

"Public safety is our No. 1 priority," Asmundson said. "We believe what we are asking for are reasonable requirements that are essential to our community."

The franchise expired in 1994. The City and Olympic Pipeline Co., however, continued to treat the agreement as remaining in effect; Olympic Pipeline Co. has sent checks up to \$1,000 to the City annually.

WWU Official Announcements

Deadline for announcements in this space is 5 p.m. Thursday for inclusion in the next Wednesday issue. Announcements should be limited to 50 words, typewritten or legibly printed, and sent through campus mail to "Official Announcements," MS-9117, sent via fax to X/7287, or brought in person to Commissary 113A. DO NOT SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS DIRECTLY TO THE WESTERN FRONT OFFICES. Phoned announcements will not be accepted. All announcements should be signed by originator.

PLEASE POST

ATTENTION NDSL/FEDERAL PERKINS, GSL/STAFFORD AND DIRECT LOAN BORROWERS who are not returning to Western for fall quarter; Exit interviews are scheduled for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 27 in the Library Presentation Room. *Transcripts will be withheld if you do not appear for the mandatory interview.*

PARKING PERMITS FOR SUMMER QUARTER are now available in the Parking and Transportation office on 21st Street between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Those on waiting lists will remain on them through August and will be contacted if space becomes available in the lot of choice.

PARKING IN LOT 16CR is free for the summer for those using Western's facilities.

STUDENTS WHO INTERRUPT THEIR STUDIES AT WESTERN other than for a summer quarter must complete an application for readmission by the appropriate deadline. Applications are available from the Office of Admissions, WL 671, X/3440.

GRADEBOOK ANNOUNCEMENT. Instructors who are using the GradeBook service for summer quarter are advised that Evelyn Albrecht of the Assessment Office will be out of the office from Monday, July 12 through Friday, July 23. Service will continue July 26.

NOON CONCERT SERIES. The Viking Union Summer Program is sponsoring free Wednesday noon concerts in the VU Plaza. Concerts will be in Plaza Pizza in the event of rain. The next concerts will be Bonfire Madigan today (July 21) and John Floridis, a folk-rock musician from Missoula, Mont., July 28.

FAST IS PUBLISHED EVERY OTHER WEEK DURING THE NINE-WEEK summer session. Deadline is noon Monday, Aug. 2, for the Aug. 5 edition. Items may be submitted via e-mail to pubs@cc.wvu.edu or, for Outlook users, choose "publications" from the global address list. Items also may be submitted via fax to X/7287 or by campus mail to MS-9117. For more information, call Scott Anderson, X/7434.

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Shooting hoops



Daniel Peters/The Western Front

Hoopsters from Western's womens basketball camp for grades seven to 12 work on perimeter passing and defense drills.

New building raises questions

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ate an extra eight feet in vehicle lanes on 21st Street to add separate bicycle and pedestrian lanes.

Servais expressed concern about the placement of the Student Health Center so far away from the center of campus.

Some area residents were concerned the building might appear too modern for the Happy Valley area.

"The building will have an air of age instead of something modern," Smith said. "Brick is a good medium."

Several changes will take place in addition to the actual construction of the building, with \$5.1 million going into the

building and \$2.3 million going into reconstruction of the roadways and landscape. Twenty-first Street will be slightly realigned, and the west end of Bill McDonald Parkway will curve to the right onto 21st Street. A traffic light will be installed at the four-way intersection of 21st Street and Bill McDonald Parkway, and alternate paving and speed tables will be developed, which requires raising the road three inches, to control speed.

Civil Engineer Michael Durbin is in charge of designing all of the roads, utilities, pavements and sidewalks.

"So far we have the support from the city to proceed as planned," Durbin said.

Math fellows now available to tutor

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low.

Students and math fellows learn a lot from the program. Students learn concepts, and the math fellows learn skills that they will use for the rest of their lives.

"I learn a lot more by teaching," math fellow Carly Champlin said. "It is a great way to learn how to relate to people and it is very rewarding."

"Being a math fellow has been a constant review of math classes I already took," said

Gonzalez. "I get to review material that you would normally forget. It also gives me a good feeling helping people."

Math fellows are available 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday in Bond Hall 211A. In fall, they will be available from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday and 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Sunday in Bond Hall 211A.

Tutoring is available on a drop-in basis. For more information about being a math fellow or being tutored, contact Rochon at 650-3813.

Award brings more campus police

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grounds.

"We hope on hiring one officer in August and another in September," Doughty said.

The program, which supplies the \$150,000 award, covers 75 percent of an entry-level officer's salary and benefits, or a total of \$75,000 per officer. The program disperses the \$150,000 award during a three-year period.

Two officers would total an estimated \$221,904 during a three-year period, leaving the university to pay approximately \$71,904 not covered in the UHP award.

Western will pay remaining costs during the three-year period and pay the officers' full salaries when the award expires.

The average salary for an entry-level officer is \$36,984.

The Department of Justice created COPS to add 100,000 community-policing officers as part of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994.

Doughty said he hopes the COPS program will help increase visibility of officers on campus.

"We hope to increase foot and bike patrols and get our officers out of the cars and amongst the people," Doughty said.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

July 20-22, August 7-8:

Summer Stock will present "Still Life With Iris" at 7:30 p.m., Aug. 7, and 2 p.m., Aug. 8 in the Performing Arts Center. "Laughter on the 23rd Floor" will play at 7:30 p.m., July 20 through 22 and Aug. 5-6, and at 2 p.m., Aug. 15 in the PAC.

Tickets for both shows are \$6.

For reservations and other information, call 650-6146.

August 7:

Children 12 and younger and their families are invited to participate in the 10th annual Bellingham Kid's Festival from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 7 at Civic Field. The free event is sponsored by Bellingham Parks and Recreation.

For more information, call 676-6985.

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Head librarian replaced

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ment university librarian will likely be found through a series of advertisements in higher education periodicals.

"(It's) like a search for a dean or administrator," Alexander said.

"Applicants will be screened and reviewed, then whittled down by a committee," Alexander said.

The committee will be appointed by the provost and made up of high-level administration and faculty, who will conduct telephone interviews and select about three nominees.

Alexander said these nominees will be brought to campus where they will undergo intensive interviews until one is chosen.

The provost continued to adhere to his policy of "no comment" on personnel matters, giving no further information as to why or in what way Segal left.

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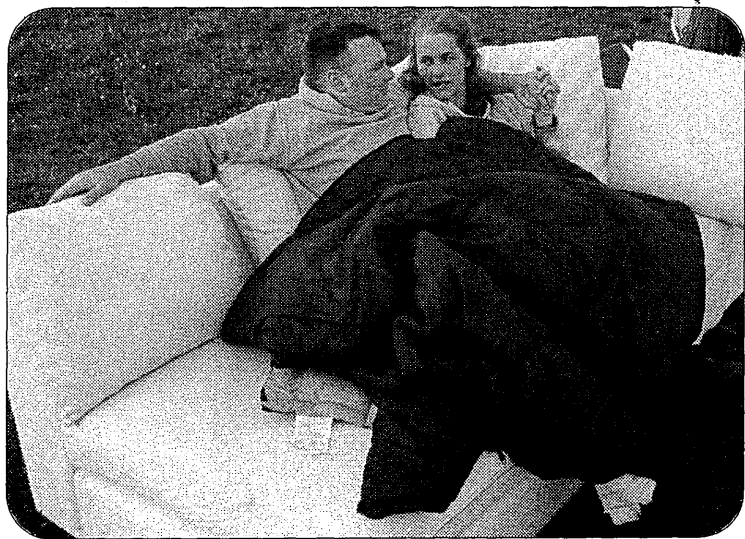
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Cozying up for a movie under the stars

By Melissa Miller
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Mike Cruz and Heather Connell bring the comforts of home to the Fairhaven Outdoor Cinema to see "Invasion of the Body Snatchers."

During the summer, people abandon dark, cramped movie theaters to pile in the back of trucks filled with sleeping bags then head to drive-ins. But the allure of watching movies outside on a warm summer night is not restricted to the bed of a pick-up truck anymore.

Now people of all ages can pack up picnics, lawn chairs, blankets and even couches to bring to the Fairhaven Outdoor Cinema, located at the Fairhaven Town Square behind Village Books.

The cinema began its second season Saturday night by showing the original 1956 version of "Invasion of the Body Snatchers."

As the sun went down, forming a pink hue across Bellingham Bay, people gathered on the grass to enjoy live music, contests and the movie. By sundown, the grassy area was covered with people wrapped in blankets waiting for the black and white film to begin on the side of the building.

"I liked the atmosphere, because you're outside on a blanket with the moon shining above you, not like going to a crammed movie theater," audience member Chris Brown said.

Saturday's pre-show contest required contestants to give their best blood-curdling screams while a "body snatcher" jumped out of a pod.

Next week the cinema will be presenting "Pee

Wee's Big Adventure," and contestants will have to do their best Pee Wee impersonation. Prizes for the winners are donated by local businesses.

The Fairhaven Outdoor Cinema is part of the Whatcom Film Association, a non-profit organization. The cinema asks for a \$3 to \$5 donation per movie.

The donations go into the WFA's general fund for things such as improving the Pickford Cinema, said Alice Clark, organizer of the outdoor cinema.

She said this year's donations might go to projects such as outreach, to Whatcom County schools and possibly to fund a film festival.

Last year it raised \$5,341. Clark said she is expecting a bigger turnout than last year. The first night of last year's season brought in 380 people, and Saturday's showing brought 425 people, she said.

"I suspect that every movie this season, the attendance will rise," Clark said.

The cinema received more sponsors this year. Alpha Technologies donated the video projector, Clark said.

The cinema not only raises money but also allows more films to be available for people in Whatcom County, Clark said.

The series runs every Saturday through Sept. 11.

For more information call the Fairhaven Outdoor Cinema movie line at 738-3024.

American culture – Western style

By Angela Smith
THE WESTERN FRONT

Her face was half frozen with a shy smile as she searched her mind for the word "hesitant."

Naomi Tsukamoto speaks English clearly and carefully with a soft Japanese accent.

She came from Niigata, Japan to the United States to study English in Oklahoma last year.

"I was in Oklahoma for one year," Tsukamoto said. "After, I wanted to study more because I didn't have enough English."

A desire for change and a cheaper English program brought her to Western to study for another six months.

She, like many international students at Western, is part of the Intensive English Program.

"The focus of the Intensive English Program is to help students get good in English and get into colleges and universities in the U.S.," IEP Director Steve Robinson said.

Arthur Aigujinov, from Moscow, is also



Jennifer Sutton/The Western Front
Arthur Aigujinov, from Russia, hopes to study at Western next year.

part of the program, and his study goals reflect the program's focus.

Trish Skillman, IEP curriculum coordinator, said students must take three core classes: listening/speaking, reading and writing. Students also take an elective course and many audit a Western course.

Aigujinov and Tsukamoto are taking all of these classes in preparation for the Test of English as a Foreign Language. A high score on the test is required to enter a U.S. school.

"In August, I will take the TOEFL, and the results will tell me if I can stay here or not," Aigujinov said. He received a bachelor's degree in economics in Moscow but hopes to obtain a second from the United States.

Tsukamoto plans to attend Skagit Valley College to study graphic art.

"I can study graphic art in Japan," Tsukamoto said, "But I choose to study in America for English, and I don't want to go in Japan because they are all young students."

The 27-year-old said older students are rare in Japanese colleges and she appreciates the age diversity here.

These students face the same challenges anyone at a new school faces, such as building friendships and being away from home, but they must also overcome language and cultural barriers.

Jeong Hun Kang understands these obstacles well. He came to the United States leaving a bride-to-be in his hometown of Seoul, South Korea, and although he holds no hostility for Western or the United States, he wants to go home.

Kang tried to express his frustration with developing relationships with American students.

"I don't have any close American friends because they don't understand

what I'm saying, what I'm feeling. Sometimes (Americans) think it's boring," Kang said.

He described problems with some of his conversation partners; they neglected eye-contact and some had a tendency to socialize with passing friends, leaving him feeling alone.

"I don't want to talk with them. They are rude," Kang explained.

Aigujinov said he had better experiences with American students. A friend, Jana, set him up in a house with three other American students.

"I face another life in Bellingham than last time. Now I'm having more fun," Aigujinov said.

His roommates have introduced him to the stereotypical American college life through the bar and party scenes.

He, too, wishes away the language barrier, however.

"I can't explain what I think. I have to communicate with a limited vocabulary," he said.

Skillman stressed the need of international students to talk with American students so they can practice English and learn about American culture.

"There is a lot of learning if people will interact," she said. "Communication breaks down a lot of stereotypes," she said, speaking of both American stereotypes about international students as well as theirs about Americans.

Tsukamoto's eyes widened with amusement and partial bewilderment as she described her first impressions of American people.

"I expected to see people kissing. But the first time I saw people kissing on campus, I was shocked," Tsukamoto said. In Japan open displays of affection are neither common nor acceptable.

She noted the friendliness of people at



Jennifer Sutton/The Western Front
Naomi Tsukamoto, from Japan, is studying English at Western.

Western.

"When I have eye contact, people smile back," Tsukamoto said, "I was so happy because usually in Japan, we don't have eye contact."

Aigujinov noticed also this difference between Russian and American cultures.

One of the things he found peculiar about in American culture was the ambiguity of the word "friend."

"In Russia, we have other words to explain the difference between friend in Russian. There is friend, close friend and best friend," he said.

Because of the time requirements of studying and the lack of opportunity to meet interested people, some international students make limited connections with American students.

"After class, I can't do anything but study," Tsukamoto said. She said she barely finds enough time to go out fishing in Ferndale on the weekend.

"Summer is the most difficult time," Skillman said, referring to the international students' ability to get in touch with American students.

She encourages anyone interested in meeting international students to sign up in Old Main 530 or call her at 650-4899.

Decorating the town with Glitter and Gold

By Shannon Ager
THE WESTERN FRONT

Walking into Fairhaven Gold, one will not find flashy, expensively dressed salespeople hovering around with neon "SALE" signs plastered everywhere. Instead, six glass cases sparkle with everything from sapphire to diamond rings, bracelets, earrings and necklaces. A hard-working man stands behind the counter, meticulously crafting extraordinary pieces of jewelry.

Bill Lynch, 45, opened Fairhaven Gold 10 years ago and has been in the jewelry business 26 years. Lynch grew up in Illinois and majored in art at Western Illinois University where the art department offered metal smithing and jewelry making.

"As soon as I started taking the classes, I was hooked," Lynch said, "because I had no direction at that point in my life."

After graduating from college in 1976, Lynch got a job in Albuquerque, N.M., working in a casting foundry. From there Lynch moved to Colorado for a short time and then to Arizona where he worked as a jeweler out of his home for eight years.

Bellingham has been Lynch's home for 11 years.

Lynch said the majority of his business is making rings, but he can make almost anything, including jewelry for other parts of the body, such as toe rings. He said he has also crafted some body-piercing jewelry.

"We don't ask where they're going," Lynch said. "Nose rings — we try to stay

away from fitting them."

"Original-design work is my favorite," Lynch said. He said many of his original designs go to galleries in La Connor, Port Townsend and to states in the Southwest.

"It's a luxury to have the time to do that," Lynch said.

Lynch said most of the work done at Fairhaven Gold is custom work.

"A lot of people come in with a diamond they want mounted, or a picture of what they want," Lynch said.

Once the customer comes in with the idea, he can begin the casting, Lynch said.

"Not all things are cast but a lot of what we do is," Lynch said. "The nice thing about casting is the customer can come in and see the model, that way there's no surprises."

Marc Hurlbert, a local jeweler, has been working with Lynch three days per week for three years. He said he met Lynch when Fairhaven Gold opened.

Hurlbert said he worked at Originals In Gold in Bellingham for almost 13 years before the owner decided to retire and close the store. He said he enjoys working with Lynch at Fairhaven Gold.

"He's great. He's a terrific person to work for," Hurlbert said.

Hurlbert said he does fabrication work, building pieces of jewelry from precious metal sheets and wire and does stone settings of all kinds.

Lynch said although he doesn't advertise, he stays busy. Wholesalers want more, but he can't produce the amount they want.



Matt Anderson/The Western Front

Bill Lynch assists customer Linda Collie as she examines a gold ring at Fairhaven Gold.

"I know people would say, 'Why don't you hire more people,'" Lynch said, "But it's hard to find skilled jewelers. I think in the big cities it's easier."

Lynch does, however, bring in occasional help.

Andrea Nelson, a Fairhaven student, will be apprenticing at Fairhaven Gold this summer.

Nelson said although she doesn't know Lynch that well yet, she finds him friendly and accommodating.

"He offered to build my own bench and work station just for me," Nelson said.

Lynch said his business consists of mostly locals — regular customers and referrals.

Lynch's pieces come in a wide price range beginning at \$15 for lightweight earrings, although the average is typically higher.

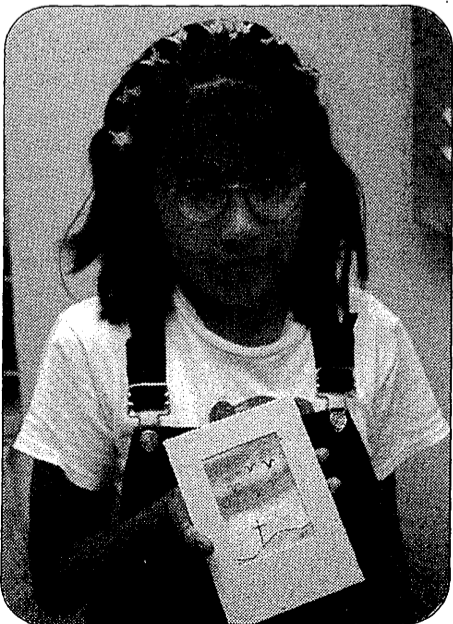
"There is no limit," Lynch said. "A \$10,000 sale does happen. Not too often though."

Expressions of young imaginations

By Jill Frewing
THE WESTERN FRONT

A small watercolor painting of an abstract red-based scene with black symbols sits on one of the tables inside the Nooksack Indian United Methodist Church. It is framed in a dark red mat, and the artist, 8-year-old Angel Sanchez, has titled it "Indian's Vision."

Angel designed the piece for the youth art show, "Moving in the Spirit" Saturday in Everson. Angel and the other children designed paintings, drawings and tiles out of charcoal, watercolors, colored pen-



Chris Fuller/The Western Front
Rosicela Sanchez holds up her watercolor creation.

cils and pastels for the show. These young artists are primarily youth involved with the church, although the art show was open to all children and teenagers from age 4 to 16.

Angel's painting, along with many others, covered the two long tables that ran up the middle of the room at the church.

Watercolor and pastel pictures of eagles, buffalo, mountains and rivers in all sizes were placed strategically on the top of the tables. Some were framed in wood; some were matted in pink, red, blue or green.

Angel's 11-year-old sister, Rosicela Sanchez, designed a watercolor painting of a cross with an orange sky and dark birds, matted in a pink frame.

Rosicela said she enjoys art "because when you do it you just paint, then look for the picture later."

The art show was sponsored by the church, and Parish Associate Robert Funk came up with the idea. About 150 people came to the show, which was run by a committee of six kids and young adults, ages 10 to 15.

"They made a lot of the critical decisions about what direction they wanted to go, and they were the most intensely involved with the actual artwork," Funk said. "Every one of the six designed a poster in a variety of styles; rather than just have one person do the poster, it was a team effort, and that's what we put out in the community."

Funk said the art show is not just for the kids that belong to the Nooksack Indian United Methodist Church but for all kids who want to enter their art.

"This is kind of a magnet church, so we

have a lot of kids come in here for special events, (and) art is one," Funk said. "There are a lot of kids that come from different churches or even come from traditional native religion, different belief systems — and not all native kids."

The inspiration for their artwork comes from imagination and experience. The church youth group spends time outside on hiking and photography excursions.

"These kids are raised in one of the most beautiful areas imaginable," Funk said. "They tend to draw things either in the Nooksack style, which is coastal native style, or in realism or impressionism, or in the hundreds of ways young artists, or any artists, chose as their medium and their expression. Art comes best from what you know."

Funk said this is the fourth art show they have done in two-and-a-half years.

"Of course, a lot of this art goes home to mom and dad because they are too proud to leave it with the church," Funk said.

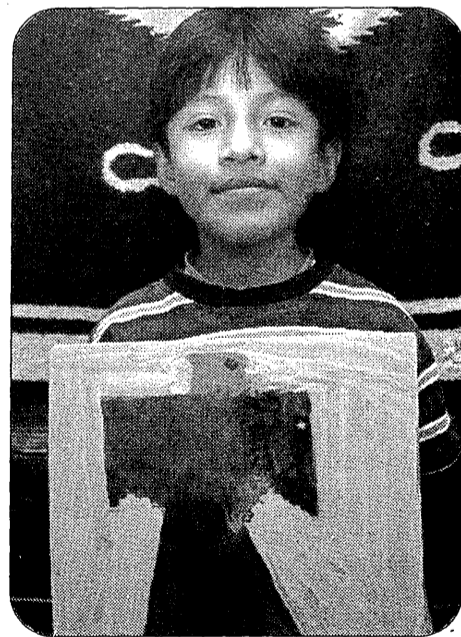
This Saturday's show was the first for-profit show, however.

The art show netted \$175 in sales and donations. Ninety percent of the profits are going to the children for art materials for their personal use and for use at summer bible camp, Funk said.

"I think they'll be able to shop for their own materials more cheaply. That's one thing we're planning to do with the bulk of the money that came in from the show," he said.

The church has been getting art materials donated from Bellingham stores and artists.

"Mats cost an incredible amount of money, as do most art materials.



Chris Fuller/The Western Front
Angel Sanchez shows off one of his favorite pieces of artwork.

Anytime someone gives art materials, they're giving a lot," Funk said.

The decision to sell the artwork also stemmed from an idea to teach kids about how useful art is in life.

"We've talked about other ways art is used, in medical illustrations, journalism, photography sign painting and teaching," Funk said. "It's really important to have an artistic sense in addition to the technical know-how; To be able to present something in a visually arresting way requires focus and sense of depth. There's a need for art in a lot of areas."

Frontline

Action, not whining, affects tuition changes

Students like to complain about tuition.

It makes sense — tuition's expensive. An educational institution the size of Western, however, is swamped in costs, requests and bills that aren't all covered by state funding.

Many people complain about tuition and the 4.6-percent maximum tuition increase the Board of Trustees approved for next year without understanding everything tuition pays for. The Associated Students Board of Directors tried to get students to phone and send e-mails to the Board of Trustees prior to its decision and received about 20 responding complaints.

Students are complaining about the tuition hike now that it's passed — they should've supported the A.S. when it was crucial.

Washington state's legislation permitting local tuition control by university governing boards is the reason the trustees were able to raise tuition by such a high percentage.

"Local tuition control is a very bad deal for students," A.S. President Victor Cox said. At the June 11 Board of Trustees meeting, Cox said he felt that the Board didn't take enough of the student perspective into account.

Those who did voice their complaints and concerns to the A.S. Board, the Board of Trustees or the legislature should be applauded; these are precisely the ways to influence the way tuition funds are allocated.

Cox said the A.S. will be campaigning against local tuition control throughout next year. Students who are concerned about the increase in tuition should contact Victor Cox at aspres@cc.wvu.edu or one of the A.S. vice presidents to find out more about the situation and the legislation behind it.

"Our stance about it is more of a philosophical stance ... We understand that there are reasons to raise tuition, but this is the wrong way to go about it," Cox said.

Each year, the Budget Advisory Committee is charged with comparing Western's monetary needs with the amount of state funding left after the mandated costs are paid. Based on that comparison, the BAC makes a recommendation to the Board of Trustees via the provost and president.

In June, the BAC recommended the board raise tuition to cover the numerous leftover costs, totaling \$6.9 million.

"Those kind of needs are always there ... but there's ways you can take money away and ways you can add it in order to keep tuition down," Cox explained.

The Board of Trustees should challenge itself to find alternative ways to fund Western needs, and students who dislike tuition hikes should research the issue and communicate with the A.S. Board.

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And we quote:

"At the time, getting to the moon was so important. It was the No. 1 thing, and then we just let it lay there. We haven't been back. We don't have a moon station. I think that's a crime."

Bert Engstrom, 78, member of the Apollo 11 flight, at the celebration of the 30th anniversary of the launch of the first mission to land men on the moon.

Source: USA Today, July 19, online edition.



No clear student gain from growing tuition, tech fees



Bill Bennion

COMMENTARY

The computer lab in College Hall has a hand-lettered sign on the door that reads: Closed for summer.

No explanation, no reason, nothing. Does this seem to be unusual or does it seem to be just another item on the list of unexplained hassles on campus?

Students need to be more concerned with where their money goes. They also need to be more

nical fees.

If these fees are used for things like new computers, computer labs, lab assistants for students, etc., why are these services discontinued to the degree they are during summer quarter?

Tuition is expensive. Housing for students is expensive, especially when students spend much of their time at school or studying instead of at work. Food is expensive.

Not everyone can get loans or afford to pay for school out of their own pockets. With so many students enrolled at Western, one can only assume a lot of people are willing to scrape by for a few years in hope of bettering their lives.

These people expect something in return for their sacrifices. Students face tuition, outrageous book prices and loss of income from jobs they must give up or cut hours at to attend school.

What are we getting for our money? And who is monitoring where our money goes? If a student needs to use a computer, one should be available.

Most of us have worked hard to get to where we are. We have studied, taken countless tests, kept our grades up, pulled all-night study sessions, taken SATs, applied for admission, taken loans or coerced our parents to help us. Some of us even have to work long hours to pay for school. Where does our money go?

"If students are going to be expected to pay more tuition, they should be informed about where their money will go."

Whatever the reason students take summer classes, or any classes for that matter, they should be offered the full range of services they expect available to them. Students are the reason the school is here, and they deserve to be treated as the important assets that they are.

Next year, tuition will be raised by 4.6 percent and will again be raised 3.6 percent the following year.

The people making the decision to raise tuition are not the students who will pay the increase but the Board of Trustees, who claim the money will help provide quality education. What is meant by quality education is anybody's guess. Does the Board not feel we are getting a quality education now?

If students are going to be expected to pay more tuition, they should be informed about where the money will go. They should also be able to use college services at reasonable times year-round.

"Those of us enrolled for summer quarter deserve the same facilities as are available during the rest of the year."

informed about what expenditures are being made and what effect it will have on them. In the relentless pursuit of a degree, a student will spend thousands of dollars for the privilege of going to school. Those of us enrolled for summer quarter deserve the same facilities as are available during the rest of the year. It costs \$288 to enroll for two credits this summer. Part of this goes for tech-

Unmarried lesbian couple battle for child custody rights



Heidi Thomsen

COMMENTARY

If a spokesperson for children exists, she may well be a lesbian.

A few years ago, a lesbian couple had a child together through artificial insemination. Each partner cared for the child equally, according to an article in the June 21, 1999 issue of Time magazine. But, when

Penn y Kazmierazak and Pam Query decided to end their relationship, a custody battle began.

Now, birth mom Query is blocking her former partner from seeing 5-year-old Zoey. Kazmierazak has placed an appeal before

Florida appeals judges explaining a mother is a person who cares for a child physically and emotionally without pay, adding that Zoey doesn't care which woman gave birth to her, Time reported.

The women were never married, however, and Kazmierazak was able to obtain only a grant of custody, Time reported, giving her a few limited rights in Zoey's care.

When a heterosexual couple breaks up, people grimace at the thought of another baby born out of wedlock growing up with a single mom and a stream of boyfriends. The father is considered to have certain rights to his child.

Yet, in a case like this where it is extremely difficult for the partners to get married or recognized as a couple both legally and morally, we tend to overlook the belief that just because one partner has nothing to do with the biological aspects of making the baby, she should not be allowed the same rights as the woman who went through nine months of painful hormonal changes to deliver the child.

Query may triumph in this case: According to Time, Florida law gives parental rights of custody to biological or adoptive parents and grandparents, none of which applies to Kazmierazak.

A woman who trusted and loved her partner, who was assured she had equal status with the birth mom, is suddenly being ousted. Kazmierazak is the only other parental figure the child has known, the article states, but because of her lifestyle, she was unable to make her equal status known to

her family, the Florida courts and now, the American people.

Query has no right to deny her partner access to their child. Just because the two women were unable to place a strong legal bond between Kazmierazak and Zoey does not mean the two women did

not make a personal bond between them, giving each other equal status in caring for the child.

Unfortunately for Kazmierazak, the law will see the birth mom as the sole caretaker. The law sees no room for qualified, loving parents if they cannot prove the legitimacy of their relationship to the children.

In a controversial case like this, everyone should sit down and re-evaluate what being a parent really means. Parents reads stories to children at bedtime when they are so tired they can hardly stay awake or wake up in the middle of the night to screams of hunger, sickness and wet beds.

A parent, whether male or female, is an extremely important role model for a child to have.

Personal beliefs will differ on a case like this, but one woman cannot be allowed to push away the only other parent her child has ever known.

If Query isn't stopped, the wrong example will be set for other children, telling them one parent is better than two.

Kennedy curse: Death of JFK Jr. follows family legacy



Justin Hall

COMMENTARY

Few people have spent their lives so completely in the public eye: From the time John F. Kennedy Jr. was born in November of 1960 until the tragic day of his death last Friday, he will forever be remembered as the son of the 35th president. Born with a name that saddles him to history, Kennedy was a member of the most illustrious family of the century — and possibly the most cursed.

He worked hard throughout his life to achieve national recognition — something other than a predestined politician. He was not corrupt; he was not scandalous; and he was not your average Kennedy. He tried to shed his political skin but could not escape an attraction that led to the political world. In the end, he met the same fate so many of the Kennedys met — premature death.

"For more than 40 years, the Kennedy family has inspired America to service," President Bill Clinton said. "They have suffered much and given more."

John Kennedy, as he preferred to be called, was more than just a president's son. He grew up being referred to as "John John" and seemed to be the Kennedy's answer to a family history that's filled with

'He should be remembered for his character, accomplishments and contributions to society and not merely as the son of a president.'

tragedy, pain and scandal. His disappearance in the prime of his life — like the deaths of his father, two uncles, an aunt and two cousins before him — only added to the perception that his larger-than-life family has been plagued with tragedy and pain.

Both the Kennedy charisma and its curse touched John. The public mourned when he saluted his slain father as the funeral procession rolled by in 1963. It cheered when he joined the Manhattan District Attorney's Office; when he introduced his Uncle Ted at a democratic convention; when he co-founded "George," the political magazine and when he wed Carolyn Bessette in 1996. The public never ceased to dwell on his future or the trials of his family's triumphs and disasters.

He should be remembered for his character, accomplishments and contributions to society and not merely as the son of a president.

The list of dead Kennedys is haunting. Joe Kennedy Jr. was killed while flying a dangerous mission during WWII in 1944.

Kathleen Kennedy died in a plane crash in 1948. Assassins killed John F. Kennedy in 1963 and Robert F. Kennedy in 1968 after he won the California primary. Patrick Bouvier Kennedy, John's brother, died two days after birth in 1963. David Kennedy died from a cocaine and prescription drug overdose in 1984 and a skiing accident killed Michael Kennedy at Aspen in 1997.

Other tragic events involving the Kennedys include the Chappaquiddick Island accident. Ted Kennedy drove off a bridge, killing aide Mary Jo Kopechne. He didn't report the incident for several days. Robert F. Kennedy's eldest son Joe II was involved in a car accident in 1973 that left the passenger paralyzed.

In 1991, William Kennedy Smith was accused of raping a girl at the family's Palm Beach, Fla., estate after a party with Uncle Ted. He was acquitted. Before Michael died, he had an alleged affair with his family's underage babysitter.

Perhaps there is a "Kennedy Curse," or a conspiracy to kill Kennedys. Regardless, John F. Kennedy Jr.'s name will be added to the list of unfortunate deaths that accompanies his family name. The man who adorned the cover of People Magazine 15 times could not escape the destiny of death that will forever immortalize his name.

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Fish, rivers, lakes for local rod wielders

By Jeremy Thurston
THE WESTERN FRONT

Fly fishers in Northwest Washington have a smorgasbord of opportunities to exercise their skills whether the quarry is trout, salmon, steelhead or bass.

Nearly all rivers, lakes and streams in Whatcom County provide fish, said Mike Nordtvedt, an employee at The Guide's Fly Shop.

This year's record-breaking snow in the mountains is melting, and most of the streams are high and out of shape right now, but the lake fishing is decent, Nordtvedt said.

Squalicum Lake in Whatcom County and Pass Lake in Skagit County are fly-fishing only and contain cutthroat, rainbow and brown trout.

"In Squalicum Lake, the brown trout can get up to three pounds and in Pass Lake they get up to four or five," Nordtvedt said.

Another lake worth giving a try is Silver Lake.

"The fishing at Silver Lake is slowing down, so you have to work a little bit now," said Jerry Wells, an employee at H & H Outdoor Sports. "But I went out there the other day and landed half-a-dozen in a couple hours."

"In Squalicum Lake, the brown trout can get up to three pounds and in Pass Lake they get up to four or five."

Mike Nordtvedt
The Guide's Fly Shop

Lake Padden should provide excellent cutthroat trout fishing in the coming weeks as well, Wells said.

A hatch of big yellow mayflies will take place at about 9 p.m. every night for a couple of weeks on Lake Padden, Wells said.

"Fly fishers should have a float tube because most of the lakes are too swampy or too brushy to fish from the bank," Wells said.

Once the runoff begins to subside, fly fishers can try for the mostly smaller trout that inhabit tributaries of the Nooksack River. Fly fishers in search of larger fish should try the North Fork of the Stillaguamish River in Northern Snohomish County for summer run steelhead, Wells said.

When fishing for trout, a fly fisher can rely on a basic set of patterns and catch fish.



Matt Anderson/The Western Front

Western student Brooks Werner reaches for rainbow trout on the Nooksack River.

"I recommend damsel flies, dragon-fly nymphs and Elk Hair Caddis in many sizes," Nordtvedt said. "Nymph fishing is always good with hare's ears, caddis nymphs and chironomids. If everything else fails you can

always fall back on the Woolly Bugger."

For people interested in beginning fly fishing, The Guide's Fly Shop offers casting clinics on a schedule based on demand.

"The classes are limited to

eight people, so individual instruction is assured, and if people don't have their own rod, we can provide one," Nordtvedt said.

For more information, call Mike Nordtvedt at 398-2155.

Mariners would rather rake bucks than keep star players



James Neal

COMMENTARY

The Mariners owners just don't get it.

They need to wake up and realize people are tired of being held hostage by a bunch of greedy millionaires. It would be one thing if they showed even the slightest bit of integrity, but this group has shown no interest at all in building a lasting relationship with its fans or its players. The Mariners can't seem to pass up any opportunity to extort more money from the community.

The owners claim Safeco Field is more expensive than

they planned. The fact is, the Mariners requested most of the changes that increased the cost by millions.

Do any of the Mariners owners understand the business of baseball? To compete at the major league level, talent is a necessity. In this era of free agency, star players don't stay with teams who won't pay them. Marquee players and a competitive team will attract fan interest.

Who wants to pay good money to see a mediocre team of no-names? Ticket prices continue to rise while the talent level dwindles. Is anyone surprised that attendance is down?

Does anyone remember the miracle season of 1995? Fifty

"Every season its the same story: Good players are traded or not re-signed. They are replaced by less talented players who make a lot less money."

thousand fans filled the Kingdome every night. 'Refuse to lose' signs were everywhere. It's no coincidence the single-season attendance record was set that year.

If the team is competitive, the fans will come. How long

can this fact be ignored? It's a business, remember? Without an investment, earning a profit is unlikely. Is this hard to understand?

Every season, it's the same story: Good players are traded or not re-signed. They are replaced by less talented players who make a lot less money. Tino Martinez, Omar Vizquel and Randy Johnson — among others — left the Mariners. Don't be surprised if superstars Ken Griffey Jr. and Alex Rodriguez leave next.

Mariners President Chuck Armstrong and Chairman John Ellis have promised to do "everything in our power" to resign Griffey and Rodriguez.

The team's position was the cost of the new stadium had

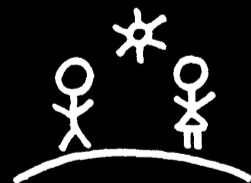
nothing to do with the player payroll. At least that's what we were led to believe.

Now the truth has finally been revealed. If the Mariners can't finagle any more public money, we can kiss Griffey and Rodriguez goodbye. What makes it even harder to swallow is the organization's arrogant attitude. They blame their financial woes on everyone but themselves.

When told the team would get no more public money, a top Mariner executive replied, "Ask your kids what they'll think when we couldn't afford Griffey or Rodriguez."

That's it: Bring the kids in to it. As far as the organization is concerned, image is nothing and money is everything.

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