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New anti-virus contract will cost students

By KIM NACHREINER
The Western Front

Symantec's anti-virus software replaced Western's two-year contract with McAfee for a lower price, and will provide additional features such as anti-virus, spam protection and spyware, services McAfee did not offer.

Before June 30, McAfee provided Western students, staff and faculty with anti-virus software.

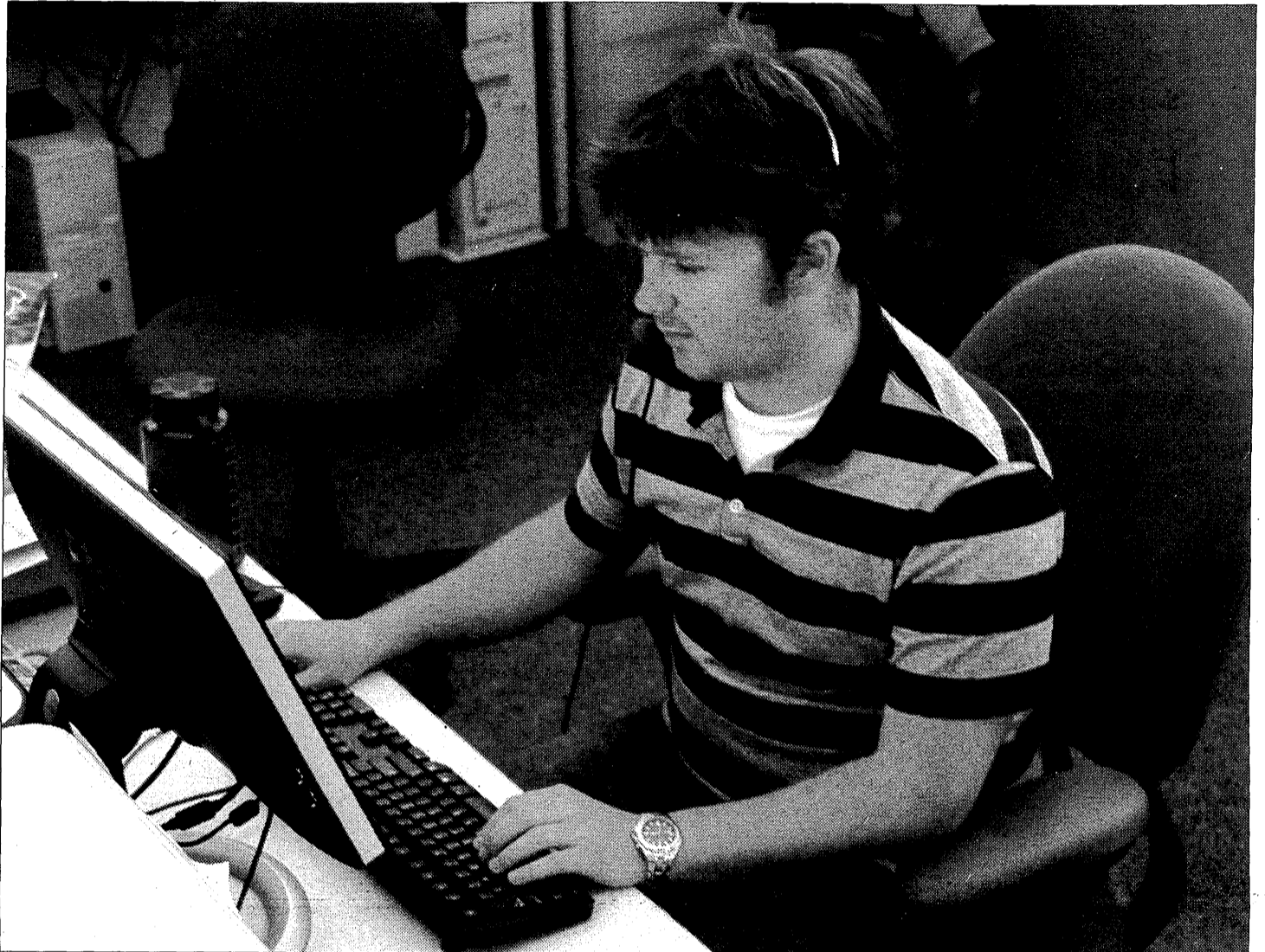
Symantec signed a contract with Western that began July 1 to provide only faculty and student employees with virus protection.

The cost of software in general hasn't decreased, director of ATUS Larry Gilbert said. Western is paying more for the anti-virus software than previous years, but the decision was based not on price but on the two extra protection additions — spam protection and spyware.

According to the Western's Purchasing Department, McAfee's contract bid is \$75,923 for two years of service. This bid is especially high because more licenses for the software are available to the students who need it. Whenever a student needs virus protection, it will be available.

On July 1, Western purchased Symantec's anti-virus software for \$63,034.20 for two years but only bought 3,436 licenses to distribute among faculty and student employees.

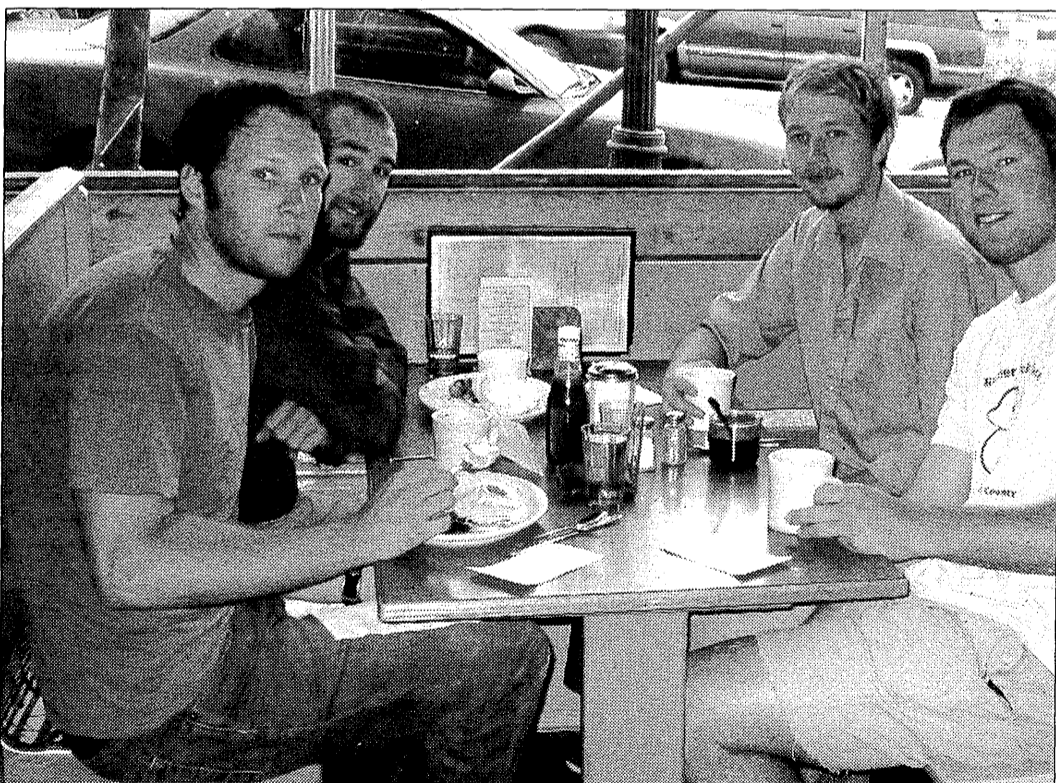
Symantec emerged as the best alternative among McAfee and Sophos, the three



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Western senior Brandon Adams, senior consultant for ATUS, answers phone calls from students with general tech support questions.

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COURTESY OF MICHAEL BIESHEUVEL

Tim Terpstra, 29, Michael Apodaca, 25, Michael Biesheuevel, 25, and Kevin Terpstra, 28, discuss future endeavors.

Western student to embark on mission to keep peace in Iran

By KRISTEN MARIE
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The Western Front

On July 15, Western senior Michael Biesheuevel will embark on a journey to the Middle East with friends Michael Apodaca, 25 and Kevin and Tim Terpstra, 29 and 31.

The idea of traveling to Iran originated at the Old Town restaurant on East Holly Street, a place where the four friends meet every Thursday morning for breakfast.

The group meets to catch up and inform one another of current happenings in their lives, as the four are busy and rarely get the chance to communicate, Biesheuevel said.

In February, the simple weekly gathering transformed into a meeting place to plan a trip to the Middle East,

Biesheuevel said.

They are traveling to gain knowledge to educate Bellingham residents about the current situation in Iran — an area Biesheuevel said the American government is looking to invade next.

They started talking about how they thought the American government wants to invade Iran after already moving into Iraq.

Invading Iraq is an action that has resulted in the deaths of many innocent Iraqi citizens as well as American soldiers, Biesheuevel said.

Biesheuevel said they started talking about taking action against the idea of the government invading Iran.

After seeing what happened in Iraq, the group started talking about how great it would be for them to go over

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ELITE PROFESSOR

Western professor Marti Riemer-Reiss balances her career, a child and training for triathlons.

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Cops Box

University Police

July 6, 7:33 p.m.: University police responded to a fireworks complaint. Subjects were asked to leave and clean up the garbage.

July 6, 10:22 p.m.: A cheer camp participant was locked out of a dorm room in Nash Hall.

July 7, 2:07 a.m.: An officer stopped a vehicle in the 400 block of South College Drive.

Bellingham Police

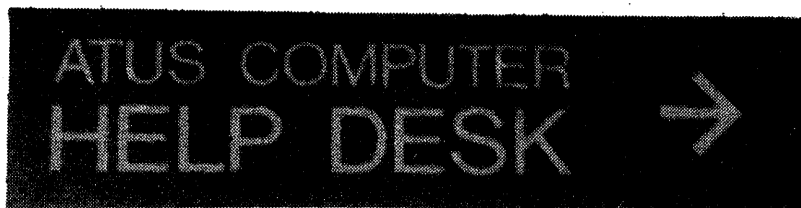
July 5, 11:58 a.m.: A school custodian reported that a dumpster was set on fire the previous evening in the 4100 block of Academy Street. Upon closer inspection, it appears that discarded fireworks may have started the dumpster fire. The dumpster was away from the building and the school was not damaged.

July 7, 9:45 a.m.: After police discovered a man was driving with a suspended license, the man was arrested and taken to the station and released.

July 8, 10:51 a.m.: Officers responded to a report of a man with his hands down his pants, while watching children play on a Slip and Slide. When officers contacted him, he said he was Satan and spoke of religious matters. The man was taken into protective custody and transported to St. Joseph's ER on an Involuntary Mental Health Hold.

July 9, 11:31 a.m.: Officers assisted in recovering four kittens from a car. The kittens had no access to food or water.

Compiled by Allison Rock



Anti-virus: Residents pay more for virus protection

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leading anti-virus companies, Gilbert said.

The anti-virus software doesn't affect computers, but it affects students who live on campus through cost and convenience, ResTek Coordinator Nick Hatch said.

Since fall 2004, students have been required to have anti-virus protection to access the Internet from their dorms. ResTek Coordinator Deborah Frost said she has seen a major difference since the requirement.

"Requiring campus residents to have anti-virus software has contributed to a cleaner, faster network," Frost said.

Because Symantec doesn't provide residents with anti-virus software, spyware or spam protection, unless the resident is a student employee, it creates a huge price difference, Hatch said.

A single license purchased in the two-year package costs \$5.35 for the first year and \$2.67 for the second year, Hatch said

For students to purchase their own anti-virus package costs approximately \$40 a year, not including software updates.

Many computers already have virus scanners because the computer included a free trial for three to six months. However, protection can still cost \$20-\$30 a year depending on the manufacturer, Hatch said.

He said Western must provide virus scanners to students who can't afford them. Last year, 40 percent of the 3,853 students living in the dorms downloaded McAfee.

"It's not far away from saying students have to provide your own virus protection because you have to provide your own software," Frost said.

This will affect students because they need to change software providers, but nothing will change for the incoming students who don't have anti-virus software, Frost said.

Students who downloaded McAfee's software last year will need to change because updates will not be available.

"It's important to be protected, though," Hatch said. "Anti-virus software acts as a human safety net. It catches what we don't."

If students cannot afford anti-virus protection, ResTek and help desk employees suggest using a Web site where students can download a free version of anti-virus software.

"We will be able to provide anti-virus software to any student who needs it," Gilbert said.

ResTek consultant Dan Stead said the Web site might not always be reliable, and because the student did not buy the software, it won't be easy to fix.

"It's not the greatest," Stead said. "But it's easy to get."

Western can't legally distribute the protection because it doesn't have a contract with the Web site. All Restek can do is suggest it.

Information regarding the new anti-virus protection will be distributed to students who live in the dorms in the fall.

Iran: Western student to gain Middle East perspective

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to the Middle East and see the situation for themselves.

During breakfast, they decided to go to Iran after they questioned their potential idea by asking one another, "Wouldn't it be nice if we could just go to Iran and see the condition of the country for ourselves?" Biesheuvel said.

They decided nothing was stopping them from going to Iran and started to set their idea into motion by fund raising for their trip after they decided to go to Iran, Biesheuvel said.

They set up a booth seeking donations from the local community in efforts to raise money for their trip, said Apodaca, a student attending graduate school at Trinity University in Langley, B.C.

Apodaca said education is the foundation of their mission.

"I believe if we want to have a functioning democracy, we need to have a well-informed population," Apodaca said. "We have the power to affect not only foreign policy and the world, but to communicate with people in the Middle East."

They will spend a month in Iran. A guide

will lead the group everywhere they go for the first two weeks.

"The guide isn't to keep an eye on our actions, but more or less to show us around Iran and inform us of different aspects of their community," Biesheuvel said.

The four men will travel throughout western and central Iran, visiting museums and market places, and talking to people on the street, Biesheuvel said.

When they return, they will present their findings in the form of photos and video footage during several world issues forums at local schools, book stores and libraries, Apodaca said.

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WEST-B TEST. Everyone applying for admission to state-approved teacher education programs must meet the minimum passing score on the basic skills assessment by the application deadline. For a study guide and to register, visit www.west.nesinc.com. The next test date is July 15. Registration deadlines are several weeks in advance.

SURVEY OF CAMPUS BUILDINGS AND ROOMS. Planning, Design, and Construction Administration will be recording room area measurements throughout Western's academic buildings. PDCA will use a laser distance meter to measure and a hand-held computer to record the data, primarily between 6 and 8 a.m. For information contact Jeff Winslow, X/6508, Jeff.Winslow@wwu.edu.

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THE LAST WESTERN FRONT OF SUMMER QUARTER WILL BE DISTRIBUTED JULY 25. Deadline for submitting Official Announcements for that issue is noon Thursday, July 20. The Western Front will not be published between July 25 and Sept. 26.

THE FIRST WESTERN FRONT OF FALL QUARTER WILL BE THE WELCOME BACK ISSUE, which will have a publication date of Sept. 26. Deadline for submitting Official Announcements for that issue is noon Friday, Sept. 15.

FEATURES

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Woman dumps man, keeps ring

NEW YORK — A judge ruled that Dana Parker can keep a \$40,000 engagement ring given to her by her former fiancée, even though Parker ended the relationship.

Judge Rolando T. Acosta said Brian Callahan was still married when he gave Parker a 3.41-carat diamond ring, nullifying the marriage agreement.

Callahan was in the process of getting a divorce in June 2002 but had to wait 90 days for it to become official.

Callahan got engaged to Parker that July before she dumped him upon learning he was still married.

Callahan's lawyer said his client had not decided whether to appeal.

Family grows healthy 'cuculoupe'

HOUMA, La. — They have the waxy skin of a cucumber, and yet they're yellow and ridged like a cantaloupe. Several of the mysterious yard-long fruit popped in a Houma, La., garden.

"We call it a cuculoupe," Houma resident Karen Dusenbery said.

Because cucumber and cantaloupe are members of the cucurbit family, crosses can happen when the seeds are in close proximity, Louisiana State University AgCenter agent Barton Joffrion said.

The flesh of the fruit is yellow and slightly sweet, but tastes more like a cucumber than a cantaloupe, Dusenbery's husband Tim Dusenbery said.

Customer shot at shoe sale

ISTANBUL, Turkey — A shoe store employee shot a customer in the foot after a fight broke out at a shoe sale in Turkey, the state-owned Anatolia news agency reported.

Customers became confrontational after overloading a two-story retailer on Friday in Karabuk while trying to take advantage of rock-bottom prices on footwear, the agency reported.

A store employee fired a gun into the air in an attempt to disperse the crowd, but the bullet ended up in the foot of a customer. The customer was taken to a hospital while the shooter was taken into police custody, the agency reported.

Moses supports baseball team

TULSA, Okla. — Moses led his people through the desert for 40 years and parted the Red Sea. His latest accomplishment draws baseball fans to support their team.

The Tulsa Drillers gave away 1,500 Moses bobblehead dolls July 7 as part of a faith and family night sponsored by Oklahoma Wesleyan University and a Christian radio station.

"We'll probably draw two kinds of people for the game — the Moses fans and the bobblehead collectors," said Brian Carroll, spokesman for the Double-A team.

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Extinction of a dinosaur

BY LINCOLN SMITH
The Western Front

Deadly Sinclair guitarist/vocalist and Western senior Joe Metzger, 22, enjoys a good pun.

That's why the band came up with the name Deadly Sinclair, Metzger said.

Drummer David Vaughns, 33, bassist Shawn Turnbull, 23, guitarist/vocalist Ben White, 22, and Metzger mixed together "deadly sin" and "Sinclair." Metzger said he has always liked the word "Sinclair" since he stumbled across a Sinclair gas station a few years ago, proudly displaying the trademark brontosaurus under its title.

The dinosaur and name stuck with Metzger, and have served the band well until recently, when the members decided to go their separate ways.

Deadly Sinclair originated last October in Metzger's basement as a four-piece, self-proclaimed "swamp-boogie" band that plays an amalgamation of rock, blues and funk.

Metzger said the key to landing shows was throwing giant parties and playing music in the basement to get the name out into the open.

"When we first started, no one knew who we were," Metzger said. "But after the parties, we started getting shows."

Deadly Sinclair has played 20-30 shows in the past nine months, but will play its final gigs July 18 at Chiribins and July 29 at the



COURTESY OF KRISTEN FAULK

Left to right: Joe Metzger, Ben White, David Vaughns and Shawn Turnbull will play their last two shows as Deadly Sinclair this month.

Rogue Hero Public House.

Metzger sees the split as unfortunate, but said it wasn't a messy break-up, like most bands go through during a split.

Metzger said the group somewhat disintegrated — partly so he and Turnbull could concentrate on the demands of school

and partly because of White's decision to move to Gig Harbor.

Turnbull said finding a solid four-piece band with the same musical interests has been difficult.

"We've been through three drummers since October, and we just don't want to

force it anymore," Metzger said.

Metzger said after the band separates he will record a demo titled "My Animal."

For now he is looking forward to playing the last two shows with Deadly Sinclair.

"The last two shows, we're going all out, man," Metzger said. "I'm talking balloons, party hats, stuffed animals."

Turnbull said he will probably take some time off and focus on school, as well as create some of his own music.

"I've been playing guitar for a really long time, but I just picked up a bass and started playing for the band last October," Turnbull said. "I'm looking forward to playing guitar again."

Vaughns said the breakup wasn't bad at all, but everyone was sort of shocked that the band fell apart, especially after the members worked so hard the past few months.

"Oh man, the big joke is that it's like a relationship," Vaughns said. "It takes a lot of time."

Meanwhile, Vaughns gives drum lessons in Bellingham, Ferndale and at Tweek's Music Supply and Repair in Fairhaven, and teaches at Bellingham High School.

Vaughns is excited for new things, like playing with new bands, covering songs for a wedding, and playing some reggae in the near future.

"It all comes around, man," Vaughns said. "Just stay busy, stay healthy and keep playing."

CIRCLES OF CULTURE

BY MICHAEL LEE
The Western Front

Six large circles inside a giant smiling frog's midsection depict different symbols of Lummi culture, and are part of a mural students and professors from Western Washington University and Northwest Indian College finished June 1.

The mural utilizes nearly every color available on the color wheel to depict the images of Lummi elders, salmon, eagles and other meaningful symbols, said Ramon Murillo, Northwest native artist and part-time Northwest Indian College professor.

The circles represent education, traditional stories, clan symbols, lifeways or lifestyles, Lummi elders and spirituality, Murillo said.

Murillo and the lone student in his Pacific Northwest coastal art class collaborated with the Western class and art history professor Julia Sapin on the service-learning project, which took nearly three months of research and four days of prepping, painting and varnishing to finish, Murillo said.

"Throughout the term, the students worried about how the mural would be perceived," Sapin said. "They were very sensitive about not forcing their preconceptions onto the Lummi community."

The mural stands at 9 feet wide by 12 feet long and is broken into three wood plaques, making it portable. The Lummi CEDAR Project, an organization dedicated to community building, empowering and maintaining Lummi youth and culture, plans to move the mural to the McKenzie Residential Facility by the end of the summer. CEDAR will ultimately move the mural to a youth center the project is building.

For now, one can view the mural at building seven of the cultural arts center at the Northwest Indian College.

Before painting the mural, students researched Lummi culture and symbolism extensively through books, videos and anything else they could find, Sapin said.

Executive director of CEDAR Tami Chock organized a dialogue that gave students a chance to interact with Lummi youth and elders to gather ideas and boundaries for the mural design.

A few of the Lummi community members captured images on disposable cameras and showed the class the images they felt represented them best, Chock said.

"That was the day we said, 'Oh, this makes sense,'" fine arts major and Western senior Terra Fine said.

Before the meeting, students had difficulty finding direction and knowing what exactly they were supposed to research, Fine said.

The project began at the start of Western's spring quarter in January 2006, after Sapin and Murillo made plans to create the mural in fall 2005, Sapin said.

Students researched what symbols would best represent the Lummi community the entire quarter in order to accurately portray Lummi culture, and began painting the mural May 25.

"With our native youth there is usually problems with drugs and alcohol, so we need to turn back to our traditional culture," Murillo said. "We turn to art and art has spiritual and beautification values."

Sapin said she was impressed that students from different departments participated in the painting of the mural, not just art students. She said students from the American studies, anthropology and psychology departments helped design

and paint the mural.

On June 1, Sapin and Murillo spoke to students and Lummi members at the unveiling of the mural. The room was silent until one of the elders said one thing about the mural displeased her — the students had not signed it. Each member of the project then signed the back, Fine said.

"I was teary-eyed," Sapin said. "They were welcomed by the elders and they knew they had done something meaningful."

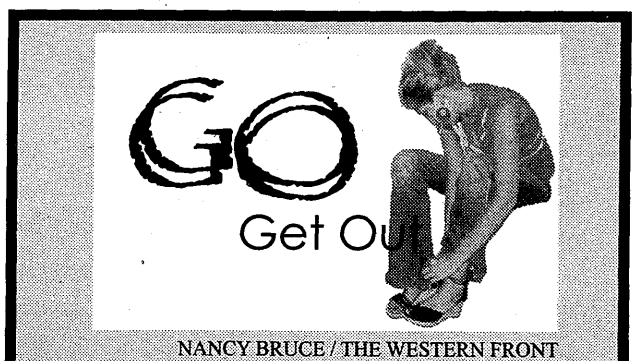
The project impacted many students, Sapin said, including several who told her it was the best class they had ever taken. Fine is attempting to sell her original mural prototype drawing at an Orcas Island gallery. She said she would give half of the proceeds to the CEDAR project.

"It's not just a class, it's something that will be with the community for a long time," Fine said. "This is something beyond getting a good grade; it's their hopes for the future."



COURTESY OF JULIA SAPIN

Photo above: Students from Western's indigenous cultures class work on the mural they made as part of a spring quarter service-learning project.



NANCY BRUCE / THE WESTERN FRONT

Place: Downtown Sidewalk Sale.
Description: Shoppers looking to escape the frenzy of shopping centers can enjoy the sunshine and the flavor of downtown this weekend. More than 20 downtown shops, including Kids Northwest, Sportsman Chalet, Inc and Mi Shoes, will display merchandise at discount prices.
Location: Downtown Bellingham.
Hours: July 14 - 16.
Parking: Meters are free on the weekend.

Compiled by Nancy Bruce

Professor balances life, triathlons

Dr. Marti Riemer-Reiss juggles her career, motherhood and athletic training

By BRIAN LENZMEIER
The Western Front

The sun shines on a scorching Saturday at Clear Lake. Days like this were meant to be spent on a beach relaxing and taking in the sunshine. Yet for the triathletes like Dr. Marti Riemer-Reiss gathered at Clear Lake, it is the perfect day to swim one-third mile, bike 14.8 miles and then run four miles.

Athletics have always held an active part in the life of Riemer-Reiss, a professor in the human services and rehabilitation department at Western. As a former cross-country runner and soccer player, Riemer-Reiss has continually looked for ways to challenge herself athletically.

Following the birth of her daughter Annika in 2000, Riemer-Reiss, 36, decided to give triathlons a try. In May 2001, she entered the Mother's Day triathlon on Whidbey Island. Little did she know, that event would make triathlons a major part of her life for the next five years.

"Going into the race, it was just a goal to finish it in order to keep some fitness, and then I just got hooked," Riemer-Reiss said.

The early success she had in the sport came as a shock to a person without previous experience in two of the three disciplines.

"I was surprised how quickly I picked it up," Riemer-Reiss said. "I didn't have any swimming and

biking background, but I think that runners can transition really well to biking, so that helps."

After initially winning races in Whatcom and Skagit counties, Riemer-Reiss decided to test herself at a higher level. In 2004 and 2005, Riemer-Reiss qualified for the ITU Triathlon World Championships hosted in New Zealand and Hawaii.

At the 2005 World Championships in Hawaii, just four years after competing in her first triathlon, Riemer-Reiss finished 17 out of 105 competitors in her age division.

Despite her success on the world stage, Riemer-Reiss decided to pass up opportunities to receive her professional license in order to remain an amateur.

Although she is sponsored by runningshoes.com, which provides her with shoes and some entry fees, all other expenses, such as bike maintenance, come out of her pocket.

"For a time I thought about turning pro, but I would have to give up my job and I would constantly be traveling," Riemer-Reiss said.

Another reason for remaining an amateur is not many triathletes can make a living in the sport. Riemer-Reiss estimates that about two percent of the top professionals can make a living being a triathlete.

As an amateur, triathlons and training are forced to take a back seat to her full-time job at

Western and her daughter Annika. In the life of a mom and an elite athlete, every day is completely booked with her daughter, work and training obligations.

On a typical day, Riemer-Reiss drops her daughter off at school and then trains at home. Later, she does some prep work for class and finally teaches classes for the human services department in the evening.

"It is just kind of like a puzzle, fitting in pieces where they work," Riemer-Reiss said. "Every day I have to balance my daughter, work and training."

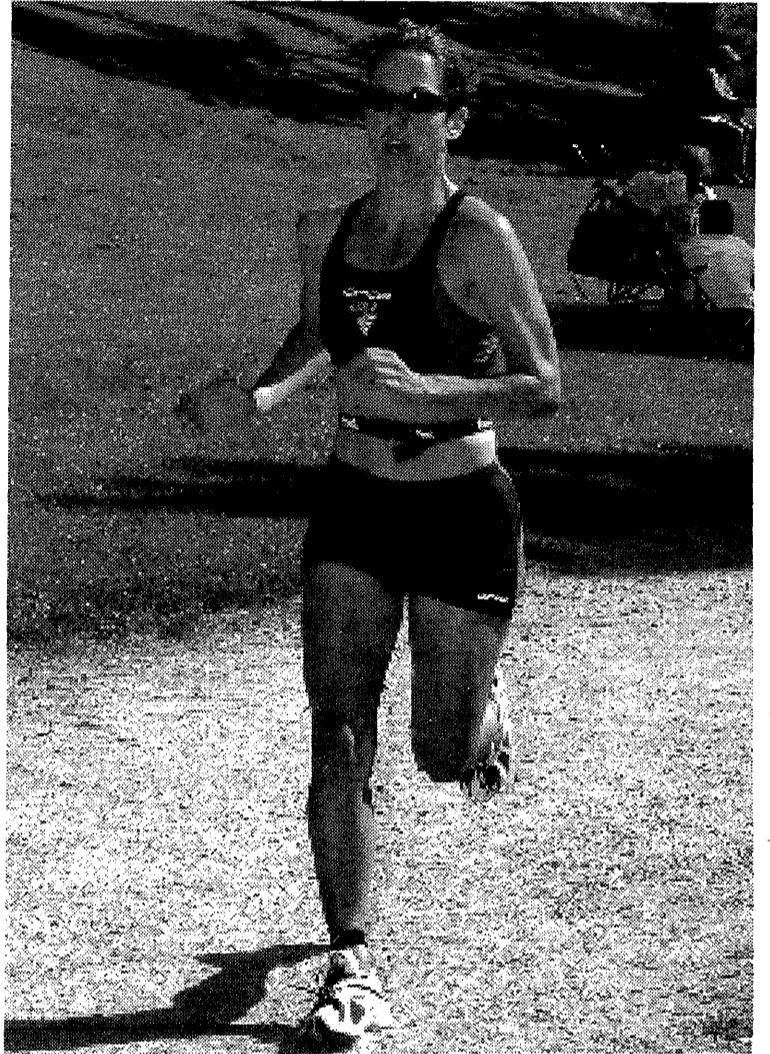
This time constraint is one reason why Riemer-Reiss has decided to focus on the Olympic distance triathlons, which are shorter than the more well known ironman triathlons. The Olympic distance triathlons include a 1,500 meter swim, a 40 km. bike and a 10 km. run.

"I can really focus on the Olympic distance, because the training is more doable when you have a child and a full-time job," Riemer-Reiss said.

Even at this shorter distance, training still requires a full-time commitment from Riemer-Reiss.

Each week her coach Harvey Varga sets her training schedule, which, depending on the week, includes between 20-50 miles of running, 100-250 miles of biking and 6-9 miles of swimming.

"With training, we can adjust if things come up," Varga said. "The top two priorities for Marti are



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Western professor Marti Riemer-Reiss competes in the Lake Padden Triathlon June 24.

Annika and work, so training can be worked around them."

As Riemer-Reiss is the first to cross the finish line first at the Clear Lake Triathlon, one can't

help but wonder why she wants to do it all.

"Every day is different," Riemer-Reiss said. "That is what makes my job and the sport so cool."

Americans should give soccer credit it deserves



By JAKE VORONO
The Western Front

The final whistle blew, the trampled pitch is beginning to regrow and a new World Cup champion is king. More than five billion fans tuned into the world's most popular competition. Of these five billion fans, the United States makes up a measly 20 million.

How is it that the United States has so long overlooked the world's most popular game?

The attitude of negligence must end, and those who did watch the Cup must spread the word like wildfire.

Soccer is an amazing sport that blends talent, aggression, strategy and strength in a way that is typically only on a battlefield. The United States needs to open its eyes to the sport the rest of the world is already watching.

It is unknown why the United States is so slow to embrace the world's most watched game. It certainly can't be because the U.S. team is still a mediocre soccer power. It ranked fifth in the world this season. Despite an early exit from this year's tournament, the U.S. team clearly has a bright future

streaking up and down the pitch in Clint Dempsey.

Perhaps the United States doesn't tune in because soccer is a low-scoring game with minimal action, in the eyes of many out-of-tune spectators.

That cannot be the reason because Americans embrace baseball, the dullest sport in existence, as their national pastime.

It is time for Americans to stop making excuses for disliking soccer. The game is as artistic as Van Gogh's "Starry Night," it is as exciting as a Bruce Willis action flick and more fun to watch than squirrels water skiing.

The real excuse for not loving the game stems from a lack of understanding. Sure, every person reading this article has most likely played soccer, but probably when they were six.

ESPN writer Pat Forde describes soccer in a way U.S. fans should learn to envision soccer.

"For me, it's baseball meets football in terms of play," Forde wrote. "It's like watching a pitchers' duel when all of a sudden Elway is on the field dodging a blitzing safety and then throwing downfield 50 yards for a touchdown."

For anyone who has attempted to dribble a soccer ball past a defender, or sheepishly tried to "Bend It Like Beckham," it's easy to understand how truly skilled one must be to play soccer.

Soccer players make kicking a ball, something any person with motor skills can do, look effortless and beautiful.

As for the low scoring, that merely adds an intense

satisfaction or joy to every goal scored.

A 90-minute match is a roller coaster of emotion, and to see a game-winning shot masterfully soar into the upper corner of the goal just inside the post and just under the cross bar is more satisfying than a 30-minute Shiatsu massage.

If the beauty and excitement of the game doesn't spark American's interests, then maybe the fact that the United States actually has a rich history in the sport will.

In 1999, the U.S. Women's National Team won the World Cup and followed it up with a gold medal in the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens. The Men's National team was ranked fifth in the world, its highest ranking ever. Although the team was somewhat disappointing in the Cup this year, it tied the eventual champion, Italy.

Soccer is and always will be the world's game. The World Cup involves teams from every inhabitable continent, gives nations hope, distracts from impoverished ways of life and the most famous people in the world play it.

Americans need to learn what a pitch is, and not the baseball one. They should know the definition of nil, and stop calling soccer uniforms "uniforms." They're called kits.

The United States must pull its head from the sand and see that soccer should be the most popular sport not just in the rest of the world, but domestically as well.

The 2010 World Cup in South Africa is on its way. The next four years must be a time for the progress of fans in the United States.

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SUMMER COSTS

Sucking students dry

School is out for summer, though not forever. Summer is supposed to be a time when a hard-working student can rack up work hours as easily as racking pool balls. At the right job, one summer's wages could provide tuition money for the following fall quarter.

Unfortunately, the Higher Education Coordinating Board wants students to forego this bounty of working to pay for summer school so they can graduate in the "normal four-year time period."

Summer classes and all the fixings that come along with them have a way of draining a pocketbook. Once a student enrolls for six or more credits for the summer, he or she must pay \$197.50 in mandatory fees, in addition to tuition, according to Western's Registrar. Paying the fees would be acceptable if the people paying the fees actually used the facilities, which doesn't seem to happen since facilities, such as the rec center, are closed two hours earlier compared to the regular school year.

If paying almost \$200 in mandatory fees isn't enough, summer class credits cost more than the rest of the year. Summer credits cost \$122 per credit so six credits run \$732. Since most classes only run for six weeks, students can say goodbye to \$122 every week. In fall quarter, students pay only \$87 per week for six credits.

Even something as simple as a summer bus pass isn't worth shelling out money for. The \$20 bus pass costs the same per quarter as a \$50 yearly pass. A student who heads for home after six weeks of class is stuck with a now-useless pass. He or she might as well just throw money in front of the 114 bus as it heads down High Street.

Summer classes cost more because, unlike the regular school year, they aren't subsidized by state funds. Any Joe Blow off the street can take summer classes as long as he or she ponies up the funds. The state considers summer school to be self-sustaining because of the fact that anyone can take classes, and therefore the state won't give any extra funds for students taking summer classes.

The Higher Education Coordination Board needs to step up to the plate and subsidize summer classes if they want students to stay over the summer.

The Washington Higher Education Coordination Board wants everyone to graduate in four years, and part of their solution is to offer expensive summer courses to help students reach that goal. The problem is that earning summer money outweighs paying for summer classes. So it looks like most students will be here another year.

Thanks for the help, summer school.

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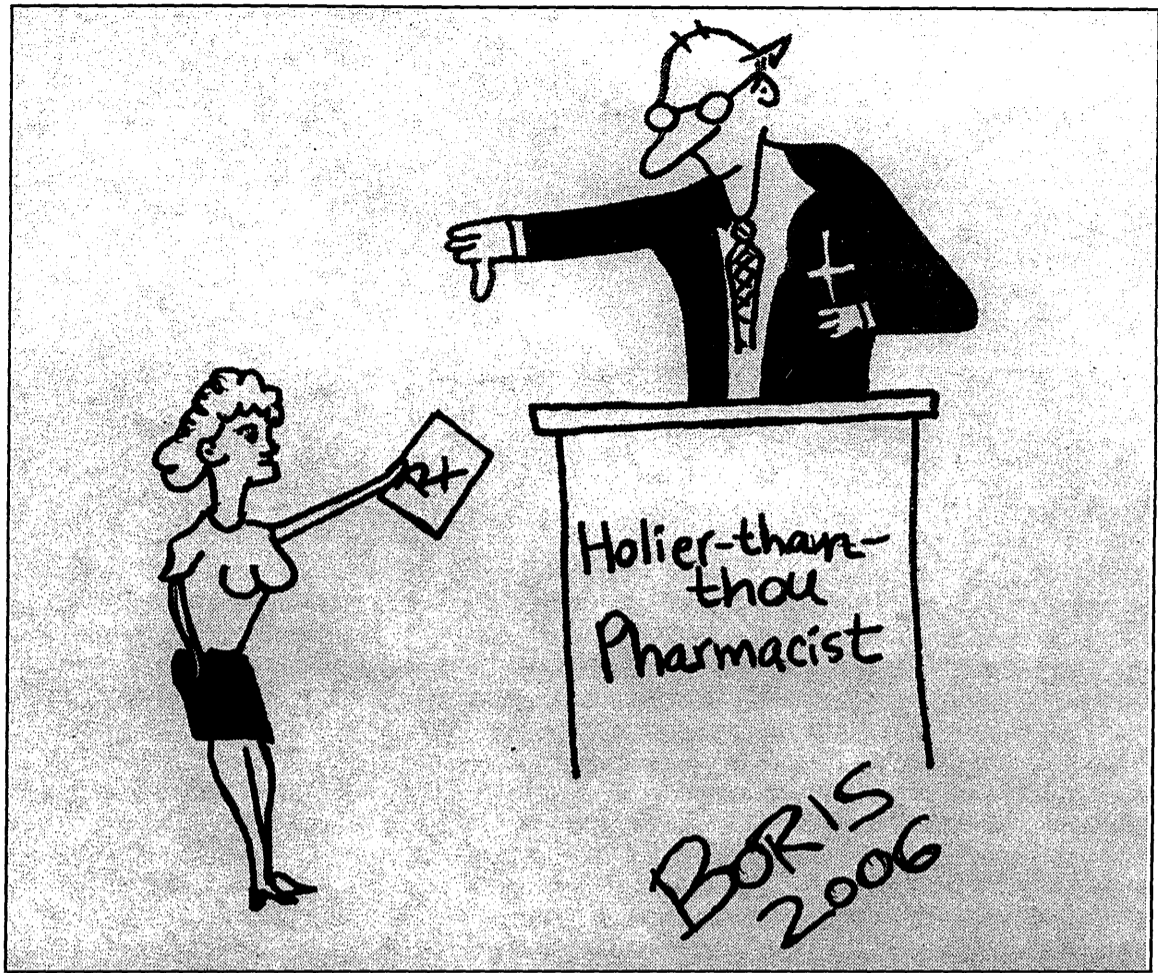
And we quote:

"The statistics on sanity are that one out of every four Americans are suffering from some form of mental illness.

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— Rita Mae Brown, author



Give drugs, not ideals

Pharmacists shouldn't withhold prescriptions based on beliefs



BY JON SAYER
The Western Front

Face it — condoms break.

The thought of it would terrify any sexually active individual, especially young people who are not ready to be parents.

Assuming the unfortunate woman involved wasn't taking the birth control pill, she didn't have many options prior to 1999. She hoped she wasn't pregnant, and if she was, she either started looking for maternity clothes or got an abortion.

The situation is a very grim one to be in. A better option should exist, and since 1999, one has.

It is called Plan B, popularly referred to as the morning-after pill. Plan B is an emergency contraceptive that prevents pregnancy, not an "abortion pill" as many right-wing pundits have labeled it. It doesn't abort unwanted pregnancy, but prevents a woman from getting pregnant.

Unfortunately, what seems like an important tool for preventing unwanted pregnancies is a new front in America's sociopolitical war. Some pharmacists across America refuse to sell Plan B to women in need because they think the drug is immoral.

The drug is legal through a prescription throughout the United States. It would be legal over-the-counter nationwide if it weren't for a controversial Food and Drug Administration decision

in 2005 that prevented this from happening.

The FDA decided that Plan B wasn't safe for over-the-counter. This was against the agency's own advisory committee's recommendations and is widely considered to be politically motivated. In Washington, it is legal for a properly trained pharmacist to sell the drug over the counter to someone who needs it.

On June 2, Washington's Board of Pharmacy felt the rights of a pharmacist to not be part of anything he or she finds disagreeable was more important than a woman's right to choose

'Pharmacists should not send women on wild goose chases across towns and counties to look for someone to sell them the drug while time is ticking.'

whether she wants to be a mother.

The group, which regulates pharmacists in Washington, endorsed a proposal that said a pharmacist is not required to fill a prescription they are morally opposed to. Unless the board changes its decision, the proposal will become a regulation on August 31, said Megan Lynch, Mt. Baker Planned Parenthood public affairs coordinator.

Linda McCarthy, the executive

director of Mt. Baker Planned Parenthood, said pharmacists across the state have refused to sell Plan B and other drugs, like other contraceptives and AIDS medications, to people who need them.

She said a local Bellingham pharmacist recently denied a customer's request to buy the drug. Instead of referring the customer to another pharmacy that sells the drug, he proceeded to lecture the woman about religion and morality.

Plan B isn't the only drug that pharmacists are denying customers.

"There is a young man in Eastern Washington who was denied syringes for his insulin because he had spiked hair and tattoos," McCarthy said. "The pharmacist said 'I am not going to give you syringes to shoot your drugs.'"

The man was a diabetic, not a drug addict. He had to find his syringes elsewhere.

There have also been reports of pharmacists denying AIDS medication to patients, as though they deserved to be stricken with the terrible disease.

They say the morning-after pill is tantamount to abortion and many pharmacists with strong religious or moral beliefs want nothing to do with the practice. They say it is their right as individuals to push away customers who want something they detest.

Dr. Emily Gibson, Western's Student Health Center director, said Plan B is not related to any drug used in abortions. It is simply a high dose of the active ingredient found in birth control pills.

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Viking Voices

Do you think pharmacists should be allowed to refuse medication to anyone?

Compiled by Lisa Harvey



Nick Moreau
Junior,
psychology

No, it's their job to provide the service and they shouldn't allow their personal beliefs to hinder that.



Anna Holt
Senior,
political science

If they are working for a large company they should not be able to refuse, but if they are privately owned it's their choice.



Barbara Seabury
Sophomore,
psychology

Yes, because there are other places you can go to get the prescription filled.

Pills: Washington pharmacists shouldn't be able to deny prescriptions based on own beliefs

"We don't see it any differently than (we see) routine oral contraceptives," Gibson said.

McCarthy said Plan B is an emergency contraceptive. It is not used casually or on a regular basis, but only in extreme circumstances. The drug is only 75 percent effective at preventing pregnancies. The drug can only have an effect if an individual takes no more than 72 hours after sex. Every moment that passes between sex and the 72-hour deadline makes it less likely that the drug will work.

Pharmacists should not send women on wild goose chases across towns and counties to look for someone to sell them the drug while time is ticking. Women who live in rural areas are affected the most. They might have to travel long distances between pharmacies. It's an emergency drug with a deadline, and there are people who do not have the ability to go to a dozen pharmacies in one day.

Supporters of the pharmacists say they have a right to their personal beliefs and should not be forced to do

something they find immoral. Pharmacists who are pro-life or whose religions say that someone should not have sex without intending to reproduce want nothing to do with Plan B or the women who need it.

Jobs out there require that the individual doing the job to have a certain kind of belief system or to check those feelings at the door when they clock in. Doctors have to care about human life, the president has to believe in democracy and judges cannot be filled with prejudice.

Pharmacists must fill prescriptions their customers require, unless said prescription would react badly with another medication or cause an allergic reaction. They cannot force their beliefs about medicine or birth control on another person.

Refusing to fill a prescription on moral grounds is refusing to do the job that is required of a pharmacist. Most people who refuse to do their jobs are fired. A pharmacist should be no different.

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