



## AS presidential race needs revote

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BY PETER JENSEN  
The Western Front

It has been five days since the Associated Students election ended, and Western is still without its next AS president.

During an appeal meeting Monday night, the AS board of directors voted to uphold

an AS election board ruling that disqualified Western senior Tony Russo, a presidential candidate, for election code violations.

Russo won the election, receiving 57 percent of the votes, but he will not assume his elected role.

The board of directors scheduled a run-off election Wednesday between Russo's opponents, Western juniors Nick Cizek and Shannon Hutchinson. The winner will become the next AS president.

The election code requires another election because neither Cizek nor Hutchinson received the 33 percent of votes necessary to be elected in a three-way race, said Rachel

Zommick, Western senior and AS president.

Russo said he would continue to lobby for issues such as extending the nighttime bus service at Western and reforming the election process.

"I disagree strongly with the ruling, but continuing to fight it will only further damage the campus," Russo said. "You don't need a title to be a leader."

The board of directors failed to pass a measure that would have overturned Russo's disqualification. They voted 3-2 against it at the Monday meeting, with Russo, the vice president for business and operations, and Peter Graves, the vice president for

legislative affairs, abstaining.

Russo said voting on his appeal would be a conflict of interest. Graves abstained because he said in a prepared statement that Russo threatened him during a conversation they had Friday, the day after the election board disqualified Russo. This prevented him from casting an unbiased vote, he said.

Graves, who won re-election for VP for legislative affairs, said Russo told him to vote to overturn his disqualification or otherwise face a recall when Graves assumed office this summer. A successful recall, which would

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## State bans tobacco companies from soliciting at concerts

BY KELSEY DOSEN  
The Western Front

New evidence from a study by the Washington State Department of Health shows the smoking rates for people ages 18 to 29 in Washington state are holding steady at 28 percent, despite declines in other age groups.

Starting Memorial Day weekend and continuing through the summer, the Health Department will attempt to reduce this rate by collaborating with House of Blues Concerts Inc., Pacific Northwest Region to educate people about the dangers of smoking. The Health Department has officially banned tobacco companies from promoting and distributing samples of cigarettes at concerts in Washington state for the outdoor concert season, said Tim Church, communications director for the Washington State Department of Health.

The plan between the Health Department and the House of Blues will be in effect for this outdoor concert season and will then be analyzed by the Department of Health and possibly put into effect again in the future, if the plan proves to be effective.

"This is a really important and exciting idea," said Church. "You don't ever see state and government agencies working with concert promoters."

People are still able to smoke at concerts, Church said. This

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## Softball sweeps Saint Martin's College



AMANDA WOOLLEY/The Western Front

Western senior third baseman Adrienne Moore makes a tag during the second game of Western's triple-header sweep Saturday against Saint Martin's College.

## Grant will fund second part of south campus construction

BY MEGAN MULDRY  
The Western Front

Western received a \$51.4 million grant April 24 to build the new Academic Instructional Center, which will be located on south campus. The grant came from the Gardner-



Photo courtesy of Gil Aiken

Construction of the Academic Instructional Center will begin March 2006 on the south end of campus.

Evans Higher Education Construction fund.

Gil Aiken, the project manager for the building, said the Academic Instructional Center is the next major building project on campus. The building will house the psychology and communication sciences and disorders departments. The building will be located southwest of the Communications Facility.

Aiken said this project will complete the second half of construction in the south campus area adjacent to the Communications Facility. The first half of the south campus project was the construction of the Communications Facility. Construction of the new building will start March 2006, Aiken said. Contractors at Opsis Architecture, who are designing the building, and Western officials are still discussing when the completion date and scheduled opening of the building will be, he said.

Aiken said the Academic Instructional Center will be approximately 120,000 square feet and will include two lecture halls, classrooms, computer labs and a collaborative

learning center. Aiken said the center will be a learning and social environment for students and faculty to meet in at any time. He said the building will have group seating available and computer stations. Wireless data transmission will be available throughout the building for laptop use, he said.

Dale Dinnel, professor and chair of the psychology department, said the new building will allow the department to have updated animal research facilities that will meet federal guidelines. He said the animal research facility could have a positive impact on the ability of the biological psychology faculty to obtain federal grants to support its research. Dinnel said the faculty currently uses crayfish, rats and mice for its research. The department will also have a student laboratory for animal research.

Dinnel said students and faculty who use the counseling clinic will benefit from a new facility in the building. The current counseling clinic serves as a training facility

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## University Police

**April 29, 4:24 a.m.:** UP found a backpack in Mathes Hall and reported it as found property.

**April 29, 3:15 a.m.:** UP responded to a report of a liquor law violation. Officers found a group drinking in parking lot 29.

**April 29, 2:42 a.m.:** UP escorted a student from Haggard Hall to Birnam Wood.

## Bellingham Police

**May 2, 2:14 p.m.:** Officers arrested a juvenile on suspicion of fourth-degree assault on the 2800 block of Douglas Street. Officers released the juvenile to his mother.

**May 1, 11:33 p.m.:** Officers responded to a report of violence on the 2100 block of Yew Street. Officers cited a 27-year-old male on suspicion of fourth-degree assault and harassment.

**April 30, 9:22 p.m.:** Officers responded to a report of a suspicious voyeur report. An area resident saw an unknown male peeping through the bathroom window of another resident on the 1600 block of Grant Street. Officers checked the area but found no suspects.

**April 30, 6:24 p.m.:** Officers responded to a report of a 34-year-old man urinating in public on the 100 block of South Samish Way.

**April 30, 11:25 a.m.:** Officers responded to a report of a "gas and dash" on the 100 block of South Samish Way.

**April 30, 8:48 a.m.:** Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person walking in circles and lying in a parking lot on the 1100 block of East Sunset Drive.

*Compiled by Katie Rothenburger.*

# Viking Voices

What TV show do you watch religiously?

*Compiled by Taune Sweet*



**Matt Kenny**  
Freshman,  
environmental studies

*'The Office.' It goes against all the stereotypical guidelines that normal network comedies have to follow.*



**Wanjiku Thande**  
Freshman, education

*I guess I would have to say 'Oprah.' I watched it before I came to Western, and it's something my mom and I talk about.*



**Zach Koehnke**  
Junior, German

*There's a couple, but I'd probably say 'Law and Order.' It's the only one I watch pretty regularly.*

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## STATE NEWS

### Republicans score legal argument

A judge gave Washington state Republicans a victory on Monday that kept alive their legal challenge to last November's razor-thin election win by Democratic Gov. Christine Gregoire.

Gregoire took office in January following a 129-vote margin of victory — the closest in a governor's race in state history.

Republican candidate Dino Rossi has refused to concede the race, which he won narrowly in the first count only to lose in a later, final recount.

Chelan County Superior Court Judge John Bridges has ruled Republicans can use what is known as "proportional analysis" in their legal argument to potentially take votes away from Gregoire.

The trial in the Republicans' lawsuit is scheduled for May 23.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Abu Ghraib prison guard charged in prison abuse trial

A military judge will decide whether to accept the guilty plea of Pvc. Lynndie England, who entered pleas on seven charges in connection with the abuses at Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison Monday.

She is charged with four counts of mistreating prisoners, two counts of conspiracy to mistreat prisoners and one count of committing an indecent act.

### Mayor might sue woman for skipping wedding

Jennifer Wilbanks, a Georgia woman who skipped town rather than face her own wedding may end up paying for it.

The mayor in Duluth, Ga., said she is thinking of suing Wilbanks to recover expenses of the police

search for her, a cost the mayor estimates at \$100,000. Authorities are still considering filing criminal charges.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Hitler's nurse discusses last days of dictator

A nurse who worked in Adolf Hitler's bunker is talking about the German chancellor's final days.

Erna Flegel, 93, said Monday that as allied troops closed in on Berlin in April, 1945, Hitler sank into himself and became a shaking, weakened man.

Flegel also talked about Hitler's mistress Eva Braun. She said Braun did not have any importance, and nobody expected much of her.

Flegel has said little of her experience until now. Her existence became known in 2001 after the CIA declassified the transcript of an interview she gave to U.S. interrogators.

### Insurgent attacks kill 23 more Iraqis

At least 23 Iraqis are dead after insurgent attacks Monday, bringing the total number to at least 140 dead since the approval of the new Iraqi cabinet April 2.

The latest deaths include eight Iraqi soldiers cut down by an attacker who detonated a truck packed with explosives at a checkpoint south of Baghdad.

In addition, six civilians were caught in a car bombing that set fire to a Baghdad apartment building.

A roadside bomb also killed a British soldier in the southern city of Amarah.

U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan condemned what he termed the cruel and heartless violence apparently aimed at undermining Iraq's newly formed government.

*Compiled by Zach Kyle  
AP Wire courtesy KUGS 89.3-FM*

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**THE REMAINING WEST-E PRAXIS TEST DATE** for this academic year is June 11. This test will not be administered at Western; check [www.ets.org/praxis/prxwa.html](http://www.ets.org/praxis/prxwa.html) for location and registration information.

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## Tobacco: Health Department, House of Blues reach youth through concerts, ban solicitation

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plan is just a way to get information to the public about the risks of tobacco.

Every year the Sasquatch! Music Festival, which takes place Memorial Day weekend at the Gorge Amphitheatre, marks the start of the outdoor concert season. This year the concert will be the official start of the ban on tobacco companies' advertisements. The ban will continue throughout the entire outdoor concert season, ending October, Church said.

The ban will be in effect at all shows at the Gorge Amphitheatre and some shows at the Key Arena.

Concerts are aimed at and have the highest attendance from 18- to 29-year-olds, Church said, so concerts are an ideal place to start reducing tobacco use with fliers and information booths. The Sasquatch! Music Festival attracts approximately 17,000 to 22,000 people, Church said.

"When people go to concerts, they're in a good mood," Church said. "They're excited and ready to have fun. It's a great time to get messages in front of them. We were tired of these messages being free cigarettes."

In the past, tobacco companies have sponsored many concerts. Most recently the Camel Lounge sponsored a Mix Master Mike concert April 16 in Seattle. Church said the promoters disperse themselves at concerts, approaching young adults and handing out free samples of cigarettes to attract new and current smokers. This practice started after the Master Settlement, a national plan created in 1998, banned tobacco companies from directly targeting youth and later banned companies from billboard advertising, forcing the companies to turn to giving samples, Church said.

This year, the Health Department will sponsor concerts, have promoters in booths and have teams distributing information about the toll-free Tobacco Quit Line and the health risks of smoking, Church said.

"This isn't a huge change for concert promoters because we're only on the concert end," said Jeff Trisler, senior vice president of the House of Blues Concerts, Pacific Northwest Region. "But it is nice to have someone on the other end. It's important for everyone to know the health risks of anything they take part in."

The House of Blues and the Health Department have been working on this partnership for more than six months, Church said. The department also has been working with the Seattle Theatre Group, operators of The Paramount and The Moore Theatres in Seattle, to extend the ban.

Savanna Doll, senior at Auburn Senior High School and lead guitarist and vocalist for high school punk-rock band the Mechanical Dolls said all four members of the band are anti-tobacco advocates.

Doll said the band received thousands of buttons, hundreds of T-shirts and a large bundle of fliers. The band has been trying to get this message across when they play at local concerts by distributing the items to fans.

"Smoking isn't prejudiced," Doll said. "It will kill whoever it wants."

Church said he is pleased with the House of Blues partnership and is optimistic in succeeding in getting the number of smokers to decrease.

"All we had to do was take anti-tobacco work to a place where you find an audience and smokers," Church said. "Since 28 percent of 18- to 29-year-olds are smokers, targeting concerts just made sense."

## Board: Russo's violations of six election codes justify his disqualification from the race



LINCOLN SMITH/The Western Front

The Associated Students board of directors discuss the details of the run-off election, which is scheduled for Wednesday.

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require a petition signed by 40 percent of the students who voted and then another election, would remove Graves from office.

Russo said he apologized to Graves for the incident, which Graves accepted.

"I felt threatened," Graves said. "But Russo apologized and the issue has been resolved."

This year, Cizek filed three grievances against Russo. In three grievance hearings, the election board found Russo guilty of violating a total of six sections of the election code.

Cizek said he filed the first grievance because a Russo campaign volunteer posted the AS logo and Russo's office phone number on a Thefacebook.com group promoting Russo's candidacy.

Cizek said he filed the second because Russo, in speeches and on a campaign Web site, said he initiated creation of the AS Review. Cizek said this was untrue; the

Review has been at Western, in some form, since 1975.

The election board agreed with both grievances and ruled that Russo and his campaign volunteers could no longer create Thefacebook groups promoting Russo, nor could they post signs or hand out campaign materials on campus.

Cizek filed the third grievance, which resulted in Russo's disqualification, because he said Russo's campaign volunteers were breaking the rules the board set in the prior hearings. Russo's volunteers created another Thefacebook group, handed out campaign material and taped a picket sign to a table in Red Square.

Because of the previous violations, disqualification was appropriate, said Brett Jordan, Western sophomore and election board chair.

"This started out as something really small," Russo said. "And no one was willing to back down, so it just escalated."

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# Grant: Building to provide psychology department with new counseling centers and office

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for students pursuing a master's degree in mental health counseling and school counseling programs. He said students in these programs meet with clients on an individual basis and as family sessions. Dinnel said the new counseling clinic will provide counseling and observation rooms that will serve the needs of the clients, and will serve as training facilities for students. Contractors have designed a counseling area to serve young children and a separate spacious family counseling area, he said.

Dinnel said the psychology department will have a larger office suite, which will more easily accommodate student traffic.

Dinnel said the department of psychology office becomes crowded with more than four students. This affects their ability to serve the needs of students because students are likely to leave before they receive help if the office is full, he said.

Although the new building is larger than the current space in Miller Hall, it will not allow for future growth in the department, Dinnel said. This is disappointing given that psychology is one of the largest majors on campus, he said. The location of the new building places the psychology department on the periphery of the campus rather than in the center of campus, where it is currently located. Dinnel said that according to Western's master plan, the campus is migrating toward the south so the location of the new building may be less

of a concern in the future.

The Academic Instructional Center will incorporate natural ventilation features in classroom and faculty office areas, Aiken said. This approach will eliminate mechanical ductwork noise, improve indoor air quality and result in energy savings, he said. A multi-story, sky-lighted area in the west wing will enhance ventilation and allow natural daylight to shine in, he said.

Aiken said the Northwest Architectural Company designed the project in association with Opsis Architecture. He said construction drawings are in the first stage of preparation.

Rep. Doug Ericksen from the 42nd Legislative District said four-year universities work with each other to fund

these projects through the Washington state Gardner-Evans Higher Education Construction fund. Ericksen said the process is depoliticized, which means the government does not choose which projects to fund, but the universities work together in order to organize a list of the improvements and new projects they want to complete on their campuses.

Ericksen said the universities list the projects in priority from the most important to the least, and every year the House of Representatives funds as many projects as it can from the Gardner-Evans Higher Education Construction fund.

Ericksen said if a project does not get funds one year, it will move up the list until funds are available.

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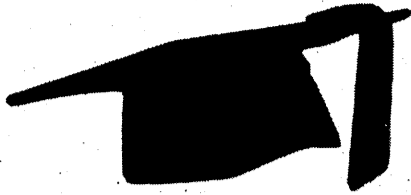


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# Life after graduation

A closer look at popular majors

## Industrial technology

BY MEGAN MULDRY  
The Western Front

Western students are able to learn hands-on through the engineering technology program, which is known for its Vehicle Research Institute.

Western junior Kate Stenson said when she was a freshman she took Engineering Technology 110, introduction to the engineering design process, because she did not know what to register for. After completing the class, she said she found her niche in industrial technology.

Stenson said she is majoring in industrial technology with a specialization in the Vehicle Research Institute within Western's engineering technology program.

Associate professor Robert Raudebaugh said the VRI program at Western, which is the only one in the Northwest, is the main reason the industrial technology major is the most popular of the six engineering technology majors students have to choose from. The other choices are electronics engineering technology,

manufacturing engineering technology, plastics engineering technology, industrial design and technology education.

During the 2003-2004 academic year, 74 students graduated in the engineering technology major, said Marcia Lewis, assistant director for operations at the Career Services Center. She said 27 of those students graduated with an industrial technology degree.

Raudebaugh said Western is the only school in the Northwest where students have the opportunity to work with cars interactively. He said the students do not receive credit for the VRI program because it is volunteer-only, but the department is working on making it mandatory in order to graduate.

Once students decide to major in the industrial technology program, they choose a specialization in VRI, computer-aided design, computer-aided manufacturing or a customized specialization, Raudebaugh said. Computer-aided design is a computer program that develops blueprints for everything from airplanes to tables. Computer-aided manufacturing takes those blueprints and

transfers them to the machines, such as saws, used to build them so the ending product is exactly what the blueprint looked like, he said. Raudebaugh said past students have developed their own specialization in areas such as shoe design and bicycle design.

All students in the engineering technology department can study computer-aided design and computer-aided manufacturing, but the students who want it to be their focus can specialize in it through the industrial technology major.

Students who volunteer and work on industrial technology projects gain an advantage in finding jobs after graduation

because they have real-life experience, Raudebaugh said. Any student in the engineering technology department can work on projects in the VRI program to gain experience in developing, building and manufacturing cars even though Western does not require it to graduate, he said.

Raudebaugh said students who go through the industrial technology program will graduate with a high level of technical skill and an understanding of engineering. This is because students learn in the classroom through lecture and also through a hands-on approach in the shops in the Ross Engineering Technology Building, he said.

### Cold Hard Numbers

Engineering technology graduates 2002-2003: 75  
 Number of graduates in industrial technology 2002-2003: 28  
 Industrial technology students who found jobs related to their field: 83.3 percent  
 Industrial technology students who found jobs in state, 2002-2003: 5  
 Average annual salary for a graduate with a bachelor's degree, 2002-2003: \$29,880  
 Average annual salary for an industrial technology graduate, 2002-2003: \$38,100

Statistics courtesy of Career Services

## Reality: An alumna's point of view

BY MEGAN MULDRY  
The Western Front

When Western alumna Jen Imholt graduated fall 2003 with a bachelor's degree in industrial technology, she said she did not realize how difficult it would be to find a job in her field. After looking for two months, Imholt found a job with John L. Scott Real Estate in Puyallup as a producer and designer of advertisements for magazines, newspapers and postcards.

While pursuing a job related to her major, Imholt said she interviewed for a graphic

design position for Jerry Mahan, a developer, builder and real estate agent for John L. Scott Real Estate. She works primarily with programs such as Adobe Photoshop, which is a program graphic designers and industrial designers commonly use. Imholt said she produces magazine ads showcasing the builders Mahan represents.

"Being a graphic designer has given my brain a nice break, although it was an adjustment working in 2D," Imholt said. "I'm really pleased with my job. I make a good living and already have my own home, which working in real estate has allowed me to do."

Imholt said Western's industrial technology program, although stressful at times because of the heavy course load involving science, math and business classes such as business law, micro-economics, accounting and marketing, provides students with a well-rounded education, which is what employers look for.

Imholt said she loves computer-aided design, which allows users to construct products on the computer that look like the blueprints to make the product. She said during the past eight years computer-aided design has grown significantly in the

industrial technology industry since it is now a requirement to get most jobs in the computer-aided design field.

Imholt said she looked for approximately two months and interviewed at several places, but found that the most common problem was lack of experience in a specific program called Auto-Computer-Aided design 2000 or higher. She said Western's industrial technology program did not offer it.

"I don't know why industrial technology didn't offer the Auto-CAD program," Imholt said. "I know there would have been a huge waiting list if they offered it."

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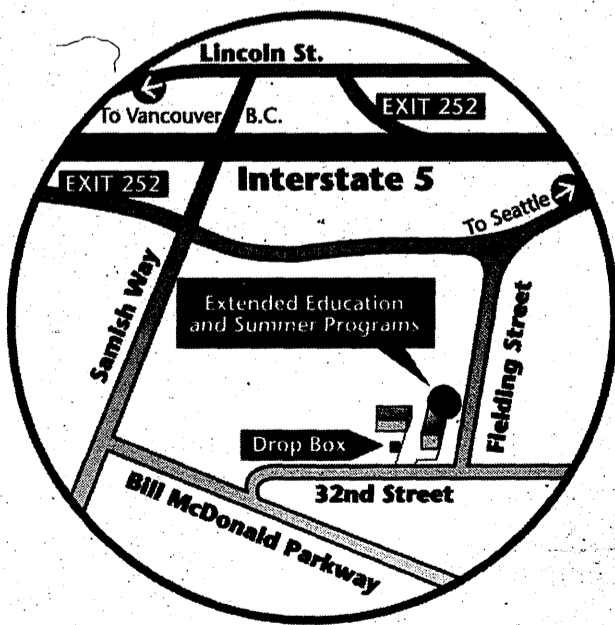
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## Strange days

### Web site shows pope as Nazi

Rome judicial authorities sought a temporary injunction Friday against an Internet site that contained doctored photographs of Pope Benedict XVI dressed in a Nazi uniform.

The photos showed the head of former German Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger on the body of a man wearing a swastika armband and standing in front of a Nazi flag.

People could find the photos on the Independent Media Center Web site, an Italian international news and opinion site.

The pictures violated a Roman law prohibiting defamation of the Roman Catholic Church, Rome investigating magistrate Salvatore Vitello said in a statement.

Vitello also said he was considering taking action against the developers of the site for insulting the authority and honor of the pope.

Ratzinger served on the Hitler Youth, a Nazi paramilitary

organization, during World War II, when membership was compulsory for young Germans.

He left the organization to study for the priesthood.

His biographers said he was never a member of the Nazi Party and his family opposed Hitler's regime.

### Marijuana and pizza are not an even trade

Officers arrested a 21-year-old man early Saturday in Fargo, N.D., after he allegedly assaulted a pizza delivery driver who refused to take marijuana as payment for pizza, police said.

Officers charged the man on suspicion of robbery and released him from the Cass County Jail after he posted \$5,000 bail.

Pizza Patrol driver Atif Yasin thought the man was asleep when he arrived to deliver a medium pizza and 20-ounce soda.

After knocking a few times and calling the man on his cellphone,

Yasin said the man answered the door in his boxers.

The man took the pizza, spent a few minutes looking for money and then offered to pay with marijuana, Yasin said.

When he told the man he needed money or he could not have the pizza, the man began to yell, pushed him and punched him in the face.

After calling the police and waiting for officers to arrive, Yasin delivered two more orders.

Officers arrested the intoxicated man, Sgt. Shannon Ruziska said.

Because the man allegedly assaulted Yasin while committing the apparent theft, police arrested him on suspicion of robbery, Ruziska said.

### Building an unacceptable snow phallus

Two men pleaded innocent to promoting obscenity for allegedly building a snow phallus in their front yard in Laramie, Wyo.

Brandon Arp, 20, and Aric Davenport, 19, appeared at a ordered arraignment Friday in circuit court.

Police said Arp and Davenport built the sculpture April 21.

Neighbors found the sculpture offensive and, although someone destroyed it, police still cited the two men.

Davenport's attorney, Michael Vang, said the sculpture's obscenity is unclear. He accused Laramie police of selective enforcement.

### Police mistake big burrito for a weapon

A call about a possible weapon at Marshall Junior High in Clovis, N.M., prompted police to station armed officers on rooftops, close nearby streets and lock down the school. All because of a student's giant burrito.

Someone called authorities Thursday after seeing a boy carrying a long and wrapped

object into the middle school.

The drama ended two hours later when officers identified the suspicious item as a 30-inch burrito wrapped inside tin foil and a white T-Shirt.

The burrito was part of eighth grader Michael Morrissey's extra-credit assignment to create the commercial advertising for a product.

"We had to make up a product and it could have been anything," Morrissey said. "I made up a restaurant that specialized in oddly large burritos."

After students heard the description of the alleged weapon police were looking for, Morrissey said he and his friends began to make the connection. He then took the burrito to the office.

"The police saw it, and everyone just started laughing," Morrissey said. "It was a laughter of relief."

Morrissey said he now has a new nickname: "The Burrito Boy."

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# HOUSE WITH A HISTORY

*Tucked within the walls of the Hugh Eldridge Mansion lies the story of a Bellingham pioneer*

By TAUNE SWEET  
The Western Front

Bellingham residents Mike Kennard, 57, and wife Cis, 54, often hear the same remark when people realize where he lives. "Oh, you live in that house."

Kennard said he is not surprised by the reactions he receives. Kennard's home not only resembles a castle, but also sits on the former homestead of Bellingham pioneer Edward Eldridge.

The palatial building rests on the 2900 block of Eldridge Avenue, past the downtown area. Settled on a hillside overlooking Bellingham Bay, the privately owned estate draws its owner's guests to an earlier time and a faraway place.

Birds sing from within the trees bordering the property. Pink and purple blossoms abound. A cool breeze from the bay blows steadily across the green lawn and through the trees.

As visitors pass through the gate, the Chinook Jargon phrase "nesika illihe," engraved in brass letters in the driveway greets them. Chinook Jargon was the combination of languages used in trade between Native Americans and pioneers during the settling of the Pacific Northwest. The phrase, which translates as "our land," welcomes people to the former homestead of Edward Eldridge, which is now he home of the Kennards.

"We just happened to be in the right place at the right time," Mike Kennard said about purchasing the house in early 1994.

Arriving in 1853, Edward Eldridge was one of the first pioneers of Bellingham, Kennard said. He was 24 when he arrived and was a well-known political figure throughout the Northwest and held several public positions during his lifetime, including the first probate judge in Whatcom

County in the 1850s and speaker of the house in the Washington Territory Legislature from 1866 to 1867, Kennard said.

Eldridge also was an advocate for women's rights, especially supporting the right for women to own land, Kennard said.

"This guy was 50 years ahead of his time," Kennard said of Eldridge's support of women's rights.

Though Eldridge had claim to 320 acres of land stretching across a large portion of what is now Bellingham, he built both of his mansions on the site where the current home rests.

"The significance to me is he could have built a house anywhere here, but he built it on this site," Kennard said.

Eldridge built two mansions on the site, but both later burned. The current building was the home of his son, Hugh Eldridge.

Jeff Jewell, photo archive research technician for the Whatcom Museum of History and Art, said the largest Eldridge mansion, built in 1890, was approximately 40,000 square feet and much larger than others in the area at that time, Kennard said. The home burned in a forest fire that devastated the town in 1894, Jewell said.

Hundreds of men tried to keep the roof of the structure wet to protect it from the imminent flames, Kennard said. Books from the home's library, which was the largest private library north of San Francisco, were some of the few things that survived the fire, he said. Eldridge did not live to see the destruction of his home. He died in 1892 at the age of 63, Kennard said.

When Edward Eldridge died, Hugh Eldridge took control of the family empire, said Al Currier, vice president of the Whatcom County Historical Society. At the time of his death, Edward Eldridge was president of the Bellingham

National Bank and director of the Fairhaven and New Whatcom Street Railroad Company. Edward's legacy outlived that of Hugh Eldridge, Currier said.

"(Hugh) was important because he was the son of Edward," Currier said. "His importance to Bellingham had more to do with the management of his father's business."

Architect F. Stanley Piper built the home that stands today in 1926, Jewell said. Hugh Eldridge wanted Piper to build the home on that site because a historic home had always stood there and he wanted to continue the tradition, Kennard said.

Piper envisioned the house as a stately, masculine home that would differ in design from the Victorian homes that lined Eldridge Avenue, Kennard said.

"The house itself is grand, and it's unique and it's interesting," he said. "And as an architecturally designed house, it has some unique qualities in terms of flow and other things like that."

The French Eclectic architecture of the home settles itself amid the backdrop of Bellingham Bay and the San Juan Islands. These views are visible from nearly every room inside.

Inside, a long hallway extends to the left and right of the home's entrance. Glass doors facing the main entry lead to a formal seating area with a large bay window.

The dining room adjoins the living room with a small breakfast room at the other end. The pantry and kitchen connect to the breakfast room. A combination of traditional and modern furnishings decorate the home. Portraits of the 1890 home, as well as those of Eldridge and his wife, hang inside.

To the left of the main entry is a master suite. A downstairs master suite is common to the architectural style of the home, Kennard said. To the right of the main entry is



TAUNE SWEET/The Western Front

The Hugh Eldridge mansion is the third home to sit on the same site overlooking Bellingham Bay.

a spiral wooden staircase, which leads to the second story. This level is where a guest bedroom and the Kennard's master suite are located.

After Hugh Eldridge's death, a succession of Eldridge relatives owned the home until the great-grandsons of Edward Eldridge put the house on the market in the 1990s, Kennard said.

The Kennards purchased it in early 1994 for \$545,000. Today, the home is worth approximately \$1.7 million, Kennard said.

Aside from remodeling the kitchen in the 1970s and Kennard's recent rebuilding of the staircase, most of the renovations to the home have been minor.

Owners have painted inside and

out, but the original plaster walls still stand. Kennard said he has ideas as to what he would like to do next, including installing an elevator.

He said finding the time to make these renovations, however, is daunting, especially since he prefers to take part in the design and color processes.

To own the house and be pretentious about it would be an unfortunate way to act, Kennard said.

He realizes owning the home comes with a semipublic obligation. He said he welcomes the handful of curious people who stop by his home each year.

"I'm proud to share it," he said. "I feel blessed to have it."



TAUNE SWEET/The Western Front

Architect F. Stanley Piper designed the home on Eldridge Avenue, which was constructed in 1926, to stand apart from other homes in the neighborhood at that time. Bellingham residents Mike, 57 and Cis Kennard, 54 now own the house.



# A party in the pants

## Passion parties offer insight and products for personal pleasure and sexual enhancement

By LAUREN ALLAIN  
The Western Front

Western junior Amy Jeffers gets ready for work by packing an Adidas bag with a dildo called Jelly Clitterrific, a Happy Heart cock ring, a vibrator named Jelly Osaki, Nipple Nibblers, Fireworks warming gel, Tasty Tease to inhibit gag reflexes and Spicy Dice.

Jeffers is a Passion Party consultant. The parties are similar to Tupperware parties, but rather than Tupperware, Jeffers sells sensual and sexual products, she said.

Passion Parties is a corporation using the slogan "Where Every Day is Valentine's Day." The company hires individual consultants such as Jeffers to conduct parties.

Jeffers has consulted 15 parties for Western and Whatcom Community College students since beginning her job with Passion Parties in December 2004, she said.

She said the parties are free for people who are interested in playing host to them in their homes and are free to attend. Jeffers receives a percentage of the total sales accumulated from the party, and the host receives 10 percent if guests spend more than \$300, Jeffers said.

"The biggest draw is an excuse to finally talk about the things you don't ever feel comfortable talking about in normal conversation," she said.

Jeffers said typically 10 to 30 men and women attend the party. She said she has a specific routine for each party. She starts by clarifying questions the group has and discovering what people want to learn, she said. Jeffers then informs the group about products women use to increase their sensuality, such as lotions, shaving cream and bath products.

Next, Jeffers said she introduces the edible products, such as bubble gum-cherry-and banana-flavored lubricants and orange-creamsicle-flavored massage oil. Then come more exotic items such as the Spicy Dice game, which has body parts on one die and actions on the other, and books portraying sexual positions. The party concludes with sex toys, such as vibrators and dildos.

Jeffers said she brings some favorites to every party. Nipple Nibblers, which Ameny said are the No. 1 seller, sell for \$9 for a 2-ounce tube, plumps the nipple, but women commonly use it as chapstick because it has the same effect on lips, she said.

Jeffers and Ameny said Pure Satisfaction UniSEX Enhancement Gel is another favorite. The gel, which users apply directly to the clitoris or penis, Ameny said, works to heighten orgasms by stimulating the area with blood flow.

Jeffers said she allows all party guests to try every product she presents at the party, and women sample Pure Satisfaction the most. Jeffers said it also produces the largest reaction.

"Any movements are very sensitive," Jeffers said. "They run up and down stairs because that's the best way to know if it's working because you get the movement. There will be 20 girls running up and down the stairs, giggling like crazy. They just have so much fun with it."

While most parties have a comfortable mood, Jeffers said some are dead silent and have an uneasy feel to them. She said she always encourages every attendee to ask



LAUREN ALLAIN/The Western Front

From left to right: Western junior Samantha Turner, Western freshmen Sarah Girouard and Ashley Stenson lick off a tester of Passion Powder, an edible body powder at a Passion Party Saturday.

questions and create a bond with the entire group. Jeffers has always been comfortable with the topic of sexuality because her family was open about it while she was growing up, she said.

"It's never awkward for me," Jeffers said. "My goal is to get to know everybody there. I want them to share their stories and have a good time."

Jeffers said she does not restrict Passion Parties based on gender or sexual preferences. Most parties Jeffers consults are predominantly female guests, but she said males enjoy them just as much as females.

"I've never walked away from a party feeling that (the guests) didn't thoroughly enjoy it," she said. "I've had guys' stuff at every party. They get to learn about things that girls want and need, so it's a great opportunity for them to get involved."

Jeffers consulted a Passion Party by Western sophomore Rich Nylander played host to in February.

"It was really fun," Nylander said. "I was kind of talked into it, but it ended up being good entertainment."

Nylander said he was giggly at first but eventually embraced the idea.

"It's insightful, and you can learn a few things to help you with relationships," he said.

Jeffers said she appreciates it when men attend her parties because it gives them an opportunity to learn about sexuality without hurting their ego, but some women feel uncomfortable having them there.

Western junior Cory Bartel has attended two parties, but only one included men. She said they all appeared to enjoy themselves, but she would not have men at her own party.

"I wouldn't invite any straight guy friends just because they don't take it seriously," she said.

Jeffers said cock rings are one of the most popular items for males. The small silicone ring restricts blood flow making a more intense orgasm, Jeffers said.

"It's one of the only ways guys can intensify their orgasms," she said. "Guys are almost always willing to try it. They just don't know how to approach it."

Some women at Nylander's party did not want the men to see what they were purchasing because they were embarrassed, he said.

Dina Ameny, a 29-year-old Spokane resident, has been a Passion Party consultant since June 2004.

She said she would explain Passion Parties to someone who was unfamiliar with them as a showcase of sensual products, adult novelty toys, lotions and edible items that serve as relationship builders.

"If they still didn't understand, I would say adult toys," Ameny said. "Even though society is pretty much open now, a lot of people feel uneducated, and in a normal store you don't really get the education you need. We come in and explain everything in an extremely clean and fun environment."

Ameny said she has held several couples-only Passion Parties and considers them relationship builders.

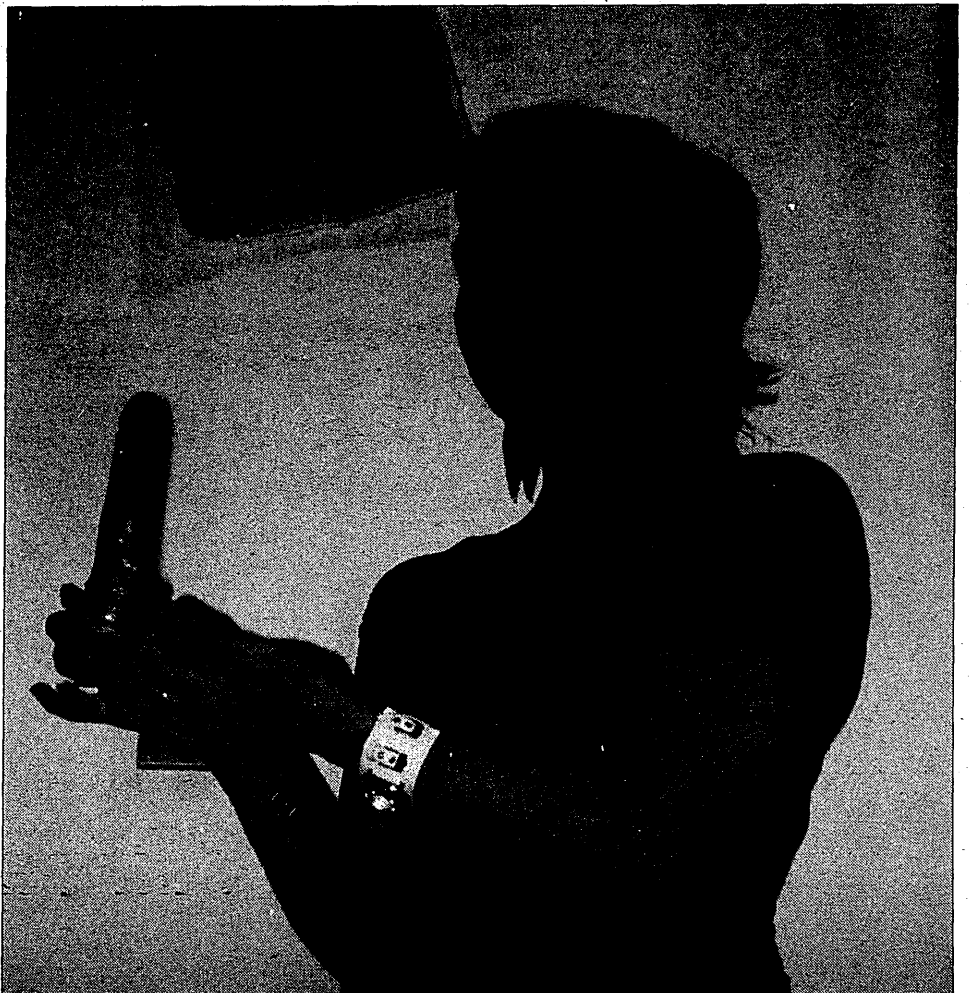
"A lot of people call their partners after the party," Jeffers said. "It really opens the floor to communication about what each partner is wanting and their desires and their interests."

Passion Parties are not only for individuals who are sexually active, Jeffers said.

"A lot of girls assume that it's just for girls who have sexually active lives, and that's not necessarily true because a lot of the stuff can be used for individual pleasure," she said. "I don't think that people understand that girls don't always want to be having sex, so it's a nice alternative."

Ameny said she has consulted Passion Parties at Washington State University, Gonzaga University and Western.

"Sex can often be so taboo and faux pas that you don't want to go there," Jeffers said. "I think we have the flexibility at Western because we are so liberal to take that step and say, 'Okay, it's sex — let's talk about it,' rather than 'It's sex-let's run from it.'"



LAUREN ALLAIN/The Western Front

Western junior Amy Jeffers displays the Jelly Clitterrific vibrator to a party of 19 girls. Jeffers has been consulting Passion Parties since December.

# SPORTS

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## Softball sweeps Saturday, stumbles Sunday

By DEVIN SMART  
The Western Front

Western's softball team was one strike away from splitting its doubleheader with Seattle University Sunday at Viking Field.

Western lost the first game of its doubleheader against Seattle 3-0, and then lost game two 4-3 in extra innings. On Saturday Western swept its triple header against Saint Martin's College in Lacey.

In game two of the doubleheader, Seattle's sophomore shortstop Katie Ledbetter hit a three-run home off Western sophomore pitcher Jackie Quint to tie the game at 3-3 in the top of the seventh inning.

"It simply came down to getting a very good hitter up and falling behind 3-0 and having to put balls too close to the plate," Western head coach Lonnie Hicks said. "(Ledbetter) got her hands on one and took it right out of the yard."

Seattle took the lead in the ninth inning on a two-out RBI single to left field from Seattle freshman Jane Purdy off Quint.

Western had a chance to come

back in the bottom of the ninth inning when Western junior Mandy Kaestner led off with a single. But Western junior Megan McPhee lined out to third base for the first out, and Western sophomore Cortney Walton hit into a double play to end the game.

Seattle freshman pitcher Erin Martin allowed three runs in a complete-game Seattle win. Martin also handed Western a 3-0 loss in the opening game of the doubleheader when she threw another complete game and shut out Western.

"She is a gamer every time we give her the ball," Seattle head coach Dan Powers said. "She goes right at it, and she carried it all the way through. If we make a few (defensive) plays, she doesn't give up those runs (in the second game.)"

Western freshman Liza Teichler, who went 3-5 in both games, said Martin's balls were difficult to hit because her pitches had movement.

"In the second game, we got more on top of the ball and had more success," Teichler said. "(The loss) was frustrating, but we are going on the road to play some

important games and we need to look ahead."

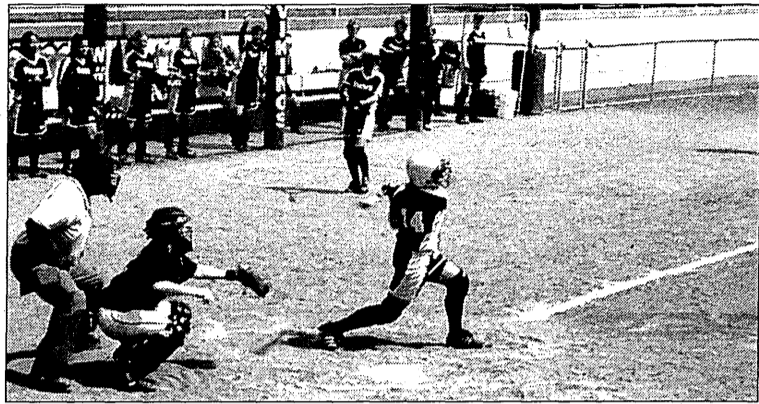
Until the home run with two outs in the seventh inning, Quint shut out Seattle, despite four errors Western's defense committed behind her. In the loss, Quint pitched nine innings for the complete game, allowing four runs and striking out eight.

In the first game, a two-run home run off Seattle freshman catcher Jane Purdy in the first inning provided Seattle with all the offense it needed for the win. Seattle tacked on one more run in the ninth inning after Seattle senior Stephanie Stone's RBI single.

Western had won 16 of its last 19 games going into Sunday's doubleheader. Hicks said the team had a slight chance to make the playoffs, but Sunday's doubleheader changed his mind, he said.

"The two losses today takes us out of any chance of making the playoffs," Hicks said.

In Saturday's sweep of Saint Martin's College, Western won 7-6 in 11 innings, 9-6 the next game and finished the third with a 5-2



DEVIN SMART/The Western Front

Western freshman Lisa Pendergrast hits an infield single in the second inning, driving in Western's first run in the second of Western's two games Saturday against Seattle University.

victory.

During the three games, Western's offense produced 36 hits and scored 21 runs.

In game one on Saturday, Teichler drove in the winning run with a sacrifice fly in the 11th inning and Quint won the game in relief, pitching the final five and one-third innings, allowing only three hits with a walk and a strikeout.

In the second game, Western had six runs in the fourth inning, in which Western junior Ashley Barber hit a bases-loaded triple that

drove in all three runners. Western junior Stephanie Sheppard won the game in relief, pitching three and one third innings.

In game three McPhee hit a solo home run in the first inning, and Western tacked on two more runs in the third inning when Kaestner hit a two-run inside-the-park home run. Sheppard picked up her second win of the day with five innings of relief pitching.

"All I wanted is the kids to keep playing hard," Hicks said. "And they have."

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# Western cyclists pave the way to success

## Seniors Rickerts and Guifarro help set the pace for cycling club

BY ELISA SPARKMAN  
The Western Front

Ryan Rickerts, Western senior and Western cycling club's road team manager, is so dedicated to the team that he rarely does anything unrelated to its activities, said Western senior Celeo Guifarro, who co-founded the club with Rickerts spring quarter 2003.

"(Rickerts and I) have class together, so I called him late one night with a question about the homework," Guifarro said. "Ryan hadn't started his homework yet and was making a bike rack for our new trailer, and we had to leave for a race at 5 the next morning."

This year, the team placed No. 1 for Division II in the Northwest Collegiate Cycling Conference Championships April 23 - 24 at Washington State University. The top two teams of each division qualify for nationals May 13-15 in Lawrence, Kansas.

"The past two years have slowly consumed me," Rickerts said. "I have totally dedicated myself to getting our team to nationals and now (the men's A team) is going."

Rickerts and Guifarro said they love cycling, and they felt compelled to compete in order to gain more experience, but they found they were unable to participate in

collegiate competition unless they formed a legitimate college club or sports program. For this reason they created a team in 2003 that, at first, consisted only of Rickerts and Guifarro, but now the team has more than 20 members, Guifarro said.

The team lost its first competition spring 2003 at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Rickerts said. The team only raced in one event, so it finished with only seven points compared to the top ranking team that finished with approximately 3,000 points, he said.

A cycling conference is a five-week series. He said the teams accumulate points by racing in three separate events each weekend: the team time trial, the road race and the criterium. Rickerts said the criterium event is a flat, short race with turns. He said the event is spectator friendly and takes place in downtown areas.

During fall quarter 2003 the team grew in size as the members promoted the club at information fairs and by word-of-mouth, Rickerts said.

"We really wanted to bring up Western's name," Rickerts said. "A town with such a good cycling community should have a team."

Ben Scherrer, Western senior and club member, said Rickerts' dedication helped the team succeed. He said Rickerts organizes all of the travel accommodations, completes the paperwork and gathers more than half of the team's sponsorships.

"He's made such a strong team in such a short time," Scherrer said. "He has probably sacrificed a lot of things in other areas of his

*'(Rickerts has) probably sacrificed a lot of things in other areas of his life to get the team where it is — so successful and organized.'*

**BEN SCHERRER**  
Western senior cycling club member



JARED YOAKUM/The Western Front

Western senior Ryan Rickerts, right, and Western junior Nick Clayville talk after finishing a ride Monday in Red Square.

life to get the team where it is — so successful and organized."

Rickerts said his love of cycling helps keep him in school.

"When I get tired of school I just remember that I can't race (on the collegiate level) if I am not in college," Rickerts said.

Rickerts, 28, said he is lucky his wife, Western graduate Susie Rickerts, also loves cycling. He said she helps at races by handing out water bottles, and she supports the team.

"If my wife wasn't so supportive, it would be a different story," Rickerts said. "She doesn't race, but she bike-commutes and rides a lot. We bike together. It is a big part of our life."

Participating in the club is time consuming for the members, and it requires the team

members' commitment to train, stay organized and compete, Rickerts said. He said the men's A team trains 12-18 hours per week.

"There are no prizes; there's no money," Rickerts said. "There is a feeling of camaraderie and teamwork. You learn to work for each other. One person can't win 3,000 points."

Guifarro said the members form strong bonds spending time together riding and working as a team.

"You wake up in the morning, and you are motivated to go riding because you know who is going to be there," he said.

Each team member has something unique to offer, Guifarro said. Scherrer said he raced on

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# Off the wall

Students and Bellingham residents gather inside to climb during inclement weather

BY LEAH WEISSMAN  
The Western Front

Susan DeFord, Western senior and rock wall staff member at the Wade King Student Recreation Center, tied a figure-eight knot through her climbing harness and let her head fall back as she stared at the sun shining through the glass windows, illuminating the eight-meter-high gray rock wall.

"On belay?" she asked Western senior and her climbing partner Matt Barrett.

Barrett tightened his grip on the purple climbing rope, which was looped through an anchor at the top of the rock wall, with him at one end standing on the ground and DeFord on the other end ready to ascend the wall.

"Belay on," Barrett said, which means he was holding his hands tightly around the rope he had secured to his harness in order to stop DeFord from falling if she lost her grip.

With her belayer's clearance, DeFord began her vertical stretch up the climbing wall.

"It's definitely easier to climb indoors," DeFord said. "I think a lot of people climb indoors because it's less expensive, more accessible and you don't have to worry about outdoor elements, like sun in your eyes, dirt in the cracks, or rain and wind."

Iain Glynn, Western sophomore and rock wall staff member said that during winter quarter more climbers use the rock wall in the recreation center than during other quarters because of cold and rainy weather.

He said three reasons why people choose to climb indoors are weather, location and

safety.

"In outdoor climbing, anchors can be partially rotted away or not as strong because they're outside in the elements," Glynn said.

With outdoor rock climbing, Glynn said the sport depends on what kind of rock the climber is on. He said most of the rock at Sehome Hill is sandstone, so when climbers go there to boulder, which is free climbing without a rope, the rock easily breaks off in slabs or light powder into the climbers' hands.

DeFord said the recreation center intended the three-meter-high bouldering wall, an unroped climbing area, to simulate real rock.

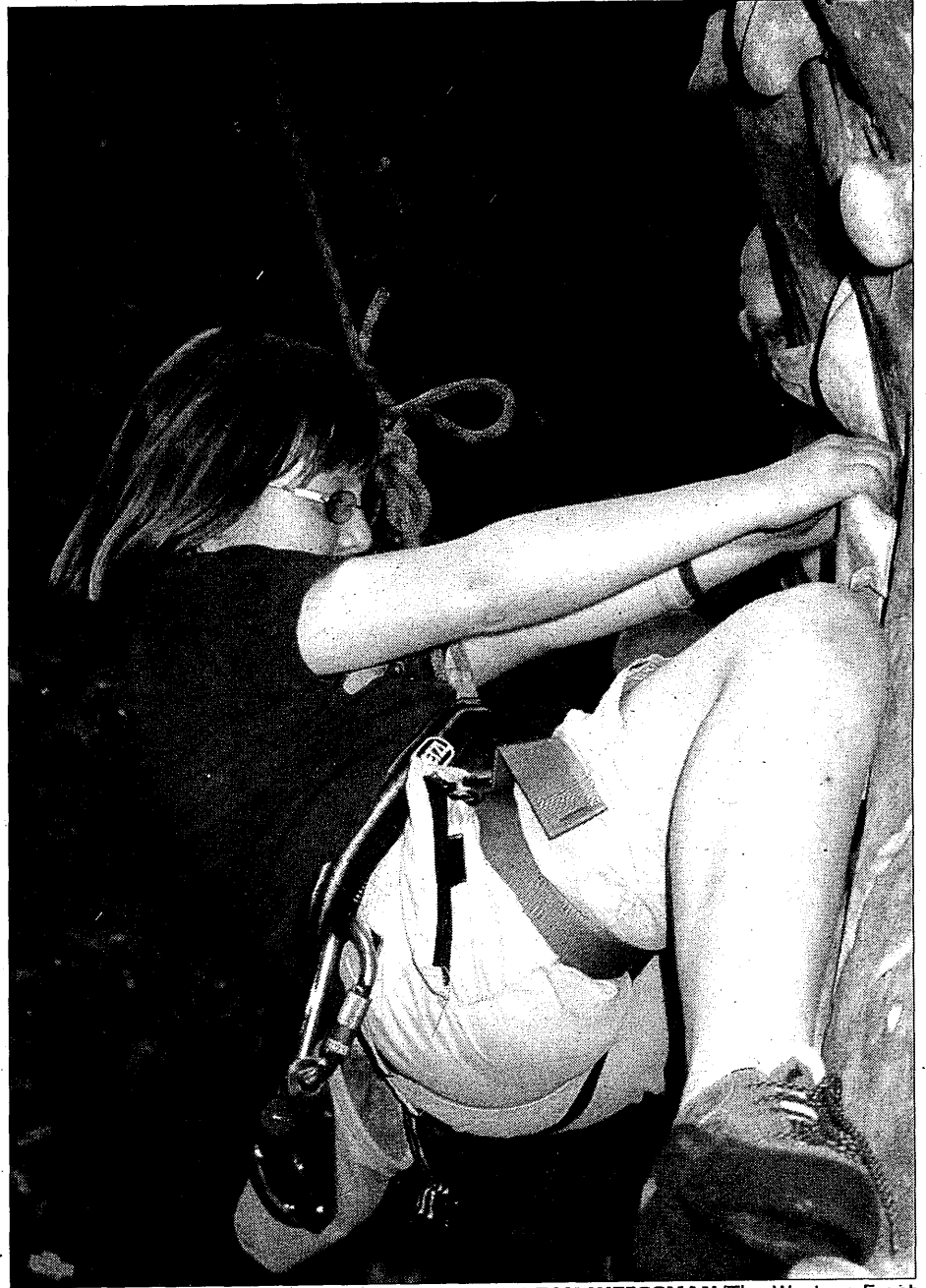
Unlike the life-like cracks and textured features of the bouldering wall, the holds on the eight-meter-and nine-meter-high climbing walls across from the bouldering wall in the recreation center are not something one would find when climbing in nature, she said.

DeFord said the most obvious difference between indoor and outdoor rock climbing is the colorful, sometimes unnatural-looking plastic hand and foot holds on indoor rock walls.

"One of the things I ask my beginning students when teaching them how to climb indoors is, 'Have you ever played so much Tetris that you start imagining blocks everywhere?'" DeFord said. "I tell them when they eventually start climbing outdoors, the holds are still there. They just have to imagine them."

John Stiles, Western junior and climbing coordinator at the Whatcom Family YMCA

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Madeleine Stewart, 10, a student at St. Paul's Episcopal Elementary School, practices her climbing techniques Sunday at Kids Climbing Camp at Wade King Student Recreation Center.

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## Cycling: 'The Rocket' leads cycling club into Division II Championships

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the U.S. national road cycling team for two years during high school, so he has professional experience.

"There are some things you can only learn out on the road, racing (nationally)," Scherrer said. "I feel like I can transfer that knowledge over to the young riders who don't have a lot of experience but definitely have a lot of talent."

Rickerts said the team members try to be professional, but they are not always serious. He said club members like to joke and give one another nicknames. At a race, officials misspelled Rickerts' name as Ryan Rockets, so the team nicknamed him Ryan "the Rocket" Rickerts.

Rickerts said after he graduates in June he will no longer race but will still help manage the team. Students

participating in cycling at other colleges throughout the nation have more support from their schools and communities than in the Northwest because road cycling is common in more urban areas, Rickerts said.

"My goal is to raise the level of cycling in the Northwest up to the other areas of the country, like Colorado, California and New England," Rickerts said.

Guifarro said he has noticed changes in Rickerts' leadership style since the club began. He said Rickerts did everything for the team in 2004, but this year he began to delegate the duties of organization for the club to other team members. His goal for the team is for it to become self-sufficient, he said.

"This is my passion," Rickerts said. "I started this. I need to carry it out until it seems like it is going fine without me."

## Climb: Indoor rock climbing helps build overall skill

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on North State Street, said he first grew familiar with rock climbing when his high school baseball coach took him and a handful of his teammates indoor climbing in Dallas.

"It's a safe and structured environment," Stiles said. "It helps people build skills and translate that in the outdoors."

Stiles said indoor climbing helps push one's personal limits and build strength and technique.

"You can be fit and lift weights, but you're going to be spanked when you go outside and climb," he said. "Strength is safety, and if I climb hard in here, then I climb hard outside."

The colored tape on the holds of the approximately 20-meter-high "Big Wall" and 11-meter-high "Little Wall" at the YMCA represent possible routes to climb, Stiles said.

"Inside rock climbing is more obvious," he said. "It's like gymnastics. You can see the moves, you just have to execute them. The routes make you move in a way that isn't natural to you, helping you build upon your skills as a climber."

Andrew Brachle, Western graduate from winter quarter 2005 and climbing wall staff member at the YMCA, said the combination of height and realistic features, such as overhanging areas and finger holds on the YMCA's two rock walls, give climbers a pragmatic

### Common rock-climbing slang

**Bouldering:** Climbing without getting too high off the ground (20-30 feet) and without using ropes. Climbers often use a crash pad to protect themselves in case of a fall.

**Top roping:** Climbing while tied to a rope securely anchored at the top of the rock wall.

**Trad:** (Traditional) The climbing route does not have any pre-set bolts in the rock wall. The climber has to place special devices into the rock as protection in case of a fall and clip the rope through them.

**Belaying:** Climbers use this technique to protect a climber in case he or she falls. The belayer attaches the rope to his or her harness and holds onto the rope while giving and taking slack as the climber on the other end ascends the rock face.

**Harness:** This is how a climber attaches him or herself to a rope. Instead of tying the rope around the body, the climber wears a harness and attaches the climbing rope to it.

Information courtesy of the University of Chicago's Outdoor Adventure Club.

view of outdoor climbing.

"To me, climbing in the gym is just sort of preparation for the outdoors," Brachle said. "There's no comparison between grabbing onto a piece of rock and grabbing onto a piece of plastic."

Brachle said he climbs indoors mostly because of the Washington weather.

He said weather in the Northwest is either too wet or too cold for him to climb outside.

Stiles said one of the nice things about indoor rock climbing is meeting the people involved in the sport.

He said he climbs outdoors with the people he has met at the YMCA.

"It's like a chat room; a community of like-minded people," he said.

Glynn said climbers should

never underestimate the social aspect of a rock wall. While people rest between climbs, they talk among themselves and get to know one other, he said.

DeFord said students come to the recreational center between classes and during breaks to climb, and spend part of their time at the rock wall just watching other people climb and learning from their techniques.

"When you watch a really good climber, it's like watching them do a dance on the wall," DeFord said. "It's beautiful. Their movements are so fluid, and they're so conscious of their body and its contact with the wall."

DeFord said she has heard a lot of friends say people should make jungle gyms for grown-ups.

"I tell them there are — they're called rock walls," she said.

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## Frontline

'Family Guy' is probably one of the sweetest shows ever

Television is worth watching again, thanks to the return of FOX's animated comedy "Family Guy."

The adult cartoon, which FOX cancelled after four years in 2002 because of disappointing ratings, made its way back to primetime Sunday night after record-breaking DVD sales and rerun ratings. The DVD set, which includes the first 28 episodes, has sold more than 2.2 million copies, according to a February National Review Online article.

The Cartoon Network's ratings increased by 239 percent within one month of airing repeats of the series on Adult Swim, the network's block of cartoons that appeal to adults, according to a Nov. 18, 2003 USA Today article.

Viewers were not ready to say goodbye to "Family Guy." In an effort to correct the error, FOX is now resurrecting "Family Guy"—which is making TV history as the first show a network has brought back after cancellation by the same network, according to the USA Today article.

The hilarious yet crude series about the Griffin family, comprised of Peter, Lois, Chris, Meg, Stewie and Brian the dog, uses witty, satirical humor to make fun of real-life family issues. The show is similar to "The Simpsons," which also is based on a dysfunctional family, but is more raunchy; therefore, more funny. "Family Guy" will bring some much-needed humor back to primetime.

Television viewers are sick of the seriousness on TV and need to have a hearty laugh once in a while. Unfortunately, shows like "The Apprentice" and "Nip/Tuck" do not cut it anymore. Now that "Family Guy" is back on the air, people can flip on the TV, relax and not have to watch the screaming catfights in reality shows and doctors slicing people open during plastic surgery programs.

While the show is hilarious, the material in "Family Guy" can sometimes be over the line and inappropriate. In the season premiere, mocking a scene from "The Honeymooners," the cartoon manifestation of Ralph Kramden says "one of these days, Alice" and then forcefully backhands his wife in the face, slapping her to the ground.

Although the context of the scene was not serious, showing such acts of violence toward a spouse could promote domestic abuse.

While the jokes on "Family Guy" are often risqué — making fun of race, religion and celebrities — they are lighthearted and more harmless than staged shows that lead viewers to believe they are watching "reality", such as FOX's "The Simple Life".

The phenomenal comeback of "Family Guy" will teach FOX not to act so quickly when cancelling a show. It is, as Stewie would put it, "sweet revenge."

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### And we quote:

"Flying is learning how to throw yourself at the ground and miss."

—Douglas Adams, English author



## Concerts right to ban tobacco ads



AARON HART

On Wednesday, the Washington State Department of Health announced it is forming a partnership with House of Blues Concerts Inc, Pacific Northwest Region and the Seattle Theatre Group in order to educate young adults about the dangers of smoking.

This alliance is a step in the right direction and sends a strong message to tobacco companies: the health of concert-goers is more important than money.

Jeff Trisler, senior vice president of House of Blues Concerts

Northwest, which owns the Gorge Amphitheatre, said his company is eager to help the Department of Health get its message to concert-goers because impressionable young adults are inundated with images in advertisements and media encouraging them to start smoking, according to an April 28 SeattlePI.com article.

The House of Blues Northwest will forego thousands of dollars from advertisers that promote tobacco products and will allow the department to deliver anti-tobacco messages with the campaign name "Tobacco Smokes You" at the Gorge Amphitheatre, according to an April 27 press release from the Department of Health.

The department is also collaborating with More Music @ the Moore, an event the nonprofit

Seattle Theatre Group operates to showcase young Seattle-area artists.

"You have to fight fire with fire," said Josh LaBelle, executive director of the Seattle Theatre Group, according to the April 27 press release. "Tobacco companies must market to young adults to replace the older smokers who die. Concerts are a great place to reach young adults with the truth about tobacco."

House of Blues Concerts Northwest is taking a worthwhile risk. By not accepting the money they could receive from tobacco advertisers, the company is setting a precedent for other concert promoters and entertainment venues.

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## Abortion bill disregards safety, health



SARAH KUCK

Conservatives should not use their political power to attack constitutional provisions granting women the right to choose.

In 1973 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in Roe v. Wade that women have a right to request an abortion during their first trimester of pregnancy.

Prior to this decision, certain states permitted abortions, while others banned them. In legal terms, obtaining an abortion is now a constitutionally protected action.

Republicans in the House of Representatives have been using their political power to back legislation in the House that attempts to erode the Roe v. Wade decision.

House Republicans successfully

passed H.R. 748, or the Child Interstate Abortion Notification Act, Wednesday. This bill would impose fines, jail time or both on adults and doctors involved in cases in which adults, other than parents or court-appointed guardians, take minors out of state to have an abortion, according to an April 27 Associated Press article.

Washington, Hawaii, Connecticut, New York, Oregon, Vermont and the District of Columbia allow women younger than 18 to have an abortion without telling their parents or court-appointed guardian, and without obtaining permission from them, according to Planned Parenthood's Web site.

Republican senators plan to introduce the bill to the Senate this summer. The Senate also expects to vote on a similar bill early this summer, according to the article. If the Senate passes the bill and the president signs it, the bill would represent the fifth measure aimed at reducing the number of abortions since President Bush took office in

2001, according to the article.

Many young women who do not involve their parents go to an older sister, aunt or grandmother for advice about their decision to have an abortion, according to the Center for Reproductive Rights. The bill would force young women to choose between forgoing help from a trusted adult or making criminals out of them.

The Senate bill would make it a federal crime to help young women receive abortions and could lead to the arrest of grandmothers and aunts who are looking out for the best interests of the young women they care about.

Parental consent laws are unnecessary for stable and supportive families, and they are ineffective for unstable families.

Not all teens live in a sympathetic home environment. Some live in an environment in which the news of their pregnancy could cause their parents to emotionally or physically

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# Prescription drug advertisements lead to misdiagnoses



COURTNEY WALKER

Television advertisements for prescription drugs are becoming more prevalent, and although they increase awareness of medical disorders by describing symptoms of illnesses such as depression and anxiety, they have a negative effect on American society.

Advertising on television and radio increased dramatically after the Food and Drug Administration's division of drug marketing allowed drug promotions on television for the first time in 1997, according to an April 27 Washington Post article.

On July 22, 2003, a statement by Dr. Janet Woodcock, director for the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research for the FDA, displayed results from

research the FDA conducted about the effect prescription drug advertising has on patients. The study found that, among respondents who had seen a doctor within the past three months, 40 percent said an advertisement for a prescription drug had prompted them to ask their physician for more information about it. Forty-two percent said the ads they saw on television seemed as though the medication would work for anyone.

Advertising is effective and is not completely at fault for misdiagnosed and mistreated patients. The problem is that doctors are not taking the time to really evaluate whether a patient needs the medication.

An April 27 study by the Journal of the American Medical Association employed professional actors nationwide, who pretended to have the symptoms of stress and fatigue television commercials for Paxil and Zoloft. Fifty-five percent of these false patients who asked

for Paxil, a depression medicine, received a prescription from physicians no questions asked, and 50 percent received a diagnosis of depression, even though they were not actually depressed.

Patients who ask their doctors for antidepressant drugs will often get them—no matter how severe their condition is. Patients also were likely to receive a specific drug they requested, such as Paxil or Zoloft. People are seeing the television commercials and asking doctors for the drugs manufacturers advertise, according to an April 27 CBSNews.com article.

According to an editorial accompanying the Journal of the AMA study, Matthew F. Hollon, a doctor specializing in internal medicine at the University of Washington, said 80 percent of physicians believe advertisements

prompt patients to seek medicine they do not need. Less than 10 percent of the doctors he spoke to believed the ads were beneficial.

It appears medical advertisements are doing exactly what they are supposed to, which is to sell more of their product.

*'Side effects are especially dangerous when patients who do not have the specific disorders ingest prescription drugs.'*

According to The Washington Post article, W.J. "Billy" Tauzin, the president and chief executive of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, an

organization that represents the country's pharmaceutical research and biotechnology companies, said prescription drug ads on television are effective at making sure people who need medication know what to ask for.

The AMA study also found the ads helped patients with depression and other mood-related illnesses receive psychiatric help

from doctors. The ads describe typical symptoms of a disease, and in some cases prompt people to see a doctor.

Eventhoughtheseadvertisements inform consumers about available medications and tell them about common symptoms of illnesses, they can have a dangerous effect. Some of the drugs television viewers see in advertisements, such as Paxil, have serious side effects, such as an increase in suicidal thinking and behavior among children.

These side effects are especially dangerous when patients who do not have the specific disorder ingest prescription drugs, according to The Washington Post article.

Medications that have multiple benefits with little to no risks or side effects should be the only ones advertisers promote. The pharmaceutical industry needs to re-evaluate the marketing for prescription drugs and the effect these marketing techniques have on the public.

## Consent: Legislators should protect young women rather than promote their own agendas

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abuse the teen or insist the teen leave home. This may force young women to seek illegal "back-alley" abortions, according to the American Medical Association's Web site.

An AMA study in 1992 showed mandatory parental consent laws increase the amount of time teens wait to have an abortion, thereby also increasing their health risks.

If the Senate passes it, this bill would place minors who are facing an unwanted pregnancy in a dangerous situation. Minors who feel they have no other choice will choose to travel out of state alone without support from a friend or relative to help handle any emergency that might arise.

Supporters of the bill believe that when

a young woman is pregnant she needs to inform her parents so the family can make the appropriate decision. Sen. John Ensign, R-Nev., who introduced the bill, said if schools need written permission from parents for minors to go on a field trip or for the school to give them an aspirin, the government should require parental consent from parents of minors who want to have an abortion, according to the Ontario Consultants on Religious Tolerance Web site.

If the government forces minors to inform their parents in order to have a legal abortion, however, they might choose an unsafe and illegal way to terminate their pregnancy instead. Women do not have abortions as a matter of convenience, but as a matter of necessity.

Parental consent laws for abortions will only have negative consequences. If a woman desperately does not want to be pregnant, she will find a way to terminate her pregnancy — legal and safe or not.

Whether abortions should be legal relies on the answer to the question of whether and at what point a fetus is a person. The answer to this question is based on a person's beliefs.

Separation of church and state reflects the American value that citizens do not want their government to decide their beliefs for them. This is why abortion needs to remain a personal choice. A woman, with advice from a physician and counselor, should make the decision about what is best for her.

The government should be more concerned with protecting the safety of young women.

The bottom line is that a woman who feels she has no other choice will choose to have an abortion. If the government develops measures to block access to legal abortions, she will choose to do so illegally.

American citizens, especially women, need to look at the larger goal of this bill and what it tries to accomplish. What is important to understand is that an argument is taking place between legislators in the federal government using religious beliefs to deteriorate the constitutional rights Roe v. Wade established. While conservatives usually advocate less government control in other areas, such as social programs and the economy, they are pushing for more government control regarding what a woman does with her own body.

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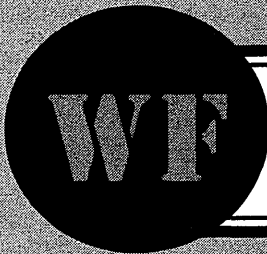


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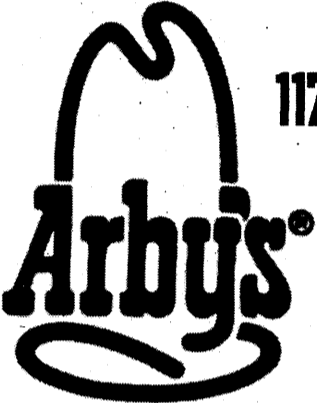
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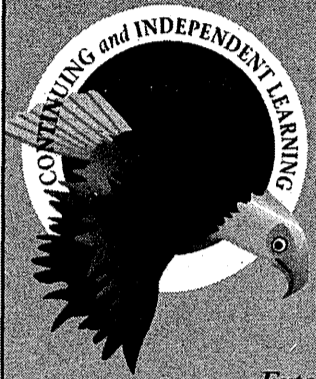


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