

# The Western Front

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## Protesters vandalize campus, artwork

By Courtney Howard  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Students walked onto campus to find graffiti on buildings and artwork Friday morning. Red paint filled Fisher Fountain, making it resemble a pool of blood.

University Police received multiple phone calls reporting two college-age males wearing hooded sweatshirts were seen spray painting on buildings and gluing posters to walls, pillars and windows.

was found the Fine Arts building.

"It (Wright's Triangle) had the 'f' word on it," Assistant UP Chief Dave Doughty said. "(It was) not very classy."

The graffiti and posters contained anti-Bush, anti-war and anti-oppression of Afghan women messages, Doughty said.

"Whatever their motive, it's still a crime," Doughty said.

An investigation is in progress, but at this time, the UP has no leads.

"We're hoping at some point someone will take credit for it or brag about it," Doughty said.

Despite other reports, no estimates of damage are available, Physical Plant director Bill Managan said.

The cost consists mainly of labor costs, he said.

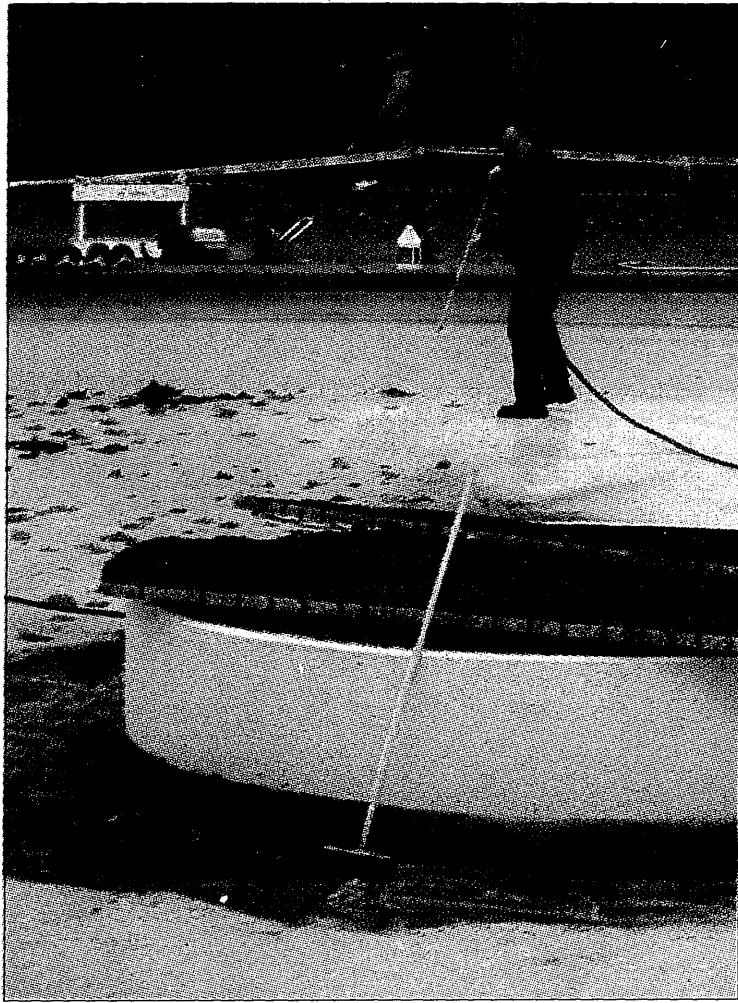
"It's just a matter of going through and checking the record," he said. "We just have to go back and add it up."

Although no estimate has been made, the damage is much worse than the vandalism of the past, Managan said.

"This is one of the worst incidents of graffiti in the 15 years I've been here," he said.

The school owns all of the artwork, said Sarah Clark-Langager, curator of the outdoor

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Brooke Geery/The Western Front

A worker scrubs and sprays away the red paint dumped in Fisher Fountain over the weekend by protesters.

## Western men talk emotions, masculinity

By Paul Nicholas Carlson  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Thirty Western men silently sat in a circle early Saturday morning in Viking Union 565.

Brian Pahl, project coordinator for Western Men Against Violence, asked these men to stand if they have ever been worried about not being tough enough. He asked these men to stand if they have ever been told to act like a man. He asked these men to stand if they have resisted from hugging or touching another man because of how it might appear.

On all three accounts, nearly every male in the room stood up.

These men spent most of their Saturday morning and afternoon at the second annual Western Men Against Violence Fall Retreat in the Viking Union.

They explored why violence by men persists, historical perspectives on masculinity and how life would be different if violence ended.

The nine-hour retreat consisted of group discussions, small skits and an interactive presentation by the improv acting group, Will Act For Change.

"There are people who don't feel safe on campus," Pahl said. "That tells me that violence does exist. Instead of just ignoring the issue of violence against women, we ask, 'what can men do?'"

"We are at this retreat to get a network of guys who think the same way," said Brent Olson, student coordinator for WMAV. "With 30 guys here, this could be the beginning of something

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"Clean-up costs will be borne by university funds, which unfortunately will be diverted from other purposes, such as facilities maintenance and classroom upgrades."

Karen Morse  
Western president

Damage on the Environmental Studies building and steps, buildings in Red Square, and Wright's Triangle, the outdoor sculpture in front of

## Western changes mail-handling policy



Marissa Bisnar/The Western Front

U.S. Postal Service employee Myriah Day picks up the last batch of mail from the Viking Union post office. University Mail Services will have a new security policy after Nov. 1.

By Marissa Bisnar  
THE WESTERN FRONT

The U.S. Postal Service has established new security regulations requiring all parcels to be labeled with a complete address, and packages weighing more than 16 ounces must have the contents clearly labeled.

The Aviation Mail Security Audit Program will go into effect

Nov. 1. The program is in response to the anthrax terrorist attacks appearing in various parts of the United States.

"Prior to these changes, there wasn't a big concern," University Mail Services supervisor Judi Magnuson said. "Our carriers go to 122 mail stops a day, picking up packages on a desk or at a department that not many people are watching over."

UMS will be impacted by the new regulations by having to be more aware of what workers are handling and where the packages are coming from, Magnuson said.

"We are trying not to think about it (anthrax) because we're working and don't have time to be scared."

Dragicia Bjelajac  
University Mail  
Services employee

"The U.S. Postal Service is putting the responsibility on us to know what we're shipping now," Magnuson said.

A letter describing the policies, along with new parcel identification forms, will be sent to all departments on campus, Magnuson said.

The parcel identification forms must be attached to packages and large envelopes being shipped out.

Information on the form must include the shipper's name, signature, telephone number, department and a description of the package's contents.

A package that is not cor-

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## DiMarco pleads not guilty to theft charges

By Matt Bucher  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Michael DiMarco, Western's former assistant athletic director, entered a plea of not guilty to charges of theft in the second degree at his arraignment Friday.

The Class C felony carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a maximum \$10,000 fine, Whatcom County Prosecutor Eric Richey said.

Court documents state the University Police began an investigation Sept. 27 of

DiMarco's use of Western equipment and funds for personal profit.

UP arrested DiMarco on Oct. 16.

According to the documents, between September 1998 and October 2001, DiMarco stole a Panasonic VCR belonging to Western's Athletic Department and pawned it for at least \$250, the minimum monetary amount required for second-degree theft charges.

UP officers found the VCR at

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Michael DiMarco

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#### Volleyball claims GNAC title

With two wins over the weekend, the Vikings won their first volleyball league title in Western's history.

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#### Biringer Farms is a-maze-ing

A 3.5-mile maze, Pumpkin Country and Dead-Wood Ranch are a tradition in Everett.



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## University Police

**Oct. 26, 3:07 a.m.:** Officers responded to a residential burglary in the 2900 block of Bill McDonald Parkway. An unknown suspect forced a door open, went inside and then fled the area on foot. A K-9 track produced no suspect.

**Oct. 28, 2:19 a.m.:** UP officers responded to a call in the 100 block of Highland Drive. A student had cut his arm. He put his hand through a closed window and sustained serious injury. Medical aid arrived and advised the student to get additional assistance at St. Joseph Hospital.

**Oct. 28, 1:55 p.m.:** A student reported a vehicle prowling in the 15R parking lot.

**Oct. 28, 6:24 p.m.:** A Western student reported that his car had been prowled in the 14G parking lot. Police have no leads or suspects at this time.

## Bellingham Police

**Oct. 28, 6:38 p.m.:** Officers responded to a call in the 1000 block of Lakeway Drive because of a suspicious bag left at a business.

**Oct. 28, 9:35 p.m.:** A person reported someone acting suspicious near a trash can in the 100 block of Telegraph Road. The trash can had stolen property inside.

*Compiled by Robert Gara Jr.*

# AP WIRE NEWS BRIEFS

## STATE NEWS

### Schell announces endorsement for mayor

Seattle Mayor Paul Schell announced Thursday that he will endorse City Attorney Mark Sidran as a mayoral candidate.

Schell, who oversaw a tumultuous first term, was eliminated in the primary by Sidran and King County Councilman Greg Nickels.

Schell said the city attorney is honest, and he agreed with Sidran's proposal to rework plans for a light rail transit system.

### Man accused of killing his friend

Matthew Mitchell, 27, of Yakima is in jail under investigation of murder and kidnapping charges.

The charges stem from a fight Wednesday night between Mitchell and 34-year-old Mikel Peels, which led to the alleged stabbing death of Peels. The police said the two were friends.

Detective Mike Costello said Peel was found Sunday night tied up with multiple stab

wounds. He died after arriving at the hospital.

Neighbors held Mitchell down until police arrived.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Anthrax case confirmed at State Department

At more than 10 locations in and around the nation's capitol, anthrax has now been confirmed.

Due to the scares, the U.S. Supreme Court heard cases in a different courthouse Monday.

Positive tests have been confirmed at a State Department mail room and at Food and Drug Administration offices.

A spokesman for the State Department said all of the agency's mail rooms have been shut down. This came after an anthrax contamination at a mail-handling facility across the street.

### President Bush wants to 'tighten up' student visas

President Bush is working to "tighten up" the foreign student visa system in hopes of keeping future terrorists out.

Bush said at the first meeting of his Homeland Security Council that this doesn't mean foreigners will be prohibited from entering the United States.

Bush said foreigners have been taking advantage of the nation's generosity.

One of the key issues being looked at is student visas. About 600,000 foreign students are admitted to the country every year, and one of the suspected Sept. 11 terrorists legally entered the United States with a student visa.

Some lawmakers are proposing a six-month moratorium, but President Bush hasn't endorsed this idea yet.

### Gresham killer sentenced to life in prison

A Gresham, Ore. resident avoided his death penalty trial, which was to start Thursday with him pleading guilty to felony murder.

Corey Lomax, 25, will instead be sentenced to life in prison with a chance for parole after 25 years.

Lomax and 24-year-old Jorge Orlando Cabrera of Portland were accused of tying up, beat-

ing and strangling 47-year-old Kim Ly in April 2000.

Both men were charged with burglary and robbery, although the charges were dropped against Lomax as part of the deal.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Milosevic refuses to admit guilt in war crimes

Slobodan Milosevic is sticking to his guns by refusing to plead to a new indictment accusing him of atrocities committed in Croatia in 1991.



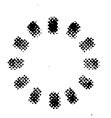

Milosevic also refused to plead to expanded charges of more deaths in Kosovo in 1999.

It was Milosevic's third appearance in the World Court since his transfer to The Hague in June.

Prosecutors said they will file a third indictment against Milosevic next week, including the most serious charge of genocide for the mass murder of Muslims in Bosnia.

*Compiled by Joseph Terrell  
AP Wire courtesy of KUGS 89.3-FM*

## Western Weather

<p><b>Wednesday</b></p>  <p><b>Showers</b> 52-49</p>	<p><b>Thursday</b></p>  <p><b>Showers</b> 53-45</p>	<p><b>Friday</b></p>  <p><b>Sunny</b> 56-40</p>	<p><b>Saturday</b></p>  <p><b>Showers</b> 58-52</p>
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## WWU Official Announcements

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

PLEASE POST

**ALL STUDENTS EXPECTING TO GRADUATE AT THE CLOSE OF SPRING QUARTER** must have a degree application on file in the Office of the Registrar by Dec. 7. Students wishing to graduate summer quarter 2002 must have applications on file by March 15. Applications and instructions are available in OM 230.

**AN INFORMATION MEETING ABOUT MAJORING IN RECREATION** will be held at 3 p.m. Oct. 29 in CV 110. Application deadline is Nov. 16, including a prescheduled faculty interview. For more information, stop by the recreation program office, Old Carver 6, or call X/3782.

**AN ELECTRONIC FORM FOR WINTER BIOLOGY OVERRIDE REQUESTS** is available through Nov. 5. For information about restrictions, check [www.biol.wvu.edu/pdf/Class\\_Schedule\\_W02.PDF](http://www.biol.wvu.edu/pdf/Class_Schedule_W02.PDF). All students wanting Biol 340, 346, 474 or graduate-level biology classes must complete the form, available at [www.biol.wvu.edu/biology/bio\\_form.html](http://www.biol.wvu.edu/biology/bio_form.html). Major or prerequisite restrictions may require some students to complete the form for other biology classes.

**THE MATH PLACEMENT TEST** is offered in OM 120 at 9 a.m. Nov. 1, 8, 15, 29, and Dec. 6 and 13. The test is offered at 3 p.m. Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, and Dec. 3, and 10. Registration is not required. Students must bring photo identification, student number, Social Security number and a No. 2 pencil. A \$10 fee is payable in the exact amount at time of testing. Allow 90 minutes. The schedule and sample problems may be found at [www.ac.wvu.edu/~assess/tc.htm](http://www.ac.wvu.edu/~assess/tc.htm).

**THE FILIPINO AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION** will host a dinner celebration from 5:30 to 7 tonight, Oct. 30, in VU 462 as part of National Philippine History Month. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the PAC box office or by calling X/6146.

**VIKING CON IS HAVING A HALLOWEEN COSTUME DANCE** at 8 p.m. Oct. 31 in the VU Multipurpose Room. The event is a fundraiser for the science fiction organization. Tickets are \$2 with a costume and \$4 without. For more information, call John Aho at 412-2190.

**A VOLUNTEER AND INTERNSHIP FAIR** will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 1 in the VU Multipurpose Room. Call the Career Services Center, X/3240, or the human services department, X/7759, for more information.

**UNDERGROUND COFFEEHOUSE PERFORMANCE CANCELED.** The Boubacar Traore concert scheduled for Nov. 2 has been canceled. Questions concerning the concert and other upcoming performances can be addressed to X/3263.

**AN INFORMATION MEETING ABOUT THE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM** will be held at 7 p.m. Nov. 6 in the Bellingham Public Library downtown. The program is recruiting for summer 2002 admission into a post-baccalaureate elementary certification program. Application deadline is Feb. 1. Questions may be addressed to X/2326.

**TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (TESOL)** will hold an information session at 5 p.m. Nov. 7 in MH 162. For more information, call X/4949.

**THE TEST FOR TEACHER EDUCATION (TETEP)** is offered in OM 120 at 2 p.m. Nov. 13 and Dec. 4. Registration, required in OM 120 or by calling X/3080, is limited to 16. A \$25 fee is required at time of registration. Not administered individually; takes about 2½ hours.

**THE MILLER ANALOGIES TEST (MAT)** will be given at 2 p.m. Nov. 14, and Dec. 5 in OM 120. Registration is required in OM 120 or by calling X/3080. A \$35 fee is payable at test time. Registration is limited to 16 students. Not administered individually. Allow 1½ hours.

**A "LEGAL EAGLES AND POLICY WONKS" INFORMATION FAIR** will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 15 in the VU Multipurpose Room. Representatives from public policy/administration and law schools will offer information about admissions, educational opportunities, and career options. For more information, see [www.careers.wvu.edu](http://www.careers.wvu.edu) or call X/3240.



# Small businesses losing employees

By Aaron Managhan  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Many small businesses feeling the impact of the Sept. 11 attacks continue to struggle to stay afloat, after losing employees and money due to the war effort, said Tom Dorr, director of Western's Small Business Development.

Many companies are losing employees who are reservists being called to active duty.

Those businesses may now qualify for loans through the Small Business Administration.

"A lot of the businesses were hurting already, and Sept. 11 put them over the edge," Dorr said. "For a lot of companies, sales stopped for a week."

Dorr said he has seen approximately 25 loan requests per week since the tragedies.

The loans, which are up to \$1.5 million based on need, are set up to cover the operating expenses not being met by the loss of key employees, Dorr said.

"This loan program is made to ease the reservists' mind that the business is going to survive," Dorr said.

Whatcom Security Agency sales manager Patrick Duggan said the company has had approximately six employees

who are reservists called into duty.

Duggan said while they have hired new employees, it's not an easy process to replace the reservists.

"Naturally, it's not good," Duggan said. "We have to replace them, and usually reservists make really good employees. We could lose more, too."

The loans have a 4 percent interest rate for a maximum term of 30 years. The SBA determines the amount of need each borrower has, as well as the terms of the loans.

Dorr said the loans are effective because they examine need at a more personal level.

"It's very one-on-one," Dorr said. "It's very need-driven, rather than formula-driven."

A lot of the financial hardship caused by the tragedies is the result of what Dorr called a "ripple effect," beginning with not being able to make bill payments. He said these problems then become compounded as consumer buying habits change.

"Besides the initial feeling of shock and a sense of what's normal, I think businesses are challenged because all the sudden there's a different paradigm (to follow)," Dorr said. "The challenge for small busi-

nesses is to figure out how these buying habits have changed. Businesses that are struggling are really struggling."

Not all outcomes of this will be bad, Dorr said. He talked about how, historically, events such as this can act as a catalyst to get the economy moving again.

Some of the positive changes will be a greater amount of shopping locally rather than corporately, he said.

"There's a lot of positive stuff going on," Dorr said. "(People) are going to turn more locally for goods and services and entertainment. Local businesses need to reach out to the customer base more than ever."

He said businesses should respond by focusing on their customers, as well as reviewing their contingency plan.

Dorr said similar loan programs used to relieve some burden from small businesses, have worked before.

"We did the same thing in the Gulf War, and it was a very successful program," Dorr said. "Because of the success there, it's been reintroduced for this war."

Dorr said the outcome will not be known for some time.

# Pro-choice supporters learn to wisely defend, debate viewpoint

By Suzanne Almoslino  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Voices for Choice, a pro-choice organization, taught pro-choice advocates how to fight.

Participants learned how to logically defend and debate their position against anti-abortionists Monday night.

About 23 people from Western and around Bellingham attended the workshop, which took place in Environmental Studies building room 415.

Nichole Shippen, Carroll Twiss and Dawn Merydith, the workshop teachers, focused on five ways to argue and discuss the pro-choice viewpoint effectively. Some of these included finding a common ground with the other person and remaining calm even if the other person is upset or yelling.

Western student Rachel Nicholson said she is pro-choice but wanted some help getting her point across to others.

"I'm not here to learn something new, just to get the professional viewpoint," Nicholson said.

Western student Casey Raybon-Wise said he also supports a woman's right to choose.

"I'm not down with my wife having an abortion, but I believe in individual rights," Raybon-Wise said.

Shippen said it is a misconception that pro-choice means pro-abortion.

"We aren't just about abortion," Shippen said. "Abortion is just one option in a continuum of choices. We also support the use of birth control, emergency contraception and comprehensive sexuality education for public schools."

Bellingham resident Nancy Sherer said she went to the workshop to learn to discuss pro-choice issues coherently with pro-life advocates.

"It's hard to discuss something when people are talking in slogans," Sherer said.

Twiss said even though reproductive rights have been under heavy threat for a long time, change is on its way.

"Washington is No. 1 in the country for reproductive rights," Twiss said.

Some of these rights include a woman's right to birth control through her insurance, her right to emergency contraception and her right to an abortion, regardless of her age.

Washington laws do not require a woman to notify or get permission from her parents, even if she is a minor.

After the lecture and discussion, people paired together to role play what they had learned.

The coordinators passed out a flier with 13 common pro-life statements on it, and the groups discussed rebuttals to the statements.

One such statement said parents should have the right to know if their daughter is having an abortion if she is a minor. One group decided that if this were a law, it might prevent teens from ever telling their parents if they were to become pregnant.

"What if she has the baby, and then puts it in a garbage can?" Raybon-Wise asked. "Also, to give that concession might give way in the long run, and we may lose rights."

Not everyone who attended the workshop was already pro-choice. Western student Matt Oakland said he is pro-life and observed the workshop to get information.

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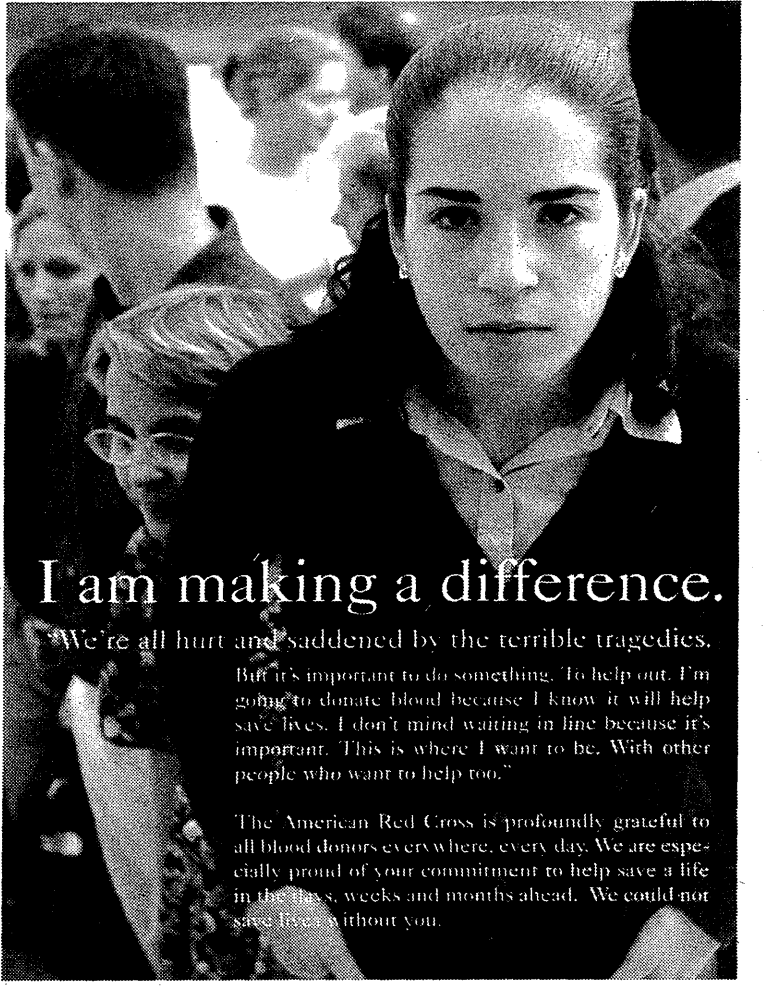
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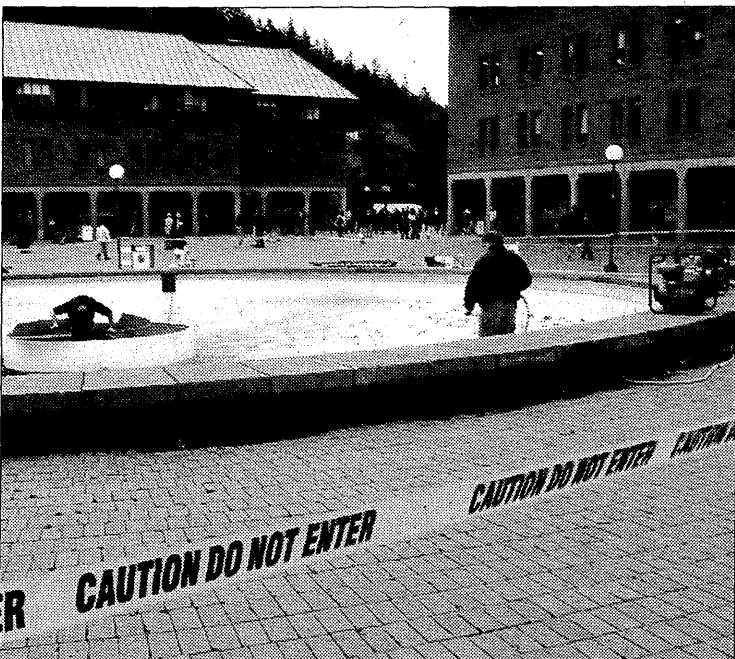


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## Tuition money, university funds will pay for damages by vandals



Brooke Geery/ The Western Front

Along with Fisher Fountain in Red Square, vandals also defaced the ES building and an outdoor sculpture.

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sculpture collection and director of the Western Gallery.

"I have worked with a conservator in the past, so we know general maintenance, and when certain things happen like this, we know what to do," Clark-Langager said.

During the weekend, new damage occurred to Wright's Triangle, Doughty said.

Someone tried to scrape the paint off so the graffiti from Friday would show and added white graffiti, he said.

"Clean-up costs will be borne by university funds, which unfortunately will be diverted from other purposes, such as facilities maintenance and classroom upgrades," Western President Karen Morse said.

Tuition money being used to clean the buildings, artwork and Fisher Fountain is one reason some students are upset about the vandalism.

"My tuition dollars are being used to clean up their mess" Western junior James Mandeville said. "I like the method protesters used earlier this week because it (the die-in) may have distracted some people, but it didn't cause damage to the school."

"Vandalism isn't the way to voice your opinion," Western senior Kelly Brinkley said. "I don't think defacing property is the way to do it."

Western sophomore Jake Charlton said other tactics would have received the attention the people wanted without creating permanent damage.

"If they had used food coloring, then it would have been easier to clean up," Charlton said. "Food coloring has the same effect and it still would have been awhile for them to pump it all out."

"It would have been easier to have washed out," chemistry professor Gary Lampman said.

The Western Anti-War Movement was not involved in this action, Jean Fallow, the group's media contact said.

"We weren't involved in what happened," Fallow said. "That tactic is not a tactic our group has used or endorsed."

The focus of Western's Anti-War Movement group is to generate discussion and debate, Fallow said.

"We believe that the more information people have access to, the more likely they will be to question the current U.S. policy," she said.

The cleanup effort has already used a lot of labor and is still not complete.

"We had a fair amount of people out there most of the day Friday working on it," Managan said. "We've still got some people working on Fisher Fountain."

## Western Men Against Violence act to end abuse

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good."

One male at the retreat pointed out the importance of men acting to end violence.

Stephen Klebs, a student coordinator with WMAV, said men perpetrate 96 percent of all violent acts; if the source of the problem is addressed, therefore, violence would decline.

"If women wanted to end violence against them, it would probably have ended," Klebs said.

"Men must do their part to end the violence," he said.

"Women are warned against dressing certain ways, walking alone in the dark and to kick and scream when they are attacked, but rape still happens," Pahl said. "Men play a real special role in preventing violence, not only against women, but against other men as well, such as homophobia."

"This idea of violence is so overwhelming that we have to start somewhere," said Chris Berry, a Lutheran campus pastor at the Shalom Center.

Berry has worked with WMAV, and it's predecessor, Men Against Rape, since 1991.

Berry mainly gave a historical context of masculinity within Western society.

One example he gave connected modern perceptions of masculinity and St. Augustine's story, "City of God."

"In 'City of God,' the women

are told to 'spite their face' to prevent the men of an invading army from sinning," Berry said.

The women were to cut off their noses to make themselves less attractive, not to save themselves, but to save the invading soldiers' souls and prevent them from raping the women."

"(This story) says that it is the women's responsibility to end rape and violence against women," Berry said. "Society has allowed our sacred writings to perpetuate violence against our sisters and brothers."

After discussing the historical contexts and basis of the modern perception of masculinity, the group then discussed what those modern concepts mean to males, today.

Pahl said other goals of his are to create choices for people, and to change the misconceptions about being a man.

"We're told early on that men are this way, women are another way, and this is your gender role," Pahl said.

"Men are supposed to be tough and strong. Does that represent each individual as a man?" he said.

At one point, the men formed small groups to discuss the perceptions of masculinity, and they performed small skits concerning what it means to "act like a man."

The skits addressed male issues of public displays of emotion, peer pressure and gender roles.

"Men have the same hurts and the same experiences, we just don't talk about it," said Hunter Verner, a Western freshman who attended the retreat.

The theatre improv group, Will Act For Change, performed a few skits that dealt with issues such as date rape and sexual harassment.

Between each skit, retreat participants were invited to discuss what happened in each situation, why it happened and how it could have been prevented.

Shortly afterwards, the female actors of Will Act For Change sat closely together on a couch, held each other for support and shared their view of violence against women.

The women confessed if violence against women ended tomorrow, they would not have to carry a knife on them, or worry about walking alone at night, or how far away they park.

The male retreat participants said they would not have to worry about their loved ones or read another community notice of an attempted rape if violence against women ended tomorrow.

One student said he took a feeling of optimism with him after the retreat.

"I'm gonna go away with the greatest sense of hope," Western sophomore Paul Graves said. "It's great knowing guys want to get up and actively do something about violence instead of just talking about it."

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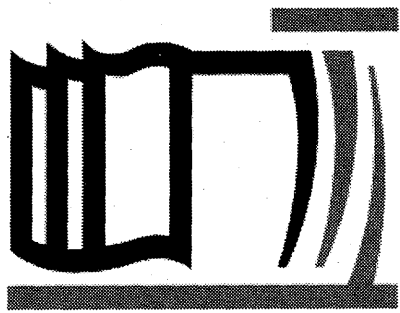
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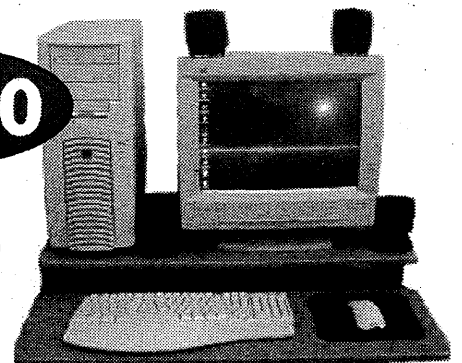
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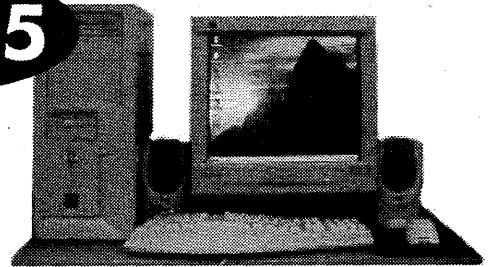
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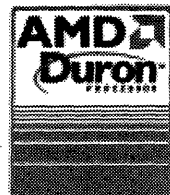


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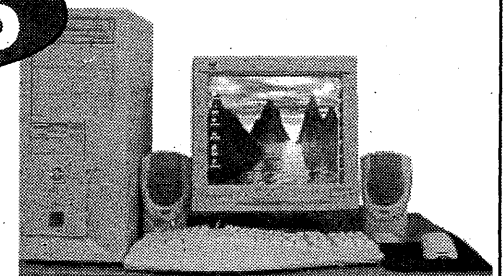
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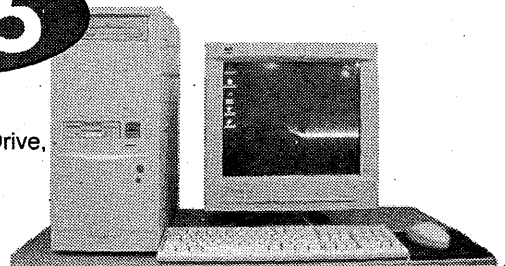
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### Western mail employees undergo orientation due to anthrax scare

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rectly addressed and labeled would be tracked through the department it came from.

"We would never get rid of the package," Magnuson said. "If it didn't indicate where the package was from, we would ask the carriers where they picked it up.

If all else fails, we would open the package to see who the shipper was."

Due to the anthrax scare, employees are given the option of wearing gloves and respiratory masks when handling the mail, Magnuson said.

UMS employee Dragicia Bjelajac said she has chosen to wear protective gloves, and all other employees have chosen to do the same.

"We are trying not to think

about it because we're working and don't have time to be scared," Bjelajac said. "Nothing in Washington has happened so far, but you never know."

UMS employees underwent a safety training orientation with Gayle Shipley of Western's Environmental Health and Safety Office, who was unavailable for comment.

Employees were advised to get flu shots since anthrax symptoms are similar to flu symptoms, Magnuson said.

Western President Karen Morse visited UMS to show her concern for the employees, Magnuson said.

"She stopped by the other day and wanted us to know that she was concerned and to make sure we had training safety and to just be aware," Magnuson said.

### UP suspect DiMarco pawned VCR from Athletic Department

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Bellingham Pawn along with documentation stating DiMarco had pawned it.

In addition, the officers obtained records that showed equipment of the same brand and make as that stolen from the Athletic Department had also been pawned within the past year, Richey said.

Athletic Department officials refused to comment.

"Police reports were enough to charge DiMarco at this time," Richey said. "But information about everything that was taken will become more clear in the future."

Bellingham lawyer Tom Fryer is representing DiMarco and the trial is set for Jan. 14, 2002.

*The Western Front will continue to provide updates as more information becomes available.*

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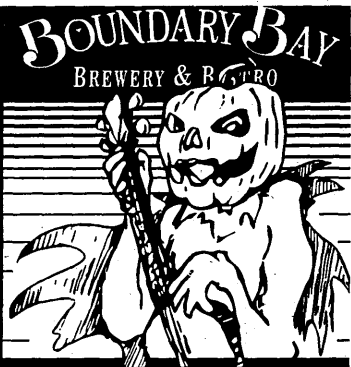


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## Strange Days

### A walk on the wild side of news

#### Halloween haunted house finds popularity through Osama bin Laden

A mock execution of suspected terrorist leader Osama bin Laden is the star attraction of a Halloween haunted house.

"Every year we have an execution," said Lisa Douglass, chair of the Naples Jaycees, which sponsors the haunted house. "This year we wanted to execute someone everyone hates."

The house features a young FBI agent pummeling bin Laden in his death row cell, then dragging him kicking and screaming to the execution chamber before slamming the terrorist into the electric chair.

The agent turns on the electricity, making sparks fly and the floor shake.

Teenagers played the roles of the agent and bin Laden.

The Jaycees are sponsoring the house as a fundraiser to buy gifts for children and soldiers.

Douglass said most people have enjoyed the haunted house, especially the execution chamber.

"There are some naysayers, but I'd say come experience it for yourself," she said.

#### Washington woman's haste in proving son's death leads to anthrax scare

A Washington state woman sent a sealed plastic bag containing her dead son's ashes to prove his death to a company processing his student loans.

The bag and letter were received by Sallie Mae's office in Wilkes-Barre, Penn., Oct. 12 as concern about anthrax was growing.

"We treated it as it was an anthrax scar," company vice president Joseph Bailey said. "It was a gray powdery substance."

The 25-year-old college student died of a drug overdose in Georgia, leaving behind about \$35,000 in federal student loans, Bailey said.

The loans are discharged if Sallie Mae or the lender receives a notarized copy of the death certificate.

The woman first contacted Sallie Mae's office about the death of her son May 17 but apparently became frustrated that the loans had not been discharged, Bailey said.

Police and hazardous materials teams were called to the company. The company has 800

employees and handles more than 100,000 pieces of mail per day at its office about 100 miles north of Philadelphia.

Several workers went to their doctors for tests.

"People were freaking out and going to the doctor thinking they had handled anthrax," Bailey said.

A funeral director later confirmed the contents of the bag. The company plans to return the remains to the woman.

#### Teacher reprimanded for discipline practices

A teacher at Central Junior High School in Pittsburgh Penn. was disciplined after tying two students to her with twine, but the local National Association for the Advancement of Colored People chapter said it believes she hasn't been dealt with harshly enough.

The first-year teacher tied two misbehaving boys, one African-American and one white, around the waist and had them follow her around the room for about three minutes, interim Principal Walter Hoy said.

The teacher apologized to the boys and their parents and was

reprimanded.

Darnell Turner, vice president of the NAACP chapter in Pittsburgh, said she should be fired.

#### Belgian Pumpkin Liberation Army seeks proper use of pumpkins

Members of the Belgian Pumpkin Liberation Army have stolen 53 Halloween pumpkins to turn them into soup for poor people.

The decorative pumpkins were taken from the gardens of houses in Leuven.

The activists sent a letter to a Belgian press agency saying they will continue taking action against the "improper use of pumpkins" as long as poor regions in the world exist.

They also told the press agency that they don't like the commercial use of pumpkins in Halloween festivities.

Members of the group left stickers behind for the people whose pumpkins they'd stolen, saying they would be sent to people who will use them properly.

This is the first time the Pumpkin Liberation Army has struck, according to press agency reports. The army wants to start a worldwide organization fighting against the improper use of pumpkins.

#### Me, myself and my left hand

Sam Ketterling has recently petitioned to have a local surgeon cut off his left hand although no physical reason to do so exists.

In 1908, a German neurologist discovered a disorder called Alien Hand Syndrome. It

makes a person lose control of their hand.

Ketterling said in court papers that his hand was trying "to kill him," and it was only because his right hand was stronger that he could wrestle the left hand away from his throat.

The court denied Ketterling's request after acknowledging this rare condition.

#### Point scored in the fight against female impotence

The Food and Drug Administration has just approved the Eros system, designed to decrease female impotence. The system works by increasing blood flow to the clitoris.

Simply put, it's a small tube attached to a suction cup that runs on batteries. Once the clitoris becomes properly engorged, the apparatus is removed. A prescription is required, but no side effects have been reported.

#### Trees held hostage by gang, demanding ransom

A gang in Germany has devised a peculiar scam. They offer any kind of yard or garden maintenance, but when they show up to do the work, they pull out chainsaws and threaten to cut down the owner's trees.

They tell the owner that if \$400 is paid, their trees will be saved. One woman reportedly lost two trees to the gang because she couldn't find the money in time.

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# Trick-or-treating canceled at Bellis Fair

By Suzanne Almoslino  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Though people have different traditions for celebrating Halloween with their children, many share a common theme. Children wear costumes and trick-or-treat for candy with their parents.

Some parents take their kids door-to-door around their neighborhood, but others have chosen what they said they feel to be a safer route. Bellingham resident Karen Sofie used to take her son to the mall on Halloween.

"He loved it," Sofie said. "We just played all day long." She said this year they plan to celebrate Halloween at a party with her family.

Due to the Sept. 11 attacks, Bellis Fair Mall canceled its annual trick-or-treating event this Halloween.

"People perpetuate fear," Sofie said. "I can't see anyone trying to bomb a mall. It's ridiculous."

Several mall-goers said they believed trick-or-treating was canceled due to an anonymous e-mail that was sent around, threatening American malls on Halloween.

Mary Vermillion, Bellis Fair marketing director, said

that is simply not true.

"It has been verified with the FBI that the e-mail was a hoax," Vermillion said.

She said the cancellation was not in response to any particular instance.

"We just felt it was inappropriate (to celebrate) at the mall," Vermillion said. "A lot of people I've talked to are spending this Halloween close to home with family and friends."

She said kids can still trick-or-treat in downtown Bellingham earlier in the day on Halloween.

Western junior Sonja Cohen works at Cards, Collectibles and Gifts in Bellis Fair.

"I have never seen so many kids in my life," Cohen said about last Halloween, adding that she is disappointed about the cancellation.

"I think it's sad because traditionally it's been a safe place for parents to take their kids trick-or-treating," Cohen said.

She said people are so nervous right now that she hopes the kids get to celebrate Halloween at all.

"I do see where they're (mall management employees)

coming from because they're worried about the safety of their customers," Cohen said. "They're trying to be appropriate, but it's a PR nightmare."

Bellingham resident Jen McQuaide takes her son trick-or-treating door-to-door.

"It's what I did when I was a kid," she said.

"Part of me says it's too bad anybody's letting fear stop anything, but I can understand the concern," McQuaide said. "I can see why people wouldn't want to be in large places at this time."

Bellingham resident Monica Holman said she is very concerned about her 4-year-old son Bradley's safety on Halloween.

"I worry about the candy," Holman said. "He doesn't get to eat any until I check it all."

She said mall trick-or-treating sounded safer, even with the recent tragic events. She said she is planning to take Bradley door-to-door, but she'd definitely be interested in mall trick-or-treating next year.

Vermillion said she hasn't received any negative reactions from the kids so far. The mall is providing information about other Halloween oriented events.

## Biringer Farms offers a big corn maze and a lot of fun

"It's a-maze-ing,"  
11-year-old Sam  
Vallellanes said.

Sam  
Vallellanes  
walks  
through the  
corn maze  
at Biringer  
Farms  
Sunday  
afternoon.



By Candace Nelson  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Rain was falling, and the wind was blowing, but instead of watching weekend cartoons, dozens of people came walking through a muddy elephant-shaped corn maze Sunday afternoon.

Mike and Dianna Biringer are the owners of Biringer Farms, which is located at 4625 40th Pl. N.E. in Everett.

Dianna said she is always surprised by how many college students visit the corn maze.

College students like to bring their beer to make it more challenging, she said.

Although they may bring it, alcohol is prohibited from the maze, maze attendant Antonette Blythe said. She said she once found some college students in the middle of the maze drinking and she took away their beer and asked them to leave.

The 3.5-mile maze consists of two trails that form the combined shapes of an elephant, tiger, gorilla, parrot and Hansa, Woodland Park Zoo's baby elephant. It takes about an hour and a half to go through the entire maze.

"We've been lost in here for 35 years!" 12-year-old Ronnie Reynolds from Seattle exaggerated. Reynolds and his friend, Sam Vallellanes, 11, had



Photos by Candace Nelson/The Western Front

Children bundle up in their winter clothes and ride the tractor train ride at Biringer Farms.

been walking through the corn looking for their parents.

"It's a-maze-ing," Vallellanes said of the maze. Shawn Stolworthy, a professional maze maker, began designing the maze in March.

Dianna did not want to disclose the exact dollar amount, but she said the cost of design and construction was in the thousands of dollars.

By allowing people to walk through their corn, the Biringers found that it brings in more money than selling corn.

"(Working seven days per week) is too hard for the return, but the love of agriculture is there," Dianna said.

In addition to the corn maze, Biringer Farms also offers Pumpkin Country, an area designed for families and young children.

In Pumpkin Country, visitors can ride ponies, buy apple cider and pick their own pumpkins.

A hay bale maze, located in Pumpkin Country, is dark and creepy, but short enough for children.

Children stand at Deadwood Ranch, a goat silo in Pumpkin Country, to watch the goats walk across an overhead bridge.

"The goats love to perform," Dianna said. They eat out of children's hands, she said.

The wood for the ranch came from two barns that were destroyed in a snowstorm.

The Biringers began inviting the public to their farm for education purposes in 1979.

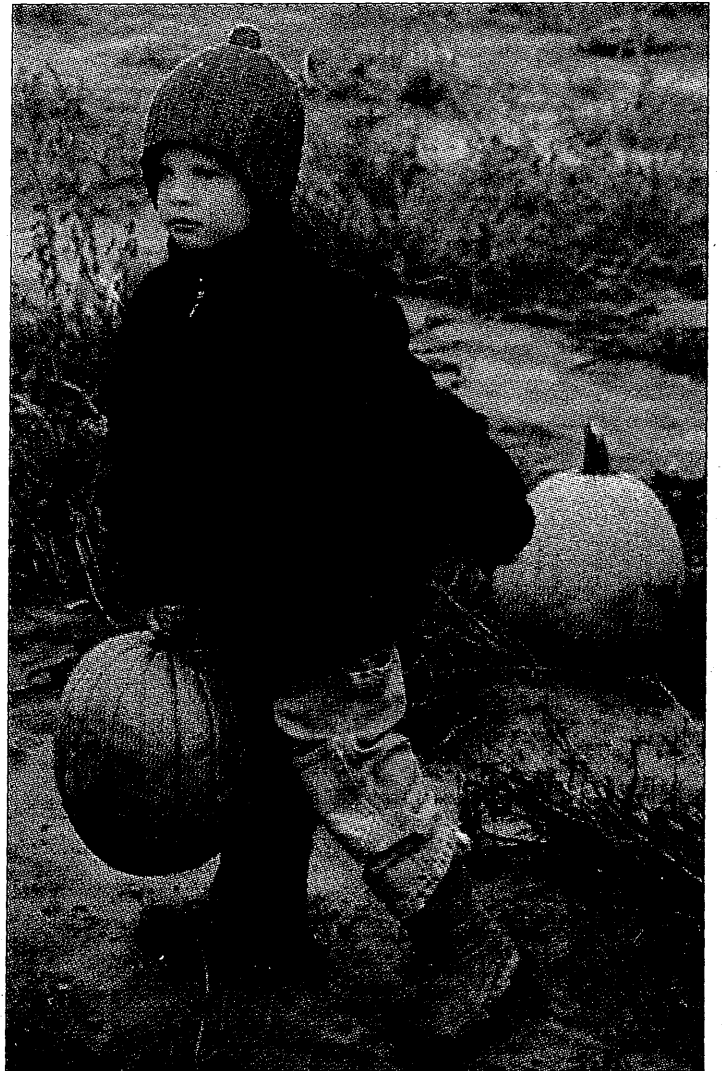
They started bringing people from nursing homes to see the farm, but now more elementary school classes visit.

In her classes, Dianna teaches the students that a pumpkin is edible fruit.

The Biringers are members of the National Farm Direct Marketing Association, which educates the public about agriculture.

The goal of the NFDMA is to bring the public "back to the farm" with attractions such as the corn maze and Pumpkin Country.

Biringer Farms is open until Oct. 31. Visits may be scheduled by calling 425-259-0255.



4-year-old Ben chose a pumpkin for his baby sister Sara from the You-Pick-It Pumpkin Patch at Biringer Farms.



# At-risk kids find life

By Matt Bucher  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Remember the kid in elementary school with the self-esteem problem, the one who had no respect for others? What about the troublemaker who couldn't seem to stay out of other people's personal space? Or how about the child with no confidence who never said a word, but always got picked on?

These are Sonja Wingard's kids.

"We work with at-risk kids," Wingard said. "Many need to learn respect, while some have anger problems and need to learn better communication skills."

"These kids just need to be treated normal," she said.

It's not that this is a new philosophy; it's the way in which Wingard goes about helping children that's unique.

Three years ago, at the prodding of Catholic Community Services, Wingard started the nonprofit organization Animals as Natural Therapy. The program uses animals to teach kids respect, communication skills, responsibility and trust while providing a safe environment where they can learn to succeed.

Two to three days a week, Wingard helps one to three children work her 5-acre, 100-year-old berry farm that Animals as Natural Therapy calls home. They ride horses, play with the rabbit, groom the llama, shovel manure and learn life lessons, Wingard said.

Animals on the farm range from Sonny the golden retriever to Buster the pygmy goat. Six horses and a rooster are also on the farm.

Bellingham School District's Prevention-Intervention specialist Sally Beaven, who also volunteers for Animals as Natural Therapy, said she wishes that more of her students could work on Wingard's farm.

"If I sit in an office and chat with a student, we'll discover some things that are going on in the kid's life," Beaven said. "But if they get into an environment where they are physical with a horse, that's when they get out of the person they are trying to be and show who they really are."

"The animals are doing the therapy," Wingard said. "When these children control a 1,000-pound horse, it does wonders for their trust of others and at the same time helps develop their self-esteem and confidence."

Many of the children in the program come from the Martin Center, Wingard said.

"Children at the (Martin) center have the highest level of need in the state," said Martin Center director Ane Berrett. "They are referred by the state or other placement programs and have problems that range from schizophrenia to childhood trauma."

The children live at the Martin Center for six to nine months, depending on

their circumstances. During that time, confidentiality is of high concern because of the sensitivity of the cases, Berrett said.

"This program (Animals as Natural Therapy) is very beneficial," Berrett said. "It gives the kids trust in living things, works on their interrelational skills and in some cases, just the animals showing them unconditional love is the best thing for them."

The horses can also help people get to a new place in their lives, Beaven said.

"The horses teach by mirroring what we do," she said. "We then try to turn what the horse is doing into a metaphor that works in these kids lives. By doing this, the horse is helping them understand more about themselves."

In the past, children from the Martin Center have shoveled and bagged manure then sold it at the Bellingham Farmer's Market to earn money for Animals as Natural Therapy, Berrett said.

This year, because of the success Animals as Natural Therapy has had with the children, the Martin Center has requested a Federal Block grant, which would give more children the opportunity to experience the magic at Wingard's farm.

The grant, which is in the process of being finalized, brings Animals as Natural Therapy into uncharted territory.

"We're at the point where this thing has to get bigger than me," Wingard said. "We need to go out and find grants and make the leap to being a big program."

Last summer, the organization ran its first day camp, but Wingard said she hopes that in the future enough money will be available for two or three camps. Plans are in the works to add a large garden and try to get senior citizens involved in the program so it can be a multi-generational experience for everyone, Wingard said.

At this time, Animals as Natural Therapy has about 40 part-time volunteers, while 39 children have had one to 20 animal experiences. But more volunteers, especially people with administrative experience and Internet expertise, are needed if the program is going to expand successfully, Wingard said.

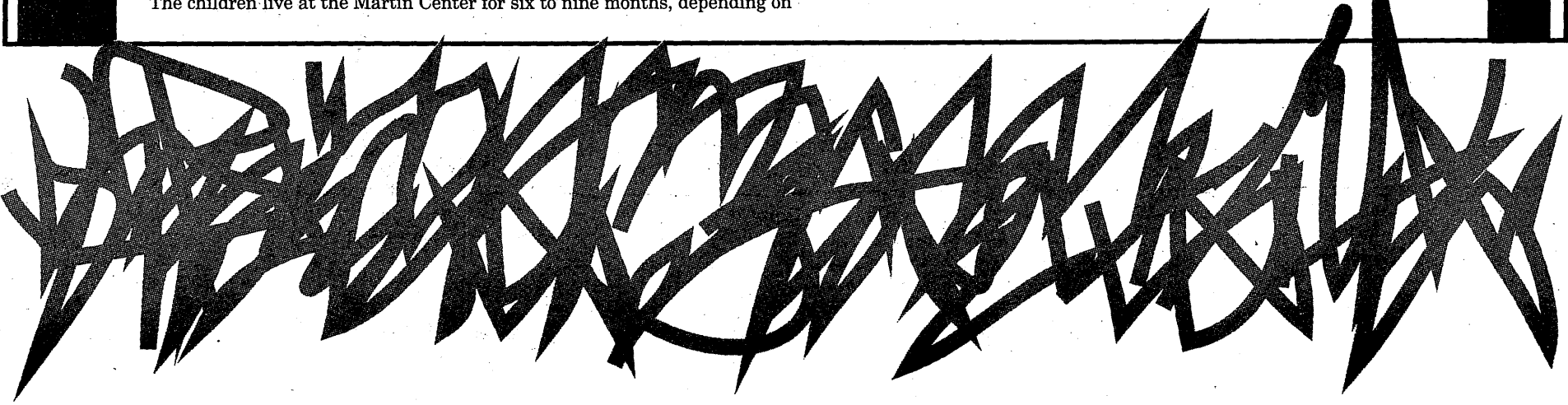
Oct. 13, 20 and 27, Animals as Natural Therapy will be at the Barkley Village Pumpkin Patch giving horse rides to raise money for their program. All proceeds will go directly toward helping more children experience the therapy.

Because of the kind of work being done with the children, along with the fact that most of the children are referred by case-workers and counselors, Wingard said all clients and their guardians have complete confidentiality.

Whether helping one child or hundreds, Wingard will be happy.

"I've always liked kids and helping kids with behavior problems," she said.

"I enjoy seeing kids feel successful."



## Vikings clinch GNAC volleyball title

By Jeff Hoffman  
THE WESTERN FRONT

The matches weren't pretty, but when all was said and done, Western's volleyball team walked away with two wins and the Great Northwest Athletic Conference title, the first volleyball league title in Western's history.

The Vikings, led by outside hitter Shannon Rowland's 31 kills and 12 service aces in the two games, held off Northwest Nazarene University 30-25, 25-30, 30-25, 30-27 Friday, and they came back and shut down Seattle University Saturday, 31-29, 30-22, 26-30, 30-10, for the GNAC crown.

Western, which improved to 20-3 during the season and 15-0 in GNAC play, is ranked No. 21 in the NCAA Division II national

poll and tied for No. 2 in the West Region. Rowland and outside hitter Annamarie Thornton led the way Friday with 15 kills each, as the Vikings hung on to beat the Northwest Nazarene Crusaders in four games.

The third game was tight after the two teams split the first two games, but the Vikings took control late in the game.

With the score tied at 22, Western went on a 6-1 run and held on for the 30-25 win.

After a little trouble to begin the fourth, the Vikings scored 10 of the next 11 points and held off a late charge by the Crusaders to take the final game and the match.

"We really weren't playing our 'A' game that night," Rowland said. "We had a hard time focusing, but we played just well enough to escape with a win."

That win clinched at least a tie for the conference title with the Vikings needing just one win in their next four matches to win the title outright.

It seemed rather fitting that Western would get the victory Saturday night in the same fashion it had won each of the past 20 matches: by completely dominating.

Leading Seattle two games to one, the Vikings rattled off 11 straight points to open the fourth game and didn't look back, winning the game 30-10, their largest margin of victory on the year.

"I told the team that the only way to finish the match out was to do it together," Western head coach Diane Flick said. "It seems like we came out and played well together in that last game and pulled out the win."

Western setter Liz Bishop came out firing in the fourth game, serving up 10 straight points, including three aces, to give the Vikings an early 11-0 lead.

The Vikings had a 57 percent attack percentage and made no errors in that game.

"I was just out there trying to mix it up," Bishop said. "I was just trying to find their weak spots, and we just seemed to play really well while I was serving."

Rowland and outside hitter Rachele Cooper each had 16 kills to pace the Vikings, and middle blocker Kirsten Mann added 13 kills.

The win extended the Vikings' school record for consecutive wins to 20, and their home winning streak to 20 games as well.

"Sometimes when you train like we do, where you take it one game at a time, you don't get to

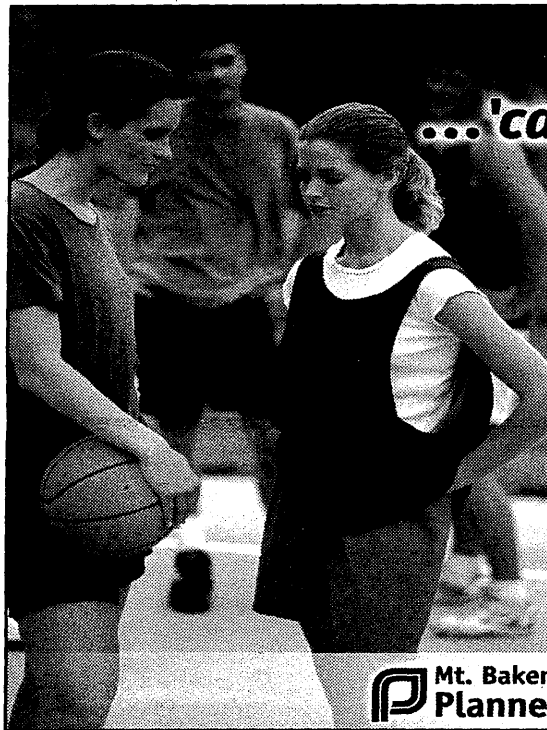
stop and look at the enormity of what you have done," Flick said. "At practice on Saturday, I told them to really look at what we've accomplished this season and take pride in it."

The GNAC title doesn't guarantee the Vikings a place in the NCAA Division II Pacific Region Tournament.

The top eight teams in the region advance to the tournament.

"I'm starting to look forward to the playoffs because that's my job," Flick said. "The rest of the team, however, is just looking at the next match on Tuesday against Simon Fraser University."

"Even though we got the win, I still don't think that we played our best," Bishop said. "We hope to come out in our last four matches and pick it up for sure."



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# Koenen's kick caps dramatic comeback for Vikings

By James Lyon  
THE WESTERN FRONT

This game was supposed to be star quarterback Scott Mitchell's coronation; the game in which he became Western's all-time leader in total offense.

Instead, he found himself on the sideline with his left arm in a sling, watching as Western's freshman kicker Michael Koenen kicked the game-winning field goal with two seconds left on the clock, capping a dramatic comeback.

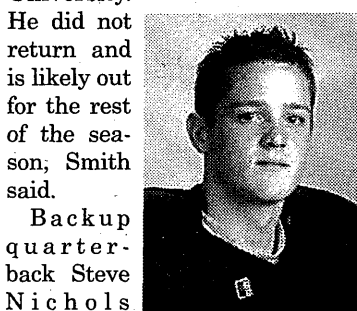
Koenen's boot from 40 yards out gave Western a thrilling 24-21 victory over the University of New Haven Chargers Saturday at Robert Dodds Stadium in West Haven, Conn.

The Vikings overcame three hardships during the game. They lost their starting quarterback due to an injury, their starting running back Nyle Chambers was having his second-straight off game and the game was more than 3,000 miles away from home.

"We overcame a lot of things," Western coach Rob Smith said. "I can't say enough about our guys coming back and getting the job done. Our theme this year is 'Find A Way,' and this victory epitomizes that."

Mitchell, who came into the game needing 202 yards of total offense to surpass Jason Stiles' all-time mark of 7,427, went down hard on his left (non-

throwing) shoulder after a sack by Charger cornerback Jamar Williams late in the third quarter. He aggravated an injury that occurred in the season opening loss to Central Oklahoma University. He did not return and is likely out for the rest of the season, Smith said.



Backup quarterback Steve Nichols replaced Mitchell with the Vikings trailing 21-14.

Two plays later, running back Devin Martin sliced through the Chargers' defense for a 4-yard touchdown run that tied the game at 21. Martin had 118 yards on 24 carries in relief of Chambers, who struggled for the second-straight week.

"This was Devin's best game for us, no question about it," Smith said. "He ran hard and made big runs at some critical times."

The Vikings got the ball back after a Chargers punt pinned the Vikings' offense at its own 9-yard line.

Nichols, behind the running of Martin, drove the Vikings nearly the length of the field to the Chargers' 3-yard line. This is

where he was intercepted by Chargers' safety George Fuller during a third-and-goal play, killing the potential go-ahead drive.

The Vikings' defense, which gave up 21 points in the first half, shut out the Chargers in the second half and made several big plays in critical situations.

"Our defense really came together in the second half," Vikings linebacker Lann Olson said. "We knew our offense could score, so all we had to do is stop their offense."

After Fuller's interception, the Chargers' offense drove the length of the field to the 3-yard line behind quarterback Rob D'Innocenzio and wide receiver Matt Marcks, who tormented the Vikings' defense with 10 catches and 213 yards.

During a second-and-goal play from the 3-yard line, Olson broke up a sure touchdown pass from D'Innocenzio to Charger running back Dawud Hanif.

Then during the next play, D'Innocenzio appeared to fumble the ball while being sacked, and the Vikings recovered the loose ball. Officials ruled D'Innocenzio's arm was moving forward, and it was called an incomplete pass.

After the controversial call, the Chargers attempted a 19-yard field goal that would have given them the lead, but Viking cornerback Anthony Dalton broke around the corner and blocked

the kick, keeping the game tied.

The Vikings were forced to punt on their ensuing possession with 2:32 left in the game.

Once again, the Vikings called on the defense to step up and stop the Chargers' offense. They responded by forcing the Chargers to punt with more than a minute left in the game.

Viking safety Erik Totten, who is Western's all-time leading punt returner, fielded the punt at his own 31-yard line and danced around the Chargers' defenders to return the ball 24 yards to the Chargers' 45-yard line.

With 56 seconds left on the clock and no timeouts, the Vikings started their march toward the game-winning field goal. Martin opened the drive with an 11-yard run to the

Chargers 34-yard line.

Then with the clock still running, Nichols audibled the play at the line of scrimmage, costing the Vikings precious seconds, but the young quarterback made the right call. He threw to an open wide receiver Greg Dykstra for a 12-yard gain to set up Koenen's heroics.

The pressure did not appear to rattle Koenen, who had missed field goals from 50 and 54 yards earlier in the game.

The Chargers tried to ice the Vikings' kicker by calling two consecutive time-outs, to no avail.

"We knew we had to come away with a win today," Koenen said. "I was disappointed I missed those two earlier. I knew I had to hit the last one."

## 2001 Vikings Season Statistics

	Western	Opp.
SCORING.....	312	147
FIRST DOWNS.....	199	146
RUSHING YARDAGE.....	1,433	1,035
PASSING YARDAGE.....	2,505	1,920
TOTAL OFFENSE.....	3,938	2,955
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED.	41	19

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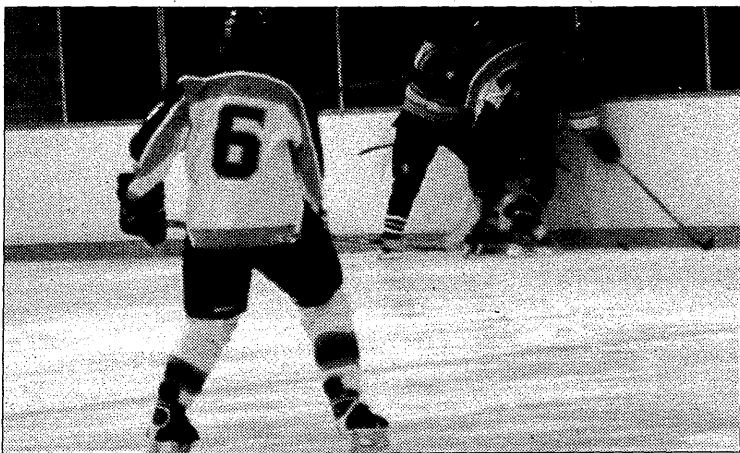
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# Western 'Vandal'izes Idaho



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**Western's Dan Whitford (6) awaits a loose puck in an 8-3 victory against the University of Idaho in Sunday's game at the Bellingham SportsPlex.**

**By Candace Nelson**  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Despite 14 penalties, the Western club ice hockey team beat the NCAA Division I University of Idaho Vandals Sunday, 8-3 at the Bellingham SportsPlex.

"They're big, they hit hard and kept us on our toes," Western defensive player Matt Kline said.

"(University of Idaho players) use their size to their advantage," Western captain Julien Lalonde said. "We're a smaller team; we skate around 'em."

Lalonde was the leading scorer for the Vikings, scoring five of the eight goals.

"It was alright; we did what we needed to do, except the penalties," head coach Ming Wu said after the first period.

Western players received 14 penalties during the game including penalties for roughing, high sticking and tripping.

If a team is given more than 15 penalties, the coach cannot attend the next game.

Trainer Joe Lamonica said one problem the team is facing is inconsistent refereeing. Players have been given different penalties for the same offense, he said.

A four-man referee system is new this year. Last year, three referees called the game.

Western goalie Jill Leonetti said the new system is good because officials can watch the game from either end of the ice.

"I don't like it; I can't get away with anything," Kline said.

Defensive key players include Kline, John Wilson, assistant captain Dan Whitford, Dane Hovde and KC Myron. Offensively, the Vikings have Lalonde.

Wu described the team as "not being as organized as we should be."

In addition to new players, the coaching staff is new. Wu said returning players are providing a lot of leadership.

The next games are Nov. 10 and 11 at the SportsPlex.

# Warthogs, Flames host 6th annual Hogfest

**By Heather Trimm**  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Flanks, wings, props, a fullback and a hooker whored themselves out Saturday at the 6th annual Hogfest rugby tournament at the Ferndale Polo Grounds.

The Western Flames, the women's rugby team, went undefeated for the day, taking home the first-place trophy for the second year in a row.

The Whitman College women could not field a side of 15 players, so the Flames lent rookie players to Whitman. The rugby term for this is whoring.

"This team found a great sense of unity from this tournament," Flames coach Matt Malone said. "With so many new players, we came together to get a sense of rugby and learn a love for the sport," Malone said.

Normally, rugby matches are 80 minutes long, consisting of two 40-minute halves. In tournament play, the halves are 20 minutes long.

The Flames' scrumhalf, a position similar to a football quarterback or basketball point guard, Kammi Lopez, scored twice in the second match against Evergreen State College.

"Kammi had an incredible day," Malone said. "She is an unbelievable player."

Four players were awarded MVP awards: returning players Trica Young and Zara Taylor, and rookie players Liz Floyd and Emily Stansifer. Taylor, who also plays scrumhalf and is in her third season with the Flames, scored for the first time ever.

The Warthogs, the men's team from Western, also used the tournament as a learning experience.

"We are out here to have fun and learn a new sport," Malone said.

Divided into two divisions, the men's tournament had the more experienced players on the first side and the less experienced rookies on the second.

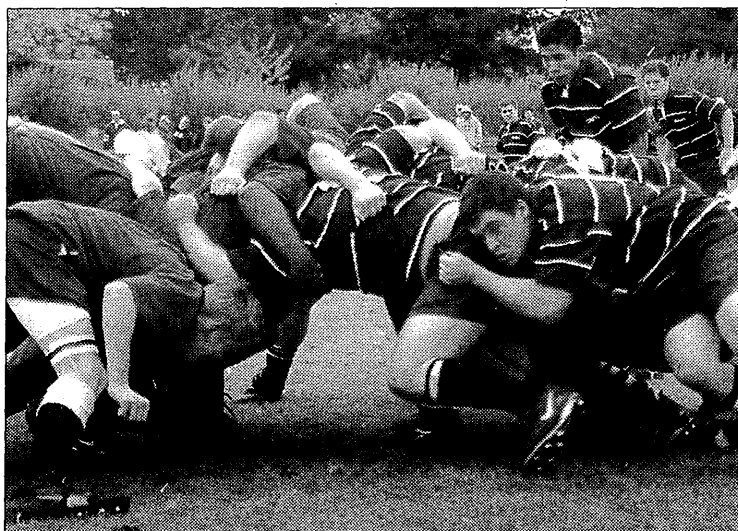
"Both sides showed well and developed a lot from this tournament," Warthogs coach Bob Ford said.

Western's first side shut out Montana, 14-0, in its first match of the day.

"This is most likely the best game we have played all year," Ford said.

The Warthogs scrumhalf, Alex Mchuron, played one of his best games ever, making quality choices about where to go with the ball, Ford said.

"All these guys really stepped up to the plate and came to play rugby," Ford said.



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**Warthog first side dominates the University of Montana in a scrum on Saturday at the Hogfest tournament.**

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## Letters to the editor

### Protesters not perfect, but accomplished goal

It's not as if 200 members of the Peace Resource Center planned a major protest and just didn't show up because it was raining (Frontline: "Fair-weather' protest lame show of support for Afghans," Oct. 26).

In fact, there are no "members" of the PRC. The "lame show of support" had more to do with me as an organizer than people who didn't believe in a cause enough to show up when it's raining.

I felt that few knew that Afghans were dying or how many were dying, so I tried to throw together a die-in. I didn't publicize it well, I didn't have any commitments from anyone to come and I learned quickly that you can't just create activism by yourself.

I feel bad that anyone was

upset by the die-in. I know that thousands of people from the United States and multiple other countries died Sept. 11. I cried. I thought about what if my sister or my mother was on that plane, the horror of those jumping out windows and the sorrow of those last words by cell phone.

I believe any emotional response, especially anger, to our die-in is valid. I sincerely want to understand how recognizing the deaths of Afghans disregards the deaths on Sept. 11.

Of course, despite the small number of people representing deaths, the visualization brought about emotion and discussion. They brought a bit of what's going on in the world into our lives at Western, and that was their intent.

**Cori Jaeger**  
Peace Resource Center  
coordinator

### Vandals failed in activism effort

This letter is addressed to those individuals who defiled Red Square Friday, Oct. 26.

You have not furthered your cause. You have not made a point. You have not gained any supporters. You have vandalized our university, turned students and faculty against you and weakened your cause. Many people's time and money have been wasted.

Does this make you proud? Righteous? An activist?

No. All this makes you is a criminal.

If you want to protest something, at least protest to those responsible. Western has no control over U.S. military actions.

But perhaps the type of person who would commit such vandalism is not intelligent or

educated enough to know that. Perhaps these individuals should be spending their time attending Western instead of defacing it.

**Heather Casler**  
Western graduate student

### Men should help prevent violence against women

What could be more "manly" than being concerned for the safety of women? I don't put much stock in gender stereotypes, but if you do, this is your chance to shine.

A woman was sexually assaulted Oct. 19 on campus, and now is the time for men to show our support for the victim and for all Western women.

When an attack occurs, like the one last week, we are all affected. Our female friends feel especially unsafe walking on campus. Walking home from that 5 p.m. class is no longer just dark and cold.

It's downright frightening.

No longer can you saunter down the sidewalk thinking about that beer waiting for you at home in the fridge (a privilege I regularly enjoy).

Instead, the mind races from rustling leaves to the next dark shadow in the bushes, arms are tense and fists are clenched, ready to fight off a would-be attacker.

Imagine feeling that unsafe on Western's "small-town" campus.

Maybe you're a male and you do feel unsafe, but I have a

hunch that the majority of males are like myself, relatively worry-free while striding along the campus red bricks.

So, we've got it easier than females ... nothing we didn't know before, right? Well, I'm not writing this to just argue that women don't get an equal shake.

Instead, I'm writing this to challenge Western's men to help women fight for their safety and to express our disgust with males who commit sexual violence against women. We males can make a difference.

Stopping rape and sexual assault is men's work.

I encourage all you "manly" Western men to check out Western Men Against Violence (WMAV) and do your part.

**Mike Van Dyke**  
Western student

### Intolerance of patriotic T-shirts not helping America

Amidst all the rhetoric about the great freedom that America represents, it is remarkable to see how many people cannot tolerate the sale of patriotic T-shirts or a message of dissent on protest signs.

I have much contempt for my government, but I love my country for letting me say it.

Those that wish to silence others undermine our country's greatest strength.

**Peter Neorr**  
Western student

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# Frontline

## Painting campus red: not an example of civil disobedience

Anti-war sentiments were sprayed across various buildings. Red paint was dumped into Fisher Fountain. Osama bin Laden and George W. Bush stickers were glued to signs across campus. What was their message? Past the vandalism, many students have forgotten.

These wannabe protesters are nothing more than cowards, hiding behind acts of destruction to get their messages across.

An effective protester could be seen supporting his/her cause. These cowards hide in the cloak of night, silently and anonymously tacking their message around campus.

Their act of destruction, more than their message, shocked students going to their morning classes.

If these cowards really believed in their cause, they would have protested in daylight in Red Square amongst students and peers.

Eventually, Fisher Fountain was emptied and cleaned, spray-painted messages were painted over and stickers were scraped off of signs. What momentarily was a topic of discussion Friday was soon forgotten, and students resumed their daily routine.

In the United States, citizens have the sacred freedom of speech and the right to express themselves. Friday's destruction goes far beyond the freedom of expression. These cowards broke the law, and nothing was accomplished by doing so. All that was accomplished was giving Western's maintenance team more things to do and giving Western an extra bill to pay.

Western gives students several venues to express themselves and their ideas, such as chalking and protesting in Red Square. These options do quite well in getting the message out, and plus, it is legal.

Philosopher Henry David Thoreau said the way to refuse government law is through civil disobedience. Thoreau visually showed his disgust for taxation by refusing to pay.

One could say the cowards who vandalized Western Friday did not practice civil disobedience. If they had, they would have protested in front of military installations and enlistment offices.

Mohandas Gandhi, who many believed perfected civil disobedience, would fast to show his dissatisfaction of British government rule. People saw his dedication to his cause. He brought riots to a cease by fasting to the brink of death.

He did not, however, in the dead of night or early morning, scrawl "Fuck yer bombs" messages on buildings and sculptures.

Rosa Parks kick-started the civil rights movement by simply refusing to sit in the back of the bus. It seems it is the simple things that create the greatest change.

No one in history has persuaded people through vandalism.

Friday's vandals are not protesters, activists or righteous. They are cowardly criminals.

Their message will be soon forgotten after the paint dries on the buildings.

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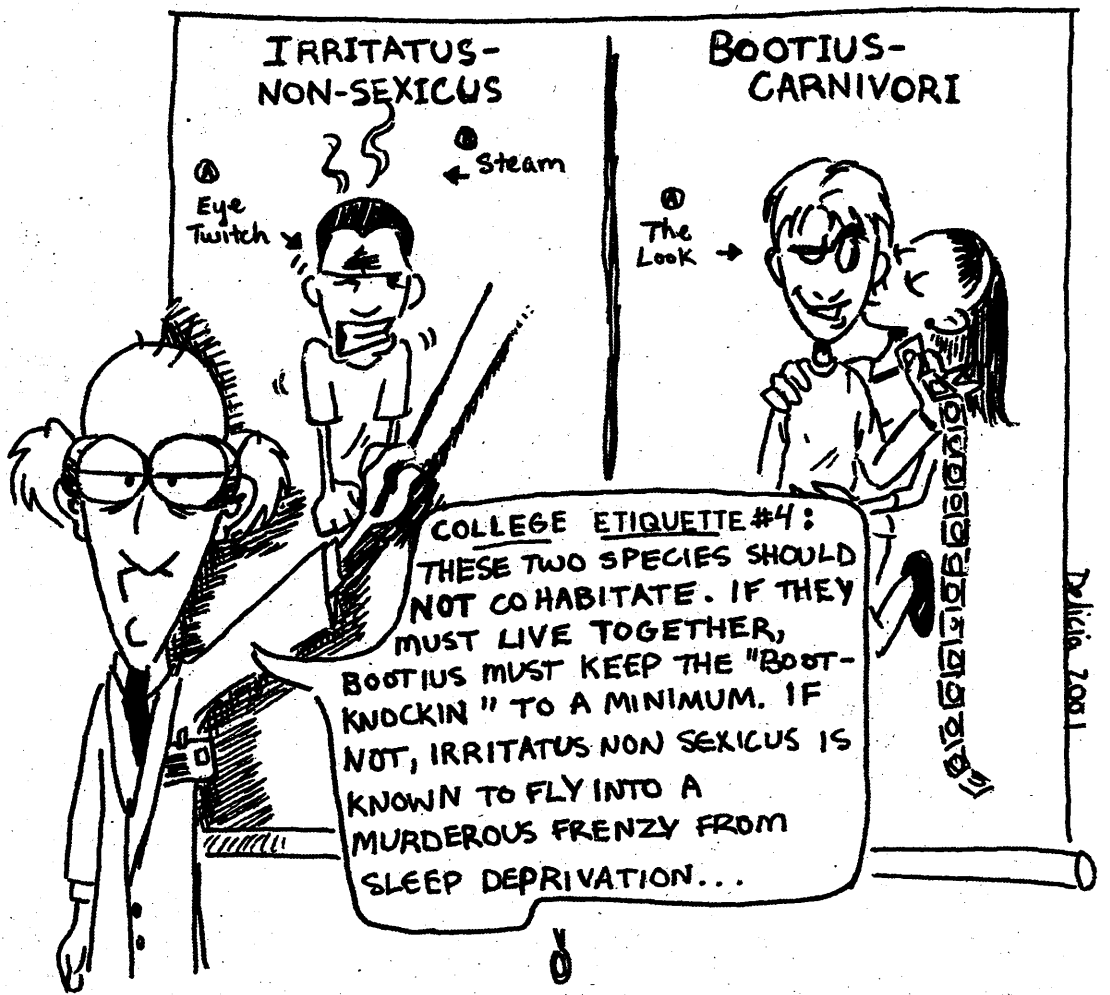
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### And we quote:

"It doesn't matter that America is not my country.  
New York is my city."

Alexandr Manin, a Kazakhstan immigrant who joined the U.S. military, despite not being a U.S. citizen.

(source: newsweek.com)



## Roommate sex titillatingly tacky



Helen Hollister

COMMENTARY

Sleep. Pure tranquility. Drifting off to a peaceful dreamland. That tranquility gets ejected as someone stomps up the stairs. No, that's not exactly the right sound. Someone knocking at the door?

No...

Oh, that's right. It's the headboard banging against the wall in the next room.

College life is a beautiful, magical thing. Dining hall food and 8 a.m. labs round out the many highlights.

One slight downfall of the experience is the oftentimes turbulent realm of community living spaces.

Dorms, apartments and hous-

es can match students with horrific circumstances.

One of the most heinous elements of sharing a living space is having to listen to co-habitants getting their swerve on.

*"Doesn't anyone have sex in the back seat of a Chevy anymore? Shouldn't they show some consideration for other members of the household? Does horniness have to win?"*

Sure, in the beginning it is exhilarating. It's almost as if they're doing a special little (and I mean little) performance for your personal benefit.

But soon the novelty wears off, and you'd rather be sucking on Mr. T's big toe than listening to their moans and groans.

Well, I pity the fool who puts up with that kind of overwhelming, invasive scandal.

Maybe it's all part of the college experience. Maybe we should just buck up and deal with it.

Or maybe not. Doesn't anyone have sex in the back seat of a Chevy anymore?

Shouldn't they show some consideration for other members of the household? Does horniness have to win?

Well, yeah, maybe it does.

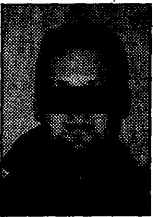
Western senior Steve Wiens said he remembers overhearing some mojo flow where he used to live.

"I lived in an old house, and I would feel the floor rock back and forth," Wiens said. "You can tell by the rhythm — you can tell it's not just the wind. And then the grunting would start."

One possibility is the couple are exhibitionists. They know

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## Flag scandal mirrors patriotic 'fetish'



Greg Woehler

THE BLIND TRUTH

When I look at the Associated Students Bookstore display, the display made so famous last week by Western professor Linda Smeins, all I see is a bunch of shirts. They're white, they have a fluttering flag on them. They're 100 percent cotton.

Made in Honduras.

Smeins said she sees a symbol of American arrogance, a symbol that neutralizes freedom of thought and multiculturalism. She told me the display creates an "us and them" mentality — we're right, and they're wrong.

She said students going to the bookstore are forced to look at it, forced to submit to its power.

Most other people see the flag as a symbol of the indomitable American spirit. It

means freedom and justice and unity.

For an awful lot of people, the flag is sacred and pure, like the Virgin Mary or their mother's good name.

Anyone who dares defile it, insult it, criticize it or question it isn't making a fashion statement (the shirts are kinda gaudy, aren't they?), they're criticizing the United freaking States of America.

*"Criticizing the flag is criticizing soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice so I could be a snotty, spoiled college student."*

Smeins has found out just how sacred the flag is to many people. She won't discuss numbers, but she's received several critical letters, some of them downright hateful, since her comments appeared in this

paper a week ago.

The flag is an obsession, a fetish in this country. The flag is America's golden calf — an idol that must be respected and appeased.

We sing its praises in "The Star Spangled Banner." Most nations sing the praises of their actual country in their anthems, but not us.

The only mention of our country is in the last line of the song. The rest of it is a song of thanks and praise to an inanimate object brought to life and given the human qualities of strength and perseverance.

Something's wrong with that. This is a good country we live in, but an awful lot of people don't ever actually vocalize or even think about why they like it here. They just wave the flag and assume anyone who does otherwise is a troublemaker, a turncoat or a pacifist.

The Sept. 11 attacks released

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## Flag just symbol of patriotism

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an orgasmic explosion of red, white and blue rah-rah spirit that simmers constantly, just below the surface of this country, and comes out whenever we feel threatened or violated.

It's only natural. Americans are craving unity right now. We're wounded, and we feel vulnerable. People want a unified front; they want to believe we're all on the same page.

If we all flew the flag and wore the flag and bowed down before the flag and got with the program, we couldn't possibly lose.

I'm already waiting for the letters The Front will undoubtedly get about this. People will say veterans fought and died for the American flag. Criticizing the flag is criticizing soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice so I could be a snotty, spoiled college student.

That last part is true — veterans died for us, and I have nothing but respect and gratitude for them. Thank you for allowing

me to be snotty.

But to say they fought and died and are fighting and dying in Afghanistan right now for the flag, for a rectangle of cotton and nylon most likely made in China, is preposterous. Life is worth a bit more than that.

As a good little Cub Scout, I learned the proper handling of the flag — fold it into a triangle, don't fly it at night unless a light shines on it, whatever you do don't let it touch the ground and if it does touch the ground, burn it.

I remember all of these things, and you know what? I still obey them. Old habits die hard.

But these things are customs, like eating turkey on Thanksgiving or throwing the visiting team's home run balls back onto Wrigley Field.

I do them as a nod to tradition, not out of respect for a lifeless object. The flag doesn't care one way or the other what I do with it.

## Booty-call no excuse for rudeness

From SWERVE, Page 14

you can hear them, and they like it. You, as an audience, are their main erotic driving force.

Great!

Western senior Bryn Johnson vividly recalls living in the dorms.

"My roommate's boyfriend lived in California, and they would have phone sex while I was trying to fall asleep," Johnson said.

"She used to say, 'breathe with me, breathe with me,'" Johnson said.

She said she avoided the room at all costs.

"We moved our beds out of bunk beds because it was just really nasty to be that close to

her," Johnson said.

For anyone who has ever woke in the middle of the night to the "err-ee-err-ee" of a galloping bed frame, hope does exist.

Find ways to participate and/or fight back.

Lube the bed with some WD-40. Listen for the telltale signals, and crank up the dial on some Barry White. Show support for their effort.

Don't allow yourself, however, to become a pushover victim to their freak-stylings. R. Kelly may have said it best back in 1994: "I don't see nothin' wrong with a little bump and grind."

But come on! A night of magic at the Shangri-la Motel downtown is only \$38.95 plus tax.

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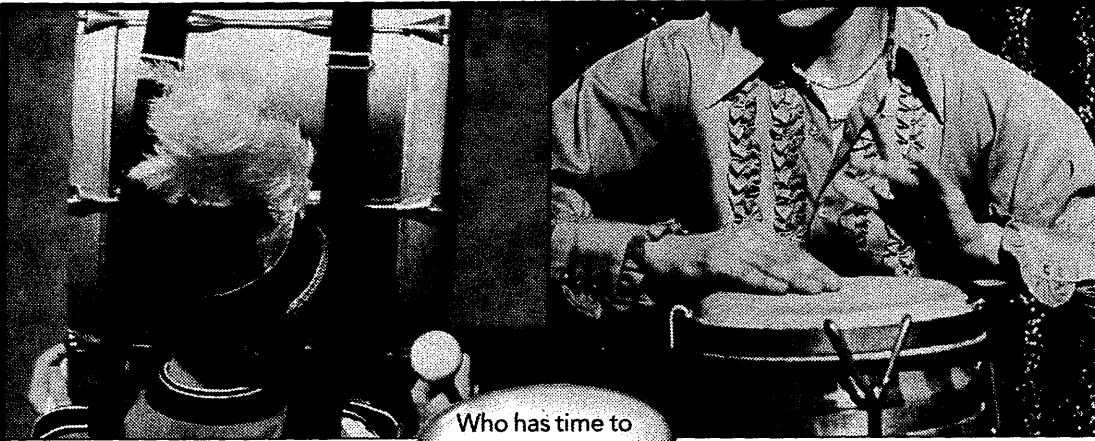
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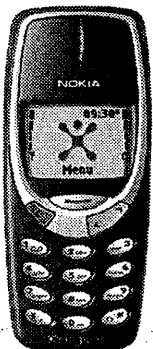
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### GETTING OUT

#### FEEL THE DOOR HANDLE

- If the handle is hot, don't open it.
- Go to a window and call for help.
- If the handle is NOT hot, open cautiously.
- Check for smoke or fire before going out.

#### GET OUT OF THE BUILDING BEFORE PHONING FOR HELP

- Don't take time to phone before leaving.
- Get out and find a phone.

#### PULL THE FIRE ALARM ON YOUR WAY OUT

#### DON'T LOOK FOR OTHER PEOPLE OR GATHER STUFF

- Knock on doors as you leave.
- Yell "FIRE" as you leave.
- Don't hesitate or stray from your path.

#### CRAWL LOW TO THE FLOOR

- Thick smoke can make it impossible to see.
- Toxic chemicals in smoke can be deadly in minutes.

#### CLOSE THE DOOR BEHIND YOU

- Keep the fire from spreading.
- Protect your possessions from fire and smoke damage.

#### GET SOMEONE'S ATTENTION

- **YELL** and **SCREAM!**
- Hang a sheet from a window.
- Stay low. There is less smoke and toxic gas close to the floor.
- **WAIT**, never panic or jump.

# Fire Safety for Your Life



This is a resident's room in Mathes Hall after the November 1997 fire. NO ONE was injured. EVERYONE got out immediately. Learn what do. Save your own life

### FIRE

- Notify persons in the area.
- Evacuate the building.
- Pull the nearest fire alarm or call 911 from a safe place.
- Use a fire extinguisher, if trained.
- Close doors and windows.
- Assemble in a safe place.
- Meet and inform responders.
- Provide assistance.

### CLOTHING FIRE "STOP, DROP AND ROLL"

Fire/Medical Aid/Police 911  
University Police 3911  
CASAS 650-3700

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Chemical Emergency 650-3064

### PREVENTION-PROTECTION

- Take responsibility for protecting your life.
- Take trash outside.
- Never overload electrical outlets.
- Use power strips plugged directly into outlets.
- Keep space heaters and halogen lamps AWAY from flammables- clothing or paper.
- Put out candles when unattended (NOT allowed in residence halls).
- Put out incense when unattended.
- Extinguish smoking materials.
- NEVER smoke in bed or if tired.

### CHECK SMOKE ALARMS

- In off-campus housing, install new batteries every quarter.
- In residence halls, smoke alarms don't need batteries.

### PLAN ESCAPE ROUTES

- Know where all exits are located in your building- KNOW 2 EXITS from where you sleep.
- Practice your plan.
- Tell your roommates about your plan.