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Community service project takes flight

Western's Students in Action club rebuild flight pen at local wildlife rescue facility

Jeff Backman
THE WESTERN FRONT

A new flight pen for birds of prey has been built at the Northwest Wildlife Rehabilitation Center thanks to the efforts of Western's Associated Students club, Students in Action.

The club spent three hours on Feb. 3 rebuilding the damaged flight pen. The walls of the pen had blown apart during a windstorm in November 2006 and needed to be reassembled.

The flight pen will serve as a safe place for injured and orphaned birds. Located next to the Nooksack River on Highway 542, off I-5 exit 255, the center acts as a temporary shelter for wildlife that need care or rehabilitation.

Western sophomore Kelly Hansen, president of Students in Action, said members of the club had expressed interest in doing something with animals at its meeting on Jan. 17. Hansen said she had looked into several project options for the club to participate in and the wildlife rehabilitation center was the best fit.

"The Northwest Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Center seemed like somewhere that had something more

feasible we could do," Hansen said. "They said that they can fully use work parties so it was a good match."

Hansen said Students in Action was formed in fall 2005 to encourage civic outreach in Western's surrounding communities. She said the club has done cleanup on Locust Beach and participated in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, spring 2006. The club is also planning to volunteer during a tree planting event on Earth Day this spring as well as Relay for Life.

Students in Action is funded by donations, fundraising and money from Western's AS Activity Council.

Kraig Hansen, a volunteer at the Northwest Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, was on hand to oversee the pen rebuilding project.

He said the hawk and owl pen flight the students helped put together will house raptors and will be large enough to fit a bird the size of an eagle. He said state law mandates pen sizes for each type of bird.

Students in Action Vice President and Western sophomore Cailin Reive said

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photo by Jeff Backman THE WESTERN FRONT
Western sophomore Kelly Hansen helps fellow volunteers hoist the side of a new hawk and owl flight pen at the Northwest Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Bellingham on Feb. 3.

\$40 million in grants fund research at Western

Kelly Lemons
THE WESTERN FRONT

Western faculty members have been awarded close to \$40 million to fund individual research projects over the last few years.

Western professor David Patrick is working on liquid crystal imprinting, a form of

nano-technology that is not completely understood — even by those most familiar with it.

In an effort to learn more about this form of imprinting, the National Science Foundation has given Patrick \$728,000 to fund the research project. \$500,000 was awarded to the project in 2000. The remaining \$228,000 was granted in

September 2006.

Patrick is one of many Western faculty members who use grant money to fund his or her research. The list of projects varies from the \$186,340 awarded to biologists trying to determine a link between climate and planktonic food webs to the \$60,000 being used by mathematicians examining inverse problems in transportation theory.

A small portion of these funds come from individual donors, but they are primarily generated from both local and national foundations and institutes, Director of Research and Sponsored Programs Geri Walker said. Her office helps Western professors find money and monitors all money awarded to faculty.

Walker said although this amount is significantly less than the hundreds of millions of dollars research-oriented universities, such as

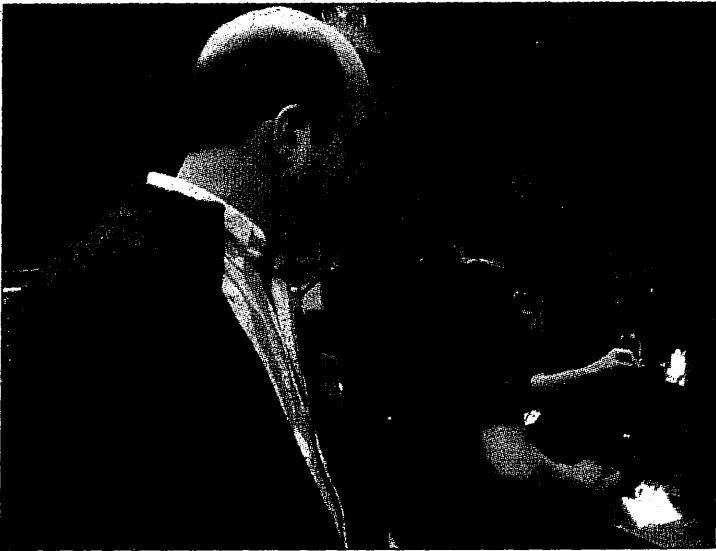


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Western professor David Patrick watches Western junior Rachel Adams use a microscope for a research project funded by grant money.

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Scabies reported in Fairhaven dorms

Jaimie Fife
THE WESTERN FRONT

Scabies, a disease where tiny mites live under the skin causing an itchy rash, has found its way into the Fairhaven Complex residence halls.

Western's Student Health Center has diagnosed 18 cases of scabies since September, which is standard, said Student Health Center Director Emily Gibson.

For this reason, the Student Health Center does not consider scabies a serious threat for the Western community. But those who engage in above average amounts of direct skin-to-skin contact are continually at risk, Gibson said.

The most current case originated at a bartering festival in late fall 2006 in Okinawa, Canada, where Western freshman Alex Clark slept in a Volkswagen bus with five other people and contracted

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A white ribbon hangs in Red Square on Feb. 5 as part of the Associated Students club Western Men Against Violence White Ribbon Campaign. The White Ribbon Campaign is designed to advocate an end to violence against women and will run until Feb. 9. Included in the week is a slideshow of the Montreal Massacre at 8 p.m. on Feb. 7 in Communications Facility 115 and a forum hosted by the Ally Building Network at 6 p.m. on Feb. 9 in Viking Union 565.

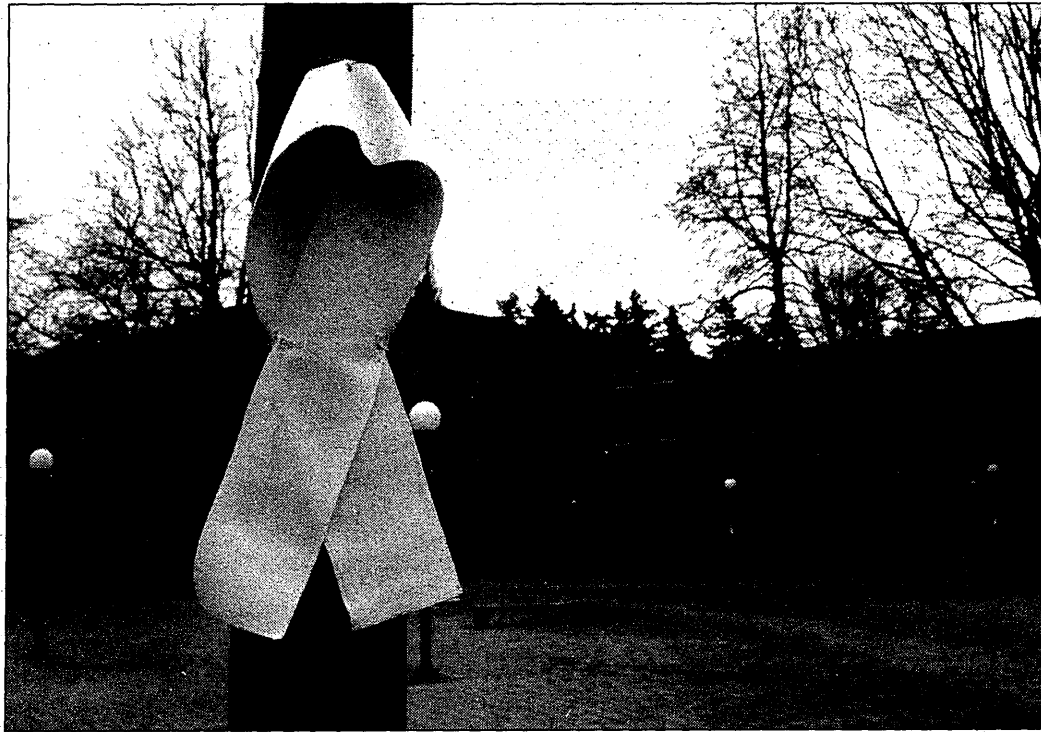


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Professor to present on energy future

Western chemistry professor Mark Bussell will present "Oil? Get Over It- One Chemist's Road Map to Our Post Petroleum Energy Future" at 7 p.m. on Feb. 6 at the Bellingham City Council Chambers. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Student to talk at World Issues Forum

Fairhaven College student Anne Treat will present "Challenges to the Cultural

Integrity of Thailand's Ethnic Minority Populations" as part of the World Issues Forum at 12 p.m. on Feb. 7 in the Fairhaven College Auditorium.

Treat spent last academic year in Thailand, Laos and Vietnam, volunteering with Heifer International Thailand.

Retired Navy Capt. to address military contracts

Retired United States Navy Capt. Mark Mitchell will have a question and answer period about military contracting at 4 p.m. on Feb. 15 in Viking Union 464.

Mitchell will address how economic

policy relates to military contracting, and how the bidding and awarding of military contracts are done. The focus of his talk will address the economic impact on the Northwest. The event is free and open to the public.

Degree Application due in March

Students planning to graduate after summer quarter need to turn their degree application packet into the Registrar's Office by March 16 to avoid a surcharge.

Any packets received after the deadline will be billed \$10.

Compiled by The Western Front staff

Corrections

> An article that appeared in the Feb. 2 edition of The Western Front in the News section on page 4 misspelled the name of Student Press Law Center legal consultant Mike Hiestand.

The Western Front regrets this and any other errors. Errors should be reported immediately to the Editor-in-Chief at thewesternfronteditor@yahoo.com.

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Cops Box

Campus Police

- Jan. 31, 12:12 p.m.: Police arrested a juvenile on suspicion of driving with a suspended license on South Campus.
- Feb. 1, 4:34 p.m.: Police responded to a reported intrusion alarm at the Fairhaven Academic Building. Upon arrival, police found the area secure.
- Feb. 1, 5:23 p.m.: Police issued a ticket on suspicion of a skateboard violation at the Art Annex.
- Feb. 1, 11:02 p.m.: Police responded to a reported fire alarm at Buchanan Towers. Upon arrival, police found the alarm was set off by a person drying his or her hair.
- Feb. 2, 2:16 a.m.: Police responded to reports of suspicious noises in parking lot 27. Police checked the area and found nothing.

Bellingham Police

- Feb. 2, 5:15 p.m.: Police responded to a report of a fight on the 100 block of Holly Street.
- Feb. 3, 7:11 p.m.: Police issued a warning in the 100 block of Holly Street on suspicion of riding a bicycle on the sidewalk.
- Feb. 4, 12:59 a.m.: Police arrested a 24-year-old male on suspicion of disorderly conduct on the 1100 block of State Street.

Compiled by Jessica Araujo

WWU Official Announcements - PLEASE POST

Deadline for announcements in this space is noon Friday for the Tuesday edition and noon Wednesday for the Friday edition, except when otherwise noted. Announcements should be limited to 50 words and be typewritten or legibly printed. Announcements may be sent to FAST@wwu.edu - in the subject line include a one-word topic and clearly note that the item is for Official Announcements. Items also may be sent to "Official Announcements," MS-9117, faxed to X-4343, or brought to Commissary 111. DO NOT SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS DIRECTLY TO THE WESTERN FRONT. Phoned announcements will not be accepted.

TESTING SCHEDULES for winter quarter may be viewed at www.ac.wwu.edu/~assess/tc.htm.

THE MATH PLACEMENT TEST will be given in OM 120 at 3 p.m. Mondays on Feb 12, 26, March 5, 12, and 19, and at 9 a.m. Thursdays on Feb. 8, 15, 22, March 1, 8, and 15. Registration is not required. Students must bring picture identification, their student number, Social Security number, and a No. 2 pencil. A fee of \$15 is payable in the exact amount at time of testing. Allow 90 minutes.

THE MILLER ANALOGIES TEST is offered by appointment only. Make an appointment in person in OM 120 or by calling X/3080. A \$60 fee is payable at time of test. Test takes approximately 1 1/2 hours. Preliminary scores will be available immediately. Official results will be mailed within 15 days.

BIOLOGY SEMINARS. • Pema Kitaeff (graduate student, biology), "Latitudinal Differences in the Distribution of Two Algal Symbionts within the Intertidal Sea Anemone, *Anthopleura xanthogrammica*." Noon Feb. 14, CF 120. • Leslie Gonzalez (graduate student, biology) "Plant Species and Functional Diversity Across Gradients of Resource Availability and Grazing in a California Serpentine Grassland." 1 p.m. Feb. 15, CF 25.

LOT RESERVATIONS. • Fifty parking spaces will be reserved in lot 12A at noon on Feb. 6 for the Human Services Internship Fair. • On Wednesday, Feb. 7, lots 7G and 14G will be reserved at 5 p.m. for those attending the Anna Deavere Smith event.

TAKE A BREAK FROM WINTER, explore summer at the Summer Session Fun Fair scheduled for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 26 in the VU Multipurpose Room. Faculty and staff are invited to exhibit their summer offerings. For exhibitor table reservations or fair details, contact Kathy Bailey at X/2841 or Kathy.Bailey@wwu.edu.

WEST-B TEST. Anyone applying for admission to state-approved teacher education programs are required to meet the minimum passing score on the basic skills assessment by the application deadline. Visit www.west.nesinc.com for registration information and a study guide with sample test questions. Remaining test dates for the current academic year are March 10, May 12, and July 14. Registration deadlines are several weeks in advance.

DEPOSITS ARE DUE BEFORE APRIL 1 FOR PRIORITY CONSIDERATION for "Rainforest Immersion and Conservation Action" in Costa Rica June 26-Aug. 3. Participants can earn 10 credits. Cost is \$4,000 plus airfare, with a \$100 nonrefundable deposit and another \$100 for nonresident students. For financial aid options and eligibility, call X/3470.

WEST-E PRAXIS. Washington state requires individuals seeking teacher certification and teachers seeking additional endorsements to pass a subject knowledge assessment in the chosen endorsement area. The state has chosen specific Praxis II series tests to meet this requirement, now referred to as the WEST-E Praxis. Visit www.ets.org/praxis/prxwa.html for a description and online registration information. Registration bulletins are also available in MH 216.

WINTER QUARTER GROUP OFFERINGS AT THE COUNSELING CENTER include • Support Group for Emotional Change, registration required, meets Tuesdays. To register, stop by OM 540 or call X/3164.

TO SEE ADDITIONAL GROUP OFFERINGS AND WORKSHOPS AT THE COUNSELING CENTER this quarter, visit www.wwu.edu/chw/counseling. For more information call X/3164.

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Soaked with success

Western alumnus Doug MacLean uses business as opportunity to give back

Amanda Howe
THE WESTERN FRONT

As CEO for TalkingRain Beverage Company, 1974 Western alumnus Doug MacLean mixes business with pleasure by turning hard-earned profits into much-needed funds for both his community and alma mater.

MacLean earned his Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Education from Western in 1974.

As CEO of TalkingRain since 1989, the Burlington native helps the company produce more than 60 varieties of bottled water and flavored beverages while simultaneously supporting causes such as the American Diabetes Association and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

On Western's campus, TalkingRain provides bottled water with the label VikingRain, which is also sold at grocery stores throughout Whatcom County.

Marketing Director Steve Brummel said a portion of proceeds from each case of water sold is donated to Western athletic scholarships.

He said the program has been operating successfully for more than two years, but up-to-date calculations of earnings and scholarship awards are not yet available.

MacLean said he sees the benefits VikingRain has for student athletes in the form of thank-you notes.

"We get letters from students each year who get a chance to attend a university where they otherwise wouldn't," he said.

He said the students' comments are rewarding and that getting a personal thank you from a student makes him feel like it's worthwhile.

In 1977 he transitioned from a career teaching biology and chemistry at the Mukilteo and Snoqualmie Valley school districts, into the business field,

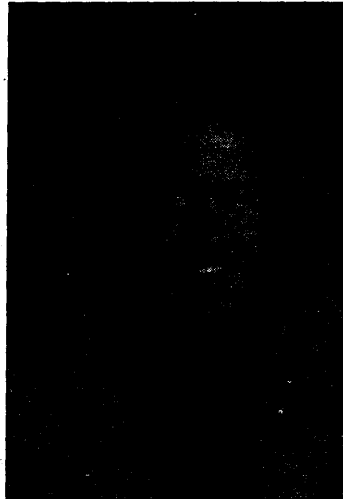


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TalkingRain CEO and 1974 Western alumnus Doug MacLean.

where he helped run promotions associated with charitable groups.

"I think the best things in business are things that are win-win," MacLean said. "A way to connect with the consumer is through their feelings about your company, and when you build a brand like our

brand, you care that they react personally and positively."

Many TalkingRain employees give their time to non-profit organizations such as the Special Olympics and Race for the Cure by sitting on advisory boards and helping raise money MacLean said.

"I encourage involvement in the company and I try to live it myself," MacLean said.

MacLean currently serves as a member of the Western Foundation Board of Directors and is co-chair of the annual Seattle Business Forum.

Mark Bagley, director of the Western Foundation, which helps garner private monetary support for the university, said MacLean's efforts with last year's forum generated more than \$100,000 in scholarship money for Western.

"He is very committed to the success of Western," Bagley said. "[He] does all he can to support us and is one of our strongest ambassadors."

Playwright and author to perform

Andy Campbell
THE WESTERN FRONT

Anna Deavere Smith, who was awarded the MacArthur Foundation Fellowship grant for exceptional creativity, will act out her experiences of racial and societal tension at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 7 at Western's Performing Arts Center Concert Hall.

The sold-out show "Snapshots: Glimpses of America in Change" features Smith reliving her journalistic interviews with people by acting out approximately 40 characters, said Fran Maas, Western's Distinguished Lecture Series coordinator.

Smith was chosen to speak in part by Harriet Wender, special assistant of Western's presidential staff.

Wender said Smith can't be called simply an actress, a writer or a social commentator, she blends all three together and creates a new category all of her own.

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Science research project includes undergraduates

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the University of Washington receive, the amount is comparable to non-research orientated institutions such as Western.

"Just because we're a small institution doesn't mean we don't have good people," Walker said.

Walker said one of the biggest benefits to Western students is that undergraduates are far more likely to participate in research at Western than their counterparts at UW. At many universities, undergraduates have to compete with graduate students pursuing doctoral and masters degrees.

For his liquid crystal imprinting project, Patrick has enlisted the help of five undergraduates to explore the fundamental principles of molecular crystalline behavior.

Nick Gislason has worked on the project for three years, since he was a sophomore, and has been doing research that graduate students would be doing at other institutions.

Patrick, Gislason and their colleagues are working in a new field of science that is not clearly understood. For instance, the Scanning Tunneling Microscopes (STM) they use to detect individual molecules had to be built by the students.

"Just because we're a small institution doesn't mean we don't have good people."

- Geri Walker
Director of Research and Sponsored Programs

The STM uses a needle that tapers to a point the width of a single atom, one box suspended the needle unit by springs, while the other used what looked like climbing cord.

A complete list of research projects funded by grants at Western is available on Western's Research and Sponsored Programs Web site.

College environment makes students more prone to scabies

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the disease. He brought the condition back with him to Western, causing a scabies outbreak in the Fairhaven dorms before he was diagnosed and treated, Clark said.

Western freshman Emily Taylor said the disease potentially spread through her group of friends, which includes Clark, because of the large amount of time they spend together.

"If someone gets something, we all kind of get it," Taylor said.

Clark first contacted the Student Health Center at the beginning of winter quarter because he noticed itchy red bumps on his body. The health center told him he had eczema, a dry and itchy skin rash, Clark said.

Two weeks later, when the itching hadn't stopped, he went back to the health center and was diagnosed with scabies. This put others who live in his suite or have had regular or prolonged contact with him in jeopardy of contracting the disease, Gibsons said.

College students are more susceptible to scabies because of behaviors such as sharing beds and going on vacations overseas, Gibson said.

Gibson said symptoms don't show up for four to six weeks. After applying a one-time application of an insecticide, such as Permethrin to kill the mites and the larvae they leave behind continue to irritate the skin causing itchiness for three to four weeks after treatment, Gibson said. There is no preliminary test to see if patients have scabies.

"It's long lasting, which is often the case with people itching and scratching for several months and just getting progressively worse," Gibson said. "That's not that different from other types of skin rashes like eczema."

She said the mites are sensitive to hot temperatures and



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THE WESTERN FRONT

Western's Student Health Center Director Emily Gibson

cannot live for more than a week without a host, so it's necessary to rid any and all fabrics that have been exposed to scabies by washing them or quarantining potentially contaminated areas for seven days.

It's easy for people with scabies to be re-exposed because others they have infected won't immediately show signs.

The Student Health Center recommends everyone at risk be treated at the same time, Gibson said.

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the pen-rebuilding event was a success. She said she liked being able to see something at the end of the day that she helped put together.

"It's just so different actually being able to see what you do," Reive said.

Western freshman Rachel Wildey said she was happy to have been a part of the event. She said she is not in the club but was invited to come along by Kelly Hansen. She said it was her first experience with construction.

"It was definitely a different experience," Wildey said. "It was fun getting to use the staple gun and hammer stuff in."

Kraig Hansen said the center started in 2000, mainly as a helpline service that

would help people find a place for animals. The center has evolved into a shelter and care facility. He said last year the center took in approximately 850 animals, which was a drop from previous years.

"That was down a little bit so we're happy about that," Kraig Hansen said. "We'd be happy to do zero animals and close our doors."

Hansen said the center averages a 50 percent success rate with the animals it cares for. He said that is a respectable rate because the animals usually arrive in bad shape.

"It's because of the nature of the animals that come to us," Kraig Hansen said. "They are on death's door as it is."

He said the center considers it a success when they care for an animal and can be released back into its natural habitat.



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Western students Jaimie Barkley (left) and Kelly Hansen put some elbow grease into repairing a hawk and owl flight pen wall as part of a community service project hosted by the AS club, Students in Action on Feb. 3.

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The times they are a changin'

Custodians share stories from years of working on campus

Matt Jarrell
THE WESTERN FRONT

Approximately 15 years ago in the Ridgeway Alpha residence hall, custodian Sally Abbott was approached by a desperate young man in the boys bathroom. His girlfriend's parents had surprised them with a visit. They could not find their daughter, so the anxious mother and father came to his room to see if she was there.

The parents must have known their daughter fairly well because they were right — she was with her boyfriend — in the shower. Abbott remembers the boy pleading with her to cover for them, and she did.

"Oh, are you looking for so and so?" She is usually in the lounge studying. "I'll show you," she told the parents, and she guided them away from the hall while the two lovebirds escaped.

Now in her 24th year at Western, Abbott is one of the many custodians who have witnessed the growth and change of the students and faculty on campus. With a smile on her face and a handful of memorable stories, she said it is the students who keep her coming back year after year.

After moving from Maine to Bellingham at the age of 17 when her parents divorced, Abbott worked as a housekeeper for local businesses and homes. In June 1983 she joined the custodial staff at Western and has enjoyed watching college students and their constantly changing priorities.

"Students today have to buckle down to earn the grades," Abbott said. "There are less reports of vandalism and alcohol compared to the past because students come here to gain an education first."

Students' behavior isn't the only thing Abbott has noticed has changed during her time at Western. Abbott said she remembers a time when students used to live in the two sheds at the Outback farm in the Fairhaven Complex in Fairhaven, and would sneak into the dorms to take a shower and do their laundry in the sink. She also talked to a former Fairhaven student who came back to the residence hall to visit and said he was disappointed by the change in springtime activities.

"He was surprised there were no nude women sunbathing near the pond like they did when he lived here in the 60s," she said. "I guess times have changed."

Being a custodian is similar to having children, Abbott said. There are always two you can't control, but the rest just seem to go with the flow, she said.

To make residence hall custodians' lives easier, students can fill out maintenance request forms,

Abbott said. A maintenance request form informs residence hall authority if there is anything wrong with their rooms or the building. The custodians on staff read them and respond in the order they receive them.

"Don't wait for custodians to find the problem," Abbott said. "Students need to understand that wear and tear isn't their fault and they won't be charged for it."

Ted Parker, Abbott's coworker in Highland Hall, started working at Western after the Georgia Pacific Pulp and Paper Mill in Bellingham closed in 2001. After working in the pulp lab for 25 years, Parker found the custodian job. He said he wanted to stay in Bellingham to find a job to support his family.

"There are less reports of vandalism and alcohol compared to the past because students come here to gain an education first."

-Sally Abbott, Western custodian

Parker said he enjoys cleaning suite bathrooms because of the conversations he has with students. When he cleans personal restrooms, he requests that students take items out of their bathrooms on the day he comes to clean them. He said it's more difficult to clean a space with a student's items there.

Although Parker plans to retire soon, he said he will always appreciate the notes and cookies students have left him. He said he doesn't hate anything about his job.

Abbott plans to retire in seven years. She has worked in Fairhaven, Ridgeway Kappa, Ridgeway Omega, Nash, Edens North and currently works in Ridgeway Alpha.

SHADO (Sigma, Highland, Alpha, Delta and Omega halls) Resident Director Amy Akana said she enjoyed having Abbott on staff this year and finds her irreplaceable.

"Sally does an excellent job maintaining five different communities with grace," Akana said. "She really helps create a sense of security and home for residents in SHADO."

Abbott said even though she loves her job, she has one complaint — it's so hard to say goodbye to residents.

"The students keep me young," she said. "Sometimes you get too attached and you just don't want to let go."

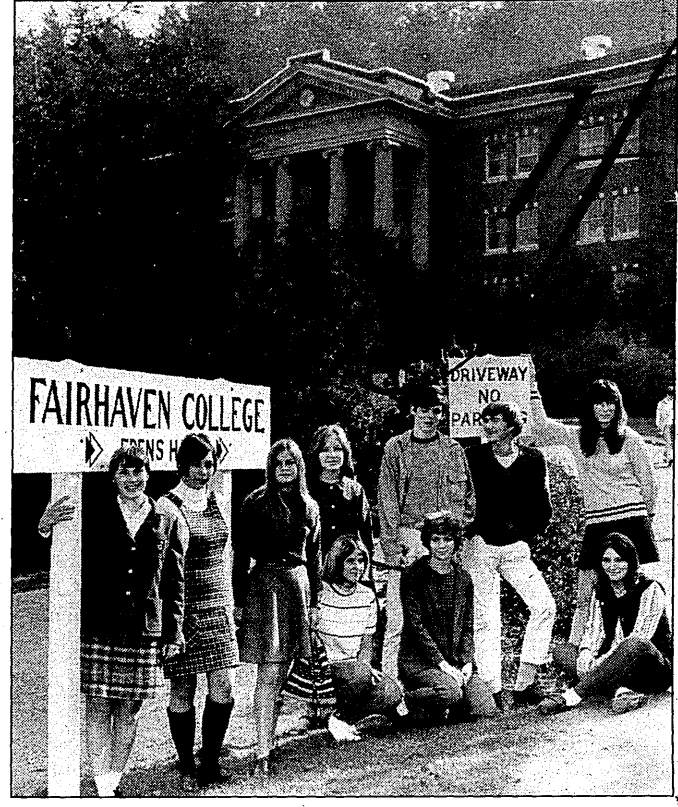


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Students stand by Old Main, near the sign pointing to the new Fairhaven College in 1968.

Steve Reno
THE WESTERN FRONT

Forty years have passed since Fairhaven College's first 13 students began their academic careers on Western soil, and since then rumors have been circulating about the early days of the college — farm animals living in the dorms, professors lying in front of bulldozers, one of Playboy magazine's top 40 party colleges of 1987.

Students have said much about the history of Fairhaven College, which rests in a wooded enclave on the South Campus. This remote and mysterious offshoot of Western is the brainchild of Paul Woodring, former dean and namesake of Western's Woodring College of Education.

Fairhaven Dean Roger Gilman said in the 1960s Woodring began to notice that Western was growing too large to meet the needs of its students.

"[Woodring] had the vision of having Western divided up into a cluster of colleges," Gilman said.

The first of Woodring's cluster of colleges was an interdisciplinary college, where students could design their own majors. Instead of letter grades, students would write self-assessment essays.

In 1967 Fairhaven's first 13 students moved into Edens Hall and the college was founded, Gilman said.

Although other schools like Fairhaven have formed since the 1960s, such as Evergreen State College in Olympia, Fairhaven's faculty say it is still a rare and valuable institution that makes Western distinctive.

Fairhaven professor and former dean Daniel Larner said Fairhaven was one of the first schools of its kind.

"Everything had to be invented from scratch," Larner said. "It was quite an adventure."

Fairhaven's second class of 186 students moved into the newly built Fairhaven Complex

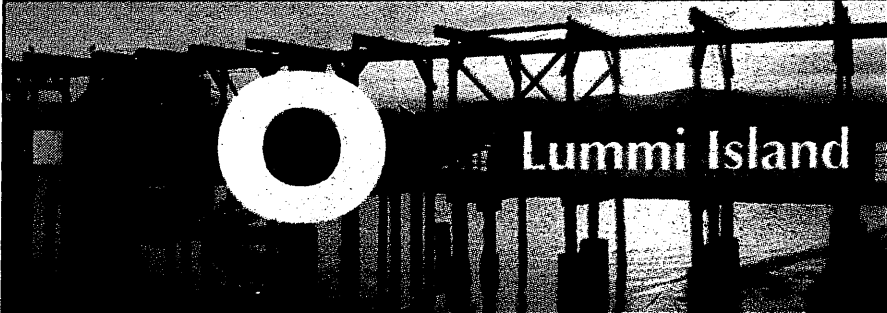


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A bike ride to Lummi Island offers views of Mount Baker's west face, the Twin Sisters and the Chuckanut Mountains hovering over the city to the east. To the west, a sea of islands protrude from the water.

The 15-mile ride to the Lummi Island ferry terminal hugs the north side of Bellingham Bay. Follow W. Holly

Street north past downtown. The road eventually turns into Eldridge Avenue, which is lined with 100-year-old homes that overlook the bay. After 4.5 miles a sign to Lummi Island indicates a right turn onto Bancroft Street. Once at the terminal, riders can board the Whatcom Chief ferry with their bikes for \$1.

On the island, bikers can follow Nugent Road to Seacrest Drive, which leads to Sunset Cove.

Western

1893
Western is founded as The State Normal School of New Whatcom.

1899
Classes are held for the first time in Old Main.

1937
School is renamed Western Washington College of Education.

this college could speak

After 40 years and dozens of graduating classes, Fairhaven College stands strong

dormitories in 1969. Gilman, who had just returned from the Vietnam War, was a freshman at Fairhaven that year.

Professors held classes in the lounges on the bottom floors of the buildings, and professors often lived in the dorms with the students, Gilman said.

"You rolled out of bed and went downstairs and had your class," Gilman said. "We ate together, we slept together, we studied together, we played together — everything was together."

As a student, Gilman built the pond in the middle of the dorm complex as an ecology project with fellow student David Mason.

In those days, the Outback Experiential Learning Site behind the Fairhaven dorms was a community farm where students raised pigs and chickens. The farm also had a clivus toilet — a public toilet used for recycling waste into fertilizer.

Because Fairhaven was so unconventional, Gilman said the academic world had a hard time taking it seriously, as he learned when the University of Chicago sent his portfolio back after he applied to study philosophy there as a graduate student.

"Faculty and administration at Fairhaven had to be persistent in the early years of getting people into graduate school," Gilman said. "But people have gone to Harvard and Stanford. It's a lot easier than it used to be to get into graduate and professional school without letter grades."

Though Fairhaven built up an increasingly prestigious reputation nationally, it had its enemies close to home, Lerner said.

"The closer you got to Fairhaven, the more problematic our reputation got," Lerner said.

Some members of Western's faculty doubted Fairhaven's academic value, said Fairhaven professor and former dean Marie Eaton.

"There were jokes about Fairhaven students getting credit for crossing the street," Eaton said.

In the 1970s, when Washington state's education budget shrank significantly,

some faculty saw Fairhaven as a waste of money, Eaton said. In 1982, Lerner became dean of Fairhaven and said he found himself in a defensive crouch over the college's future.

"The sharks were gathering," Lerner said. "I spent my first two years fighting for Fairhaven's survival."

Fairhaven's reputation was further tarnished in 1987 when Playboy magazine ranked the college No. 40 on its list of the top 40 party colleges in the nation.

"We had no idea we were being considered for such an honor," Lerner said. "We came to the conclusion finally that [Playboy] had talked to one or two students who boasted."

Lerner said by the 1980s time and neglect had taken their toll on the Outback farm, and Fairhaven and the rest of Western fought over the patch of land.

"I received a panicked phone call from a student and in two or three minutes I was out at the Outback in my suit and tie standing in front of a bulldozer," Lerner said.

Fairhaven had to compromise by getting rid of the livestock, the toilet, and a few other small buildings.

The Associated Students created an Outback coordinator position this year to plan various activities at the farm.

"[The coordinator has] actually been a great advantage," Gilman said. "Now we can have really profitable and fun stuff going on out there year round."

Among the current projects at the Outback are a forest garden, and a garden of fruit and nut trees that simulate a forest ecosystem, Gilman said. They also plan to build an amphitheater in the Outback for events.

Eaton recalls what she said to incoming students when she was dean from 1989 to 2000: "If you're getting exactly what you came for, and we haven't opened up any new doors; if there's nothing that shakes up your world view or belief system, than we're not doing our job. Our job is to complicate your thinking about things."

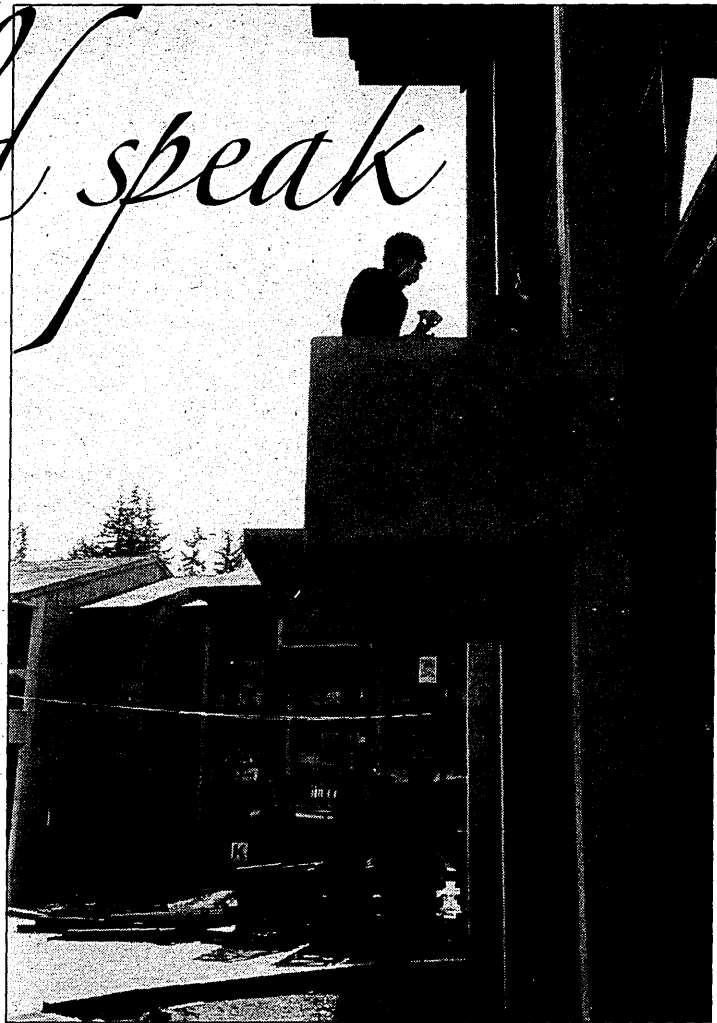


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In 1968, many of the Fairhaven dormitories were still under construction (above). The Fairhaven dormitories as they stand Feb. 5 2007, nearly four decades after the first class of students moved in (below).

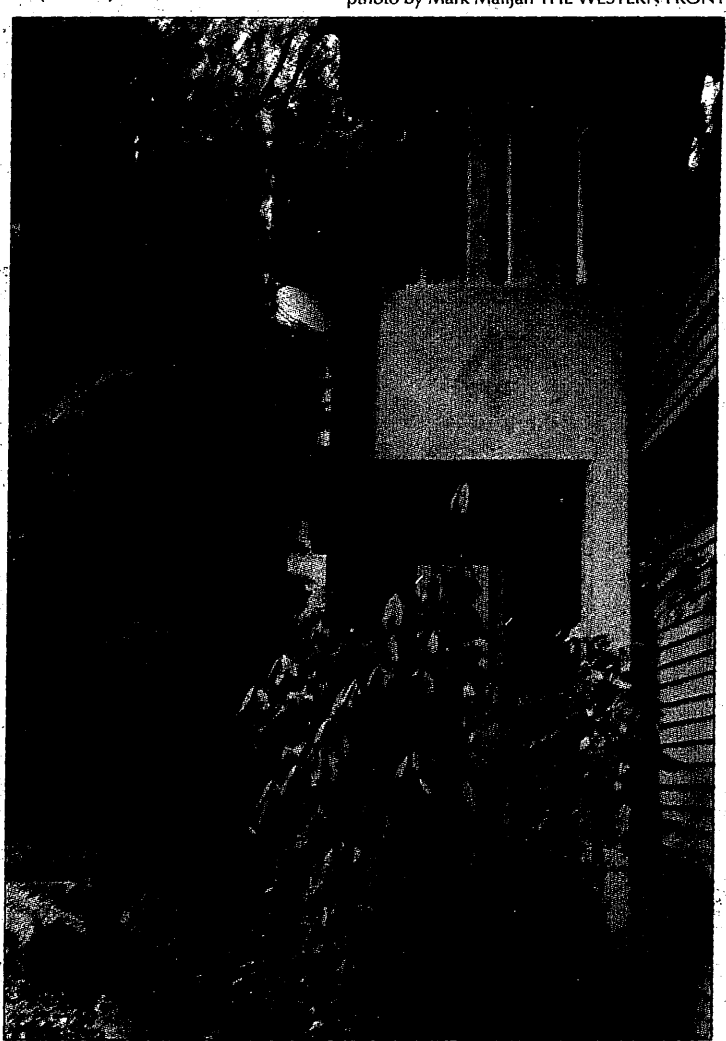


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Washington University Milestones

1968
Fairhaven College is founded.

1969
Fairhaven Complex dormitories open.

1970
Western students protesting the Vietnam War block a portion of I-5.

1970
Huxley College of the Environment is founded.

1977
School is renamed Western Washington University.

Certified sex educator tells students how it is

Kelli Waugh
THE WESTERN FRONT

Certified sex educator Jay Friedman covers all the bases of sex education that most high school health teachers wouldn't touch with a 6-foot pole.

The certified sex educator's nationally renowned presentation of "The J-Spot: A Sex Educator Tells All" outlines the three P's of sex — prevention, pleasure and politics — and then some.

Western's Performing Arts Center Concert Hall was filled wall-to-wall last Thursday with students anticipating Friedman's lecture. The dull roar of conversation stopped almost instantly after Friedman took the stage and uttered the first words of his lecture in a husky voice: "It was dusk," he said.

In a slow, deliberate tone, Friedman launched into a steamy and seemingly sexual anecdote, eliciting a few giggles from the audience as the story progressed. When he finished with "... and moved her four-month-old baby boy to his crib," he was met with a roar of laughter.

"We have a natural desire to learn about sex and to enjoy sex," Friedman said. "Humans are sexual beings from birth to death; from the womb to the tomb."

Friedman said humans must base their decision to have sex on three conditions: affirm, accept and assure. They must affirm the other person by being able to look into their eyes while having sex, and by being comfortable having sex with the lights on. They must accept responsibility by using birth control and obtaining consent, and assure mutual pleasure.

The main message of Friedman's lecture was that sex is absolutely OK, and absolutely necessary as well—both for pleasure and reproduction. He said he strongly disagrees with America's Victorian attitude relating to sex, and speculated on the reasons sex has become taboo in the United States.

"We are crippled with sexual ignorance," Friedman

said, blaming America's attitudes and policies on sex for why American culture has become sex-repressed and sex-phobic.

He said sexual education is taught as abstinence-only education in schools across America because these curriculums are government-funded, and many extend abstinence to mean abstinence until marriage — a clear violation of the separation of church and state, Friedman said.

"We're being ambushed in terms of our sexual rights," Friedman said.

Friedman said America's tight-lipped method of approaching sex education is not going to deter students from having sex because many will choose to no matter what they are taught.

He said abstinence-only education promotes sexual ignorance, and as long as students are taught about the importance of protection from unwanted pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections, they should be provided with enough information to make their own educated decisions on whether or not to have sex.

The J-Spot left Western students abuzz and excitedly discussing Friedman's lecture.

"It was the first 'sex talk' I've attended that was not based entirely on abstinence, and I found it to be very refreshing," Western sophomore Kristi Sperline said. "It was funny and informative, and held my attention the entire time."

For most, the lecture was entertaining and informative, but some found it to be too political in nature. Western sophomore Lindsey Rubenstein said she was expecting more sex and less politics.

"I thought he went on about the government too much instead of informing us more about sex," she said. "It was fun though."

Friedman completed his undergraduate studies at Cornell University and graduated with a master's degree in education from the University of Vermont. He is the author of several articles on sexuality issues, one of

"Humans are sexual beings from birth to death; from the womb to the tomb."

- Jay Friedman
Certified Sex Educator

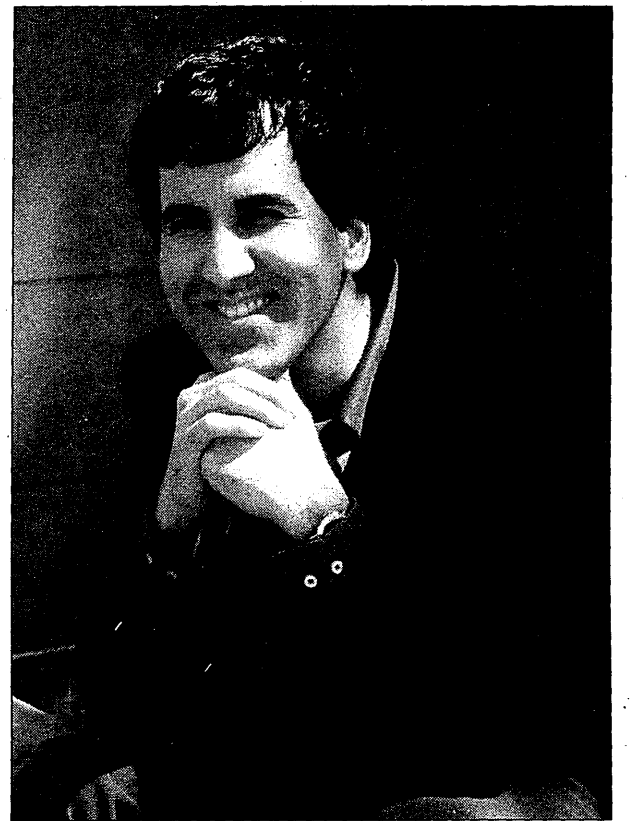



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Jay Friedman, certified sex educator, delivered his "The J-Spot: A Sex Educator Tells All" lecture to a packed Performing Arts Center Feb 1.

which is a national award-winning piece published in the Journal of American College Health. He lectures at colleges and universities throughout the country, and is the founder of the male sexuality peer education program entitled "How to Be a Better Lover" at Cornell University. Friedman is also a multi-year nominee for "Lecturer of the Year" by the National Association for Campus Activities.


Although he has already left Western, Friedman's Web site, www.jaytalk.com includes a brief biography, accolades and a video clip of "The J-Spot" for anyone who missed the real deal.



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Weisner thrives after multiple injuries

Vikings forward returns after off-season knee injury

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With two severe knee injuries after high school, many college basketball players would have called it quits, but Western junior forward Brett Weisner keeps coming back.

Weisner, who is averaging almost 11 points per game, is still playing after suffering two anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) injuries.

"It's a great story, to come back from two injuries like that," said Western men's basketball head coach Brad Jackson.

The first setback, which occurred during his freshman year at Eastern Washington University, left him unable to play the remainder of the season.

The knee injury forced him to redshirt his sophomore season

at Eastern before he decided to transfer to Western.

"I wasn't getting along with the coach," Weisner said. "I was also making bad decisions, like partying too much."

After two healthy seasons at Western, he injured his ACL again in April 2006 during an off-season open gym practice.

Weisner said he could have given up after the second injury but decided to keep fighting.

"I don't know [what it is about basketball]," he said. "I just love competing and I love winning."

He began playing again on Dec. 19 but said he is still not 100 percent.

Darcy Weisner, Brett's father and former head basketball coach at Shadle Park High School in Spokane said his son has always been an intense and competitive player but that it's a miracle he is playing this year.

Weisner is now playing

an average of 23.7 minutes per game and scored a season-high 22 points on 8-of-11 shooting against Seattle University on Jan. 11.

With another year remaining until Weisner graduates from Western, it may seem early to start thinking about the future, but he said he's aiming at becoming a professional basketball player — possibly in Europe.

"First, I need to get my knee strong," he said. "Then I'm willing to go

anywhere to play."

In the meantime, Weisner brings strong defense and a locker room presence to the team, Western sophomore guard Ira Graham said.

"Brett adds an element to this team," Graham said. "He plays hard every game. When we see that, we want to do the same thing."

The Vikings play Saint Martin's University at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Lacey, Wash.

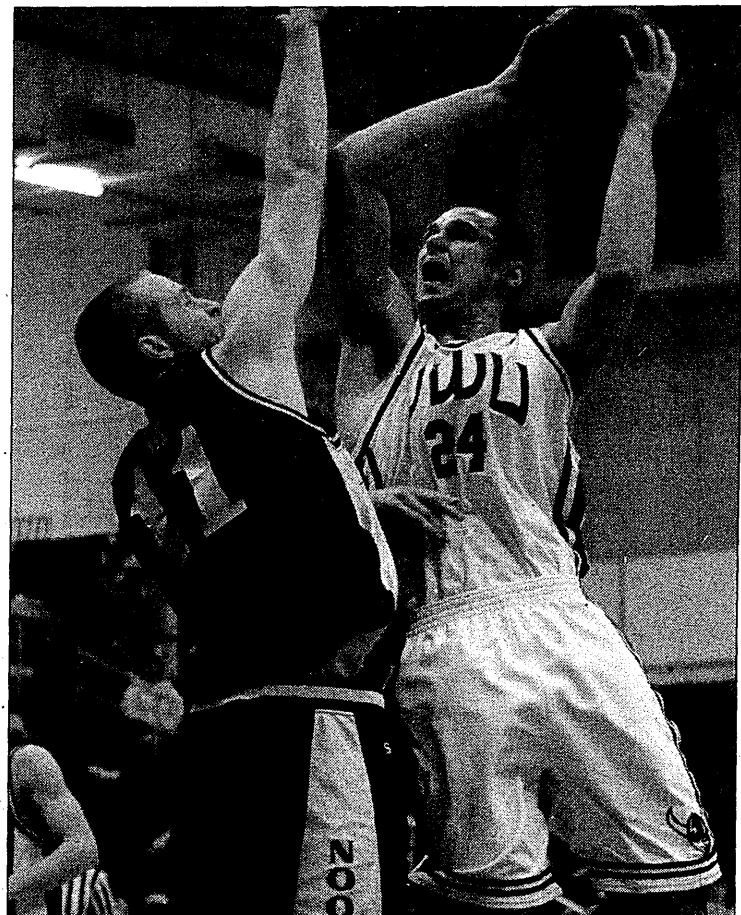


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Vikings junior forward Brett Weisner fights past a defender during a 73-64 loss to the University of Alaska Fairbanks Jan. 27 in Carver Gym.

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Texting and driving



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Proposed bill targets careless drivers

COLUMNIST
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Have you ever committed a DWT?
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If so, you're reckless and lawmakers think so too.

The U.S. House of Representatives is pushing legislation to ban cell phone use while driving, and that includes all of you multi-talented drivers with one hand on the wheel and another punching keys on your cell phone.

House Bill 1214 would make operating a vehicle while reading, manually writing or sending a message on an electronic device a traffic infraction of \$101, unless it is an emergency phone call.

It's about time irresponsible drivers are punished for their careless behavior on the road. If text messaging while driving seems harmless, think again.

Last month, a six-car pileup in Seattle was caused by a driver using his Blackberry. In Chicago, a teenager hit and killed a cyclist while responding to a text message. He received only four years of probation. A Swiss woman who drove her car into a police van, killing two officers, while sending a text message has been sentenced to 30 months in prison, according to the British Broadcast Corporation.

Cases like these have prompted laws in the United States and abroad to crack down on cell phone-dependent drivers. Cell phone use is already banned in the United Kingdom, Australia and many other countries. But the \$101 fine proposed in Washington state is pretty lenient compared to the fine of \$1,800 motorist pay in South Wales, U.K.

The bill that indiscriminately targets the college-age population aims to curb vehicle crashes that are the number one killer of 16- to 34-year-

olds. But it is not only young people who are glued to their cell phones.

According to a 2007 survey by Insurer Nationwide, 19 percent of motorists say they text message while driving. That means drivers don't have their eyes, hands or mind on the roads.

I can understand answering your cell phone during long waits in traffic. But when you are operating a 2-ton machine going 60 mph on the freeway, switching lanes and yapping on the phone with your friend, common sense would say, maybe this isn't safe.

"It's about time irresponsible drivers are punished for their careless behavior on the road."

I know it is safe to wear a seatbelt but I forget sometimes. Only after a friendly reminder from the driver or when I see a police car go by, do I quickly strap on the belt to avoid a \$101 fine. This quick and simple act may not prevent me from getting in an accident but it can save my life if I do.

Reckless behavior on the road is nothing new. I've seen drivers scroll through their iPods, apply make-up, eat rushed meals and the worst use, their elbows and knees to drive.

But there is a big difference between using a cell phone and being distracted by flipping the radio tuner. A phone requires constant attention, every time the phone rings or a text-message is sent or received it takes more than a second away from someone's reaction time. A European study found that if drivers had one more second, 80 percent of accidents could be avoided.

Whether drivers are it is drinking, text messaging or overall inattentive, I don't feel comfortable on the road with someone who doesn't value their life as much as I do.

So put down your cell phone and concentrate on the road. It will save lives.

Bill has potential to grant freedom to student press

The proposed free press bill is a giant step forward in the right direction for high school and college newspapers' First Amendment protection in Washington state.

House Bill 1307 would protect both high school and college publications under the same legislation against administration censorship.

In the 1988 Supreme Court case, *Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier*, the court ruled that high school administrators have the right to censor their schools' publications for broad reasons defined as "reasonably related to legitimate pedagogical (education) concerns." This includes a broad variety of reasons, such as stories the administration deems poorly written, biased or inappropriate.

A 2005 federal court of appeals decision, *Hosty v. Carter*, ruled that the *Hazelwood* case applied to colleges in three Midwestern states. Even though this decision didn't apply to Washington state, it triggered concern around the country about college media eventually being a target for increased administration censorship through *Hazelwood*.

This bill would curtail the threat that *Hosty* has created for college media. Enacting a specific bill protecting college publications from prior restraint is better than the lack of a bill restricting it, which is the current situation.

The bill does, however, exempt specific prior restraint situations just like at any professional publication. For instance, a school publication cannot print any material that is libelous, obscene or constitutes an

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invasion of privacy.

Regardless of the educational or professional level of a newspaper — Bellingham high school newspapers, The Western Front or

The Bellingham Herald — the repercussions for publishing, for example, libelous material, is the same. Legal action is taken and consequences are in order. Protection, then, should be the same for publications at every level.

This bill would help school newspapers operate on an even playing field with professional publications.

From the beginning, student journalists need to understand such basic reporting concepts as ethics and libel to ensure they are writing accurate and unbiased stories.

And so, when student journalists make an error, thousands of people can know about it instead of just one teacher or professor like in other fields.

If an administration comes in and preemptively censors, student journalists won't know the right from the wrong. They will only know what the administration wants and doesn't want.

This type of mentality instilled in student journalists spells out disaster for professional journalism. They will write for whatever corporation or individual that employs them, and not for who they should be writing for — the readers.

If journalism as a writing class is taught beginning in high school all the way through college, the legal ramifications surrounding their printed material must be taught as well.

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POLLSTER

How often do you read your campus publications?

- A. Few times every quarter
- B. Once a week
- C. Twice a week
- D. Almost never
- E. Our campus has publications?

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- B. No- 24%
- C. Sometimes- 36%

Uncensored student publications better prepare journalists

► PUBLICATIONS from 10

After all, the former is useless without protection from the latter. The proposed bill would allow students to learn this.

Some opponents say this hurts college media by grouping them with high school media under one bill. This bill can only help college publications and reiterate the importance of quality, objective journalism from the beginning.

As Washington state law stands now, college newspapers have protection from censorship because of a lack of a decision such as Hosty that would extend the Hazelwood ruling.

This bill would create a legal barrier for such

an extension to occur.

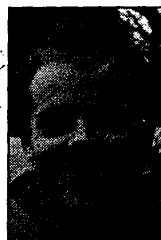
All public colleges in Washington state already have a no-censorship policy in place for their campus newspapers, but this bill would create legal grounds for these policies as a first step toward no censorship for high schools and community colleges.

Preemptively censoring high school and college newspapers unnecessarily for "educational reasons" doesn't prepare student journalists for the work they have cut out for them in the real world.

There is nothing worse than teaching student journalists not to be prepared for the career they're getting an education for. This bill would help prepare them.

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How will an uncensored student publication better serve the campus community?



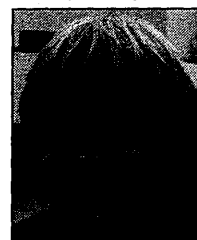
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"If it was uncensored there would be a lot more opinion than straight facts."



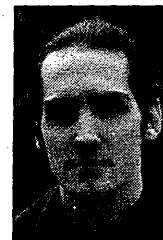
Andrew Eakin
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"I'm not a fan of the media. So, I think someone's going to twist the story anyway."



Alex Gellatly
SENIOR

"I don't like the idea of school deciding what they can and can't publish."



Douglas Bosley
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"I think it would definitely serve the campus. Any censorship is a bad idea."

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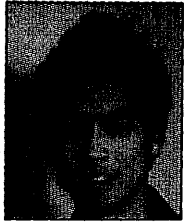
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Don't put cooking on the back burner

Food preparation helps students channel frustrations and learn lessons



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Though often it's tempting for off campus students to head down to Wendy's for a quick \$2.99 burger, there is a certain value in eating a home-cooked meal that college students often miss.

I have found one of the best ways to unwind after a hard day of classes is to spend some time in my kitchen.

As college students, our lives are largely devoted to learning, but

why restrict that learning to the classroom when we can learn so much in the kitchen? Cooking is not only a great way to learn more about nutrition, but also to relax and reflect.

I devote at least half an hour every day to cooking my own meals, even if it's something as simple as toast and scrambled eggs. In fact, I believe it adds character.

When I moved out of the dorms I was forced to learn the basics of the kitchen, starting first with grilled cheese and quesadillas and slowly moving onto more complex foods like stir-fry and pizza.

My obsession with the Food Network followed, and before I knew it I was throwing dinner parties, every time with a new, sometimes successful creation. Since then, I have seen cooking as my form of meditation, a way to

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work with my hands, and to unwind after a long lecture.

While I do enjoy dining out, and of course, the occasional guest meal in the Viking Commons, there is something about my own home-cooked meal that just

makes it more delicious.

I believe all college students can benefit from learning how to cook. We all have been told that a big part of the learning that happens in college is outside the classroom, learning how to work with people, learning how to network and to be responsible adults. A part of that learning should be cooking. After all, what is more essential than food? Cooking is a skill that can be useful in many areas of a college student's life, not only can it lead to tasty meals, but it is also a social skill.

Why go out to eat when you can throw a potluck or dinner party? It costs much less. It is also a great conversation starter, and on countless occasions I have found myself sharing tips with people in the grocery line on how to prepare everything from bell peppers to crabs.

Bellingham offers a vast array of culinary opportunities. So my advice to the college student is to get out there, have some fun, make some mistakes and learn a very valuable life skill. In the process you might find a new hobby or reason to throw a party with friends.

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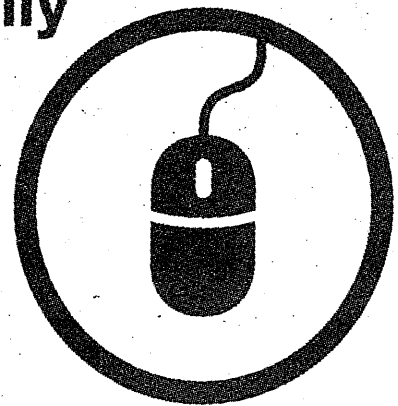
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