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## Western AS elections 2009

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1. Aaron David Garcia  34.80%  
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1. **Virgilio Cintron**  **73.63%**  
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3. Patty Hastings  12.99%  
4. Stephanie Jones  32.82%

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1. **Mike Pond**  **35.05%**  
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3. Anna Ellermeiert  33.75%

### VP FOR DIVERSITY:

1. Brittany R. Otter  8.55%  
2. Josh Foley  17.33%  
3. Alekz Wray  14.28%  
4. Casey D. Hall  15.73%  
5. **Bernard Ikegwuoha**  **43.43%**

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## Campus break-ins increase

Coral Garnick  
THE WESTERN FRONT

When Troy Abel, assistant professor for environmental studies, arrived to his office after his 8 a.m. class two weeks ago, something was not right. He realized his laptop, which he had left on his desk when he went home at 4 p.m. the day before, was gone.

The environmental studies department bought the laptop for Abel when he started teaching at Western three years ago, and he had been saving his work files on the computer ever since.

"I have backups, but now I have to reconstitute things, which has slowed me down, knocked me off my groove and made me more cantankerous than usual," Abel said. "Being an absent minded professor, I wasn't very systematic about my backup system."

**"People on campus are not destitute; by and large, they are not impoverished. It is probably not a need-based thing; it is probably a greed-based thing."**

- Ron Helms, associate professor of sociology

## Miller Hall renovation project approved; Western capital budget totals \$79 million

Hailey Tucker  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Despite drastic cuts in Western's operating budget over the next two years, the Washington legislature approved more than 79 percent of the university's capital budget, which will provide \$79.4 million to be used for renovations and maintenance on campus.

Western's capital budget for the 2009-11 biennium was released April 24 and answered the long-standing question of whether the university would be able to undertake its largest renovation project for the two-year period: Miller Hall.

Of the total capital budget, \$54.6 million is designated for a major renovation of Miller Hall, which will modernize, expand and make the building meet the standards of accessibility that are laid out in the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The capital budget is funded primarily by state-issued bonds with an additional portion provided by local appropriations. The local funds are a combination of a building fee component in Western's tuition and money from the Normal School

Fund, which pays an interest income from timber revenues, said Renée Roberts, director of the capital budget.

The capital budget is reserved for maintaining the physical entity of Western, such as buildings and technologies on campus. This is separate from the operating budget that funds the functions of the university, such as paying salaries and

purchasing supplies.

"[The operating budget] is day-to-day. The [capital budget] is longer term. You're creating a fixed asset when you're done," Roberts said.

The money approved by the legis

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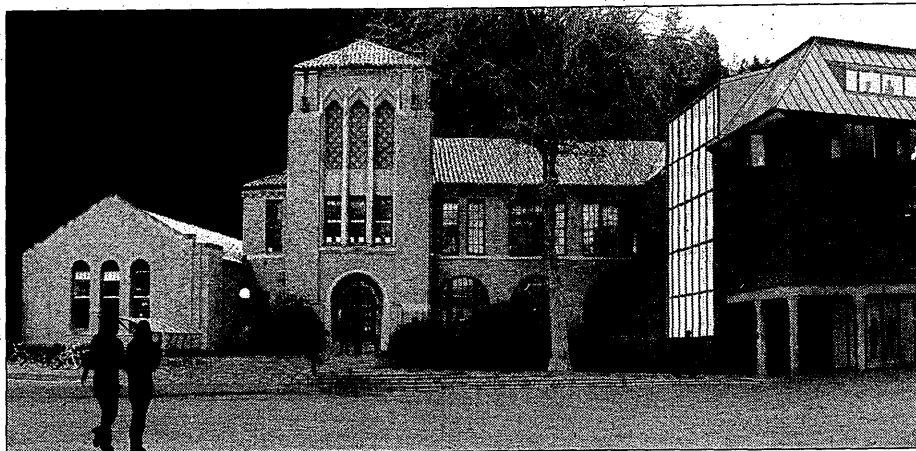


photo courtesy: David Willett, Facilities Design

This illustration is an artist's rendition of the Miller Hall renovation. The plan includes a new raised walkway into the building, added office spaces near the top floor and new windows for increased natural lighting. The renovation is set to start this summer.

Abel's laptop theft is symptomatic of a recent spike in burglaries on campus this quarter. Since Feb. 22, there have been 20 burglaries, attempted burglaries and thefts involving electronic equipment reported in residence halls and academic buildings, Randy Stegmeier, chief of University Police said. Of those, nine have been reports of stolen laptops, including Abel's.

In comparison, only 11 burglaries were reported during the 2007 calendar year; the 2008 statistics are not yet available to the public, said David Doughty, assistant director of public safety.

"This rise in property burglaries is a little bit of an indication of the climate we are in as far as the economic downturn and everybody struggling financially," Stegmeier said. "I think that there are those that, in times like this, turn to stealing from others to try and make up the losses and pressures that they are feeling."

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photo by Rhys Logan THE WESTERN FRONT

Despite the high winds and down-pouring rain, hundreds of people stuck around to see The Shins perform in Red Square Saturday night. The band was brought in as part of the Associated Students 100 years celebration.

## Former professor working to preserve local bear population

Anne Maertens  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Chris Morgan, bear biologist and former Western professor, will be speaking from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, May 8 at Western. He will be presenting on his specialty topic, bears, and discussing the epic adventure film he is making about wild bears around the world in an effort to promote conservation.

The film, "Beartrek," is a documentary about five different bear species in need of help on four different continents. Moving across continents on his motorbike, Morgan filmed in Alaska and Peru and plans to film again in Peru, Italy and the Arctic, completing the film by 2011.

Morgan was the founder of the local Grizzly Bear Outreach Project.

**Q:** What were you hoping to achieve when you made the documentary "Beartrek?"

**A:** We wanted to bring funding to wild places that are most in need through a really beautiful, epic film and campaign. Six of the eight bears species in the world are threatened with extinction. We're filming five locations, and we've done two so far. The first was Alaska among the biggest bears in the world and the second location was Borneo where the smallest bears, Sun bears, live. We wanted a total contrast with the bears. Now we still have Italy, Peru and the Arctic. We're really tempted to go to Mongolia, but we had to choose from 120 locations, down to just five.

**Q:** What is the goal of the local Grizzly Bear Outreach Project you started seven years ago?

**A:** The goal is to engage people in the Cascades to help them understand more about grizzly bears. There used to be thousands of grizzly bears in the Cascades, and now there are about 10. It's one of the most endangered populations of mammals in the world. People need to have accurate information about grizzly bears, and that is what Grizzly Bear Outreach Project is about. It's designed to give people the facts when there are so many misleading rumors, folklore and media out there. It's bizarre because we sleep with them as teddy bears when we're children, and we see them as man-eaters when we're adults.

**Q:** How do you keep yourself safe while working around bears?

**A:** I know their behavior intimately and I'm respectful. I don't approach them; I allow them to make the moves. I've worked with bears for 20 plus years, so I know them very well. We take every precaution that we can, like using bear-proof containers and carrying pepper spray with us.

**Q:** What can Western students do to make a difference for bears around the globe?

**A:** They can tell people about "Beartrek" because it's going to be one of the biggest jewels for international bear conservation there ever was. They can watch the full screen, 20-minute online preview and share the video on MySpace and any other Internet outlets. We want this to create Bellingham pride because it's a Bellingham project. They can make a donation or students can write a letter to a senator to say they support grizzlies.



photo courtesy of Chris Morgan

Bear biologist and former Western professor Chris Morgan founded the local Grizzly Bear Outreach Project to help engage the local public about how to help bears living in the Cascade Mountains.

### Cops Box

#### University Police

May 2

- University Police (UP) stopped a group of women who were trying to enter the Shin's concert in Red Square without paying Saturday.

May 4

- University Police responded to a report of people throwing water balloons from a Birnam Wood balcony.

#### Bellingham police

May 2

- Police responded to a report of a homeless woman ordering a man to get out of her area, located in the woods near the man's home. The woman reportedly followed the man home to see where he lived and made a threat against him.

Cops box compiled by Anne Maertens

### WEATHER REPORT

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### CORRECTION

The front page of the May 1 issue of The Western Front featured an infographic about Western's budget cuts that incorrectly displayed information. For the 2009-10 school year, state appropriations will amount to 43 percent and tuition dollars to 50 percent. For the 2010-11 school year, state appropriations will amount to 48 percent and tuition dollars to 52 percent.

The Western Front apologizes for this and any other error. Errors should be reported to the managing editor at [managing@westernfrontonline.net](mailto:managing@westernfrontonline.net)

# Fairhaven College reaches capacity with no expansion in sight

With space running out some professors hold classes in personal offices, others have closets as their office

Andrea Davis-Gonzalez  
THE WESTERN FRONT

With 21 professors and 425 students housed in Fairhaven College, the college needs more space to accommodate its growing community during the past 46 years, said Roger Gilman, dean of Fairhaven College.

Aside from the three classrooms in Fairhaven, faculty hold their classes in the auditorium and the residential lounges. Sometimes faculty use their own or other professors' offices to teach a class, Gilman said.

Fairhaven is currently at capacity for students and has needed more space since 1973, Gilman said. Between the late 1960s and early 1970s, when Fairhaven was still new, a building was supposed to be built where the child care center playground currently exists but Gilman said there was not enough money in the school's budget.

Two Fairhaven professors have their offices in closets, one of which was formerly used as a storage room, Gilman said. Fairhaven professor Chris Vita said his office is in one of the closets, where he teaches students how to use audio recording software on his computer. The room is approximately 6 feet wide and 12 feet long.

"It's not terribly claustrophobic because the ceiling is very high, but the walls are close together," Vita said. "It's ridiculous to use as a classroom, and it's embarrassing to teach in it when not many people can fit."

Vita said he has enough room to work

individually, but he usually has to split his audio recording class into two sections, usually with four to five people in each. Vita said his class is located near the restrooms and a maintenance room, which makes it a noisy area to teach.

"People are paying tuition to take the class, and they shouldn't have to take it in such a small and noisy space," he said.

Fairhaven professor Stan Tag said his office is one of two offices being used as a classroom. One of the disadvantages he said of having his class in his office is the lack of hard surfaces for students to write on.

When other professors are using his office for their classes, Tag said he has had to sit in the hallway during his office hours to do research and speak with students. If he finished his classes for the day, he said he sometimes would just go home because he could not access his office.

"I think that's why a lot of people didn't want to work in this office," Tag said. "I try to make the best use of what I have."

Fairhaven professor Dan Larner's office is also used for classes. Larner has chairs and couches in his office to accommodate 21 students.

"My office can comfortably fit 18 [students], but 20 might be a little tight," he said.

Fairhaven junior Dario Ré said the informal setting of being in his professor's office allows students to feel more comfortable. He said the closeness of the class and the professor allows him to get to know his peers and professors better.

"You're sitting next to everyone hip to hip, but you get to know everyone really well," Ré said. "I'd rather be in a cramped space with a professor getting to know them."

Being more comfortable in a learning environment enhances an education, Ré said. Being in smaller classes puts more pressure on students to come to class prepared.

Fairhaven professor Gary Bornzin said he is currently teaching in Fairhaven Stack 3 residential lounge. He said he has also taught in a classroom on the first floor of the college, which he did not like to do because his classes have more students

than can comfortably fit in the limited amount of space it provides.

"It's like a cement box with no windows, which is not very conducive to effective and enjoyable learning," Bornzin said. "There's a window on the door, but it's tiny. They used to have tables that took up most of the room, but it's a tiny, cramped space. I've asked not to have my classes there."

Fairhaven senior Sholeh Moll said not only could the Fairhaven photography studio use more equipment, it does not have enough space, and the video editing room needs more computers.

Vita said he teaches an audio class with 20 students in the Fairhaven auditorium, which provides more room than his class needs.

Vita said his class sometimes has to use the recording studio, but it does not fit his entire class. Vita said he has to split his class into four groups during the week for his students to use the studio.

For Fairhaven to get a new building, the idea has to go through a process, Gilman said. A planning unit, whether a college or department, comes up with ideas, such as the construction of a new building.

The unit lists the ideas in order of priority and how detailed the planning is, Gilman said. The construction of a new building for Fairhaven is not top priority because it has not been planned out yet and has been recently added to the list, he said. After the planning process, Western prioritizes the projects to send them to the legislature to be approved, he said.

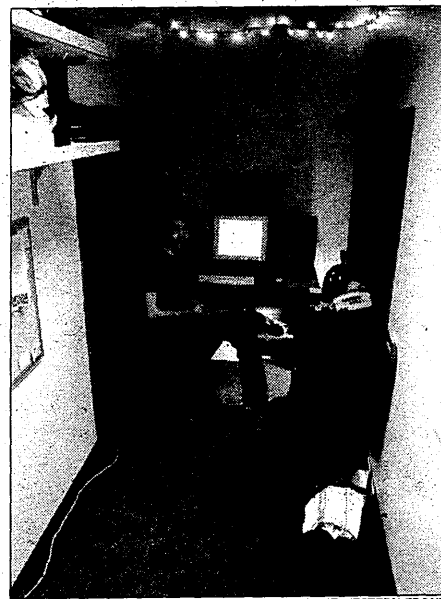


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Fairhaven College professor Chris Vita poses in his office, formerly a closet, and doubles as a makeshift classroom.

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# Men make up entirety of AS Board of Directors

## Voter turnout in 2009 was 3.5 percent less than the 2008 elections

**Kendell Mercer**  
THE WESTERN FRONT

After a week of voting, the Associated Students (AS) Election polls closed 2 p.m. May 1, and the results are in. Voter turnout for the election was 17 percent of the student body, or about 2,200 students, a decrease from the 2008 election where 20.5 percent, or 2,568, students voted. Out of twenty competing candidates for AS offices, seven men emerged ready to represent and lead the students of Western.

**President: Matt Jarrell**



Western senior and current vice president of activities, Matt Jarrell beat out opponent Aaron Garcia.

Jarrell said his campaign strategy involved the use of posters, stickers and simply making himself as visible and open to students as possible over the past few weeks.

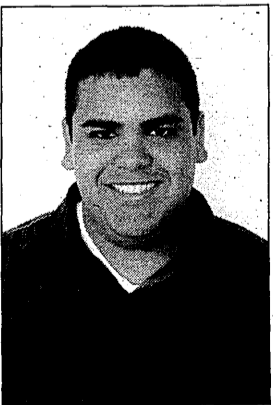
"I was trying to be out there as much as I could," Jarrell said. "When you're in an election, you have to prove how hard you want it."

Jarrell said one of his main focuses next year will be to increase student involvement in the AS through listening sessions and eating lunch in the Viking Union Market once a week and inviting students to join him and have an opportunity to voice their concerns or opinions.

"I want to make sure that [students are] with me in the decision making process every step of the way," Jarrell said.

This year, the AS Board is comprised entirely of men, a circumstance Jarrell said he does not take lightly. Jarrell said throughout his presidency he will work to ensure that women voices are being accounted for and represented in every board decision.

**Vice President of Business and Operations: Virgilio Cintron**



Western senior Virgilio Cintron was re-elected as vice president of business and operations.

Cintron said although his class load

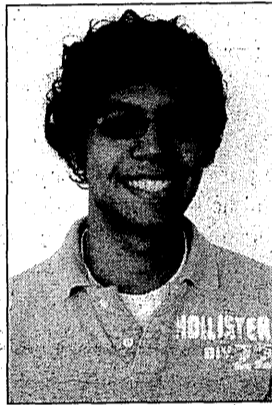
did not permit him to spend a lot of time campaigning in Red Square, he did create a Web site where he described his platform to students and offered them the opportunity to post questions or concerns. Then Cintron, in turn, answered and addressed any questions or concerns on the site.

Cintron said one of his priorities for the upcoming year is to strengthen the bonds among students, the AS board and Western's administration.

"I think in the next year [I want] a lot more student representation on committees," Cintron said. "When it comes to the administration, I want to start the process of getting more student input when it comes to fees and increases."

Students getting involved in the AS, even if it is just through e-mails, is something that Cintron said he would like to see more during his time in office.

**Vice President of Academic Affairs: Ramon Rinonos-Diaz**



Western senior Ramon Rinonos-Diaz won over two other opponents, Nikki Brown and Lori Humphrey, and was elected as vice president of academic affairs.

Students passing through Red Square last week might have noticed Rinonos-Diaz dancing with a large Western ID card cutout and encouraging passersby to try it on.

"I tried to be really interactive with students," Rinonos-Diaz said.

Over the next year, Rinonos-Diaz said he wants to focus on fulfilling the promises he made in his platform, such as monitoring increases in students fees and encouraging more students to get involved with the AS.

Rinonos-Diaz said the best part of the election process was getting to know the other candidates and feeling empowered by his peers.

**Vice President of Legislative and Governmental Affairs: Morgan Holmgren**



Western sophomore Morgan Holmgren ran unopposed for the position of

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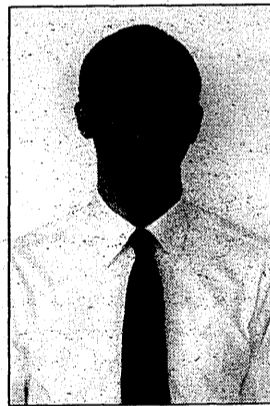
As a result, he was not entirely surprised when he won the election.

Holmgren plans on getting students involved in the legislative process by encouraging letter writing to officials in Olympia, generating more advertising around campus for Viking Lobby days and working with the student senate to organize trips to city council and county council meetings.

"As a board member, I want to make sure that I hear many perspectives on issues and make as many informed decisions as possible," Holmgren said. "[We want to] vote on issues as a board with as much student input as we can get within the short amount of time that decisions need to be made."

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**Vice President of Activities: Colin Watrin**



Western junior Colin Watrin was elected vice president of activities over three other opponents. His closest competitor was sophomore Stephanie Jones, who was only 3 percent behind.

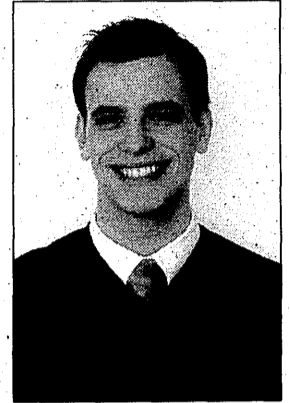
"It feels good to know that it was really close, and we were giving each other that extra competition," Jones said. "I was really proud, Colin is one of my friends, and I [always thought] that if I had to lose, I want to lose to him."

Watrin said he spent nearly all of his free time over the past two weeks campaigning in Red Square. He spoke to students, engaged them in discussion and answered their questions.

Watrin said his three main goals as vice president of activities are to increase awareness, involvement and recognition of clubs on campus.

"I want to be there to support students and clubs and be the facilitator that can get students connected with whatever they are interested in and provide clubs with what they need to be successful," Watrin said.

**Vice President of Student Life: Mike Pond**



Western junior Mike Pond won over two other candidates for the position of vice president of student life in the closest competition of the AS races. Pond beat his closest competitor, Anna Ellermeier, by only 25 votes.

Pond attributed his success to the time he spent speaking to students in Red Square, staying consistent with his posters and maintaining a group supporting his election on Facebook.

During his time in office, Pond said he would like to focus on following through with the changes he suggested in his platform, such as implementing reforms in the student transportation system and maintaining fees.

Pond said while the election was close, he hopes the students who did not vote for him will come together now to rally behind him to work with him and make Western a better place.

"I want to thank everyone that supported me and supported any of the candidates," Pond said. "Thank you for being a citizen and being involved in our campus climate."

**Vice President of Diversity: Bernard Ikegwuoha**



Western senior Bernard Ikegwuoha was elected vice president of diversity out of four other candidates. Ikegwuoha said although he is celebrating his election, he knows he has plenty of work ahead of him and will not take his position lightly.

"It's not like the election is over and now I can breathe," Ikegwuoha said. "I keep in mind that this is going to be a tough road and I'm willing to meet it head on."

While campaigning, Ikegwuoha said he was out in Red Square April 27-30 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. encouraging everyone to vote whether they were going to be voting for him or not.

"My favorite part of this experience was the people," Ikegwuoha said. "I was out there [all day], every day: there were times when I was hungry, but I joked that I feed off the energy of people."

photos courtesy of Erik Simkins

# Hiroshima survivor shares story to advocate global citizenship

**Andrea Davis-Gonzalez**  
THE WESTERN FRONT

On August 6, 1945, 10-year-old Hideko Tamura Snider had no idea she would never see her mother again. She said she was reading a book in her room, home alone at 8:15 a.m., in central Hiroshima, Japan.

And that's when it happened.

Snider's calm, ordinary morning was violently broken by a bright flash of light followed by an ear-splitting boom.

"There was no warning," Snider said. "The radio said [there was] no danger. At that moment, there was a deafening sound and burst of radiation. I tried to take cover. The house was being destroyed. After a great amount of difficulty, I was about to climb out [of the rubble]. The town was changed."

Snider, now 74, survived the U.S. atomic bombing of Hiroshima during World War II was the keynote speaker of the recent Community Advocacy Support Center (CASCAID) Conference.

Students Productions Civil Controversy.

The purpose of the event was to bring the community together to work on advocacy skills and exchange ideas and views, said Steve Woods, conference coordinator and communication professor.

The theme was global citizenship, which has a different meaning for different people, Woods said. He said his definition for global citizenship is the responsibility that individuals have to themselves and to everyone else.

The second part of the conference was held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Communications Facility where different local organizations, Western's communication department and Western's communication club held nine workshops.

The workshops addressed issues including migrant labor and human trafficking.

It is rare to find someone like Snider who survived the Hiroshima or Nagasaki bombings and speaks English, said Paul Bingham, conference coordinator and Western's debate union coach.

people with their nationalities," Woods said. "This idea of nation-state identity exemplified a state of war that allowed us to think that the U.S. must defeat Japan. In doing so, we forgot that we were harming other human beings."

Many people who survived the Hiroshima blast feared getting sick or dying from radiation poisoning, Snider said. Sometimes the people helping others, who suffered from the radiation, also ended up affected by the radiation, she said.

"Those of us who survived were terrified," Snider said.

Buildings, homes, schools and hospitals were wiped out as the remaining rubble burned, she said.

After the bombing, Snider left her house in search of her mother. On her way, she found people in the streets dying, asking her for help, but she said she felt hopeless and could not do anything for them.

"It [caused] terrible panic and terrible suffering," Snider said. "[The survivors] had to see people lose their lives in such a way."

As she continued to look for her mother, Snider said she sang to herself and prayed for her mother. Later, she would learn that her mother and her cousin (who she considered to be more like a brother) were two of the 140,000 people killed.

"My mother never came home," Snider said. "There were no more schools. There was no more anything."

Snider's firsthand account moved Western junior Michael Murphy, he said. Murphy said he liked how Snider did not have any hostility toward Americans despite the bombings inflicted by the U.S. on Japan. Snider saw people, not borders, he



photo courtesy of University Communications

Atomic bomb survivor Hideko Tamura Snider shared her story Friday, May 1 at the sixth annual CASCAID Conference.

said.

"Individuals do matter and you can make a change," Murphy said. "People have the power to do good."

Western junior Tatyana Murzenko said a speech such as Snider's needed to be heard during the current time of war. President Bush declared war on Iraq March 2003. As of May 4, the total American soldier casualties is 4,284.

"I came here with an empty mind," she said. "I wanted to see what I could learn. Peace is a state of mind. We want to avoid hostilities inside our heads."

We must take care of ourselves and of each other to be global citizens, Snider said. Sometimes life is difficult and confusing, but we must keep moving forward, she said.

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- Hideko Tamura Snider, Hiroshima survivor

Snider gave a speech to open for the sixth annual, conference, which began at 7 p.m., May 1, in the Viking Union Multipurpose Room. The conference was a part of Western's debate union's service program and sponsored by The Whatcom Human Rights Taskforce and the Associated

Students' speech demonstrates the need for global citizenship, he said. One person's problem can affect someone else entirely, someone unrelated to or far away from the problem, he said.

"Hideko represents what people can do to each other when we allow defining

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# BURGLARIES: Nine laptops have been stolen since Feb. 22

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College campuses are target-rich environments for people wanting to make some extra money because of the concentrated population in a relatively small geographic area, Stegmeier said. College students are not necessarily wealthy, but they do own a lot of electronics that can be sold for needed funds, he said.

"Students have a lot of stuff. They've got laptops, cell phones, Blackberries, PlayStations, Xboxes," Stegmeier said. "All of that stuff can be turned around and either pawned or Craigslisted and turned into cash fairly easily."

In response to the recent increase in burglaries on campus, Stegmeier sent out a campus-wide e-mail detailing some important crime prevention tips. Of the tips, Stegmeier reiterated keeping doors locked at all times, even when just leaving for a few minutes, is key. He also said that students and faculty need to make sure to write down the make, model and serial number of all expensive electronics.

By keeping the make, model and serial number in a safe place, the police are able to enter the information into the state and national database, which they can then compare with lists of purchases Washington state pawnshops are required to submit to the police, Stegmeier said.

At Central Washington University in Ellensburg, Public Safety and Police Services requires all residence halls to offer a personal safety program within the first six weeks of the school year. For the program, a campus police officer goes to each hall to instruct students on how to keep their personal property safe, said Lieutenant Tim Stowe from Central's Public Safety and Police Services.

While visiting the residence halls, the police officers give each student an inventory sheet to list the make, model and serial number of all their expensive items, Stowe said.

According to its online report, Central had 23 burglaries in 2007, but only two laptops have been reported stolen this year, Stowe said.

Stegmeier said most of the thefts and burglaries on college campuses are referred to as cold cases, which means someone calls to report something stolen, but he or she does not know when it actually happened. For cold cases, where there is no chance of any evidence being collected, the initial report may even be taken over the phone, he said.

However, if the theft or burglary is noticed relatively quickly or if someone

suspicious was seen in the area, an officer is dispatched right away to see if a suspect can be detained, Stegmeier said.

Of the 20 burglaries, attempted burglaries and thefts that have happened at Western since Feb. 22, no arrests have occurred, Stegmeier said.

Ron Helms, an associate professor in the sociology department who focuses on criminal justice, said it is not uncommon for crimes against property to not end with an arrest. From a study he found online from University at Albany in New York, Helms said only 12.6 percent of burglaries in the U.S. end with someone being arrested.

Helms said he is not sure he agrees with Stegmeier's opinion that the rise in burglaries is due to the current economic downturn. He said people are opportunistic, so when they see a door open, why not go in and grab a laptop?

"People on campus are not destitute; by and large they are not impoverished," Helms said. "So it is probably not a need-based thing; it is probably a greed-based thing."

Whether it is because of economic times or because people just want more electronics, Helms said he is not going to speculate on causation right now because not enough information is available to know what exactly is going on.

"I'm not convinced that [Western's increase in burglaries] is a substantial increase," Helms said. "It might be an aberration that goes away next year. I'll have to wait and see what the trend is."

Saved on Abel's laptop were class rosters for every class he has taught during the three years he has been at Western. Included on those rosters were student's names, Western ID numbers and grades the students received in each class.

Because of this compromised information, Abel had to meet with the Data Incident Response Team, lead by John Lawson, vice provost for information technology and chief information officer.

Lawson formed the team two years ago to respond to any incident where data may have been compromised, such as hacking or theft. The team has some standing members, including Western's general council, internal auditor, director of administrative computing, public information officer, the chief of police and Lawson as the chief information officer.

When information has been compromised, the team meets with whoever is affected to figure out what information was taken. It does not matter whether the information was on a computer or in a file, the team has to meet to discuss the information and what legal requirements are needed, Lawson said.

In the case of Abel's laptop, because student information was on the computer, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act requires that all students who were listed on the rosters be notified of the compromise, Lawson said. Students are currently being notified, Abel said.

The team also brainstorms ways to try and keep information safe. One member suggested to Abel that he encrypt all

files on his laptop that include student information, so the file is required to ask for a password before opening, Abel said.

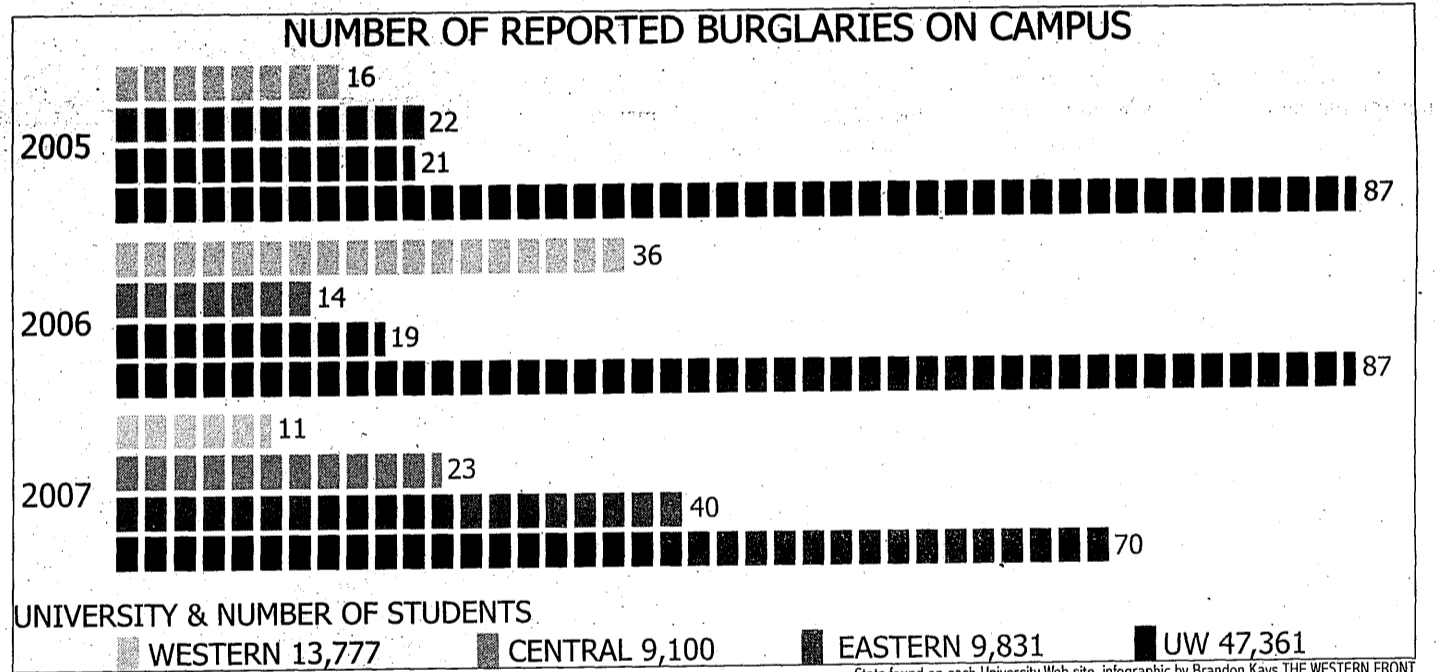
"That was never something I thought of," he said. "And it is not something we are not advised to do, so that information needs to be passed along to other faculty."

Lawson said the information technology department is currently working on spreading the idea to encrypt confidential files throughout campus. Student and department laptops are not the only laptops that have been stolen on campus, although they do make up the majority.

A couple weeks ago, Jamie Harrington, assistant director of Science, Mathematics and Technology Education (SMATE), discovered one of the seven wireless laptops available for checkout at the Learning Resource Center in SMATE was missing. Because the laptop was purchased through the Student Technology Fee, it will not be replaced, Harrington said.

Harrington said the SMATE program was formed under the premises of portability and the ability to reconfigure in a short period of time. Because of that need, the program uses mostly laptops and has close to 70 of them, Harrington said. As a precaution, new laptop locks have been ordered and are expected to arrive soon, he said.

The make, model and serial number for both Harrington's and Abel's laptops were given to the police, which means if the laptops were pawned, they could turn up, Stegmeier said.



A comparison from 2005 to 2007 between four Washington universities show that Western's reported on-campus burglaries increased by 20 between 2005 to 2006. Numbers from last year and this year were not available, but 2007 showed a significant drop.

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# Broken parking boxes results in more tickets

Parking Services forced to replace all 11 machines during summer quarter

**Jeremy Schwartz**  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Due to the current parking pay boxes' inability to read the newest versions of the United States paper currency, Western's Parking Services is in the process of replacing all 11 pay boxes in the on-campus parking lots.

Six of the 11 parking pay boxes on campus are out of order, said Manager of Parking and Transportation Julia Gassman in an e-mail.

As a result, students who wish to park in a lot that does not contain a working pay box have to purchase a parking permit from either the Parking Services desk or the Visitor's Center, both of which are located in Campus Services on south campus, Gassman said.

Parking Services purchased the current pay boxes in August 2001, Gassman said. The pay boxes operated correctly up until the last few years when the U.S. government began issuing new versions of its paper currency that the boxes were not programmed to read, she said.

Parking Services expects to have the new boxes installed no later than the early weeks of summer quarter.

Since Parking Services is self-sustaining, meaning its revenue comes mostly from the money students pay for parking and in parking fines, Gassman said funding for the new pay boxes would come from money Parking Services collects in parking permits and fees.

During the 2007-2008 school year, Parking Services collected \$1,090,677 from parking permits and \$178,967 from on-campus parking meters and pay box stations, according to documents on the Parking Services Web site. For the same time period, Parking Services collected \$434,273 in parking fines.

For the 2006-2007 school year, Parking Services collected \$186,433 from on-campus parking meters and pay box stations and \$386,839 in parking fines.

A parking permit that allows students to park in the C and 16 CR lots near the Wade King Recreational Center and the 12A lot near the Fairhaven residence halls costs \$79.42 for one quarter, according to the Parking Services Web site. The fine is \$25 for parking in an on-campus lot without a permit, according to the Web site.

Gassman said Parking Services would have liked to install the new pay

boxes earlier in the school year, but it encountered delays because Western had a large selection of pay boxes from which to choose.

Parking Services needed to find a product that met all of the university's requirements and also complied with the industry standard for parking pay boxes, Gassman said.

The new pay boxes Parking Services plans to install will accept cash, coins and credit cards as payment methods, Gassman said.

The credit card payment option was removed from the old boxes when the industry standard for the function changed, and the process no longer met the standard, she said. While the new boxes will accept more forms of payment, they will not be able to dispense change like the old boxes, she said.

Parking Services had also considered converting the old boxes so they would be able to read updated U.S. paper currency and receive credit card payments, Gassman said.

However, Parking Services decided updating the old boxes with newer parts would not be the most cost-efficient way to modernize Western's parking pay boxes, she said.

The main reason Parking Services decided against updating the old machines with new equipment was because many companies no longer manufactured many of the old boxes' parts, Gassman said.

Replacing the pay boxes was the best option because Parking Service would not have to deal with eventually finding replacements for older, essential parts that are no longer made, she said.

Parking Services will place red covers over the older boxes and put up signs informing those who wish to park there that they need to purchase a permit from Parking Services, Gassman said. While this process may be inconvenient, Gassman said her goal is to give students information that will help them avoid tickets and misunderstandings with regards to parking regulations.

Western junior Lindsey Zimmerman, who works at the Viking Union (VU) Information Desk, said she has encountered a large number of non-students, mostly parents of students, who want to purchase a parking permit from the Information Desk.

Zimmerman said most people seem like they would be glad to pay for park-

ing, but they want to know where they can purchase the permit.

"I feel bad about telling people they have to go all the way to [Parking Services]," she said.

While making permits available in the VU would be a good idea, students would be better served if the parking pay boxes were fixed, Zimmerman said.

Students who try to park in a lot with a broken box face an interesting dilemma in deciding whether it would be better to walk to Parking Services and possibly get a ticket in that time, or drive to Parking Services and possibly give up their parking spot, she said.

Zimmerman said she usually rides the bus to school because she cannot afford a parking permit. She said while she owns a car and parks in the C lots if she has late classes, she leaves her car at home most of the time because she lives relatively close to campus.

"Even if I lived far away I would

just park in the [Lincoln Creek] Park and Ride," Zimmerman said.

Western senior Jessica Dorn said she recently bought a parking permit to treat herself since this is her last quarter at Western. She said she either took the bus or walked to school for three years and driving to school saves her 45 minutes to an hour compared to her previous modes of transportation.

Dorn said she received a ticket three weeks ago for parking in a lot for which she did not have the correct permit. After she explained it was her fault, and that it was her first ticket, Parking Services turned the ticket into a warning, Dorn said.

The Parking Services staff was professional and completely willing to explain why she had received the ticket, she said.

"I'm satisfied with them; they were totally understanding," Dorn said. "I don't regret buying a pass."



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Western Parking Officer Kevin Jenkins issues a parking ticket Monday in the parking lot outside of Parks Hall. Parking in an on-campus lot without a permit is a \$25 ticket.

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# CAPITAL FUNDING: Carver and waterfront money not included

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lature for either budget cannot be interchanged, and the amount a university is granted in one category of the budget does not influence how much it will receive in the other, Roberts said.

A total of \$100.2 million was requested for the 2009-2011 capital budget, and although not every project passed, the majority of the funds were approved.

"I'm glad the legislature still included some things Western wanted in the capital budget since Western did so poorly when it came to the operating budget," Associated Students Legislative Liaison Morgan Holmgren said.

Aside from the Miller Hall renovation, \$13.5 million will go toward minor works projects that focus on the preservation and upgrades of campus buildings and classrooms.

"We have a lot of buildings here on campus, and just like your house, they require constant maintenance in order to keep them running," University Communications Director Paul Cocks said.

The remaining portion of the budget will be spent on replacing 148 data network switches, which act as a backbone of the technology infrastructure on campus and on preventative facility repairs, Roberts said.

Local appropriations make up \$11.2 million of the capital budget. The network infrastructure project and preventative repairs, along with a small portion of the minor works projects, are the projects that will receive local funds.

Western received more than 10 percent more of its requested funds for the capital budget for the 2009-11 biennium than it did for 2007-09. The university requested less money total for the upcoming biennium but was pleased to see a sufficient amount approved, Roberts said.

Roberts said she suspected the long-standing and strong need for Miller Hall's renovation as part of the reason the legislature approved such a large percentage of the project funds.

Initially, \$57.5 million was requested for the Miller Hall renovation, but only \$54.6 million was approved, meaning some cuts from the original plan for the building will be needed. Roberts said she did not know what the possible cuts would be yet.

"We're waiting to hear from Olympia what their thinking was in reducing the amount," she said.

Although Western received enough funding to complete the Miller Hall renovation and other important repairs, some of the major projects in the capital budget proposal were denied funding by the legislature.

The funding for the design stage of a renovation in Carver Gym and development and land acquisition of the Waterfront Facility project were not approved for 2009-11. These projects will temporarily be on hold, Roberts said.

"I wouldn't say it derails the waterfront project," Cocks said.

Western will continue planning and discussing options with the city and the port of Bellingham so the project can continue whenever state or private funding becomes available, Cocks said.

The renovation of the Amory building is another large project proposal that was not budgeted for in this biennium. Western proposed to renovate the 100-year-old Armory, which is currently unused due to its poor condition. The renovation would have allowed the building to house classroom space and a new stage for the Col-

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- Michael Henniger, associate dean of Woodring College

lege of Fine and Performing Arts. Many of the fine and performing arts's classes and storage are currently located in leased facilities off campus, according to the project proposal.

The Miller Hall renovation will be the first major renovation of the building since 1968 and will address a wide variety of problems the building and its residing departments have had to cope with for the last 40 years.

Problems include a lack of accessibility for people with disabilities, poor air quality, leaking ceilings and a confusing layout, said Michael Henniger, the associate dean of the Woodring College of Education.

"The building is just plain old," Henniger said. "It needs to be updated; it's just not a good environment for students or faculty."

The renovation will not change the exterior architecture of the building itself, except for a new raised walkway on the northern side of the building from Red Square and some additional windows visible atop the upper parts of the building.

"The project is to take the building down to structure, which means we demolish all the interior walls, all of the electrical systems, mechanical systems,

hazardous materials; everything comes out except the skeleton of the building," Daivid Willett, the Miller Hall project manager said. "Then we rebuild it from the inside."

Willett said the building intentionally will not look significantly different from the outside for the historical preservation and familiarity of the building.

"You won't notice a huge difference, and that's done on purpose," Willett said.

During the renovation, a fence 40 feet from the building will be put around the areas of Miller Hall that are under construction and will close off the parking lot located behind Miller Hall as well as the areas surrounding Miller Hall in Red Square.

The university will not be providing extra temporary parking during the construction, Willett said.

"There are enough vacant spaces on campus, so those spaces will be absorbed somewhere else on campus," he said.

Miller Market, the dining facility,

rooms with disability access, so the renovation will place an accessible restroom on every floor, Willett said.

The renovation will aid the structural integrity of the building by fixing the foundation under half of the structure, which is currently sinking into a peat bog that lies beneath a portion of Red Square, Willett said. This adjustment will concurrently provide an extra foot or so of ceiling height in the basement, Willett said.

Aside from fixing current problems, the project is also intended to update Miller Hall to meet the student, staff and faculty's needs in more energy efficient ways. The renovation will qualify Miller as a silver rating in the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Green Building Rating System, a system that ranks buildings in design and construction for energy efficiency. Meeting the silver standard is now required for any of the new buildings on campus by Washington state law.

The temperature regulation of Miller Hall will implement new technologies, such as a chilled beam, which will run cool water through a beam in the ceiling to cool the room, and utilize natural ventilation techniques, Willett said.

A pavilion will be constructed in the courtyard of Miller Hall to provide students with a work and leisure space. The pavilion will be primarily windows and steel and will use a green, living roof consisting of woodland plants as insulation.

Along with the pavilion, the design includes other collaborative spaces throughout the building for students, Henniger said.

"Right now, [these spaces] are pretty limited in the university and definitely within Miller Hall," Henniger said. "So, these collaborative spaces, I think, are going to be a really positive step forward."

The renovation will also implement the use of water-efficient fixtures and both previously recycled and recyclable materials, Willett said.

"The state of Washington, not too long ago, passed into Washington code the fact that every teacher has to know about and be able to talk about sustainability in their K-12 courses," Henniger said. "So we're hoping that we can have some models in [Miller Hall] that will help teachers see how they can introduce sustainability into their own classrooms."

Willett said this goal is being taken into consideration for the design of the building. He said the sustainable technologies will be made as accessible as possible to allow the features to be used as a teaching tool.

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# May Day march toward immigration reform

Western's Chicano/a student club rallies with Bellingham community for human rights equality

Selah Prather  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Approximately 200 community members took to the streets of Bellingham May 1 for the annual immigration march in a unified call for human rights. Marchers called for reform of immigration laws, livable wages for immigrant workers, better labor laws, an end to war and racism, health care for all people and support for gay rights.

Participants gathered at Maritime Heritage Park and marched to Whatcom County Courthouse where various speakers evoked the crowd to work for social and immigration justice. The rally ended at Cornwall Park.

Various multicultural, labor, youth peace and justice groups were represented in the march including Jobs with Justice and Western's M.E.Ch.A club (Chicano/a student movement of Aztlan) that confronts educational and social justice issues facing the Latino/a community.

Western freshman Maria Corona represented M.E.Ch.A and the Western's Student Coalition for Immigration Rights in the march.

"We really want to encourage the Dream Act so that it passes," Corona said. "It would allow undocumented students to be eligible for permanent residency, then from there they would be eligible to get actual jobs that [pay] more than minimum wage."

The Dream Act is a bipartisan bill introduced to the U.S. Senate in 2005. If passed, the bill would allow undocumented people to become eligible for a conditional path to citizenship in exchange for a mandatory two years of higher education or military service, granted that the undocumented person demonstrates good moral character by not committing crimes.

At the end of the two-year process, an undocumented person would be eligible

to become an American citizen, according to a Dream Act informational Web site.

Western senior Riedman Sagastume is an immigrant from Honduras who took part in the immigration march for the first time.

"When people think of illegal immigrants they [usually] think of Mexico," Sagastume said. "But I am Honduran; that's my heritage. I just want to show support for my people [and the struggles they go through as immigrants.]"

Bellingham resident Kurt Fix carried a sign that read, "Stop illegal invasion of the USA" He said he was at the march to promote more stringent control over U.S. borders.

"The argument I have is that America is not defending our borders," Fix said. "We need safe and comprehensive immigration, but we need to keep America safe. Even immigrants that come here don't want to get nuked in the cities, so we need to defend ourselves [from terrorists]."

According to the Harvard Latino Law Review published in 2006, studies show that undocumented immigrants "contribute more to the U.S. economy through their investments, consumption of goods and services, increase productivity and lower cost of goods, and make unrequited contributions to social security."

Western freshman Gaby Rosario, who immigrated from Mexico, took part in the immigration march. Rosario said she and her sister pick apples every summer and contribute to the apple business and the U.S. economy by paying taxes on what they make.

Rosario said the apple orchard owners make a lot more money than the workers do.

"We work like 10 hours a day, and we make the minimum \$ 8 an hour," Rosario said. "We're there in the hot sun picking buckets [of apples] doing whatever we can do. It's cheap labor, and we're paying



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Student members of Western's M.E.Ch.A club march for human rights Friday during a nationwide immigration march.

taxes on it."

Rosario said most undocumented workers pay taxes on the money they make but are ineligible to collect social security and health benefits.

Susana Kroll, whose husband is a Mexican immigrant, joined the march to support workers' solidarity and immigrant rights. She said President Barack Obama has a lot of big issues to deal with right now and she is not sure that immigration is on his list of top priorities.

"I think that America, except of course for the Native Americans, is a country of immigrants," Kroll said. "I think we need to live up to our roots and stop being hypocritical and look at ways in which we can reform our immigration policies so that it's fair to everyone and not racist. [Immigration laws] are kind of racist right now."

Betsy Pernotto, a representative of

Jobs with Justice, said the raids on immigrants need to stop, and America needs to find a legal pathway for undocumented immigrants.

One of the first Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids that took place in the nation under the Obama administration happened in Bellingham on Feb. 24, 2009. ICE officials arrested 28 workers from Yamato Engine Specialists.

Pernotto said one way current immigration laws adversely affect immigrant workers is that if a worker is undocumented they are often afraid to organize and report unfair or unsafe working conditions, which leaves them vulnerable to exploitation.

"We see this as a human rights issue. Immigrants are being attacked, and we say that immigrant rights are human rights, so we want to be here to support immigrant rights," Pernotto said.

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# BOOGIE ELECTRIC

## Bellingham Electronic Arts Festival turns student



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Christopher DeLaurenti performs part I of "Speculations, Phonography, and Improvisations" on Thursday April 30, 2009 at Old Main Theater. Musicians performed as part of the Bellingham Electronic Arts Festival that ran from April 29 to May 2.

Rod Lotter  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Red Square was packed to the brim with students Saturday night, as the indie-pop sound of The Shins encouraged the crowd to sway back and forth to their blissful melodies. But across the street, in the Performing Arts Center (PAC) Concert Hall, the stage was dark and empty.

Eerie sounds enveloped the concert hall—swishing and swooshing, bleeping and blurping. The crowd was silent. Some crowd members had their eyes closed, some stared intently at the empty stage, and some looked lost in concentration, almost meditating.

The brightest light in the room came from electronic music pioneer Morton Subotnick's laptop, who was sitting in the fourth row. His gaze remained fixed on the screen as he manipulated the sounds the audience was hearing, his face glowing in the pale light. It was a pitch-perfect end to the sixth annual Bellingham Electronic Arts Festival (BEAF).

The festival, which ran from April 29 to May 2, included art installations, a series of lectures and performances by 33 local, regional and national artists and took place at eight venues, including on campus at the Old Main Theatre and PAC concert hall, Jinx Art Space, WhAAM! at the Old Foundry and The Wild Buffalo.

"With BEAF, we're trying to show that 'electronic music' is a blanket term," said Western music professor Bruce Hamilton, director of the festival since its inception in 2004. "Electronic music is spread over all genres of music. We want this festival to be a treat to all the senses."

The idea for the festival came about when one of Hamilton's students approached him about an electronic-based music festival, and the festival has since grown into a multivenue, multidisciplinary and multisponsored event.

This year's festival was sponsored by 15 local businesses and organizations, including What's Up! Magazine and Boogie Universal along with Western's music department.

While Boogie Universal was more responsible for the popular

**"In 1961, nobody thought the synthesizer would ever be of interest to anyone...I think electronic music is still in the developing stages, it will be a true art form in about two to three generations. With the equipment becoming cheaper and better, and all the people getting their hands on it, the prospects are really exciting."**

- Morton Subotnick,

BEAF performer, electronic music pioneer

dance music aspect of the festival, Hamilton and Western art professor Sebastian Mendes, the sound art curator for the festival, brought more experimental musicians and lecturers.

### THE MUSIC

The festival kicked off April 29 at The Wild Buffalo and featured three performers, who showcased the more dance-oriented approach to electronic music. The bill featured Bellingham disc jockeys Triple Crown and Ryan I, Arohan from Portland and Ooah from Los Angeles-based group The Glitch Mob. The show was sponsored by Boogie Universal, a community organization dedicated to bringing creativity and inspiration to Bellingham through the shows it hosts, said Erik Moore, co-founder of Boogie Universal.

Wild Buffalo owner Craig Jewell said he felt the festival kick-off

show was a success. With a turnout of 150 people, at least twice the size of last year's, Jewell said he was glad Boogie Universal was in the festival.

"The turnout [on Wednesday] was great for electronic music," Jewell said. "This week, not to mention its smack dab in the middle of the festival, is something else. Everyone looks like they're having fun."

When Ooah took the stage, the sound system was nowhere to be seen. The stage was lit with a red, blue and green chine, turntable and two 15-foot stage lights. The familiar microphone was also present.

The crowd gathered as close as they could, bouncing up and down with their heads tilted back under a heavy bass beat under a sample of "Up."

"I was really impressed with the turnout. I hear 'electronic arts festival' I think it's great that a student is supporting electronic music. Bellingham is a great place for it."

That following night a concert was held at the Old Main Theatre. Seattle field-recording artist Christopher Willits, an avant-garde columnist for The Stranger, and Western students Jordan and Western students Jordan and Western students Jordan.

As a student of music, Watson was inspired by the things from the festival, not just the music, but the knowledge.

"The festival got me excited about electronic music," said Watson, who is a student of music. "There are just things you can't get anywhere else, it's just into."

May 1 was the busiest night of the festival at the Old Main Theatre with performances by guitarist Christopher Willits, Portland-based musician Matt Ingalls, who Hamilton said was a great addition to the festival.

"This line-up really shows the diversity of the genre of electronic music," Hamilton said. "It's a poppy experimental musician, with their shoe-gaze sound."

Jinx Art Space, which is located at 8:30 p.m. of local musicians, was the first of the festival. Western alumni Evan Bridges opened with some hip-hop inspired by visual projections and belly dancing.

Bridges worked with Hamilton on the festival, including setting up art installations. Mendes created from a 19th-century manuscript.

Boogie Universal hosted another concert at the Old Foundry, which is one of the venues of the festival.

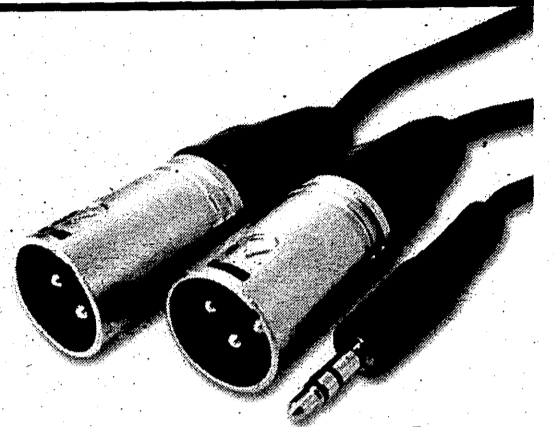
"[Boogie Universal] tries to do it right," Moore said. "The thing about electronic music is you have to dance to, not music you can just listen to."

Subotnick played the last concert of the festival, Silver Apples of the Moon, a community music composition committee.

For the recording of the album, Subotnick used one of the first instruments of sound manipulations in one device, the Moog synthesizer, which was invented in 1963; with suggestions from Subotnick specifically for use on the album. It was used to create the Moog synthesizer.

"I was influenced by Subotnick's music. I want to destroy rock and roll music."

# ELECTRIC



## ... on to the vast possibilities of electric expression

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**Eric Honour plays a piece with his alto saxophone alongside Christopher DeLaurenti on Thursday April 30, 2009 at the Old Main Theater. DeLaurenti manipulated the sound of Honour's saxophone with his computer by adding reverb and other effects.**



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**Sound and visual artist Corey Fuller from Tokyo, Japan plays his electronic set in the Performing Arts Center Saturday for BEAF.**

aggressive, spiky and noisy. He turned the whole notion of music on its head."

Subotnick's first piece featured a piano player on stage while he applied sound effects and atmospheric sounds in real time via his laptop, which he sat behind during the entirety of the show. The music was dramatic and at times eerie, similar to the music that plays during a thriller movie when something bad is about to happen.

His second piece was just his fingers and his laptop, the stage completely dark. The music was almost tribal at times with quirky sound effects, like the sound of popcorn in the microwave, as if it is being filtered through the sound effects of the video game, Tetris, perhaps showing where 1970s synthesizer-oriented bands such as Germany's Kraftwerk got their inspiration.

His music continues to inspire musicians to this day. Subotnick recalled an experience that happened about five years ago when he began seeing European magazines proclaiming him as the father or grandfather of electronica.

"I didn't even know what electronica was," Subotnick said. "But they invited me to go on a tour in England and play some shows so I did. And there I was, ancient compared to these kids I was playing with. But it was great. I had a lot of fun and was really glad young people were

**"Usually when I hear 'electronic arts festival' I think of it being in a city like Detroit or something. I think it's great that a smaller community like Bellingham is supporting electronic music. Bellingham knows what's up."**

- Ooah

BEAF performer, DJ

picking up the form."

Subotnick's third piece was stark in contrast to the last. The piano player returned to the stage, accompanied by a clarinet player, violinist and viola player. Subotnick again applied his touch of atmospheric and dramatics through his laptop.

Subotnick used the metaphor of a butterfly to describe his music.

"You hear something or experience something, and it gets inside you and disappears, like in a cocoon," Subotnick said to the audience before his performance. "And inside that cocoon odd things start to develop, and then one day out comes the music, and it is beautiful, like the butterfly."

Hamilton said Subotnick is the pre-eminent musician in the field of electronic music.

## THE LECTURES

Lectures began April 30. Liane Davison and Jean Routhier gave the first one "Open Sound and Sound Thinking." Davison is the director of the Surrey Art Gallery in Surrey, British Columbia, and Routhier is one of the sound artists that had been involved in the Open Sound exhibit at the Surrey Art Gallery, which involves various audio-related art works.

DeLaurenti gave the lecture, "Cardboard Turntables and Leather Vests: Site-Specific Composition and No-Power Recording Devices," on May 1. DeLaurenti's lecture covered his experiences as a field-recorder and sound composer.

"Field-recording is about wasting time," DeLaurenti said during his lecture. "It's about waiting and listening and capturing that complete sonic environment that surrounds you."

DeLaurenti commonly takes the sounds he records and runs them through various filters on his laptop. He refers to himself as a "laptop artist," which he said is not a derogatory remark.

During the lecture, DeLaurenti demonstrated an instrument he created called the flapophone. The flapophone is essentially a turntable made of cardboard and masking tape. It requires no electricity, and although the sound quality is very poor, it does play records.

"The idea for what is and what isn't a musical instrument has continually changed throughout history," DeLaurenti said. "The electric guitar wasn't considered a proper instrument when it was first created, and now computers are in that same category. There are people that say a DJ isn't a musician. Never mind the fact that they are mixing and matching beats and triggering vocal shouts, essentially creating a composition in real time."

Subotnick gave two lectures. His first lecture on May 1 concerned the role metaphor plays in his music, and the second lecture on May 2 was about his experiences as an electronic musician over the past 40 years and how the art form has evolved since its beginnings.

"In 1961, nobody thought the synthesizer would ever be of interest to anyone," Subotnick said. "And although I think electronic music is still in the developing stages, it will be a true art form in about two to three generations. With the equipment becoming cheaper and better, and all the people getting their hands on it, the prospects are really exciting."

# Western celebrates Japan Week

Megan Jonas  
THE WESTERN FRONT

When Western Japanese professor Michiko Yusa came to Bellingham in 1983, she felt like she stuck out. As a native from Japan, she said some people treated her differently. She said she could not even find the kinds of food she liked to eat. Soy sauce was hard to obtain, yet alone tofu.

Over time, Yusa witnessed Bellingham become a more progressive city. She said people today would never consider treating her as they did a couple decades ago. Three years ago, Japanese language became a major at Western, and sushi is now commonplace.

During April 27 to May 1, the Western community celebrated Japan Week, a tradition Yusa started 13 years ago. She said the original intent of the week was to increase awareness of the Japanese program and to help turn the program into a major.

Yusa said Americans' understanding of Japan has come a long way in the past few decades.

"Our awareness has completely evolved," Yusa said. "Overall, it is a totally different world."

Activities throughout Japan Week included discussions, lectures and film showings. The most attended event was Japan Night, hosted by the Asia University America Program.

Western currently has 32 Japanese students enrolled from Asia University in Tokyo, Japan. The students just reached



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Western senior Jennifer Komig and junior Justin Kwong practice writing their names in calligraphy.

the midpoint of their 5-month stay and are business, law or economics majors who are learning English.

Past Japan Week topics have ranged from popular culture to war and peace to nature. Last year's theme was "Return to the Origin," because it was the 12th annual Japan Week, and traditional East Asian calendars are organized in a 12-year cycle. In 2008, Japan Week looked back at the roots of Western's Japanese language program and examined how it has grown.

This year's theme, selected by Yusa, was "Women in Japan."

The theme was highlighted through-

out the week by Western art history professor Julia Sapin's lecture about women's portrayal in Japanese advertising and by a Global Gatherings discussion regarding gender roles in Japan and the U.S.

Yusa said the role of women in Japan is a complex issue that needs to be examined from a both historical and present-day perspective.

Yusa said the way women are currently viewed in Japanese society is a result of how women were treated about 300 to 350 years ago during the samurai period. She said it was then that women first became the objects of men and had less power. Until the Middle Ages, women had more power and prestige and could be financially independent, she said.

While it is still harder for women than men to secure a career in Japan, today's women might have more opportunities than they have had in the recent past, Yusa said.

At the Global Gatherings discussion, Asia University America Program student Sho Shimamura said he could see himself getting married and taking on some of the duties involved in raising a family and keeping up a household, as long as he could also work. The discussion group said if Shimamura is representative of the younger generation of Japanese men, Japan's standards might be changing.

Dan Lindeman, a fiscal specialist for International Programs and Exchanges, said there is a belief in Japan that companies do not want to hire and train women because they think women will quit as soon as they get married and start a family.

Lindeman said this is a belief that creates its own reality because if people believe it is true, women will be more likely to not try to get a job and have a family instead.

Edward Vajda, associate director of the Center for International Studies, helped coordinate Japan Week. He said people were able to look at Japanese culture from many perspectives. The week involved both the Western community and the Japanese international students on campus and incorporated both visual arts and linguistics.

Vajda said it is advantageous to fit many Japanese-related events into one week, otherwise the events might go unnoticed. He said any student could benefit from learning about Japan because of its special connection to Washington through the Pacific Rim and because of the high Japanese population in Washington.

During Japan Night, the Asia University students gave interactive demonstrations of different Japanese traditions, such as tea ceremonies, calligraphy, haikus and fashion.

Ellie McDermott, student services assistant for Asia University America Program, said she personally has had a great experience learning about Japanese culture. She said it was rewarding to see students sharing their own culture with friends from Western and the Bellingham community who came to participate. She said Japan Night was set up differently from other events throughout the week

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# Western legal center teaches reliable renting

**Mandi Brady**  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Problems with landlords and iffy feelings about entering into legal agreements with prospective ones may be unneeded stress that can be mitigated by attending "Renters Have Rights, what to know before you sign a lease" at 7:30 Wednesday in Fraser Hall Room 4.

The Legal Information Center is presenting the event which will feature two attorneys, one from the Northwest Justice Project and the other from Law Advocates, both nonprofit law firms in Bellingham to present and answer questions students may have.

Legal Information Center coordinator Jack Lunden said students are taken advantage of all the time because most have never rented before college and they do not know their rights, he said. At least one person a day visits his office to get advice on issues they may be having with their landlord or property management company.

"It's pretty easy for small problems to become larger problems because people don't know how to basically enforce their rights as tenants," Lunden said.

Often students have to deal with something broken in their

rental unit for longer than they should have to legally.

A lot of students do not know what to do to get them fixed, Lunden said.

Phil Maxwell, president of Apex, a property management company in Bellingham, emphasizes it is a tough business, and it is hard to make everybody happy all the time because not only does a property management company have to make the renters happy but the owners as well.

Property managers are people who owners hire to maintain, rent and clean the rental unit so the owner does not have to, Lunden said.

"Being a property management company you're like a bridge, you get walked over on both sides," Maxwell said.

Both Maxwell and Gosha Bikker, president of Landmark, another property management company in Bellingham, said they enjoy renting to students. Approximately 25 percent of Landmarks renters are students whereas Apex says they rent to approximately 85 percent students. Bikker said students are usually more responsible.

"You know they are going to college," Bikker said. "You hope that they want to do something with their life so you hope

that they are going to be responsible, but there are many different events that could happen that changes their life."

Bikker said one of her company's biggest assets is customer service, but renters have to be aware some of the respon-

sibility falls on them as well.

"Sometimes customer satisfaction is not only on our behavior sometimes it's on students, when they don't read everything and when they don't understand everything before they sign their

lease or before they start work

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**Renting? Some rights you should know**

**After you notify your landlord about problems with a unit they have:**

- 24 hours: To fix the absence of hot or cold water, heat or electricity.
- 72 hours: To fix your refrigerator, stove, oven or plumbing fixture if they are broken
- 10 days: To fix all other repairs

**The landlord cannot:**

- If you break a term of your lease (you have a car when you're not suppose to) and you fix the problem within 10 days. If you're behind your rent, and you catch up within 10 days of eviction notice.

**After you move out:**

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ing with us," Bikker said.

Not reading and understanding a lease is one of the biggest problems Bikker encounters, she said.

Students usually do not have the resources or the funds to access lawyers. "Renters have Rights" will give students an opportunity to ask legal questions they may be unclear about.

"I feel that if you aren't paying attention, and you don't look at your lease, and you don't know what it's actually saying, that's when you get screwed," said Western senior Linnea Mulvaney, who has rented from both Apex and Landmark.

Mulvaney said good communication

is important in a property management company.

Western junior Colin Riordan previously had problems while renting from a large property management company.

He said his landlord was always out of town or unreachable and he could never get in touch with the people he needed.

"They were just a really bad business," Riordan said. "It was the whole system of misinformation."

Riordan said he no longer rents from large property management companies.

He recommends renting from a single person or a small group of people and getting a direct line of communication with property managers, so if a problem arises tenants are able to contact the property

manager directly.

"From my point of view, I can't think of any benefits of going with a large company over a small company," Riordan said. "I mean, it's much less personal; you hardly ever see your landlord other than when you move in or out."

Bikker said some advantages from renting from larger property management companies include the large volume of apartments and reasonable rates.

Mulvaney said some miscommunication occurred about her move-in date when she started renting from Landmark, but they talked about it and worked it out.

"They ended up giving us a discount on our rent, which was really nice of them," Mulvaney said.

Lunden said he feels there are good and bad property management companies, and it is hard for students to get information from objective sources to evaluate a potential landlord or property management company.

"It's very difficult," Lunden said. "Basically, they get to background check us, but we don't have any easy way to background check them."

Most property management companies started preleasing their apartments in the beginning of spring, Bikker said.

Three- and four-bedroom places usually go first because of the demand, whereas one and two-bedroom spaces fill up towards the very end of the school year, Bikker said.

## JAPAN WEEK: "Without leaving Bellingham, you can learn so much about a different culture"

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because it was an interactive festival.

"It is a chance to see different aspects of Japanese culture on a more one-to-one level," McDermott said.

Ai Maekawa, an Asia University student, taught origami at Japan Night. She said origami is fun, and she has done it since she was a child.

Shimamura helped cook the food. Dishes served on Japan Night included *okonomiyaki*, a pan-fried food mainly made of batter and cabbage; *yakisoba*, a fried noodle dish; and curry-rice. Shimamura demonstrated Kendo, a Japanese sport that means "way of the sword."

Kendo is a sword-fighting martial art that involves spiritual and mental development, as well as physical improvement. It has its roots in traditional samurai swordsmanship.

Other popular martial arts sports in

Japan include aikido, judo, sumo and karate. Shimamura said kendo is the most polite Japanese sport.

McDermott said having international students at Western provides a good opportunity for Western students to grow in their world views through the interactions they have with international students.

Maekawa said she has made some Western friends, but she would like to have more.

"Without leaving Bellingham, you can learn so much about a different culture and how to communicate with people from different cultures," McDermott said.

Western senior Katy Cumby spent last year studying abroad at Nagoya University of Foreign Studies in Japan.

One thing that stood out to her was how old things were in Japan compared to Washington, Cumby said. As a native of Puyallup, Cumby said she was not used to seeing buildings that were built more than 100 years ago. She said some of the trees

at temples she visited were 400 years old.

"There is all this old history, and I thought that was just really [impacting] because I had never thought about it before," she said.

Cumby's visit taught her as much about American customs as it did Japanese customs. She said she found out during her stay that some things were not as universal as she once thought they were.

Cumby said she was surprised at how painfully slow people walk in Japan.

She said she thought walking with a purpose was a universal concept, but people in Japan tended to walk at a slower pace.

Cumby said a difference she appreciated in Japan was people's awareness of the feelings of others around them.

She said people's high awareness of social cues prevented others from having to come out and directly say what they need.

For instance, Cumby said if someone

looked uncomfortable in a conversation, a Japanese person would know to change the subject. If someone seemed confused, a Japanese person would likely explain things further without being asked.

Also, people at her school in Japan were much more group-focused than Americans, Cumby said. Most students were involved in clubs, she said.

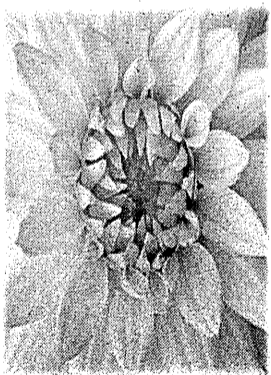
Despite this emphasis on groups, college students often lived at home with their parents or alone in studio apartments, she said.

Cumby said studying abroad taught her the value of interacting with people from different cultures.

Vajda said Japan Week helps increase the interaction between exchange students and Western students, which is a goal of the International Studies Center.

"One of our goals is to internationalize the campus by both bringing students here and by increasing the interaction," Vajda said.

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# Celebrate Asian heritage

## Frontline

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May brings to mind images of sunny skies, blooming flowers and graduation fast approaching. But May is also an opportunity to celebrate the rich history and contributions of Asian Americans for Asian Pacific American Heritage month.

Asian Pacific American Heritage month was first established in 1978 by President Jimmy Carter as a way to celebrate the vibrant culture and contributions of Asian-Americans.

This month is the perfect opportunity to celebrate Asian culture by taking advantage of the cultural offerings around Bellingham and Seattle.

The Pacific Northwest is brimming with rich history, not all of it representing a proud moment in American history.

Many Asian American families worked tirelessly to help build America.

Numerous Chinese miners died building the Transcontinental railroad which cuts through Bellingham. During World War II Japanese Americans suffered illegal imprisonment in internment camps where the Puyallup Fair grounds now stand.

Although it is important to recognize the broad range of the Asian-American experience, now is a great time to experience the rich Asian culture in the Pacific Northwest.

We can start on campus, where Asian-Americans constitute the largest minority making up 8 percent of the total student population. Western also hosts a large population of more than 100 international students, many of whom grew up in Asian countries.

Encourage Western to bring attention to the month by setting up educational displays in the library and inviting Asian speakers to campus.

Volunteer to help a transfer student

acclimate to Western's campus and the Bellingham community.

Celebrating can be as simple as wishing your friends a happy Asian Pacific Heritage Month.

Take advantage of the variety of Asian restaurants in the Bellingham area. Go a step further by talking to the owners about traditional Asian foods.

Read a book about the Asian-American experience or a book written by an Asian American author.

Make a visit to Chinatown in Seattle or Vancouver, B.C.

However you chose to celebrate, we should all take a minute to be grateful for the varied and diverse experiences of individuals in our community.

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Opinions from around campus

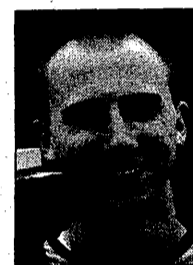
Are you worried about the swine flu?

Compiled by: Brian Conner



Andrew Borst  
Junior

"There have been 36,000 people sick from the normal flu. People should not be worrying as much as they are."



Colin Watrin  
Junior

"It is kind of scary. I do not want to get it. The name is kind of funny though."



Meghan McClure  
Sophomore

"I think we will all get it and it will be the end of our civilization. Or it will go away by the end of the week."



Michael Adams  
Junior

"I think the swine flu is not as dangerous as people make it out to be."

# Fife: Quash the bus-stop drama



Jaimie Fife  
Columnist

There you are, stuck in a cluster muck with 12 other students at the bus stop in front of Laurel Park; everyone jonesin' to make a 10 a.m. class. Each thirty seconds or so, you scan your celly and wince as the minutes sail away on the breeze—it's already 9:55, and WTA buses keep passing by on their way to campus.

One finally stops, but only 8 other people can fit because it's jam-packed like a Backstreet Boys concert in '99. Realizing the unlikelihood of a Saved by the Bell moment, you throw a brutal metal track on your iPod stage to open for your cursed, uphill walk to class.

You end up being late, but aren't alone because the sardines on the bus that stopped for you must accept being fashionably late now, too.

What gives?

The type of scenario you just read is a sore subject within the Western scene because two major schools of thought are in the throes of an epic battle.

One side, let's call them the gnomes, say students who live within several blocks of campus should walk their lazy buns to and from class instead of adding more congestion to the bus routes.

The other side—the flamingos—say

these students are exercising their divine bus-passage rights and the fronters should either stop the hate and celebrate or find another way to campus.

So there you have it, the epic battle of lawn ornaments—gnomes vs. flamingos. As I see it, each view can make a decent claim.

For the gnomes' side, the founders of the bus pass system never intended to increase local laziness or the persistence of uncomfortably stuffed buses, but these are unfortunate side effects of the transportation fee.

Students who live close to campus have become reliant on bus passes and now allow themselves less time to commute, so the greater population of bus riders is suffering.

To remedy the pickle, gnomes say, local students should take one for the team by walking, biking, skateboarding or perhaps even rollerblading, to and from class.

But the flamingo side has some arrows in its quiver, too—homies who are domiciled near campus, either on the north or south ends of campus, pay the same transportation fee as everybody else and their mother.

So, the flamingos say these students aren't abusing the system when they ride the bus to class because they partake in the obligation which entitles them to partake in the benefits.

To what side does the victor go the spoils?

I'm going with the gnomes on this one, even though it means shunning my

own kind.

My pad is dangerously close to campus, and I have joined the procession of unwanted riders at Laurel Park on a few occasions.

Thanks to some gnarly surgery last summer, my guts were aching at the beginning of fall quarter, so I sometimes rode the bus, even if it was just a few blocks.

To the average jerry on the bus, I appeared to be another lazy McGee since my abdominal pain wasn't visible or obvious.

What's my point?

I'm trying to tell y'all that the gnomes are right within reason—students should walk or bike to and from campus if they can.

Still, some people need a ride and stigmatizing the closer stops isn't reasonable because they exist for a reason.

Although the simplest solution for students would be more buses, it's not a viable option when so many people are singing the economic blues.

So to resolve the epic battle between the gnomes and flamingos—your boots were made for walking Sehome and Happy Valley kids, so start using 'em if you can.

And to the gnomes that resent close bus stops, why not "share the love" and banter with the students you are smashed against?

Who knows, maybe you'll get a missed connection out of the deal.

Jaimie Fife is a senior double majoring in philosophy and journalism.

## Letter to the Editor:

Student protesters at career fair want voice heard

We are the people who were handing out the leaflets at the Career Fair on Thursday, April 23. Our voices were not included in the Western Front article, and we want to be heard.

First, we were not there to make 'anti-war' or 'anti-military' statements. We wanted to help our peers make informed decisions about enlisting in the military.

We are aware of the track record of deceit on the part of military recruiters,

and we know that they have incentives to be less than forthcoming with potential recruits.

After someone spoke to the recruiters, we handed them a pamphlet that listed some questions to help them think carefully about such an important decision.

Second, we were not 'preventing people from accessing the materials given out by the recruiters,' or 'obstructing the event,' as the article implies.

We stood well out of the way of the recruiters' tables and did not interfere with any conversations that the recruiters were having.

We were not asked to leave because we were being disruptive: we were removed exclusively because we were peacefully handing out literature.

When we carried out this same kind of action last quarter, after an initial argument we were allowed to stay and continue our leafletting precisely because we were not obstructing anything.

As members of this campus we would like to see The Western Front prac-

tice honesty and integrity in their reporting and not take the administrators at their word.

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## Two competitions cancelled due to swine flu

### Softball misses last series of season, seniors end career without a senior night

Andrew Mitchell  
Jennifer Farrington  
THE WESTERN FRONT

The four-game series between Western's softball team and the Western Oregon University Wolves was cancelled this weekend because a Western Oregon student may have a possible case of the H1N1 virus, or swine flu.

The series was supposed to be the final games of the Vikings' season, and the end of Viking softball careers for seniors Jessica Rosencrants and Morgan Parkerson.

"It was a real blow to the team to hear that the games were being cancelled," Western head coach Lonnie Hicks said. "We really wanted to finish the season strong for Jessica and Morgan and end their careers here at Western on a good note. It is unfortunate that canceling the games was the best option, but this is something nobody wants to fool around with."

GNAC Commissioner Richard Hannan made the announcement of the cancellations Thursday night after a conference call with the athletic directors from each school in the conference.

The athletic directors agreed during the conference call that cancelling games Western Oregon was involved in was the best way to keep all the athletes in the conference safe from the spreading of the disease, said Bob Guptill, GNAC Information Director.

Guptill said this is the first time in the conference's eight-year history that games and events have been cancelled due to a disease scare. The games could not be rescheduled because Saturday and Sunday were the final days any team can play the because the playoff seeding is selected Sunday afternoon, Guptill said.

"It's scary to think about the disease

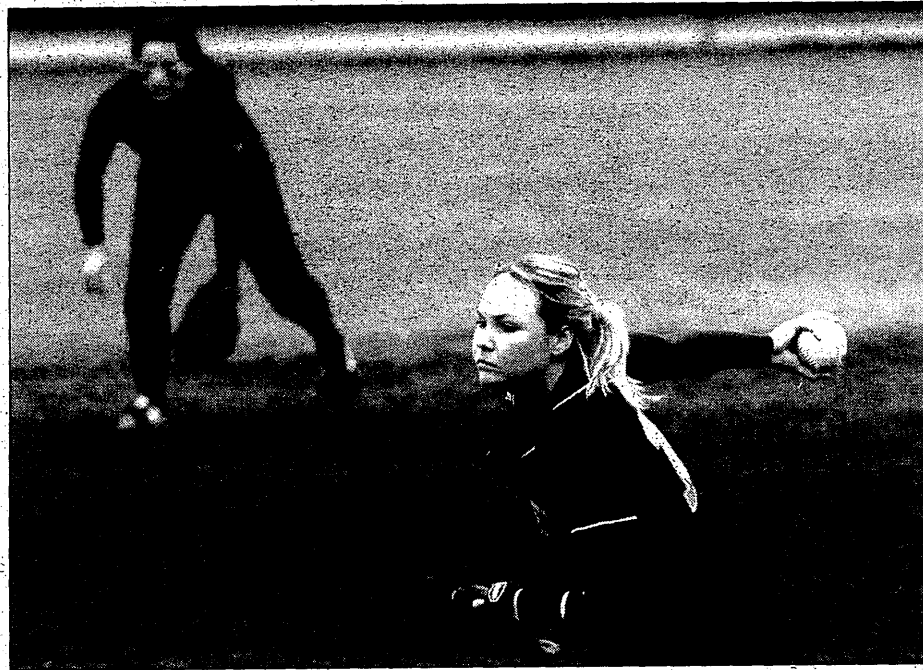


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Western senior Jessica Rosencrants pitches during the game against Central Washington University on February 28. She was unable to play in her last game as a Viking.

spreading, and I know I do not want to risk getting swine flu," Fox said. "I know we all definitely wanted to be able to play these games for the seniors but this is the best thing to do."

#### Recognition for the senior players

The cancellation meant that the senior day celebration and ceremony, which was supposed to happen between the two games Saturday to honor Rosencrants and Parkerson, did not take place.

"We try to have a really poignant celebration for every leaving senior where we broadcast all their career accolades. Morgan's mom was flying in all the way from England to be here for it," Hicks said.

To make up for the cancelled games, the team held a kickball game and a barbecue Saturday at Viking Field to celebrate the two seniors' achievements while at Western.

"It was a good way for everybody to say their goodbyes and have fun because we were all sad that the seniors didn't get to end their last season the way they should," Western freshman Stephanie Fox said.

The kickball game and barbecue were nice gestures and a fun way to end her and Parkerson's careers at Western and, in some ways, it was better than playing in the scheduled four-game series, Rosencrants said.

"We were able to really spend time with each other, instead of worrying about winning a game," Rosencrants said. "Western softball has been the best years of softball I have ever had, and I know both of us will miss it a lot."

Fox said the cancellation ended the

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### Track and Field conference championship cancelled

Steven Houck  
THE WESTERN FRONT

The GNAC cancelled the conference track and field championship meet in Monmouth, Ore., scheduled for May 1-2 due to a probable single case of the H1N1 virus.

The GNAC Championships meet will not be rescheduled for a later date.

Western junior Jordan Welling said he was thrown off by the cancellation of the meet.

"It's a weird feeling when you prepare yourself the entire week for a race, and then the day before you find out that it won't be happening," Welling said. "I feel bad for all our athletes who were counting on the GNAC meet to qualify for nationals."

Western Oregon University (WOU) campus closed Friday, May 5, by recommendation of the Oregon Department of Public Health and will stay closed through at Monday evening.

One student who lives on the WOU campus showed flu-like symptoms earlier this week and tested positive for influenza A at the school's Student Health Center. This was a strong enough case for the school to suspect cases of the swine flu, which led to the cancellation of the school and track meet.

Jon Carey, WOU athletic director said the student has been tested for the swine flu and the school is waiting for confirmation of the diagnosis from the Center for Disease Control before any other precaution.

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## Crew wins two gold medals, three silver at Intercollegiate championship

Kevin Minnick  
THE WESTERN FRONT

The women Vikings rowing crew returned from the Western Intercollegiate Rowing Association (WIRA) Championships in Gold River, Calif., last weekend with two gold medals and three silvers, their best WIRA performance to date.

Western's varsity eight and varsity four boats rowed through the weekend downpour on Lake Natoma to win their first-ever WIRA championship.

Senior varsity eight coxswain Kristy Theodorson led her boat to a narrow victory, edging out University Puget Sound by less than one second with a time of 6 minutes, 56.6 seconds.

"Up until the last 500 meters, we were down by a couple feet," Theodorson said. "But I kept telling my crew to trust our rate [strokes per minute] and trust our race plan."

When the two boats reached the final 500 meters, Theodorson said she instructed her boat to shift up their rate and stay focused.



From left: Western seniors Kristy Theodorson and Hilary Gastwirth both placed first in varsity eight and varsity four boats.

"In the last 250 meters, I could see [Puget Sound] giving us worried looks," Theodorson said. "I yelled, 'We've got them! Give me 10 more strokes!'"

Western pulled through in the final



Photos courtesy of the Western Athletic Department

eighth of the course to cross the finish line first.

"That was the most intense race of my career," Theodorson said.

Western's novice four and novice

eight crews both finished second in Sunday's grand finals. Their first-place opponents—Loyola Marymount University and Gonzaga University, respectively—are both Division I schools.

Racing the Division I schools gives the younger teammates a greater challenge, said head coach John Fuchs.

Fuchs said they raced up in the division and had crew members compete in multiple events to give the crew more practice.

"It's a fun event, and they get a chance to race whomever they want," Fuchs said. "We thought we would double up to give everybody a little more racing experience."

Fuchs said the rainy conditions during the weekend were not anything new for the Vikings.

"We are used to the rain, but it was warmer than we were accustomed to," Fuchs said. "Even though it was wet, we weren't cold like the southern California

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# Rock solid climbers compete



Photo by Rhys Logan THE WESTERN FRONT

Western sophomore Katie Howell plans her next move in the bouldering competition Sunday, May 2 at the Wade King Student Recreation Center. Western is the last stop for the loosely associated three school league with Central Washington University and the University of Washington.

### Mandi Brady THE WESTERN FRONT

The second annual Northwest Collegiate Climbing Challenge is a rather new event to Western's campus. This weekend Western hosted its final competition after competitions at Central Washington University, University of Washington and the University of Idaho.

Seventy-two climbers arrived at the Wade King Student Recreation Center May 2 to compete for an array of prizes.

More than half of the climbers were Western students, while the rest traveled from universities and schools from all over the Northwest.

"They're a lot of fun because everyone is in the same age range and everyone's really supportive," said Courtney Lind, a student from University of Oregon who has been climbing since seventh grade. "It's not one of those sports where people are rooting against each other; it's more like supporting each other, which is why I like it."

In previous years, the challenge has taken other names, but last year was the first year it became a series of competitions for the universities, said Western Climbing Coordinator Aislinn Ronaghan. Before competitions were held separately at schools with no overall school winner, Ronaghan said.

Next year, this year's competitors will be joined by Whitman College, Washington State University, the University of Oregon and Portland State University. Schools that have a climbing wall and

want to be involved are able to become a part of the series.

"It's actually fairly well-known," Ronaghan said. "To my knowledge, we are the first set of schools to try to organize something like this."

This year, the competitions started in February, Ronaghan said. Next year, a total of eight universities would be participating, and the series may start at the

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# CLIMBING: Challenge offers competition for Northwest schools

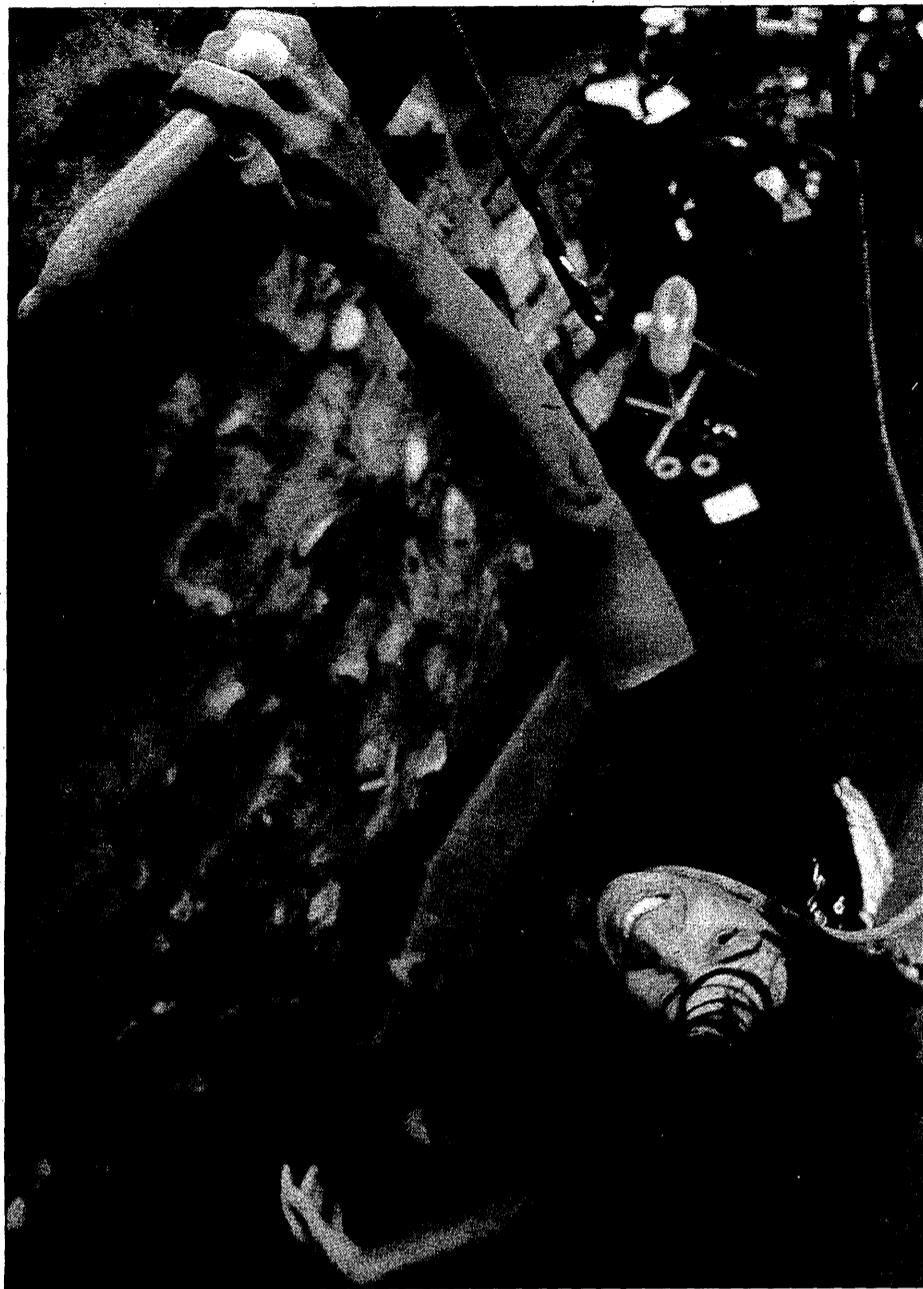


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Western sophomore Dale Jennings leaps for a single hold in the finals of the Northwest Collegiate Climbing Challenge Saturday, May 2. Jennings made it to the final round.

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beginning of the academic year and run through the end of spring quarter, Ronaghan said.

Each climber earns points from the competitions they choose to attend. The person at the end of the year or at the end of the series of competitions who has the most points is considered the overall winner.

The individual climber's points also go toward their team's overall score. The winner of this year's competition will earn a trophy and will be announced next week, Ronaghan said.

Climbers can compete in beginning level competitions to advanced level competitions, Western junior Kapper Richmond said. The top three climbers of each group win prizes.

A prize is also given to the person who comes in last place, and the rest of the prizes are raffled off to the climbers who attended, Richmond said.

"The climbing culture is supposed to be laid back and goofy and fun, so we don't want to make it a competition in the sense that you just cry if you don't win," Ronaghan said.

This year, USA Climbing, the national governing body of competitive climbing, was assembling a collegiate series for the first time.

The Northwest Collegiate Climbing Challenge was offered to become part of the regional series but declined due to differing sets of rules and because it was such a success on its own, Ronaghan said.

Western senior Erin Escobar describes her climbing abilities as OK but not great because she does not visit the rock wall as often as she used to, because a lot of her rec center friends have left. This is her

second year attending the event and is the only competition said she has ever competed in, she said.

"It's a fun way to exercise. It's not boring and mostly it's just a social thing," Escobar said. "It's just really fun, 'cause it's hard."

Western sophomore Alana McCammon who helped run and organize the event said competitors are able to try seven different climbing routes laid out on the rock wall and have five attempts to complete each one.

Routes can be worth 100 to 1,000 points, and the score climbers receive is based off the completion of the route, Ronaghan said.

"The goal of the competition is just to provide experience for the climbers," McCammon said.

One of the other goals of the event is to get more people involved with climbing, Ronaghan said.

"It's intimidating to look at, especially when you look at some of the really good climbers climb, and you have never climbed before," Ronaghan said.

The best way to get involved is to go to the rec center and ask about getting involved with climbing, Ronaghan said. It is a very open and friendly culture, she said.

"Even in this competition everybody is [friendly]. Just by the fact that they're competing against each other, they're still cheering everybody else on and helping them out, giving them tips and suggestions," Ronaghan said. "They tend to be very good about doing that, especially with new climbers."

Ronaghan said it is an intimidating environment to break into, but once a person take the first step, everybody is eager to help.

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# TRACK: Athletes set records at makeup meet

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tions are made. He said they are still waiting for the results. If the results are negative, WOU will reopen Tuesday morning.

Of the nine teams in the GNAC, four competed at the Pacific Twilight meet Saturday in Forest, Ore., to makeup for the GNAC meet cancellation.

The GNAC teams competing included Alaska-Anchorage, Central Washington, Northwest Nazarene of Nampa, Idaho and Western. Western head coach Pee Wee Halsell asked if Western could compete in the meet once he heard news about the cancellation of the GNAC Championships.

Western had two more new Division II national provisional standards met at the Twilight meet. Track athletes can qualify for nationals only if they hit the provisional standard.

Western sophomore Michelle Howe received a provisional standard in the Women's 100-meter hurdles placing sec-

ond with a time of 14.60 seconds.

The women's 4-by-400 relay ran a meet record and also met a national provisional qualifying standard with a time of 3:49.70. The relay team included senior Heidi Dimmitt, sophomore Sarah Brownell, sophomore Megan O'Connell and freshman Ellie Siler.

Senior Sam Bedell said it was great to see athletes improve their times under the conditions they were in.

"From my experience, it is challenging to set your mind to compete when there is so much other stuff going on," Bedell said. "I think the swine flu incident has given all of us a little scare."

Junior Courtney Olsen ran a meet record for the second straight week in the women's 3,000 steeplechase with a time of 11:38.41.

Other winning performances by Western came from freshman Will Davis in the men's triple jump with a mark of 46-2 1/2 and freshman Emily Warman in the women's triple jump, who hit a provi-

sional standard with a jump of 38-5, ranking her in the top 16 in the nation.

The men's 4-by-400 relay, which set a meet record, had a season-best time of 3:21.0. The relay team included juniors Ben Wargo and Matt O'Connell, sophomore Phil Villanueva, senior Kevin Myhre.

"We had some draw backs this week, but we need to put that behind us and focus for next week," Dimmitt said. "Nationals is not far away at all."

Western competes at the Ken Foreman/Ken Shannon Last Chance Meet on May, 8 in Seattle, Wash., at Husky Stadium. The meet will include Division I and II schools, including University of Washington and Seattle Pacific University.

"This is the last chance for any of our athletes to qualify for nationals, so I hope we see a lot of personal bests next week," Western sophomore Sarah Porter said.

The NCAA Division II National Championships will held in San Angelo, Texas on May 21- May 23.

# Women's golf at seventh consecutive regional tournament

Lisa Carrouger  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Western's women's golf team is once again at the NCAA Division II West Super Regional for the seventh time, May 4-6 at the Ironwood Golf and Country Club in Omaha, Neb. Five of Western's women golfers are competing at the regionals this week.

Senior Kaitlin Parker and sophomore Christa Goldie ended the day among the top 10 in medalist play Monday, and the team ended in a three-way tie for second with West Texas A&M and California State University Monterey Bay. Western is only six strokes away from taking the first place spot.

Women's golf will be among nine other teams competing, hoping to be one of three teams selected to continue on to the NCAA II National Tournament.

The 54-hole event is one of four regional competitions across the country.

If the women's golf team goes to nationals, they will compete from May 13-16 at the University of Findlay in Findlay, Ohio.

Freshman Alexandria Taylor said she hopes the team members can stay in the Regionals and not get discouraged.

"We all have put in a lot of hard work and it pays off," Taylor said.

Last year, women's golf finished in second place at regionals and placed sixth at the nationals competition.

*For full event coverage of the women's NCAA Division II West Super Regional see Friday's issue of The Western Front.*

# CREW: Team readies for regional regatta May 16

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schools."

Senior Hilary Gastwirth, who sits in the No. 3 seat position in the varsity four lineup, said she thought the weather was much like Washington's, which benefited the northwest teams.

Western returns to Lake Natoma in Gold River, Calif., on May 16 for the NCAA Division II West Regional Pacific Coast Rowing Championships. Fuchs said they are looking out for Seattle Pacific University and Humboldt State University, two tough schools entering the competition.

"Everybody's trying to qualify for nationals, so it's a last chance to impress the NCAA seating committee," Fuchs said. "Everybody's going to bring their best... We don't take that event lightly at all."

The team peaked at its training last week in preparation for WIRAs, so this week will be a recovery session to let the crew members heal, Fuchs said.

After a few days it is back to hard training, Uecker said.

East Coast university Mercyhurst College is ranked nationally as Western's closest competitor, although they have not raced each other this season. NCAA committee votes, based on both school's

season performances, have placed them in a tie for their division. The contention for first place will be settled May 30-31 at the NCAA Women's Rowing Championships in Camden, N.J.

"I think it's pretty even [with Mercyhurst]," Fuchs said. "It's going to be a throwdown for that last race."

Uecker said while she was lucky enough to finish all her midterms before last weekend, she knew several teammates who had four or five tests or papers due.

"We were studying on the plane," Uecker said. "We know that when you get even a half hour of extra time, you should grab a book and start reading."

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# SOFTBALL: First disease scare in conference history

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two seniors' careers too abruptly and canceling the senior day ceremony was sad to hear for all the players, but the action was needed.

Rosencrants said the cancelled games were, in a way, fitting for the season the Vikings had because she said she feels nothing went right for the team this year.

She said missing the senior day celebration and ceremony was disappointing, but the experience of playing in her final game at Western meant more to her.

### A bittersweet end for the seniors

"You always wonder what your last game would be like, and I was excited to see how mine would turn out," Rosencrants said. "It was frustrating to me because I played my last game without even knowing it. I felt pretty ripped off."

Rosencrants and Parkerson deserved a better end to their softball careers at Western because each has been a major contributor to the team ever since they came to the school, Hicks said.

Rosencrants has been a Viking for two years and was named a second-team GNAC all-star last season as a pitcher. This season she led the team in games started, innings pitched and tied for the team lead in wins with Western junior Sarah McEnroe at nine.

"Jessica has been an outstanding pitcher for us the last two years," Hicks said. "Her pitching performances this season and her battling injuries the whole time has meant a lot to this team."

Parkerson has played four seasons, and is one of the three remaining players on the team that won the 2007 GNAC championship. She is hitting a career best .286 this season with two homeruns and 12 RBIs.

Parkerson was recently named to the GNAC all-academic team for the second straight season and was selected to the team representing Great Britain in the 2009 European Championships in Spain this summer.

"Morgan has always been a strong

found themselves at a distinct disadvantage, sophomore Jenna Mohrweis said.

"We had six rainouts early on in the season," Mohrweis said. "When we were finally getting our first games in, other teams had already had a couple of games to bond as a team and get the kinks out."

The team had been forced to play a number of doubleheaders at the end of their season because of rainouts. The situation was more troublesome for the Vikings as their injuries mounted, Wrigley said.

**"We really wanted to finish the season strong for Jessica and Morgan. It was unfortunate that canceling the games was the best option, but this is something nobody wants to fool around with."**

- Lonnie Hicks, softball head coach

player for us ever since she came here as a freshman," Hicks said. "She has a big bat and has been huge for us when we lost Meghan Flem to injury earlier this season. She was definitely a great player to have."

Western finished the year in fourth place with a 16-20 record in GNAC play and 20-26 overall. The team's record does not reflect the amount of talent on the team because they have struggled with injuries to key players and a rough schedule, Fox said.

### Team falters after season injuries

The team struggled to overcome injuries and make up the countless games that were rained out earlier in the season. Since the start of their season, the Vikings

"So many of us have aggravated a lot of injuries because of playing all these back-to-back games," Wrigley said. "Some of our pitchers are now not able to throw at all."

The Viking pitching staff ended the season riddled with injuries. Rosencrants suffered from shoulder tightness, and junior pitcher Sarah McEnroe missed numerous starts because of a lower back injury. Freshman pitcher Alyssa Malland also dealt with a shoulder injury.

The pitching staff was not the only place the Vikings were hurting.

Among other injured players were, Mohrweis who played with a torn meniscus and a sprained thumb and junior infielder Meghan Flem who was out with a leg injury.

"A lot of people had to play different positions that they don't normally have to play," sophomore catcher Samantha Rutherford said.

They also had position players pitching, some who had not pitched since high school and had to face college level batters, Sperl said.

"Kids were willing to go out and do what they had to do for the team, which was nice to see," Sperl said. "They've really worked for each other."

The team tried to let injuries mend by taking days off from practice, lessening the work load when they practiced and focused on stretching and getting loose before playing, but it was difficult giving the team the rest they needed, Sperl said.

"It was tough because we expected to have a really good team this year," Sperl said. "But we had to pick each other up in the field and remain optimistic."

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<p><b>Parkhill Suites</b> 1010 Indian Street 2 Bedroom, 1 1/4 Bath Rent: 855</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>North Campus</li> <li>Walk in Closets</li> <li>Large bedrooms</li> <li>Dishwashers</li> <li>W/S/G Paid</li> </ul>	<p><b>822 N. Garden Street</b> 2 &amp; 3 Bedroom Units Rent: \$900-\$1250</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Close to WWU</li> <li>W/S/G Paid</li> <li>No Pets</li> </ul>	<p><b>900 Liberty Street</b> 2 Bedroom Rent: \$</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Close to WWU</li> <li>Quiet Neighborhood</li> <li>City &amp; Bay View</li> <li>W/S/G Paid</li> <li>Onsite Laundry</li> </ul>	<p><b>Samish Heights Apartments</b> 1009 - 1011 Lenora Court Studio Rent: \$575-\$595 2 Bedroom Rent: \$735-\$745</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dishwasher</li> <li>Large Decks</li> <li>Blocks to WWU</li> <li>Onsite Laundry</li> </ul>	<p><b>Cyprus Place</b> 690 Cyprus Studio Rent: \$775 1 Bedroom Rent: \$875</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>W/D in Suite</li> <li>Stainless Steel</li> <li>Blocks to WWU!</li> </ul>
<p><b>Edgemont Apartments</b> 3420 W. McLeod Road 2 Bedroom Rent: \$725-\$750 1 Bedroom Rent: \$650</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>W/D units available</li> <li>Dishwasher</li> <li>On-site Laundry</li> <li>Community Club House</li> <li>Duck Pond</li> <li>Spacious Units</li> <li>Private Patio/Decks</li> <li>On-Site Manager</li> <li>Cat possible with additional deposit and approval</li> </ul>	<p><b>Adrik Place</b> 2110-22 Harris &amp; 1304-26 22nd 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath Rent: \$1600</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walk to WWU!</li> <li>Washer/Dryer</li> <li>Dishwasher</li> <li>W/S/G Paid</li> <li>Garage</li> </ul>	<p><b>Cambridge Square Apartments</b> 301 to 487 31st St 1 Bedroom Rent: \$600-\$620 2 Bedroom Rent: \$750</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Heated Pool</li> <li>Onsite Laundry</li> <li>Dishwasher</li> <li>On-site Management</li> </ul>	<p><b>Orchard Meadows Apartments</b> 2502-2506 Douglas Ave. 2 Bedroom Rent: \$750</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walk to WWU!</li> <li>Washer/Dryer</li> <li>Dishwasher</li> <li>Fireplace</li> <li>Spacious Units</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Sehome View Apartments</b> 501 Voltair Court Spacious Studio/1 Bedroom Rent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>W/D in unit</li> <li>W/S/G Paid</li> <li>No Pets</li> </ul>	<p><b>1318 High Street</b> 1 and 3 Bedrooms Rent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>W/S/G Paid</li> <li>On-site Laundry</li> <li>Brand New Windows</li> </ul>	<p><b>Campus Duplexes</b> 1006-1011 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath Rent: \$1650 + \$90 utilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>W/D in Suite</li> <li>Dishwasher</li> <li>Vaulted Ceilings</li> <li>2 Car Garage</li> <li>Blocks to WWU!</li> </ul>		



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