

Western slowly sinks



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Miller Hall's basement and the east side of Red Square are slowly sinking because they are on top of a peat bog.

Professors want university to assess geology of waterfront property before building begins

BY LOREN SHANE
The Western Front

Before Western makes plans to develop the waterfront property near the Port of Bellingham, geology department professors want the university to factor in previous development mistakes.

Visitors to the basement of Miller Hall can see its sinking floor. This is because when the university added the basement to the main structure in 1968, construction

crews built it directly on a peat bog. As years go by, the building continues to slowly sink.

Western geology professor Dave Engebretson said the collapsing does not end with Miller Hall.

"Much of Red Square has subsidence issues," he said. "This includes a tilting fountain right in the middle of it."

Although the area on the waterfront where Western plans to expand the campus is not on a peat bog, it still raises geological

problems. This time, geology professors want the university to address these concerns before developing.

Western associate geology professor Bernie Housen said developing on the waterfront is risky because the property is on weak, artificial fill the city used to extend the shoreline into Bellingham Bay.

"When any large earthquake occurs, soil of this type invariably tends to liquefy," he said. "This poses a serious risk and added cost to developing this property."

Western assistant geology professor David Hirsch reiterated Housen's

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Scam artists roam streets

BY KIRSTEN DUBOIS
The Western Front

For most people, interacting with strangers is a near-daily occurrence. Since July 29, at least four Bellingham residents lost thousands of dollars due to this kind of encounter.

The fraud incidents occurred July 29, Oct. 21 and twice on Oct. 8. The Bellingham Police Department has seen no pattern in the time of day the scams took place, Bellingham Police Lt. Craige Ambrose said. Four victims were older than 70 years old, two of them men and two women. Bellingham police would not release the names of the victims to protect their reputations.

In each reported incident, a well-dressed black male or female with a false accent approached a victim in the parking lot of a public business. Ambrose said two men and one woman are involved in the scam and described all three suspects as in their late 30s or early 40s, all with dark skin.

The scam artist usually begins the interaction by asking for directions and then for a ride to a certain location. The suspect explains he or she is in a hurry and then talks about giving a large sum of money to a charity before leaving the country, Ambrose said.

Three of four attempted scams succeeded, collecting \$1,000, \$6,000 and \$10,700. On the fourth attempt Nov. 8, the victim became suspicious after a second black male approached her, so she called the police.

Ambrose said most people are embarrassed they fell for a scam, though it happens often because of the extreme details and planning scam artists put into their work.

"Scam artists are usually very charming and approachable," Western assistant sociology professor Jen Lois said. "They know they need to gain trust quickly."

Lois teaches a sociology of deviant behavior class in which she explains and

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Senate considers revising board ban

BY SHANNON DEVENY
The Western Front

The Associated Students Student Senate is considering working to reverse the ban of skateboards and longboards on Western's campus. This would allow boarders to legally roll, glide and carve their way to and from classes.

"We are looking into why Western has this policy — why specifically skateboards and longboards are not allowed and what students think about this," said Chiho Lai, Western junior and Student Senate chair.

The ban is included in a

section of the Washington Administrative Code, which is a guideline from the Washington State Legislature that regulates state universities' policies, Dean of Students Ted Pratt said.

Title 516 of the code regards Western's rules and policies. It bans skateboards and longboards to prevent collisions and protect the campus from damage.

The ban is the senate's focus this month. Student senators are gathering information and opinions about the policy to decide whether they should pursue revisions, Lai said.

The senate is examining this issue because many students

board as an alternate form of transportation, instead of driving or walking, said Kristina Mader, Western sophomore and vice chair of the senate.

"If enough students use skateboards and longboards for transportation, it might be a good idea to reopen the issue," Mader said.

If the senate decides to attempt to reverse the ban, it will propose its argument to Western's board of trustees, which will make the final decision, Mader said.

The board could reverse the ban or relax the restrictions and allow boarding at certain times during the day, Mader said.

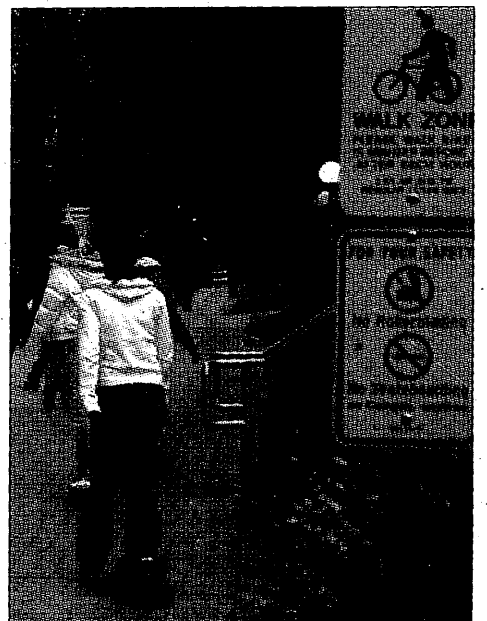
If the board decides to take action, it must convince the legislature to approve the revisions, Carol Berry, the alternative transportation coordinator at Western, said.

"The (code) would have to be rewritten and ultimately passed by the Washington State Legislature to be changed," Berry said.

The student senators are currently gathering information, but they plan to formulate an argument to present to the board during winter quarter, Lai said.

The only action the senate

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TAYLOR WILLIAMS / THE WESTERN FRONT
Despite a ban, longboarding remains a popular way to get around campus.



RED SCARE

Film reflects on a dangerous period in U.S. history and the journalist who covered it all

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The Bellingham Slam will start its first season Friday against the Los Angeles Aftershock

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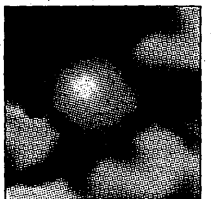
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WEATHER

Saturday: Sunny
Hi: 47 Low: 32

Sunday: Sunny
Hi: 45 Low: 34



COPS BOX

University Police

Nov. 16, 12:09 a.m.: UP responded to a report of a sulfuric smell in Nash Hall.

Bellingham Police

Nov. 16, 10:20 p.m.: Officers responded to a report of a burglary on the 1100 block of Ellis Street

Nov. 16, 11:11 a.m.: Officers responded to a complaint from a business near Sehome High School asking for extra patrols during lunch hour because students were running wild.

Nov. 16, 4:07 a.m.: Officers responded to a vehicle-prowl report on the 2800 block of West Maplewood Avenue.

Nov. 16, 3:51 a.m.: Officers responded to a report of disorderly conduct on the 2100 block of Alabama Street after a resident called regarding a fight outside.

Nov. 15, 11:50 p.m.: Officers arrested a man on suspicion of reckless driving on the 2800 block of Meridian Street.

Nov. 15, 9:18 p.m.: Officers responded to a report of a juvenile runaway on the 2400 block of Lynn Street.

Nov. 15, 7:20 p.m.: Officers responded to a suspicious circumstance on the 1200 block of North State Street.

Nov. 15, 5:26 p.m.: Officers responded to a vehicle prowl on the 700 block of Indian Street. Nothing was stolen, but the stereo was damaged.

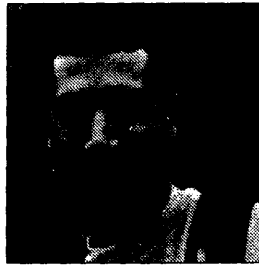
Nov. 15, 5:01 p.m.: Officers arrested a man on the 800 block of Lakeway Drive on suspicion of shoplifting two glass figurines.

Compiled by Jen Whitford

Viking Voices

What is your biggest pet peeve?

Compiled by Susan Rosenberry



Chris Wilson
Senior, business

Eight o'clock classes and getting up in the morning. I hate it when my roommate keeps knocking on his alarm clock.



Taylor Wade
Junior, business

When girls wear skirts with Uggs boots. The boots are ugly and it's usually way too cold to be wearing a skirt.



Wyatt Brown
Freshman, biology

People who watch me eat. It's a personal preference and it makes me feel a little uncomfortable.

AP Wire

news briefs

STATE NEWS

Officials test new ferry from Bellingham to Friday Harbor

A passenger ferry from Bellingham to Friday Harbor is expected to start service Dec. 1.

The Whatcom Council of Governments will study the service's feasibility using a \$196,000 Federal Transit Administration grant.

The council will survey passengers who ride the walk-on ferry during the three-month pilot project to get more data. The ferry schedule will include two round trips per day, Monday through Friday. The fare will be \$17.50 each way.

NATIONAL NEWS

Lawmakers want other sports to follow baseball's drug penalties

Members of Congress said

Wednesday that other professional sports should follow baseball's lead and mandate tougher penalties for steroid use.

An agreement between major-league baseball players and owners starts with a 50-game suspension for the first failed steroid test, a 100-game suspension for a second failed test and a lifetime ban for a third.

House Government Reform Committee chairman Tom Davis, R-Dem., said other professional sports should have penalties that are at least as strict as baseball's.

Kentucky Sen. Jim Bunning, a Hall of Fame pitcher, said he is disappointed because the agreement makes no mention of erasing baseball records that athletes set with the help of performance-enhancing drugs.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Embedded reporter says five Marines are dead

An embedded reporter said five

U.S. Marines died and 11 were wounded in operations Wednesday near Iraq's border with Syria.

The New York Times reported the American soldiers were searching a house as part of an anti-militant sweep.

Troops have found dozens of explosive booby traps in the offensive operations. The Times reports the Marines may have detonated one of those traps.

A U.S. military statement said the push into the city west of Baghdad is encountering heavy resistance because militants believe they are trapped and have nowhere else to go.

China confirms two human bird-flu cases

A top National Institute of Health official said the organization is not surprised that bird flu jumped from poultry to two people in China Wednesday.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, head of the

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases said China's confirmation of human cases is unfortunate but is simply a sign that the problem is not going away.

Official state media in China said China's Health Ministry confirmed two cases, one of which was fatal. A third suspected case was also fatal.

A World Health Organization official in Beijing said the Health Ministry cannot confirm the third case was the deadly H5N1 strain because the girl's body was cremated and doctors could not test it. The girl's brother got the flu but recovered.

Officials had warned a human infection in China was inevitable after the country suffered 11 outbreaks in poultry during the past month, which prompted authorities to destroy millions of birds.

Compiled by Lorean Serko
AP Wire courtesy KUGS 89.3-FM

Corrections

The Nov. 15 article titled "Rival UW too much for Western Hockey" incorrectly stated Western's club hockey team's record as 8-7. The team's record is 7-4.

The Nov. 15 article titled "Students work to broaden application race options" misspelled Micaela O'Brien's name.

The Western Front regrets this and any other errors.

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PARKING LOT RESERVATIONS. • Lots 11G and 14G will be reserved at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 18-20 for those attending performances of *Moe's Lucky 7* and *Quake*; • Sixty spaces will be reserved in lot 12A at 7:30 a.m. Nov. for those attending a NCOSP event; • Lot 17G will be reserved at 6 a.m. Nov. 19 for those attending a retirement planning seminar.

FACULTY ARE REMINDED THAT RESERVED PARKING SPACES are available for their use after hours and weekends with a valid parking permit or bus pass, as posted in lots 10G, 17G and Parks Hall.

THE MATH PLACEMENT TEST (MPT) will be held in OM 120 at 3 p.m. Mondays on Nov. 21 and 28, and at 9 a.m. Thursdays on Dec. 1 and 8. Registration is not required. Students must bring photo identification, their student number, Social Security number, and a No. 2 pencil. A fee of \$15 is payable in the exact amount at test time. Allow 90 minutes.

THE MILLER ANALOGIES TEST (MAT) IS ADMINISTERED BY APPOINTMENT ONLY as a computer-based test. Make an appointment in person in OM 120 or by calling X/3080. A \$60 fee is payable at test time. The test takes about 1½ hours. Preliminary scores are available immediately; official results are mailed within 15 days.

WEST-B TEST. All applying for admission to state-approved teacher education programs must meet the minimum passing score on the basic skills assessment by the application deadline. Visit www.west.nesinc.com for registration information and a study guide. Registration deadlines are several weeks in advance. Test dates for 2005-06 are Nov. 19, Jan. 21, March 11, May 13, and July 15.

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

THE RECREATION PROGRAM APPLICATION DEADLINE is Friday, Nov. 18. Application materials and a pre-scheduled faculty interview must be completed by that date. For more information, stop by CV 6 or call X/3782.

HAROLD AND LYLA LANT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS are now available to students pursuing a career as a lawyer and who have applied to an accredited law school. Full description and application materials are available in Academic Advising and Tutorial Services, OM 380. Deadline is Feb. 1.

FALL GROUP OFFERINGS THROUGH THE COUNSELING CENTER include • Relaxation Training, drop in for one or all sessions, 4 p.m. Thursdays, OM 540; • Ride the Emotional Wave, drop in for one or all sessions, 3 to 4:20 p.m. Wednesdays, OM 540.

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STORM LINE/EMERGENCY HOTLINE CARDS FOR POSTING IN THE OFFICE OR AT HOME have been sent to each employee via campus mail. Employees who did not receive one, or who need additional cards, may call the Office of University Communications, X/3350.

South campus readies for expansion

By SAM ROBERTS
The Western Front

Crammed in with several other departments in Parks Hall, the communication sciences and disorders department has been lacking space.

The Academic Instructional Center construction project on south campus will begin in spring and provide the expansion the department needs.

Project manager Gil Aiken said the university hopes to complete the center's construction by December 2008. The psychology department will also move into the center.

The 120,000-square-foot center has two wings, one for department offices and one for classrooms. The academic wing will include two lecture halls, approximately 700 classroom seats, a main computer lab and one specifically for psychology students, and a student meeting space. A sky bridge will connect the departments' offices to the classrooms, Aiken said.

The most innovative feature of the center will be its natural ventilation system, Aiken said.

The ventilation system will use the buoyancy of hot air, he said. As classrooms heat up, vertical vents outside the rooms allow warm air, which is lighter than cold air, to rise to the top of the building and then release outside. This will also

create a vacuum that draws fresh air into the building and classrooms through vents.

The center will be the only campus structure to use this.

"Western has always been dedicated to a green technology approach," Aiken said. "This continues that trend."

The ventilation system will save money because the university will not have pay money for cooling.

The building, including its equipment, will cost the university \$55 million, director of facilities management Tim Wynn said.

Director of capital budget Renee Roberts said \$51 million of the funding for the building comes from a state grant.

The building will complete the second half of the planned south campus square, which began with the building of the Communications Facility in 2003, Aiken said. The center will be southwest of the Communications Facility.

Aiken said the construction might inconvenience students because it will reroute foot traffic to the Fairhaven residence halls, the C parking lots around the facility and the Wade King Student Recreation Center.

The building's student benefits will outweigh inconveniences, said Michael Seilo, chair of the communication sciences and disorders department.

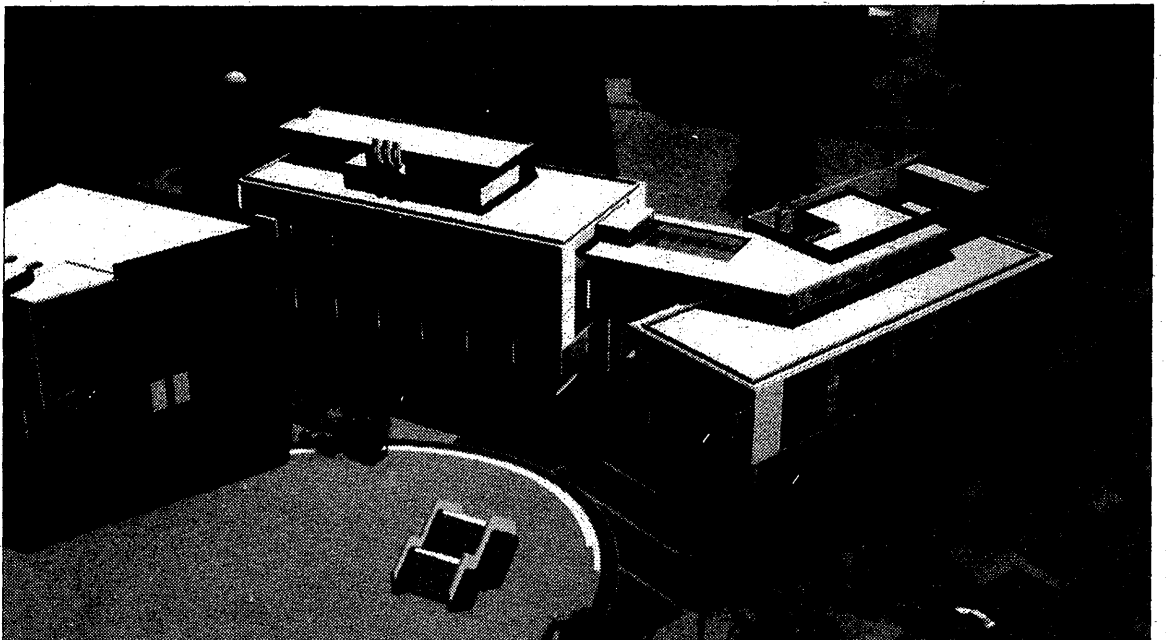


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The Academic Instructional Center, located southwest of the Communications Facility, is the second half of the south campus quad, which Western plans to complete in December 2008.

For example, communication sciences and disorders students will have treatment resources such as therapy rooms in which they can meet with patients, additional clinic space to plan treatment sessions for patients who have difficulty communicating because of a speech or hearing problem and more student work space, he said.

Seilo said few places, aside from the sky bridge connecting Haggard Hall and Wilson Library, exist on campus where students can get together and work close to

their department.

"I'm so pleased that they addressed the issue of student collaboration with this building," Seilo said. "When students leave classes, they have no place to sit around and work that is close to the department."

Seilo said he expects the two departments' students to collaborate because they will share space in the center.


The communication sciences and disorder department will begin moving in as soon as construction

is finished and anticipates being completely moved in by summer 2008, Seilo said.

The tennis courts near the rec center will have to move to the grass area near the softball field below the Campus Services building, Wynn said.


The architecture of the center will be similar to the building styles of south campus, Aiken said.

The center's bricks will be the same as the Communications Facility, giving it a similar appearance.



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Senior Joe Lindquist elected Tuesday to Mount Vernon City Council post

BY LOREAN SERKO
The Western Front

At 21 years old, Western senior Joe Lindquist is among seven representatives who will sit on the Mount Vernon City Council. In the Nov. 8 election, Lindquist won a four-year term over opponent Stoney Bird, with 69 percent of the votes.

Mayor Bud Norris appointed Lindquist, a Mount Vernon native and 2002 Mount Vernon High School alumnus, to the City Council in January 2005 after a vacant seat opened up. As a result of the appointment term, Lindquist was required to run in last Tuesday's election to keep his position.

"I think when I applied and was appointed they really liked the age factor," Lindquist said. "I was not running for one cause and was interested in the city as a whole."

Lindquist will continue to serve as the chair of the City Council's parks and recreation committee, which monitors what the parks department is doing in terms of development and planning for future growth.

As chair of the parks and recreation committee Lindquist oversees city policies, such as street closures, sale of city land and other land-use issues such as development.

"The most interesting part is listening to all sides of issues and ideas that come forward," Lindquist said. "I like to know that I am taking some ownership in my community."

Council members must be 18 years old, live in Mount Vernon, complete necessary paperwork and pay a \$72 filing fee, Lindquist said. Any city resident can run.

Lindquist is an assistant manager at a Starbucks in Mount Vernon and a full-time business major at Western in addition to being a councilman.

"Joe brings a genuine interest and concern for Mount Vernon," councilman Glenn Ash said. "With that he works hard to invest himself into issues."

Council members earn \$600 per month, and their time commitment varies from month to month. Lindquist said some months they may work 40 hours, while other months they put in four, depending on what is going on in the city.

"His diversity in age and life experiences complements the sum total of the council," said John Cheney, a councilman since 1985. "He helps dispel inaccurate perceptions of people his age and life experience."

Lindquist said he enjoys being involved in politics but does not plan to become a career politician. After he graduates this spring, Lindquist will stay in the Mount Vernon area and become a financial consultant.

"Joe has lived in Mount Vernon his whole life and has seen many changes in the landscape," said

Bob Fielder, a councilman since 1994 and a 1977 Western graduate. "He understands what changes are on the horizon."

Lindquist faces an election again in 2007. He said he plans to maintain his seat on the City Council indefinitely.

"I am really happy with the way things are going on the council," Lindquist said. "Everyone on the council gets along, and I have heard people in the community saying the council's the best it has been in 10 years."

'Joe has lived in Mount Vernon his whole life and has seen many changes in the landscape. He understands what changes are on the horizon.'

BOB FIELDER
Mount Vernon
City Councilman

Sinking: Western does not intend to fix Miller Hall for five to seven years

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conclusions about the waterfront.

"The problem is that the waterfront land, when it formed, did not compact correctly," Hirsch said. "Even when the material is well compacted, it is very susceptible to liquefaction since it is saturated with water."

In an earthquake, water would drain out of the ground, causing buildings on that ground to collapse, Hirsch said.

Housen said engineering and geological specialists should evaluate the land before development begins.

"The soil and its potential for liquefaction need to be well characterized," he said. "Building foundations need to be designed to account for this."

Housen said a common test to determine the stability of land is to drill pillars in the ground until they reach solid bedrock. If the bedrock is near the surface, the ground is stable enough for development.

"I would lean toward not building housing or dorm facilities on the waterfront," he said. "From a purely academic standpoint, any place that is not on artificial fill would be safer."

For now, building on the waterfront is a plan that Western continues develop.

"The university's plans are still being developed," said Buff Schoenfeld, executive assistant to Western President Karen Morse.

"The development is a long-term proposition, so full plans are way off."

Schoenfeld said the university will likely have a presence on the waterfront, but officials have made no decisions on what that presence will be.

"Any building done at the waterfront will conform to high safety standards," she said.

As for repairs for Miller Hall, the university does not plan to renovate the building for another five to seven years, said Tim Wynn, Western's director of facilities management.

"Until then, we will be keeping an eye on all the utility connections," he said. "We will make sure the subsidence does not cause a safety problem."


Western associate geology professor Chris Suczek described a peat bog as wet, swampy ground filled with organic matter such as algae or spores.



"Peat is spongy," she said. "It will compact if something heavy, such as a building, is put on it."

Housen said the university should have designed the basement to suit the land's geology.

"The area is naturally soft and not very well-consolidated," he said. "When built upon, it easily compacts and subsides."

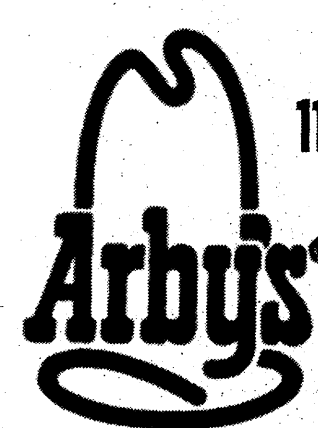
Engbretson said if the university pursues developing the waterfront without solving geological problems, it will suffer consequences.

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Fraud: Scam artists often target people who look willing to talk

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analyzes the structure of deviant crews, such as scam artists.

When the second scam artist approaches, he acts as if he is in the same position as the victim, listening to the scam and eventually giving money. This puts the victim at ease, Ambrose said. If someone else gives money, the victim feels comfortable doing the same.

Scam artists approach people who look willing to talk. They specifically seek open and friendly people who make eye contact, said Ruth Holbrook, the supervisor of the Consumer Resource Center in Bellingham, a branch of the Office of the Attorney General. For this reason, the targets are often elderly people.

"Senior citizens seem to see the world differently in terms of trust and friendliness," Holbrook said.

Scam artists also use props, usually letters, Ambrose said. In the case of the Bellingham scam artists, one was a letter from a South African government about a legal settlement between him and his brother who died in the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, which would

get the scam artist \$150,000. The scam artist said he would donate the money to charity, but he was in the United States on a short-term visa and needed help in doing so.

The artists also ask victims to prove their financial stability by asking them to withdraw money from their bank account to put money into a charity for them.

When the victim gives the money, the artist makes an excuse to leave and never returns, Ambrose said.

"It's the age-old stop and think," Holbrook said. "If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is."

The best defense against fraud is education, Ambrose said.

Fraud Fighters, an educational group hosted by the Office of the Attorney General, works to help citizens become aware of various kinds of fraud and how to prevent them, Holbrook said.

"If you think something's a fraud you have to ask yourself, 'Do I have to act on it now, or can I check it out further?'" Holbrook said. "If you have to do something in a limited amount of time, it may make you do something you wouldn't do normally."

Ban: Boarding offers alternate form of transportation

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can take is to present a well-thought-out argument to the board to convince it to revise the ban, Mader said.

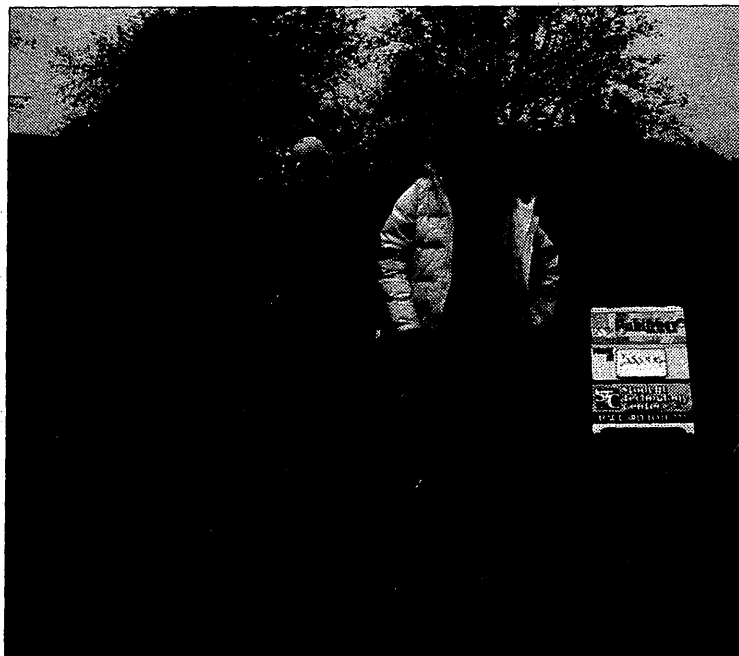
"There are two compelling reasons why boards are not allowed," University Police Chief Jim Shaw said. "One is the fact that sometimes skateboard and pedestrian traffic mixes and sometimes it doesn't, possibly resulting in injury. The second is that skateboards have done infrastructure damage to benches and things like that on campus."

Fines for boarding on campus are \$10 for the first offense, \$25 for the second offense and \$50 for the third. If the violations continue, the university police may temporarily confiscate the board, Shaw said.

"The University Police get painted as the bad guys, but really my guys are only enforcing the rules that are already written," Shaw said.

Boarding between classes and to school is necessary to get to class on time, Western junior longboarder Kacie DuBois said.

"Boarding is my mode of transportation," she said. "Often



TAYLOR WILLIAMS / THE WESTERN FRONT

Western junior Kacie DuBois and Western junior Drew von Lindern use their longboards as a mode of transportation.

the bus is running late, and the only way you can get to class on time is to skate."

Bicycles are not banned from campus, but bikers must dismount and walk them through campus 15 minutes before and 15 minutes after every hour between 7:45 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. when school is in session. Bikers are also subject to fines for breaking these rules.

Bikes are more dangerous to pedestrians than boards, Western junior longboarder Drew von Lindern said.

If the policy allows bikes it should allow boards as well because they are alternative forms of transportation, DuBois said.

"It's unfair to let bikes ride around campus but ban boards completely," she said.

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Didn't make it to prom?

AS Productions Pop Music provides second chances this weekend with Prom Night Pop

By CIARA O'ROURKE
The Western Front

Western students will ditch sweatshirts and jeans Saturday to deck themselves in pretty prom threads and dance the night away to indie-pop band Harvey Danger's hip musical styling.

Chances are good that Harvey Danger will rock the dance floor harder than any high school house band.

Associated Students Productions Pop Music and Special Events will present Prom Night Pop as part of the Viking Union Late Night program, entertaining the Western music scene with Harvey Danger, Smoosh, Tennis Pro and local favorite Jetlag Palm at 8 p.m. in the VU Multipurpose Room.

Bust out the taffeta for a night of music and fun for the whole family — minus the sweaty palms and disgruntled social studies teachers. Prom Night Pop throws a spin on the tired, traditional formal.

Harvey Danger lead vocalist Sean Nelson said he regrets missing his high school prom, but Saturday night he will be the prom king.

"We'll try and play a slow dance number," Nelson said.

After the Sept. 13 release of the band's junior album, "Little by Little...," Harvey Danger will return to Western for the first time since January 1998, when the band opened for Super Deluxe.

Harvey Danger formed in 1993 and performed for eight years before disbanding in 2001. After a three-year hiatus, Nelson, guitarist and keyboardist Jeff Lin, bassist Aaron Huffman and new drummer Michael Welke rejoined in 2004 with renewed force.

"I think we collaborate better than we did in the past,"

Nelson said. "We got back together out of a desire to get back and finish what we started years ago."

Even though the band no longer regales audiences in the millions — the 1998 release "Where Have All the Merry Makers Gone" reached gold certification — Nelson said

true fans have stayed faithful.

"They're older, but so are we," Nelson said. "They've had time to develop a relationship with our music that's really satisfying for us."

Harvey Danger's third album derailed the band's style from its first two records, "Where Have All the Merry Makers Gone" and "King James Version." "Little by Little..." is a surprising detour from the garage-rock scene — a little less alternative, a little more pop.

Nelson said the Beatles, fellow musicians and friends influence the band.

"I'm always inspired by my friends who make music," Nelson said. "Some of my friends are big successful rock stars and some are obscure musicians that no one's ever going to hear, but they play music simply out of a desire to make music."

Piano-driven melodies mark the band's musical maturity. Clean-cut pop seams Nelson's vocal energy with candid catchiness 12 years in the making. The final product is a well-crafted union of pop and rock, rewarding audiences with a charming melodic concoction anyone can dance to.

Grab a date, and get ready to eat the treats and have a photograph taken. Just don't spike the punch because children 12 and younger get in free.

Sisters and members of the Seattle duo Smoosh Asya, 12, and Chloe, 10, weave keys, drums and vocals to create a refreshingly simple yet brilliant indie-pop beat. The girls, who will also perform Saturday, are a talented family act that draws an audience of just that — families — beguiling 7-year-old ears and 77-year-old hearts.

"Parents want to bring their kids," said Western senior Joe Olmstead, ASP Pop Music assistant coordinator. "It's the ultimate all-ages."

Saturday night boasts a fresh and fun bill of danceable pop and just enough rock to transform the show into the perfect prom.

Tickets cost \$3 for students and \$5 for the general public. Tickets are available at the door at 7 p.m.

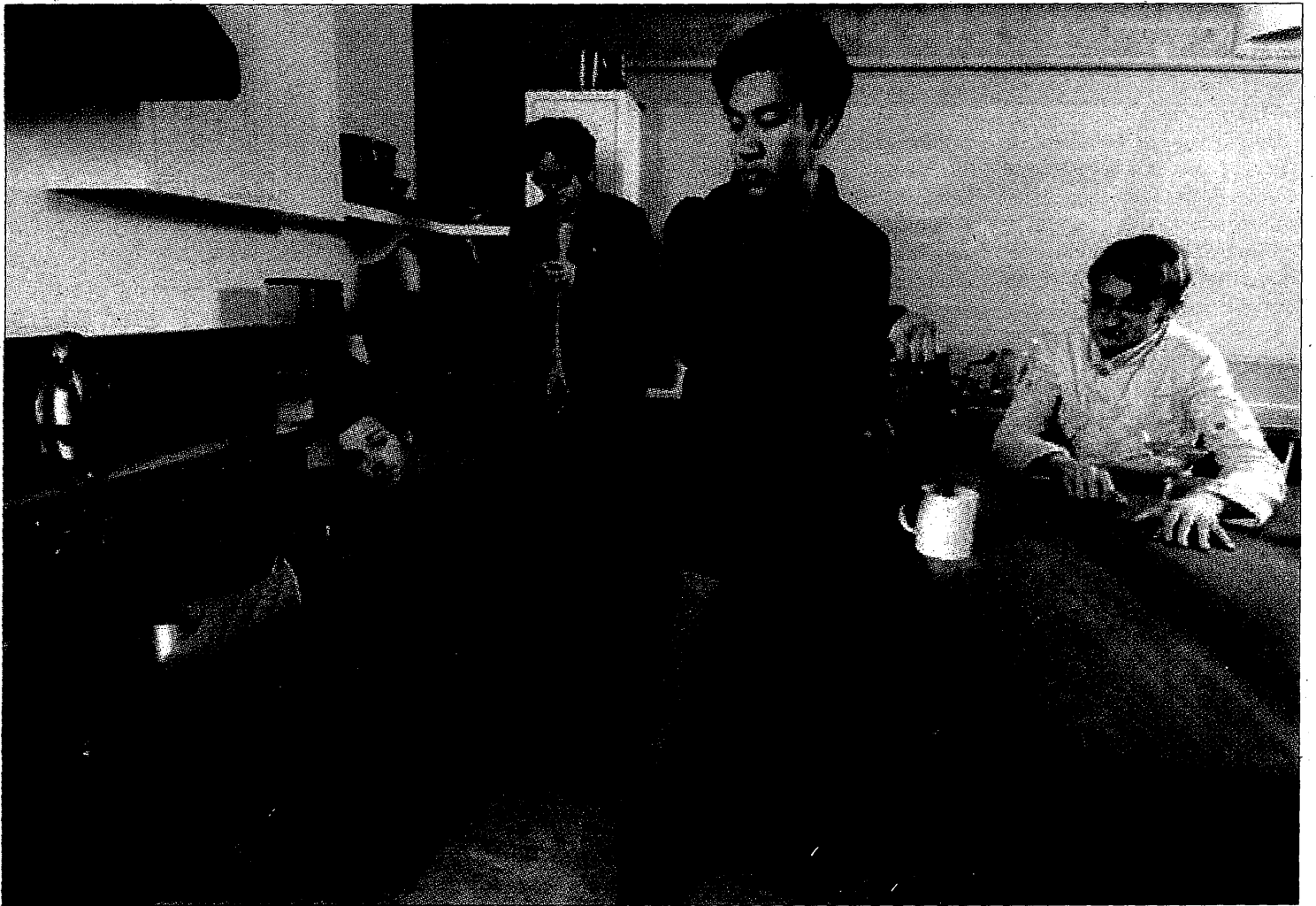


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Harvey Danger will perform Friday with Smoosh, Tennis Pro and Jetlag Palm in the Viking Union Multipurpose Room.



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The members of Harvey Danger (left to right) drummer Michael Welke, lead vocalist Sean Nelson, guitarist and keyboardist Jeff J. Lin and bassist Aaron Huffman.

Demand for on-campus punk show answered

BY ANDREW IRVINE
The Western Front

Canadian punk band Propagandhi has not toured the United States in nearly five years. But this will change when it makes the first stop on the Crimean Tour at 7 p.m. tonight in the Viking Union Multipurpose Room.

The band is promoting the Oct. 18 release of its newest CD, "Potemkin City Limits." The Greg MacPherson Band, which is also from Canada, will tour with Propagandhi. Bellingham punk band Axes of Evil is tonight's opening act.

Propagandhi, which comes to Bellingham from Winnipeg, Manitoba, is a catchy punk band that doesn't shy away from sharing its political views with the audience, said Western senior Joe Olmstead, Associated Students Productions Pop Music assistant coordinator.

"They are fun, but they are definitely pro-gay and pro-feminism, so they are really liberal and will fit well on Western's campus," he said.

Propagandhi released its first album in 1993, and with political

songs such as "Resisting Tyrannical Government," "White, Proud and Stupid" and "Homophobes Are Just Mad Cuz They Can't Get Laid," the band is not afraid to speak out about world issues, Olmstead said.

"Like a lot of people at Western and a lot of people in the U.S., they are frustrated about things that are going on — things that our country's leaders are carrying out," Olmstead said. "They probably have a lot to get off their chest, and they know that they can voice that in Bellingham."

Landing a major punk band was one of ASP Pop Music's goals for fall quarter, said Western junior David Westbrook, ASP Pop Music coordinator.

"We haven't had a lot of just straight punk shows on campus in the last couple of years, and I thought that would be a really good thing to have," Westbrook said. "I know there has been demand for it."

The Greg MacPherson Band will perform with Propagandhi throughout the 14-stop tour, which begins in Bellingham and progresses

down the West Coast, stopping in major cities such as San Francisco and San Diego and ending Dec. 10 in Tempe, Ariz.

The Greg MacPherson Band, also from Winnipeg, has more of a singer-songwriter style, Westbrook said.

ASP Pop Music chose Axes of Evil as the show's opener because of its similarities to Propagandhi's punk style, Westbrook said.

"The magazine Punk Planet actually called us 'America's answer to Propagandhi,'" said Will Evil, lead singer and guitarist for Axes of Evil. "I have been a fan of them for about 10 years."

Because of the demand for a punk concert and the similarities between the bands, having two bands could increase the attendance for tonight's show, Evil said.

"I want to see all of our fans out there because if you like us, you will like Propagandhi," Evil said.

The doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 for students and \$12 for the general public and are available at the University Box Office.

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Clooney documents Murrow's battle to restore justice

BY SHAWNA WALLS
The Western Front

In 1953, communist-hunting Senator Joseph McCarthy met his match in Edward R. Murrow, respected broadcast journalist and former World War II correspondent.

The dramatic events surrounding Murrow and the CBSNewsteam's fight against McCarthy are the subject of a new film titled "Good Night, and Good Luck," named for Murrow's well-known sign-off phrase on his CBS News program "See It Now." Set in the studio where Murrow produced his program, which was a prototype for later news programs such as "60 Minutes," the film tracks Murrow's on-air battles with McCarthy and his off-air negotiations with studio bosses such as CBS President William Paley.

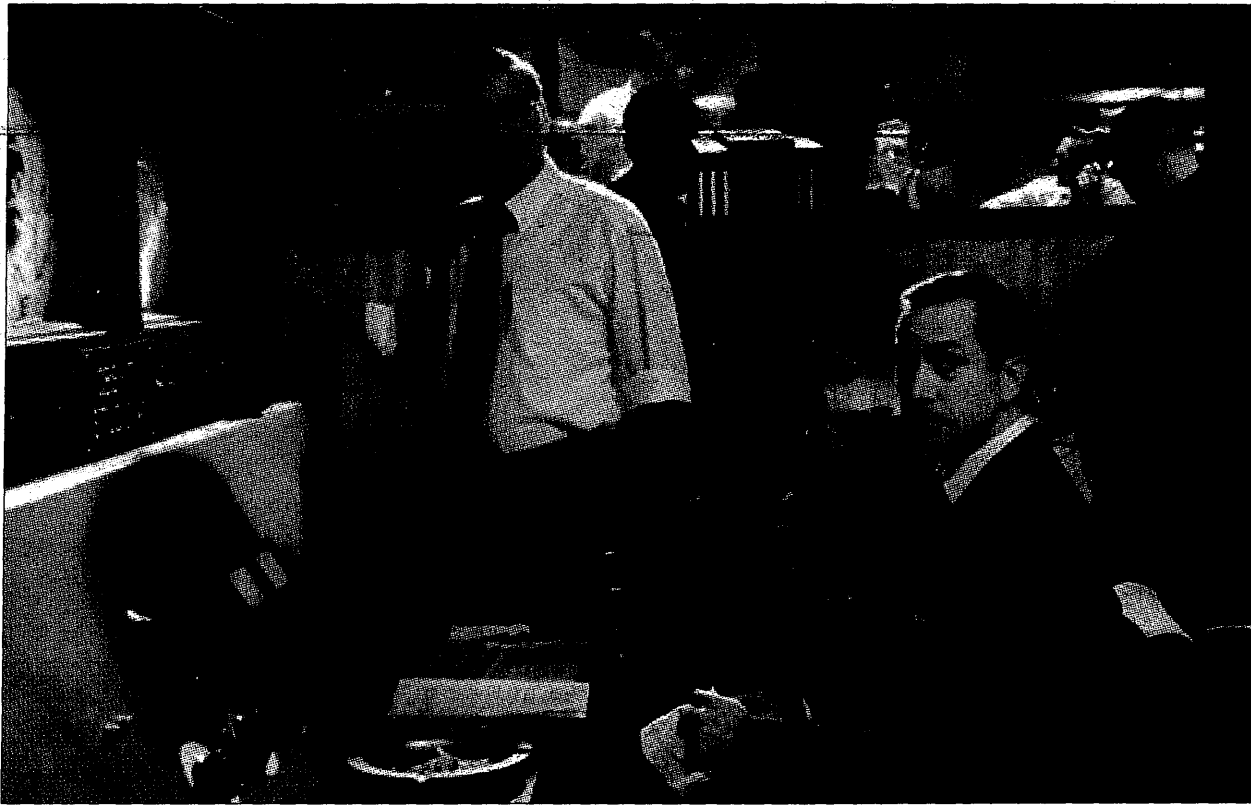
Undaunted by the fear of reprisal that paralyzed many of his peers in the field, Murrow reported on a story about a pilot the Air Force Reserve discharged for being an alleged member of the communist party.

Shortly after the program aired, Murrow found himself the target of McCarthy's investigation. Rather than let the allegations go unanswered, he launched a counterattack against McCarthy and began airing a series of incisive reports and commentaries highlighting McCarthy's ruthless communist-hunting tactics.

Historians have cited Murrow's dogged pursuit of McCarthy as a catalyst for the downturn of American public opinion of the senator.

George Clooney and Grant Heslov wrote the screenplay and directed the film. Clooney plays the supporting role of Murrow's producer, Fred Friendly.

Inspired by the work of his father, a



George Clooney plays Fred Friendly (left) and David Strathairn stars as Edward R. Murrow in "Good Night, and Good Luck" a Warner Independent Pictures release. © 2005 Good Night Good Luck LLC.

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broadcast journalist with an extensive career, Clooney took on the project to examine the power journalism has to shape current events.

At first glance, the subject of the film may seem dry to modern viewers. Clooney remedies this by beginning and ending the main plot with a speech Murrow made about the state of television at a 1958 broadcast news directors' dinner. Murrow's words about the importance of television as a vehicle for news are still relevant today.

Not all of the choices Clooney made as the film's director and screenwriter are perfect, but overall the results are astonishing. Clooney wisely did not add further melodrama to the plot or setting and simply let the events play themselves out, allowing the words of Murrow, McCarthy and others to speak for themselves.

Clooney even chose not to hire an actor to play McCarthy, instead relying on film

footage of the Wisconsin senator's hearings. Add in the decision to shoot the film in black and white, and the net result is a feeling that one is sitting in the studio with Murrow's team, watching the events unfold in real time on the monitors, with smooth transitions from one program.

The film lacks some surrounding details about McCarthy and Murrow's backgrounds and work, and does not introduce its characters, but Clooney's choice to set the story in the narrow time frame of 1953 to 1954 — from the episode about the discharged pilot to the changing of the program's time slot from a prime time to Sunday afternoons and the breakup of Murrow's team — is wise.

The focus on the specific series of events in the studio gives the plot a sense of urgency and immediacy. Extraneous story threads about what was going on in the rest of the media or the ongoing anti-

communism campaign would have cluttered the film.

Even with the tight focus, a subplot about two members of Murrow's team, the secretly married Joe and Shirley Wershba, played ably by Robert Downey Jr. and Patricia Clarkson, sometimes causes the film's narrative to drag.

The rest of the supporting cast turn in fine work, but particular standouts include Ray Wise, who plays anxiety-burdened news anchor Don Hollenbeck, and Frank Langella, who plays Paley.

The true star of the show, however, is David Strathairn, who plays Murrow. Strathairn does far more than merely mimic Murrow's sonorous, strong-speaking style. He gives subtle shading to the performance — a raised eyebrow says volumes and a deadpan quip breaks the drama with surprising humor.

The one quibble with Strathairn's otherwise-remarkable performance is that he does not relax enough in Murrow's off-air scenes. The stacy quality of Strathairn's delivery works brilliantly for the broadcasts, but Murrow would have been less stiff when the cameras were off.

Technically, the film works smoothly. Lighting and sound design are perfect, adding to the period reconstruction of the claustrophobic and chaotic CBS News studios. The camera shots Clooney chose focus on small details that add punctuation to the narrative and come in tight on Strathairn's serious face while he delivers Murrow's most profound speeches.

The overall picture of television news of the era and of the events is broader than the film gets into, but as a snapshot of one time and place in the history of media and politics, "Good Night, and Good Luck" easily earns its place in the ranks of the best films about this subject.

Slam promises fast-paced action

New team begins its first season Friday in L.A.

BY ANDREW IRVINE
The Western Front

Bellingham has always been thought of as a basketball town because the success of its high schools and the Western Vikings, but now the city has a professional team to mark its identity.

The Bellingham Slam, an American Basketball Association team, will begin its inaugural season Today when the team travels to Los Angeles to take on the Los Angeles Aftershock.

The ABA, which started in 2001 and currently consists of 47 teams, disbanded in 1975 when it merged with the National Basketball Association and took on the latter's name.

Joe Newman, co-founder and chairman of the ABA, said a definite connection exists between the original ABA and the current.

"My partner (Richard Tinkham) was the founder of the ABA, and we made the decision of resurrecting the old league," he said.

Newman said the NBA has lost touch with the common fans who can no longer afford to attend games. The ABA provides more affordable and fan-friendly experiences.

Other Washington ABA teams include the Bellevue Blackhawks and the Tacoma Navigators.

The city of Bellingham and Whatcom County's passion for basketball was a key selling point for the team, Slam general

manager Bob Hofstetter said.

"We have a professional team in a small town, and I think that fans will enjoy a different type of basketball," said Slam head coach Rob Ridnour, father of Seattle SuperSonics point guard Luke Ridnour.

The team, which is comprised mostly of Washington state players, had tryouts during the summer to determine its roster. Three of the 10 players on the team, center Brian Dennis, forward Craig Roosendaal and guard Jacob Stevenson, played basketball at Western before moving on to the Slam.

One player Ridnour said could become a star is forward Mike Bush.

Bush played basketball and football at Washington State University and is the most athletic player on the team, Ridnour said.

At 6 feet, 6 inches tall and 245 pounds, Dennis, who played for the Vikings from 1999-2002, adds a big body to the lineup and is active around the post, Ridnour said.

Another notable Slam player is guard Caleb Gervin. He is the nephew of former ABA great George Gervin, who averaged 26.2 points per game and had a career total of 26,595 between the ABA and the NBA. Caleb Gervin played basketball at the University of Louisville before transferring to Azusa Pacific University in California, where he was named to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics All-American team in 2003.

Roosendaal, who played at Western from



MICHAEL LYCKLAMA/ THE WESTERN FRONT

Bellingham Slam head coach Rob Ridnour shows what point guard Caleb Gervin should do against a trap defense.

2003 to 2005, led the Vikings in three-point percentage at 47.3 percent during the 2004-2005 season.

The ABA has rules that differ from the NBA that will make for a faster-paced game.

"The league tries to promote scoring through its rules," Ridnour said.

One of the regulations that will increase scoring is the 3-D rule. If the offensive team turns the ball over in its backcourt, the defensive team receives a bonus point if it

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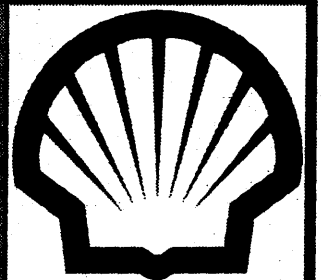
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BEER

Debut: Playing in front of friends will help ease transition to league for guard Jacob Stevenson

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scores on the next possession. Ridnour said this forces teams to play pressure defense to create turnovers that can lead to four-point plays.

Other rules that speed up play include a back-down rule, which prohibits players from continuing their dribble for

more than three seconds while in the post.

"The rules will make us press more and get up and down the court," Stevenson said. "There will be more pressure from the defense, but I think we will be able to handle it."

Stevenson, who played for the Vikings from 1999-2002, is returning to professional basketball after playing for a team in Portugal during 2002 and 2003.

Although the ABA will be more competitive than his collegiate experience, he said playing in front of local friends and fans should make the transition easier.

The Slam plays its home games at Whatcom Pavilion at Whatcom Community College. Tickets are available on the team's Web site at www.bellinghamslam.com or by calling (360) 734-SLAM.

Seahawks primed for Super Bowl run



BY LOREN SHANE
The Western Front

After winning their fifth straight game Sunday, the Seattle Seahawks, 7-2, are tied with the Carolina Panthers for the best record in the National Football Conference. The team's impressive play has proved the Seahawks are a contender for this year's Super Bowl in Detroit.

With a three-game lead in the NFC West, the Seahawks have seven games remaining in the regular season. The team will easily win five of these games and with exceptional play could win a sixth. Six is the magic number. Six wins would mean a total of 13 season wins.

Last year 13 wins gave the Philadelphia Eagles home-field advantage throughout the playoffs. Home-field advantage for the Seahawks is pivotal for the team to reach its Super Bowl aspirations.

The Seahawks are awesome at home. This year the team is 5-0 at Qwest Field. In games

since 2003, they are 18-3 at home. Bring every NFC playoff game to Qwest Field and the Seahawks are in the Super Bowl.

This of course is not the first season in recent years in which Seahawks fans have felt the hype.

In 1999, the Seahawks were one game ahead of where they are now. At 8-2, the team collapsed, losing five of its last six games to finish the regular season at 9-7. After a first-round loss in the playoffs, the team's season was over.

In 2003, the Seahawks were 7-3 through 10 games but lost three of its last six games to end at 10-6 with another playoff first-round loss.

Playboy magazine said last year's Seahawks would win the Super Bowl. After they won the first three games of the season, Hugh Hefner appeared knowledgeable about something other than fake blondes.

The Seahawks then lost three consecutive games and were never able to regroup. The 2004 Seahawks finished the year at 9-7 and again lost in the first round of the playoffs. Hefner returned to his day job.

But the 2005 Seahawks will not collapse for three reasons.

The first reason is, unlike in recent years, the Seahawks were fortunate enough

to start this season with low expectations from the media. The September Sports Illustrated 2005 NFL preview predicted the Seahawks to end the season at 9-7 and miss the playoffs.

ESPN's 2005 preview also kept the Seahawks out of the playoffs but had both the St. Louis Rams and the Arizona Cardinals in. With the season half over, the Rams and Cardinals have losing records and the Seahawks have swept both teams. Starting the season without hype has allowed the Seahawks to focus on football and nothing more.

The second reason the Seahawks will not fall apart at the end of this season is the team's defense.

Seahawks linebackers, such as rookie Lofa Tatupu, are getting to the quarterback. Seahawks defensive linemen, such as veteran Grant Wistrom, are pushing their way through the line to stop the run game.

Nonstarters have become key contributors. Defensive back Jordan Babineaux, for example, came in off the sideline against the Dallas Cowboys Oct. 23 and made a game-changing interception that set up the game-winning field goal by kicker Josh Brown.

In its last four games, the team's defense

has allowed 55 total points, averaging only 13.75 per game. No team can score fewer than 15 points in a game and expect to beat the Seahawks' high-powered offense.

The third reason things are heading in the right direction for the Seahawks is the player who charges the high-powered offense, running back Sean Alexander.

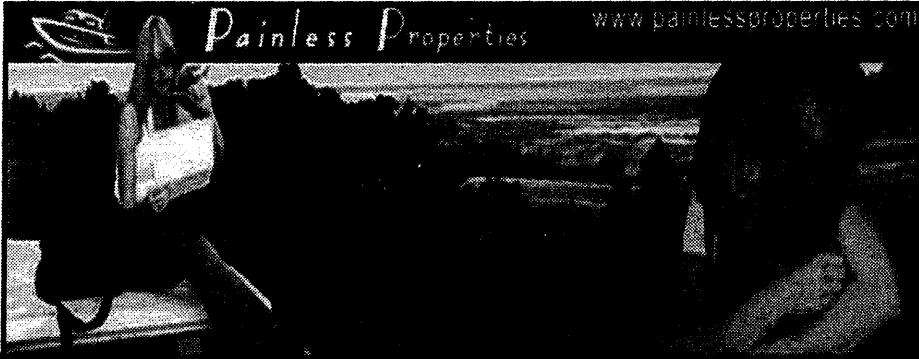
The MVP candidate leads the NFL with 1,114 rushing yards and 17 rushing touchdowns. At this rate he is averaging 123.8 yards and 1.9 touchdowns per game. Look for him to reach the 2,000-yard mark and find the end zone at least 30 times by the end of the season.

With Alexander and quarterback Matt Hasselbeck, the Seahawks lead the NFL in total offense. The team has performed well this season without its No. 1 receiver, Darrell Jackson, who has missed the past five games due to a bone bruise in his right knee and surgery on the same knee to remove loose cartilage. When Jackson returns, the Seahawks offensive numbers will be even higher.

Seahawks fans can dream this season. The hype is back in the Northwest — and this time it will last.

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'Starting the season without hype has allowed the Seahawks to focus on football and nothing more.'



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Frontline

Dubai should consider itself lucky

Apparently, the citizens of Dubai, a city in the United Arab Emirates, have been living under a rock for the past decade. The fact that Michael Jackson, America's one-time King of Pop, is using the women's restroom is something they should view as a blessing from Allah.

Jackson, who is considering purchasing property in the city of Dubai, population 862,387, caused controversy when he accidentally walked into a ladies' bathroom because he could not read the Arabic symbol on the door, according to a Nov. 6 Associated Press article.

At least he wasn't in the little boys' room.

The only way Jackson would pose a threat to a women's bathroom is if it contained a changing table — or a balcony.

The courts in Dubai should be happy with the fact that Jackson wasn't in the position to provoke another molestation charge because now they will not have to deal with years of legal battles and media scrutiny.

Jackson's pocketbook should also breathe a sigh of relief. After his 1993 child-molestation charge, Jackson paid the accuser \$20 million in the civil case.

Jackson, his accusers, Jackson's attorneys and God only know how much Jackson has spent in legal fees throughout the years. Consider it safe to assume he has more than likely been grabbing his ankles — financially speaking.

Haters would say Jackson has a preference for lighter skin, taking into consideration the skin-bleaching procedures he has allegedly undergone. This must mean he doesn't have a thing for boys with a darker complexion, and therefore, the boys of Dubai are safe to roam the men's restrooms within the city, should Jackson remain there. The same haters might even mention that Jackson was acquitted of all 14 of his most recent molestation charges on June 13 of this year.

Well, those are good points. Touché, critics.

But, like Dubya, The Western Front editorial board does not believe in criticism. Criticism is for communist pukes, and it hinders the spreading of freedom in the world.

Since Jackson soon may be making Dubai home, the city's government should teach him that the Arabic symbol for women is really the symbol for men. That way he'll continue to use the ladies' restroom for the rest of his makeup-applying days.

Doing so will only save Dubai's citizens one big pain in the ass — literally.

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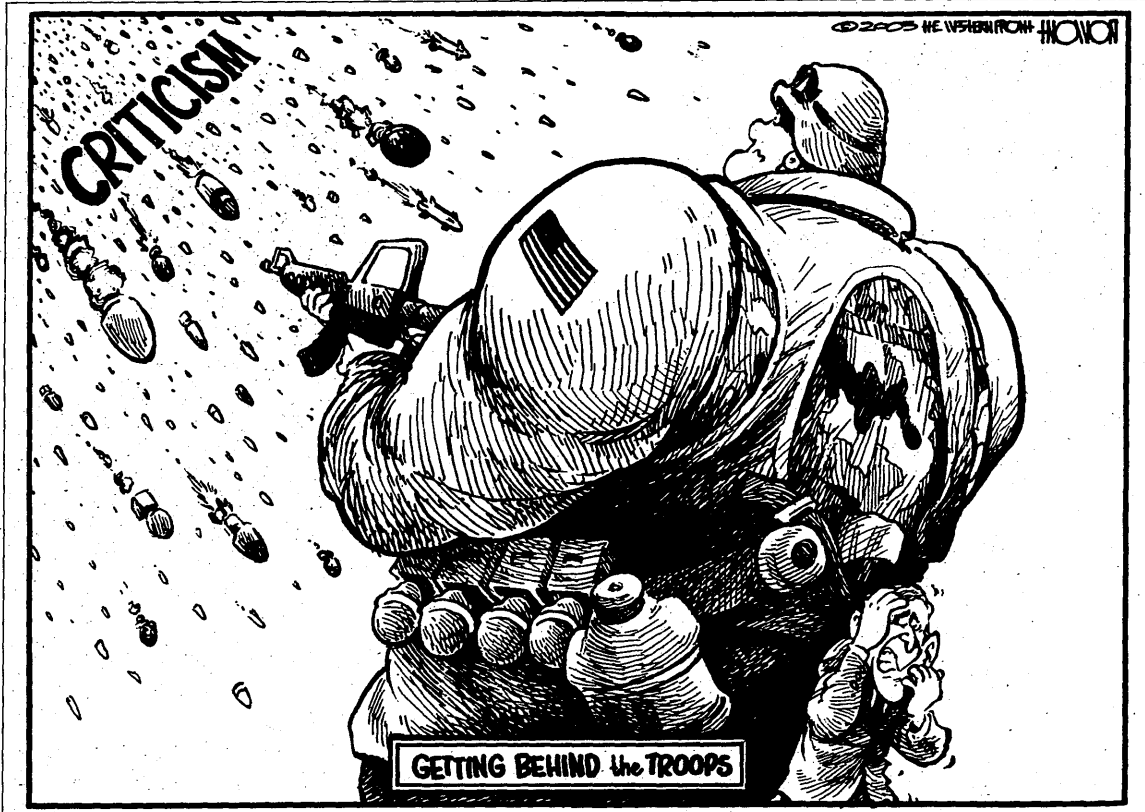
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"My psychiatrist told me I was crazy, and I said I want a second opinion. He said OK, you're ugly too."

— Rodney Dangerfield, actor



Wrong speech, wrong time



BY JACKIE LECUYER
The Western Front

Veterans Day should be an honorable day for the men and women who have served the United States by risking their lives and taking up arms when their government called on them.

It should not be a day for politicians, namely President George W. Bush, to dishonor veterans by televising petty arguments and trying to silence criticism.

During a Veterans Day speech at an army depot in Tobyhanna, Penn., Bush accused Democrats of undermining the war effort,

turning what should be an encouraging speech for U.S. troops into a televised political advertisement for a supposedly honest, trustworthy president.

On Oct. 26, the number of U.S. soldiers who lost their lives fighting the war on terror reached 2,000. Veterans Day should have been a time for politicians to discuss how and when the U.S. military will remove itself from Iraq and bring its soldiers home safely. Perhaps that way thousands more families will not need to grieve the loss of a loved one on Veterans Day 2006.

As usual, Bush overreacted, once again using the wrong speech at the wrong time to try and justify what Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., dubbed the wrong war at the wrong time. Bush's act-first-think-later approach to problem-solving is second nature for him. He does not have the self-control

to wait for the appropriate time to deal with controversial issues and make important decisions.

Bush is the guy who waits until the movie starts to make a phone call in the theater.

Using a Veterans Day speech to criticize Democrats who question his administration ranks No. 2 on Bush's list of stupid moments, second only to the Sept. 11 speech, when he stood in front of the world and declared the start of a war with no foreseeable end and no realistic way of attaining its goals.

Bush continues to admonish politicians who accuse him of lying to U.S. citizens about his motivation for entering the war in Iraq. Perhaps he slept through the college U.S. history course that dealt with the Revolutionary War.

Colonists founded the United

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Giving thanks where due



BY TRAVIS SHERER
Looking up

I'm going to give you some thanks, so assume the position.

Sometimes we get so caught up in all of the hoopla of wars, false imprisonments and media payoffs that we don't realize how good we have it. Or maybe we just watch Fox News and don't know about any of it. Nevertheless, keeping with the holiday tradition, I would like to list all the things for which I am thankful.

First and foremost on my list are all of you who read me religiously — especially those of you who hate

me but see my column as a weekly enema. It just wouldn't be Friday without getting all of that shit out of the way. I'm dedicating this to all of you out there because, judging from your responses, I'm writing to a large audience.

Next on the list are cut-and-paste blogs. You know, all of those creative geniuses who paste pictures and articles from original publications onto their blogs with their much-needed contribution of a semi-clever remark attached. Without you we would all be lost.

I am thankful for those greeters at Abercrombie & Fitch for making the shopping experience even more uncomfortable for men. Like I need more people staring at

me when I drop a grand on clothes that already have holes in them.

The patriot in me quietly thanks Fox News because someone has to keep that flag on television 24 hours per day between commercials or the country would go straight to hell — or to the communists.

Torture — I can't say enough about that. But even if I could, a couple of jumper cables hooking my balls up to a car battery

would keep me talking.

Much love to the College Republicans for saying the government is too large, too inefficient and in need of cuts. Finally somebody said

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States because they were tired of politicians quieting and misleading them. U.S. veterans have taken up arms for centuries to fight for Americans' right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness — surely the freedom to criticize the government falls under one of those categories.

Bush undeniably needs to stick up for himself when Democrats attack his integrity. But he cannot list the numerous reasons why Iraq is a threat to America and how this country fought the war on terror for the greater good of all nations, then it turns out he has made the United States into an evil empire.

Of course, he has to find plausible excuses for declaring a war that began in

Afghanistan and shifted to Iraq. No one expects him to submissively accept criticism without responding.

Choosing such an awfully inappropriate venue for his rebuttal, however, speaks volumes. Bush's Veterans Day speech simply demonstrates that he has no concept of proper timing or placement for taking care of business.

By using a Veterans Day event to further his own political gain, he showed little compassion for soldiers overseas and inexcusable indifference toward the families who have lost loved ones in his war.

Bush only succeeded in making himself look like a heartless politician — not someone Americans should perceive as trustworthy and sensitive.

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Gracias: Gratitude goes out to all things good

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it. Meanwhile, we're still testing nuclear bombs as if we forgot how to use them, and at approximately \$450 billion a year our defense spending is more than the combined spending of the next 20 countries on the big-spender list.

Also, I can't get enough of those Support Our Troops bumper stickers. I want to thank those of you who have not one, but two of them on your car because that's like double the support.

You might be crossing the line, though. A lot of causes out there are worthy of a sticker — our highest level of political advocacy. Do you think maybe you could spread that support out with a Support Our Schools sticker?

Wait. We don't make any of those.

How about a Support Our Homeless sticker?

Maybe the lack of support in our schools created such simple-minded supporters.

I'm thankful for four different CSIs.

Gracias to drug companies that make drugs with side effects that are worse than what they try to cure. After all, I won't be worried about my impotence anymore when I'm taking a pill that could cause schizophrenia, and my wife can't even touch if she may be pregnant.

Conversely, kudos to Kevin Trudeau, author of the best-selling book "Natural Cures." The things in this book can cure everything from diabetes to cancer, and even more impressive, these cures do not come from a doctor but from a convicted felon. What's next, you ask? Charlie Manson's new book, titled "The Inner Peace of Murder."

Since I'm talking about health, grazi, Tom Cruise, for teaching us the history of

psychiatry and that chemical imbalances do not exist. May your first child with Katie Holmes be a schizophrenic child.

Thank you Richard Grieco — if looks could kill.

Every woman should join me in thanking our country for supporting the woman's right to choose. No, I'm serious. Because you don't know what you have until it's gone, thanks a bunch soon-to-be Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito.

I think we should all thank the American Indians for being so kind as to give our ancestors all of their land.

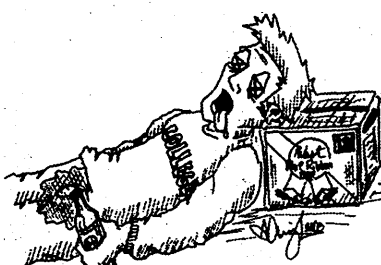
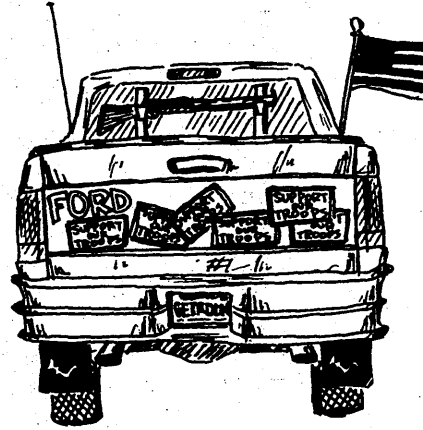
And here's to you, Michael Moore — discrediting yourself is pretty hard to do when all you do is try to discredit others. No really, you're not helping, asshole.

A big shout out to "Vote for Pedro" and "College" T-shirts. OK, we all get that the movies associated with these shirts are good, but your collective lack of wardrobe creativity is hindering the genius of those films.

How about an odd hush for President George W. Bush? With one long-awaited act, you've finally established your legacy with the American people. No, I'm not talking about your war for peace; I'm talking about actually giving the Medal of Freedom to Matlock.

It's about time is all I have to say. That man has worn the same suit on camera for 30 years — I'd say he's long overdue for the civilian's highest award.

And most of all, I would like to thank God for always being on America's side — and the side of half of the NFL teams every Sunday.



Letter to the editor

Dear Western Front editor,

After reading the article in the Nov. 8 issue of The Western Front titled "Remembering the dead," I was both grateful and disturbed. The article described faculty members, students and community members who gathered in Red Square to read the names of those killed in Iraq.

I appreciated that the coverage was on the front page and brought more awareness and visibility to the campus of this horrific war. I commend the student journalist for her commitment to accuracy. However, I was disturbed that two very key aspects of the event were absent or invisible in the article.

First, the picture chosen for the front page article boldly displayed the U.S. flag while the Iraqi flag, which was just as obviously a part of the circle, was not visible in the photo. Second, the article states that we called out the names of the U.S. soldiers and Iraqi soldiers. To anyone who was listening to the Iraqi names and their ages of 6 months, 9 years, 70 years, it was clear that we were naming more than soldiers. The leaflets we distributed also stated that the names included more than 2,000 U.S. soldiers and up to 100,000 Iraqis. It is troublesome to see our own campus paper fall into ethnocentrism and add to the denial that war kills both soldiers and the innocent.

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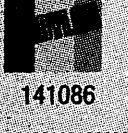


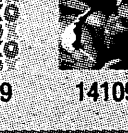


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