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## Bellingham Farmers Market greets spring



Riley Deweese, 6, plays violin for passing patrons during opening day at the Bellingham Farmers Market on Saturday, April 3. Deweese has been playing for two years and says he plans to save any money he earns. "I just want to play beautiful music," he said. See a video of the market's opening day online at westernfrontonline.net.

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## Dining halls to receive more farm fresh produce

### Grant funds 10-acre farmland purchase

Daniel Langager | WF

A student club has secured 10 acres of county farmland through a \$5,000 grant from the Whatcom Community Foundation. The land will provide more locally grown food for Western's Dining Services.

Growing Washington, a local group of farms and farmers who have been working with Western since last fall, will receive \$3,500 of the grant. The remainder will go to Students for Sustainable Food, an Associated Students club that promotes serving organic foods on campus.

The foundation's Sustainable Whatcom Fund Committee chose Students for Sustain-

able Food to receive the "Farm to School" grant on March 25.

Western began purchasing food from Growing Washington last fall. Since then, more farmland has become necessary to provide sufficient amounts of produce.

"In order to supply our normal outlets — for example, farmers markets, restaurants, Community Supported Agriculture and small grocery stores — and supply Western, it is necessary for us to scale up our operation," said Clayton Burrows, director of Growing Washington. "The most basic need is more land for growing."

Burrows said the grant is essentially seed money for the growing venture. The sale of food to Western this year, especially this fall, will pay for the land lease in successive years, he said.

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## Cockfighting ring busted, 14 arrested for 'animal fighting'

Dan Balmer | WF

Fourteen people were arrested after fleeing a cockfight at a barn north of Bellingham Saturday afternoon.

At about 1 p.m., the Whatcom Humane Society received an anonymous call regarding a possible cockfighting operation in the 300 block of West Laurel Road, said Laura Clark, executive director of the Whatcom Humane Society.

Whatcom Human Society Animal Control officers contacted the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office for assistance. When authorities arrived on the scene, they found a large-scale cockfighting ring in progress, Clark said.

Sgt. Kevin Moyes of the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office said a dozen cars were parked in front of the barn and 15 to 20 males ran from the north entrance of the barn into the woods

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photo by Carey Rose | WF

**Tulip fields forever** | Lakshmi Karanth photographs her friend Alina Mishra at the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival on April 2. Both drove from Seattle and said they have made several visits. "It's enchanting," Karanth said.

## Cops Box

### Bellingham Police

#### April 2

- **BUSTed** | At 3:30 p.m., a WTA bus driver reported seeing a drug exchange on the corner of East Magnolia Street and Railroad Avenue. When officers arrived, both the suspects were gone.

#### April 3

- **Couples' counseling?** | A 19-year-old woman was arrested at 7:26 a.m. in the 3400 block of Northwest Avenue on suspicion of breaking her boyfriend's car window.
- **Lone wolf** | Police responded to a loud music complaint in the 2100 block of Alabama Street at 11:33 p.m. When officers arrived at the residence, they found that only one person was home. The resident apologized and turned down the music.

#### April 4

- **Spray & walk** | At 12:25 a.m., a man called the police and reported that a liquid had been sprayed on him while he was walking under an apartment building in the 1200 block of Railroad Avenue.

Cops Box compiled by Lillian Furlong

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### Corrections

An article in the April 2 issue of The Western Front titled "Is Bellingham impressing Google?: The city's subdued, scientific approach may win Google's fiber bid" miscredited the creation of googlefibertobellingham.com to Hitch, a Bellingham-based marketing company. The Web site was, in fact, put online by Scott Pierce of Blu Sky Creative Services, a Bellingham company in the collaborative effort to raise community awareness of Google's "Fiber for Communities" project.

In the same issue, an article titled "Western professor faces court drama" incorrectly stated that the subpoena for Carolyn Nielsen's documents was issued by a U.S. District Court. In fact, the subpoena was issued by Defense Attorney Andrew Hale.

A photo caption accompanying the same article misspelled the last name of Vicky Jimenez and Thaddeus Jimenez due to an editor's error. Also, the date Vicky Jimenez, Thaddeus Jimenez and Nielsen met in Chicago was not May 16, 2009, as the caption stated. They met on March 10, 2009.

In the same issue, an article titled "Health care rundown" stated the Student Health Center closes during summer break, when in fact the center is open to students enrolled in summer courses. The center does not offer Medicaid because it is closed for a number of weeks during the year.

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# Cell phone crackdown



Talking and texting on the road a big no-no beginning this summer

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Mackenzie Hudson | WF

Gov. Chris Gregoire signed a new bill into law March 26 that will make it a primary offense to talk on a cell phone or to read, write or send text messages while driving.

The law will be enforced beginning June 10 with a \$124 ticket. Right now, drivers are

given an extra fine for using a cell phone only if they are pulled over for another infraction.

Sen. Tracey Eide, the sponsor of the measure, asked Western psychology professor Ira Hyman to testify for the new law in front of an organized committee in Olympia. He introduced a study he had conducted in one of his senior seminar classes on

cognitive psychology.

"The testimony was important for raising awareness for why the bill was necessary," said Peter Dodds, Eide's legislative assistant. "Sen. Eide was very excited when the law passed."

In October 2009, Hyman conducted two studies examining distracted students on foot in Red Square. Students monitored

pedestrians who were talking on their cell phones, people walking alone without a cell phone, walking while listening to portable music players or walking in a group of two people.

The students found that people on their cell phones were slow, changed directions, weaved frequently and were less likely to acknowledge oth-

ers. When people were alone or in pairs, they walked more efficiently.

In a second study, Western alumnus Dustin Randall dressed as a clown and rode a unicycle for one hour, circling the Sky-Viewing Sculpture in Red Square. The students again monitored the walkers' behavior. Students were interviewed as they exited Red Square and were asked if they remembered seeing anything unusual.

Seventy-five percent of people walking in pairs said they saw the clown, while 50 percent of people who were walking alone said they had seen it. Only 25 percent of people talking on their cell phones said they had noticed the clown.

The study shows that conversation is not the problem. People walking through the square in pairs were engaged in conversations, but conversations on cell phones are entirely different.

"Walking is the easiest thing to do," Hyman said. "Driving is much riskier and the consequences are more extreme."

According to the National Safety Council, 28 percent of traffic accidents – or at least 1.6 million crashes per year – occur when people are talking on their cell phones or texting while driving. By comparison, drunk drivers account for about one-

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# Archaic gas plant source of contaminants

Investigation will determine harmfulness of leached chemicals at Boulevard Park

Craig Batson | WF

An investigation of a section of Boulevard Park will analyze soil the Washington State Department of Ecology believes could be contaminated with levels of toxic material that exceed state standards.

Preliminary testing found oil and benzene at the site. The investigation will determine whether the contaminants exceed the levels allowed by the state.

The city of Bellingham will pay for the investigation with a \$425,000 grant from the Washington State Department of Ecology and another \$400,000 from Puget Sound Energy, the successor to Puget Sound Power & Light Company, who bought the Bellingham Bay Gas Company, the original owner of the plant.

The city won't know the total cost of the investigation until a final plan has been approved, although a worst-case scenario would cost an estimated \$8 mil-

lion for the investigation and following cleanup.

The site, known as the South State Street Manufactured Gas Plant, is located at the north end of Boulevard Park.

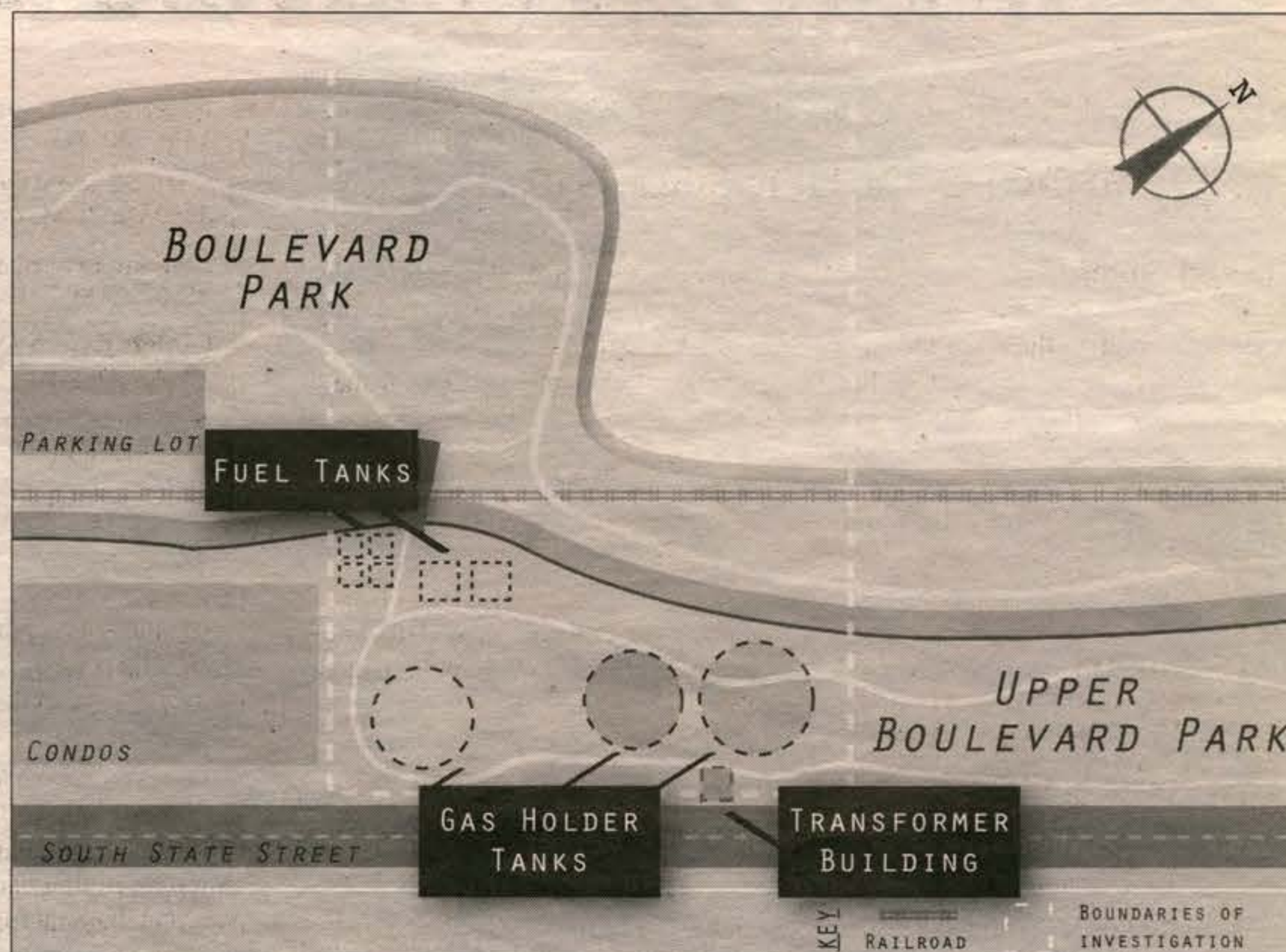
Jeff Hegedus, environmental health supervisor for the Whatcom County Health Department, said there is currently no evidence that there is a high risk to people walking around the park, but the investigation will reveal the full effect of the contamination on humans, plants and animals.

Park visitors and nearby residents may be affected by occupied parking spaces, a roped-off section of the park and increased noise during the investigation.

The cleanup options are unknown at the moment, but the city has plans to remove a gas tank from the area.

Herrenkohl Consulting will conduct the investigation, which is scheduled to be completed in 2012.

It will detail the extent and



map by Casey Meyers | WF

The potentially contaminated area of the park is located off State Street near the railroad tracks where a gas manufacturing plant once operated. An investigation of the area will be completed in 2012.

effects of the contamination and determine possible cleanup solutions.

After the results of the investigation are released, the Washington State Department of Ecology will determine which cleanup option it prefers.

The South State Street Manufactured Gas plant operated between the 1890s and 1960s, and produced home heating and cooking gas from coal.

The plant was operated by Bellingham Bay Gas Company until 1901, when it was bought

by Puget Sound Power & Light Company. In the 1950s, Cascade Natural Gas bought the plant and sold it to a residential developer in the 1960s.

The city of Bellingham purchased the site in 1975 to use as a park.

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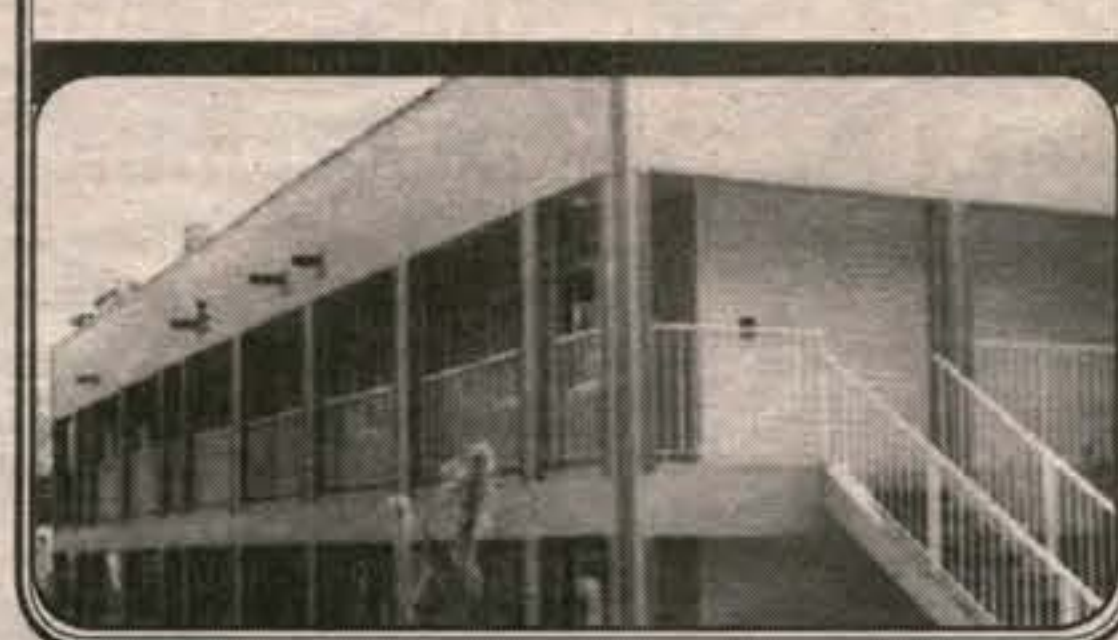
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# Old meds meet incineration

## Six pharmacies will accept, help dispose of unused meds

Chelsea Crump | WF

The City of Bellingham launched its Pharmaceuticals Take-Back Program Monday, April 5.

The program is meant to help citizens dispose of medications in an environmentally friendly way, said Mindy Collins, local source control specialist for the Bellingham Public Works Department.

Collins said the program was modeled after King and Snohomish Counties' pharmaceutical take-back programs.

Since King County's program began in 2006, residents have disposed of more than 35,000 pounds of unwanted prescription medications, according to the Web site for the Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County.

Six pharmacies around Bellingham are collecting unwanted or expired medications for appropriate, legal disposal. Narcotics and medical waste, such as syringes and thermometers, will not be accepted, Collins said.

Clean Harbors Waste Disposal Services will collect the pharmaceuticals in green plastic containers at the designated locations.

Clean Harbors will pick up the containers and ship the medications to

Aragonite, Utah, for incineration.

The program will continue through December 2011.

Pharmacists must check all medications brought to the pharmacy to properly package the medications in cardboard boxes for disposal.

Collins said she spoke with Bellingham business owners about how to reduce pollution entering the environment. Most citizens wanted to know how to legally dispose of expired medications, she said.

Medications left in the household can leach into Bellingham's waterways or pose a danger for small children or pets that may ingest lethal doses, according to the City of Bellingham Web site.

"We feel that reducing the amount of pharmaceuticals down the drain or into the trash can control the amount of medications entering the environment," Collins said.

Narcotics, such as OxyContin and Vicodin, will not be accepted at pharmacies because they are not legally allowed to accept them back once the prescription has left the pharmacy the first time, Collins said.

Law enforcement officials can, however, legally accept narcotic pain medications for disposal, she said.

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University Police Sgt. Bianca Smith said if Western students have any unused prescription narcotic drugs, the campus police would accept them for incineration, Smith said.

After approximately 60 days, the narcotics are combined with those acquired by Bellingham Police and transported to Tacoma for incineration.

"We are not getting a lot of [prescription drugs]," Smith said. "But that doesn't necessarily mean it is not a problem at Western."

In February 2009, U.S. Rep. Jay Inslee, of Washington, introduced a bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to allow people to return controlled substances for proper disposal through state take-back programs.

The bill died last year, but Collins said Inslee is rewriting the amendment to reintroduce to the House again this year.

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## Hyman: It's in the head, not the hands

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third of all accidents nationally.

Fifteen states have made texting and driving a primary offense.

Studies have shown that headsets do not help and people are just as distracted as if they were holding their phones in their hands.

"It is not your hands; it is your head that is causing the issues," Hyman said. "If you think you're doing well, you're wrong. It has been proven you aren't aware of your surroundings."

Parise said he has not seen many citations that involved cell phone use because it has been a secondary offense.

Even if it turns into a primary violation, he said he does not think more tickets could potentially congest the courts.

"I would assume there will be more of an emphasis on controls," Parise said. "Advertisements will be run similar to during the seat belt law change, which will make a lot more people aware of the new law."

According to a study by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, eating could also become a problem for drivers who cannot react quickly.

"A future law may be possible even though it would take time for legislators to be convinced," Parise said. "Soon, people may start wondering why we can't talk on the cell phone but we can drive down the road with a Big Mac in each hand."



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# World-renowned sculptures stop by Bellingham

“Nowhere in the United States is there a Sebastián project of this magnitude.”

- George Drake, project director

Steven Dahl | WF

Mexican sculptor Enrique Carbajal, better known as Sebastián, has begun displaying outdoor sculptures throughout downtown Bellingham.

“This guy is world famous,” said George Drake, former Western professor and director of the “Sebastián in Bellingham” project.

Drake, who taught sociology at Western for 23 years, said it took two years of planning and fundraising to get to this point. The Washington State Tourism Department provided a \$25,000 grant for the project. Sebastián matched that amount, but the project is seeking more sponsorships.

Some of the sculptures went on display in the middle of March. Twelve of the 15 sculptures have already been placed, and the remaining sculptures should be on display within the next two weeks.

The art will be sprinkled through downtown Bellingham, with pieces displayed outside City Hall and the library, as well as in the new Lightcatcher Building in the Whatcom County Museum of History and Art.

“Nowhere in the United States is there a Sebastián project of this magnitude,” Drake said.

He said the biggest and most famous piece is not on display yet. The steel sculpture is called “Las Palomas,” or “The Doves,” and stands at 16.8 feet tall behind Bellingham Public Library.

Sebastián, who Drake said is difficult to track down, is constantly traveling the globe to display his art and could not be reached for comment.

While there is talk of trying to move the Sebastián exhibit to Vancouver, British Columbia after its time in Bellingham is up, “Las Palomas” will be headed overseas to the demilitarized zone between

North and South Korea.

The sculpture will serve as a memorial to the 500,000 children who lost their lives in the Korean War and will be placed at the Peace Park that links the two countries together, Drake said.

Al Zimmerman of ZimGroup, a Bellingham design and advertising company, is in charge of marketing for the “Sebastián in Bellingham” project.

Zimmerman said the project has six corporate sponsors so far.

The works were shipped from Mexico to Bellingham by two 54-foot trailers at a cost of \$16,800, Drake said. They began arriving as early as January but have been stored in a warehouse until recently.

“Walk around downtown,” Zimmerman said. “You can’t miss them.”

Drake said he met Sebastián in 1985 after traveling to Mexico as part of a for a small college that had been destroyed in an earthquake. The two have remained friends ever since, and on another visit Drake took in 2008, Sebastián expressed a desire to have his work included in celebration of the 2010 Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Although they were not able to get the sculptures on display in time for

the Olympics, the sculptures are being displayed as part of a celebration to promote the bicentennial of Mexican independence from Spain, as well as the centennial celebration of the 1910 Mexican Revolution, Drake said.

“Mexico has an incredible culture and they’re wonderful people,” Drake said. “This is to show the best of that Mexican culture.”

Drake said the project’s goal is to carve out Bellingham as a premier destination for people to view outdoor sculptures.

The exhibit will be in Bellingham until October.

**15**  
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cost to ship sculptures  
from Mexico to Bellingham

**54**  
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needed to ship sculptures



photos by Carey Rose | WF

Sculptures by Enrique Carbajal, better known as Sebastián, will be on display throughout downtown until October at locations such as the Whatcom Museum of History and Art and the Bellingham Public Library.



## > BUST

Shaken feed store owner says he was not aware his barn was being used for cockfighting

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when the police arrived. The US Customs and Border Protection helicopter assisted in tracking the runaway suspects, Moyes said.

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Some people were able to escape, while 14 men were booked into Whatcom County Jail and charged with animal fighting, which is a Class C felony, Moyes said.

Inside the barn, a ring of hay bales made a fighting ring where Animal Con-

trol Officers found 10 roosters dead and eight more injured. All the animals were taken to the Whatcom Humane Society and four were euthanized upon arrival due to the severity of their injuries, Clark said. The other four roosters are being cared for by the Humane Society.

“It is disturbing that in this day and age and in our community, such a horrific and cruel activity can take place,” Clark said. “The Whatcom Humane Society will work tirelessly to assist the Whatcom County Sheriff’s Office to prosecute these animal abusers to the fullest extent of the law.”

The barn, located behind Laurel Farm and Western Supply on Laurel Road, is about three miles north of Bellingham.

Whatcom County Undersheriff Jeff Parks said fight organizers held a prize fight competition, using specially trained gamecock birds that had been raised for competition. In cockfights, blades are attached to roosters’ legs and the aggressive birds can puncture lungs and break bones. People wager money on fights between

the two birds in what is typically a fight to the death.

Weylin Eldred, who owns the supply store, said he had no knowledge any cockfighting was going on. He was in the store when police arrived.

Eldred said that on Friday afternoon he allowed one of the store’s regular customers to use the barn for what he believed to be an Easter activity. The weather was bad that day and he wanted them to have a dry place for their party, he said.

“In retrospect, I should have asked more questions,” Eldred said. “I wanted to help out and this is what it got me.”

Eldred said that about six or seven weeks ago, he let the same customer, whose name Eldred said he could not recall, use the barn for a party with some of his friends and family.

He inspected the barn after the party and saw pop and beer cans, potato chip bags and an open space in the middle of the barn, which he assumed was where people were dancing.

Eldred said he did not see anything

that would have led him to suspect that anything but a party had taken place there, he said.

None of the men arrested had any connection to Eldred’s business, he said. He said he is shaken and has not been able to sleep since this incident.

Moyes said some of the men were from Whatcom County, but others came from as far as Tacoma. Eleven vehicles were seized from outside the barn along with several thousand dollars.

The Washington State Gambling Commission is working with the Sheriff’s Office on the investigation.

Based on the initial examination of the scene, Parks said police believe this is not a one-time incident, but that previous cockfights have been held at the barn.

Cockfighting is illegal in all 50 states and a felony in 39 states, including Washington.

“[My store] is a place where we take care of feeding animals,” Eldred said. “Nobody here knew this kind of thing was going on.”



> FARMLAND

Whatcom County Foundation has donated \$66,000 to 'Farm to School'

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Western sophomore Alyson Simeone, sustainability coordinator for University Dining Services, worked with Burrows to draft the proposal and application for the grant.

"It was open-ended," Simeone said. "It was up to the school to decide how to [use] it."

The Foundation's committee accepted applications for their Farm to School program from school districts, schools, PTSA's and farmers.

Simeone said Western is setting a precedent not only for the area, but for universities nationwide to find ways to sustainably feed themselves.

"Western has the demand to increase the supply," she said.

Students for Sustainable Food will put on a new annual event in May with the grant money, Simeone said. She said she is also hopeful for the impact the new food will make on campus.

"It's pretty exciting," Simeone said. "Obviously, produce is one of the many, many things the University Dining Services buys. [Now] it's so accessible."

Simeone said Dining Services staff have already called in seed orders to Growing Washington farms. The farm-



photo courtesy of Clayton Burrows

Jay Dennison, of Alm Hill Gardens in Everson, harvests beets for use in Western's dining halls. The newly acquired land will be used to grow food in the summer that can be stored and used when fall quarter starts.

ers will then know how much to plant for spring, summer and fall, and how much to freeze for winter.

The committee has awarded more than 30 grants totaling almost \$500,000 since its inception. The Farm to School program has awarded \$66,523 in funding to local school districts, PTSA's and farmers.

According to the foundation's newsletter, the program aims to facilitate the establishment of more locally grown foods into school meal and snack programs.

Mardi Solomon, a member of the program's support team, said Students for Sustainable Food set an example by working with Dining Services directors through difficulties.

Solomon said the committee decided to fund pilot projects to learn from schools and promote local foods in Whatcom County. The fund has supported 15 projects.

"This means more land for sustainable growth," Simeone said, "instead of the land being consumed by big business, corporations or something else."

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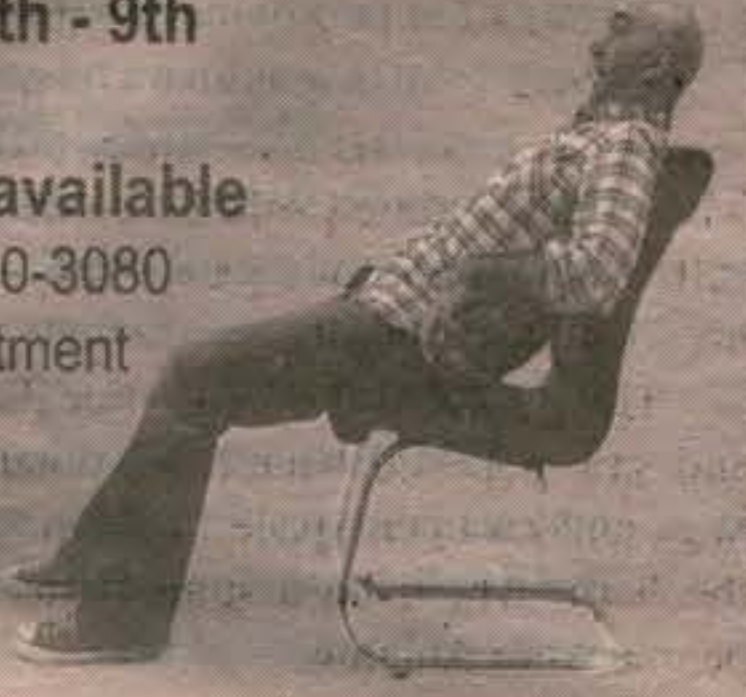
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A hole in the side of the northern "kitchen" cabin, just large enough for a camera, allows a view of the interior, which is littered with empty beer cans, concrete blocks and graffiti.



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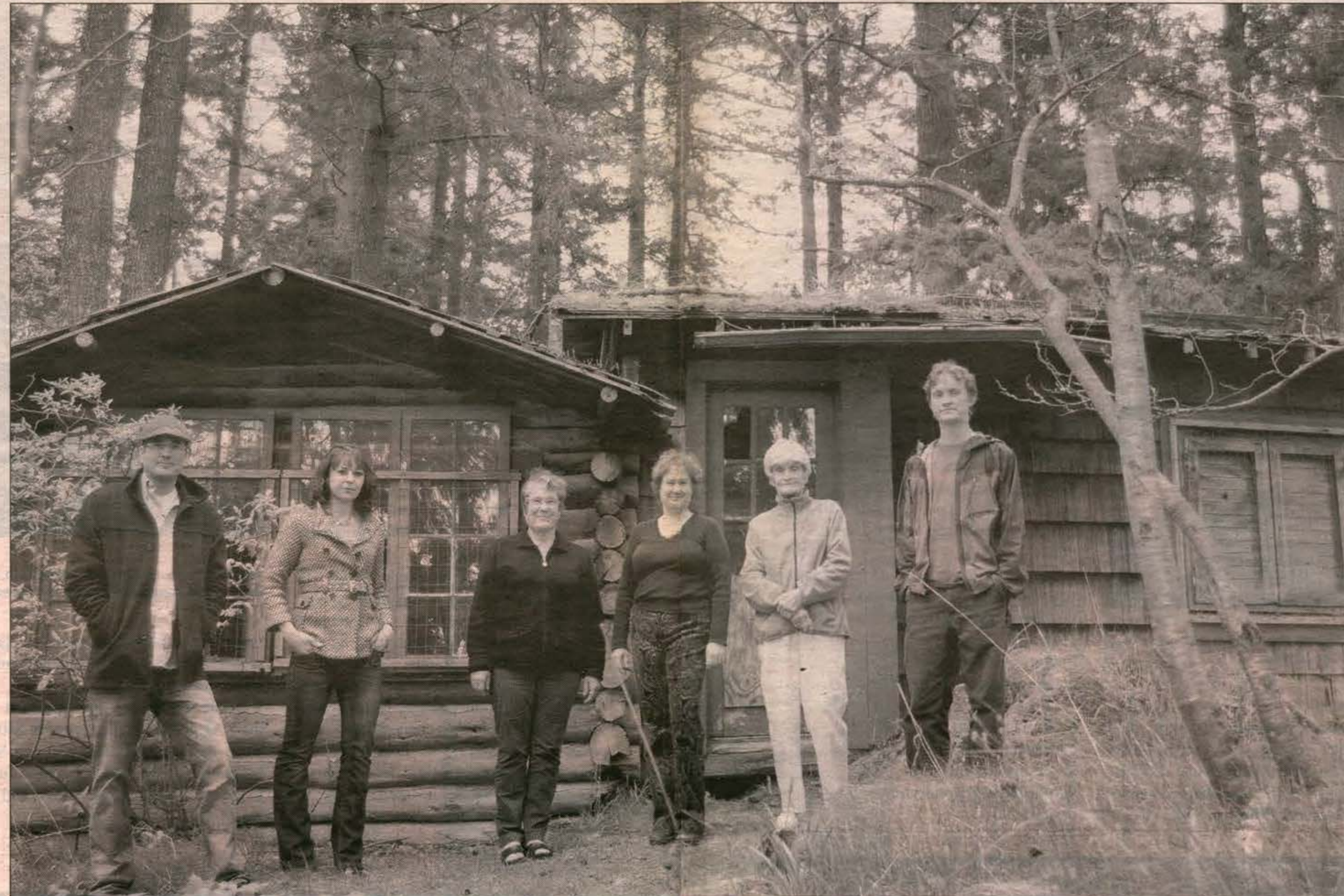


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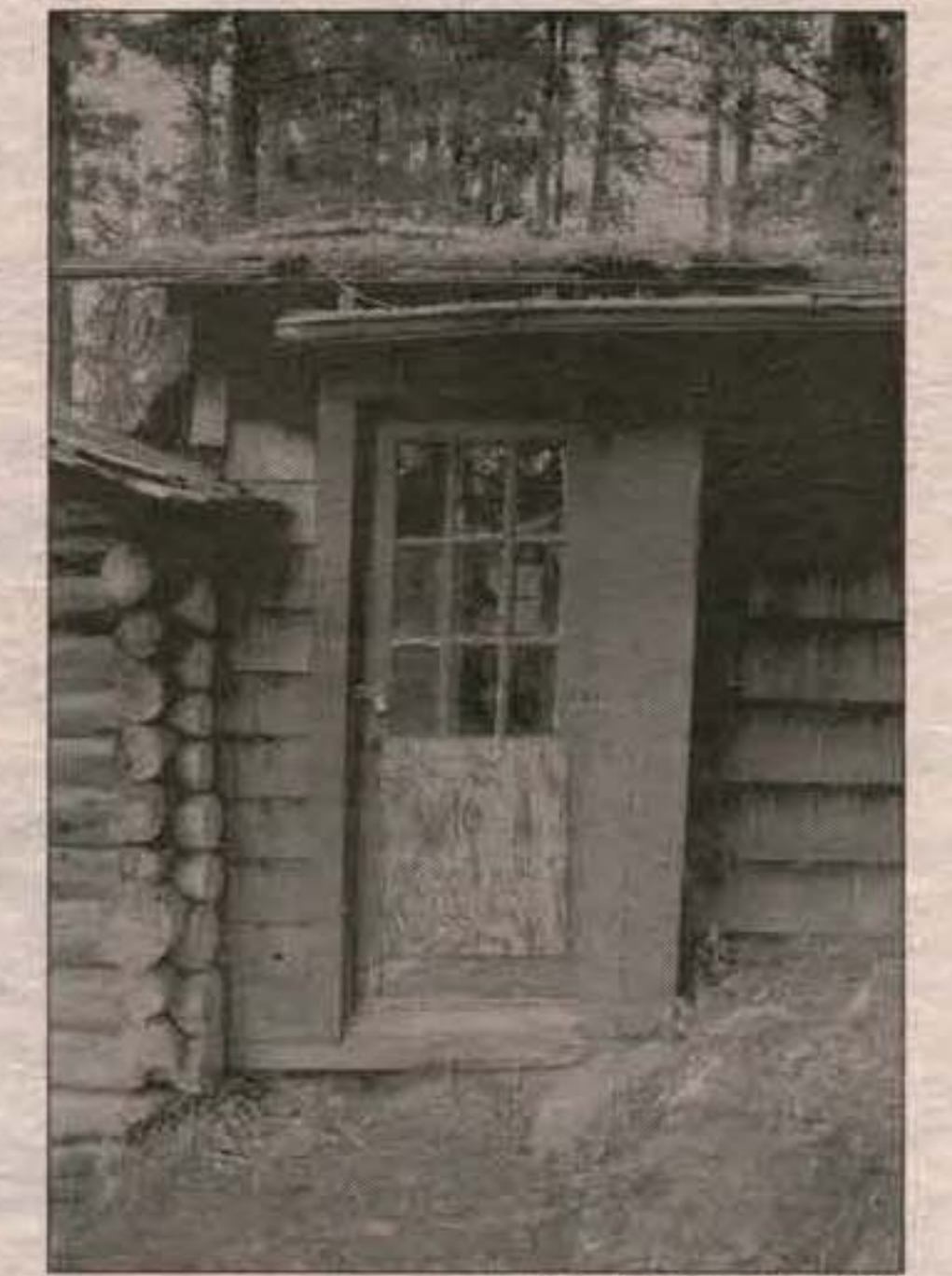


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(Left) Finnian, Amy, Skye, Lisa, Doe and Tyler Burn stand in front of cabins built by their family four generations ago in the 1920s. (Above) Despite remaining structurally sound, the wood in the walls of the southern cabin shows its age. (Right) Even with broken window panes and a caved-in roof, the door to the northern cabin remains padlocked, limiting access to students and passersby. (Below) Skye, Doe and Amy Burn explore one of the buildings built by their frontiering forefathers.



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Andrea Farrell | WF

The cabins rest on the side of Schome Hill, just off the pine-needle-strewn trail that ushers south campus students to and from class each day. The two pine-log houses are mysterious structures – their purpose is not clearly marked or widely known. To look at the moss growing from their sagging roofs and the graffiti sprayed on their doors, the windows boarded or broken, it is hard to imagine the people who once built and called these places home.

Those people were June and Farrar Burn, a pair of adventurers who came from the East Coast to the Pacific Northwest in 1919.

Their history is a long and fascinating one, and the cabins are a link to that history. Without serious repairs, however, this link may not last much longer.

### A real fixer-upper

At least one of the two cabins will be returned to some of its former glory next spring, said Tim Wynn, director of Facilities Management.

With \$50,000 from the state's minor capital budget, which took more than two years to secure, Wynn said the beginning of the long and costly process of fixing the cabins can begin.

"We're going to be stabilizing the south cabin, lifting it up and replacing the rotting wood foundation with concrete," Wynn said. For additional repairs, he said,

the university will need another round of funding – and that is just for the less-dilapidated south cabin.

"I don't have much hope for the north cabin," Wynn said.

During the 1970s, the buildings were used by Fairhaven College, Wynn said.

Eventually they no longer were up to code and were closed. The cabins fell into disrepair, almost forgotten by the university.

In recent years, though, a number of students have taken it upon themselves to protect the cabins, but their efforts have ended as they graduated or moved on to other projects.

Western senior Tyson Minck is one student who took interest in the cabins. He formed a student group last fall to work toward long-term protection and funding for the cabins.

"Ultimately, I think the administration will have the biggest say in the cabins' future," Minck said.

### Staking a claim together

The cabins' fate is also in the hands of the descendants of June and Farrar. Western senior Finnian Burn is the great-grandson of the two pioneers. He is studying mathematics and financial economics.

Finnian said that the preservation of the cabins on Western's campus is important, both to preserve the history of the college and to give students a tangible link to the past.

"Old Main and the other old buildings may be beautiful," Finnian said. "But they don't fully represent the history of what it meant to homestead here."

For the history of pioneers and hard-working homesteaders, we must look to humbler structures like his great-grandparents' cabins, he said.

The north cabin was called the kitchen cabin. That was where Farrar and June cooked, ate and kept their books.

The study cabin was built next. It was a family living room where June would do her writing, with a small bunkroom off the main room for her and Farrar to sleep in.

"The study was a graceful little cabin, with a hemlock-bough flare to the roof, eight windows, an arched blue door, built-in seats and shelves and cupboards," June wrote in her autobiography "Living High." June and Farrar Burn came west

before the termination of the regional Homestead Act, a law signed by Abraham Lincoln that gave free land in the Western United States to anyone willing to cultivate and improve it.

The two would later build the cabins on Schome Hill as a place to live while June wrote a column for The Bellingham Herald in the 1920s.

Farrar stayed home and cared for their two sons, North and South.

Throughout their lives the Burns believed in doing what they loved, and at the two cabins in Bellingham, they did just that.

"Since occupations fill most of our time, they must be made interesting,

lively, delightful," June wrote in her autobiography. "Farrar and I had determined that we would never again do anything that wasn't rewarding in the doing."

And for the Burns, "rewarding" meant working hard and living simply wherever they found themselves.

### Frontier family

Today, the Burn family is still unique. They are a group of thinkers and dreamers, professionals and artists. They are intelligent, prosperous and adventurous.

Each grandchild and great-grandchild seems to have inherited some of June's

boldness and wild spirit, as well as Farrar's thoughtful and artistic nature.

Doris "Doe" Burn, 86, is the oldest living Burn. She was the wife of South and is an accomplished writer and illustrator of children's books.

The most acclaimed of her books is "Andrew Henry's Meadow," the story of a boy who builds a cabin in the woods near his island home.

It was first published in 1965 and was optioned for a movie in 2004. The script was written by Zach Braff, star of the television show "Scrubs." Director Barry Sonnenfeld, of "Men In Black" fame, has shown interest in directing the film.

"Andrew Henry's Meadow," Doris said, was based on her son, Mark who without electricity on the island would make nature itself his playground.

He would explore the land around their tiny cabin and finding creative ways to occupy his inquisitive mind.

Finnian is Mark's son, and still lives in Bellingham.

"You put down roots in a place and there is this feeling of continuity," Finnian said. "I can go onto campus and see something that provides a meaningful link to the past for my generation. I would be deeply horrified if the cabins were destroyed."

After she had worked at the Herald for several years, earning \$30 a week, June's columns became so popular that she and Farrar decided to start their own publication, The Puget Sounder, which they moved to Seattle to publish between 1935 and 1939.

In 1941, June published "Living High," and she later taught briefly at the

University of Washington.

Later in their lives, Farrar and June, ever the travelers, left home yet again to roam the U.S., lecturing on happiness and having even more adventures.

### Through the years

The cabins the Burns left on Schome Hill would be occupied by other families and individuals over the next 30 years.

Meanwhile, a small college to the north, called the Western Washington College of Education, began expanding its campus, moving closer and closer to the cabins and eventually encompassing them.

The cabins, at least the south Kitchen Cabin, may one day serve a new purpose, Wynn said.

To make it into a residence or a classroom, he said, would cost a great deal more than the university can currently afford.

However, for a living museum – something that students can walk in, experience, and walk out of again – the costs might be more modest, Wynn said.

The final decision is in the hands of the administration, specifically Roger Gilman, dean of Fairhaven College.

Gilman said he would like to see Western preserve both cabins, while maintaining their original integrity.

Some possibilities include the cabins becoming a museum, that would be open to the community or a special art and nature workspace for children.

Gilman said partnering with city or state agencies or seeking private donations for funding may be necessary, due to the priorities of Western's budget.

# Preserving true pioneer spirit

## Still standing after 80 years, the Burns' cabins on Schome Hill are neglected, but not forgotten



# Farmers Market now open!

## Community comes together at Depot Market Square

Andrea Farrell | WF

Amid a sparkling drizzle of rain, with the scents of baked goods wafting through the air and the sounds of chattering families and friends, the 18th season of the Bellingham Farmers Market opened Saturday with the toss of a cabbage, by Mayor Dan Pike.

More than 90 vendors showed up Saturday to sell their wares. By August, the market expects to have 110 vendors, Market Director Caprice Teske said.

The people who catch the cabbage are deliberately chosen, Teske said. They are individuals who embody the work of groups in the community that value healthy eating, locally grown food and farmers' issues, she said.

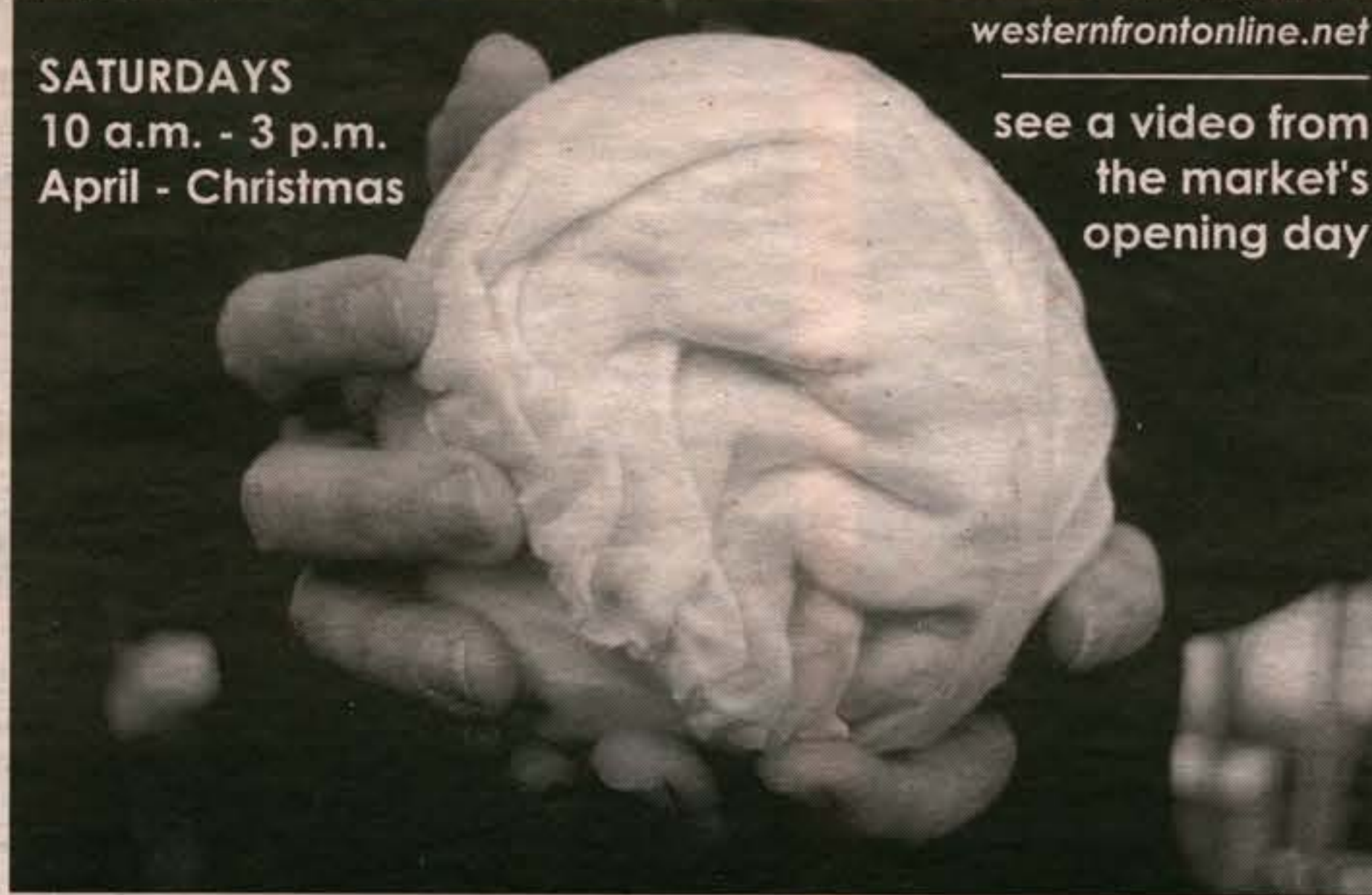
This year, Mike Finger, the first president of the market, caught the cabbage. Finger then threw it to a group of children from the Farms to Schools program.

In their Whatcom County elementary schools, these kids grow gardens in order to learn where food comes from and what it means to eat healthfully.

Laura Ridenour, Food and Farming Programs Manager for Sustainable Connections, spoke about the importance of knowing the source of your food.

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A speaker from Common Threads Farm holds a cabbage before the annual cabbage toss on opening day at the Bellingham Farmers Market on Saturday, April 3.

"The most important thing you can ask is, 'Where did this food come from? Who produced this?'" Ridenour said.

Because customers can buy directly from farmers at the market, they can easily find the answers to these questions,

Ridenour said.

One standout among the new vendors is Juice Peddler, a bicycle-powered smoothie station. Just order one of Kelli Akre's drinks with bicycle-themed names such as a Tropical Wheelie, Slick Tire or

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Derailer. She will load the ingredients into her stationary bike-mounted blender, hop on the seat and pedal up a cold, fruity treat.

Other new vendors this year include Margot Myers, who sells batik napkins, table linens and scarves; Silver Springs Creamery from Lynden, which sells milk, cheese, butter and eggs; Bison Bookbinding & Letterpress, which designs and produces paper goods, including greeting cards, books and stationery; and Purée Bébé, which makes organic baby food.

Alongside food and handicrafts, the 2010 U.S. Census Team was also present. The employees handed out free tote bags, pencils, key chains, magnets and other gifts to anyone who stopped to talk with them.

In addition to the dozens of stands where patrons buy and vendors sell food, the Depot Market Square on Saturday morning is a place where people gather. Finger said the market is an important meeting ground for Bellingham residents.

"I think it is a town square for Bellingham," he said. "It is a beautiful mix of commerce and community. People don't just come to shop; they come knowing they'll have a wonderful community experience."

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# Comedy show more than just laughs

## 'You Would!' cast, crew support keeps growing

Samantha O'Brochta | WF

As the doors opened to Arntzen Hall room 100, students poured in watch the 11th episode of "You Would!"

Friday's show opened with something going wrong with the computer used for the production, which was later revealed to be a joke.

However, throughout the technology-themed show, problems arose with the sound system — and this time, they were not planned. During each filmed sketch, the sound cut out and the tech crew had to pause the video and fix the cords.

Western junior Kyle Mitchell, executive producer for the show, said he has been involved with the show for two and a half years.

Mitchell said Friday's episode involved 36 people, many of whom doubled up on duties.

At the end of the show everyone who had been a part of the production process came up to the stage to be thanked for their involvement.

"'You Would!' is more than a show," said Western junior Nicole Parish, an actress, director, producer and writer for

**"People keep showing up for auditions and for meetings. We are so lucky to get all these people."**

- Kyle Mitchell,

"You Would!" executive producer

the show. "All my friends are in it; we all hang out. I get to be with really funny people. It's cheesy, but we are like a big community."

Parish said she joined the group about two years ago when her roommate invited her to go to a show.

There are about three episodes a year, usually one per quarter, Mitchell said.

The shows have a format of filmed and live sketches. Fourteen student writers produce scripts for the show, Mitchell said. The writers rotate each quarter and choose which sketches are used based on the theme of the episode.

Parish said a lot of behind-the-scenes work goes into making an episode.

The audition process for the show



photo by Carey Rose | WF

From left to right, Western students Shannon Wiley, Mark Puetz, Zane Norris and Chris Antes perform a skit at the comedy event "You Would!" on April 1. "I just wanted to be a part of it because the last show I saw was so great," Wiley said.

involves unrehearsed readings of the scripts and filmed auditions, she said. The directors can choose who they want in the production and then cast those actors.

Parish said it takes about six or seven hours a week to rehearse and film an episode, including a weekly two-hour meeting to discuss production.

Mitchell said everything works so well because of the volunteers.

"We are consistently growing,"

The next episode of "You Would!" premieres at 8 p.m. May 26 in Arntzen Hall room 100

Mitchell said. "People keep showing up for auditions and for meetings. We are so lucky to get all these people."

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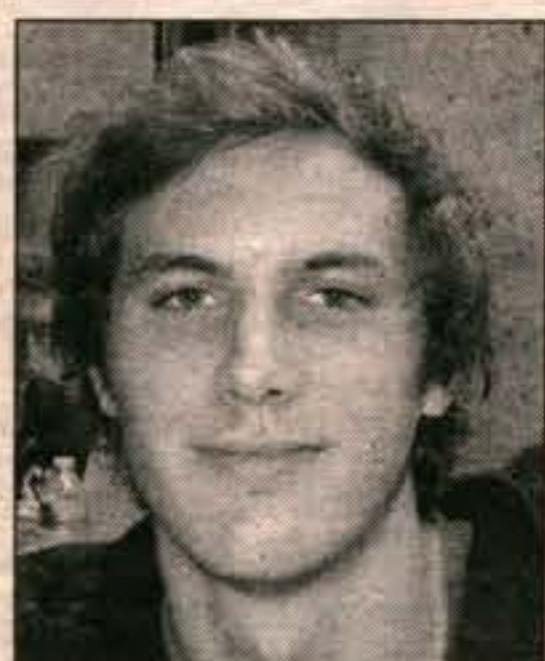
**What do you think about driving while using a cell phone?**

compiled by Lincoln Hollis



**Nicole Sallee**  
Freshman

*"I think it's dangerous to text, but I haven't really noticed that I'm more distracted when I'm on the phone."*



**Christopher Knight**  
Sophomore

*"Text messaging and driving is distracting. Last fall quarter, my friend was going to school, taking me to class, and he actually got in a car accident 'cause he was playing with the radio and messing with his cell phone."*



**Liz Lobdell**  
Freshman

*"I always use my Bluetooth, so it's not really an issue for me. It just seems like a good idea. You shouldn't be texting or typing in somebody's number."*



**Mike Minifie**  
Junior

*"I don't text. I cannot text. I'll run myself off the road if I text. I think talking and driving — I've always done it, so I think I'm capable."*

**FRONTLINE**

Opinions of the Editorial Board

**Law a step in decreasing driving distractions**

Starting June 10, Washington police will begin enforcing a law that makes texting or talking on a handheld cell phone while driving a primary offense.

This is a step in the right direction. Our roadways are plagued with drivers who are surrounded by distractions, including cell phones, GPS systems and mp3 devices. Though it's important that dangerous behaviors such as dialing numbers and texting on a cell phone are primary offenses, they are not the only distraction worthy of the focus of lawmakers. Nonetheless, they have to start somewhere.

If this law is combined with educational campaigns, we will likely see a change in the behavior of drivers in the long-run. In 2001, the year driving without a seat belt became a primary offense in Washington, only 82 percent of drivers wore a seat belt, according to the Washington Traffic

Safety Commission. By 2008, that number increased dramatically to 97 percent. By toughening up the cell phone ban, the extremely dangerous and relatively new phenomenon of texting while driving may start to fade.

University Police Sgt. David Garcia said he frequently sees drivers on campus using cell phones, but because it has been a secondary offense, police haven't cited anyone in the past few months. However, he anticipates ticketing will increase come June.

"We're going to be giving those tickets until the cows come home," he said.

When drivers are at the wheel of a 4,000-pound vehicle, operating it safely should be their main priority — if not for their own well-being, then at least for the safety of others. No text message is more important than someone else's life.

A 2009 study conducted by the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute found that text messaging while driving a truck increased the risk of a crash or near-crash by 23.2 times. It also found that while talking on a cell phone barely increased the likeli-

hood of crashing a car, dialing a number on a phone increased the likelihood of a crash or near-crash by 2.8 times.

The study concluded that hands-free cell phones aren't any safer than handheld phones because the main risk comes from taking one's eyes off the road, which is required to make a call with either type of phone.

While the Editorial Board commends the state for recognizing the dangers associated with texting and driving, we believe more attention must be given to other driving risks, including hands-free phones, GPS systems, and mp3 devices. Driving is a task that deserves a person's undivided attention, which is why the state should not simply stop with this new law.

While this law is a good start, more risky behaviors need to be looked into and addressed by the state if we are to truly have safer roadways.

*The Editorial Board is comprised of Editor-in-Chief Nicholas Johnson, Managing Editor Alex Roberts and Opinion Editor Megan Jonas.*

**Stop whining, start acting to prevent extinction**



**Megan Mullay** | WF Columnist

If you haven't already, I hope that at least once in your lifetime you have the opportunity to go to a zoo and stare a gorilla in the face. Making eye contact with a gorilla takes your breath away; at least, it does for me. Gorillas are exceptional, charismatic creatures, but the way things are going, their timeline on this planet is reaching an end. The United Nations published a report in March that said gorillas in Central Africa have about 10 to 15 years before they disappear. The gorillas are being threatened by human population booms, habitat loss, logging, pathogens and poaching. Scary news, right? Instead of just hearing this information, listen to it. Think about what it would mean if there were no gorillas in Central Africa before most of us college students are middle-aged.

Now, I'm not going to lecture on biodiversity. And I won't preach about how every species has an ecological and ethical place on our planet. I could — but won't. What I will do is offer something to think about: in the entire history of our planet, no species has single-handedly caused the complete extinction of another species — except for us, the Homo sapiens.

Before you get in a huff, let me point out that it is true that many species have gone extinct without human help; extinction is a natural process of evolution. There have been five mass extinction events in Earth's history. Each of these was caused by either natural cycles in climate change, comet or asteroid impact. Yes, these were

natural, but guess what? We are now deep into the sixth major mass extinction, and this one is all on us. Extinction is now occurring much faster and is doing significantly more damage than any of the naturally caused prior events. Different estimates say species are disappearing at a rate of 1,000 — 10,000 times faster than ever before.

As the dominant species on this planet, we are equally capable of destroying it or protecting it. So far, if we have chosen to protect it, the human race is collectively failing. Badly. As humans it is our responsibility to be accountable for the anthropogenic destruction of our planet. The



Illustration by Drew Miller | WF

scariest part is that once a species is gone, we cannot bring it back.

Extinction is real. It's not just a scary story that your professor tells you to get you to recycle. The International Union for the Conservation of Nature is an organization that evaluates the conservation status of plants and animals worldwide and publishes a Red List. The Red List is accepted in the scientific community as the world's most comprehensive and valid inventory of the world's at-risk species. In 2009, it concluded that at least 17,291

species are threatened with extinction. This was more than one-third of the species they assessed.

One of the biggest problems with humans, when it comes to the environment, is that we are great at coming up with volumes of the bad stuff we have done to our planet, and pouting about it. Where we are lacking is in the 'fix it' part. Yes, there is a great community of scientists and conservationists who work hard and dedicate their lives to improving the condition of our environment, and more power to them. However, we, as humans, are sitting on our collective asses when it comes to biodiversity loss.

In order to fix this epidemic, everyone must pay attention. Until 2004, scientists thought that the ivory-billed woodpecker had been extinct for more than 50 years. This changed when someone discovered one flying in Arkansas. The man who discovered it knew enough about the bird to make the identification and to recognize the significance of what he saw. He wasn't a conservationist or an ornithologist. He was just a guy who paid attention. Because he made the discovery and voiced it, management plans are being discussed to bring this species back from the brink. A snowball effect has also begun because of these events. There is a plan to restore and conserve 200,000 acres of this birds' habitat.

Not everyone is meant to be a scientist, and not everyone can be on the front lines of the fight to save the environment. But as a human, it is our responsibility to think about what our species has done to the planet. Pay attention to it. When this happens, people start to care and notice, and even this can make a huge difference.

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> Men's golf

# Finding a home at Western

Burlington native Xavier Dailly finds grass greener since transferring from WSU

Nick Schiffler | WF

Western junior Xavier Dailly has been golfing since he was three years old, but since he transferred to Western this year, he has elevated his game to a new level.

With six top-10 individual finishes in eight tournaments this year, Dailly has been a standout player for the Vikings, who are ranked 10th nationally in NCAA Division II.

"Ever since coming to Western, I've felt more comfortable," Dailly said. "All season, I've had higher expectations. Less pressure, but higher expectations."

The Burlington native has met and exceeded any reasonable expectations of him this season. Dailly leads the Great Northwest Athletic Conference with a scoring average of 71.8 strokes, more than two strokes better than the next best player in the conference, Western senior and men's golf captain Julian Peters.

Dailly shot a 67 in the first round of the Sonoma State Invitational in October. It is the best score any player in the conference has had this year. He finished fourth individually in that tournament, and Western tied for third overall.

Dailly has continued his success this spring. After he placed third in the Notre Dame de Namur Invitational in late March, he was named the conference player of the week for March 21-27.

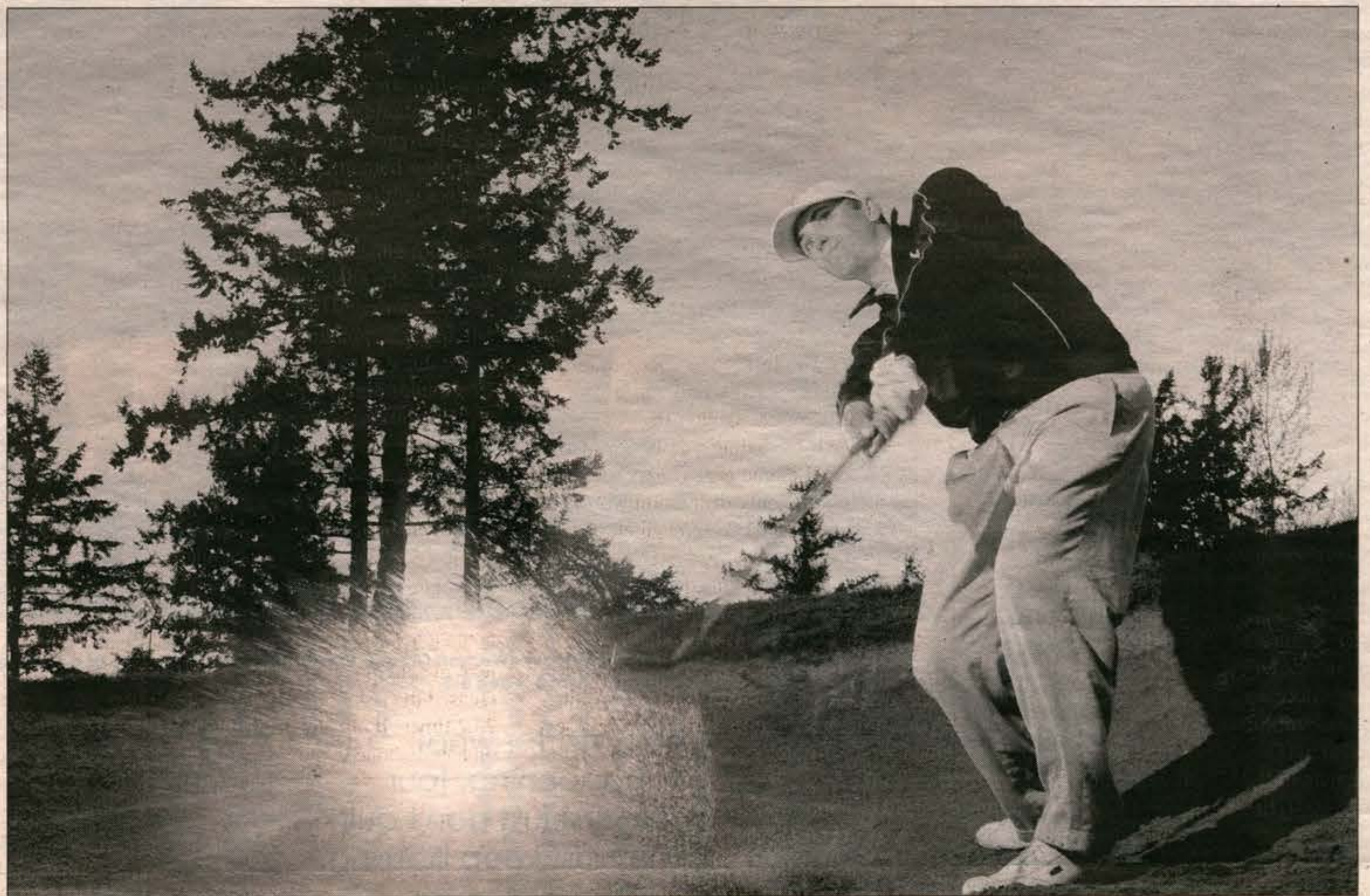


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Western junior Xavier Dailly displays proper form on a bunker shot at Bellingham Golf and Country Club April 1. Dailly has been playing golf since he was three years old.

Western sophomore golfer Nick Varelia said Dailly has been steady all year.

"He's done a great job lately, even playing well when the rest of the team's not," Varelia said. "He's had a lot of pressure on him and he's done really well under it."

**"He's a great player who just gets it done come tournament time. He's holding the team up and we have needed him to hold it up this season."**  
- Sam Ayotte  
Western junior golfer

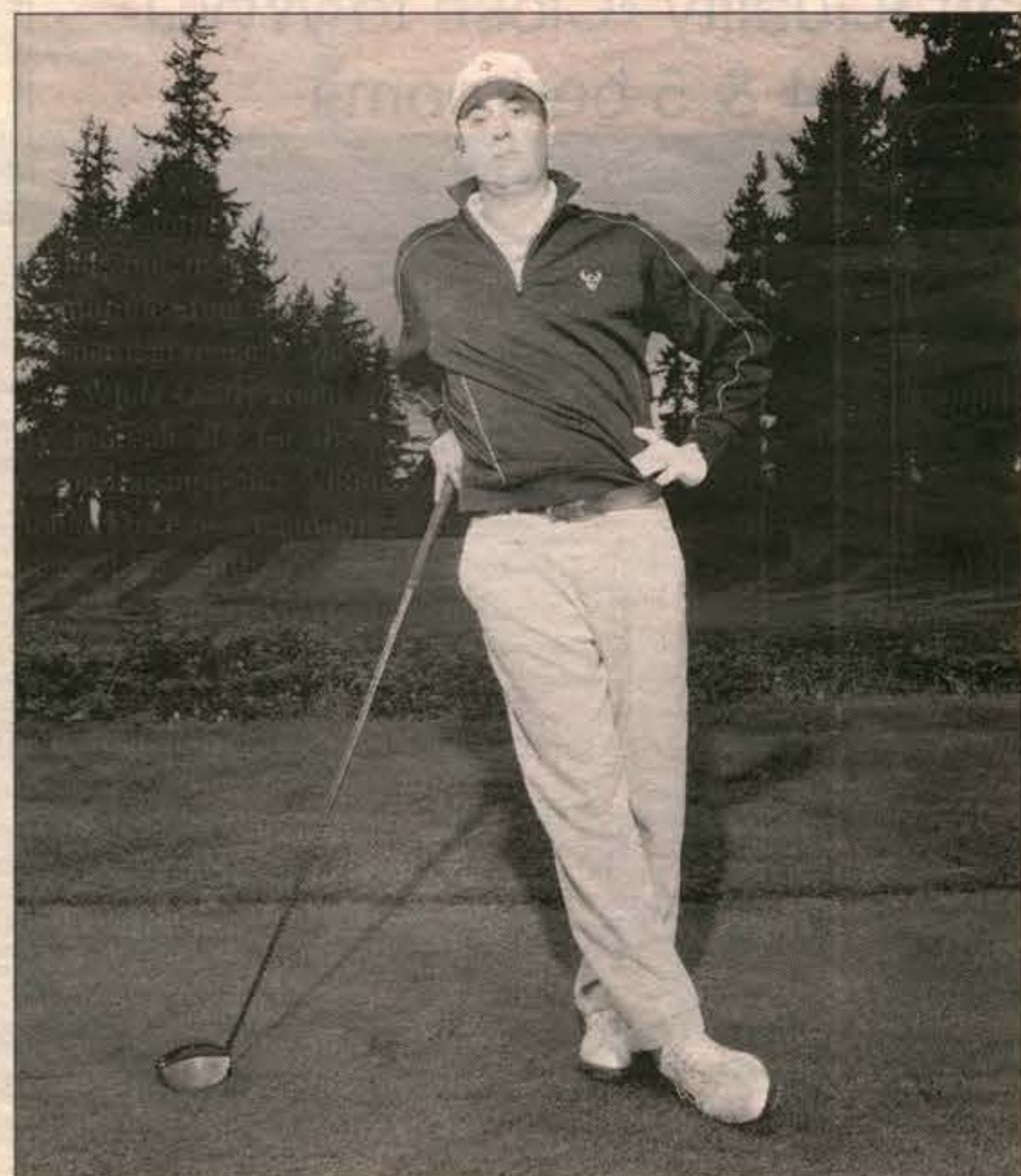


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Dailly played three years at Washington State University before coming to Western last fall. His average round this season is a conference-best 71.8.

Although Dailly has been a star this year, he said he has not always been this successful.

"In high school, I was pretty good, but I kind of questioned whether I wanted to stick with it," he said. "I did, and then got to college, and had a few high points and some low points as well."

Dailly had several high points before arriving in Bellingham. While attending Burlington-Edison High School, he was named to the All-Northwest League first team for four consecutive years. He then attended and played at Washington State University for three years before joining the Vikings last fall.

"I actually really liked it over in Pullman," he said. "My fit on the team, for coaching reasons... it wasn't a good place, I guess."

He said the opportunity to be closer to home was a positive aspect of transferring to Western, but the biggest factor in his decision was the success that Western's golf program had under head coach Steve Card.

Now, Dailly himself is the biggest reason for Western's success this year.

"He's a great player who just gets it done come tournament time," said Western junior team member Sam Ayotte. "He's holding the team up and we have needed him to hold it up this season."

Dailly said wedge shots, which are usually 50 to 110 yards from the hole, are his strengths. He said he would like to get better at short-range shots such as chipping and putting because those are the most important parts of golf.

Varelia, however, said Dailly is a strong player in all facets of the game.

"He's a good all-around player," Varelia said. "He doesn't have anything he doesn't do well."

Although Western's team has been struggling lately, Dailly has been the one constant. The Vikings will need to rely on his solid play to advance in the post-season, potentially even to the

NCAA Division II National Championship in Indiana in May.

Dailly said spring has been a disappointment for the Vikings so far, but they can gather momentum leading into the regional tournament in early May.

While Dailly could still qualify individually for the national championship, the Vikings will not advance as a team unless they place at least fifth in the regionals.

"We're just trying to get some positive mojo going into that tournament," Dailly said. "We played very well in the fall and beat a lot of teams; we just need to get back to playing that way."

Dailly has kept up his strong play all year, but he said he can't think of one particular moment that has stood out - so far.

"I don't know that I could point to one this season," he said. "Hopefully I'll be able to answer that a little bit better when we get to the national tournament."



## &gt; Women's softball

# Vikings win 1 of 3, prep for playoff push

Emmil's homer leads Vikings to only win of tripleheader against Western Oregon

Zack Price | WF

The Western women's softball team came away with one victory out of three games against Western Oregon University Wolves last Saturday on Viking Field.

The Vikings won the first game 3-2, but fell 8-6 and 5-3 in the next two. All three games were pushed to Saturday due to unruly wind conditions on Friday.

In the victory, Western was led by senior pitcher Sarah McEnroe's performance on the mound and junior infielder Jordan Emmil, who hit her first homerun of the season.

"I didn't really feel it, to be honest," Emmil said of her homerun, which came in the sixth inning and gave the Vikings a 3-1 lead. She said she would keep the homerun ball for a long time.

McEnroe gave up two earned runs on three hits and had five strikeouts in the game. The win was McEnroe's sixth of the season.

"I felt the ball really popping out of my hand," McEnroe said. "I was throwing hard because I had taken a week off."

The next two games featured both teams' bats coming alive. There were a combined 26 hits in the second game and 17 in the third, compared to eight total hits in the first game.

Western sophomore Krista Bickar, who plays first base, and freshman catcher Jackie Rothenberger led the team in hitting the second game. They combined for six hits out of nine total atbats and accounted for five of the team's six runs batted in. However, the Vikings' efforts were not enough to bring them a victory.



Western players celebrate a 3-2 victory over Western Oregon University in their first game of a tripleheader, Saturday, April 3 at Viking Field. The Vikings went on to lose the next two: 8-6 and 5-3.

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Western Oregon and the Vikings had seventh-inning surges to give their teams a chance in the second and third games, respectively. A late four-run seventh-inning hitting attack by the Wolves tied the second game and sent it into extra innings, where they scored two more runs to win it in the eighth.

The Vikings' bats were silenced in the

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**Lonnie Hicks,  
Women's softball  
head coach**

third game and the team was held scoreless until the seventh inning, when they scored three runs to make it 5-3.

The Vikings had the bases loaded in the bottom of the seventh inning with two outs, but were unable to drive in the potentially game-winning runs.

"In the third game, we weren't focused enough with our hitting until the

end, and that can't happen against a good team," head coach Lonnie Hicks said. "No matter what is happening, [our players] just don't quit. They just keep battling."

Hicks said the team needs to improve its hitting to be able to compete against the better teams in the conference.

The Vikings face Northwest Nazarene University on Friday, April 9th and Saturday, April 10 at home.

"I'm always confident with this team," Hicks said. "We will be in a dog-fight with Northwest Nazarene and we just have to be prepared."

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> Women's rowing

# Making waves with Madeleine Eckmann

Senior crew captain vies for her fourth consecutive national championship

Mitch Olsen | WF

From early morning workouts to organizing team dinners and group activities, senior captain Madeleine Eckmann is the oil that makes the Western women's rowing team's engine rev.

After being with the team for three NCAA Division II championships and rowing in two of them, Eckmann knows quite a bit about dedication, but she also knows how to have fun.

Junior co-captain Casey Mapes said Eckmann is even a bit of a prankster.

"She does a lot of little things to keep it fun," Mapes said. "Things like cracking jokes or even setting booby traps, pranks like lining the floor with Dixie cups full of water or putting a rubber band on the kitchen sink spray nozzle. Maddie keeps it fun."

Aside from increasing morale in one of the most demanding sports at Western, teammates say Eckmann is also a dependable captain that leads by example.

"Maddie brings an intensity," Western sophomore varsity eight rower Megan Northey said. "We're going to have fun out there, but we're also going to work really hard."

Between classes and her two daily workouts, The Western Front had a chance to catch up with Madeleine to see what makes her tick.



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Western senior Madeleine Eckmann poses with the rowing team's five consecutive national championship trophies. She has been a part of the past three championships.

**The Western Front:** First off, when the alarm goes off at 4 a.m., what keeps you motivated in that dark hour?

**Madeleine Eckmann:** What motivates me, besides coffee? One thing that motivates me to keep working hard is the legacy that has been established by Western rowers that have come before me. Previous teams have already fought really hard to achieve success in the past. I remember as a freshman looking up to the upperclassmen, namely Lindsay Mann-King, Metta Gilbert and Amelia Whitcomb. These girls were so hardcore on and off the water; as a freshman, I wanted to be just like them.

**WF:** What made you want to join Western women's crew?

**ME:** When I joined this team, I was looking for the camaraderie of a team sport. I played soccer in high school and it was a great way to make friends. My high school Spanish teacher, who I really looked up to, talked about rowing in college and I thought I would give it a try. I guess I didn't really know what I was getting into or the level of dedication that was involved, but it has been an amazing experience that I wouldn't trade for anything.

**WF:** What keeps you coming back?

**ME:** There's no better way to forge incredible friendships than by rowing on a crew team. The only way to get yourself through each practice and each workout is to know that you're all in this together. Literally nobody comprehends exactly what we go through every day except us. But every day, I know I'm not alone when I'm thinking, "Is coach trying to kill us?!" I trust these girls; I know that they are out there every day with me. In January, when it's 33 degrees and raining, we are all in it together, thinking, "Is he really going to make us take another trip up the lake?"

**WF:** How much time do you spend training each week and how does that work with school?

**ME:** Probably 15 to 18 hours, but every week is different. As a team, we do variations of everything: erging [stationary rowing], running, biking, weights, stairs, intervals. I also really like skiing, hiking and biking during the offseason. It's good for me to mix the workouts up a little to keep things fun. If you're not having fun and you're just going through the motions, you're not going to get anything out of it.

**WF:** How do you balance that with school?

**ME:** In a sense, crew balances out school really well. Rowing and training give us a break from school and school gives us a break from rowing and training.

**WF:** Is there a certain teammate who really livens it up?

**ME:** One thing that's special about this year's team is our resiliency. Every girl on this team gets off of the water, and whether they were in the faster boat that day or the boat that got beat, they smile, they laugh and they go do their next workout at 100 percent. Every girl on every team is competitive, but the persistent smiles and hard work — win or lose — rain or shine, is what makes this year's team so great. Working hard is something that the girls on this team are going to do — no matter what.

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# Tiger Woods

Once again playing for fun of the game, Tiger will win the Masters because he's at peace with past



Growing media pressure, lack of practice will prove too much for Tiger at Augusta

Jeff Twining | WF Columnist

"I haven't looked forward to a tee shot like this in a long time. [Golf] feels fun again."

With that simple statement near the end of his 35-minute Masters press conference, Tiger Woods confirmed what I have been thinking since news first broke of his return to golf: Tiger Woods will win the Masters.

No tee shot – perhaps in the history of golf – will garner more international attention than when the world's first billion-dollar athlete tees off at Augusta National on Thursday morning.

Since November, Tiger has faced intense media scrutiny because of his multiple alleged affairs and the revelation that, up until his Thanksgiving Day car accident, the media apparently knew very little about his private life.

During the four months leading up to the Masters, Tiger meticulously avoided direct scrutiny and face-to-face questioning. With the exception of a staged personal statement in February and the organized interviews with ESPN last month, reporters have learned very little about Tiger Woods from Tiger Woods – until yesterday.

As I listened to Tiger's press conference live on the radio, I heard a man who has accepted his mistakes. If the reports of sex addiction are true (Tiger refused to disclose what he was in rehab for, saying, "It is personal,") he completed step one: admitting he has a problem.

Throughout the scandal, I waited to hear Tiger speak in an uncontrolled situation.

If repairing his public image is a multi-step process, yesterday was step one. After every carefully constructed question, Tiger had an equally carefully constructed answer.

If everything Tiger said was true, all I have to say is, "Welcome back."

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Tiger Woods will not win the 2010 Masters Tournament – you can quote me on that.

He is stepping into the biggest tournament of the golf season when recently all of his competitors were on the golf course and he was in rehab.

I just don't think he is mentally ready to compete at this high of a level with all the media pressure surrounding him.

Nobody can completely shut out the outside world; there are things that will work against Tiger every step of the way in this comeback.

Tiger lost the one thing in his life that helped him become such a great golfer: control. He hasn't lost control

of his golf game, but the environment around him.

Fans have been kissing the ground Tiger's walked on his whole career, because he was and still is the most entertaining golfer at any event he plays. Some golf fans rooted against him because nobody wants to see Goliath win every tournament, but now there are people that legitimately hate him and want him to do poorly.

Let me be clear: I do not think treating him like a criminal is completely justified, but those kind of people will be out there and will try to bring him down. Tiger has never had to deal with that.

He must prove he can play despite criticism from the media and hate toward him from the crowd before he can perform at his pre-scandal level.

If Tiger wins this week's Masters, it will prove to me that he is, without question, the greatest golfer of all time. If he doesn't, it will prove to me that he is a human being.

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