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## Sasway: Decision to kill must be yours

By JEFF KRAMER

The first American draft resister to be indicted since the Vietnam War criticized the U.S. government for its selective enforcement of the draft registration law and vowed he will never comply with it under any circumstances, during a Saturday morning meeting at the Campus Christian Ministry.

Ben Sasway, who grabbed national headlines for his public refusal to register for the draft in 1980, told an intimate gathering that only vocal resisters in conservative areas of the country were prosecuted while those who simply didn't conscript were left alone.

Sasway, a San Diego native on leave from his political science and philosophy studies at Humboldt State University, spent 40 days in prison last October after a federal judge ruled him a "flight risk" and a danger to the community.

Sentenced to 30 months in a federal work camp, Sasway was released pending the outcome of an appeal. He now is lecturing full time to raise money for legal expenses.

One of 15 individuals to be prosecuted for not registering, the articulate 22-year-old spent much of Saturday morning leveling criticism at American defense priorities and foreign policy.

"What all this defense preparation is really for is to enforce our will throughout the world," Sasway declared. "... under this policy, I'm going to be killing people for bananas, possibly. And in my perception, that's not what it means to be a human being."

Sasway contended that the difference between registration and

an actual draft was insignificant. "When they say there isn't a draft, they expect us to believe it while they're printing up draft forms," he said. "And they say there's no war, but I want to know what's going on in El Salvador right now."

Sasway also argued that compulsory registration conflicts with democracy.

"The act (of registering) gives an important moral, ethical statement. You're admitting the government has a right to make a decision for you. The decision of whether or not to kill people has to be one of the most important decisions you'll ever make."

Later he added, "If you take personal responsibility for your life, similarly to the way I did, you can go to jail...and that's kind of scary."

During his trial, Sasway said he was not allowed to explain his reasons for violating the law. Presiding Judge Gordon Thompson, Jr. only allowed the jury to determine if Sasway had registered or not, a legal point Sasway takes issue with.

"It seems to me that a jury should be able to determine whether or not I'm a criminal and whether or not I should be thrown in jail," he said.

Ironically, Sasway, who has no desire to return to prison, thinks doing so could help his cause.

"Right now, a lot of people are thinking the draft issue has gone away," he said. "(But) if draft resisters end up in jail, I think it's going to put on political pressure that could mean the end of draft registration." Sasway said he found it humorous that the government spent \$20,000 to get

him in jail and \$60 a day keeping him there in an effort to get him to change his mind.

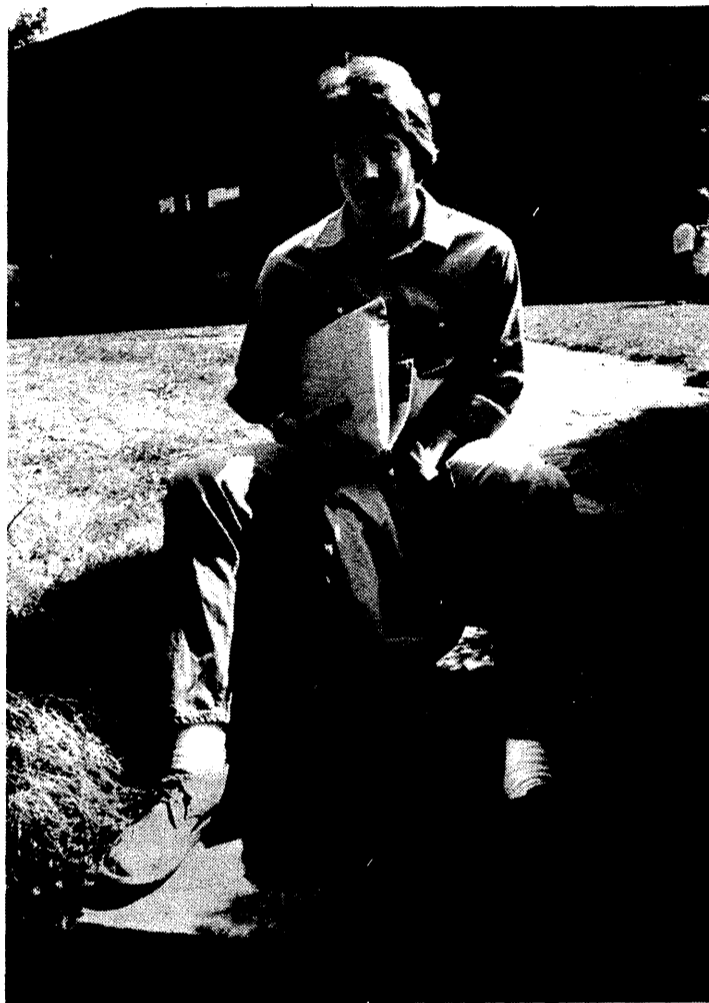


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*Ben Sasway accused the U.S. government of selective enforcement of the draft registration law and vowed he will never comply with it under any circumstances. Sasway was in Bellingham to raise money for legal expenses.*

During an intermission Saturday, Sasway said he will never register.

"I think if there's a legitimate need, people will come to the defense of their country. The

policy in a "cloak of secrecy."

"The whole point of having a bunch of spies running around is contrary to having a free, open, above-the-board country," he said, referring to the CIA.

He called for a "tighter public grip on the military." "I am perfectly willing to let people across-the-board make those kinds of (defense) decisions as long as they have the right information," he said.

Sasway also said the general aims of a foreign policy are easy to understand even if the technicalities are not. "I don't think you have to know how the plutonium works in a missile to understand our foreign policy," he said.

Sasway called for the continued growth of non-violent means of conflict resolution, like those perpetuated by Martin Luther King and Gandhi. He lauded the nuclear freeze movement as an important but limited first step.

"The nuclear freeze is important, but it doesn't make us all that more safe. It's a band-aid when we really need a face lift or plastic surgery."

He observed that people can be "just as dead with conventional weapons."

Active in the peace movement since high school, Sasway said he chose the path of public resistance "not so much to keep myself out of it (a war), but to keep everybody out of it."

"What I've tried to do is deliberately throw a wrench in the cogs," he said. Sasway denied any role as a leader of the resistance movement however, saying he merely has tried to bring up the issue for public debate so people can make up their minds.

"If I am any kind of a leader, it is by example," he said.

## Swift pushes strong U.S. /China ties, slams Latin America policy

By PAM HELBERG

Dismal US-Chinese relations, severely lacking Chinese technology and a "not very prudent policy" by this country toward Latin America were the chief topics covered by Rep. Al Swift (D-2nd District) in a Bellingham appearance Saturday.

Swift spoke to nearly 100 people at a League of Women Voters luncheon held in his honor at the Bellingham YWCA.

He avoided discussing the federal government's stance on higher education, admitting that his knowledge on the subject is "abysmally" lacking. He spent the greater part of the two-hour conference talking about issues surrounding his recent 10-day tour of China.

Swift skimmed over the recent US decision to grant a Chinese tennis star political asylum and outlined three "enormously emotional" reasons for the context of US-Chinese relations: the US's ambiguous policy toward reunification with Taiwan, our exploitive use of China's status in the world marketplace, and using China as a play-off against the Soviet Union.

Swift called current relations more strained now than ever since normal relations were reinstated in the Nixon era.

He advocated a return to normal relations, noting that the Pacific states and, more importantly, the Pacific Northwest has a tremendous stake in the future development of Chinese technology.

The Pacific Northwest logging industry has a specific stake in good relations, Swift said. Refined lumber currently is exported because the Chinese have no mills to refine raw logs. Improved technology could change that, resulting in higher exports, Swift said.

The Chinese are in the process of setting up meetings with representatives from Georgia-Pacific, Weyerhaeuser and ITT to discuss future direct trade possibilities.

"China is vibrating with potential," Swift said. "But they've only developed to 5 percent of their hydroelectric capacity."

Swift blamed poor US involve-

## Prof bargaining bill passes House

By ELAYNE ANDERSON

A bill enabling university professors to vote whether they want collective bargaining passed the House Friday, but is waiting concurrence between the House and Senate on amendments.

Milt Krieger, president of the local American Federation of Teachers, said amendments have postponed Senate Bill 3042 from reaching Gov. John Spellman's hands, but that he expects the bill to leave the Legislature this week.

One of the changes the bill has undergone while in the House is removing graduate students and medical residents from inclusion in collective bargaining.

If the bill is passed into law, faculty would vote whether they wish to bargain collectively. If they vote in favor of collective bargaining, a second vote would decide which organization or union would represent them.

Les Blackwell, president of the American Association of University Professors, said the issue of collective bargaining is not only salaries, but working conditions, such as equipment and the number of students in a class.

The main opposition to the bill has been from the Council of

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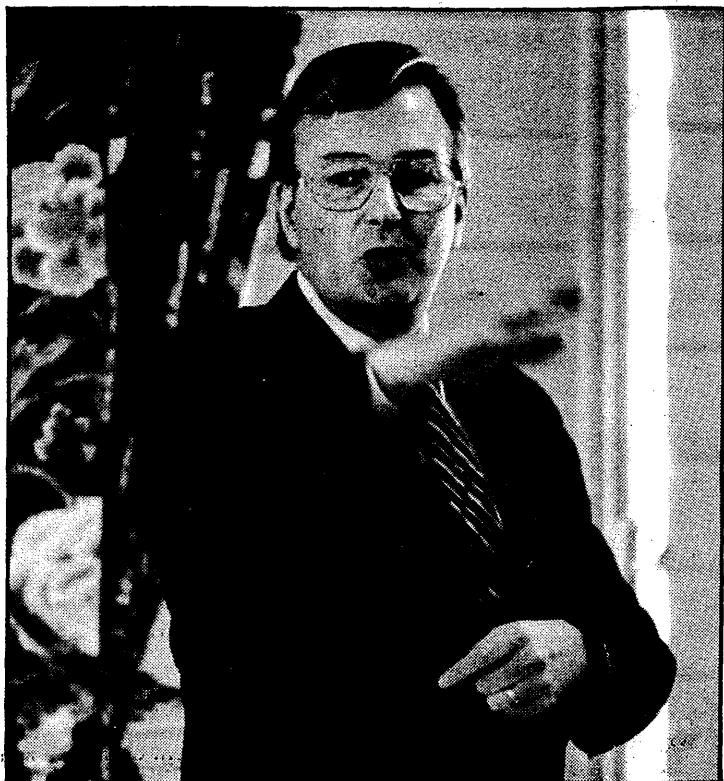


Photo by James Woods

Rep. Al Swift speaks at a meeting of the League of Women Voters in Bellingham on Saturday.

## NW future in China

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ment in helping China achieve high technological advances on "an anti-communist fear that they have superhuman capabilities to turn computers into nuclear weapons.

"To refuse to sell technology that they can go across the street and buy from anyone, we are shooting ourselves in the foot," Swift said. "We can reverse the trends; the low ebb of political relations is not insurmountable."

When the meeting opened for questions, Swift commented on the proposal currently before the House to build the world's largest radio transmitter to "beam the truth" (anti-communist propaganda) into Cuba.

"Radio Marti" (named after a prominent historical political Cuban) has not been well received by the Cuban government. Swift said its response is "if you build that radio then we're going to build the biggest jammer in the world."

The jammer would have the capability to jam radio stations all the way into Iowa and at frequencies up to 1080 kilohertz. This has caused concern in Seattle at KING-Radio 1090, Swift said.

Swift was strongly opposed to "Radio Marti," calling it an insult "equivalent to the USSR beaming their propaganda to the US on a 'Radio Lincoln.'"

"I don't have much confidence in this administration's mentality about Latin America," a visibly angry Swift said. "It's not a very prudent policy."

While "Radio Marti" awaits congressional approval, the Navy has been given orders to begin construction, using defense monies to fund the project.

In other issues, Swift praised the appointment of William Ruckelshaus to head the Environmental Protection Agency and wasn't optimistic about the possibility of a nuclear freeze and disarmament procedures. "I don't have a great deal of hope for it under this administration."

## WSL director says he's happy with lobby's progress so far

By JEFF KRAMER

The small group of student lobbyists somehow looked out of place in the state capital building last week.

Except for their lanky leader, Washington Student Lobby Executive Director Allen Jones, none of them seemed old enough to be a legislator. And they clearly weren't a class of wide-eyed grade school kids out on a field trip either.

The group was, however, in Olympia for a reason. The Senate Education Committee had convened at 8:30 on this Wednesday morning to consider, among other things, a bill that temporarily would freeze college tuition fees.

The bill was at a critical point in the legislative gauntlet. Approval by the panel would send it on to the Senate Ways and Means Committee for further review. Rejection would give the student lobbyists two years to figure out what went wrong.

Taking no chances, the WSL, along with representatives from other student organizations, testified on behalf of the proposal, treating the committee to several rounds of evidence supporting low tuition levels. High tuition reduces access to education, they argued, and reduced access hurts the economy. A number of students pointed out that university services were being cut while tuition continued to rise.

## Salmon, fun at the lake

By BOB DIECKMANN

Sunday's salmon bake at Lake-wood, Western's property on Lake Whatcom, will be an excellent opportunity to experience the range of facilities provided.

Sailing, canoeing, and windsurfing can be enjoyed on the water, while ping pong, slide-viewing and music listening will entertain the land-lovers.

And, of course—salmon. For \$2 you'll get salmon, salad, refreshments (non-alcoholic) and either potatoes or rice.

A banquet license will be obtained for those over 21 who want to bring alcoholic beverages.

Music will be provided by Joe Ordonez on flute, "Cool" Clive Pohl on guitar, a bass, possibly some drums and anyone else that wants to join in.

Activities will start around 2 p.m. If you're driving out, Lake-wood is located on the west side of Lake Whatcom, past the Lake Whatcom Marina, but before Sudden Valley.

For those wishing to go who are without transportation, there's a sign-up sheet in Viking Union 113 for round trip rides costing \$1.

One lobbyist said that since college graduates tend to earn more during their lives than people with only a high school diploma (and thus produce more tax revenue) the state was in danger of reducing its future tax base by limiting access to higher education.

Half an hour later, with surprising ease, the committee voted in favor of the freeze.

"The Legislature makes the decisions," Jones noted after spending the rest of the morning calling senators and representatives off of their respective floors to discuss higher-ed bills. "We can't take credit for passing or defeating bills, but we can define student concerns and provide information."

The lobby, officially operating since November, has progressed well, Jones said.

"I think we have been successful in making students' needs known," he said, observing that many of the issues raised by the WSL are bills now.

Jones admitted that defining the "student interest" has been difficult at times, but not impossible.

"There are gray areas," he explained, "but there are a lot of black and white areas, too. The budget is a good example."

The WSL has, in fact, aimed most of its efforts at securing more money for higher education while tending to avoid issues that might divide students.

Jones said the lobby has taken a conservative stance on a Senate bill that would promote high technology training at community colleges and universities. "Yes, we support high tech," Jones said, "but not at the expense of the liberal arts."

The WSL has not yet taken a

position on whether the state should have an income tax, although Jones said the lobby does support the concept of tax reform.

"At this point, our concern is to build a credible, respectable, workable organization," he said.

"We're definitely getting our feet under us. The key is getting our chapters built up and we're getting that."

Jones singled out Western's WSL chapter for praise, but rapped the campus newspaper. "Western has always had a very good local chapter, perhaps the best we have. The Western Front is the main problem at Western." He accused the newspaper of "fault-finding" instead of "recognizing the importance of the service we provide."

He said the WSL provides law makers with information they didn't have before. "Just by being here, students give legislators a different perspective," Jones said. "We found legislators who are very sympathetic, but they just didn't know what students thought."

Jones said he is convinced student representation in Olympia can be carried out by non-professionals. "Untrained students can be very effective lobbyists," he said. Legislators know they're involved because they really care about an issue, not because they're a hired gun.

"The problem is the Legislature is a little bit intimidating to most people. There's so much to know. There's so many matters of etiquette and protocol that can trip you up. Those things present a barrier to the average citizen who wants to lobby."

But Jones was quick to add that students who use simple procedures to voice their opinions, such as calling the toll-free legislative hotline, can influence lawmakers.

"Letting legislators know you care about their vote makes a difference," he said.

## Presidents oppose bill

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University Presidents. Western's President G. Robert Ross, a member of the council, said although he isn't "opposed to labor unions or collective bargaining," he thinks administrators and faculty should work together and maintain open communications, which would make collective bargaining unnecessary.

"I also think some of the anxiety faculty feel is related to the economy and Washington state's ability to tax itself, rather than some conflict with administration," Ross said.

A motion to support the legislation was voted down in a recent Faculty Senate meeting. Senate member George Witter, math department, opposed the motion, because he said the resolution would have no effect.

"I don't believe we have a mandate to speak unofficially for the faculty," Witter told the senate.

The AFT circulated a petition endorsing the bill, and copies of the petition were sent to Spellman, Roger Van Dyken (R-Lynden) and Pat Fiske (R-Mount Vernon). Krieger said more than half the faculty signed the petition.

Speculation on whether Spellman will sign the bill has been pessimistic. If the bill is approved by the governor, Blackwell said it probably will be because it was used to barter for another bill.

"What they may do is pass a governor's bill. If the governor wants something passed they will say, 'We will give you this bill, if you sign this one.' That's how they work," Blackwell said.

If the bill is not passed into law, Blackwell said the AAUP will try again. "It is a bill whose time has come."

Ross said if the bill is passed, "We'll try to make the best of it."

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# Two file for top AS job

By LESLIE NICHOLS

Two more candidates have filed for the office of Western's next Associated Students president, bringing to three the number of runners for that slot in the general election only two weeks away.

Senior communications major Ty Hanson, who is repeating his bid for the office, said his goals include working to increase Western's enrollment.

He said faculty and the Committee of 10,000 need help from the Associated Students to bring Western's enrollment back to previous levels. Such an effort would include more work with community colleges and high schools on his part, Hanson said.

Hanson also said he would like to see university services remain open at night to better serve older students or nontraditional even-

ing students. He stressed the importance of an escort service for them, as well as other students needing escorts around campus at night.

Active on several committees, including the Instructional Program Review Committee, the Academic and Community Affairs Council, the Faculty Excellence Award Committee and the Activities Council, Hanson said should he win the presidency he wants to act as a representative of the community, the Legislature and Western students.

Hanson proposed having AS Board of Directors meetings in dorms or the Viking Union Lounge, as well as conducting polls to gauge student sentiment, as ways to "open (myself) up to students."

Junior Huxley and political science major David McFadden is the other candidate who recently

announced his intention to run for the top AS position.

"More student involvement" is one of McFadden's goals if he captures the presidency, he said. Although the Washington Student Lobby has moved to get students unified, he still sees "quite a bit of apathy" on campus.

McFadden said he would like to strive for "increased ties in the community," noting a broader base between campus and the community would complement ties Western already has in the Legislature.

In addition to working this year with the AS board, McFadden is the Environmental Center coordinator, a representative from the Program Commission, Futures North by Northwest Conference coordinator, and member of the AS budget and planning committees.

Currently Dana Grant is the only other presidential candidate.

# Course guide rates instructors

By KELLY O'REILLY

A faculty-student course evaluation guide describing what students and faculty think about courses at Western should be completed this quarter, said Russ Whidbee, Associated Students vice president for academic affairs.

Chris Barnes, Faculty-Student Evaluation Director, said "we hope to help students unfamiliar with Western, or students uncertain about a particular department. The guide will help students make a preliminary decision on what the course is really about. The grading and the basic mechanical aspects also will be included.

Faculty-Student Evaluation guides are successful at other schools. The University of Michigan is known nationally for its guide. Although these guides have been successful at other schools, when this same project was attempted two years ago at Western, it failed due to lack of interest.

"The guide didn't focus on the GURs and faculty members didn't have the opportunity to respond," Whidbee said. "Because of the lack of focus in the old guide, concern has been expressed by faculty who feel the new guide could become more of a student versus faculty production instead of being fair, honest and objective."

Whidbee said funding is approved for the project, but support and responses of faculty and students are needed.

The Associated Students plans to finish the guide this quarter and if this "pilot" project is a success, the guide will be updated each quarter.

Forms have been made for evaluation responses, and soon will be in the classrooms or outside the lecture halls and in Red Square. "We hope it is important enough to students to evaluate the courses they have taken," Whidbee said.

If anyone has ideas on this new guide, they are encouraged to contact Chris Barnes in Viking Union 215.

# Dean Davis' book examines candidates and campaigns

By SETH PRESTON

"National Conventions in an Age of Party Reform," the latest book by James Davis, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, has been released.

The book is the latest in Davis' series on the presidential nominating process, a subject on which he is considered to be a leading national authority. His last book, "Presidential Primaries," was released three years ago.

"It's a plea to keep the national convention form for nominating," he said. "I think we need it to determine close contests."

He added that the convention fulfills a "legitimizing function," since whomever is nominated becomes the party's official designated candidate.

The alternative would be a national primary, which would favor well-known candidates and divide support, Davis said.

The book studies steadily advancing campaign starts, which now begin 18 to 20 months before the conventions.

"Candidates used to declare in the spring before the election," he said. "John F. Kennedy declared in January, 1960 (with the election in November)."

The media, especially television, have made declaring early an important factor, Davis said.

"With 35 primaries, you can't shake everyone's hand. TV has an insatiable appetite for stories and candidates are glad to oblige (for the publicity)."

Early exposure is advantageous since more voters come to "know" a candidate and "people need to know about someone to vote for them."

Davis indicated that President Reagan's tactic of delaying his candidacy announcement is supplying publicity without campaigning or political action.

"I think Reagan's playing smart," he said. "He's keeping his hand in with Congress. If he said early that he wasn't going to run,

his influence with them would drop tremendously."

David Broder, Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter for the Washington Post, wrote the foreword. Davis' "Presidential Primaries" carried recommendations from Walter Cronkite and George Gallup Jr. of Gallup Polls.

The book, published by Greenwood Press, has 304 pages and will be available downtown at Village Books or by ordering through the Student Bookstore.

## NEWS NOTES

### Fair cancelled

The Barter Fair scheduled for Thursday and Friday as part of Earth Week has been cancelled.

### AS positions open

Today at 5 p.m. is the deadline for persons interested in running for Associated Students Board of Directors positions to file. Nine positions on the AS Board of Directors and three At-large positions to the Academic and Community Affairs Committee are open. For more information call 676-3460.

### Cruise the Canyon

A free slide show on rafting the Grand Canyon by Ray Varley will be shown at 7 p.m. tomorrow in Lecture Hall 4. The presentation is sponsored by the Outdoor Program.

### Volunteer rep in VU

A Young Volunteers in Action representative will be at the Viking Union Plaza from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 20 and 21.

Young Volunteers in Action (YVA) is a nationwide program for people 14 to 22. Local volunteers serve the Reading Service for the Blind, Bellingham Headstart and Bellingham Daycare.

### Culture forum slated

The second forum in a series of four, titled Culture and Identity, will take place at 4 p.m., Thursday, in Viking Union 408.

The program, which is co-sponsored by the Office of Student Life and the Counseling Center, will feature a panel of ethnic minority students and international students, who will discuss their views on friendship and dating.

### Scholarships offered

International Student Scholarships are available to undergraduate and graduate students who are currently enrolled, or are returning, and who hold non-immigrant status. A minimum 2.7 GPA and 36 undergraduate credits or 24 graduate credits at Western are required. Deadline for fall quarter is May 1. Applications are available in the Office of Student Life, Old Main 380 or phone 676-3843.

A \$300 scholarship for English majors is available for the 1983-84 school year. Applicants must provide a grade transcript and a brief statement explaining their goals and career plans. All application materials must be returned to Deborah Graney of the English Department by May 2.

The recipients are selected from upper-division English majors who have been at Western at least three quarters and who, in the judgement of the English Department, show high potential for making a contribution to society.

### Germ war exposed

A free film titled "Germ and Chemical Warfare" will be shown at 3:30 p.m. tomorrow in Haggard Hall 268.

The film, produced by CBS news and shown on "60 Minutes" in 1969, is sponsored by Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society.

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## FRONT LINE

## Call Olympia; Higher Ed future at stake

The state Legislature is approaching its designated deadline in regard to bill passage. Along with the passing of the deadline will come the death of several bills imperative to the future of higher education, bills closeted away in the Ways and Means and Rules Committees of both houses.

Senate House Bill 640 now is in the Ways and Means Committee with a slight chance of getting out. It has no fiscal note attached to it. This means that in case the Legislature is forced to pass a rushed budget near the end of the term, it can't be tagged on and passed as part of the package. This bill would freeze tuition at community colleges and provide financial aid equal to 10 percent of tuition collected at four-year institutions. No four-year college freeze is included within the bill.

The Senate version of the tuition freeze bill, SB 3882, doesn't look good. SB 3882 still is in the Senate Ways and Means Committee with no fiscal note. Non-residents are not included in either freeze bill.

Senate Bill 3488 and House Bill 333 are similar bills dealing with the 18-credit surcharge the Legislature imposed. The added cost hasn't brought in the revenue expected and both bills are in the Ways and Means with fiscal notes attached and good chances of being picked up in the budget.

House Bill 306 deals with restoration of the reciprocity agreements with Idaho and British Columbia. The bill is in the Senate Education Committee and likely to stay with no fiscal note. Senate Bill 34892, dealing with Oregon and Washington reciprocity, recently passed in the Senate.

Senate Bill 3306 would protect students classified as residents as of May 1982 from reclassification of non-residency. It's now in the House Rules Committee and in good shape for passage.

House Bill 248 deals with students not registered for selective service. These students wouldn't be allowed to register for college in the state if they haven't registered for selective service. The bill is pending in the Ways and Means Committee with a slight chance of getting out.

These bills are important to the future of higher education and Western. The *Front* urges students to call their legislators immediately, as well as Rep. Dan Grimm (D-Puyallup), chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, where many of the bills are holed up. The Legislature will convene only until the end of the month for its regular session. If your voice is to be heard the time is now.

## Peace message can't wait for neutrinos

In the leaky basement of old Edens Hall is Project UNCLE. Its director, Peter Kotzer, has been building a neutrino telescope with the assistance of Soviet scientists since 1977.

A neutrino is a point-like energy packet released from the sun that has one billion times the energy of a proton. One day, neutrinos will help find oil, natural gas and iron ore at a savings of billions of dollars.

The neutrinos also may be a means of communications. The first message the United States relays to the Soviet Union, Kotzer said he hopes, will be "P-E-A-C-E." The *Front* would like to join Kotzer in this wish.

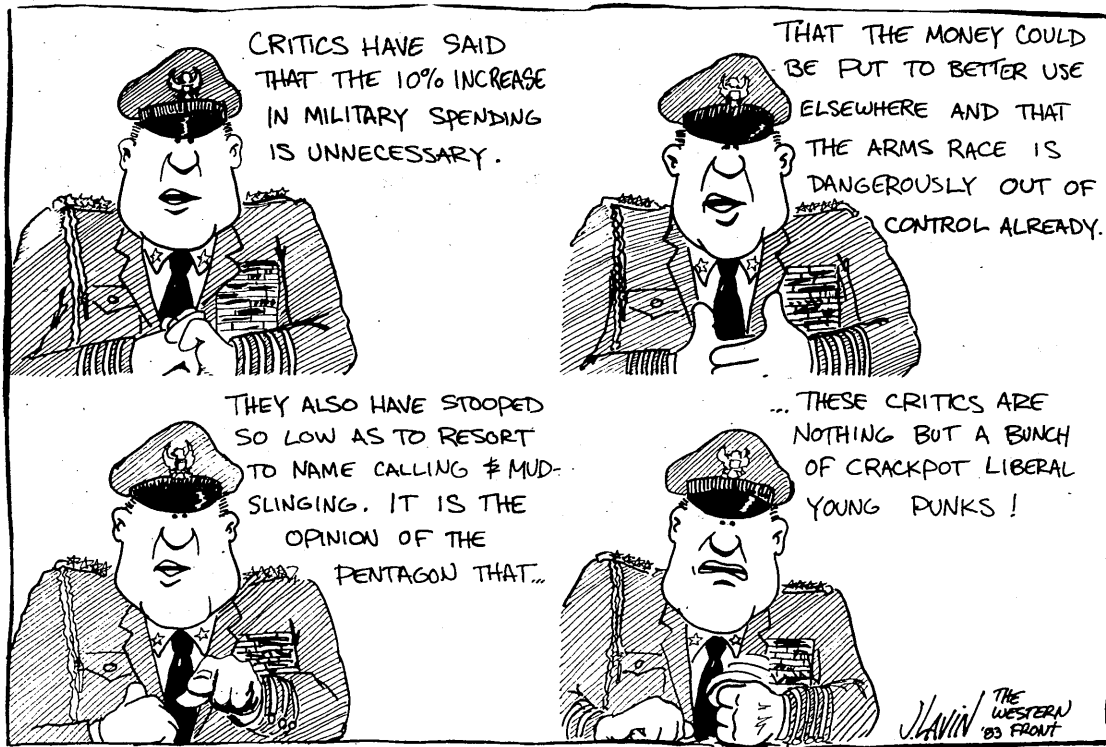
By working with the Soviets on this project, Kotzer already has taken a step in the right direction. Neutrinos, however, are not needed to carry such an important and dire message. The message would lose none of its meaning if transmitted by airmail, telephone or pony express.

The message is so simple—why wait for complex scientific methods to express a sentiment so basic?

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## Military budget

# Is strength also stability?

Amid the scores of voices crying for social reform and equality in opportunity, this nation's elected executive is asking for another 10 percent increase in military spending for fiscal 1984 (fiscal 1982 military spending totalled \$182.9 billion).

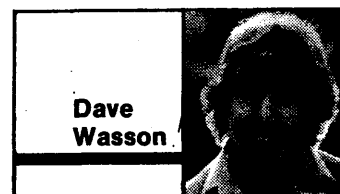
His political policies that earned him his victory in 1980 proved themselves obsolete by 1982.

Fallacies within the supply-side theory of Keynesian economics emerged, as the effects of trickle-down benefits were absorbed before the working class ever saw it.

As November 1984 approaches, a similar "stay the course" reasoning is being revived, hoping that the same paranoia that united a voting majority in 1980 will once again prove sufficient.

Evidence of this is found in the recent onslaught of information being released to the public regarding a projected Soviet arms build-up and the threat it poses to the security of the free world. This inevitably is used to justify military expenditures increases every year.

No longer is it possible to realis-



Dave Wasson

tically assume that "the best defense is a strong offense." Mentalities that promote peace through strength obviously fail to equate the destructive power of even the most rudimentary nuclear arsenals.

Once humans believed that only a god could end the world. Now as science and technology are evolving, our political and societal ideals also are being required to evolve. Staying the course, however, doesn't invite room for changing ideals.

President Reagan, with his pre-atomic views of conflict, asserts he will never compromise the position of the United States as the champion of justice in the free world. The result only adds fuel to the arms race.

Michael Wallace from the University of British Columbia conducted a study concerning the

belief that to insure peace a country must prepare for war. While investigating serious international disputes between major powers from 1815 to 1965, he found that in 28 cases where the dispute was accompanied by an arms race, war resulted 23 times, but in 71 cases where disputes were not accompanied by an arms race, war resulted three times.

If history repeats itself the world is heading toward a dangerous rendezvous.

A popular compromise to an arms race is a nuclear freeze. The United States already has a nuclear arsenal deadly enough to destroy any hope for mankind; a freeze would save an estimate \$100 billion in military spending between the years 1983 and 1992 (according to 1981 prices).

A nuclear freeze, however, isn't the answer, but only a stop-gap measure. Because of the inherent realizations that superpowers can't put "the nuclear genie back into the bottle," people must begin asking themselves, as futurist Robert Theobald puts it, "How do we wage peace?"

## Money's worth not met

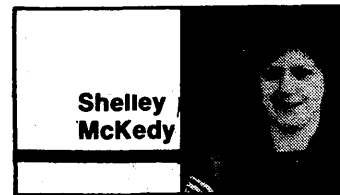
# Housing system full of holes

I sold my housing contract. I'm glad I did. Living in Western's residence halls for seven months taught me a lot about the system—it has problems.

The most obvious is money. While administrators and student services alike hail its ostensible cost-efficiency, I've found different.

Fall quarter hovered around the \$800 mark and winter, while somewhat improved, remained nearly the same. The other expenses added to these lump sums didn't help—telephone, transportation and personal. Add tuition and books and most students face serious financial deficits.

Western supposedly boasts the cheapest housing rates in the state. Why then annually are students fleeing the system to find cheaper and more desirable



Shelley McKedy

accommodations? The fewer students living in residence halls, the higher the rates soar.

With the proposed housing hike of 9.3 percent next year, tacking on substantially more 'cost efficient' dollars only perpetuates the escalating number of students packing up as additional dollars are pumped into Housing and Dining. It's a silent, civil battle to see who can out-manuever who.

Students face another problem living in Western's housing system the way it currently is

designed. Many students come to Western and for some it's their first time living away from home—they're not quite sure what to expect. The first night spent cramming for a test reveals some truth. A party two suites away with people laughing, drinking and having a good time. Stereos blare through the night,

as residents' selective amnesia proves helpful in dealing with an obscure, rarely enforced and mostly-a-formality rule—quiet hours. Oh well, it's just a \$5,000 a year college education and besides grades don't matter anymore.

My point is students need and are going to have fun. But many potentially good students are severely handicapped academically in an environment that is

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## Maybe, just maybe

# Could Reagan be . . . a



Seth Preston

It came to me one night. I was watching one of those 1950ish, late-night, low-budget sci-fi screamers on an obscure cable-TV channel. I think it was "The Incredibly Bug-eyed Creature with Really Terrible Acne," or something like that.

Suddenly, just when the horrible beast was about to destroy an innocent little town (by bursting his pus-infested face over it), a thought occurred to me. What if Ronald Reagan had been exposed to radiation and mutated into some bizarre thing?

I smothered my mirth in a pillow to keep from waking my roommates. "Ronnie from Space"—what a laugh.

I stopped laughing. I remembered hearing that John Wayne and other actors working on a movie in the 1950s were supposedly exposed to radiation

when a nuclear device was exploded nearby. Relatives claimed that several of the actors died of cancer because of it.

Suppose, just suppose, a similar event happened to Reagan. Except he didn't die—he turned into a mutant!

Not so you would notice, of course; oh, no, nothing so obvious. But inside it changed him.

I sprang up to make sure the front door was locked. My God, the hideous implications!

Could this be the answer I had been searching for the past few years? Could this be the explanation for Reagan's actions? A mutant.

It had to be the answer. Who else but an uncaring, inhuman mutant would cut social programs to the bone? Or predict a balanced budget, then watch it sink into a sea of red ink? Or try to increase defense spending while millions are jobless? Or ask for lasers—lasers!—to play with?

I began sweating heavily when I realized that James Watt was the most damning evidence. He even looks as if he were a mutant (let alone acts as if he were one). Replace the Beach Boys with

## mutant?

Wayne Newton, butcher the forests . . . how could I have been so blind?

The ingenuity of Reagan urging Americans to turn to God in these tough times struck me. While appearing to appeal to conservatives, he was saying (in his mutant way), "You better find help elsewhere, because I'm not going to give you any."

I turned off my television, ran to my bedroom and dove into bed. My sleep was haunted by whirling images of MX missiles and Bangor mystery trains.

The next morning I walked to school, red-eyed and numbed by my discovery. A car passed by, and my roommates chortled and pointed at its bumper sticker. It said: "Avoid the rush—mutate now."

An obvious Reagan fan.

## Housing not fit for students

■ HOUSING, from page 4

loud, congested and things I won't mention. One possible solution is to make more halls quiet ones so students have more options.

And then there's the infamous Saga. Hungry students, after a long day of classes, wait impatiently in endless lines to be served food they can't recall ever seeing on a plate before. Many students turn to salads and water and a desperate few to a nine-month diet.

Hopefully the company that signs the \$3 million dollar food service contract for next year will make some improvements: high quality, more appealing food and longer serving times to shorten the time students wait to be served.

However, the positive aspects cannot be undermined or ignored—those included as part of a dorm life package. Socialization, helpful staff and convenience are residence hall attributes that should be acknowledged. If Western intends to boost its declining enrollment, a boost that would help the entire university, it should start gearing up to solve some of these problems that greet incoming students. Only when the residence halls are upgraded and less costly will they lose their reputation and Western, its enrollment decline.

## LETTERS

### Crew responds

Western Front:

Dan Ramsay's article in last Tuesday's *Front* made a careless assumption about Western's opponent and the outcome of our race in the Lake Samish Rowing Regatta.

True, the No. 1 University of Washington frosh eight men (which didn't race in the frosh race) is a very fast boat but their No. 2 and No. 3 boats are far from being capable of striking fear into any Viking oarsman. The Husky boat that we blew off the line at the start is a beatable boat. They've been beaten before and we're wondering how Ramsay can be so sure they would have

taken first on Samish. Broken seats do happen; it is a part of rowing. It happened to us at the Husky Invitational on April 2 and nobody cried then. Back the Big Blue, Mr. Ramsay, not the purple and gold.

Mitch Lant

Kerry Krueger

Michael J. Thomas

Michael Callaghan-McCann

Terry Wilcox

Mike Lindstrom

Walt Davis

John Lee

Rick Tredwell

## Royal shame

Western Front:

The *Western Front* published a letter of mine on April 15 in which I wrote that I thought Malcolm Lawrence's arguments advocating the abolition of public subsidies for Britain's royal family were weak.

I contended that the average Briton contributed only about a dollar (U.S.) each year toward the maintenance of the royal family.

I erred, and so I apologize. I should have said that the average Briton contributed only about a dime (U.S.) each year toward the maintenance of the royal family. Excuse me.

Joseph R. Svinth

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## Adverts ignore BRUT-al reality

She's doing it again. Jumping out of the swimming pool (on my television) in that wonderful body, her sleek and perfectly manicured fingers wound possessively around a can of just-one-calorie-Tab.

"Tab, Tab cola, what a beautiful feeling." A catchy tune. I whistle it as I examine the hand that is wound around my can of Tab. Dirty nails, hang nails, kind of dry, flaky skin. The thought of increasing my daily saccharine count enters my mind—in a rare unguarded moment. Maybe then I'll have a body like that.

Glancing through *Vogue* magazine (in the doctor's office, of course) I noticed the perfect family. Blonde, tan, healthy cheek glow, spending a wonderful day on an unpopulated beach.

What was it that bound this family together in such harmony? Ralph Lauren. I admit, I own one, singular Ralph polo shirt—but it didn't come with this beautiful beach scene. I've been slightly depressed ever since I made the purchase. I could have spent the money on rent or something.

I'm sure there are scores of depressed people out there, scarred for life because they weren't attacked by many, many women when they bought their first bottle of Brut. No doubt sev-



Pam Helberg

eral women are on the brink of suicide because they've discovered one tube of Cover Girl mascara didn't transform them into Cheryl Tiegs II.

It truly is amazing how human beings respond to the advertising hype continuously inflicted upon us by the media. A little common sense would tell anyone that the mere act of wearing Hanes is not the ticket to a successful career as a reporter with a helicopter to zoom from hot news story to hot news story. I would have bought stock in the company and bid adieu to this paper long ago.

But, of course, heart rules the head and out we go, in hot pursuit of the images, beach scenarios and manicured nails. Continuously chasing that pot of gold the advertisers wave mercilessly in front of us.

It's humorous, this little game we play with the mass media. But what about those who cannot?

What about the handicapped, the elderly, the mentally incompetent?

Imagine (some need not) sitting in a wheelchair while the ignoramus on the television is telling you that you aren't a real man unless you can run and jump like the athletes paid for peddling that cologne. No amount of cologne is capable of making the lame walk.

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Ours is a twisted world, belittling the elderly, shutting away the less fortunate, placing worth and value in transient material goods. Think of the social implications that surround your favorite diet cola and your motives for consuming it.

Consider your grandparents before you attempt to retard your own aging process.

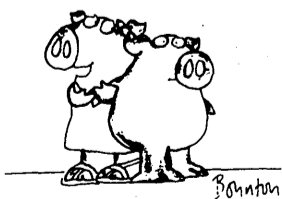
Think about the guy in the wheelchair the next time you base your masculinity or femininity and worth on your athletic prowess.

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# High-tech will mean 'changes'

By GARY LINDBERG

The state's higher education institutes should not be only instructing high technology, but studying the changes it will have on society, Sen. H.A. "Barney" Goltz (D-Bellingham) told the Western Technical Conference Saturday night.

Corporations and businesses in this state have a need for more technical graduates at all levels. The public schools are obligated to meet this demand, Goltz said at the conference's concluding banquet in the Holiday Inn.

But rather than an increasing number of graduates, the state senator said schools are producing fewer because of lower funding levels and fewer students.

If the state continues high-technology education at the current pace, the demand for computer operators of all kinds will exceed the supply by a three-to-one margin in 1990, a recent study showed.

To combat this, the state Legislature is considering a proposal that "would respond to the needs of industry, while using the state's existing resources," Goltz said.

The proposal is Substitute Senate Bill 3155, which would create high-technology education and training utilizing the state's universities and colleges. The bill is awaiting action in the Senate.

All of the emphasis being placed on high technology will mean changes that will have to be



Photo by James Woods

State Senator H.A. "Barney" Goltz told the Western Technical Conference that if high-technology education is not increased, demand for computer operators will exceed the supply by a three-to-one margin in seven years.

faceted, Goltz said.

"The computer and communications revolution has already had an impact. This revolution will be more profound than the Gutenberg press."

This revolution not only will restructure industry, but also produce social and psychological changes.

These changes will include the

worker that has been replaced by the machine or how to continue teaching the up-to-date technology in schools.

The way to minimize these changes is through time-tested methods, including liberal arts education and research, to deal with the problems, Goltz said.

"We have dealt with change before and we can do it again," Goltz said.

## Science can't explain Beginning

By KATHY SMITH

Science, by its own nature, is based on observation and repetition, and therefore can't expect to prove how the universe originated, said a Christian Forum Update speaker.

J. Kirby Anderson spoke on "Creationism vs. Evolutionism" as the Forum lecture series came to a close in Mathes Hall.

Anderson said he thinks room exists for another approach to origins, which combines science and religion.

"We shouldn't see creation versus evolution as some kind of battle between religion and science, but rather we should look at science and properly interpret it," he said.

In the past, scientists have tested many theories to explain the origin of the universe, but have discarded them because they have fallen short of the boundaries scientists themselves have set, Anderson said.

The most commonly accepted theory, the "Big Bang" hypothesis, assumes that billions of years ago a combination of mass and energy caused an explosion in

space that sent material hurtling through the universe.

"But this theory doesn't answer the fundamental question of where the universe came from," he said. "What happened five minutes before the 'Big Bang'?"

Often, Anderson said, scientists are willing to admit that they don't have an answer.

Anderson, speaking to a packed room, used examples to illustrate the difficulties found in explaining the origin of the universe.

"Say we were to place a Jeep in a clearing near a primitive tribe in Africa, and just leave it there.

"Eventually, the tribe would learn how to start the Jeep and how to drive it. Given enough time, they could figure out how it runs and even how to repair it," he said.

"But they could tell you absolutely nothing about where the Jeep came from."

This, Anderson says, is where we are in terms of research. Scientists have data on how the universe works, and can even perhaps tell us where it is head-

ing, but they still fall short of explaining where it all came from.

Superimposing the Bible on scientific data, Anderson thinks that the "Big Bang" theory "very nicely compliments what the

Bible has been saying all along—that there was a need for a God to speak and bring the universe into being."

After speaking on several topics, Anderson answered questions from the audience. He remained calm as audience members challenged his viewpoints.

"Scientists have put themselves in a basic dilemma," he said. "They have dedicated themselves to a naturalistic framework to try and explain the universe. What they are looking for is the first cause of the large effect of the universe we see around us.

"There must have been some kind of definite point of the origin of the universe...one that isn't subject to the laws that govern scientists.

"It has to have been powerful enough to have brought the universe into being. Does that bring anything to mind?"

dence. What we were trying to show here is you can have faith without abandoning intellectual realms, said Bob Drovda, professor of religion at Seattle Pacific University and a speaker at the forum.

The Christian Update Forum, a three-day event sponsored by the Western Coalition for Evangelical

Christians, provided answers to today's more controversial questions from a Christian perspective.

"Within our college years we seem to separate Christianity from our intellectual sphere we're in," forum coordinator Jack Lintelmann said. "Christianity is not separate but offers academic credibility."

# Aid for businesses

By MARGARET CARLSON

Located at the end of the hall on the top floor of Parks Hall in a two-room office, Western's Small Business Development Center has assisted 35-40 small businesses since its opening in mid-February.

The SBDC provides service to small businesses and prospective small businesses in Whatcom, Skagit, San Juan and Snohomish counties. The center provides confidential, one-on-one assistance in a wide range of management and technical services.

Paul Rodet, SBDC director, said the center has two main functions. One is to retain present jobs and develop new ones by helping these small businesses.

"Our second dedication," he said, "is to work with the local community and expose them to the university. We want to form a bridge between the two."

Western's SBDC was created through a contractual agreement with Washington State University. WSU has a contract with the Federal Economic Development Administration, which funds the eight SBDC offices in Washington and the other offices in about 20 states, Rodet said.

The Small Business Administration, a federal agency, considers a business small if it brings in less than \$2 million a year in gross sales, Rodet said. That figure classifies most service businesses (restaurants included), retail, construction and manufacturing as

small businesses.

"About 90 percent of all businesses in Washington are small," he said.

The SBDC helps small businesses by providing guidance in business plan development, purchase or sale of a business, merchandising, advertising, cost analysis, financial records, plant layout, work flow process and many other technical and managerial skills.

Rodet said much of his work involves going out and visiting the businesses as opposed to having them come to the office.

Any qualified Western student can get involved in the SBDC, he said. Students can help Rodet in assisting the businesses as a group or class project. Rodet stressed, however, that the SBDC is not in competition with the Small Business Institute in Western's College of Business and Economics. The SBI offers help to small businesses through teams of faculty and senior or graduate students.

The SBDC hopes to generate work-study jobs or internships as well as jobs after graduation for Western students, Rodet said.

Since the SBDC is federally funded, the management and technical assistance is free to the businesses.

"We want to let the taxpayers get something in return for their tax money," Rodet said.

For more information, contact the SBDC at 676-3899.

## Quiet hall idea scrapped

The Committee on Housing and Dining has decided against declaring Ridgeway Kappa or any more dorms as "quiet halls." On April 25, however, the committee may consider declaring certain floors or sections of some dorms as quiet.

Director of University Residences Keith Guy had suggested that Kappa might be a good dorm to join Sigma, Omega and Edens as "quiet halls," but committee members felt that Kappa was too large.

The committee also discussed some smaller dorms becoming "quiet halls" but, as in the case of Kappa, were told that dorm

residents were strongly opposed to having their dorm declared "quiet." After a fairly lengthy discussion that went virtually nowhere, committee members decided to scrap the idea of any more quiet dorms.

So the committee will consider the idea of quiet floors or wings and make a decision on April 25 as to which ones and in which dorms the quiet designation will apply.

In the meantime, a subcommittee has been formed to define exactly what "quiet" will mean and to what hours it will apply.

## No purpose, no future

By NEVONNE HARRIS

Sex roles and values are determined by society's world view, concluded an audience of about 60 students at the "Speak for Yourself Forum" last week in Higginson lounge.

The naturalist, behaviorist and quality of life world views don't give a basis for moral choices like the Christian view does, said speaker Brady Bobbink, coordinator of Western's Campus Christian Fellowship.

Darwin's naturalist world view leaves man without a purpose in life, Bobbink said. If only chance rules the evolutionary process then man is not the goal of evolution and he therefore has no future, he said. And if man has no future and no purpose, then he has no value.

"The naked ape becomes a machine" in the behaviorist world view of B.F. Skinner, Bobbink said. This view takes men beyond dignity and morality and encourages the society to embrace totalitarianism, where an elite group controls mankind and makes final moral decisions for us, Bobbink said.

It's like George Orwell's Animal

Farm, Bobbink said. All are created equal, but some are more equal than others.

In the quality of life view, man and woman are equal to their talents, position and level of consumption. These are transient values, Bobbink said. In this world view, making it materially with beauty, intelligence, money and economic upward mobility is more important than being human.

The radical fringe of the feminist movement has gained a new plateau of burden and dignity for women, Bobbink said. But if women choose domesticity, they are considered to have failed because they aren't truly liberated.

The idea that women have the right to have an abortion is based on the quality of life argument, Bobbink said. The fetus isn't productive and has no worth in this world view. Abortion is acceptable because the superior have the right over the inferior, he said.

A belief in God is the ultimate base to determine dignity and the meaning of freedom, Bobbink said. God created a pinnacle and intent for all creation.

## Faith gaps evidence and truth

Faith is the key to finding answers to today's controversial issues, speakers from the Christian Update Forum said early this week.

"In my understanding, faith is the last gap between evidence and truth. There can be faith based on flimsy evidence, and faith based on substantial evi-

## Jones School stresses cooperation

By NEVONNE HARRIS

Across from the Recycling Center on 21st Street sits an old house with a small sign out front announcing the Rufus Jones School.

Like the sign the school is small, but its achievement and ideals are not. Rosemary Harris, wife of Western anthropology professor Howard Harris, is founder and headmistress of this school for children age five to 18.

The Harris' started their venture in 1967 because some public and private schools weren't doing an adequate job educating children, they said. The Harris' said they believe in a good education for children.

The Rufus Jones School is structured to stimulate intellectual and spiritual growth because education is more than a conglomeration of values and ideas, Rosemary Harris said. It also is respect and manners, she added.

Rachael Cruikshank, a five-year-old student, has learned in one year what she would have learned in two at a public school, her mother Vicki Cruikshank said.

Cruikshank chose the school for her daughter because it teaches "real life," rather than just subjects. The teachers don't ignore the kids; they give them individual attention.

"Schools should serve the children," Cruikshank affirmed. The public schools made children fit a mold and many children are bored either because they know the material already or must catch up because they never learned it in the first place, she said.

"(My children) will never go to a public school," she said.

Harris said the Rufus Jones School teaches self-discipline and has a structured program; students aren't put into grades nor are they graded. Children of three ages are put together because they stimulate one another to learn, she said. They are not compared to one another and are given more difficult work when ready.

To interest students material is presented by using a method called "right brain entry," a new psychological theory. "Left brain entry" is learning by rote and logic, whereas right brain entry is creative; the material is learned without students realizing it.

The school has a no-nonsense approach, Harris said. It's not a

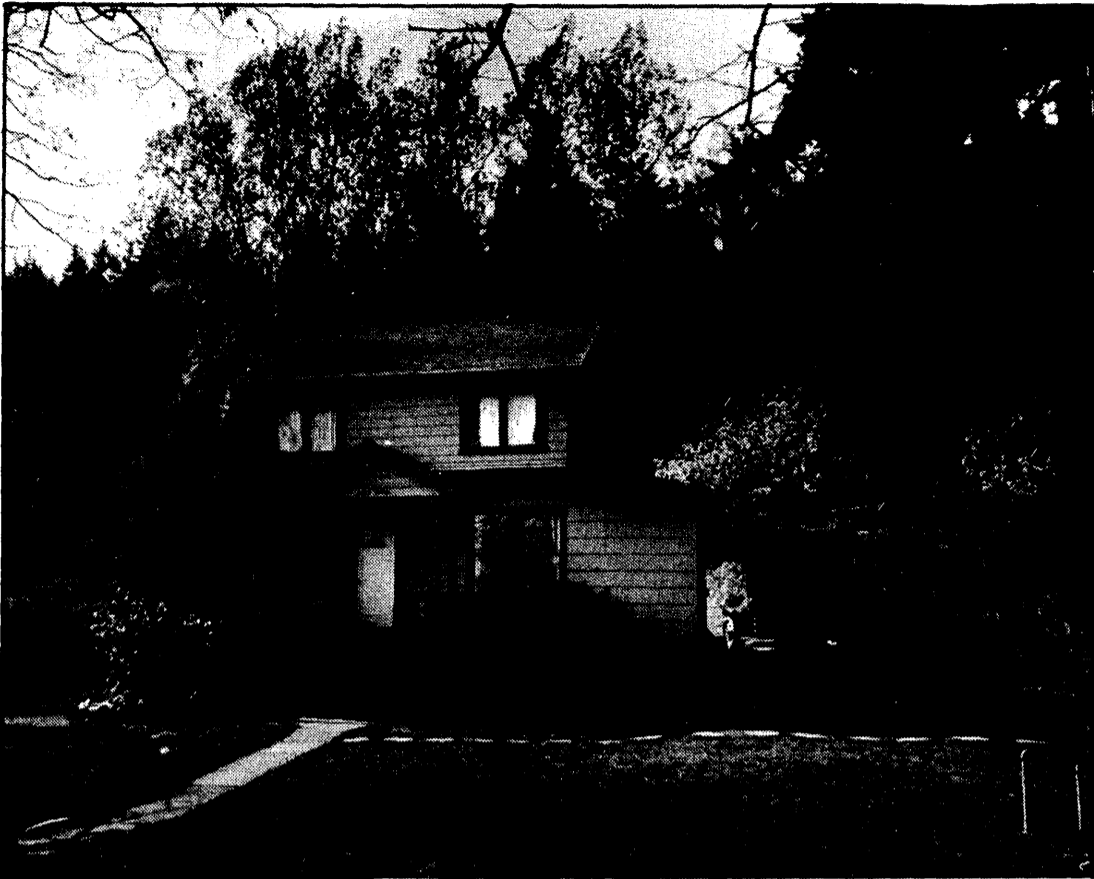


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Rosemary Harris started the Rufus Jones School on 21st Street in 1976 because she believes in a good education for children, something some public and private schools fail to provide.

**Rufus Jones School teaches self-discipline and has a structured program; students aren't put into grades nor are they graded, Rosemary Harris said. Children of three ages are put together because they stimulate one another to learn, she said.**

do-as-you-please school, but one of mutual respect, where students respect the teachers and teachers respect the students, she said.

Cruikshank said she is impressed by the closeness of the students. They aren't allowed to be rude or cruel to each other, she said, and the older students play with the younger ones.

But what most impresses her about the school is the high quality of education her child is receiving at the Rufus Jones School, she said.

The school is for self-motivated children. Maturity and cooperation are important criteria for being accepted. Parents are interviewed and children visit classes before being admitted to the

school. Teacher Supriya Mookherjee said the school is special because it's small and uses a child-oriented approach to teaching. Instruction is geared to the individual, on a one-to-one basis.

Cruikshank said the only aspect Rachael didn't like about the school was having to go outside during recess instead of being allowed to stay inside to read.

The school is designed to preserve the curiosity of the five-year-old, Howard Harris explained. Many students are passive in the classroom, expecting knowledge to be poured into them and then some sort of examination to test what has been remembered. A five-year-old has curiosity and

asks questions endlessly. The school is designed to preserve this curiosity, he said.

The school meets state requirements, Rosemary Harris said, and its graduates have twice the number of credits required by the state.

Students mostly are from the city and Whatcom County, although some come from Skagit County.

Current enrollment is 20 students, down from 40 to 45 a couple of years ago when a building

next to it was torn down. The house on 21st Street is rented from Western. Plans for expanding the school to accommodate 150 students have been made, she said, but money still needs to be raised.

Last year about 30 students were turned away because the school was filled to capacity. About 20 teacher applicants also were turned down because no positions were available.

The staff of four full-time and two part-time teachers instruct all children in all subjects but at different levels.

"They're all working on the same subject, but everyone's on a different page," Harris said.

Subjects include social studies, math, language arts, astronomy, anthropology, biology, earth sciences, foreign languages, music, drama, dance and physical education.

Class limit is 12 students, which ensures individual instruction and allows teachers to discover any problems or difficulties the children might have, Harris said. After expansion, the small student-teacher ratio will be maintained, she added.

Before moving to Bellingham in 1967, the Harris' had a school in California because of their same disillusionment with public and other private school's quality of education.

Schools like the Rufus Jones school have been opened all over the country. Dayton, Ohio has one of the best, she said, but schools also have started in Seattle, in Evergreen and Burlington.

Besides Harris, other full-time teachers are Ann Middleton, Supriya Mookherjee and Stanley Harris, Rosemary's son. Middleton and Mookherjee have been at the school for about a year. Stanley Harris has taught for four years and Heather Harris, Rosemary's daughter, has taught part-time for six years.

And who is Rufus Jones? He was the chairman of philosophy at Haverford College in Philadelphia, the Harris' said. He was an educator who believed in a school based on mutual respect. That's why the school is named for him.



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# Vikes shatter relay record, men roll in Western Invite

By VICKI SIGGS

The coached met the coach when Western's men's track team took to the starting blocks in the Western Washington University Invitational at Civic Field on Saturday.

John Kotsogeanis, assistant men's track coach and hurdle coach, said it was experience that pulled him through a tight race against Western senior Robert Badaracco in the 400 meter hurdles. Kotsogeanis, running for the Flying Iguana Track Club of Bellingham said, "I almost taught him too well."

The race was only Badaracco's fifth try at the hurdles and he took second just six-tenths of a second behind Kotsogeanis' 53.8 seconds.

Murry Giles vaulted to a new school record and a personal best in the pole vault (15' 3").

"This year I'm just learning how to jump," Giles said. He had his sights set on vaulting 15' 6", but "the only thing I didn't have going for me was the pole."

In the 1500 meters, Shane Sliva took fourth place with a personal best of 3:56.6. He was "happy with the time, but not with the place I finished."

In the javelin, Mark Browning finished first with a throw of 195'. He said "it was a perfect day to throw, but I'm stuck in the same spot." Browning said he is looking to improve his performance.

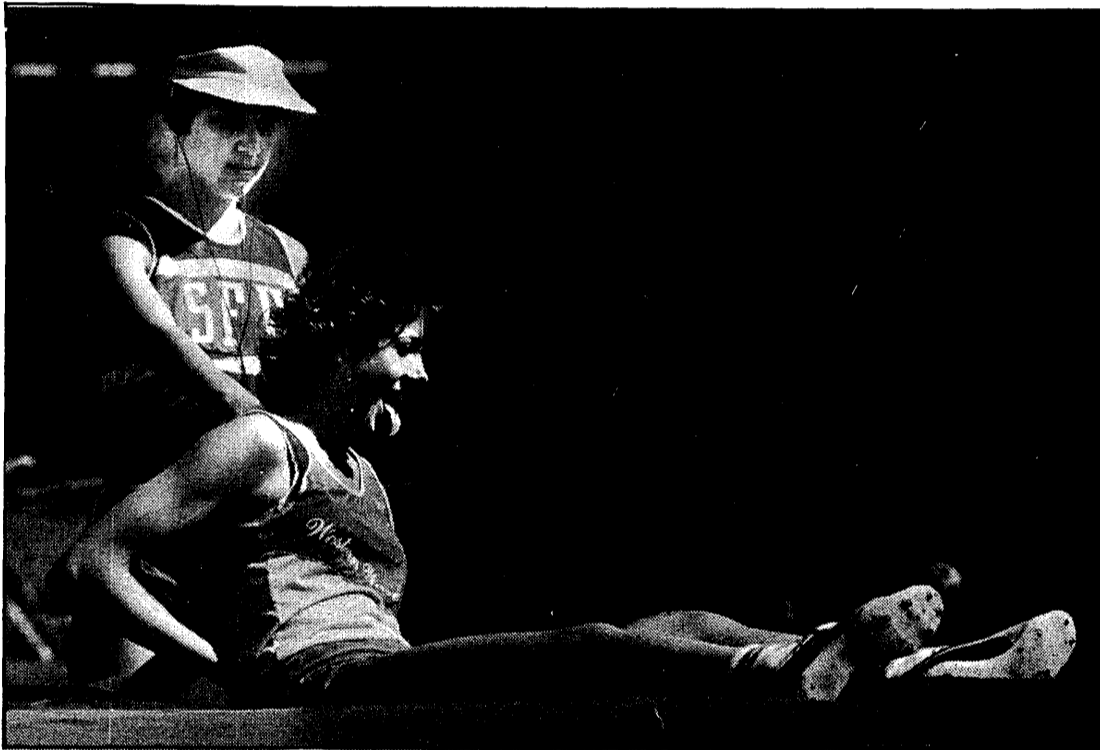
The 4 X 400 meter relay team blasted the school record by seconds as they finished with a time of 3:18.6. Badaracco teamed up with Kelvin Kelley, Paul Kirkpatrick and Jeff Neubauer to beat the record set earlier this year.

In the high jump, freshman standout Kurt Hanson remained undefeated clearing the bar at 6' 6".

The men were running short with sprinter Garron Smith sidelined for the week with a pulled hamstring muscle. Smith usually competes in the 100 and 200 meter hurdles and on the 4 X 100 relay team. Ralph Vernacchia, men's coach, said that Smith should be back in time for the Husky Invitational this weekend.

Vernacchia said he was impressed with his team's showing and said the team is currently working on qualifying people for the district meet.

Western will host the district championships May 13 and 14.



Kristi Dees breathes a sigh of relief after winning the high jump competition with a leap of 5' 6". Simon Fraser's Tomi Hamner, who finished second, offers a hand in congratulation.

## Women qualify two for nationals, Dees remains undefeated

Several Western tracksters qualified for the national championships while several others broke barriers to achieve personal best performances under sunny skies at the Western Washington University Invitational at Civic Field Saturday.

The look on Joan Williamson's face when she let fly with the javelin told the crowd that her throw was a good one.

Williamson was elated after a throw of 147' 1". "Awesome. I love it," she exclaimed. That throw led her to a second place finish and a personal best. "I finally broke that stupid barrier," she said.

Deborah Ocken ran to a first place in the 100 meter hurdles (15.3 seconds) Ocken said it was definitely her best race. "Super day, the wind was with us all the way."

Ocken also qualified for the nationals in the 400 meter hurdles with a third place time of 1:04.8.

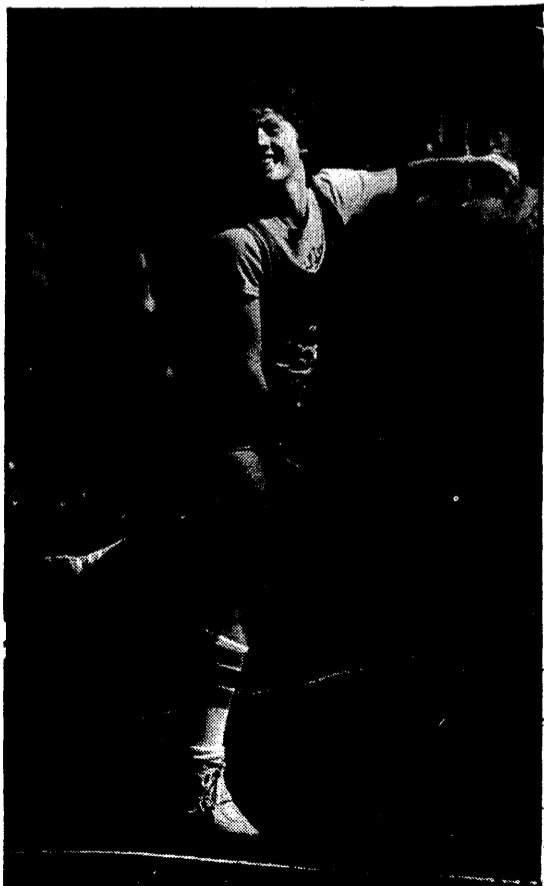
Kristi Dees also had a good meet. She remained undefeated in the high jump by clearing 5' 6". Dees said "I blew it. It's such a nice day." Her best jump is 5' 7" and she's wondering when she's going to jump higher.

Denise Steele finished second in the long jump (15' 6.5") while Dees took third.

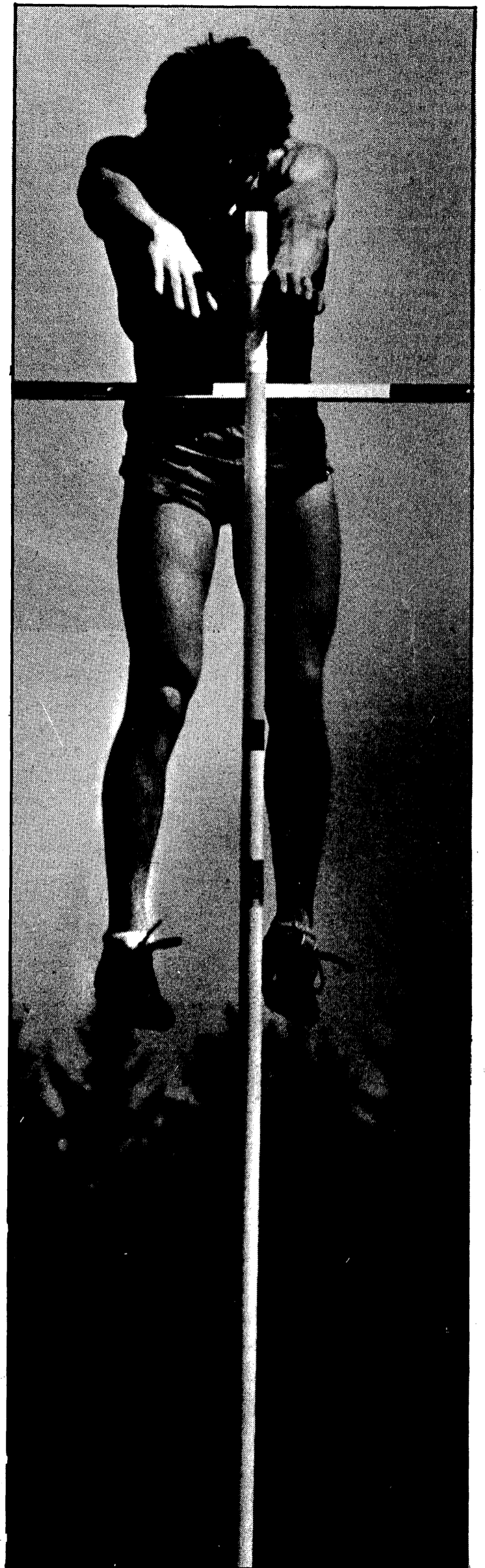
Janell Powers ran a personal best in the 400 meters to take third (59.3).

Cathy Kroll qualified for the nationals with a personal best of 38:24.9 in the 10,000 meters.

Felicia Body threw 126' for second place and a season best in the discus.



Joan Williamson watches her 147' 1" javelin toss, another personal best. "Awesome. I love it," she exclaimed. The throw was good for second place.



Photos by Blair Kooistra

Murry Giles lets go as he clears 15' 3" — a new school record and a personal best. Giles won the pole vault competition, and is still undefeated.



# Lakewood offers fun for water zealots

By LAURIE JERVIS

While a robust breeze cracked the boats' billowing sails, several students stood on the pier and listened intently as their instructors explained the launching procedure. Minutes later, everyone was skimming across Lake Whatcom, three to a boat. Soon the five crafts were across and heading north into the wind.

These students are participants in a Western sailing/canoeing class, but anyone with a current sailing card may also use Lakewood, a 10-acre waterfront run by the Associated Students.

The facility has "Alpha" sailboats, sporty "Laser" sailboats, sailboards, canoes, a racing dinghy, a day-sailor, "Victory" and a scow.

Jeff Davis, Lakewood's resident caretaker since 1974, emphasized the availability of Lakewood's equipment to those with sailing cards. The card entitles its holder to equipment valued at approximately \$50,000, Davis said.

Tests for the \$5 sailing cards are given every Friday afternoon and Saturday morning at Lakewood. The tests are "all practical." "We want you to demonstrate to us that you can take care of the equipment," he said.

Test applicants can sign up in the Finance Office (Viking Union 207). Appointments are required for the tests. The sailing cards remain current for one quarter, and are required to rent the sailboats. To use other equipment, a person must sign up, but no additional fee is required.

Besides offering rentals, Lakewood instructors teach potential sailors or those who simply are "rusty." The hourly lessons are private and instructors can work on specific problems if requested, Davis said.

Full sailing courses also are taught at Lakewood. The 12-hour courses prepare individuals for the basic sailing card test. Skills include rigging the boat, boat handling, sail trim, docking and self-rescue. Cost for the course is \$30.

Basic competence is the focus of the tests. Cards insure the proper use of the boats and the safety of sailors.

Davis said the most important aspect of his job at Lakewood is trying to make people aware of the safety required in sailing and other water sports. "Safety is not a big problem but it is a concern of mine."

Possible troublemakers for Davis and his staff of ten are people who come to Lakewood without a sailing card and expect to sail. Some people don't want to have to



Photo by Laurie Jervis

Members of a sailing/canoeing class prepare to try their luck at sailing on Alpha at Lakewood.

bother with passing the test first, he said. "We like to take people through the boathouse to show them where things such as life preservers, cushions and canoe oars are," Davis explained. "If they can't understand the little things we ask of them, we aren't interested in having them around."

As Davis spoke, Western student Dave Chrisman rigged his sailboard at the water's edge. Davis appeared distracted while watching Chrisman launch his board. He called to Chrisman and asked if he planned to wear a wetsuit, offering him the use of a Lakewood suit. Chrisman declined, and Davis shook his head.

Board sailors still need wetsuits this time of year, he said. Lakewood has a limited number of wetsuits, mostly hand-me-downs from Western's Rental Shop,

but the suits are available.

While the board sailor continued across the lake, Davis watched him. "When he turns around, into the wind, that's when he'll probably fall," Davis said skeptically. "Well, maybe he won't." Chrisman returned to the dock upright.

Lake Whatcom's current temperature is about 45 degrees. "If no one picked you up (from the water), you'd be dead in a half an hour without a wetsuit. I don't mean cold, I mean dead," Davis said.

Lakewood has an annual spring open house, but no date has been set for this year's event. A shuttle will transport people from campus to Lakewood so those without cars also will have a "chance to meet people and visit the facility," Davis said.

Lakewood also sponsors regattas on Sundays and sometimes weekday afternoons.

Western's sailing club is a regular at Lakewood, racing in regattas and racing intercollegiate also, Davis said.

Two power boats bobbed in the small waves below a pier. Davis said they are used for setting (race) courses and "picking up people in trouble."

As enrollment drops, Lakewood will be cut back like everything else and may lose some staffing funds, Davis said. "We got in just under the wire," he said, referring to the construction of a new boat house at Lakewood three years ago.

Lakewood is funded with student fees from Housing and Dining. Davis said students may want to visit Lakewood to see where some of their money goes.

## WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PLEASE POST

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**SPRING BACHELOR DEGREE & TEACHING CERTIFICATE CANDIDATES:** All students expecting to graduate and/or receive a teaching certificate at close of spring quarter 1983 must have a senior evaluation and degree application on file in the Registrar's Office, OM230, by Tues., Apr. 19. An appointment must be made in that office.

**MATH PROFICIENCY TEST** will be given at 4 p.m. Tues. & Wed., April 27 & 28, in LH4. Students must pre-register at Testing Center, OM120, during the week prior to test date. Picture ID (driver's license, etc.) is required at time of registration.

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**LOGO CONTEST:** The Staff Development Committee is sponsoring a contest for a logo to use with its masthead, "Staff Development & Training Program." All members of the University community are invited to submit entries no later than 5 p.m. Wed., May 18, in MH202. Selection will be made by May 27. A \$25 prize will be awarded for the logo selected.

**BOOK OF THE QUARTER** for spring is *The Paideia Proposal: An Educational Manifesto* by Mortimer Adler. Panel discussions are "Reforming Our Public Schools" on Wed., May 4, and "Schooling in a Democratic Society" on Wed., May 11. Both panels will take place from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the Library Presentation Room.

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**Puyallup School District**, Fri., Apr. 22 (group meetings 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m.). All education majors. Sign up in OM280.

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**Travelers Insurance**, Mon., May 2. Business, other majors. Sign up in OM280 beginning Apr. 20.

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**Federal Way School District**, Mon., May 16 (group meeting 4-4:30 p.m.). Ed majors. Sign up beginning May 9 in OM280.

**Resume Workshops:** 3-4 p.m. Tues., Apr. 26; 2-3 p.m. Thurs., May 5; 3-4 p.m. Tues., May 10. Sign up in OM280.

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Sports commentary

# Baseball's fun when the Ms win

By KEVIN NELLES

I've had conflicting feelings about sports fans for quite some time now.

Ever since I started putting up with those guys at Husky Stadium, three years ago, I've become convinced that most sports fans aren't very bright. I mean, what fan comes to a football game five minutes late and then leaves midway through the last quarter with the game still in question? What in the name of Vince Lombardi is going on?

On the other hand, I've always felt fans are an interest group that constantly gets kicked in the teeth, gets up, smiles and gets kicked again. Let's be honest. Who really suffers when professional athletes go on strike?

With those thoughts in mind, I went about my assignment of being a fan at the Mariners-Yankees game at the Kingdome.

I went all out. I was a born-again fan. I thought of bringing a bed sheet sign, but decided against it in favor of a Mariner cap. I did decide, though, to boo heavily if Billy Martin acted his old self.

It was about 6:45 when I arrived at the Kingdome. I searched the parking lot in vain for an end spot, but an attendant cut me off and I wedged into a slot by a parked Oldsmobile Cutlass. As I left for the stadium, my worst fears



materialized; a beat up van with three guys acting like New Year's never ended pulled up next to me.

I cringed as I visualized the passenger side of my car being bombarded with van doors flying open. Thankfully nothing happened and I headed for my seat in the left-field bleachers. I wondered if Howard Cosell started this way?

I took my seat amid what looked like a good group of fans;

lots of elbow room and an excited bunch of young kids. It was a good spot. Nobody was comatose.

Things looked bad at the start. Gaylord Perry, the 44-year-old master of the spitball, greasball and anything else illegal, looked rusty and we (the Mariners) trailed 1-0 at the end of the first inning.

Chuck, the fan next to me, was a veteran baseball man. He was the type of fan I liked, analytical

and not a flag-waver. We both worried about Perry getting shelled and the Mariners not doing much against Yankee pitching ace Ron Guidry.

Our fears were in vain. Perry got stronger as the innings went by and in the bottom of the third we scored four runs, including a Richie Zisk homer. Chuck and I knew old Gaylord wouldn't let us down. And, you bet, we saw Guidry's downfall coming from the first innings. It was just a matter of time before the Mariner bats drove him from the game.

The crowd went wild. WORLD SERIES, WORLD SERIES, the chant went on and on. Chuck and I remained calm, but the rest of the fans were ecstatic. I couldn't blame them. They hadn't had much to cheer about since the Mariners came to town seven years ago.

Things got hectic after Billy argued a call to a serenade of boos and cat calls. Gaylord at last ran out of steam, or spit, I'm not sure which, and a relief job by Bryan Clark and Bill "The Inspector" Caudill sent the Mariner faithful home winners by a narrow 5-4 margin.

Forget that this team has never finished higher than fourth place. Forget they've lost their best pitcher and hitter from a year ago. We beat the New York Yankees!

## GAME PLAN

### Golf

The men tee up on Sunday and Monday at Rippling River Resort in Portland, Ore. for the Portland State University Invitational.

### Men's Rugby

Western will be at the Washington State Invitational Tournament on Saturday and Sunday at WSU.

### Women's Rugby

On Saturday and Sunday Western will host the Spring-time Rugby Fest at the Arntzen Field.

We beat the best team George Steinbrenner's wallet could buy! What more do we need?

Chuck and I congratulated each other. Coaching is tough, especially from the left field bleachers. We exchanged phone numbers and made plans for the World Series in October.

As I left, I waved good-bye to Chuck and geared up for the 25 minute wait to reach the freeway. It wasn't so bad. The fans were

great, the game was exciting and my car didn't get any parking lot dents. You know, come September, I may be ready for those guys at Husky Stadium again. Being a fan is fun.

## Crew betters record

Showing their best form, Western crew teams won two races Saturday at the Liberty Lake Regatta in Spokane and placed competitively in five others.

The Viking men's varsity-eight led a five-boat field with a 6:43.7 over the 2000-meter course.

Not to be outdone, the women's varsity-eight won the 1000-meter race, beating UPS, PLU and WSU with a time of 3:35.

Two other men's boats raced well and finished second: The frosh-eight and the lightweight-eight boats finished behind WSU boats with times of 6:57.6 and 6:50.8 respectively.

In addition to the first-place varsity-eight, the women's boats finished second in the lightweight-eight, third in the lightweight-four and third in the novice-eight.

Saturday's races were scored on team totals with Western finishing fourth behind PLU (first), WSU (second) and Seattle Pacific (third). Western will have next weekend off as it prepares for the Regatta in Spokane and placed Cascade Sprints on American Lake in Tacoma April 30. Hosted by PLU and UPS, the Cascade Sprints are the Northwest Small-College Championships.

## Vikes drop one, win one in weekend lacrosse games

By LYNANN BRADBURY

Western's lacrosse club proved that team playing helps win games in a 15-7 win over the University of Puget Sound Loggers on Sunday.

Team captain Tuck Gionet said Western put in a "good team effort on offense" and was helped by "new guys like Pete Brownlow, Mike Commins and Chris Beeker, who played well in the second half."

The Vikings outscored the Loggers 10-2 in the second half to break a 5-5 first-half tie.

Rob Cuomo, Western attack man, said "UPS was too occupied with hitting and hurting... they had the size, we had the talent." Cuomo showed his talent by scoring six goals. Other scorers were Paul Mernaugh with three goals, Denny Littlefield, Ray Foster and Tom Coomes with two apiece.

Friday, Western lost 6-4 to the University of Washington in a game that "lacked total team effort," Gionet said. "Everybody was so hyped to play a good game, I think we just got caught

up in it. They beat us at our own game."

An estimated crowd of 400 at Civic Field enhanced that hyperness with a lot of spirit. On the field, the Vikings cheered each other with their enthusiasm, but

just weren't cohesive," Foster said. "The game really shook us into reality."

The Vikings play in the Pacific Northwest Lacrosse Association Tournament next weekend in Portland.

## Golfers leave top three at home, beat Simon Fraser

The Vikings picked up their first match victory in White Rock, British Columbia, downing the Clansmen 315-320 on Friday, but they did it without their top three duffers, Brien Flannigan, Rick Harris and Bryan Bloom, who felt that classes were more important than chip shots.

Simon Fraser's Randy Frank picked up medalist honors when he negotiated the Peace Portal course in 75 shots, three-over-par. Western's top man was Scott

Rick two strokes behind Frank with a 77. He seemed generally happy with his play.

Two other Vikings broke 80. John Sherman with a 78 and Greg Ashby with a 79 gave Western the consistency to beat the undermanned Clansmen.

Western's next match will be in Portland, Oregon, where they will compete in the Portland State University Invitational on April 24 and 25.



Photo by Gary Lindberg  
Ray Foster of Western's Lacrosse Club lies on the ground after colliding with the U.P.S. goalie.

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## Lovich and Targets offer tunes, dancing

By JOE McAULIFFE

The high-technology sounds of Lene Lovich will fill the Performing Arts Center Auditorium at 8 p.m. Thursday.

"This is Lene's first US tour to include the Northwest," Mike Mitchell of the Associated Students Program Commission explained. Mitchell also stated that almost all of Lovich's US engagements have sold out and "the critics have responded 'thumbs up' with rave reviews."

Reluctant to give Lovich a label or make a comparison, Mitchell nevertheless commented, "I'd say she is somewhat New Wave, without the ridiculousness that label implies; and she is similar to her *avant garde* friend Nina Hagen." He qualified his remark by adding, "except Lene's outrageousness is a little more tempered with art whereas Hagen is really out there somewhere."

Prior to 1980, Lovich's success had been primarily in England. In 1979 she had three top hits in the UK ("Say When" and "Bird Song" both top 40; and the number three hit "Lucky Number") and accomplished a record-breaking 30 weeks on the British charts. The magazine "Music Week" voted her "Top Female Singing Artist of the Year."

Lovich has released three albums in the US ("Stateless," "Flex" and "No Man's Land") and one EP ("New Toy"). Some of her hit singles include: "New Toy," "Lucky Number" and "Only You" (with video).

Mitchell promises "state of the art" entertainment, adding Lovich is providing her own production equipment to assure that end.

Mitchell said the PAC is acoustically preferable to the Viking Union Lounge or any other on-campus alternative; however, he admitted one disadvantage of the auditorium is the seats. The evening promises irresistible dance rhythms, but provides little floor space. Mitchell maintained, "If anyone wants to dance in the aisles, they have my permission."

After completing her US tour Lovich plans to add Australia and Europe to her conquests.

Special guest for Thursday's performance is Visible Targets. This popular Seattle band plays modern, danceable rock and roll. The Targets boosted their career by touring Canada with the English group Simple Minds.

Tickets are \$5.50 and can be purchased at the VU Information Desk, Budget Tapes and Records or Cellophane Square.

## Cement poured for 'ego' art

By GREG ROTH

Last Friday Blake Greenstein poured the cement foundation for his latest sculpture.

"Transactional Analysis," located at 109 Forest St., is a gift to Kathryn Anderson and Lenny Helfgott. They gave it a champagne initiation Thursday.

"When Blake asked me if I'd accept the sculpture, I told him I'd not only accept it, but I'd like to put it in my front yard," Anderson said.

Greenstein said his idea for the sculpture came from his wellspring of experience.

"Five years ago I was being counselled and in one session of transactional analysis (TA) the counselor went to the chalkboard and drew a line back and forth between Parent and Child (ego-states) to show me how I was communicating."

In transactional analysis, a model developed by Eric Berne for analyzing personal exchanges between people, three ego-states in the psyche of individuals exist: The Child who experiences emotions, desires and dreams, the Adult who reasons and solves problems and the Parent who can nurture and protect or inflict guilt and shame.

The sculpture is an illustration of the critical, punishing Parent ego-state. A jagged steel spine juts out the back of a long, steel cylinder. Bear trap-like jaws are fixed atop the cylinder and clamped shut by a fat spring. A chain runs from the lower jaw to a foot pedal. In front of this forbidding figure a plain mask rests on a thin pole.

The viewer can look out through the mask and open and close the steel jaws by working the foot pedal. The repelling elements of the sculpture describe incisively the machinery used by the punishing Parent ego-state to inflict feelings of inferiority or doubt. All this is manipulated from behind a serene mask.

"This lets the viewer interact with the art, to get to know it from inside," Greenstein said. Adding weight to his words, two young children began to check out the big new toy, working the steel jaws open and shut, peering through the mask.



Photo by Shaun McClurken

"I wanted someone to have the sculpture who would appreciate it and be willing to display it. What I like about it is that it's in front of one of the most traditional-looking Old American homes."

—sculptor Blake Greenstein

## SCENE ON CAMPUS

TOMORROW

Nicholas Brussard, music faculty, gives an oboe recital 8 p.m. in the PAC Concert Hall. Admission is free.

Paul Loeb delivers the lecture "How to Live With the Bomb," 7 p.m. in the VU Lounge. This is followed at about 8:30 by an Offshoot Mime Troupe performance, to be followed at about 9:30 with a half-hour discussion. Admission is free.

THURSDAY

"Yesterday," a musical review of the '60s, plays 8:15 Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays through April 30 at The American Review Theatre, 915 Harris St. New numbers have been added to the production, which features a mostly Western-student cast. Admission is \$3 Thursdays and \$3, \$4, and \$5 Fridays and Saturdays. Call 671-5575 for more information.

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# Warriors, wizards fill SF/fantasy con

By CHRIS McMILLAN

I was busy talking with Doctor Death Saturday night, discussing the life of a soldier of fortune and the origins of his costume between mouthfuls of cake.

"Well, a group of friends of mine were doing some mercenary costumes, as the Brotherhood of Chaos," he said, "and they just evolved." He showed me some of the weapons of his trade, just before turning his attention to the stage as the costume winners were announced.

The doctor, otherwise known as Eric Vandervort, was one of more than 400 people who gathered at Western this weekend for Viking Con Four.

The event, organized by the Associated Students Science Fiction and Fantasy Club and co-sponsored by the AS Society for Creative Anachronism and AS Activities Council, was full of discussions, contests and a good time for all.

The convention (called a con by its participants) offered fans a chance to meet with professional writers and artists. Among the many guests were author Theodore Sturgeon, his wife Jayne Tanaehill, Wendy and Richard Pini, Larry Niven and Jerry Pournelle.

The guests participated on several panels, where they discussed topics ranging from story writing and marketing to tarot cards and costume making. They also wandered about the convention, signing autographs and talking with interested fans about their works and profession.

A medieval fighting tournament was



Photo by Blair Kooistra

Science fiction/fantasy folks know how to have a good time, as evidenced by this group at the Viking Con Four masquerade dance Saturday night.

sponsored by the Society for Creative Anachronism. The society re-enacts the Middle Ages in manner, dress and games. The tournament brought fighters from along the West Coast to battle for honor and first place.

Contestants wore mock armor made of heavy cloth and metal and swung imitation swords made of wooden poles in attempts to deliver the "death blow."

About 75 people watched the tournament, which was interrupted by challenges, an exhibition of sumo wrestling and an occasional "melee," where two teams of several fighters battle until one side is "dead."

The five-hour event was won by Torgol the Norseman, who refused to relinquish the field until several challenges were met. When last seen, Torgol had challenged all

the other fighters to battle him at the same time.

Wizards and space pirates turned out for the costume contest Saturday night. About 20 people tried for the top position in several categories.

Each costume had a bit of history and show involved in it. Siminorack the Sorcerer shot fire from his fingers. Yoric from the Forestal of Delphi demonstrated his ability with the quarterstaff. Number Six, from the television show "The Prisoner," stopped by to give a speech for the upcoming election in The Village. Wendy and Richard Pini posed with three contestants dressed as characters from their comic series "Elfquest."

Most con-goers said they enjoyed the con partly because of its small size. "I like the calmer atmosphere," William Vazquen said. "It gives me time to see everything at an easier pace. When it's just chaos I get burned out by the end of a convention."

But one group didn't find the size to their liking. The Husckster's Room, full of dealers selling everything from books to dehydrated food, found the small size meant small sales. While many said they enjoyed the con, they also expressed concern about making the trip pay.

The society finished its day with a banquet. The event was open to anyone who brought a dish that would feed at least 10 people.

Con chairman mark Cecil said it was too early to decide if Western would be the site for Viking Con Five next year. But he said the con-goers voiced their support for the idea.

## Judas, dry ice outclass boring arms in air-bands

By MALCOLM LAWRENCE

Dear Tim,

I guess it really pays to use gimmicks. In this year's air band Western Jam Grand Slam Saturday in the Performing Arts Center, the essence of what made an air-band popular really depended on what tricks each band used. Of course, this isn't at all different from last year, which was probably why our rather unimaginative Molly Hatchet bit it last year.

I mean, no matter how you slice it, four or five people thrashing their arms about

on stage gets boring unless some very imaginative props are used. Poor acoustic Pete Townshend and unadorned Night Ranger had nothing on the dry ice machine of Judas Priest and the full-scale posters and balloons of the Rolling Stones.

Choreography? The closest any band came to actual choreography was the Manhattan Transfer, a slick ensemble that sported a tight brass section. If the gamut ran from the authentic stage posturings of the Stones' Mick Jagger to the Kappa Clash's Mick Jones, then the gauntlet should have been run for Adam Ant and the Nash Clash.

With Adam, an overflow of make-up definitely was needed, along with a flashier wardrobe, and Joe Strummer (or was it supposed to be Mick Jones?) was reduced to a poseur (sans guitar) asking the other band members whether he should go.

I didn't get a very strategic angle to watch Pat Benatar, but my roommate said her "three sizes too small costume" made all the difference in her performance.

Can you imagine Tim Mahoney doing an Army-era Elvis (Presley)? How about the Blues Brothers with someone twice the size of Belushi doing Joliet Jake? Sonny

and Cher also were having fun until Cher's wig fell off; Def Leppard was there, too.

But, the crowning touch of the evening was the band X. Great intro, spray painting their poster verbatim, great exit with Exene being dragged off-stage, and the white hot guitar work of the incredible BILLY ZOOM. The only reason they didn't win was Exene didn't have a microphone as she flopped around on stage, I heard one judge say. A dadaistic air band. Just what the evening needed.

I got to drum for both Devo and Sweet this year, with Sweet winning 75 dollars for second place. Don, our lead singer, had female underthings thrown at him. My wig almost came off and girls rushed the stage, but Alan and Kurt were working security. It was rock-awesome. We did "Fox on the Run" and "Ballroom Blitz." Don kept worrying about my drumming technique. Now I'm glad he made me cross my hands.

You would have loved Devo. We extended the intro of "Freedom of Choice" to 77 ka-thunkas so Corey, Tony, Norm and Keith could march down the aisles of the auditorium and then march on stage and begin. We had visual aids of flags and swastikas that we made at Corey and Tony's,

the night Rosalyn got arrested because they wouldn't let me listen to U2. We even rented orange jumpsuits for our second number ("Jocko Homo"), but we didn't get that far. We had the red energy domes and the sunglasses: must have looked impressive on video.

Everybody thought the Stones would win the grand prize, but apparently the judges thought Bill Wyman was portrayed a tad inaccurately. So Judas Priest got first place. They were good, I voted for them at Nash. They certainly had practiced extensively and had leather pants and everything. Their prize was a check for \$150, but Corey said he heard the members backstage saying: "That leaves six dollars to split between five people." Ah, the high price of winning an air-band contest. The dry ice was impressive, though.

Last year's winners, Boston, opened the festivities. I don't think Robert is mad anymore.

Overall the contest was OK, it just seemed too mainstream. Maybe next year I'll scrounge up enough nerve to do New Order, Public Image Ltd. and Nig Heist. Maybe next year.

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