

WSL hopes third time's the charm for stalled elections

By Don Jenkins

The Washington Student Lobby finally will have elections, after canceling them twice

"WSL has a lot of flexibility," said Darcy Roenfeldt, a local board member and state chairwoman of the two-year-old student organization that lobbies the Legislature.

The elections will be tomorrow, and filing closed yesterday.

Originally, the elections were scheduled for May 4, but when only one candidate filed for the four elected board positions, the elections were postponed until May 11.

But by Thursday, May 10, still only three candidates had filed for the four positions. At that time Roenfeldt told the *Front* the elections were canceled, and the people who had filed would attend the WSL state meeting in Ellensburg that weekend.

Local chairwoman Tina Abbott, who was in New Jersey when the elections were canceled, said WSL should have had the elections anyway.

"That was a decision she did without consulting anyone," Abbott said of Roenfeldt's decision to cancel the election.

Board members need to have the approval from the students, she said, "whether two or 2,000" candidates file.

Another board member, Dave McFadden, said he thought it was a good idea to cancel the original elections because not enough candidates had filed.

The WSL met again last Thursday and decided to go ahead with the elections. Roenfeldt said she thought WSL needed "a family meeting" to sort out the confusion.

The elections will take place 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. tomorrow somewhere in the Viking Union, where exactly had not been set by yesterday afternoon.

The deadline for filing was yesterday at 5 p.m. Although the elections would be similar convention format, nominations will not be accepted from the floor, Abbott said.

Filing was necessary, Abbott said, to provide organization to the elections. Also, she added, candidates could be informed about what the positions entail.

Tomorrow evening candidates will speak and answer questions before the balloting.

WSL board positions are volun-

tary and in the past the job descriptions have been fuzzy.

The WSL board also decided to make all six of the local board positions elected, instead of just four.

In the past, four people have been elected, and they appoint the other two board members, who are the local at-large representatives.

The local board will attend a state meeting in June, where state officers are chosen.

Shortly before the filing deadline yesterday, five people had filed. The position of local projects coordinator was still uncontested.

The candidates are:

Khodi Kaviani, local advertising and publications; Sheryl Alston, state minority representative; Yvonne Ward, state at-large; George Sidles, local at-large; and Gary Garrett, local at-large.

Two candidates who had filed earlier, Eric Clem and Clark Sitzes, have dropped out.

Roenfeldt said she thought WSL's flexibility was "definitely" an asset to the organization. WSL can try to be efficient, she said, without becoming bogged down in bureaucratic tangles.

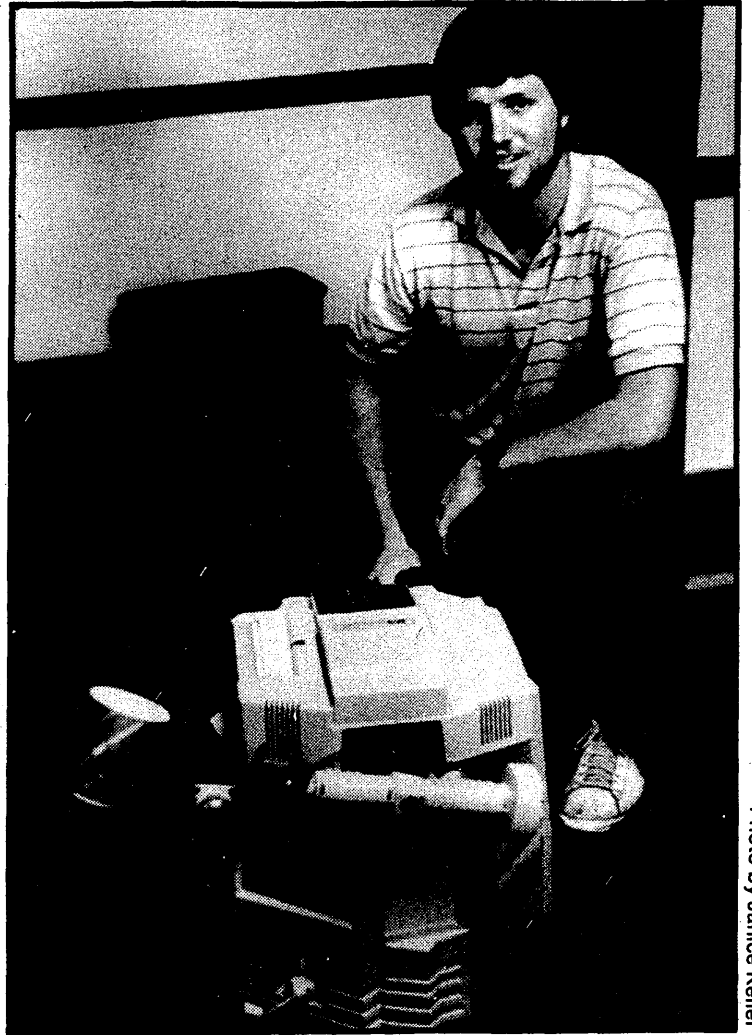


Photo by Janice Keller

Kevin Pool, Washington state's first robotics major, demonstrates Hero's ability to hold a cup of coffee.

State eyes microscope sale

By Paul Engbrecht

A state official is investigating the private sale of 95 microscopes to students, faculty and staff in the biology department.

"The sales of surplus have to be done through the department of General Administration," said Jim Hackett, the supervisor of the State Property Redistribution Office in Auburn.

Windows in ES lab sealed up

By Andy Perdue

A Physical Plant employee said he thinks he has located and solved the fiberglass fumes problem in the Environmental Studies Center.

Last Wednesday geology students on the second floor complained of smelling fiberglass fumes coming from the Vehicle Research Institute on the ground floor of the Environmental Studies building.

Larry Johnson, the mechanical engineer who has been working on the problem since it appeared in February, said he thinks open windows on the south side of the building are the source of the fumes. Those windows are directly above the fiberglassing room.

"Those windows are going to be sealed," Johnson said. "It should help everyone in the building."

Johnson said he thinks the problem is cured, but still can't figure out how the fumes escaped through the closed doors of the fiberglassing room.

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Yesterday Hackett sent a letter to Western Controller Don Sturgill inquiring into the sale.

Sturgill said biology chairman Ronald Taylor requested that the department be able to dispose of the microscopes. Sturgill said he assumed he had received permission from the state.

"I assumed it (the sale) had been processed, but it had not been," Sturgill said.

Sturgill explained that Western receives permission to sell items directly when the expense of selling them through the state would be greater than their worth.

The biology department netted \$3,400 from the private sale of 95 microscopes to students, rather than disposing of them through state channels.

"This is something the university should encourage; I know they won't in most cases," Taylor said.

In most cases, surplus equipment is sent to the State Property Redistribution Office in Auburn, where other state agencies have first chance to buy it.

But if it's "junk," Sturgill said, it's not worth the expense of hav-

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Arts/Tech: Ford wants both

By Roger Hayden

Saying liberal arts should be the centerpiece regardless of the direction Western takes in the future, Paul Ford made his pitch Friday for the number two administrative position at Western, vice president for academic affairs.

In a sparsely-attended open meeting, Ford said he would work to "generate a sense for the importance of liberal arts," but it would be wrong to assume that Western can be "all applied science or all liberal arts."

Although the job has been stripped of some major responsibilities since he last served in it during the 1982-83 school year, Ford said that would only allow him more time to "make Western a better learning environment."

Much of the budgeting and staff responsibilities recently have been delegated to other areas.

Ford said Western's role

should be to graduate literate, responsible students with the ability to learn. Part of that process, he said, is teaching computer literacy, which he said is becoming as important as reading and writing.

Ford said regional universities have a responsibility to commit resources to the communities they serve. He said preparing students for careers in high-tech industries is part of that commitment.

Ford also suggested humanities courses that would serve mid-level and executive-level managers.

But he said, "The state Legislature expects more from regional universities than it is willing to pay for."

Ford said it is necessary to evaluate courses periodically to determine their usefulness. Because a program has existed for a long time, doesn't mean it should stay, Ford said.

Ford said he is comfortable with a more decentralized sys-

'Hero' displayed

Washington's first robotics major demonstrated one of "a new breed of robots" last Friday in Bond Hall.

Kevin Pool, who designed his own major in robotics, the only one in the state, exhibited "Hero," a new line of personal robots.

"Hero" was purchased and assembled last fall by a robotics class, and Pool began learning and working with it last fall.

"Hero is strictly a glorified toy," Pool said. "About 10 or 15 years down the road it will be the 'Model T' of robots."

Pool demonstrated Hero's ability to detect sound, light and motion. He clapped his hands and Hero said, "Quiet, I'm trying

to sleep," and when he hit it, it said, "Ouch, that hurt."

Hero can be programmed to detect people from as far as 15 feet away. It can pick up weights up to 16 ounces, and moves around at three different speeds.

Pool's major is a concentration of four different areas: education, computer science, physics and mathematics.

Pool didn't know whether others would major in robotics, too, but said, "The industry is searching for people in robotics. There aren't many people who know much about it."

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tem for decision making. And he said the present structure of governance at Western is such that it can solve most problems.

Working closely with deans and department heads is one aspect of the vice president's job, Ford stressed. But he said he had no "grand plans" to present to the colleges.

Ford said he is concerned with enrollment lids versus the idea of accessibility to an education for everyone. The problem of new students getting lost in larger classes, tuition increases and balancing of liberal arts and applied-science courses are other concerns Ford mentioned, but he did not elaborate.

Ford currently is an education professor.

Kenneth Hoving, head of the Graduate College of the University of Oklahoma, also is seeking the post and will be available in an open meeting at 2:30 p.m. Thursday May 24, in the Wilson Library Presentation Room.

Goltz offers tuition warning

By Lisa Heisey

Regional universities such as Western were created with a low-tuition concept, and the state should raise tuition cautiously, said state Sen. H.A. "Barney" Goltz.

Washington ranks fifth in the nation in providing funds for higher education, the senator said last Thursday in the Viking Union Lounge. But that support per student is not very high. "There are danger signals in raising tuition," he said. Western is a state system

created by the Legislature to provide higher education to all Washington state residents. And education is the social and economic ladder that enables students to become more independent and prosperous in Washington, he said.

Not only should the institution be dedicated to providing education, Goltz said, but it has an obligation to offer leadership to the region it serves.

"Institutions cannot be isolated, they've got to be involved in the community," he said.

Megatrends, though, are changing the role of being a community leader, Goltz said.

"We must keep pace with the change," he said, referring to the emergence of a global community.

Western's current liberal arts program is becoming obsolete because it covers only Western roots. Instead, universities should place more attention on Asian countries and their cultures, he said.

The senator's visit was a part of Western's Impact Week.

Center helps business students

By Kris Franich

A year-old Student Advisory Center for business students is open three days a week to answer questions about the business program.

The center, created last spring by Kenneth Keleman of the business department, focuses upon assisting students with general questions such as declaring a business major, direction on a certain concentration, transfer credit equivalencies, course requirements, graduation requirements and grade points.

The service is staffed by five student advisers.

They answer basic questions to alleviate the advising demands on the professors.

The SAC is administered by the College of Business and Econom-

ics. The idea of the center derived from Keleman, who saw a similar system at the University of Utah. Keleman said he thought a need was present for availability of business information to the students.

If students do request information beyond the resources provided by SAC, the advisers will refer the individuals to Academic Advising Center, Career Planning and Placement, Tutorial Center, Counseling Center or the Office of Student Life.

The student advisers (Beth Hippe, Rob Wagoner, Paul Achen, Kathy Danner and Tami Tebeau) encourage students to come in and plan classes for fall if possible.

Appointments are recommended and can be made in the Department of Finance, Marketing and Decision Sciences Office in Parks Hall 343. Walk-ins are welcome. The center's hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday.

Security gains 24-hour access to student records

Campus security's efficiency was improved last week by the gain of 24-hour access to student records, Public Safety Director R.G. Peterson said.

Previously, security had to share computer lines with campus mail, located next door to security. Because of the mailroom's hours, security could use computer lines to obtain information about students only after 5 p.m.

Security had to rely on lists of names and micro-fiche when the computer wasn't available. Now that security has its own computer line, the office will be better equipped to handle messages, emergencies and investigations for criminal apprehension, Peterson said.

The computer will help security to keep its records up-to-date, which, he added, will help them locate a student faster.

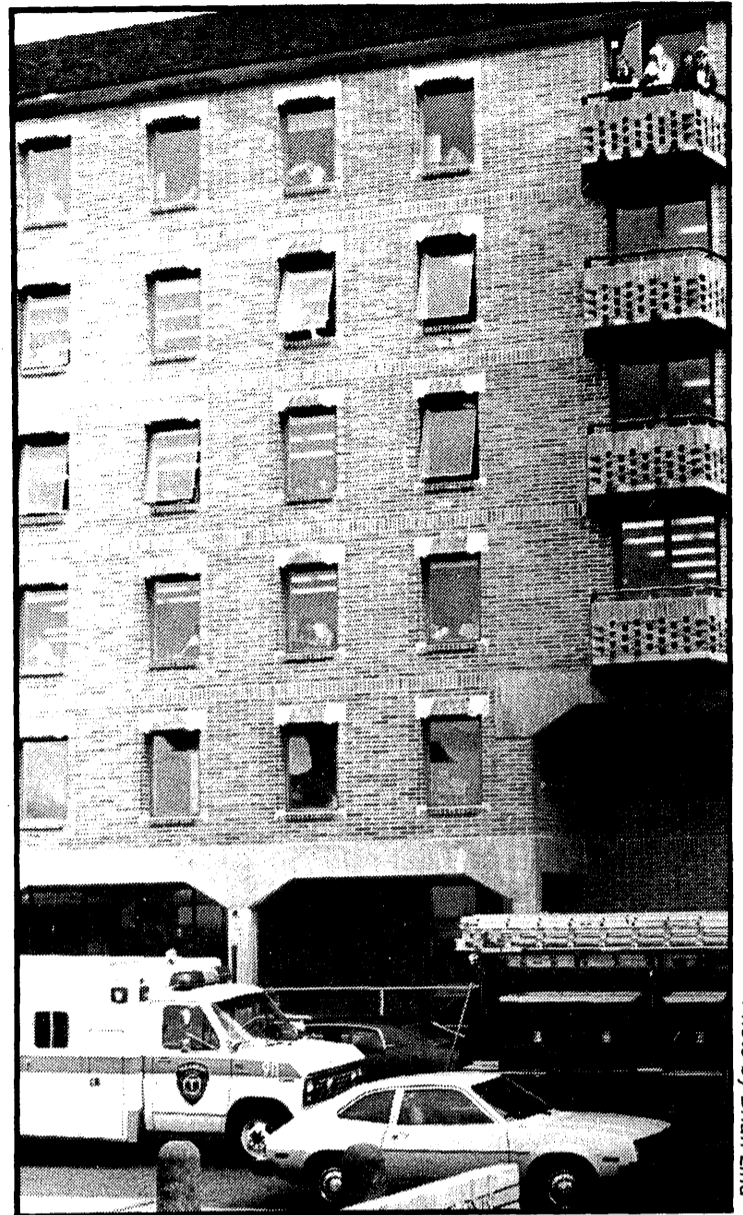


Photo by Brian Lind

Curious students watched from Wilson Library as a total of five emergency vehicles responded to a heart-attack call Sunday. The 85-year-old Bellingham man, who was attending a community recital, is reported to be in "good condition" at St. Luke's Hospital.

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ABC basics

Elsi Vassdall-Ellis will speak Thursday in the Wilson Library Presentation Room about "Littera Scripta Manet: An Examination of the Alphabet in its Forms," a BFR/Sigma Xi research presentation. This series of lectures is free and open to the public at noon that day.

Layton speaks

Mike Layton, veteran *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* political reporter, will discuss press coverage of Central America at 2 p.m. tomorrow in the Viking Union Lounge.

Layton, who has traveled extensively in Central America, recently returned from there after filing reports from El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua. Admission is free.

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Merit pay sparks faculty controversy

Ed. note — This is the final part of a three-part series examining the pressure faculty face to publish.

By Diane Dietz

As a result of dissatisfaction about how the recent merit raises were awarded, faculty are examining the rewards systems.

"It's a good time because these are things that need to be considered in a period of recovery or moderate growth," Rudolf Weiss of the foreign studies department said.

"Now people don't need to fear being fired so they can collectively pool their wisdom to reshape the university," he said.

Milton Krieger of the liberal studies department said the merit awards should be scrapped altogether.

"There is a better way for us as faculty to operate and to understand ourselves as a profession," he said.

Maurice Foisy of the political science department said the money could be better spent "strengthening those programs that help faculty keep up-to-date."

"Instead of putting money into pay increases for stars, we should be putting it into sabbaticals," Foisy said.

Bob Keller of Fairhaven has suggested Western "Put the money into a faculty development fund used to underwrite travel, research, leaves, exchanges, retraining . . . This will go much further to stimulate and reward actual activity than added salary."

Stephen Friedman wrote in the Chronicle of Higher Education: "Merit pay is never offered to people engaged in highly-

respected occupations: they are expected to possess drive and initiative independent of salary considerations. To suggest that granting merit raises will improve the quality of instruction is the ultimate insult to teachers. It says to us: You are not professionals, capable of sustaining excellence for its own sake or because nothing less is tolerable, rather, you are lazy and outer-directed, needing petty inducement to perform in a merely acceptable manner.

"So please, don't degrade us with offers of merit pay for better instruction, good teachers aren't in it for the money. Instead, res-

sophy department said, "and teaching will likely get more emphasis."

Paul Woodring, an emeritus professor here, has proposed what has been called a "heretical idea."

"I suggest that we offer two separate routes to promotion. A faculty member could be promoted on the basis of teaching alone, or, if he or she prefers, on the basis of teaching plus published scholarship. Those who choose the first route would be expected to teach a full load of 12 to 15 hours. When the time comes for promotion, the quality of their teaching would be judged by

noted, their teaching would also be evaluated but, in addition, the quality of their research, published ideas, or critical reviews, would also be evaluated by colleagues, reviewers, and scholars in other universities."

The Woodring system would "allow the university to capitalize on the individual strengths of the faculty," Weiss said.

It would "encourage you to develop your strengths, instead of making you fit into a stereotype of a professor," Weiss said.

"Not everybody with a Ph.D. is destined to be a great researcher," he said.

The proposal would "open up the avenues for more professor types that reflect the reality out here," he said.

Some faculty said they believed that less-drastring measures than the Woodring proposal would suffice.

"There would be less dissatisfaction if committees used the power they have right now...I think many opinions are rendered on the basis of insufficient evidence," Weiss said.

When he sat on the tenure and promotion committee, "we never even went back to the department chair," Weiss said.

Krieger said, "Merit should operate less like a lottery and more like a truly deliberative process."

Some faculty said departments should have more say in advancement decisions. Units divide the labor. Some teachers concentrate on teaching, and some on other aspects of academia.

"Nobody outside the unit is capable of judging the importance of an individual's contribution," Krieger said.

"The further you get away from unit determination of such matters, the further you get away from the reality of performance," he said.

Peter Elich, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, agreed, "We need to encourage variability at the department level."

He has suggested to department chairs they answer the questions "what are the goals of the department, and what are faculty as individuals going to do to meet those goals?" Then individuals would be evaluated on evidence that reflects these goals, he said.

Elich said, however, the criteria in the handbook is performing well.

The criteria was established through "a carefully considered decision by the administration, the faculty and the trustees," he said.

But the university must periodically examine the process "to see that standards reflect the wishes of the faculty and support the purpose of the university," he said.

"The primary mission of the university is teaching, and the major justification for engaging in research is in support of the teaching mission," Elich said.

"It's healthy to have faculty question what the university is doing, Elich said.

"That's what keeps up the quality of the university; to have people who are constantly questioning our values. They are a pain sometimes, but they are essential to maintaining an intellectually stimulating environment," Elich said.

"We must be able to defend what we are doing," he said.

"We have got to challenge our ideas. We need competing view points. That's what we're trying to teach our students, that the strongest and most truthful points of view will win out," Elich said.

Merit winners announced

The names of the professors receiving merit pay increases were published in the May 17 issue of FAST.

The increases are funded through a special appropriation by the Washington State legislature, with 409 increases available.

A four-step increase was the maximum bonus. Of 185 faculty chosen to divide the spoils, 28 received four merit-steps, 38 receiving three steps, 60 received two steps and 59 received on-

step.

The available increases were divided proportionately among each college/school. The governance system of each school then determined which of its faculty would receive the increases.

The secrecy of the criteria used to determine which professors would receive the increases has caused some controversy this year. The increases take effect Jan. 1, 1985. The maximum pay bonus is \$3,145 for a five-and-one-half-month period.

students, by former students, and by colleagues and administrators, as it is today. Only those who rate high as teachers—well above the average—should be promoted to the higher ranks.

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In this case, the May 10 sale of "junk" brought in some \$3,400 that will be used for classroom audio-visual aids, Taylor said.

A biology department technician, Dennis Bohrer, said 13 of the microscopes sold for \$5, and 28 microscopes sold for \$50.

Bohrer said those that sold for \$50 were good quality microscopes.

"I'm sure the local schools would be delighted to buy them,

but I don't know if they have the money," Bohrer said.

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sales. Items such as microscopes may be needed at public high schools, colleges or other universities.

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FRONTLINE

Prof cooperation key to GUR guide

The Associated Students has the opportunity to identify the top General University Requirement classes and help direct students into interesting and challenging courses, if they take the right approach.

The AS is taking yet another run at putting together a Faculty Course Evaluation book for GUR classes.

Each of the last two years, the AS has spent thousands of dollars in an attempt to put out such a guide. Both efforts failed for various reasons.

A few years ago, the AS did publish an evaluation book on GUR classes, but it died because student response was so low the surveys became ridiculously invalid.

An effective method of soliciting student response will be necessary for the idea to work, and professor cooperation is the key to that.

Professors need to be willing to allow the evaluation to be passed out in their classrooms.

The AS' handling of the results could go a long way in getting that cooperation.

The thought that professors' entire scholarly abilities will be judged on how well they teach an introductory course in their field may make some professors apprehensive.

If the main purpose of the evaluation guide is to identify the best GUR classes, publishing only the top 30 or so percent rated courses would accomplish this without embarrassing the bottom 30 percent.

An evaluation guide that was an honor roll of top GUR classes would serve its main purpose without subjecting professors to what in some cases could be unfair criticism.

After all, no group should know any better than students how subjective grading can be.

And it probably would procure widespread faculty support, which is absolutely necessary for the project to succeed.

AS must keep out of private business

Last fall, an enterprising Western student, John Warnick, founded the University Notetaking Service amid howls of protest from those who thought it would serve as an easy alternative to attending classes.

Now Warnick is asking the AS Board of Directors to endorse and provide office space for his business in return for 5 to 10 percent of his gross sales.

We have nothing against Warnick's notetaking service. Similar endeavors have proved beneficial on other university campuses.

But we would not like to see the AS get into the habit of providing support for private businesses.

AS offices today resemble crowded hamster cages in a pet store. Breathing room is scarce. Priority for new office space should be given to clubs now squeezed out.

In addition, government must be careful to stay within the bounds of the public sector. Even the appearance of conflict of interest must be avoided. Even if no such conflict arose from teaming with Warnick, the precedent set would be a dangerous one.

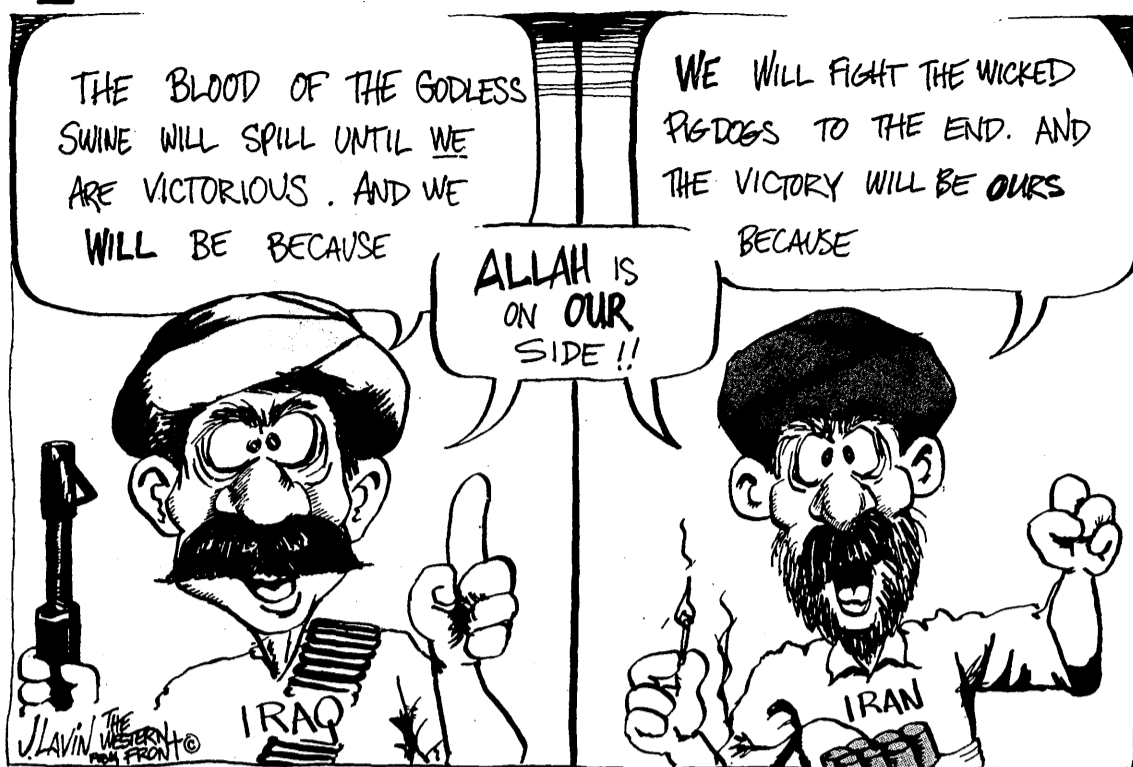
If the AS wishes to get into the notetaking business, it can launch its own. Otherwise, such enterprises should be left in private hands, without government sponsorship.

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Fed up with news leaks

Reagan threatens freedom

By Irene MacPherson

Freedom. A word, to many, synonymous with the United States. In the pursuit of truth, it is necessary to have an environment which provides for a free exchange of ideas. This is something many Americans take for granted. It is being threatened by the Reagan administration.

Ronald Reagan, fed up to his "keister" with news leaks, wants to compel all government employees with access to highly classified information to sign a "nondisclosure agreement". This form requires them, for the rest of their lives, to submit any books, articles, speeches, even letters-to-the-editor they write which may touch on government secrets, to a government censor before publishing them, and submit to polygraph tests if asked.

According to an article by Floyd Abrams in the May issue of *Harper's* magazine, Reagan's plan would require more than 127,000 individuals to be subject to pre-publication review. Prior restraint is a serious infringement on free press and free expression, and has been ruled so in cases such as the publication of the Pentagon papers.

The Society of Professional Journalists claims that under the plan, former officials who become political candidates would have to clear many of their speeches with political opponents. A former official who works in the media would have many of his commentaries reviewed by those about whom he wished to comment.



Timeliness of many articles and letters is of such importance that the inevitable delay caused by pre-publication review could effectively kill them.

Frank Snapp, a former CIA agent, criticized the review process in a Freedom of Information report from the Society of Professional Journalists.

"The big problem with censorship resides not with the regulation itself but with the arbitrariness of the classification system," Snapp said. "Something will be deleted in one work and not in another. They'll reclassify what they've allowed in the past... the government basically can delete anything it wants to with no question of appeal."

Attempting to weaken the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), the Reagan administration has been pushing for amendments that would make it easier for federal agencies to withhold information and increase the expense of making FOIA requests. This is in total disregard of the FOIA, which calls for a waiver of fees in cases that "primarily benefit the general public."

Despite the continuing problems of overclassification, Reagan's plan makes it easier to classify data. It relaxes the Carter administration's classification guidelines, which required the government to prove that "identifiable damage" to national security would result without it.

The Reagan administration's policies make it clear that it does not see the value in having an informed public to debate issues and contribute to policy-making. With the potential for abuse of secrecy, a law making it a crime to reveal classified information, rather than a plan to impose prior restraint, would be more in keeping to the principles of democracy.

LETTERS

Professor expands on publication issue

Western Front:

Your series, by Diane Dietz, on pressure faculty face in publishing is interesting, but so far has missed two crucial points:

1. Administrators like to rely on publication for promotion because it is so easy. They don't have to do a stitch of work. They just say, bring me a list of your publications. Someone else does the work—the editorial boards of journals. No personal bad feelings. (No lawsuits either.) Just blame those journals for not publishing your articles.

(For this same reason, student evaluations of teachers are so popular—they save the administrators work, potential ill will, and potential law suits. So easy to have someone else do it.)

2. Your chances of publication increase as your field becomes more narrow. What English prof could publish on "Moby Dick" or Dickens? So they work on the lesser known works of Bulwer-Lytton (You remember: "It was a dark and stormy night..."). So students get teachers who know lit-

tle about important things but a lot about unimportant ones. (Lesser known writers are usually lesser-known for a reason.) And then these teachers offering courses like "Social Structure of the 18th Century Irish Village" (a real course, alas, though not at Western).

Your series was worth it just for this priceless quote: "That's what universities are all about; they are in charge of advancing the disciplines." So there you have it, students. You thought we were here to provide an education for you. Stupid you. We're here to advance our knowledge of the origin of diphthongs in Middle High German. I bet even the Washington State Legislature didn't know that.

David Ziegler
 political science

Post-nuclear war survival questioned

Western Front:

Who's the enemy?
 Ever since the development of atomic weapons, a struggle for a show of dominance has consisted of their growth to levels beyond the necessary means of

either the U.S. or U.S.S.R. to destroy one another. With the ever-nearing threat of destruction beyond realistic comprehension, can we continue fooling ourselves into a false sense of security, believing in the ideal that no one could ever push the button?

Our government wants us to believe we can survive a limited nuclear war. *Limited!* What is limited, and how do we survive? Certainly not by the means suggested in the literature on "Home Fallout Shelters," published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or "Nuclear War Survival Skills," written for the Department of Energy.

If we are to survive, longer term survival techniques and much stronger means of protection will have to be established and made accessible to the public. Of course, the primary question we all have to ask ourselves is, "Do we want to survive?"

What's the answer to surviving? Do you think man may still be able to get out of the corner he's backed himself into? Or is there no way out? With all the energy that could be unleashed by these weapons possibly some day we may be able to harness it for better purposes. *If we survive long enough!*

WM Kent Smith

Dream becomes full-time endeavor

By Carolyn Casey

It started as a dreamer's whim; taken about as seriously as a child's wish to be a fireman or a cowboy. Two quarters short of a degree from Western, Lyle Balcom, 24, decided he wanted to be a clown.

Not just someone who occasionally entertains his friends at parties, but a full-time, professional clown. So, against the advice of friends and family, Balcom dropped out of school last spring where he was studying alternative energy and food production, and assumed his new identity: Blumbo the Clown.

"People thought I was crazy to think I could make my living at it, especially in Bellingham," he said. "But my brother and I were confident I could pull it off. I just sort of had this instant feeling that this was my niche, something I was good at."

Only one week away from celebrating Blumbo's first birthday, Balcom has surprised even himself with his success.

He is surviving solely on his jobs as Blumbo. He works in restaurants entertaining kids by making balloon animals. He promotes area businesses, is hired for parties and will be starting a cable television show on channel 10 this fall.

"Things have moved really fast, a lot faster than I ever expected. In one year, I've reached my three-to-five year plans," he said.

"Moneywise, I'm making more than I thought I would. It's come a lot easier than I thought it would."

His friends, he said, are surprised and still aren't sure exactly how it happened.

"A lot of people put their own restrictions on themselves. Instead, they need to think creatively. They need to think 'How can I do it?' All I did was create the job that makes me happy."

Balcom attributes his success to a philosophical idea he learned from Buddhist friends. Basically, he said he believes if you do good things, good things come back to you.

Balcom said he believes he has been rewarded for all the time he has donated to his prime charity, the March of Dimes, visiting hospitals and nursing homes as a clown and his generally giving nature.



Photo by Carolyn Casey

"Skadizzle!" Former Western student Lyle Balcom began teaching the magic of making people smile when he became Blumbo the Clown.

"I think everyone would agree to the idea and find it as a nice way to live," he said. "The difference is I try to practice it. It gets depressing when you think how many people say they live it and then your car battery dies and you have to ask 10 people before you can get a jump."

For years Balcom has visited nursing homes in Blaine on Easter as the Easter bunny. Now, on his way home from jobs, while he's still in make-up, he has Blumbo drop in on the patients.

"Sometimes it's depressing at the moment. But, when you get home and think about it, you know it was worth it," he said. "And they call you and you agree to do it again."

The development of Blumbo's clowning parallels Balcom's times of giving. While still at Western last spring, he became the Easter bunny in Blaine. During his stop at a nursing home, a

woman whose son runs Northern Notes, a local singing telegram and entertainment company, noticed him and told her son.

Balcom was contacted by Northern Notes and in the midst of "spring burnout" he agreed to quit school and work for them as a rabbit, clown and, dressed in a tutu, delivering tutu-grams.

"Northern Notes are the ones that gave me a little kick to get going," he said.

Now he operates alone and has discarded his other identities to become Blumbo.

It was in the same fashion he was noticed for a children's television show. Balcom had donated two Blumbo parties to the March of Dimes auction and agreed to appear as Blumbo to present them. While on the air, Bill Quern, a Nationwide Cable executive, noticed he was appealing on the air and contacted him about a cable television show.

It will be called "Captain Shipwreck and the Cable Kids" and will feature Balcom both as a sea captain and as Blumbo. Initially, however, he will not be paid for this endeavor. If it is syndicated by other cable stations and begins to pay for itself, he will get a salary.

"If I'm enjoying the show and I can make a living, then I'll work for free for quite awhile," he said. "I won't work for free if the cable company is making money off my show."

Balcom said he initially was attracted to clowning when he became a Merry Maker clown for Children's Orthopedic Hospital in Seattle in the eighth grade. In high school he was the "Wacky Wabbit" for Herfy's.

"I like to dress up in costumes and be crazy," he explained. "It allows you to do crazy things and be accepted. Psychologically, I guess it's the attention that attracts me."

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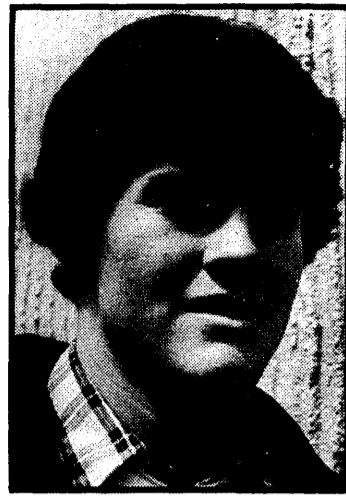
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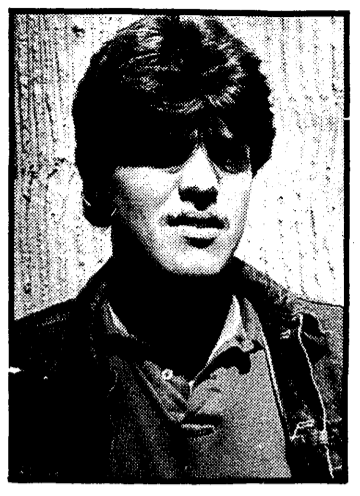
Racewalker Allen James



Marathoner Mike Dubuc



High jumper Kurt Hanson



Racewalker Colin Peters

Five Vike racers trek to nationals

By Elisa Claassen

Five Western men flew to Charleston, W.Va., yesterday to racewalk, high jump, steeplechase and run in the track season's grand finale.

For the third year, the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics will host its national meet in Charleston. Allen James, Colin Peters, Kurt Hanson, Rick Buckenmeyer and Mike Dubuc will represent Western.

"They all have a good chance of placing and should be good representatives," Coach Ralph Vernacchia said.

The school had the option of sending five additional entries who had not qualified (met the national time or distance). But because of the expense, about \$750 to \$1,000 per person, Vernacchia said no additional people will attend.

ALLEN JAMES

James is the only previous national meet contestant from Western's men's group. Last year he placed fifth in the 10,000-meter racewalk, receiving All-American

ratings. Currently he is ranked fourth in the NAIA.

One week ago, James won his second district title. His personal best has improved one minute.

Making the top three at nationals and breaking the school record (46:50) are James' goals. He has been swimming daily, visiting the training room regularly and doing two daily walk workouts.

The business major is a 1982 Shorecrest High School (Seattle) graduate. He has two years of track eligibility left. An athlete cannot participate more than four years in college.

COLIN PETERS

"I want to break 49 minutes and be an All-American," racewalker Peters said.

This is the last meet for Peters who graduates in June. The economics/accounting major is completing his fourth season of track, as well as cross-country, at Western. Currently he is ranked fifth, one slot behind James.

He has raced in Seattle where many of

the nation's best racewalking judges reside.

Last year Peters was a runner-up in district competition.

Peters is a 1979 graduate of Anacortes High School.

KURT HANSON

The 20-year-old high jumper is ranked tenth nationally. His personal best is 6 feet, 10 1/4 inches, which he recorded at the Viking Twilight Meet. Hanson finished second at district with a 6-foot 7-inch jump.

At Ferndale High School, Hanson, a 1981 graduate, competed in all of the jumping events including the triple jump, the long jump and the high jump. Hanson also was a member of the 440 relay team that set the current school record (43.1).

Jumping at nationals will start at 6-8 or possibly 6-10, Vernacchia predicted. A number of the approximately 20 competitors jump over 7 feet. Hanson said he jumped 6-10 in practice and attempted 7-0 and 7-2.

Hanson is undeclared in his major and

has two years of eligibility left.

RICK BUCKENMEYER

Buckenmeyer has improved since last year. The steeplechase competitor finished fifth last year. This year he won. Nationally, he is ranked sixth.

Buckenmeyer has been described by his mother as a perfectionist.

"He is a hard worker at whatever he does," she said.

At local Mount Baker High School, Buckenmeyer competed in cross country and was the 1979 county champion in the two-mile. He has completed four years of cross country at Western, but has one year of track eligibility left.

MIKE DUBUC

"Dubuc was a high-point scorer at district," Vernacchia said. Competing in his first marathon, Dubuc won and then placed second in the 10,000 meters. He had placed third the last two years.

Dubuc is a physical education major graduating in June. He was graduated in 1980 from a Canadian high school.

Star hoopsters return closer to home from Cal

By Kris Franich

Two Biola University women basketball players have decided to transfer to Western next fall, Coach Lynda Goodrich said.

Biola University reached the National Association intercollegiate Athletics National tournament last winter.

Carmen Dolfo and Lisa Terry

are from British Columbia and have attended the California university for two years.

Goodrich said, "It was a very pleasant surprise (that the two are transferring) and that's an understatement. I got a letter from Carmen's father and visited with Carmen and Lisa during spring break. Their reasons for deciding to go to school here

were wanting to play more than one sport, being closer to home and our academic offerings."

Dolfo and Terry, however, won't be eligible for competition until they have attended school for 16 weeks. This means the transfer students will be unable to play until mid-January, missing the first half of the season.

Dolfo plans on playing volleyball and Terry may try out for soccer at Western.

Dolfo, a 5-foot-11-inch forward, and 5-foot-8 Terry helped Biola to a second straight District III championship the Bi-District title and a trip to the national tournament in 1983-84. The Lady Eagles finished their season with

a 22-11 record, which included a 14-game winning streak.

Dolfo, an All-American honorable mention player, averaged 18.8 points, 8.5 rebounds and 5.2 assists this season. Her first year she averaged 14.4 points and 8.5 rebounds. She was named to the American Women's Sports Federation freshman All-American team.

Dolfo, who is from Penticton, British Columbia, had a two-year total at Biola of 1,044, 536 rebounds and 234 assists. She earned All-District recognition both years.

"Carmen is a very good player. I've only seen her play one time and that was against us (two years ago in area playoffs). I was certainly impressed with her in that game as she had a lot to do with beating us (scoring 19 points and grabbing 14 rebounds)," Goodrich said.

Terry played 22 games at Biola as a freshman last year before breaking her nose. She averaged three points and three rebounds per game. She was a second-team British Columbia Provincial All-Tournament choice as a prep.

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Drug Information Assistant	\$400/qtr*
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Freezing and frolicking in the fountain

Analysis

By Janice Keller

It was a shivery experience.

Five two-partner teams vied for the coveted winner's circle in the Fourth Annual Fischer Fountain Inner-Tube Race Friday in Red Square.

The competition was sparse, but I knew it would be tough. Nash Hall's defending champions, Jennifer Frazier and Phil Logsdon, returned for a second try. My partner, Jeff "Legs" O'Brien and I were racing for Gamma.

A team member had to complete a course across the fountain and back through the 54-degree water. Upon returning to the starting point, the partner repeated the course. The team with the fastest combined time would be named the proud winners.

O'Brien and I were the fourth team to enter the water and give it a try. I bravely jumped in, wearing shorts and a special inner-tube racing sweatshirt emblazoned with my hall's name. Once my legs went numb, I was ready to sit in the tube.

"Go!" shouted the starter.

I frantically began paddling as my seven fans cheered. I'm not much of a swimmer, but I made it all the way across the fountain before my arms began to fall off. Hypothermia was setting in.

O'Brien, whose 6-foot-6-inch body basically was not built for inner-tube racing in two feet of water, got off to a good start after I limply floated to the end of my leg of the race. His arms and legs flailing wildly, he cruised in to finish our heat in a mediocre one minute and 30 seconds.

Mathes Hall's Shelly Lipscomb and Roy Thompson captured the

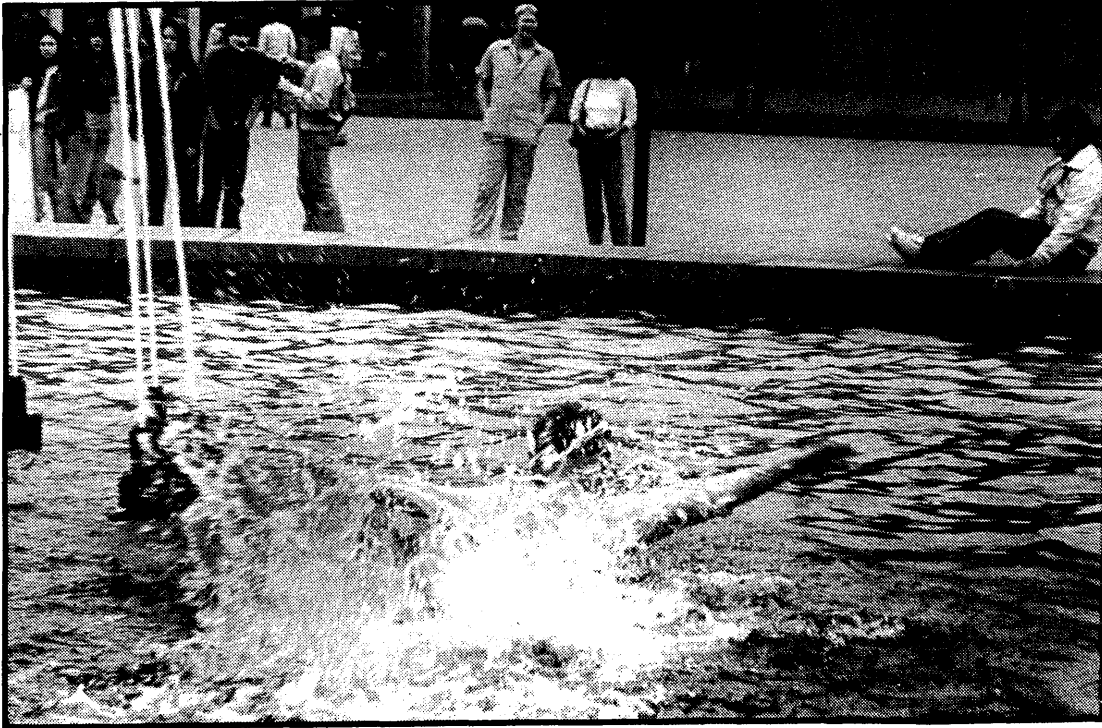
first-place prize, a children's plastic floating turtle, with a time of 1:15. The second-place prize, two beach balls, went to last year's champions Frazier and Logsdon for their time of 1:20. Sigma/Omega's team, Felicia Bodey and Randy Hurlow, narrowly placed third with 1:28, winning a plastic

floating ring to practice for next year. We finished fourth, beating Higginson Hall's last-place team.

As I dripped to class after the big race, anticipating days of sore muscles, I decided to accept defeat and join Tim Mahoney; hunting man-eating hamsters. I wonder if that sport is as cold?

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Janice Keller splashes her way through the fountain race Friday.

Photo by Pam Donnelly

Crew places in California

The Western women's lightweight crew finished second by one-tenth of a second to San Diego State Sunday at the West Coast Championships in Sacramento, Calif.

The men's heavyweights took two firsts and one fifth place. The lightweight-eight mustered a third and two sixth places.

Women's coach Brien Squires said he was pleased with the results of the women's lightweight and open-four boats.

The open-fours finished first in the West Coast International Rowing Association and fourth in the West Coast Championship.

The men's novice/frosh boat

placed fourth overall on the West Coast behind San Diego, Orange Coast and UCLA.

More than 1,500 athletes from 29 schools competed for the West Coast Championships including the Pacific 10 Conference schools and the best of the smaller colleges and universities along the West Coast.

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LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW FROM THE UNIVERSITY is Friday, May 25.

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ADVANCE REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER SESSION will be held May 23-24 in the Registration Center. Check the registration schedule posted throughout campus. **If you advance register for summer, you must pay fees by June 1. No deferrals.**

ERROR IN FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE: The sixth line of the spring quarter final exam schedule (pages 2 & 17, 1983-84 Class Schedule) should read: Tues., June 5, 8-10 a.m. & Tues., June 5, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. **This change affects all 1 o'clock classes.**

SUMMER QUARTER PARKING: Spring parking permits may be renewed for summer from Mon., May 21, through Fri., June 1, at the Parking Services Office. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri. **Quarterly permits that are not renewed will go on sale Mon., June 4, on a first-come, first-served basis.**

SPRING QTR. BACHELOR DEGREE & PROVISIONAL/INITIAL TEACHING CERTIFICATE CANDIDATES: Pay degree and/or certificate fees to Cashier by May 25 if you have not already done so. List of fees required for spring quarter graduates is on file at Cashier, VU Plaza, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Questions on graduation requirements outstanding should be directed to Credit Evaluation section of Registrar's Office, OM230. Candidates are reminded that adjustments to evaluation on file must be approved in writing and submitted to evaluator in OM230.

FOREIGN STUDY IN MEXICO: There will be an orientation meeting for all students enrolled in or interested in the study abroad program in Morelia, Mexico, for summer and fall quarters from 2 to 4 p.m. Wed., May 23, in OM400F. **Deadline for summer and fall applications is June 8.**

FOREIGN STUDY IN LONDON, AVIGNON OR COLOGNE: There will be an orientation meeting for all students enrolled in or interested in the study abroad programs in London, Avignon or Cologne for fall quarter from 2 to 4 p.m. Thurs., May 24, in OM400F. **Deadline for fall applications is June 1.**

TEACH ABROAD: Faculty members holding academic appointment are eligible to apply for teaching positions in Avignon, London, Cologne and Morelia for fall, winter and spring of 1985-86. Interested faculty should contact the Foreign Study Office, OM400, 676-3298, for application forms and further information.

WESTERN'S DANCE PROJECT holds weekly general interest meetings. All interested dancers and musicians are welcome. For information, call 676-3460 or write VU202.

STRATA EVENTS: "Meet Your Professor" seminar is planned for 4 to 5 p.m. May 31 in VA460. • **Happy hour:** 4-6 p.m. Fri., June 1, Venus Pizza.

Career Planning & Placement Center Recruiting Schedule

Seniors must have their files established in the Placement Center prior to sign-up for interviews.

- U.S. Air Force, Thurs., May 24. All majors. Sign up in OM280.
- A. L. Williams, Thurs., May 24. Business, other majors. Sign up in OM280.
- BDM Corp. (Tacoma), Thurs., May 24. Computer science majors. Sign up in OM280.
- Lincoln County (Ore.) School District, Fri., May 25. Education/many majors. Sign up in OM280.
- Secret Harbor School, Tues., May 29. Special education majors. Sign up in OM280 beginning May 22.
- Northshore School District, Fri., June 1. Education majors. Sign up in OM280 beginning May 25.

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Music major inherits penchant to create

By Stanley Holmes

Vincent Green says he inherited the penchant to create from his artistic family.

This desire led him to the trumpet and then to Western as a music education and music performance major. This year Green has been named the Presser Scholar for 1985.

The scholarship is presented each spring to the outstanding junior or senior music major. Excellence in music performance, academic success, service to the department and the scholar's potential

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— Vincent Green

for success in the music profession are criteria for the award.

Wayne Gorder of the music department said the award is significant.

"Vince is highly dedicated. He makes a real contribution to the department," he said.

Green said he couldn't pinpoint why he chose music and playing the trumpet as his profession, except, to say, "When I was younger, I always wanted to build or create something. A lot of my family are artists, this is where I got the desire to create, and my outlet became music."

Green plays the principal chair in the Western Wind Ensemble, the Western Symphony and the

Western Symphonic Band. He also plays in jazz bands and composes for small brass groups.

"In jazz, the challenge is expressing your feelings through improvisation," he said, "whereas classical music you try and follow what the composer has written and still add a personal interpretation to the piece."

He said his preference for classical music is one of feeling, which is important to consider when playing a particular brand of music. He said he is more comfortable playing classical music.

"Vince plays legato well," Gorder said, explaining legato is the ability to play softly and delicately. "He has a unique characteristic of playing softly," he added. "It's his strongest aspect of playing."

Green agreed. He said legato seems easier to play than other styles, but added, "Mainly I'm trying to play all the different styles of trumpet."

He said he has involved himself in all facets of music department performances to help stay well-rounded.

Green said he believes music students are fortunate.

"The music faculty here is exceptional," he said, adding it was the main reason he chose Western.

When he graduates, his goal is to pursue a master's degree so he can teach at the college level. He added he hasn't ruled out professional performing. If a nice offer comes by, he said, he'd take it.

"Music is a creative outlet for a lot of people," he continued. "If you can have a good time at it and other people can enjoy it also, then that's what counts."

Green will perform a Telemann concerto for the piccolo/trumpet (a smaller and higher-pitched trumpet) at 8 p.m. next Tuesday in the Performing Arts Center Concert Hall. He will be accompanied by Western's string orchestra.

Western's full orchestra also will play Tchaikovsky's fourth symphony, and student Jeff Andersen will play a Greig piano concerto.

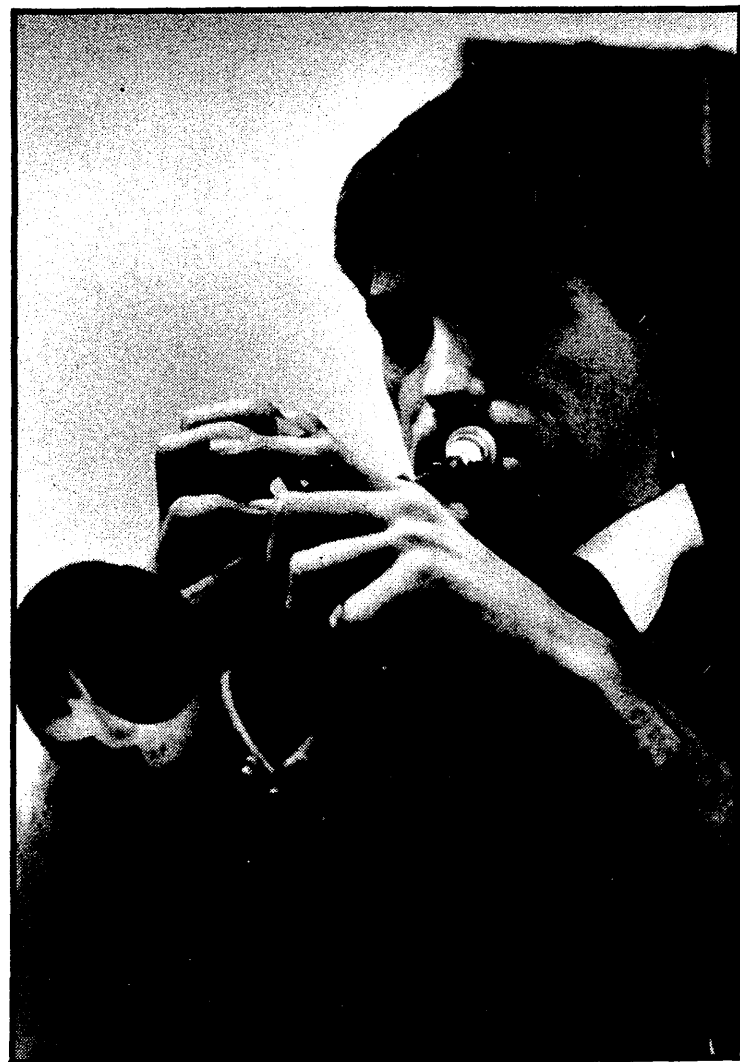



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Western student Vincent Green was named Presser Scholar for 1985 for his outstanding music achievements and performances.



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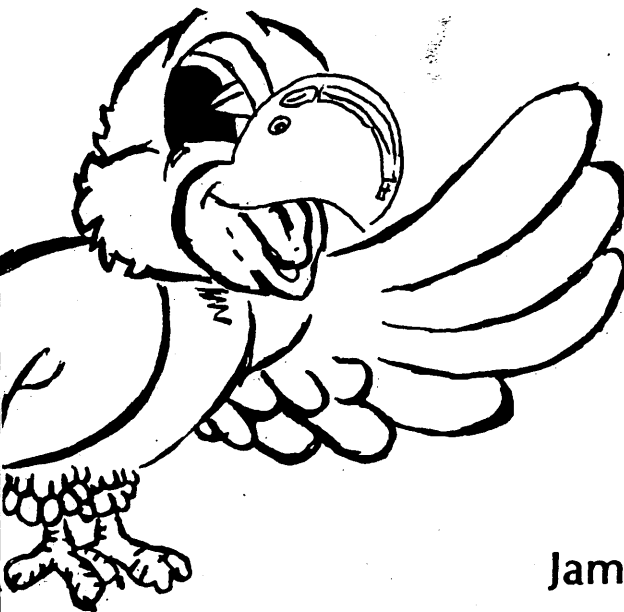
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