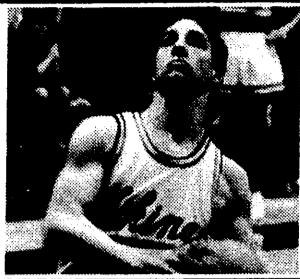


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## S. Africa ties? Seafirst funds pulled . . .

By Roger Hayden

Despite pressure from student groups at Western, a decision to pull \$150,000 in university investments from Seafirst Bank on Dec. 31 was not based on that company's dealings with South Africa, Controller Don Sturgill said.

Sturgill said the decision was made solely from a business standpoint because Seafirst was not offering a high enough rate of return on the investment in a certificate of deposit.

Sturgill said he had been approached by students concerned about the university's having investments in a bank that makes loans to South Africa. But he said his office would continue a "prudent investment" policy, seeking the safest investments with the highest return, with no regard for South Africa.

He said any change in investment practices would have to be the result of an action from Western's Board of Trustees.

The AS Board recently issued a resolution condemning racial discrimination in South Africa and supporting any efforts to pressure that government to cease its apartheid policies.

A move currently is afoot to persuade the trustees to issue a policy statement declaring divestiture of all firms doing business with South Africa.

Associated Students Secretary/Treasurer Yvonne Ward, one of the students spearheading efforts to distance the university from ties with South Africa, said she and other students are seeking a university-wide consensus on the issue. One step in that direction, she said, is to form a committee of students, staff and faculty to review policies and make a recommendation to the trustees.

Ward said she also wants the Faculty Senate and the Staff Employees' Council to issue statements on what both think Western's investment policies should be.

Western still maintains a \$29.5 million payroll transfer account with Seafirst, but Sturgill said these funds are in that account for about two hours before employees begin cashing their pay checks. Funds for that account come from the state treasurer's office as well as Bellingham National Bank, where Western has \$730,000 invested.

Western also is considering moving that account to another bank, Sturgill said.

Ward said that account should be terminated along with all investments at Seafirst.

Western maintains more than \$11.5 million in investments in a number of Washington financial institutions, as mandated by state law. Among those institutions, Seafirst has been targeted for divestiture of university interests because of its close ties to South Africa—especially through its parent company, Bank of America. That bank ranks 17th among U.S. firms with ties to South Africa.

## . . . AS computers protested

By Carol MacPherson

Despite the objections of some Associated Student Board members, three IBM computers, purchased with \$8,634 of student money, have been installed in the AS Board of Directors office, the AS personnel office and the AS business office.

Board members said they bought the computers to create a more efficient student government. Some members, however, questioned whether the computers should have been bought from IBM, which has investments in South Africa, and whether IBM had offered the best system for the money.

Secretary-Treasurer Yvonne Ward said she voted against buying the computers because of the South Africa issue. Before the board voted to purchase the computers, it had passed a resolution

recommending divestiture of any investments Western may have in companies in South Africa.

But Ward doesn't plan a personal boycott of the office computer.

"Once they're here, there's not much you can do," she said. "The first thing I did on the computer was list the phone numbers of an anti-apartheid group. I want to take the product of evil and help fight evil."

Ward also said she thought the board didn't research the computer needs of the AS offices well enough, and didn't look into other computer companies.

Vice President for Internal Affairs Eric Clem researched computer systems for the board. Clem said IBM was the best choice because the system was reliable, more compatible with other computer systems on campus and has expansion potential.

Clem had abstained from voting

on the South Africa resolution. He said he didn't like the wording because it was unrealistic and couldn't work.

"It's not appropriate for the AS not to go for the best deal because of where a company has a facility."

Clem acknowledged some members were not happy with the IBMs, but said, "The people who didn't want them are using them the most."

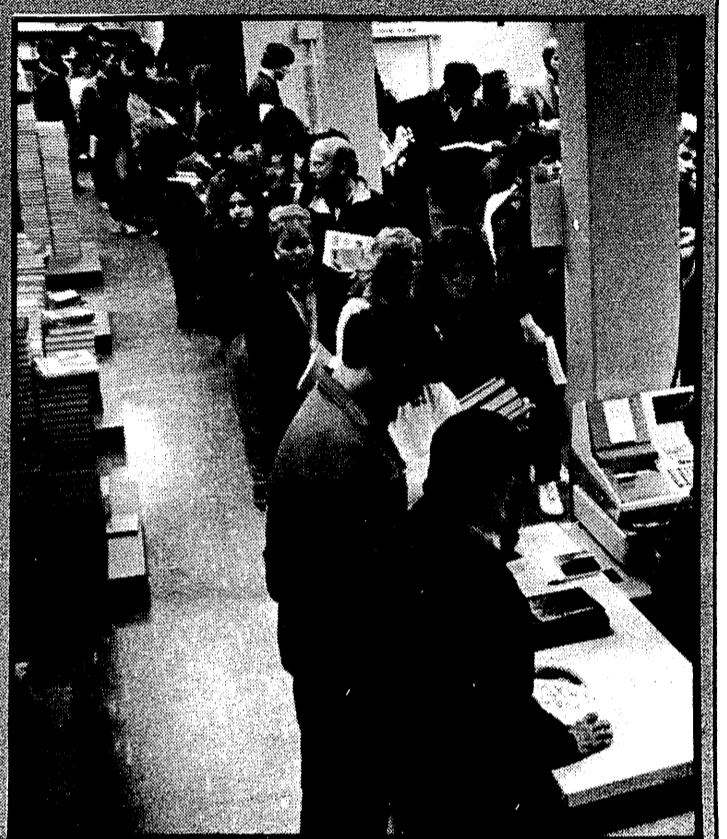
Clem said board members will use the computers for "special projects" and that the business office will use the computers to keep track of financial accounts.

President Majken Ryherd said she is "not too happy" about the new IBM computers. Ryherd said the board did not look long enough to find a computer company not affiliated with South Africa.

The board's decision to buy the IBMs after passing the South Africa resolution "seems hypocritical," Ryherd said. "We go to the administration and ask them to divest and we turn around and buy computers. It was not a good decision."

Ryherd said that although she "knows nothing about computers," she's sure they'll be useful. The computers will help the personnel office be more efficient and move faster for AS student-employment applicants, she said.

Vice President for Academic Affairs George Sidles said he is happy with the decision to buy from IBM. Sidles said he will use the computers to log university committee characters and bylaws and parliamentary procedure. He also would like to log data on university policy decisions for easy referral in the future.



Lines, like this one in the textbook department of the bookstore, are nearly unavoidable at the beginning of the quarter.

## A line a day helps time wither away

By Bob Bolerjack

Waiting in line. Western students have become expert at it. The first week of each quarter can seem like an eternity spent in slow motion. Books have to be bought, classes must be added and dropped, and financial aid checks need to be picked up.

And all three tasks include the same drudgery: waiting in line. The most common meeting place for woeful waiters-in-line is the Associated Students' Co-op Bookstore. But take heart. Last year's remodeling project has eased the bookstore's quarterly crunch significantly, and just in time. Bookstore General Manager George Elliott said last week's volume was the heaviest in years.

"We had the biggest day in the history of the store (Tuesday)," Elliott said, though he declined to release total sales figures.

Elliott estimated the average wait to buy textbooks last week was between 15 and 20 minutes, which is considerably less than last year's average wait.

But to the thousands who stood nearly motionless in line, 20 minutes often seemed more like 20 days.

"It's kind of a hassle because I have other things I have to do," said senior Doug Kenyon of his second trip through a bookstore line in two days. Kenyon said he passes the time in line looking for friends to share the wait with.

Senior Jay Conway, who was scared away by long lines on Tuesday but gave into them Wednesday, said he has become used to long waits. He said he sometimes uses the time to begin reading the books he's waiting to buy. Besides, waiting in line isn't the worst thing Conway can think of doing.

"I like it better than buying these books for \$30 apiece," he said. While last week's bookstore lines seemed to try students' patience, most agreed that waits for financial aid checks and adding and dropping classes were relatively painless.

Students reported the wait outside of Student Accounts (Old Main 265) averaged about 15 minutes, while the wait at the Old Main Registration Center often was less than that.

"It's been fine, no trouble," sophomore Allison Bowen said of her 10-minute wait to add two classes. "College students learn to wait in line—it's part of their education."

Students said that while lines in Old Main sometimes were long, they moved fairly quickly.

After staying open until 7 p.m. through last Thursday, the bookstore is back to its regular hours, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Student Accounts is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The deadline for adding classes passed Monday, but classes may be dropped through Feb. 1. For more information on schedule changes, contact the Registrar's Office, Old Main 230.



ANDY PERDUE

Eric Clem, AS vice-president for internal affairs, tries out the new computer in the AS office.

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Deadline for announcements in this space is noon Monday for the Tuesday issue of Western Front and noon Thursday for the Friday edition. Announcements should be limited to 50 words, typewritten or legibly printed, and sent through campus mail or brought in person to the Publications Office, Commissary 108. Do not address announcements directly to the Western Front. Phoned announcements will not be accepted. All announcements should be signed by the originator.

**WINTER BACHELOR DEGREE & PROVISIONAL/INITIAL CERTIFICATE CANDIDATES:** All students expecting to graduate and/or receive a teaching certificate at the close of winter quarter must have a senior evaluation and degree application on file in the Registrar's Office, OM230, by Jan. 29. An appointment must be made in that office.

**ENGLISH COMPETENCY TEST** for prospective teacher education candidates will be given at 4 p.m. Wed. & Thurs., Jan. 23 & 24. Sign up for one of these days. Advance sign up with picture ID (meal ticket, driver's license, passport) is required in MH 202 and may be made through noon Wed., Jan. 23. Fee of \$5 payable at time of test.

**MILLER ANALOGIES TEST** will be given at 3 p.m. Thurs., Jan. 17, in OM120. Registration in OM120 is required. Fee of \$23 (U.S. funds) payable at time of testing. Allow 1½ hours for test.

**FINANCIAL AID DIRECTOR INTERVIEW SCHEDULE:** Final candidates will be interviewed on campus, with a session for each to visit with students planned for 4 p.m. in VA454 on the day indicated: Michael Coomes (Indiana University), Mon., Jan. 21; Donald Mullen (University of Montana), Mon., Jan. 28; Ronald Martinez (University of Northern Colorado), Thurs., Jan. 31; John Klacik (WU), Thurs., Feb. 7. Responses should be made to Vice President Joan Sherwood, OM380, by Feb. 11.

**COUNSELING CENTER GROUP OFFERINGS** for winter quarter are as follows: **Assertiveness Training for Men & Women**, 2-3 p.m. Tues. & Thurs., MH277, beginning Jan. 22; **Bulimia Group (not a weight-loss class)**, 3:30-5 p.m. Tues., MH277, beginning Jan. 22 (apply at MH262, 676-3164, as soon as possible for preliminary interview); **Dating-Social Interpersonal Skills Group**, 2-4 p.m. Mon., MH277, beginning Jan. 21 (contact MH262, 676-3164, for screening interview); **Math Anxiety Reduction**, 2-4 p.m. Fri., MH277, Jan. 18-Feb. 15, & 2-4 p.m. Fri., MH277, Feb. 22-Mar. 15; **Overcoming Perfectionism**, 3-5 p.m. Thurs. beginning Jan. 24; **Test-Taking Workshop**, 2-4 p.m. Mon. & Wed., Feb. 4 & 6; **Women's Support Group**, 3-5 p.m. Wed., MH 277, beginning Jan. 16. For more information or to sign up for any of these programs, contact the Counseling Center, MH262, 676-3164.

**COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN (CEC)** student chapter will meet at 6:30 p.m. today (Jan. 15) at 610 Maple. New members welcome. For more information, call 671-7929.

**WOMEN'S ISSUE GROUP** meets from noon to 2 p.m. each Tuesday in VU219. Check the boards for topics and speakers or call 676-3460.

**STRATA** is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in VU216. Stop by for coffee. • **Brown-bag lunch:** noon Thurs., Jan. 24, VA460. **BOOK OF THE QUARTER** for winter, 1985, is *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker. Watch for panel discussion dates to be announced.

### Career Planning & Placement Center Recruiting Schedule

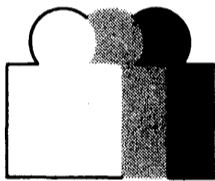
Seniors must have their files established in the Placement Center prior to sign-up for interviews.

**U.S. Navy**, Thurs., Jan. 17. Math, science majors especially. Sign up in OM280.  
**Westours Inc.**, Mon.-Wed., Jan. 21-23. Summer only. Sign up in OM280.  
**U.S. Marine Corps**, Wed.-Thurs., Jan. 23-24. All majors. Sign up in OM280.  
**Weyerhaeuser Co.**, Tues., Jan. 29. CS/accounting or CS/business or CS majors. Sign up in OM280.  
**Lamonts**, Tues., Jan. 29. Business-related majors. Sign up in OM280.  
**Ernst**, Tues., Jan. 29. Business-related majors. Sign up in OM280.  
**Peace Corps**, Wed., Jan. 30. All majors. Sign up in OM280 beginning Jan. 16.  
**Mobil Oil Corp.**, Tues., Feb. 5. Accounting majors/internship. Sign up in OM280 beginning Jan. 22.  
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 Career Planning & Placement Center  
 Sign up in advance, bring your completed application to the interview

## BRIEFLY

**Then There Were Four.** The search for the person responsible for acquiring and doling out student financial aid is near completion. The search committee for a new financial aid director has announced its four finalists, each of whom will visit Western for a personal interview within the next three weeks.

The finalists are Michael Coomes, formerly financial aid director at Seattle University; Donald Mullen, director of financial aid at the University of Montana; Ronald Martinez, associate director of student financial resources at the University of Northern Colorado; and John Klacik, interim financial aid director at Western.

Candidates will be available for questions from students at 4 p.m. in VA 454 according to the following schedule: Coomes, Jan. 21; Mullen, Jan. 28; Martinez, Jan. 31; and Klacik, Feb. 7.

**Tougher To Get In.** Freshmen entering Western beginning fall quarter 1987 will be required to

have two years of high school foreign language instruction. The new admission requirement, proposed by the foreign language department, was passed at last week's Academic Coordinating Commission meeting.

The ACC had considered implementing a three-year language requirement, but was dissuaded when Admissions Director Richard Riehl informed commission members that only 50 percent of the state's high schools have three-year language programs.

The move seems to reflect a trend toward tightening standards by changing admissions recommendations into requirements.

**CBE Boss.** Temporary Dean Dennis Murphy will become permanent dean of Western's College of Business and Economics June 30.

Paul Ford, vice president for academic affairs, said "It seemed wise to appoint someone from within the university" to the post,

which Murphy assumed in March 1983 after the resignation of J. Ronnie Davis.

Murphy was a student at Western in 1969 and 1970, earning his bachelor's and master's degrees before going to Indiana University for his doctorate in economics in 1974.

**Thirty-year Headache.** An editorial in the Western Washington *Collegian* on Jan. 14, 1955 chided the university for failing to solve a problem many students and faculty members were fed up with: A lack of parking spaces.

"The complaint has been heard," the editorial reads, "that you have to get to school at 7:30 a.m. to get a parking place within walking distance of the school. This statement is perhaps exaggerated but not entirely without basis."

The writer concluded that "A new parking area helped some. More must be done before the parking dilemma is solved."

## WHERE & WHEN

**Clubs Display.** Associated Students clubs and programs will have displays and demonstrations from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today, Wednesday and Thursday in the Viking Union Lounge.

**Health Services.** Advocates of increasing the students' health service fee will speak with the Associated Students Board of Directors at 6 p.m. Wednesday in Viking Union 219 and also with the Interhall Council at 6 p.m. Thursday in SAGA's Gold Room. An open hearing for all students will take place at 4 p.m., Jan. 23, in the VU Lounge.

## Nash resident dies at hospital during break

By Karen Jenkins

Western student Gordon Earl Daubenspeck died on Dec. 27 of pneumonia at Overlake Memorial Hospital in Bellevue.

Daubenspeck, a Nash Hall resident, enrolled at Western in the fall of 1980. He was taking a self-designed major that combined business and sociology.

He had muscular dystrophy and was confined to a wheelchair.

Daubenspeck was born April 19, 1961 at Northwest Hospital in Seattle. He attended Juanita High School in Kirkland.

His hobbies included coin collecting, chess, and watching sports. He regularly attended Campus Christian Fellowship and was a member of the Human Life Club.

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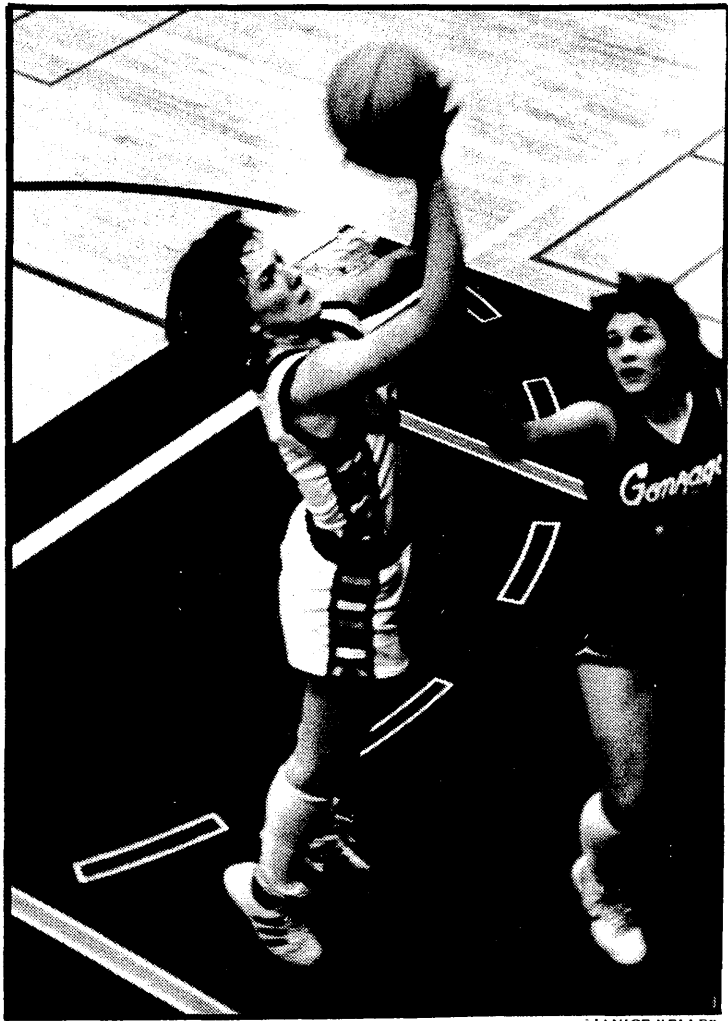
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# Comebacks give women two victories



JANICE KELLER

Western forward Cindy Pancerzewski takes to the sky against Gonzaga's Colleen Harmon in the Vikings' 77-66 victory over the Bulldogs Saturday night in Carver Gym.

By Tim Mahoney

Watching Western's women's basketball team is a little like watching an Indiana Jones movie—things for the hero may look bad at first, but the hero always pulls it through in the end.

So it was last weekend as the Vikings held Whitworth College 61-52 Friday night and upended defending District 1 champion Gonzaga University 77-66 Saturday night.

Before the season, Western Coach Lynda Goodrich had picked Gonzaga as the District 1 favorite. For a while, it looked as if she was right. As Western committed 15 turnovers in the first half, the Bulldogs sprang to a 34-25 halftime lead.

Western looked, at first, in the second half as if it would never get on track as Gonzaga widened its lead to 38-25. Then Western got unstuck as Gonzaga came unglued. Western blasted by Gonzaga with a 24-4 run, including a stretch of 16 straight points.

Guard Lori deKubber and forward Teresa Willard combined for 18 of Western's first 30 points of the half and point guard Cheryl Boxx nailed nine of 11 free throws and added a jumper in the final six minutes to seal Gonzaga's fate.

During the nine-point run that gave the Vikings their biggest lead of the game, 16 points, frustrated Gonzaga head coach Bill Evans picked up three technical fouls in 12 seconds to get himself kicked out of the game. Afterwards, Evans immediately piled his team into a van and presumably left Western as fast as possible.

At halftime, Goodrich had shifted Western into a double-post offense and advised her players, Boxx explained, "to start making the simple pass and taking the simple shot."

"Basically, we just relaxed and cut down on the turnovers," deKubber said. "They were playing their top players a lot and I knew they'd wear down."

Gonzaga guard Marie Stack and center Lisa Vestal combined for 29 and 21 points respectively, but no other Gonzaga player had more than four. DeKubber went 10 for 13 from the field and four of five from the line for 24 points, while forward Cindy Pancerzewski notched 14 points and 11 rebounds. Boxx had 13 points and a career-high 13 assists, while center Anne Cooper pulled down 15 rebounds.

The battle with Whitworth was a seesaw affair. Western went down 14-9, came back up 22-15, and

went back down 31-25 before coming back to a 31-29 halftime deficit.

In the second half, Western went down again 39-33, then put on a 20-7 spurt to take the lead for good at 53-46. But Whitworth made one more determined push up on the seesaw, pulling to within one at 53-52.

But a basket apiece from deKubber and Cooper put Western back up with a little breathing room, and free throws from guard Shelly Bruns and Cooper in the final 26 seconds iced the victory for the Vikings.

Bonnie Mettler of Whitworth paced all scorers with 20 points, while Willard and deKubber notched 14 and 12 points respectively for the Vikings. Also for Western, Cooper and Pancerzewski each pulled down nine rebounds.

## Over the break

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TIM MCDONNELL

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Date: Wednesday, Jan. 16

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# Cagers flash early, fade late

By Tom Pearce and Tim Mahoney

The frustration continues. The Vikings led for most of the first half against Seattle University Thursday, only to suffer a 69-56 loss.

And Saturday night, against Pacific Lutheran University, the Vikings stayed close throughout the first half before the Lutes pulled away to a 69-61 win.

"It's very frustrating," said Western Coach Bill Westphal, whose team fell to 2-3 in NAIA District I play and 3-9 overall.

"We were getting hammered underneath, but we were getting no calls," he said.

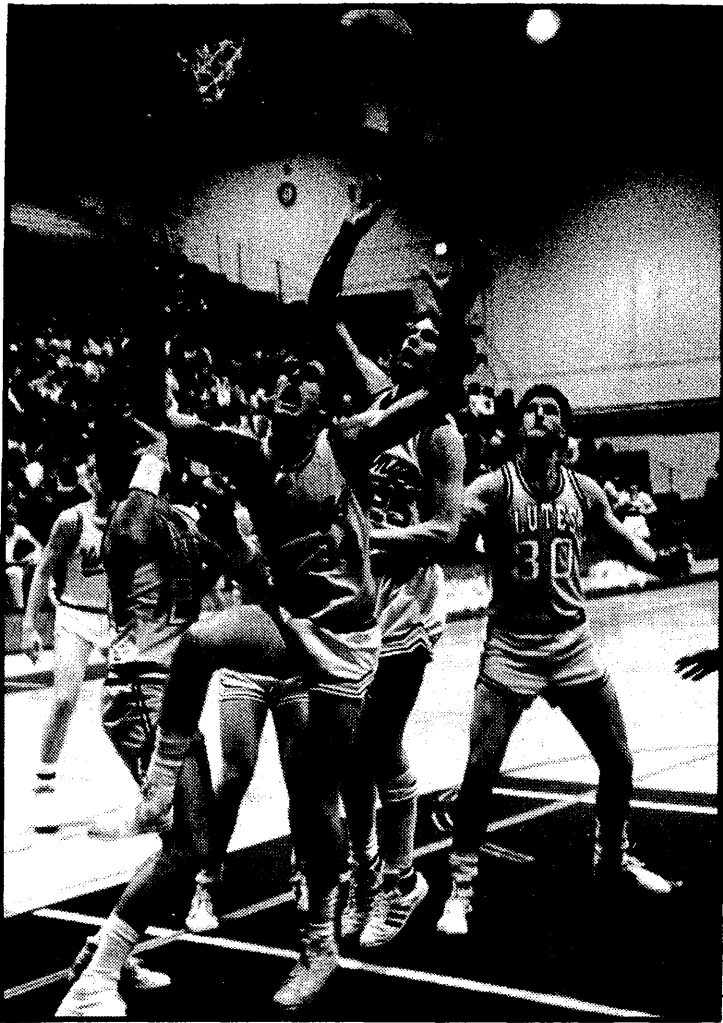
Against Seattle U., the Vikings trailed early at 13-8, but then scored 10 straight points, including two long jumpers by 5-foot-9 guard John DeFranco and two hoops from center Tim Nicholas to take an 18-13 lead.

Western held the lead until two seconds remained in the half, when a 15-footer to knot the score at 36-36.

The Chieftains then scored the first six points of the second half, and were never seriously challenged as they built leads as large as 17 points. They finally settled for a 13-point margin.

"We could have handled our lead a lot better in the first half," Westphal said. "Against a good team like Seattle U., you usually only get one chance and we didn't take advantage of it."

Against PLU, Western's failure to hit key free throws at crucial times allowed the Lutes to break the game open in the second half.



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Western's Tim Nicholas (34) cries foul as Brian Paul (25) reaches for the basketball in the Vikings 69-61 loss to PLU Saturday night.

## Rebels chill Icemen 5-2

Western penalties gave Red River College its chance to score three goals in a 5-2 beating of the Vikings in hockey action Friday night at Baker-view Arena.

Sixteen seconds into the game, Western's Todd Thachuk flicked a pass to forward Dave Higgins, who put Western up 1-0 with a 10-foot shot.

But disaster hit the Vikings during the last seconds of the first period. Western got whistled for too many players on the ice with 26 seconds left and was forced to play short-handed. The Rebels put some pow into their power play, scoring twice before the end of the period.

Red River scored again just two minutes into the second period. Western fought back with a goal by forward Mike Fletcher on a pass from forward Alan Perry, but the Rebel defense shut out the Vikings the rest of the way while Red River added two more goals.

The Vikings connected on seven of 10 free throw opportunities in the second half, but the three misses were on the front ends of one-and-one foul shots, costing Western six possible points at the worst possible time.

With Western down 57-52, DeFranco was fouled by PLU's Paul Koessler. DeFranco, who led the team in free-throw percentage with better than 80 percent made, missed his shot.

The Lutes scored, and Koessler fouled DeFranco again. Again he missed. A few moments later, with Western down 62-54, Koessler fouled freshman guard Tim Dickerson, and he missed. PLU completed a six-point run, giving it a 67-54 lead with only a few minutes left.

Things started off well enough for Western. Despite falling behind 12-8 early on, the Vikings went on an 11-2 spurt for their biggest lead of the game, 19-14. PLU came back, however, to lead 32-30 at halftime.

Western tied the Lutes at 32, 34 and 36 and was down by only 51-50 midway through the second half, but could never take the lead.

"The better team won tonight," a depressed Westphal admitted. He cited PLU's ability to get the ball inside effectively and Western's inability to hit key shots down the stretch as the game's deciding factors.

The bright spot for Western was the debut of center Shane Nickel, a transfer from Whitworth College. His first day of practice was Friday, but during the game, Nickel counted 10 points, eight rebounds and two blocked shots.

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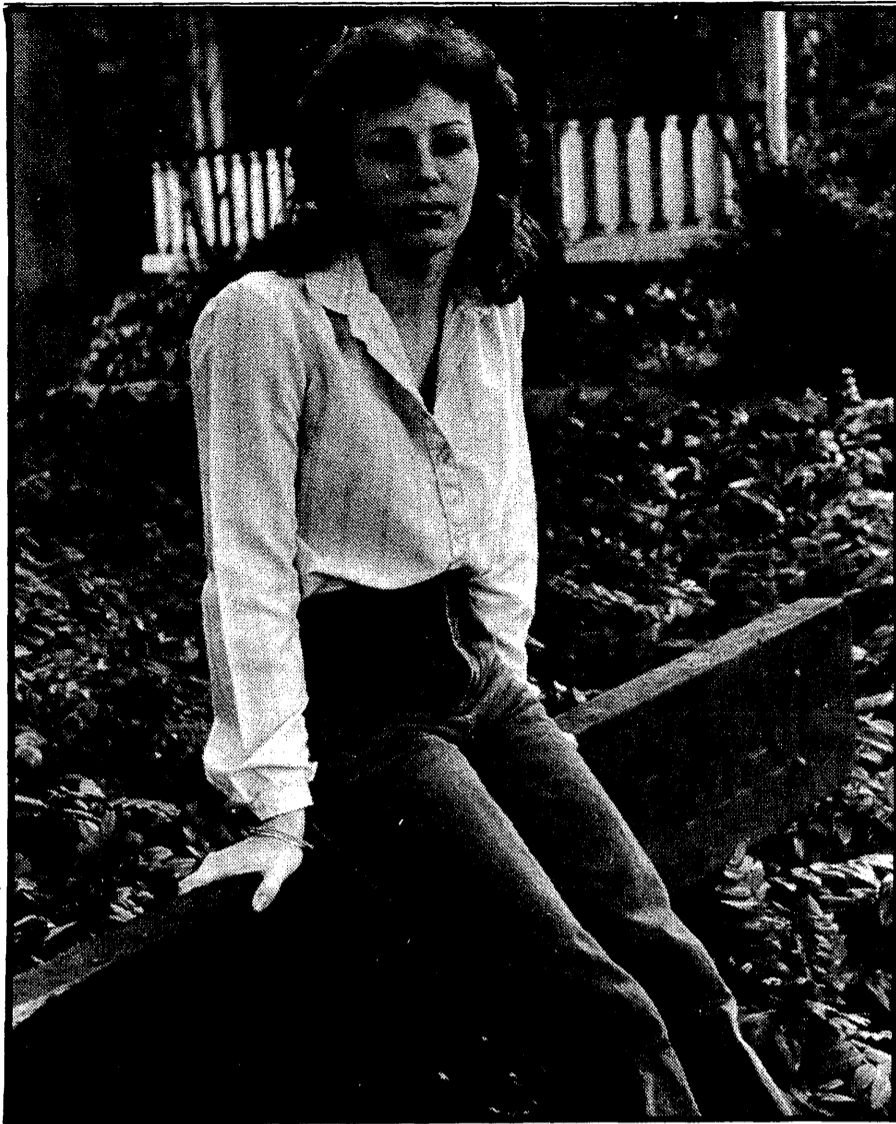
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Renee Craven looks back upon her year-and-a-half as a resident adviser with mixed emotions. "Being an RA is a real lonely job," she said. "But it looks good on a resume." Craven, who was a resident adviser in Kappa last year, now works in Sigma.

*It's a lonely job*

## RA says position often alienates dormmates

By John Song

Renee Craven hears her dormmates talking around the corner of the hall. She hesitates, then presses forward. As she rounds the corner, three young men suddenly freeze.

"We ain't doing nothing," one man said. Craven chuckles and walks on. Turning left at the end of the hallway, she hears the three men burst into laughter. She knows she just has been the brunt of a joke.

Craven is shunned by most of her peers because she is a Resident Adviser (RA)—the enforcer of the rules; the one to hide from when they're "having fun." But she is quick to point out that, aside from her job, she has the same wants, feelings and interests as most of her schoolmates.

"With this job, you're set apart right away," she said. "I remember last year (when she was a Kappa RA), this one guy appeared interested in me—real flirty. Then he asked, 'Are you an RA?' When I told him I was, he kind of ignored me for the rest of the year."

"That was real funny. It was kinda like I had the plague or something."

Yet, the benefits of her job convinced her to continue working in the residence halls this year. The housing department pays for her room and board. Her job also is a beneficial addition to her resume, she said.

Craven, 21, has dark, greenish-brown eyes. She is 5 feet, 5 inches tall with a medium frame. Her brunette hair has a layered cut, which just covers her ears and reaches the bottom of her shoulder blades in the back.

When she's not smiling, Craven's firm and slightly-protruding jaw gives her a serious

and authoritative look. It is hard to imagine a smile on her face when she's looking serious. Yet, she smiles frequently, her lips sliding apart to unveil her straight, white teeth. It is a friendly and pleasant smile. She wishes she could smile more often, she said.

Craven lifted her left leg and tucked it underneath the other leg. The right leg, now unable to touch the floor, swings from side to side.

"Sometimes, being an RA is a real lonely job," Craven said.

"And the job is something that never leaves you. You're always an RA. You're an RA 24 hours-a-day. You don't have a uniform you can take off like a student security patrol person."

Craven, a senior interior design major, sat in her room one Sunday looking at her textile fibers/fabric analysis textbook. The Sigma residence hall (her new dorm) was quiet and she seemed at ease. She enjoys the quietness. Contrary to popular belief, RA's have as much homework as other residents, she said.

Craven said she had a good perception of what her job would entail before she applied two years ago. Yet, she didn't know how to prepare for the loneliness that was to come. So, although she wasn't surprised by her social isolation, "it still was very, very lonely my first quarter as an RA (last year)," she said. "I called Mom a lot."

On her first day at Kappa, some returning residents had a big party on her floor. About 45 persons were crammed into a room, which is against fire rules. Minors were drinking. Craven busted the party and in the process, got herself an unfavorable reputation with her dormmates.

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"I was a bitch to start off with," she said. Her leg began swinging faster and higher. "People didn't like me. They complained to the other RAs that 'Renee was a real bitch'."

"Right off the bat, all the people on the floor hated me," she said, adding it didn't get much easier.

One resident, she said, believed it was his duty to keep up Kappa's reputation as a dorm noted for vandalism. He trashed the bathrooms and tore toilet paper dispensers off the wall. Craven spent the first quarter trying to catch him in the act. Eventually, he was removed from the dorm, she said.

**"Sometimes I could hear them talking about me through the walls. But that's just part of the job."**

Craven also had to deal with a resident who was "strung out on Everclear and drugs." She said he was running around like a mummy wrapped up in toilet paper. He threw a chair against the wall and threw up on the stairs. He also banged his head against the wall. When his behavior was reported to Craven, she went and found him

in his room foaming at the mouth and rocking back and forth on his bed. She calmed him down and stayed with him for about half-an-hour until he fell asleep, she said.

Craven's worst experience was when her mother came to visit. Not knowing her mother was showering, some residents talked rudely about Mrs. Craven's mental capacity and how it must run in the family.

"That was irritating. It hurt my mom, too," she said. Her leg continued to swing and her lips were sealed over her teeth. "Sometimes, I could hear them talking about me through the walls. But that's just part of the job."

"You get gossiped about a lot. It's a public job. You know, you're out in public view, which forces me to be even more private about my life."

"People gossip about anything. And it's so easy for the RA to become the brunt of a lot of gossip. You just have to learn to live with it."

Last year did have some lighter moments. Once, while a guy was showering, some residents opened up the bathroom door. Then, five persons with cards flashed scores as he got out of the shower stall, she said. Many spectators were crowded around the door to watch the event, she added.

"Because Kappa is coed by each room, we had some interesting experiences," she said. Her leg slowed down and eventually stopped swinging.

"Believe it or not, there was a lot of satisfaction in the job last year," she said.

She enjoyed the counseling she was able to provide. During the first quarter, a female resident couldn't adjust to college life and was very unhappy, Craven said. The girl wouldn't eat and was losing weight noticeably. She called home every night and cried on the phone. She wanted to quit school and go home, but her parents wanted her to try a little longer, Craven said.

**"Now that I'm not an RA at Kappa, I'm finding out people had a great year there last year, which I did not realize at the time."**

"She's home now and very happy," Craven said, smiling.

She also counseled another resident whose mother had died during the school year. Shortly after the woman's death, the resident's sister attempted suicide. Craven assisted the resident by lending an ear and a shoulder, she said.

"There's a lot of satisfaction knowing you have helped a student," she said.

"Now that I'm not an RA at Kappa, I'm finding out people had a great year there last

year, which I did not realize at the time. One of my jobs was getting a community atmosphere," she added.

She said one woman from the floor got married in the summer and eight people from around the state attended, including Craven.

"There were other benefits. After working at Kappa, I'm prepared to work with people," she said. "It showed during my summer job. I was able to interact better with other workers."

Her experience at Kappa has made her more tolerant of other people, she added.

Craven admits she wanted to quit her job at times last year, but said now she is glad for the experience she has gained.

She wouldn't want to be an RA at a predominantly freshman dorm like Kappa again.

"But if I hadn't had the experiences I did," she said, "I would do it all over. It was a good learning experience. I learned about people."

"After last year, I don't think anything could shock me," she laughed.

She moved to Sigma this fall, which is an upper-class dorm. She said she has noticed a difference in the residence halls.

"A couple of people have stopped by and asked me to go to dinner with them," she laughed. "I guess older students can look past my job more easily than freshmen."

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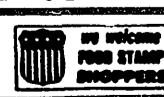
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By Kathy Abbott

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"If we don't have what someone wants to hear, then they can bring the record in and we'll record it for them," staff member Jill Nichols said. "We take very good care of records that are brought in."

If you have time to spend and like to look at magazines, play backgammon, cribbage or cards, these items can be checked out with a student ID.

One of four channels goes through a speaker system into a large room with swivel rocking chairs and tables. Students can enjoy the view of the bay here or go to the headphone room.

The headphone room is set up more like a library with headphones in the walls and on the tables.

Eating and drinking are not among the ways you can spend your time in the listening rooms. Students who enjoy smoking to their favorite tunes can do so in the large listening room.

The music listening room is scheduled to expand the selection of magazines available for checkout. Some of the magazines students currently can look through include *People*, *Newsweek*, *Time*, *Omni*, *Rolling Stone*, *Stereo Review* and *Psychology Today*.

So relax and watch a sunset by the bay in the Viking Addition room 661 while you enjoy your favorite group.



CHRIS BALDWIN

## This library provides musical knowledge

By Kathy Abbott

The Music Library, a little-known branch of Wilson Library, is tucked away on the fourth floor (second level) of the Performing Arts Center.

Marian Ritter, music librarian, said the Music Library contains all of Western's library holdings pertaining to music.

The checkout system does not include records or reserve materials, but materials are available to all students and faculty, she said.

The Music Library's collections and services are geared to support the programs offered by the music department. Although the collections and facilities of the library are available to the entire university community, no special effort is made to provide popular music for

casual listening. The library's collection includes some jazz in addition to classical works. The library has collected editions and complete works of several composers.

The Music Library has 20,105 volumes, subscribes to 173 current music periodicals and has a collection of 10,559 recordings available for students and faculty.

"A catalog of master tapes of all faculty, student and ensemble performances is available," Ritter said.

Ritter said the library has a seminar room equipped with a tape/record player, which uses a speaker system. A listening room also is provided. Other equipment available at the library includes 15 turntables, 13 cassette players and two reel-to-reel tape recorders.

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## Students exhibit award-winning art



GRANT BOETTCHER



Students who were awarded Merit Scholarships are exhibiting some of their works in the Western Gallery on the second floor of the Art/Tech Building. Blake Grinstein's sculpture (left) and Audrey Spurrier's jewelry (above) are two parts of the exhibit.

## Latin jazz featured

### REVIEW

By Joni Carnay

Students dancing to the authentic Latin rhythms of *Obrador* swayed and tapped their feet with enthusiasm Friday in the Fairhaven lounge as the first concert in the Mama Sundays winter series kicked off.

Many of the exuberant dancers seemed as if familiar with the band and moved with every beat.

*Obrador* usually plays original jazz, but was asked to play Latin music for this performance.

Mama Sundays coordinator Lynelle Lewis said she tries to have a dance at the beginning of every quarter. She said she wanted to have different music and not just rock all the time. Last quarter Lewis hired the *Gladiators* to play African-style music for the dance.

Conga player Michael Olson said, "What we're playing tonight (Friday) are really old ethnic tunes (Latin American)."

Tom Russell (flute, clarinet and saxophone) said the music they

were playing was "carnival music" from the Caribbean.

The band has been together nine years and is based in Olympia. *Obrador* has performed all through the Northwest and is primarily a concert band. Of the two albums the band has recorded, one has been distributed internationally and the other has not yet been released.

Olson said *Obrador* became popular as a Seattle/Portland dance band.

Lewis said she chose *Obrador* because she heard them play here a couple of years ago and enjoyed their music.

Special guest "Bongo Don" has been playing since 1937. He has played in every country of the world, Olson said.

"He is a master drummer fully knowledgeable in his field of study," Olson said of Bongo.

*Obrador's* other band members include Michael More (piano); Steven Bentley (drums) Skippe Elyut (bass); Steven Munger (tenor and alto saxophones); and, Aaron Songco (audio technician).

## HAPPENINGS

### Today

"Manhattan," starring Woody Allen, will be shown at 6:30 and 9 p.m. in the PAC. Admission is \$1.50.

### Thursday, Jan. 17

String Chamber will be performed by several student ensembles at 1 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center's main auditorium. Admission is free.

### Friday, Jan. 18

A stage reading of a new play written for the New Playwright's Theater will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Old Main Theater. Admission is free.

David Rostkoski, a guest pianist for the Arthur Hicks Piano Scholarship Series, will perform at 8 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center's Concert Hall. Admission is \$3 for students and seniors and \$5 general.

Mama Sundays presents the Ford, Mock & Findlay Trio at 8 p.m. in the Viking Annex Coffee Shop. Admission is free.

The opening reception for the "Crazy About Quilts" exhibit will be from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Whatcom Museum of History & Art.

### ONGOING EXHIBITIONS

#### Western Gallery

An exhibit by this year's award-winning Merit Scholarship stu-

dents, Mark Bendix, Blake Grinstein, Kent Martons and Audrey Spurrier, includes paintings, prints, sculpture and jewelry. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. The exhibit runs from Jan. 7 to Jan. 22.

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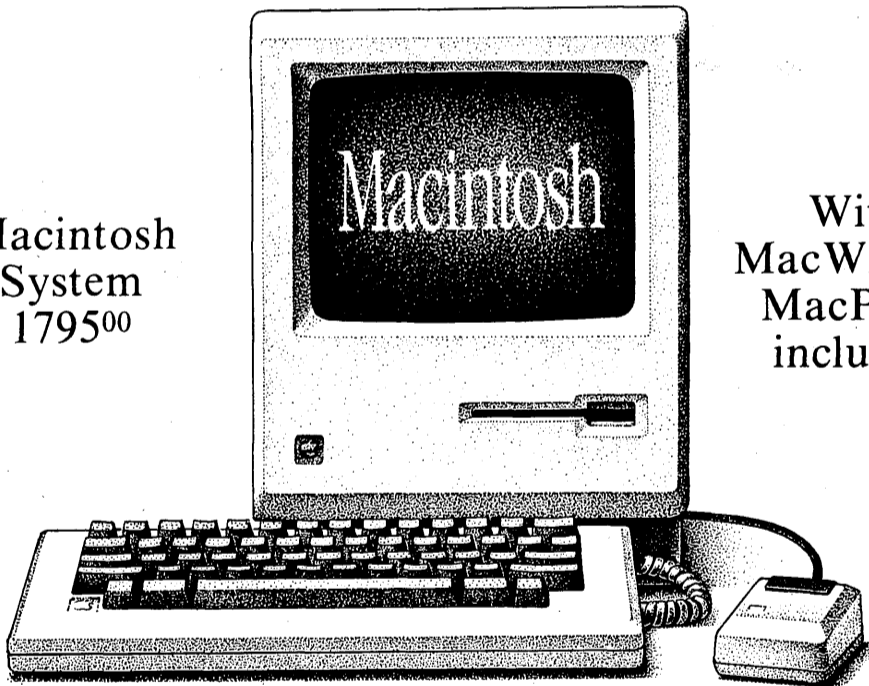
The "Metals Invitational" exhibition will continue from Jan. 14 through Feb. 2. The gallery is open from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and is located

on the second floor of the Fairhaven Administration Building.

#### Whatcom Museum of History & Art

The "Crazy About Quilts" exhibit has 35 quilts dating from 1825 to the present. The museum is open from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday with the quilts being displayed from Jan. 19 through March 24. The museum is located at 121 Prospect Street.

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## FRONTLINE

### Purchase of IBM impairs AS action

Last quarter the Associated Students Board of Directors passed an admirable resolution protesting South Africa's apartheid policies.

Unfortunately, with the purchase of its new IBM computers, the AS has not followed its own lead.

The AS resolution calls for the divesting of any funds Western may have invested in companies connected with South Africa, and boycotting any companies refusing to divest.

At the beginning of this quarter, the AS spent \$8,634 of student funds to purchase computers from IBM, which has connections with South Africa.

It seems the board is making resolutions to be followed by the rest of Western, but not itself. Secretary Treasurer Yvonne Ward had approached Controller Donald Sturgill asking that Western withdraw any investments it may have in SeaFirst Bank.

Sturgill said last week that Western's withdrawal of a \$150,000 bond from SeaFirst had nothing to do with SeaFirst's connections to South Africa.

How does the AS reconcile asking Western to divest funds from one major South African investor while investing in another major South African investor itself?

When the issue was brought before the board at the end of last quarter, the board decided the amount of money involved was too insignificant to be worth boycotting IBM.

At the same time, however, the board makes profits from IBM computers sold in the AS Co-op Bookstore.

The board had an option when deciding what computers to buy. Vice President for Internal Affairs Eric Clem had reported to the board that Tandy computers could be adequate for the board's purpose.

Clem advised the board to purchase the IBMs because they would be more compatible with other university computers and because the board could buy them from the bookstore.

By not supporting its own resolution the board weakens its credibility and the effect of future resolutions it may pass. If the board cannot support its own resolution, it has no business expecting others to do so.

The board should have considered this before purchasing its IBMs.

### Voters are pathetic

It is sad to have to note that in a recent *Seattle Times* survey of 400 registered voters, only 4 percent could name all three state legislators from their districts. Sixty-nine percent could not name any.

The most pathetic figures turned in by the poll were those in the 18-to-24-year-old category. According to the *Times*, this age group was the one least able to name its representatives, but also was the group, oddly enough, that found its elected officials most effective in the Legislature.

Such figures should alarm students, here and elsewhere, especially since they have so much to gain—or lose—in the 1985 legislative session that opened yesterday.

Local and state Washington Student Lobby representatives once again have said they will push for passage of a tuition freeze bill, among other important higher education measures. If the survey's results are accurate, however, their efforts will be fruitless until state representatives are faced with an informed student electorate to hold them accountable.

Your representatives in the Legislature can best be reached through the legislative hotline at 1-800-562-6000.

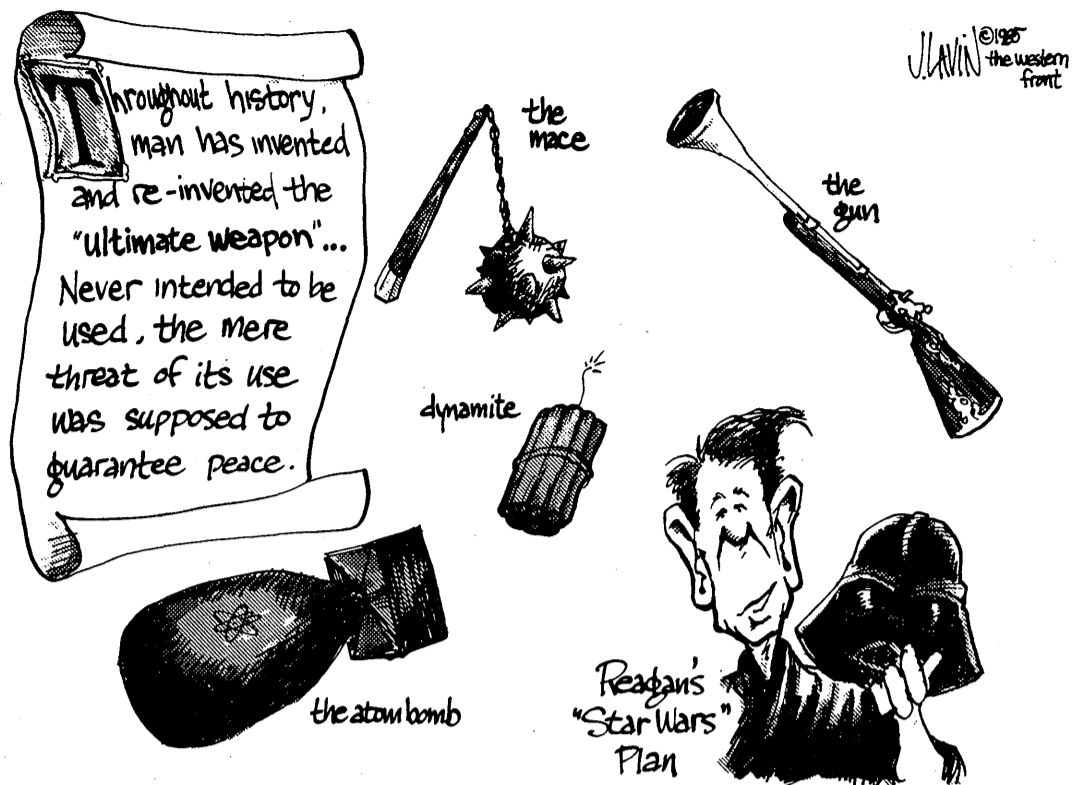
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### Post-Holiday stomach letdown

## SAGA salad bar best bet

By Liisa Hannus

Christmas: A time for parties, family and gift-giving. A time following finals when the only things on people's minds are resting, relaxing and eating.

Ah yes, eating. Everybody's favorite pastime, especially with Mom's great cooking. The food is what makes going home seem so worthwhile. The turkey and stuffing, and the home baking make it difficult to pack up and leave.

Come January, however, we must leave and return to Western, that place of higher education that brings us back to our friends and our studies. We forget, or at least try to forget, last quarter's classes and prepare for the new ones. Nothing has changed. Nothing at all.

With the warmth of Christmas leftovers still in my stomach, I walked into the SAGA dining hall the Monday before classes. This was my first SAGA meal in almost a month. As I said, nothing has changed.

The warmth in my stomach was replaced quickly by a heavy weight. Maybe this is punishment for staying up late playing Trivial Pursuit during finals week. Maybe SAGA has started a new weight-loss program (the "One Bite And You've Had Enough" diet).

I don't know what it is about the food that is so unappealing. I know, though, that I am not the only



one who feels this way. A few of my friends refuse to eat there, even though the food has already been paid for in their housing payments. They would rather spend their own money and go down to Burger King for 49¢ cheeseburgers. So would I.

There doesn't seem to be any specific problem with the food at SAGA. It is a number of small things: greasy eggs, cold fried potatoes, bland-tasting food. These are just a few of the problem areas. The thing that bothers me the most is some nights three really good items are offered on the menu and then for the rest of the week the best bet is the salad bar.

The food service at Western is, on the whole, fairly good. It must please the hearts of mothers to know their growing boys are able to eat all they want. It is not a case of how much they want, but how much they can stomach.

I don't know what the solution is. Maybe I am in the minority. Maybe the majority of people on campus like the food they eat day in and day out. If so, then my stomach and I will suffer quietly.

At the present time, my only way of helping to prevent the demise of my intestines is to eat only breakfast at SAGA. Not the "hot" breakfast, but the cold cereal and toast kind.

The way I see it, it can't be too easy to ruin these things. My friend, Wendy, disagrees with me. She tells me SAGA doesn't put crunch berries in the Captain Crunch, and how can you eat Captain Crunch without crunch berries?

I eat Cheerios myself.

### Will the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. ever agree?

## Geneva talks breed doubts

By Elizabeth Parker

The ice is thawing...or so it would seem.

The United States and the Soviet Union have decided to discuss the total elimination of nuclear weapons.

As a journalist, I'm maintaining a healthy skepticism about how much these talks will do to reduce the nuclear tensions between the superpowers. As a citizen of the world, I'm hoping for the best.

My skepticism has me questioning the sincere desire of sides to attain peace. After all, history has shown that both the United States and the Soviet Union have found it difficult, first, to get to the negotiating tables, and second, to comply with the agreements reached.

But is sincerity the key to positive results? I think not. The real issue here is diplomatic.

What would the United States (Reagan administration) have to gain by reaching an agreement? And what about the Soviets?

The United States and the Soviet Union would un-



doubtedly gain much vital information about the other's defensive and offensive weapons. Reagan, if successful, would go down in history as a minor deity who helped to rid the world of a horrendous threat. The Soviets, on the other hand, would have the chance to block a leap ahead in the U.S. space defense technology. The Soviets also would be happy about the money saved by an arms reduction. They would be able to direct the money into their sluggish economy.

Many people, especially Americans, are under the misconception that 'our side' goes into arms talks with an objective of peace. Hardly. Diplomacy is much more complex. For example, we and the Soviets may really intend to sway or play to world opinion, to test the other side's resolve, or to win a political point.

Diplomacy is but one of the hurdles that must be overcome if a workable agreement is to be reached. The U.S. elections in 1988 could be a factor in the negotiations if solid decisions aren't made in the next 18 to 24 months. The current transition in the Soviet leadership could also make a difference. Whoever becomes the defense minister will have to take care to not appear too soft in dealing with the United States but also must be willing to make realistic concessions.

If these and other problems can be overcome, we may be able to look realistically at a future without nuclear weapons. If not, we may be met with a renewed arms race and an even colder war.

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# LETTERS

## Friend missed

Western Front:

My friends and I thank you (and especially Ron Judd) for the time and effort put into the article written and published in the Dec. 4 *Western Front* about our late friend, Jeff Mohn. Finally, there was an article written that reflected Jeff's life as it truly was. Thank you for that.

Now, on the other hand, we'd like to express our feelings about

the overuse and exploitation of Jeff's name in every alcohol-related article there has been in the *Front* since his death. Why have you made us suffer by using our friend's name and death as an example time and time again?

Your constant reference to him in every alcohol-related incident only serves to keep our wounds fresh. It is hard enough facing the fact that our friend is dead and will never again return to us, let alone to keep reading about him as an example in our school paper. Please help us in remembering Jeff as the fun-loving kind of guy he was and not as an example or a statistic in our very own newspaper.

We realize that, as a newspaper, it has been your duty to inform the

public of such happenings. But we feel there is no need to further refer to the tragic death of Jeff Mohn.

Again, thank you for taking the time to do justice to a much loved and much missed friend.

Julie Harley  
Susie Christi  
Karen Sims  
Dawn Priestman

## Professionalism

Western Front:

I have just had the opportunity to read the Dec. 4 issue of *Western Front*. I want to commend you and your staff for the high quality of journalism this issue displays. I was particularly impressed with Ron Judd's sensitivity in his article on Jeffery Mohn. When he dis-

cussed with me the writing of such an article, I expressed concern that the feelings of the parents be considered. Upon reading the article, I am most impressed with his sensitivity. Journalism of this caliber can only be commended.

I was also impressed with Holly Blomberg's article on the proposed Health Services fee increase. Holly went to great lengths to ensure that her story was accurate. Again, an example of high quality reporting.

I have talked with a number of people about this issue of the *Front*. All of them—faculty, a member of the Board of Trustees, Student Affairs staff—agree that this is an example of exemplary journalism. I, for one, am proud to be a part of a university where the

chance for students to display professionalism, as evidenced by the *Front* staff, is so prevalent. Keep up the good work.

Joan Sherwood  
Vice President for Student Affairs

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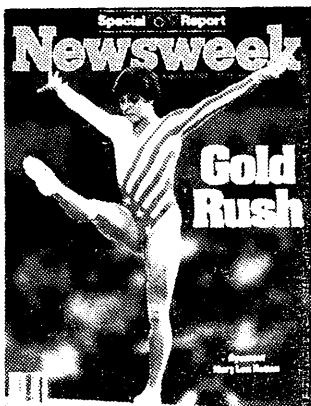
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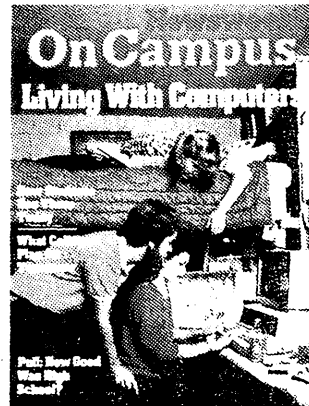
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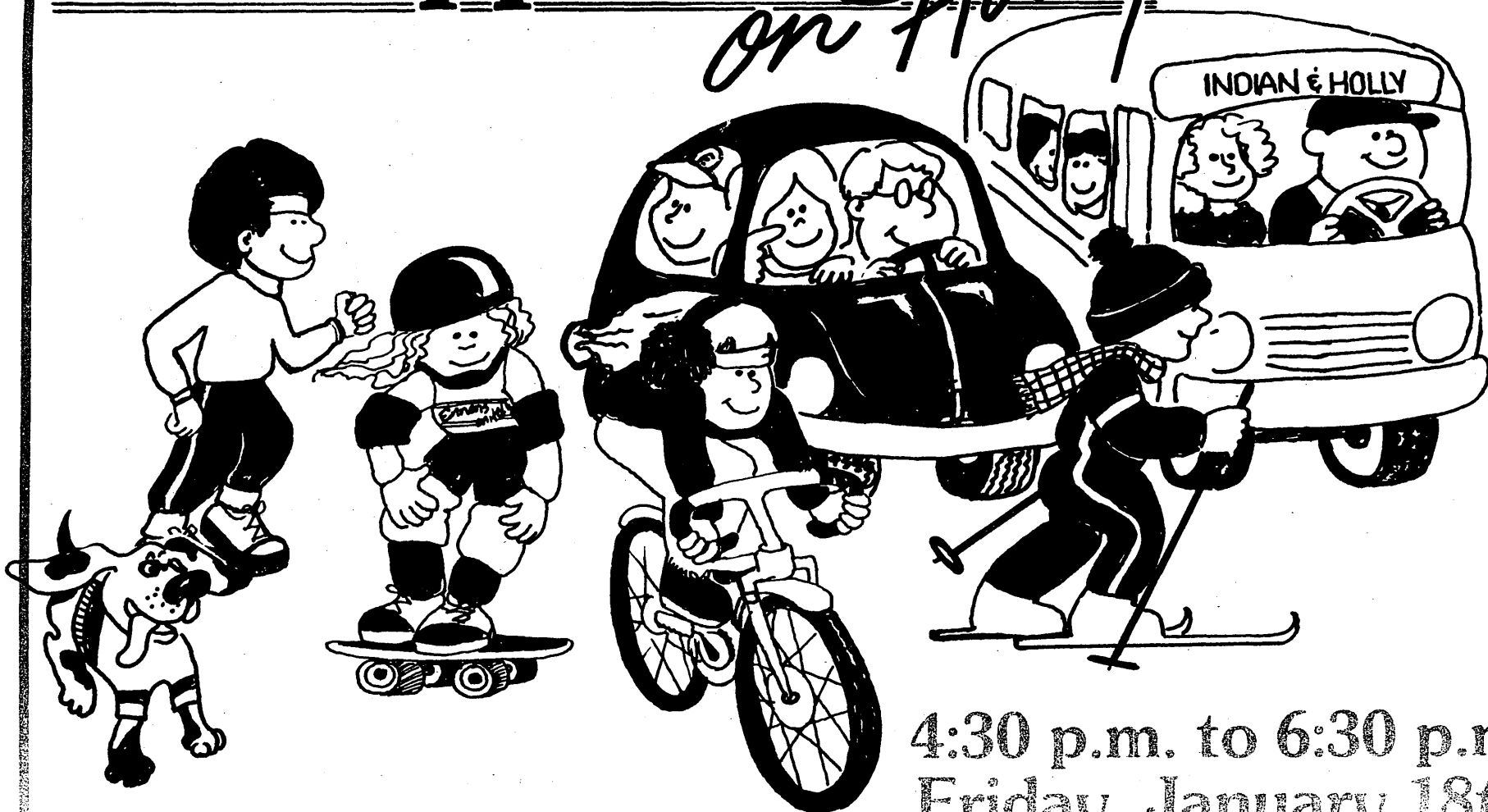


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