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Protesters climb GP plant

Company accused of deforestation

By Don Hunger
of The Western Front

Fifteen protesters cheered as three members of a joint Earth First! - Rain Forest Action Network team unrolled banners yesterday on a Georgia-Pacific building at the corner of Bay and Chestnut streets.

The banners, calling GP an "Eco-raper" and a destroyer of rain forests, hung for 15 minutes before a GP security guard cut them down. During this time, traffic surged sporadically as drivers paused to read the banners through foggy car windows and a steady rain.

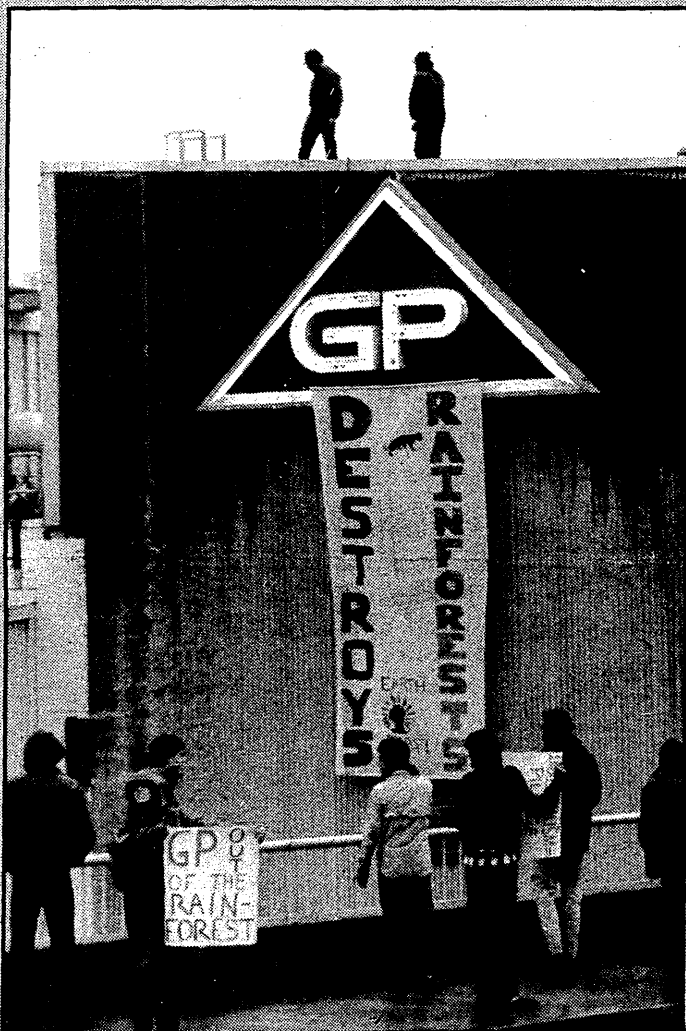
Two Bellingham police officers arrived at the scene to observe the group and await GP's decision concerning the trespassing protesters on their building.

No trespassing charges were filed because GP felt the infraction was minor, said Orman Darby, GP public relations director.

"Our concern was for their safety. That's a busy, industrial section of our plant," Darby said.

On Chestnut Street, the protesters were allowed to continue their sidewalk crusade uninterrupted. Many held signs chastising and accusing GP of deforestation in tropical rain forests. And they occasionally cheered as passing motorists signaled signs of support.

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Jesse Tinsley/the Front

Protesters hung a banner from a Georgia-Pacific building Thursday.

Bellingham police net campus drivers

By Molly Krogstadt
of The Western Front

Bellingham police staged a shake-down Tuesday night, issuing \$423 in traffic tickets in 30 minutes to drivers passing through the closed portion of High Street on campus.

Officers gave nine \$47 citations for moving violations between 8:15 and 8:45 p.m. when drivers entered the campus, ignoring chained gates and "do not enter" signs.

Three cars were dispatched but only two issued tickets near Wilson Library and the Viking Union. Despite the flash of patrol car lights, motorists continued to drive through the campus's main thoroughfare.

"It's my guess that the students think there is not as much enforcement by the Bellingham police," campus security officer John Browne said.

"When we were commissioned officers there were at least two men patrolling most nights and we could include more traffic enforcement. We usually handed out one or two tickets a week," he said.

Browne ticketed several parked cars with \$10 city and campus parking fines, some of which were parked without permits in the lot by Haggard Hall.

The section of High Street is closed from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, but Browne said more people have been ignoring the closed signs.

Western student Wayne Roseberry said he supports upgraded traffic enforcement.

"If the police are bold and direct about everything then the policies are clear," he said. "Before, nothing was done about it so people ignored the signs."

A group of students in Wilson Library said police acted justly in the ticket sweep but disagreed with the 9 p.m. closure policy.

One student who suggested the street only be closed during working hours from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. said, "Classes are out then and there shouldn't be any problems."

Former student Kent Jepson, who twice received tickets of \$47 while at Western, said the street should be closed at 7 p.m. after dinner hours.

"It's a good decision to charge a student who tries to go through the road, but I think the \$47 fine is way too much," he said. "They have to remember they're dealing with kids on a college budget."

The standard ticket for any moving violation is \$47, but Jepson said they should make an exception to the standard on campus. He suggested officers give warnings to first-time offenders.

Browne said students who receive moving violation tickets have the option of appealing in court.

"There is nothing they can do about the parking tickets, but the courts will very often lower the traffic tickets," he said.

Students grill Mortimer at fireside chat

Parking, security key issues for Birnam Wood residents

By Gretchen Hafterson
of The Western Front

Parking and campus security were among the top issues raised by Birnam Wood residents Tuesday night as they spoke with Western President Kenneth Mortimer.

Residents had the chance to meet informally with Mortimer, who said he didn't have a prepared speech and he would talk about anything they wanted. He began by saying he wouldn't dodge any questions.

"If I'm not smart enough to avoid answering questions I don't want to, I shouldn't have this job," Mortimer said.

For about an hour, Mortimer tried to address student concerns, although he admitted he didn't have an answer for every problem.

Parking was a top issue on students' minds, but Mortimer warned the resi-

dents that a quick solution may not be the best solution.

"Every time you look at parking, you raise the rates," he said.

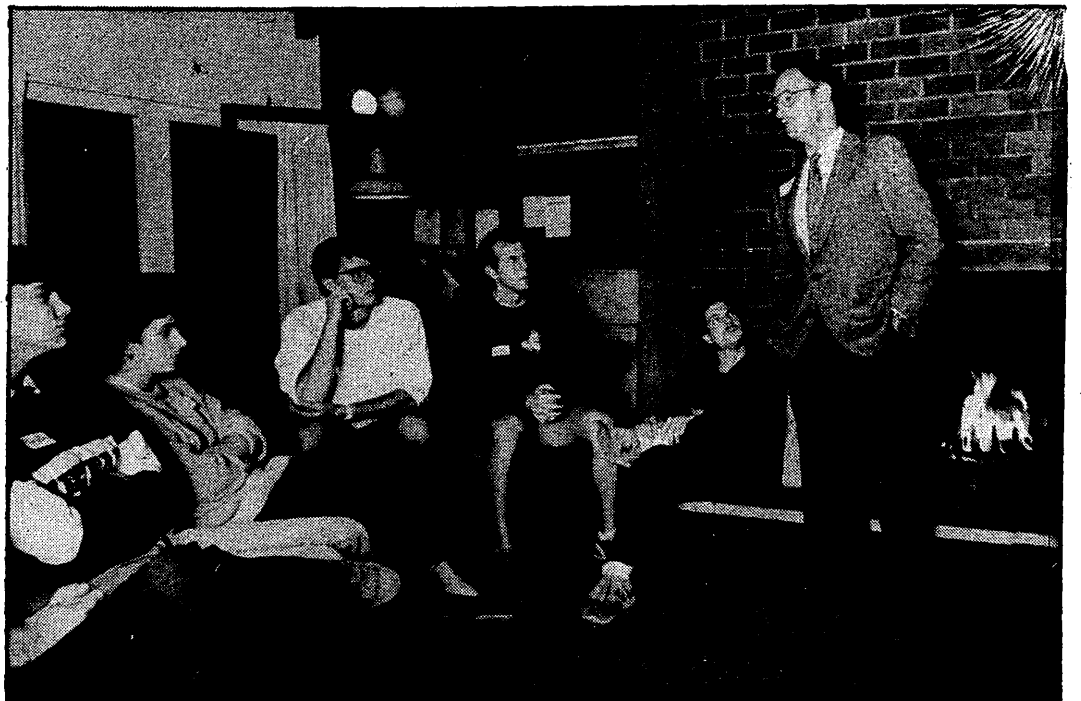
He asked for suggestions on the parking problem from the students, but opposed the idea of a multi-level garage next to Parks Hall because he feels recreational and green space is more important.

Not granting permits to freshmen was another option.

"We really ought to look at who should have cars," Mortimer said. "What do you care? There aren't any freshmen here."

Campus security apparently was an uncomfortable issue for Mortimer. He said the decision to decommission the police force was already made when he took office, so he will stand by the Board of Trustees' decision.

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Western President Kenneth Mortimer chatted with Birnam Wood residents Tuesday. Jesse Tinsley/the Front

AS encourages students to participate in provost forum

Qualifications and other concerns about the university's next academic vice president will be discussed at a search committee open forum at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in Lecture Hall 2.

This is the one scheduled opportunity this school year for students and community members to speak about the search.

The committee hopes to draw comments from students, faculty, staff and community members so it can suggest the qualities a new vice president should possess.

Associated Students President Tammy Fleming stressed the importance of student attendance at the forum during the Associated Students Board meeting Tuesday.

"This could make or break the effect of student input," she said.

The vice president, also to be known as the provost, is important to the students because he or she oversees faculty and deans, Fleming said.

If a student has a conflict with a professor or department after having

unsuccessfully met with the dean, the academic vice president is the administrator who resolves further problems.

Fleming said students should be concerned with appointing the new vice president, and should look to see if he will be more likely to favor the faculty or the students.

The vice president also will be the right-hand aide to the president. If something should happen to the president, the provost would step into the position.

Fleming and AS Secretary-Treasurer Kent Thoeke are student representatives on the search committee.

The committee will review the concerns of those who attend the meeting, Fleming noted, and will weigh these considerations along with her and Thoeke's recommendations.

"The committee tends to look down on students," Thoeke said.

Other forums are scheduled specifically for administrators, faculty and staff.

For Your Information

Democrats meet at Viking Union

Western Democrats will be having their first meeting of the year at 5 p.m., Oct. 17 in Viking Union 464. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Halloween treat: join blood drive

Student Health Services will sponsor its fall quarter blood drive from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 31.

Recycling day features crafts

Recycling Awareness Day sponsored by Bellingham Community Recycling will be from 1-3 p.m. Oct. 16 at Bloedel-Donovan Park.

Booths will be set up displaying such information as composting,

reducing home waste and setting up home recycling systems.

Hands-on activities for children and adults will include paper making, button making and designing crafts using recyclable home items.

For information about recycling or the free event, call Community Recycling at 733-8307.

Center explores man's role today

Explore being male in today's society. The Men's Resource Center meets from 3-5 p.m. in VU 219 on Tuesdays or call 733-3400.

Swim program looks for help

Volunteers are needed for the Physically Challenged Swim Program. The program is from 6 to 7 p.m. Mondays in Carver Gym pool. The volunteers work and swim with people who have physical limita-

tions. To become a volunteer, call Steve Wynn of the Multi-Cultural Center at 676-3843.

WSL looking to fill positions


The Western chapter of the Washington Student Lobby is looking for people to fill open positions on its board. Meetings are every two weeks in the VU. The offices of vice chair, secretary and treasurer are still open. For more information contact Nick Antush in VU 222, or call 676-3460 (ext. 5489).

Potluck planned by Peace Corps

A potluck for returning Peace Corps volunteers is planned for 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 23 in Viking Addition 461. Call Lisbeth Anderson at 676-3017 for more information.


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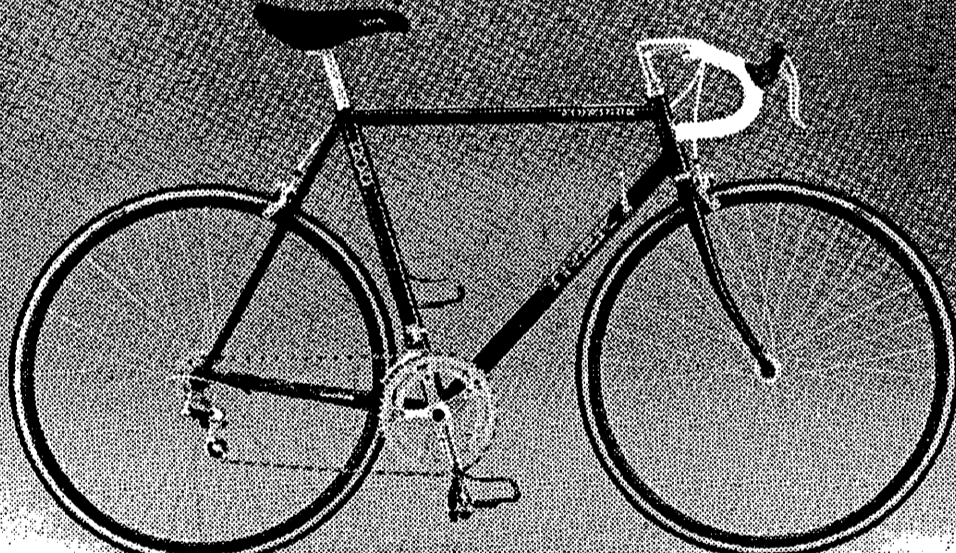
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President hears students' concerns

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"I don't know what was in the board's mind, but it is not for me to question their decision. I do not expect things to change. I expect to win (the upcoming court case) and to get on with it."

His plans for Western's future call for preparing students for the diverse culture of the 1990s. To do this, Mortimer indicated he would like to see more money coming into the university through a significant increase in private sector fund raising.

"We also need to look at how we spend the money we now have, look at the quality of various programs and eliminate what we can't do well, so we aren't spreading ourselves too thin."

"No, I don't have any particular

programs in mind, so don't ask," he added.

Mortimer said it takes from 10 to 20 cents to raise a dollar, so he plans to move cautiously in fund raising.

Lifting the enrollment lid is another way he envisions more money coming into the university.

He said Western could expand to 10,000 students at about half the cost of building branch campuses.

Housing for more students is a problem Mortimer hopes the community will solve.

"It's an issue of whether we will provide housing or the private sector will. It's a good investment. We're trying to convince them to build with the promise that we can fill them in the next few years."

After the group discussion students chatted individually with Mortimer about his hobbies and family.

Ex-professor picks atheism, religion of scientific reasoning

The following story originally was published Tuesday in the Front but was incorrectly printed because of editors' errors in production.

By Sara Britton
of The Western Front

Retired Western professor Howard McGaw is one of few self-avowed atheists.

One dictionary defines an atheist as someone who denies the existence of a god. McGaw referred to atheism as "unbelief" in the supernatural.

"Most people avoid the term atheist, choosing instead to call themselves agnostics or secular humanists," McGaw said, adding that he himself belongs to various organizations of all three categories.

"It is not possible to disprove the existence of an invisible spirit," McGaw explained when asked to define unbelief. "However, the burden of proof, of a supernatural order or of anything else, rests on the individual who asserts something to be so."

Agnostics, secular humanists and atheists believe in the religion

of reason, he said. Scientific proof and logical arguments dictate their ethical views and behavior.

Because the existence of a god cannot be proven, McGaw said, immortality cannot be proven. To those who would question the motivation for moral and humane behavior without the reward of afterlife, atheistic literature argues that ethical systems are based on the worth humans have assigned to life: "good" is that which enhances life, and "evil" is that which threatens it.

An atheist, agnostic or humanist is more likely to be a free thinker, skeptical of religion.

—Howard McGaw

McGaw, a once conventional Methodist from Nashville, began to question his long-standing Christian beliefs and biases after he turned 30.

"Even after college, I remained prejudiced against Jews because of

Biblical stories about what they did to Jesus," he said, referring to the persecution of Jesus Christ.

McGaw said that he became more and more aware of discrepancies in the Christian religion. He noted instances of swearing, demeaning treatment of women, mass killings and cruelties that were done in the name of God in the Bible and directly contradict commandments.

"So many wars and violence are based on a religious premise — look at Ireland, Iraq and Iran," said McGaw. The disparity between the idea of an omnipotent and merciful god and the reality of the suffering of innocent people and a world full of violence finally led him to adopt an atheistic point of view, he said.

"An atheist, agnostic or humanist is more likely to be a free thinker, skeptical of religion," said McGaw, and added that these free thinkers are often more highly educated than the average parishioner.

McGaw was director of libraries at Western for four years before teaching classes in library science, humanities and education. He retired in 1978 after 15 years at Western.

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Environmentalists accuse GP of destroying tropical forests

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Several of the protesters, who are also Western students, called the protest an "officially sanctioned" event, saying it was coordinated with World Rainforest Information Week, Oct. 9-16.

"What we're trying to do is demonstrate GP's part in the global problem of cutting down rain forests. In these times of ozone depletion it's important to ask who's to blame," said Peter Fraizer, a protesting Fairhaven student.

"In our little town it's important to draw attention to the bigger culprits," said Beth Fries, protester from Western. "GP has a plant in Brazil that processes veneer made from tropical trees. It's important for people to know this."

Darby called the protest a "mis-directed event," and said he wished he could have responded to their charges.

"We're not in the same division of GP. They need to talk to our international division about operations in

foreign countries. Even then, when we're in those countries we operate at their invitation and by their governments' laws."

Darby said the Bellingham plant will take responsibility for its own actions.

"I think GP's very responsible for what they're doing elsewhere. It's a common ploy of major corporations to claim an inability to control what another section of their business is doing. If it's not their responsibility, then who's it?" Fries said.

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- **ATTENTION NATIONAL DIRECT/PERKINS & GUARANTEED STUDENT LOAN BORROWERS:** If you are not returning to campus winter quarter or are graduating fall quarter, you are required to schedule an exit interview. Stop by NDSL/Perkins Repayment, OM265, or call 676-2943 no later than Nov. 11 to schedule an interview. Transcripts are subject to withholding if you do not appear for the required interview.
- **RHODES SCHOLARSHIP** applications for 1989-90 are due Oct. 24. Materials are available in HU207 or call 676-2967.
- **PRE-MED STUDENTS:** A representative from California College of Podiatric Medicine will give a presentation at 4 p.m. Tues., Oct. 18, in HH168. All interested students are welcome.
- **PHYSICAL THERAPY STUDENTS:** A representative from the Army Baylor Physical Therapy Program will be available at 1 p.m. Mon., Oct. 17, in CV146 to talk with interested students.
- **PARKING LOTS RESERVED:** Lots 11G, 25G, 13G & 14G will be reserved Sun., Oct. 16, for special event parking. All unauthorized vehicles must be cleared from those lots by 11:30 a.m. on that date. High Street also will be used, and on-street access will be restricted beginning at 7 a.m.
- **BEING MALE:** Explore being male in today's society. 3-5 p.m. Tuesdays, Men's Resource Center, VU219, to the end of the quarter.

On-Campus Interview Schedule

Seniors and certificate and master's candidates must be registered with the Career Planning & Placement Center to interview. Read sign-up folders for additional requirements.

- **Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.,** Mon., Oct. 17. Submit CIF and sign up in OM280.
- **Target Stores,** Wed., Oct. 19. Submit CIF and sign up in OM280.
- **Peat Marwick Main & Co.,** Thurs., Oct. 20. Preselect. Submit resume and CIF in OM280.
- **Lawrence Livermore National Lab,** Thurs., Oct. 20. Submit CIF and sign up in OM280.
- **Microsoft,** Mon., Oct. 24. Internships. Group presentation: 3 p.m., WL Presentation Rm. No sign-up required.
- **Touche Ross & Co.,** Mon., Oct. 24. Preselect.
- **J.C. Penny Co.,** Mon.-Tues., Oct. 24-25. Submit CIF and sign up in OM280.
- **Safeco Corp.,** Tues., Oct. 25. Submit CIF and sign up in OM280. Group info session: 7:30 p.m. Mon., Oct. 24, OM280.
- **Deloitte Haskins & Sells,** Wed., Oct. 26. Preselect.
- **John Fluke Manufacturing Co.,** Wed., Oct. 26. Preselect.
- **Safeco Corp.,** Wed., Oct. 26. Submit CIF and sign up in OM280.
- **Arthur Young & Co.,** Thurs., Nov. 27. Preselect.
- **U.S. Marine Corps Officers Program,** Thurs.-Fri., Oct. 27-28. Sign up in OM280.
- **Metcalf, Hodges & Co.,** Thurs.-Fri., Nov. 27-28. Preselect.
- **Timberline Software Corp.,** Fri., Oct. 28. Submit CIF and sign up in OM280.
- **Crow Gervais & Co. Preselect.** Submit resume only in OM280 by Oct. 14. Employer will contact applicants.
- **Larson Gross & Assoc.,** Thurs., Nov. 3. Preselect. Submit resume and CIF in OM280 by Oct. 19.
- **Job Search Workshops:** Job Search Strategies—3 a.m. Thurs., Oct. 27; Interview Techniques—2 p.m. Wed., Oct. 19 & 3 p.m. Wed., Nov. 2; Resume Writing—11 a.m. Tues., Oct. 25; Effective Cover Letters—11 a.m. Tues., Nov. 1; Job Search Strategies—2 p.m. Tues., Oct. 18. Sign-up required in OM280.
- **Help with Career Planning:** A 3-part self-assessment workshop is set for 2-4 p.m. Oct. 26 & Nov. 2 & 9 in OM355. For information, stop by OM280. Drop-in hours for resume checks are 1-2 p.m. Mondays and 2-3 p.m. Thursdays in OM280.

SPORTS

Easy victory for women's volleyball

By Erik K. Johnston
of The Western Front

It doesn't take a miracle to reach the women's volleyball NAIA District 1 tournament. It does take hard work and Wednesday night wins at Schome High School's gym.

The Vikings won their third consecutive match by smashing the Clan of Simon Fraser University in three games 15-5, 15-7 and 15-13, upping their division record to 4-1 (16-14 season record) to keep pace with division leaders University of Puget Sound and Pacific Lutheran University.

"There are no undefeated teams in the division, so we're sitting in good position," said Viking Head Coach Chris Hartmann. "The race is really wide open, but I think we have a good chance at winning the district championship."

Western opened up a quick lead in the first game and did not let up a bit until the game was over, winning 15-5 in a mere 10 minutes.

"In our last match (against Seattle Pacific University), we blew a 13-1 lead and lost 16-14. This time we stayed mentally tough and put the game away," sophomore middle blocker Kim Wells said.

In the second game, the Viking attack was led by senior outside hitter Lori Hahn. Western jumped out to an early lead and never gave it up, slapping the Clan with another quick defeat 15-7.

With Western up 2-0 in the match, it appeared the team was on its way to an easy three-game sweep. The Vikings were playing just the way they had planned: a powerful, upbeat offensive attack. "Simon Fraser's style is very slow-paced and controlled. They played this way last time and we were ready for them to do it again tonight," Hartmann said.

The third game began with a little bit of controversy. The Vikings were on the court, but SFU remained in their huddle off to the side. By taking too much time to put a team on the court, the Clan coach received a yellow card. But after his players took to the floor he received a red card for spilling a cup of water within six feet of the court's boundary. It is against the rules to have water or other liquids within six feet of the court because of the possibility of it getting on or near the court and serving as a hazard to the players.

"I know that it (the water rule) is a rule, but I feel that the officials should pay more attention to the game itself than what is going on the sidelines," said Clan Coach Petr Neveklovsky. Officials are the worst thing about the game of volleyball because the only time they practice officiating is during the matches, he said. "If they (the officials) practiced as much as the players do, the game would be a lot better."

The race is really wide open, but I think we have a good chance at winning the district championship.

— Coach Chris Hartmann

Simon Fraser was charged for a timeout and the Vikings were awarded the possession to start the third game. The Vikings continued their success and took an 8-3 lead. Western seemed to be in complete control of the match, but the Clan refused to lie down and die.



Bill Gregersen-Morash/the Front

Viking Laura Lindsay (8) spikes the ball against Simon Fraser blockers.

The Viking lead began to shrink more and more until the Clan tied the game up at 8-8. The shift in momentum to the Clan caused the Vikes to call timeout as SFU took a 10-9 lead.

After the timeout, the Clan stretched their lead to 13-9. The Viking defense tightened up and put a halt to the Clan's 10-2 scoring run. Western took the lead back 14-13 on an explosive spike by Hahn off the hands of a Simon Fraser blocker. The Vikes

finally finished the Clan off with a perfectly placed dink by senior outside hitter Christie Erskine.

"Our team is really in a slump right now, and we are playing like we don't even want to win," Clan middle blocker Kyra Roeck said.

"Western is playing with a lot of confidence right now, and that is why they are winning," Neveklovsky said. "They are relaxed and having fun,

where as we are too stiff and we are losing."

The Vikings' outstanding player of the game was Lori Hahn, who led the team in kills. Last week, Hahn earned district Player of the Week honors last week with 29 kills and 22 digs in two matches.

Western's next match will be against the University of Puget Sound at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday in Tacoma.

Big plays crucial for a Viking win

By Michelle Partridge
of The Western Front

With last weekend's victory over Simon Fraser University, Western's football team hopes to continue the streak Saturday against Western Oregon State College.

"We will either have to make big plays or no plays," Western Coach Paul Hansen said. "Western Oregon is the kind of team that defensively blitzes a lot, so we have to make the big plays."

The Vikings and the Wolves go into the game with 1-2 league records. Both are 1-3 overall. Western is fifth in the Mount Rainier

League, while Western Oregon is tied for fifth in the Mount Hood League.

"Western Oregon is in the same boat as us," freshman quarterback Matt Mikesell said. "We're both looking for our second win. We'd like to go undefeated the rest of the season."

Western will travel Saturday to Monmouth, Ore. for the 1:30 p.m. Columbia Football League

inter-league contest.

Coming off last week's 23-9 victory over SFU, the Vikings hope to repeat last year's mid-season turnaround. At the time Western had a three-game losing streak but then went undefeated to post its first winning season in 10 years.

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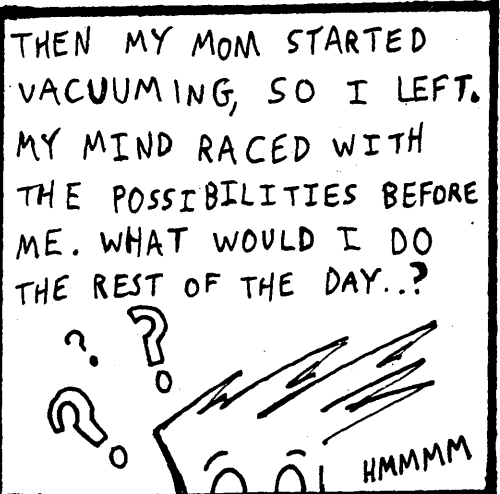
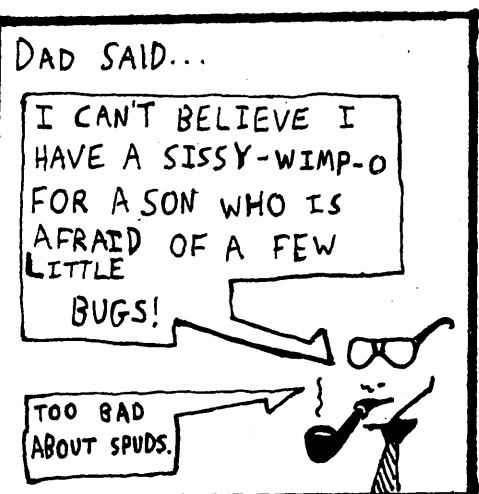
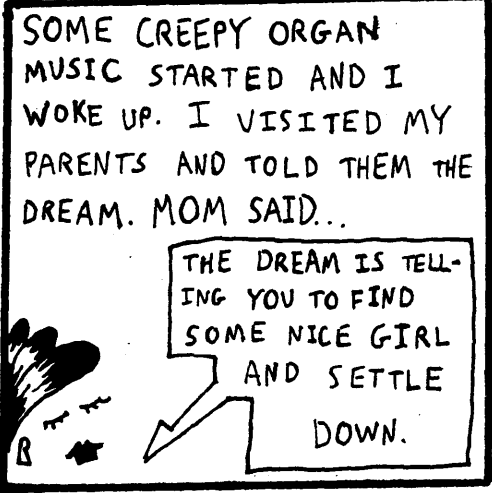
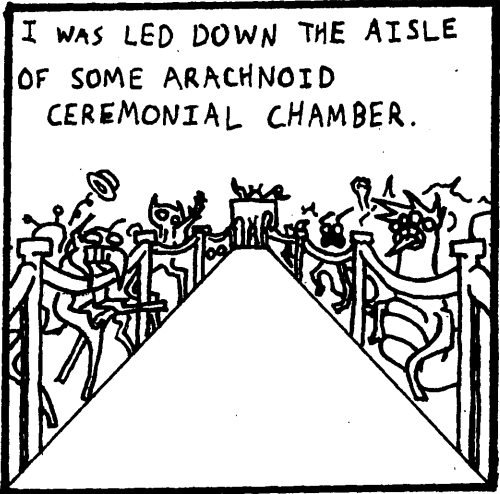
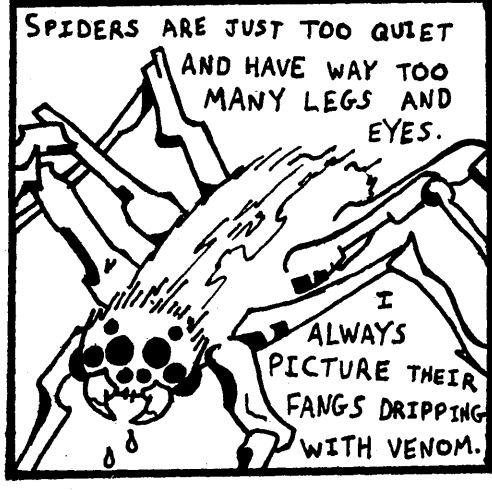
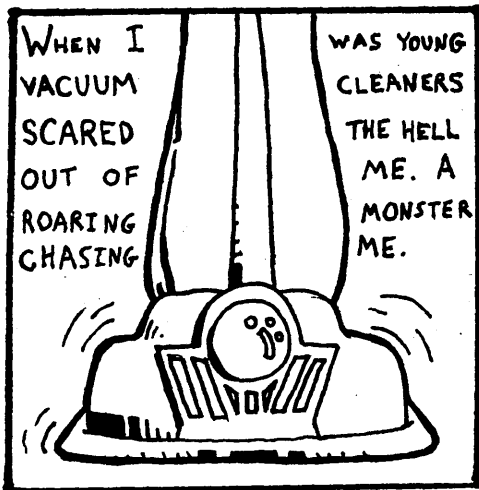
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Grotto videos relieve study stress

By Molly Krogstadt
of Accent Magazine

His back is arched, his shoulders tight, his head still.

His upper body is motionless except for his arms and eyes, which are working furiously together in perfect partnership.

He sits on a chair, rocking back and forth, synchronized with the action that requires his full concentration.

On the screen before him, his mind, psyche and soul are fighting enemy helicopters in "Twin Eagle" as if his life depended on it.

On the other side of the room, someone calls, "Eight ball, corner pocket." An exciting pool game is about to end, pending the player's knack for sinking the shot he's predicted. Four men await the outcome.

"Game point," echoes from another corner as pingpong players ready themselves for what could be the last serve. In another part of the room, two people are throwing darts, racing to reach zero.

Such is life in the Grotto Game Room in Viking Union 101. The game room contains six pool tables, a dart board, a pingpong table, pinball machines and video games.

Chess, checkers, backgammon and shuffleboard also are available.

Rod Robertson, a fifth-year senior, has worked in the game room since last year. He said more people are learning about the room, but it's not too well-known because of its basement location.

"It kind of hurts being downstairs," Robertson said. "If we were upstairs, we'd need a bigger room because more people would come."

Most of the people who come to the game room need a study break to vent frustration, Robertson said. People physically beating on machines isn't much of a problem, but he said he watches more closely during mid-terms and finals.

Freshmen and sophomores are the most frequent customers, but Robertson said people of all ages visit. The pool tables are high quality, which draws non-students.

"I think we have some of the best tables in Bellingham for being level and having good cushions," Robertson said. "We also have some pretty good sticks."

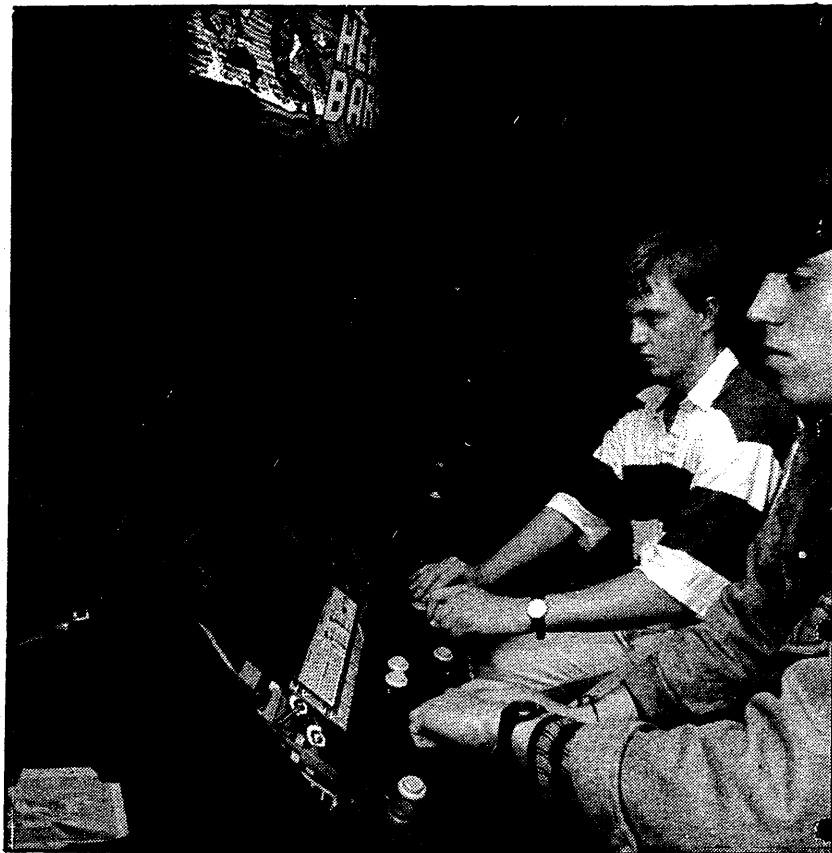
After each summer, the game room is filled with new video games. A new game is installed about once a month. Robertson said they always have the top games because college students master the games quickly and become bored with them. New games keep students interested and challenged.

The most popular game now seems to be "XYBOTS." The game often attracts as many spectators as it does players.

Steve Fruehling said it's interesting to watch other people play the game.

"You kind of scope out what their skill level is compared (with) yours," Fruehling said. "And sometimes a veteran will be watching you, and he'll give you some pointers."

Bill Marchese was a "video junkie" in high school. He spent up to \$10 a night playing video games. Now



Tony Kesslau, right, and Jim Brown pair up to fight the forces of evil in "Heavy Ba

a senior, his habit has tapered off some. He visits the game room about once every two weeks for 10 to 15 minutes and usually only spends 50 cents.

"I'll come in the morning or any time of day," he said. "Sometimes I'll just get a little tinge."

When his "man" dies, and the game is over, Marchese said it makes him slightly mad.

"I don't want to see my quarter go that fast," he said.

Chuck Ganus is a regular, one of five freshmen pool players from Nash Hall. Sometimes they play for fun, sometimes for money.

He said he plays about an hour a day.

"It beats other things to do," he said. "And it's pretty cheap."

It costs \$1.50 an hour for pingpong, darts and drivers license or a meal.

Jeff Running and Dan Nash Hall, come to the game room usually after lunch. They usually play in the hall, usually in use, isn't room.

"It's a good place to go not ready to study, but you might as well."

The Grotto Game Room is open Monday through Friday weekends.

Thin Men will rake 'n' roll Bellingham's fertile ground

By Sarita Christensen
of Accent Magazine

Psycho-punk-pop-a-roll has finally hit the Bellingham music scene. And what a fertile ground it has hit.

Musicians and spectators alike have remarked on the originality of Bellingham's musical palette. Anyone eager for a break from the top-40, bubble-gum grind should be satiated this Saturday night when the dynamic Thin Men come to the World Famous Up and Up Tavern for a one night stand.

The Thin Men only use original material except for an occasional cover song. Singer-songwriter duo Ben Floresca and Tom "Fidelity" Gnoza Jones, compare their collaborative abilities to those of John Lennon and Paul McCartney. Jones tends

to concentrate on lyrics and Floresca on instrumentation. Although, like the famous pair from the '60s, both musicians are accomplished in both areas.

Floresca and Jones open each show with 30 minutes of acoustic guitar and accompanying vocals before kicking into their high-energy performance.

Former Western student Barrett Martin accents the group's sound on the drums and Pat Pedersen plays bass.

The four-man band has only been together for three months but has already put a dent in the Seattle music scene. They have defeated two groups in "The Battle of the Bands," a contest sponsored by the Ballard Firehouse nightclub to find the best new Seattle band.

The Thin Men are in the finals

for the \$1,000 prize, which will be awarded Oct. 24.

The Thin Men, who have already cut a four-song demo featuring their hit single, "Strange World," have played at such nightspots as the Central Tavern and Ballard Firehouse in Seattle, and Natacha's in Bremerton.

Jones and Pedersen, childhood friends and former members of the now defunct blues-fusion band, N-Reactor, said the Thin Men are looking forward to playing here.

"I love playing at the Up and Up; the crowds are great," Jones said.

"We are looking forward to playing in Bellingham. The crowds are very diverse, and, therefore, the music can be original and still be appreciated," Floresca said. In Seattle a lot of audiences seem to want the same old "big hair and bigger amps" image, he added.

Jones credits the Rocket (a Puget Sound musical entertainment magazine) for bringing the group together. Both Martin and Floresca called Jones about the ad he wrote asking for a drummer. He chose Martin to fill the spot.

However, after two hours on the phone with Floresca, Jones realized the potential to complement each other's style of music. Floresca joined the band as a singer/songwriter/guitarist that day.

Music has interested Jones since he was young. His first inspiration was his mother, who now performs with the Tri-City Jazz Band.

Floresca was writing songs and having other musicians play his work until about four years ago when he just got "fed up" waiting around for unreliable guitarists. He taught himself to play by ear, like Jones.

The foursome will play at the Up and Up at 10:30 tomorrow night.



courtesy of The Thin Men

The Thin Men will hit the Up and Up Tavern tomorrow night.

GROCER'S CORONER



Jesse Tinsley/Accent photo illustration

Snack can't cut mustard

By Gail Skurla
of Accent Magazine

The refrigerator is empty, except for a jar of moldy tartar sauce and half a can of cat food. It's lunchtime, and I, deliriously hungry, hop on my trusty scooter in search of Food.

At the grocery store I head into the cold cuts department, my taste buds tactfully veering me past the bologna and jellied beef loaf. In my haste and hunger, I grab a bright yellow package labeled "Lunchables." Kind of scary, but hey, I'm starving, so I whip out \$2.50 for the clerk and race home.

In my kitchen, with my roommates curiously looking over my shoulder, I take a moment to examine my purchase.

"Oscar Mayer Deluxe Lunchables:" six crackers, six mini-slices of "meat"

(ham and roast beef with "25 percent flavoring solution"), a tiny hunk of perforated Swiss cheese, a mini round of babybel cheese, mustard sauce and, to top it off, a mint wafer.

This is lunch? Where's my microwavable burrito?

I open the package and stare at the artfully arranged little plastic tray, complete with a folded paper napkin (bright yellow, of course, to match the box). As I remove the plastic wrap, I am strangely reminded of flying on an airplane.

I fantasize for a moment that I'm heading to Mazatlan on a 747, squeezed in a seat between two fat women. Suddenly, I crave a Bloody Mary.

The snickering of my roommates jars me out of my daydream. I get a whiff of day-old lunchmeat and cheese. Maybe I'll eat the cat food.

Club exposes underground

By Sara Britton
of Accent Magazine

What's in a name?

In the case of Bellingham's newest nightclub Speedy O'Tubbs Rhythmic Underground, the name spears the center of the dartboard: It's underground, full of rhythm and slightly out-of-the-ordinary.

Since its Sept. 19 grand opening, Speedy O'Tubbs has featured a variety of live and recorded sounds, ranging from jazz and reggae to pop and sub-pop "thrasher" hits. Located in the Fairhaven district, the club also has a good selection of beer and Northwest wines.

Partners Keith Wolf and Chas Savage say they are attempting to carve a new niche in Bellingham's usual collection of

deejay-run, top-40 restaurants and clubs that feature a limited selection of live entertainment.

"We want to run a club where new bands can play and get seen," said Wolf, noting that the Northwest has several talented bands which get little exposure outside of Seattle.

Speedy O'Tubbs boasts nouveau artistic decor, which complements the origi-

nal old-fashioned bar. High ceilings and the underground location make the club (surprise!) airy and cool. Having the dance floor and bar at opposite ends of the building adds to the club's elbow room.

This weekend Chemistry Set will play with The Posies. Speedy O'Tubbs is open Tues.-Fri. from 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. and Sat.-Sun. from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Siouxsie-Dali gala

By Francine Ott
of Accent Magazine

Surrealism has never been so ... so ... euphonic.

Siouxsie and the Banshees' latest release, "Peepshow," would be best represented if blasted over the sound system during a Dali exhibit. Dali's depictions would jump off the canvas and turn into "sur-real-live." It would scare some — a lot. The intrepid, however, wouldn't stop to blink but would instead join in the phantasmagoric symphony.

The unorthodox production, on the Geffen label, gushes forth with "Peek-a-boo," the first paean (a groovy song that generates dancing in a funk-mode) off the album. Voices, voices, voices are thrown with no mercy at the listener's ear.

"Come bite on this rag doll, baby!" the voices order. All belonging to Siouxsie Sioux, the voices possess a evanescent quality.

The question is: Which one is real? That's the question we have to wrangle with when surrealism sounds.

RECORD REVIEW

"Peek-a-boo" is the token jammin' tune included on most Siouxsie and the Banshees' albums, but the

adventure doesn't stop there.

Siouxsie's vocals rise to forgotten ethereal highs and sear to settle in a crevice marred by the conflict of notes that only Siouxsie can present in a single breath. The voluptuous listen of an album is an enlightened mix of mesmeric harmonies and all-engrossing bursts of energy.

Percussion, performed by Budgie, is the spinal cord of "Peepshow." The impact of strong blows and the collision of beats keep the album in a twisted mass of vertebrae.

Steven Severin, electric bass, and Jon Klein, guitar, complement each other and are contrasted by the unorthodox style of Martin McCarrick on the cello, keyboards and accordion (NO — not all at the same time).

At the end of the Siouxsie-Dali gala, one can only stop. And hope it happens again soon. And be glad some of the scared left.



courtesy of The Alexander Roy London Ballet Theatre

Roy London Ballet pirouettes into Shakespeare's 'Dream'

By Doree Armstrong
of Accent Magazine

The Alexander Roy London Ballet Theatre pirouettes into Western's 1988-89 Artist and Lecture Series Season with its performance of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

The show starts at 4 p.m. Sunday in the Performing Arts Center. A pre-performance talk by faculty begins at 3:25 p.m.

Alexander Roy and Australian ballerina Christina Gallea will be bringing their company of 12 young dancers to the United States for the first time.

Roy was a star of the East Berlin State Opera before immigrating to the West, where he joined the American Festival Ballet and the Netherlands Dance Theatre. He has created more than 30 ballets for his company during the past

15 years. His company tours internationally at least six months a year. The London Ballet currently is producing a seven week, coast-to-coast tour of the United States.

The Artist and Lecture Series also includes a theater week, featuring dramatizations of the lives of Ernest Hemingway and Gertrude Stein.

Theater-goers can save \$16 on single ticket admissions by purchasing season tickets for \$30 general, \$25 for seniors, Western faculty and staff and \$15 for students. Ballet tickets are \$12 general, \$10 for seniors, Western faculty and staff and \$6 for students. Tickets can be purchased at the Viking Union Information desk or Box Office Northwest at 734-7200.

For information or a brochure on the Artist and Lecture Series, call the College of Fine and Performing Arts at 676-3040.

Watch it wiggle

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And we don't get nothin'. Not a t. You probably think because re made of clay we don't have smarts. Well, we do. And we ow we're getting shafted.

Why can't we get a deal like se damn California Raisins? y're living the rich life on Holly- od and Vine, driving around in r juiced up cars and getting their

way just because they whine.

To think ... they're just some dried up grapes. Sure, they're clay like us ... or at least they were, until they, too, were turned into money-making machines.

So, we thought, "Hey, maybe we can get in on the deal."

We called up their agent and asked if he could bake up a scheme for us. We thought he'd at least mold it over. Imagine our disbelief when his people told us he was on a promotional tour with the Noid. Something about Amnesty International ...

Help us out. We're getting desperate.

If we don't get satisfaction soon, we're going to ask the MBSAC (Mr. Bill Society for Abused Claymation) to represent us.

The society's helped the Stick of Gum and Pretzel (supporting actors in the Raisins' commercials) get their

share of the take.

But that's a last resort because they don't usually take the cases of legends like us.

We do have one consoling thought: The Raisins are a passing trend; Gumby and Pokey live forever ...

Dammit.

— Gumby and Pokey

(Editor's note: Gumby and Pokey are the facades adopted by the Accent editors for this particular issue. The famous clay boy and his trusty steed were not, in fact, available to comment on their predicament. But we believe we have represented them adequately.

By the way, "Watch it wiggle" is a collection of sometimes unrelated thoughts about often irrelevant topics written in the voice of the life forms we, the Accent editors, wish to inhabit for the duration of our spew-age.)

Daniel String Quartet to perform classical concerts

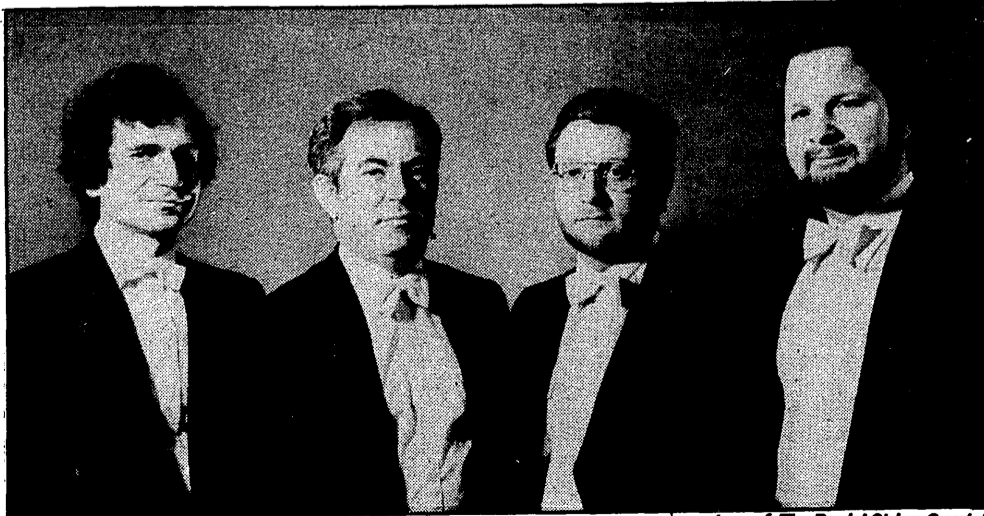
Troy Martin
of Accent Magazine

Back by popular demand, the Daniel String Quartet will perform two concerts, hold a lecture demonstration and conduct a master class on campus next week as part of Western's Artist and Lecture Series.

The quartet will perform Beethoven's "Quartet in G major, Opus 18, No. 2," Debussy's "String Quartet in G minor, Opus 10" and Shostakovich's "String Quartet No. 8 in C minor, Opus 110" at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Performing Arts Center concert hall.

For the second concert, the quartet will perform Beethoven's "Quartet in C sharp minor, Opus 131," Mozart's "Quartet in C major, K. 465" and Webern's "String Quartet in One Movement" at 7 p.m. Thursday in the PAC concert hall.

Ed Rutschman of Western's music department will deliver "prelude talks" before both



courtesy of The Daniel String Quartet

The Daniel String Quartet will perform classical selections by Beethoven and Debussy.

concerts starting at 7:25 p.m. in the PAC.

The quartet was founded by two Soviet emigre violinists, a Romanian emigre violist and an Israeli-born cellist. It premiered at Israel's most prestigious chamber music festival and was honored as Israel's first official Army String Quartet.

The quartet consists of Soviets Misha Furman and Benzion Shamir on violin, Israeli Zvi Maschkovski on cello and Rumanian Itamar Shimon on viola. They studied at the Rubin Academy of Music in Israel and now live in Holland.

Tickets for both concerts are \$7 general, \$5 seniors, Western faculty and staff, and \$3 students. Individual concert tickets are \$5 general, \$4 seniors and \$2 students. Tickets are available at Box Office Northwest in the Bellingham Mall. Call 734-7200.

The quartet, which appeared on campus last year, also will conduct a lecture demonstration at noon and a master class at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the PAC concert hall. Admission is free.

DATELINE

FRIDAY:

BUCK'S TAVERN: The 57's perform at 9:30 p.m. \$4 cover charge.
COFFEE AND COMPANY: Rebecca Valrejean performs at 8 p.m. Free admission.
FAIRHAVEN FILMS: "Wizards" begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Fairhaven College Auditorium. Admission is \$2.
LORD CORNWALL RESTAURANT: Hi Risk performs at 9 p.m. \$1 cover charge.
MAMA SUNDAYS: Magical Strings performs at 8 p.m. in the Viking Union Coffee Shop. Admission is \$3.
SPEEDY O'TUBBS: The Posies and Chemistry Set perform at 8 p.m. Cover charge.

SWING SHIFT PUB: Murphy's Law performs at 9 p.m. No cover charge.
TONY'S COFFEES AND TEAS: Greg Or performs at 8 p.m. Free admission.
THE UP AND UP TAVERN: Go Fish and The Thin Men begin at 9:30 p.m. \$2 cover charge.

SATURDAY:

LORD CORNWALL: Hi Risk begins at 9 p.m. \$1 cover charge.
SPEEDY O'TUBBS: The Posies and Chemistry Set begin at 8 p.m. Cover charge.
SWING SHIFT: Murphy's Law performs at 9 p.m. No cover charge.
TONY'S: Carlson and Chambers perform at 8 p.m. Free admission.
UP AND UP: The Thin Men performs at 9:30 p.m. \$2 cover charge.

SUNDAY:

ASP FILMS: "Stand and Deliver," presented by the Associated Student Productions, begins at 9 p.m. in Arntzen Hall 100. Admission is \$2.
BUCK'S: Comedy Night, starring national comedians, begins at 9:30 p.m. \$5 cover charge.
JIMBO'S TAVERN AND DELI: Open Mike, hosted by Marcia Guderian, begins at 9 p.m. No cover charge.
TONY'S: African Drums performs at 8 p.m. Free admission.

TUESDAY:

SPEEDY O'TUBBS: The Jazz Trio performs at 8 p.m. Cover charge.
TONY'S: Michael Lothemer performs at 8 p.m. Free admission.

WEDNESDAY:

ASP FILMS: "A Fish Called Wanda" begins at 9 p.m. in the PAC. Admission is \$2.
SPEEY O'TUBBS: The East and the West and Misguided Baboon perform beginning at 8 p.m. Cover charge.
TONY'S: Lynn Nelthropp and Jen Coma perform at 8 p.m. Free admission.

THURSDAY:

BUCK'S: Anomalies perform at ladies night beginning at 9:30 p.m. No cover charge for ladies. \$3 cover charge for men.
THE METRO RESTAURANT: Variety showcase, hosted by Marcia Guderian, begins at 7:30 p.m. Free admission.

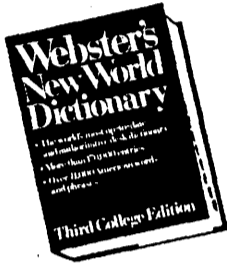
Accent Gumby:
Alana Warner
Accent Pokey:
Timothy K. King

Hi! We're the Accent editors. Since we're almost half-way through the quarter, we thought a small introduction might be in order. In case you haven't figured it out, Accent is the neat little pull-out entertainment section of the Western Front.

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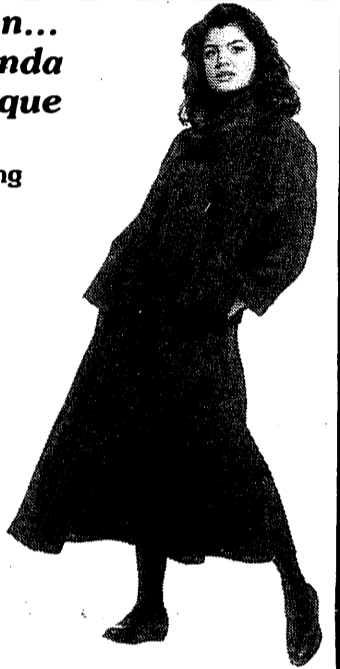
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Ski team offers fun and competition

By Kim Hauser
of The Western Front

Serious skiers or those who just want to have fun can hit the slopes with Western's intercollegiate ski team.

The team's coaches stress spirit and unity and are optimistic for a successful racing season.

"We emphasize having a good time more than being a serious racer," team captain Ron Ziontz said. "Since it's a club sport, not a varsity sport, the competition is secondary to the team spirit, getting people involved, and having a good time."

Ziontz, a third-year team member said, "Even though a lot of people don't even know we exist, we've been having a real good turnout." He said about 35 to 40 people have been going to the training sessions since they began three weeks ago.

Ziontz said the women's alpine team (sla-

lom and giant slalom) is looking strong because of new members as well as returning racers.

For the men's alpine team, Bernie Ryan, Cleet Christianson, John Heine, Tony Witek, and "Skiing" Ian McRae, are promising returners. "It remains to be seen how the younger men do," Ziontz said.

Two cross country skiers, Robert Woerne and Craig Andrus, are back, but the cross country team is in need of skiers. "If anyone knows how to cross country, we need them," Ziontz said. "They'll receive real concentrated, technical training from the volunteer coaches."

The volunteer coaches are skiers who have raced with the team before and know the technique. Andrus is coaching the cross country skiers, and Christianson and Heine are coaching the alpine racers.

"The ski team is real unified," Ziontz said. "Everybody helps, and whatever they know they say. My idea of the team is where everybody works together and there isn't a real

hierarchy between the people who have been on the team before and those who haven't."

Pressure is not a part of the ski team.

"If you want to be real competitive you can, and if you just want to go out there and ski and just try your best you can do that too," second-year team member Tony Witek said.

The dry-land training sessions are from 3:30 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at Cedar Forest Park. At these sessions the skiers play soccer and other team games, Witek said. "(Soccer) is good for the eye-foot coordination," Witek said. "It's a lot of running and a lot of strength and endurance building. Being quick on your feet in skiing is real important and soccer and the other games are instrumental in improving it."

Once the snow falls, several in-the-snow training sessions will be scheduled at Mount Baker and Crystal Mountain. Included is a one-week training camp at Crystal Mountain.

"We're really open," Ziontz said. "Come

to the training sessions, introduce yourself and if you like it, pay your \$50 dues before Nov. 1." The dues cover training, race-entry fees, team shirts and some travel expenses.

Newcomers are always welcomed.

"If people are interested at all they should try it," Ziontz said. "We have a lot of people who go on the slopes, who have never raced before."

Tryouts are a breakdown to determine the fastest times, Ziontz said. Everyone will get a chance to compete, he said. Tryouts will be before winter break, but a date has not been set.

Intercollegiate racing begins in mid-January. Western's opponents include University of Washington, University of Puget Sound and Pacific Lutheran University. Races will be Saturdays and Sundays at Crystal Mountain, Grouse Mountain and White Pass.

The men's and women's alpine teams have a legitimate chance at going to regionals, Ziontz said.

Vikings prepare for tough game in Oregon

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Western's victory over then nationally-ranked Western Oregon sparked the Vikings' final streak with a last-second field goal by Pete LaBarge.

LaBarge currently is ranked second nationally (NAIA Division II) in punting, averaging 42.8 yards.

The Vikings hope last week's win will produce the same effects as their win over the Wolves last year.

"I think the team's attitude changed a lot after the win," sopho-

more outside linebacker Cory Heins said. "We've proven that we can do it. Now we've broken the ice and there's nothing going to stop us."

Heins added, "Simon Fraser and Western Oregon are a lot alike, so we don't have to play a lot differently."

This game is the "next step in the process" of turning the season around and posting a winning record, Hansen said.

Hansen looks for a strong performance from Mikesell, who passed for 158 yards against SFU last week

in his first start. Mikesell replaced John Barger, who suffered a dislocated collarbone against Central two games ago.

In the SFU game and one quarter against Central, Mikesell completed 17 of 38 passes for 258 yards and one touchdown.

"If Matt works hard the next several years he'll have a chance to rewrite a number of the records in the record book," Hansen said.

Hansen will be looking to Scott Lohr, Mike Carrington and John Dickinson for solid offensive contributions. Lohr passed the 1,500-yard mark in career rushing in last week's game.

Hansen said safety Kelly Susee, Heins and freshman Walter Bailey will be the cornerstones of the Vi-

king defense. Heins led the Vikings with nine tackles against SFU. Bailey also put in a strong performance in his first start. Susee suffered his fourth injury of the season against SFU but is expected to start Saturday.

The Wolves have lost five starters to injury this season. They will suffer more if Dan Telles, considered by many to be the league's most versatile all-purpose runner, can't play because of a collarbone injury.

Spearheading the Western Oregon offense will be senior quarterback Larry Goth, who has passed for 684 yards and connected on seven touchdowns. Also leading the Wolves offensively will be Rick Vita, who ran for 674 yards and eight touchdowns in 1987.

The Wolves' defense, recording

18 quarterback sacks so far, will be led by seniors Arne Ferguson, Doug Victor and Paul Patton and sophomore Jim Jones. Kicker Dwight French will work to keep his string of 34 point-after-touchdown attempts going.

Heins believes that Western Oregon is the best of the next three teams the Vikings will face.

"It's not going to be anything easy because they are a quality team," he said.

"Our goal (of our defense) is to not let them get any big plays," Heins said.

Bailey is especially pumped about Saturday's game because it will be played near his hometown, Portland. "I'm more excited because my family and friends will be there," Bailey said.

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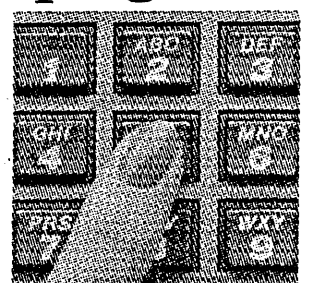
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OPINION

FRONTLINE

Gorton's tactics based on UW rag

Former Sen. Slade Gorton shows a touch of reefer madness with his latest campaign ploy to prove that U.S. Senate opponent Rep. Mike Lowry supports legalization of marijuana.

A Gorton campaign commercial says "In 1979, Mike Lowry supported legalizing marijuana."

Don't be surprised if you haven't heard Lowry's pro-drug position. The Gorton campaign dug up the information from a 1979 article appearing in the University of Washington student newspaper, The Daily.

The TV spot, one of Gorton's most scathing attacks against Lowry, relies solely on a Daily reporter's paraphrase of the congressman's words saying that he "told a small group of people he would support their quest to legalize marijuana."

Lowry contends he has never supported the legalization of drugs, including marijuana. The Gorton camp has no other evidence, aside from the Daily article, to support their claim.

We say "no" to Gorton's poor judgment and suggest he find more conclusive evidence to back up future claims, instead of a newspaper that:

- * One Christmas ran a full-page photo on the front page of a man standing with nothing on except a Santa Claus hat, big smile and a small wreath covering his groin area.

- * Nearly got sued by the Seattle Times last year for a multi-page parody of the Times.

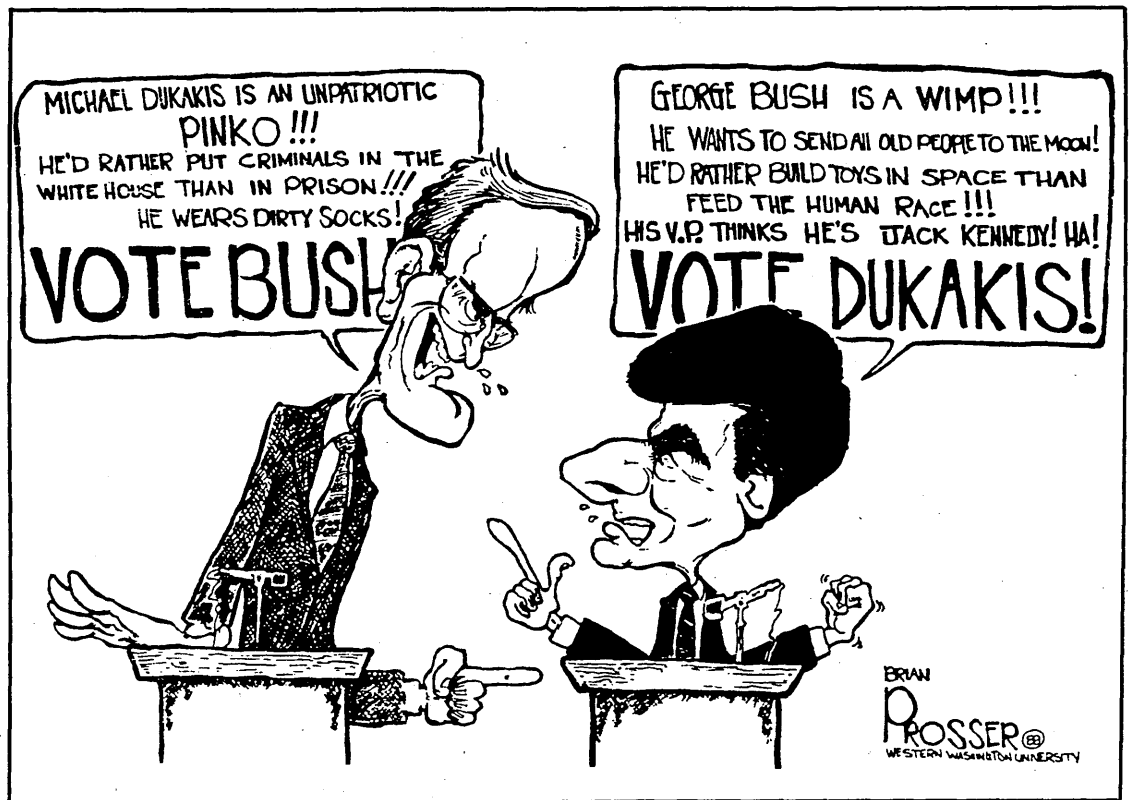
- * Recently did two front-page indepth stories on Columbus Day, with an editorial that called unconquered America "an explorer's wet dream," modern America a "victim of a collective gang rape," and encouraged its readers to "Try not to think."

- * Boasts a motto next to its name on the front page that states "Ignorance is bliss."

Ge.

Gorton appears too eager to join the Republican get-tough stance on drug abuse. Using Lowry as his target, the former senator looks all too willing to stand on shaky facts to drive home his point.

So put that in your pipe and smoke it, Slade.



It's a 'jungle gym' out there

Child safety in back seat

Driving on the freeway last week I was disgusted as I noticed a passing car in which two young children, unrestrained, were climbing around in the back seat as if it were a jungle gym.

This wasn't the first time I've been appalled by the absent-mindedness of some drivers who do not buckle up their children.

These drivers forget Washington state has a seat belt law requiring all persons riding in vehicles to wear seat belts and another law aimed at children under five that requires they be placed in car seats.

The stupidity of some drivers to overlook these laws remains despite the horror stories of child-related accidents that continue to mount on the state's highways.

In a driver education class six years ago, before seat belt laws were passed, a state trooper told students about a woman he'd questioned, whose child had obviously just hit his head



Mary Beth Neal

staff writer

on the dashboard.

When he asked the woman if she was taking the child to the hospital, she assured the policeman, "Oh, he's all right; this isn't the first time this has happened."

The officer then asked, "Ma'am Why don't you make your child wear a seat belt?"

"Because," the woman replied, "I don't want to be a meany."

Witnessing unrestrained children in vehicles strikes me as rather ironic. New children's products that emphasize safety are commonplace. Stuffed animals are made of "non-toxic"

materials with eyes that kids can't trip off and swallow. Toy Tonka trucks designed with sharp metal parts are less a danger now that they're made of plastic.

The same care should be applied to children in vehicles as it is at home.

As two friends of mine can attest, this simple rule still is ignored by some drivers.

A friend mentioned that she'd recently seen a child fall out of a car when the door flew open as the vehicle rounded a corner. She said the driver stopped, placed the child back into the car and drove away without bothering to fasten the child's seat belt.

My roommate, while recently reviewing her psychology notes, paused before reading aloud in amazement, "Did you know that once kids are past infancy the leading cause of death for children is car accidents?" No, I didn't.

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Imagine there's no substance

Author taints Lennon's life

Imagining is what Albert Goldman must have done when he wrote "The Lives of John Lennon," a controversial biography about the deceased rock and roll star.

Goldman, a notorious buzzard who occasionally swoops down on celebrity carcasses to feed, has put his foul claws into Lennon, painting a picture about as realistic as a Picasso drawing.

The author said he talked to thousands of people regarding John's secret life. Pardon me, Al, but if more than a thousand people knew what John was doing, could it be called private?

He portrays the ex-Beatle as a psychotic, heroin-addled loony with latent homosexual tendencies. He might as well have said Lennon occasionally dressed as Cher and worked as a door-to-door pipe fitter in New Jersey.

Goldman gathered his information through interviews with many questionable sources. Among them were a woman who met Lennon once, a caddy (Lennon apparently would disguise himself as Chi Chi Rodriguez and tour the pro circuit) and a chimpanzee in the Kansas City Zoo to



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whom Lennon made several advances, Goldman claims.

He failed to talk with anyone Lennon actually might have known. Left out of his interview schedule was (OOPS) Lennon's wife, Yoko Ono; his best friend, Elliot Mintz; and any of the three remaining Beatles. Most of these people assuredly spoke to him more than once — this disqualified them as sources for Goldman's book.

He also wrote a biography about Elvis Presley. While Elvis was no saint, the author described him as a perverted, comatose, Howard Hughesque lardo. I read this book and was fascinated, the same way I'm fascinated by Weekly World News headlines which reveal "Baby Scor-

pion actually president of United States."

Goldman's book was so hard to believe it should have been marketed as a fictional account. He portrays Lennon in the same manner. It even sounds as if Goldman took the same book and just changed Elvis' name to John Lennon.

You've got to feel sorry for a person of Goldman's nature. He must sit around waiting for beloved entertainers, loved by millions, to die so he can begin to make up sordid details about their lives.

If he published his books while the person was still alive, he would be sued as many times as there are holes in Blackburn, Lancashire.

Paul McCartney has asked every Beatles music fan not to read this book. I am a Beatles fan. I won't read Goldman's fantasy.

Do a favor for yourself, Lennon and anyone who has ever appreciated the Beatles. Don't read this book. If you need a Lennon fix, go see the movie "Imagine: John Lennon" instead. It portrays the man as he was. It even speaks to people who talked to Lennon more than once.

LETTERS

Languid politicians not cause of apathy

The Front,

I felt compelled to respond to Don Hunger's editorial in the Oct. 7 issue of the Front, claiming the reason for voter apathy lies within the failure of political figures to impassion or excite the masses. I find this view to be extremely shallow, irresponsible, and a disservice to Front readers.

It's shallow in that Mr. Hunger

fails to acknowledge that if we can sift through the campaign rhetoric, we are exposed to ample information on the views of candidates and on the issues that are important to us.

It's irresponsible, especially so close to an election, because if people believe that apathy is OK, that "it's not our fault," then that apathy is confirmed and even dangerously encouraged. Each individual is responsible for her or his political views (or lack of them), and part of that responsibility involves seeking out information about a candidate or a political issue to make that informed choice.

For Mr. Hunger to imply that neither presidential candidate has displayed his views on "apartheid in South Africa, backed dictatorships in Central America, economic pro-

tectionism in the farm belt and acid rain in New England" is quite false and certainly a disservice to readers.

So, instead of placing the blame of our apathy on the politicians, we need to encourage people to look beyond rhetoric to the fundamental issues, the values and moral actions of a candidate, and to glory in the freedom that we have a choice. That, Mr. Hunger, is exciting.

Dawn Priestman

Amen brother!

The Front,

In light of Mark Hines' article on the pushy attitude of the campus crusaders for Christ, we have but one word: AMEN!

Brian Pederson,
Robert Dennis

Car salesmen not crusaders

The Front,

As a student here at Western and member of the Bellingham community, I feel compelled to write to you and voice my opinion on an article that appeared in your Oct. 7 issue called "Don't cross my path: Crusaders cheapen religion," by Mark Hines. After reading Mr. Hines' clever prose I was appalled! Just who does this young man think he is comparing menacing fanatical Christians with used car salesmen? First, used car salesmen do not go door to door trying to sell their product. Secondly, when you visit a car lot, the sales staff is not the least bit interested in

you unless you're interested in buying a car (you cannot convert a "tire kicker" into a buyer; it is next to impossible). Finally, I believe that putting someone in a cheap, dependable car is a hell of a lot more spiritual than force feeding them a literal-minded interpretation of Christianity. I feel that Mr. Hines owes the entire auto sales industry an apology, and he may best achieve this by exercising more caution in his selection of simile in future compositions of this nature.

James Thompson

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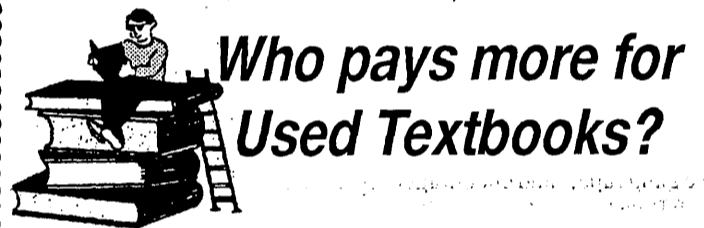
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