

## STICK ACTION

Laxmen beat UW to clinch second place in conference.

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**WEATHER:** Scattered showers and cool temperatures throughout week.

**PULITZER PRIZE** winner Jacqui Banaszynski speaks on AIDS at noon today in Lecture Hall 2.

## COACHING KIDS

Students devote energies to little league.

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# The Western Front

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## Priority parking approved for fall '89

By Gail Skurla  
staff reporter

A priority system for buying parking permits and changing lot designations will definitely go into effect this fall, said Transportation and Parking Director Ann Wallace.

Recommended changes proposed by the Parking Advisory Committee were recently approved by the ad-

ministration.

Priority for commuter parking permits will be based on whether the commuters live in or out of the city limits, Wallace said. Resident parking permits will be distributed according to class standing, with graduate students and seniors having first priority, she said.

The "free" parking lot on the corner of 21st Street and Bill

McDonald Parkway will be incorporated into Western's parking system. Both residents and commuters will have to buy permits for the lot, which will remain unpaved.

Three commuter P-zone areas (3P upper level, 20P and 26P south section) will be converted to resident C-lots.

Student reaction to the changes have been varied.

Sophomore Andrew Newberg, a Nash Hall resident, helped organize a petition, which asked the parking advisory committee to retain the current parking system.

"Over 300 people signed it in about 12 hours," he said. Newberg noted that the petition was moot, however, because signers were not aware of the exact proposals.

Freshman Steve Fruehling said

he signed the petition because he has had to park his car on a side street all year. The Nash Hall resident was surprised to find out what the actual changes were. "The whole thing ... seemed to be blown out of proportion. It seemed as if commuters would have total priority over non-commuters."

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## Day care may build new home

By Debbie Przybylski  
staff reporter

The Associated Student Day Care Center may find a new home that will offer more child care and a better learning experience for education majors.

The center, currently located in the twelfth stack of Fairhaven, will be needed next year to help relieve the housing crunch, said Matt Antush, vice president for internal affairs.

It offers child care for children of Western students, staff and faculty.

The Child Development committee has proposed a plan for a new center, projecting the amount of space needed for the center and how this space will be used.

Finding a location for the new center has been a problem for the committee. The plans originally located the center on the bottom floor of the Viking Addition, but architects discovered the building was not structurally fit for the facility.

"The footings of the Viking Addition would not support it," Antush said.

Larry Macmillan, manager for the early education childhood program, said there would have to be a separate building constructed within the VA. He said many changes would be neces-

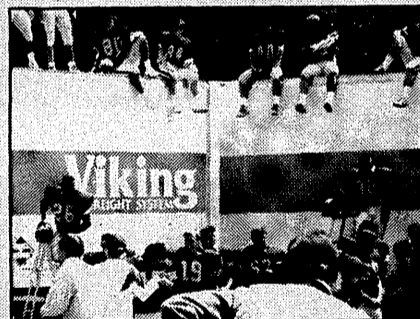
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## Viking football on the move

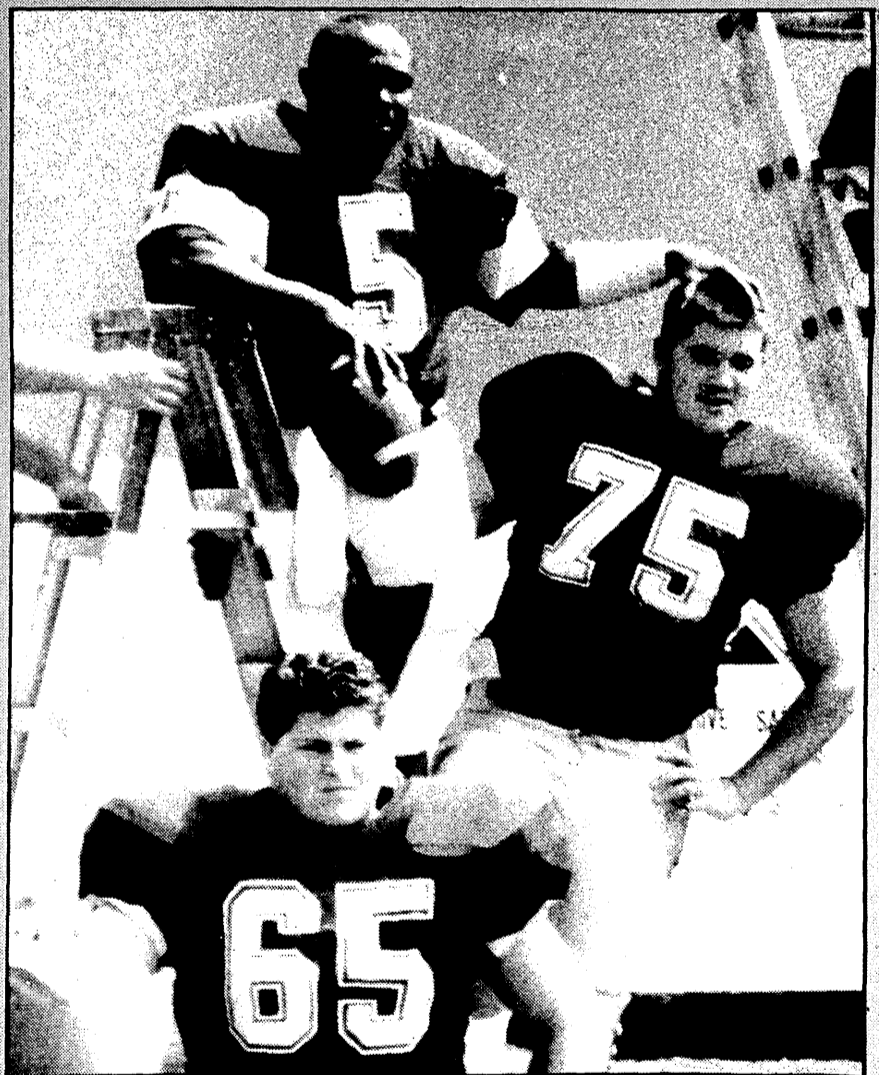
Members of the Viking football team flexed their muscles and showed their teeth last Friday, but it wasn't against an opponent on the football field. The team flexed and grinned for the camera in Red Square as they posed for a new Viking Football poster.

Used in the backdrop was a moving truck from Viking Freight System Inc. of Seattle. The photographer, Steven Zigley, also was from Seattle.

Viking coach Rob Smith would like to see the team keep on the move... to the top of the standings next season.



Photos courtesy of Steven Zigley



## Imposter drops classes

Student calls it 'a twisted joke'

Jim Kangas, a graduate archeology student, had no trouble withdrawing from Western spring quarter. The only problem was it was not his choice, somebody did it for him.

On March 21, someone posing as Kangas called the registrar's office and withdrew him from classes. As required by the office, the person gave Kangas' student number and said he would quickly send a signed letter requesting the withdrawal. No such letter arrived.

Last week, Kangas returned

home from his field study in the Upper Skagit Valley and found two letters from the university. In one was a partial refund of his spring tuition payment. The other was a note from student accounts reminding him that, as a financial aid recipient, he needed an exit interview.

It was either a joke by a twisted friend or a mistake, he said. But, as of Friday, no one had come forward to admit it.

"I guess, as a practical joke, somebody withdrew me from school," he said with a grin.

Associate Registrar Joe St. Hilaire said Western gets a lot of students calling in from places such as

Alaska, who for one reason or another, have decided to withdraw. Proof of identity remains simple because they trust students to be honest.

"We're trusting a lot," he said. "And when a student calls us and says he's 'John Smith' and wants to withdraw, we trust him. Anybody could withdraw another student, but it seldom happens."

Even a signed letter couldn't be challenged because there is no way to verify a signature, he said.

Kangas said after visiting the registrar's office and student accounts on Friday, he was reinstated.

"I gave them back the money and they reinstated me," he said.

## State OKs budget

During the special session, the Washington state Legislature awarded Western a \$102.9 million operating budget for 1989-91, a \$14 million increase from the current biennium's budget, President Kenneth Mortimer told the Faculty Senate Monday.

As part of the operating budget, Western will receive \$2.2 million for an additional 400 students. The Legislature intends the enrollment increases to be directed toward resident, upper-division, degree-seeking students, he said.

The budget provides \$4 million in instructional support, \$3.435 million for faculty and exempt staff salary increases and \$805,000 for equipment, Mortimer said. Academic salaries will receive average raises of 6.4

percent in each of the next two years.

Western's proposal for a new science building received approval. Funding for the first phase totals \$20.7 million, Mortimer said.

Some of the other capital improvements receiving funding were Huxley's Institute of Wildlife Toxicology, which received \$1.5 million to relocate in a new facility or building; \$887,300 to plan for the second phase of the science complex; and \$3 million for continued asbestos removal.

The final budget provides Western with \$400,000 for continuing graduate assessment programs, which, upon graduation, attempts to measure the skills a student has acquired, he said.

## News in Brief

### Bricks replace Walk's concrete

Construction barriers and bright orange tape will remain around the southernmost portion of Memory Walk until graduation in June, when the walkway is scheduled to be completed, said Rick Benner, manager of Facilities Planning.

Bricks will replace the concrete that previously surrounded the marble date plaques in front of Old Main.

Benner said the concrete, which was removed for pedestrian safety, was cracking and breaking up, creating a tripping hazard.

Marble plaques that were cracked or broken will also be replaced.

Work on the walkway is at a standstill until the plaques on order come in, which should be sometime this week, Benner said.

The shorter, northern portion

of Memory Walk, which extends toward Old Edens Hall, will not be redone in brick before graduation but will match the southern walkway when funds become available.

### Meetings

- **Artist and Lecture Series** presents Jacqui Banaszynski and "AIDS in the Heartland" at noon today in Lecture Hall 2.
- **Counseling Center and Multicultural Services Center** present George Long and "Black Perspective" from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. Wednesday in Viking Union 408.
- **Multicultural Center** presents Shirley Osterhaus and "Refugees: Not a New Phenomena" at noon Wednesday in the Viking Union Lounge.
- **Women's Soccer Team** meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Carver Gym 109. Returning players and those interested in turning out should attend.
- **Sigma Xi Research Lecture Series** presents Peter Haug and "The Location Decisions of High-Technology Firms in Washington State" at noon Thursday in the Wilson Library Presentation Room.
- **Men's Resource Center and Drug Information Center** sponsor a "mocktail" party from 7 to 10 p.m. Thursday at Canada House.

## Cops Box

Since May 17 Bellingham police have responded to the following incidents near Western's campus:

Michael R. Blythe, 18, No. B-8 1230 Indian Street, was arrested on authorization from the United States Navy and charged with desertion. Blythe was booked into the Whatcom County Jail.

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Someone threw an uncooked charcoal brickette through a man's window in the 600 block of High Street. No one was harmed by the brickette.

While on a call to Ridgeway, an officer found a small amount of U.S. currency in the street. The money was impounded for safekeeping.

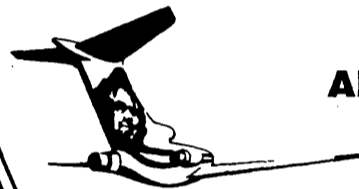
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## Day care

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sary before the VA could support the added space. "We didn't have enough money to do that," he said.

Sites around campus are being analyzed for the construction of a separate building for the facility.

"Ideally we would like to have a free-standing structure ... hopefully on the south end of campus," Antush said.

This location would be more accessible to parents whose children attend, and for education majors, who may gain experience working with the children at the center.

If the project is approved, the committee will have up to \$500,000 for the center. The project will be funded through the university's minor capital budget.

"The facility would not cost that

much," Antush said. "We do not need any more than 500 square feet with a little play area."

Antush said the committee had at one point wanted the new facility ready for fall of 1990, but with the delay in finding a location, it will be difficult to accomplish. No other completion date has been projected.

The center provides hands-on experience and observation time for students in the education department. Plans for the new facility include an observation room for students to observe the children without interrupting the children's normal behavior, a feature the current center doesn't provide.

"There is definitely a need for a day care center," Antush said.

The Fairhaven day care currently

accommodates 47 children, ages 2 through 5. Macmillan said the new center will serve as many as 100 children.

"We will hopefully expand downward in age. We would like to go down to 18 months," Macmillan said.

The new center will be a combination of the AS Day Care and the Western Center for Early Learning. The Western Center is partly sponsored by the education department. This center works with children up to age 3 who are developmentally delayed.

"I'm looking forward to going ahead with the plan. The sooner we are in (the facility), the better off we'll be," Macmillan said.

Macmillan will continue to manage the new center.

## Parking

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When he lives in Nash again next year, Fruehling said, "I just don't want to have to deal with parking off-campus again."

Newberg noted, "I think they (the administration) are ignoring the real problem. They need to make more space."

"People say we have to keep the

campus green," he added. "I think that's ridiculous. There's got to be a time when we have to start cutting down trees and making parking lots."

Graduate student Charlotte Boding, who commutes from Anacortes, was pleased to hear about the changes. She said she has relied on parking in the free lot, but the new priority

system is a "great idea."

Senior Eric Dow lives off campus in Bellingham and currently holds a P-lot permit. He was uncertain of how effective the new system will be. "It'll probably affect me, but I'll adjust," he said.

"I'll just keep on parking illegally," he added with a laugh.

# AS pays travel costs

By Paul Mahlum  
staff reporter

Despite hesitation from two members, the Associated Students Board last week decided to spend \$583 to send an employee to a leadership conference this June in San Diego.

AS Productions Coordinator Moira Hopkins told the board that the conference, sponsored by the National Association for Campus Activities, would help her become a better leader.

In an interview, she said "This is my first leadership position. The conference will help me chair meetings better and (help me) better motivate employees in support positions to feel like leaders."

"This conference is for training college students creative thinking, ethics, how to be a good leader and how to encourage team building roles," Hopkins said.

ASP is one branch of the AS, consisting of students who coordinate special events, films, the Viking Union Gallery, social issues, Mama Sundays and three support groups: childcare, publicity and hospitality.

At last week's meeting, Chris Hart, vice president for external affairs, said she didn't think the voter-participation conference she attended last fall in Washington, D.C. with AS funds was useful. "I didn't get much out of it," she said.

Hart said the board should fund its other projects before it spends money sending employees to conferences.

The AS is paying for Hopkins conference from \$700 in surplus salary funds from ASP's budget.

Matt Antush, vice president of internal affairs, was the lone dissenter on the vote, opposing the transfer of the money from ASP for travel expenditures.

Employees usually request travel money from the Activities Council, said AS Business Manager Wendy Seifert. "The problem is that the council has gone \$1,200 into the red (in debt) and we won't be back in the black until June. We don't want to push it deeper into the red."

But Antush countered, "If you're spending in the red, the Activities Council is the place to do it because you're putting on activities for the whole university."

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- **ATTENTION NATIONAL DIRECT/PERKINS & GUARANTEED/STAFFORD STUDENT LOAN BORROWERS:** If you are not returning to campus or are graduating spring quarter, you are required to schedule an exit interview. Stop by OM265 or call 676-2943 no later than May 1 to schedule an interview. *Transcripts are subject to withholding if you do not appear for this required interview.*
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- **ART HISTORY STUDENT SYMPOSIUM:** Thurs., May 25, AT238. Every half hour from 10-11:30 a.m. and noon to 1 p.m., five students will give presentations. For info call art department. Everyone welcome.

### 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.

- GTE Telecommunications. Wed., May 24. Submit CIF and sign up in OM280.
- Northshore School Dist. Thurs., May 25. Sign up for group info. session and interview in OM280.
- Naval Undersea Warfare Eng. Sta. Thurs., May 25. Submit CIF and sign up in OM280.
- First Investors Corp. Fri., May 26. Submit CIF and sign up in OM280.
- E. J. Bartells Co. Fri., May 26. Submit CIF and sign up in OM280.
- **Job Search Workshops:** Writing Resumes/Cover Letters for Teacher Candidates—4 p.m. today, (May 23). Resume Writing—11 a.m. Wed., May 24. Job Search Strategies—2 p.m. Thurs., May 25. The Interview Process for Teacher Candidates—4 p.m. Tues., May 30. Interview Techniques—3 p.m. Wed., May 31. Effective Cover Letters—4 p.m. Thurs., June 1. Sign up required in OM280.



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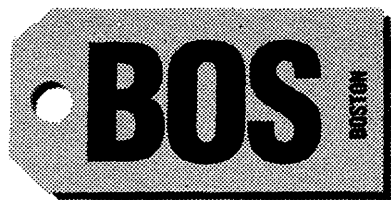


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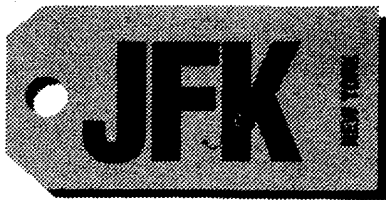
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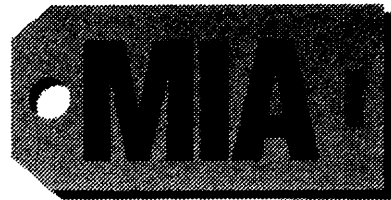
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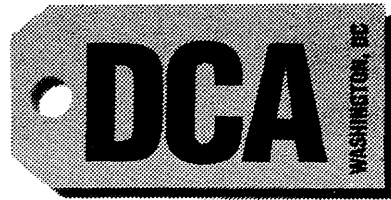
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# People

## Students volunteer to coach little league

By Diane Kershner  
staff reporter

Those who volunteer their time to others can make a difference in people's lives. To a child, those people are remembered and respected. Two Western students are trying to make a difference by volunteering their time to coach a Boy's and Girl's Club Little League baseball team.

Sam Petite, a junior economics major, and Randy Peterson, a senior electronic engineering major, spend two days a week coaching their baseball team of 15 fourth- and fifth-grade boys and one girl.

What started out as a "wild idea" became reality and a lot of fun, Petite and Peterson said. Petite said he and Peterson were talking one night and decided to act on the idea of actually coaching. They contacted a few organizations and decided on the Fairhaven Boy's Club.

Petite described himself and Peterson as "just average guys as baseball players." He said a few of the kids questioned their coaching ability.

"Do we act like baseball coaches?" Peterson asked with a smile. He said at first the kids just looked at them as if to say, "You are the coaches?"

Petite believes he and Peterson give the impression of "we're just college kids having fun."

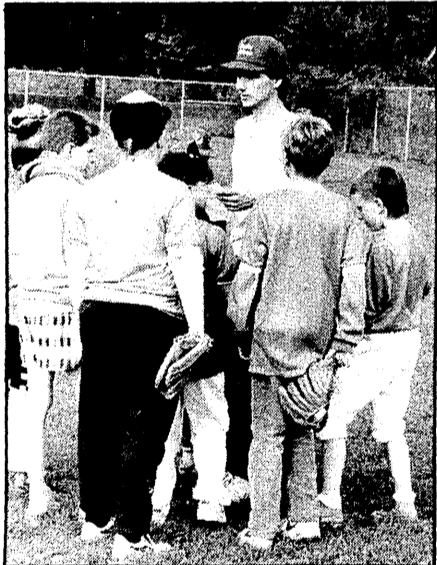
He wanted to coach because he felt as if he owed it to the volunteers who worked with him when he was a kid involved in Cub Scouts and on a baseball team. He believes there is a message to aim at college students: "Don't forget all the people who did things for you when you were a kid," he said. "Think globally, act locally. If everyone made an effort to just give a little bit of themselves, this would be a great world."

"The kids and parents are really cooper-



Diane Kershner/The Western Front

Seven Ball Bashers celebrate with their coaches Randy Peterson (left) and Sam Petite (right) — two Western students who volunteer their time to coach this Boy's and Girl's Club Little League baseball team.



Diane Kershner/The Western Front  
Sam Petite reads the B.B.s their line-up.

ative," Petite said. "They don't know what to think of us," Peterson said.

One player's mom said that Petite and Peterson have had a lot of enthusiasm while working with the team. "They've done an outstanding job," she said.

The team practices before the games, which are twice a week, usually lasting from 6 to 8 p.m. Petite said the main purpose of practicing "is to get these kids wired" before the game.

The coaches said they don't try to teach the kids fancy moves such as double plays. Instead, "we've simplified it for the kids," Peterson said. They said they prefer to use kid lingo such as "waste his butt, dude."

Petite and Peterson's goal was to "get them to play as a team, not as 10 guys out there, but as one team," said Peterson. That was difficult, he said, because of the egos of fourth- and fifth-graders and because some players would pout if they didn't get to play the positions they wanted.

They play every kid an even amount, which they said is difficult because 15 children are on the team and only 10 playing positions on the field.

"Even the stars have to sit on the bench," said Petite, adding that at first the kids did not approve, but now they accept it.

The only rule that the coaches have for the kids is that they "don't swear too much," said Peterson, grinning.

Both coaches are pleased with the Ball Bashers' performances and know they are improving.

"They just want to win now," Peterson said. He believes the "me-me-me attitudes" of the kids have changed to attitudes of team players. "Every kid is with the others," Petite said, adding the team is 3-1 with six games remaining.

Peterson said "pitching with the pitching machine" and "getting the pitchers pumped" for the game were his favorite parts of the

game. "They are so hilarious," he said.

Petite said he enjoys being around the kids and spending time with them because he has not been around kids that age much. He said fourth- and fifth-graders are fun and make him feel like "a big kid."

One of the highlights of the season was when both Peterson and Petite showed up for the game each with a newly pierced ear and earring. They teased the team by telling them they all had to get earrings, too. Most of the kids were laughing but a few were really concerned, so the joke ended.

Another highlight, Peterson said, was when his car slammed into a fence at the field because he was hurrying to get to the game. All the parents and kids saw the collision.

Peterson and Petite agreed coaching has been a good experience and they would like to coach again. "It's been a blast," Petite said. "(It's the) best part of spring quarter."

## Writer digs in reject pile for final column

OK, I admit it. I went into this quarter with visions of wealth and power dancing in my head. I thought I'd make people smile, make people laugh.

This column was my chance to make a positive impact on my campus.

But, instead, I realized I'm just a kid, an amateur. It's going to take some serious practice before I can impact anything, let alone generate a column like this in the "real world" (someplace that pays) on a regular basis.

I did, however, generate some serious writer's block. I can't count how many columns went into the reject pile.

Often, they weren't funny. Sometimes, well-meaning friends told me an idea was stupid. But mostly, I couldn't remember the

punchlines when I was sober.

Amazingly, some of the ideas were good. It was just my lack of experience, or at least, perserverance, which canned them.

So, here's a look at the pile. Maybe something *really funny* got lost in the shuffle.

STUDENT APATHY — I do get pretty tired of the complacency on this campus. It seems the only thing people do care about is banning tuna-dolphin casserole.

I bet the bookstore could make a killing by selling smoke alarms with snooze buttons.

SEX — I had planned a piece called the "The ins and outs of Outdoor Intercourse week." I was thinking of something written in

### Lighten Up

Timothy K.  
King

humor  
writer



the first person, artfully illustrated with ...

Actually my editor scrapped this one. She said it didn't matter how flexible I was, we'd still break some kind of law if we printed the photos.

JUAN VALDEZ — Who is this guy and how can he hand-pick all of

Folger's Colombian coffee?

It's either false advertising or Juan-buddy is moonlighting for Noriega and sampling Colombia's other cash crop.

FIRE-TRUCK KEYS — Anyone out there ever want to steal a fire engine? Something tells me Pumper No. 7 has keys in it.

It just wouldn't do to let a nursing home burn down because halfway down the fire-pole, good 'ol Bob-the-fireman couldn't remember which pants he was wearing when he went to the last blaze.

LIBRARY STEPS — 'Fess up. Who had the idea to design the stairs on this campus? Most steps are about 8-inches high and 10-

inches wide. The steps by Wilson Library run a non-standard, three high and 16 deep.

I can never decide if I should climb them two at a time (which looks pretty silly on the down-trip) or slip into the one-at-a-time, shuffle-step, Western Skip.

Usually, I just fall down.

THE SALAD SHOOTER — OK, here's another item to add to the cupboard of stupid things Mom bought me at the Puyallup Fair. It's going to gather dust with everything else that, "slices, dices and chops," — things, "the little-lady just can't live without."

I once heard a fair-goer joke, "this guy could sell an ice maker to an Eskimo." He bought two.

# Debator earns political science award

By Deanna Ottavelli  
staff reporter



Debbie Halbert

There's a common belief that if you debate, all you ever do is argue.

"It's true ... if you debate long enough that's all you do, but I love it!" Debbie Halbert, senior Western debater said. For Halbert, however, debate, as well as a number of other activities, has given her the experience, knowledge and confidence to achieve accomplishments that have marked her a successful career at Western.

Halbert's latest accomplishment was receiving the political science Outstanding Graduate Award.

Halbert is a 21-year-old political science major and speech minor. In addition to maintaining full academic loads every quarter, she spent a quarter in Europe and has been active in forensics, the Circle K Club and the Young Democrats.

She said she was shocked that she was chosen. Because of the award, "I get to go to a breakfast and get a plaque. The thing that I'm excited about though, is that two of the three senior debaters this year have gotten an Outstanding Graduate Award." The other was Jeff Asch of the speech department.

Halbert was a member of the varsity debate traveling team for three

years. She has spent most of her Western debating career with two main partners. Halbert debated for almost two years with John O'Brien. "We won a couple of tournaments, we really had a lot of fun, while being successful," she said.

In the 1988-89 season, Halbert debated with Devin Burghart. "I did very well with Devin — we were in the running," Halbert said. The team of Halbert and Burghart placed in the top 20 in the nation at the tournament in North Carolina this year.

Debate has been an important part of Halbert's life. Competing for two years at Kentwood High School, as well as all four years at Western, has been a major time commitment for her, but very worthwhile, she said.

Halbert believes that, above all else, debate has helped her attain good research skills, good communication skills and a very comprehensive understanding of the activity as a whole.

Halbert used her understanding of the activity by being the forensic coach at Schome High School last year.

Halbert noted that it wasn't always easy to be a female and a good debater. She believes that, "Females are very under-represented in debate. It's interesting that most of the good debaters are males. That means that there's an extra battle."

Maybe even more of a hardship than being a female is one's hair color, Halbert said, adding, "It hurts being a blond — really!"

The knowledge that she has learned in debate has been immeasurable. "The skills you learn in debate you can use anywhere. Being able to present an argument is a skill you can always use," Halbert said.

Halbert tends to be more concerned with the hardships of others than her own problems. The realization that Western does not have a service organization began to bother Halbert last year.

"There weren't a lot of service organizations at the time, or at least

general ones," Halbert said. She saw specialized groups offering help in their specialized areas. She didn't see a group offering services on an indiscriminating level.

The Circle K Club was the result of Halbert's concerns. She petitioned the Kiwana's Club and got a charter

**"The skills you learn in debate you can use anywhere. Being able to present an argument is a skill you can always use."**

— Debbie Halbert

through them. "The easiest part of all was signing up with the AS." Membership numbers have reached 20 since the club's start last fall.

Last summer, Halbert was an intern for Battelle, a research institute in Seattle. She dealt with "empirical research," and said it is the type of occupation that she might want a career in.

Halbert said current events and political ideology are her favorite topics for arguing.

She is currently concerned with

the United States policies towards Central America. "I've learned to be a very cynical person towards this. It's proved to be a bad policy," Halbert said.

Another issue of concern to Halbert is the killing of dolphins by tuna catchers. She said that it's not the most significant problem in the world, but one that does need to be addressed. Halbert became concerned when the VU offered a forum on the issue and very few people showed up. She said, "I'm boycotting tuna for the good of the dolphin."

Halbert's favorite pastime is not what the average person might consider a first choice for entertainment. She enjoys spending her rare free time arguing with people who have different opinions.

Friends on the debate team and in her various political science classes have provided Halbert with an unending supply of opinions to clash against, she said, adding, "Arguing is a good way to understand all the different perspectives that there are."

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# Mommy track not the answer

"The cost of employing women in business is greater than the cost of employing men."

These words, written by Felice Schwartz in the January/February issue of the Harvard Business Review, have touched off a new round in the debate over why women fail to advance in their careers as high and as fast as men.

Schwartz, president and founder of Catalyst, a New York firm that conducts research on women and the workplace, says facts are facts and must be reckoned with. As a group, women change jobs at a higher rate than men and take more time off to deal with family situations.

Corporate America has had a hunch this is the case for some time. They've responded by assuming that any given female job applicant is a

## Business Beat

**Carole Wiedmeyer**  
business writer



high risk for absenteeism and turnover. This results in discrimination against women who are willing to give their careers high priority.

Women who put career second to family also have suffered because of a lack of quality, affordable day care, inflexible working hours and skimpy-to-non-existent maternity benefits.

Schwartz's prescription for this

state of affairs: Business should sort its women employees into two categories—a career-primary group and career-and-family group. (Presumably, women would be asked which group they prefer.) Although Schwartz didn't use the term "mommy track," that's what the media dubbed this second category.

These options would give everyone what they're looking for, Schwartz claims. Business could start grooming ambitious women for upper management without undue fear of their investment going sour, and family-oriented women would get benefits such as flex-time and liberal leave policies that would make life a little easier.

There's one problem here, however, that stems from the very truth of the statement about women costing more than men.

Although things have changed slightly in recent years, the reality is that women are primarily responsible for care of the home and family. And with a system like Schwartz's in place, this state of affairs could become further institutionalized, stereotyping both women and men.

Schwartz deserves credit for shedding some light on the very real problems of juggling family and career. But her recommendation fails to recognize the revolution taking place in the lives of both sexes as women enter the workforce in record numbers.

What's needed is a human track, not a mommy track. Then both women and men can choose for themselves.

# Scientific future of Western concerns former 'guinea pig'

## Lab Notes

**Sara Olason**  
science writer



new variation of splint, or zing me with electrical stimulation to watch how my muscles jerked in response.

I was lucky to have lived with scientists for 18 years. I've also been fortunate to have continued my science studies past high school, first through a zoology degree from the University of Washington, and now in the environmental studies program at Western.

Like the genes inside every cell of my body, science is integral to who I am. This has made it hard for me to watch students and faculty try to deal with inadequate science equipment and teaching staff.

My intimate experiences with science — from tending gerbils to weighing out chemicals — have been some of the brightest flowers of my life. I want all students to have a chance to feel the awe I feel about this planet, even if they don't become science enthusiasts.

This will happen only if we believe science education is a priority, not a luxury. We need to let our government know that bombs are not more important than science books. We students should laud our legislators when they support projects such as a new science building for Western. And though our own time here is short, we need to keep the pressure on, for those future scientists who might not grow up as I did, knowing their true loves.



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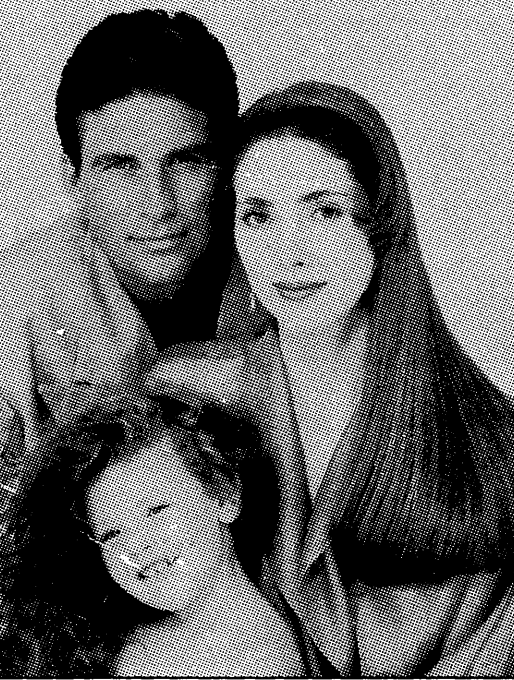
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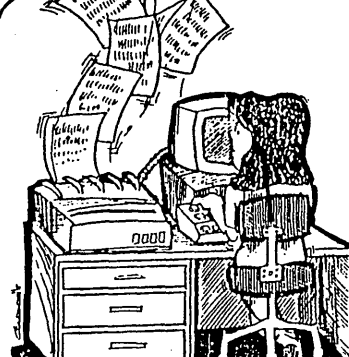
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# Sports

## Men's lacrosse edges Huskies

By Peter Ide  
staff reporter

"It was the best game of the year, we really needed this one to get second place," Viking defenseman Marcos Wurnet said of Western's men's lacrosse team's victory over the Huskies of the University of Washington Saturday.

Grant MacKenzie was once again the star, as the Vikings downed the Huskies in Seattle in an overtime thriller, 10-9.

In Sunday's game, a flat Viking squad lost to the Bellevue Lacrosse Club 11-9 at home in a non-conference game.

Against Washington, the Vikes

struggled somewhat, but pulled it together to get the win.

"The team played fairly well," Western's Fred Thumhart said, adding, "Chill (Viking goalie Tim Mitchell) had a good game in the goal."

The Vikes trailed 9-8, with two minutes remaining in regulation, when MacKenzie gunned in his third goal of the contest to send the game into overtime.

Fittingly, MacKenzie ended the game with his fourth goal after Troy "Bubba" Neal stole the ball and passed it ahead to Scott Droppelman, who fed it MacKenzie for the clincher.

"It's really satisfying to beat one of the bigger schools," Wurnet said.

The win over the Huskies clinched sole possession of second place in the final league standings for the Vikings, who last year could only manage a disappointing fifth-place finish.

This year, the Vikes finished league play with a 7-1 record.

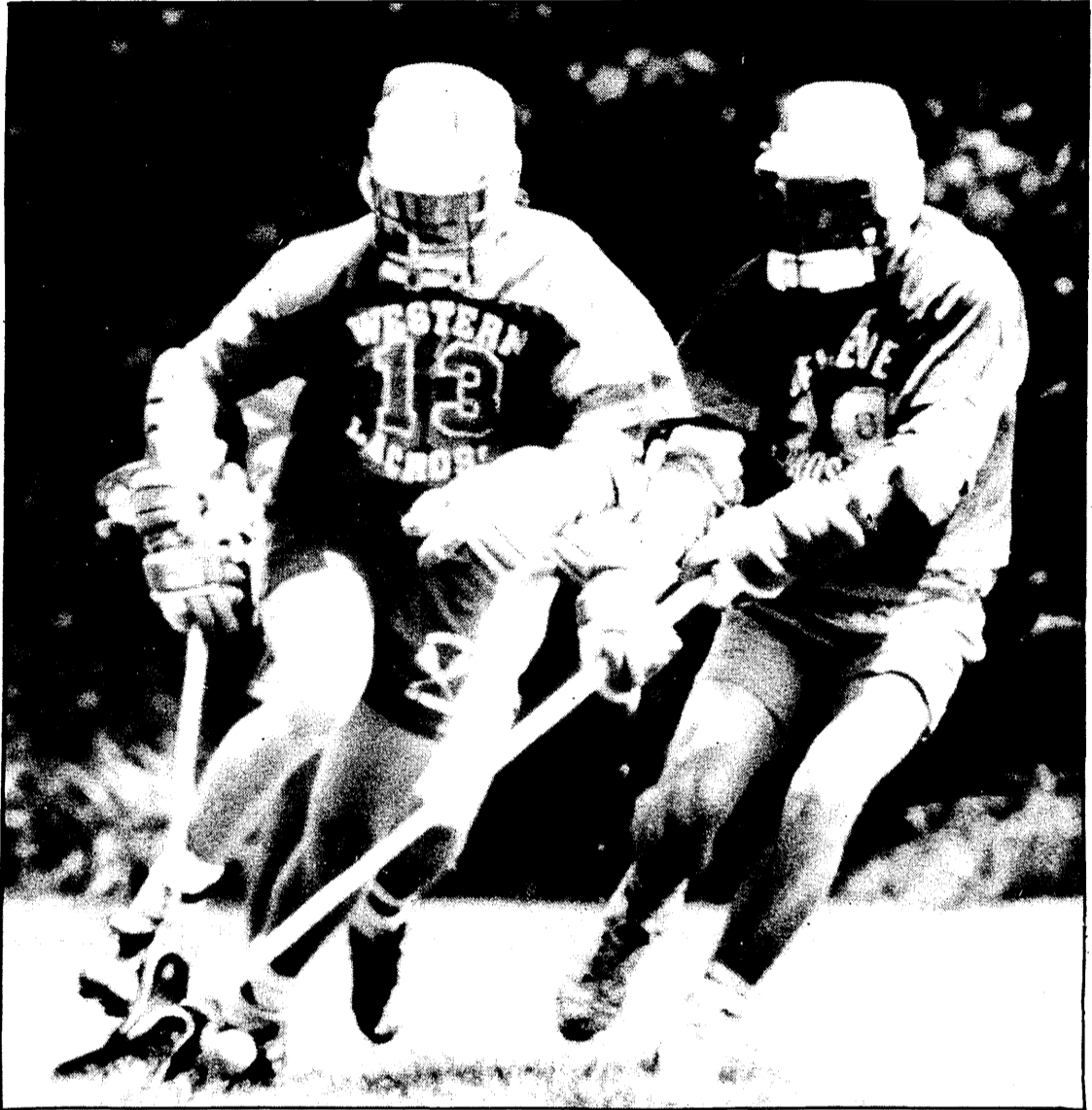
The Bellevue game ended with a late charge by the visitors, which did the Vikings in. Western had a surge of their own in the second half of five straight goals, which resulted in a two-goal Viking lead. But the Viking lead was short-lived, however, as Bellevue came back for the victory.

"Coming off a big win, it's hard to get up for non-league games," MacKenzie said of the loss.

The game was a tough, physical contest in which three players were ejected, including one Viking, star defenseman Troy "Bubba" Neal.

Viking midfielder Bob Robel said a Bellevue player hit Neal in the groin, causing Neal to go after him, resulting in the ejection of both players.

Both Robel and MacKenzie said Bellevue was the first team to outpenalize the Vikings in a game this



Western's Ian Clyde (13) battles a Bellevue player for a loose ball. The Vikings lost the non-league game 11-9.

Michael J. Lehnert/The Western Front

year.

The next lacrosse action will be the league all-star game, to be played in Seattle next Saturday.

The all-star lineup has not yet been released, but the Vikings are sure to be well-represented, Thumhart said.

Both MacKenzie and Robel are sure to be chosen, as is Neal.

The Vikes have two games remaining the following weekend.

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# Opinion

## Frontline

### Anti-gay flyers poison campus

To the Nazis, the word "Jew" meant a greedy, dirty unscrupulous person, and became a rallying cry to exterminate an entire race. It was a signal of paranoia — the Nazis were afraid of being taken over by "them."

The same type of paranoia was seen last week on buildings around campus.

A day was set aside to celebrate gay pride, or at least the acceptance of their difference. Unfortunately, somebody at Western used the day as a chance to vent hatred against a lifestyle they don't attempt to understand.

A flyer done by someone with access to a computer was posted around Arntzen Hall and the G. Robert Ross Technology Building. The flyer obviously took substantial time and effort to produce. In three sentences it managed to show just how close-minded some people can be: "Only 364 days of heterosexuality left until the next gay pride day," "Is homosexuality just a passing phase? Let's hope so!" and "Is there room for homosexuality in our society? Hell no!"

But the most disturbing part of the flyer was the way it was signed — "sponsored by US, directed by THEM!" It assumed that readers would agree, instead of seeing the useless hatred it represented.

Gay pride.

That's all it was; human beings proud that they can accept themselves. Proud to live as they choose.

Bryan Fujimoto, coordinator of the Associated Students Sexual Minorities Center, estimates that 15 percent of Western students are homosexuals, though many are "closeted." About 10 percent of the nation's population is gay.

Homosexuals don't "recruit;" they aren't trying to change anyone. There's no reason to be afraid.

But the fliers weren't the only example of anti-gay paranoia.

Posters announcing gay and lesbian support groups were defaced with the scrawled phrase, "Faggots like Dick!" (whoever Dick is).

Just walking through campus or sitting in coffee shops one can catch pieces of conversation that put down homosexuals. The word "gay" has even become synonymous with "lame" and "worthless" — some people use "gay" in this way to describe things such as tests, lectures and football games.

Though using this word may seem innocuous, language is powerful enough to incite people to war and murder. Assigning negative characteristics to a word can lead to the destruction of an entire people.

If people cannot see the similarity between hatred directed against gays and hatred against blacks, Jews, and Asians, maybe they can be swayed by something more personal:

The large chance that all of us unknowingly have friends, brothers, sisters, or other relatives who are gay. And we wouldn't want them lynched or sent to a concentration camp for being in love with someone of the same sex.



Click your ruby sneakers ...

### Aid proposal work of wizards

Students are being led to believe they're headed down the Yellow Brick Road by the federal government's new financial aid proposals. Actually, it's really a low-grade gravel-covered road.

Keep your eyes closed real tight; tap your ruby red sneakers three times, and you may start to fantasize that these plans are designed to benefit students.

The extravaganza of wizardry includes a proposal that financial aid recipients be required to serve two years in civil or military services to be eligible for aid.

You better tap those sneakers again, and this time wish for rich parents or a sugar daddy who will pay your way through college!

To add even more glitter, the feds have dreamed up a no-drug clause to be tacked on financial aid forms. All students must certify they will not make, sell, possess or use drugs during the period they receive fed-



eral grant money.

To understand a wizard, you have to think like one. If all college grads who used financial aid were thrown into the military, then that nasty selective service system would not be needed anymore. No more dodgers, no more burned draft cards.

All those who ducked out because they didn't meet the requirements for military service, could be shoved into civil service. Just think of all the cuts in budgets and salaries that could be made. Why pay these kids? Just issue them food stamps and set them up in a public housing project.

That drug clause reinforces what the wizard has said many times: "Yes, we are winning that nasty little war against drugs!" Look at all the money it took to change all those financial aid forms.

More money could be saved by cutting funds to drug enforcement agencies. Drug cops won't need much money now that they don't have to chase down drug-crazed students. Let the schools take on the job of enforcing the drug clause. Besides taking away financial aid, educators could whip out those paddles and teach those kids a lesson or two!

Now, tap those sneakers one more time, and listen to the barking dog.

See the wizard for what he is. He has no courage to deal with this country's drug problem. He has no brain to comprehend that a college education is financially out of reach for most people. He has no heart.

## Letters

### Product 'cost' often too high

Editor,

Congratulations, Alana, for in your May 16 editorial, "Thumper," you illustrated a level of consumer awareness far beyond that of the ordinary shopper. You've made a connection between the actual need for a product and the price it extracts from our collective environment. Our consumers' cornucopia is chock-full of similarly nasty items labeled "convenience," "appearance" or, better yet, "quality of life," that come at the expense of the environment.

Inhumane animal "testing" for vital products, such as hair-removal lotions, caffeine-loaded sodas or carcinogenic pesticides, represents only a small percentage of the destruction we incur in our quest for a better, safer world. In the course of our society's glutinous consumption

of petroleum products, we spill millions of gallons of crude oil, destroy pristine environments with drilling platforms and refineries, and pollute our air to the extent that we are actually doing lab experiments on ourselves — think about that the next time you hop in your car. Examples like this are all around us.

Alana, you've made a breakthrough. Please continue and expand your questioning of products and their costs. I invite you to be a thinking consumer and to accept your responsibility for the products you use, and while you're at it, tell a friend.

Dillon Schneider  
Environmental Center  
assistant coordinator  
graduate student, music

### Stop playing word games

Editor,

Amy Grunig, Inter-Hall Council chairwoman, has written letters to

the editor that are an embarrassment to the residence hall system and Western. She demands campus publications use the words "residence halls" instead of "dorms."

Is this all that IHC is concerned about? Silly semantics that don't affect students?

As a former Front editor and current AS Review editor, I've always encouraged the use of "residence halls," except, perhaps, for tight-fitting headlines. I have yet to see a student drop off the housing waiting list because someone called their school home a "dorm." And using the word "hall" is ambiguous. I didn't live in a "hall" for three years. I would have no privacy or furniture. I lived in a room.

This word-game stuff is a waste of time for IHC. If that is all IHC has to do, besides hosting a gambling hullabaloo, then I question the value of this token student organization.

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senior, journalism major

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# Letters

## Gay violence is intolerable

Editor,  
 Four months ago my 28-year-old cousin died of AIDS. He contracted the disease in a homosexual relationship. He died because we as a people were unwilling to appropriate the same sanctity of life to gays that we reserve for heterosexuals.  
 I shouldn't be surprised that the introduction of the AIDS virus into

the heterosexual community dramatically increased funding for research, but I am surprised. I am also angered. Why are we so willing to ignore or condone violence when it is directed at gay men and lesbians?  
 Last week in New York a group of "skinheads," suspected in the beatings of up to two dozen homosexual men, boasted about their actions to arresting officers. This blatant disregard for humanity is indicative of a very deep sentiment in our culture.

Just an hour ago, I overheard two Western students mocking gays. While the students' behavior is probably not unusual, it is offensive. It is also violent.  
 Though these two did not wait in a dark alley with a baseball bat for an unsuspecting victim, they did, regardless of how unintentionally, sanction such behavior.  
 Lynching was used in the South to contain and control Afro-Americans for centuries. "Fag bashing" is its modern equivalent, frightening

homosexuals into conformity and silence.  
 This sporadic yet systematic violence, encouraged by a pervasive undercurrent of homophobia, threatens everyone. AIDS jokes, gay jokes, derogatory names, subtle prejudice and blatant violence force all of us to adhere to socially prescribed norms. As a result, our selves are stifled. Women shave their legs religiously, and men are afraid to hug men.  
 Gay people are human. They have families, jobs, hobbies and children.  
 They are your friends and your neighbors. Though it is difficult, I would like to share one last experience. I had an uncle who was gay. His name was David. He had curly hair and was shy. One night he was tied with a telephone cord, doused with kerosene and burned. Because he was gay.  
 Remember, gay people are human. They have families.  
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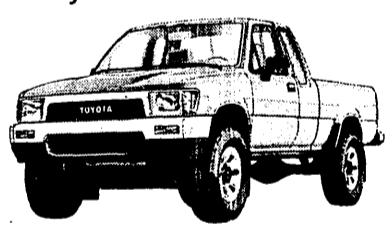
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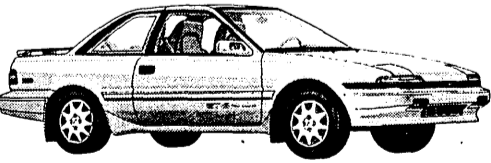
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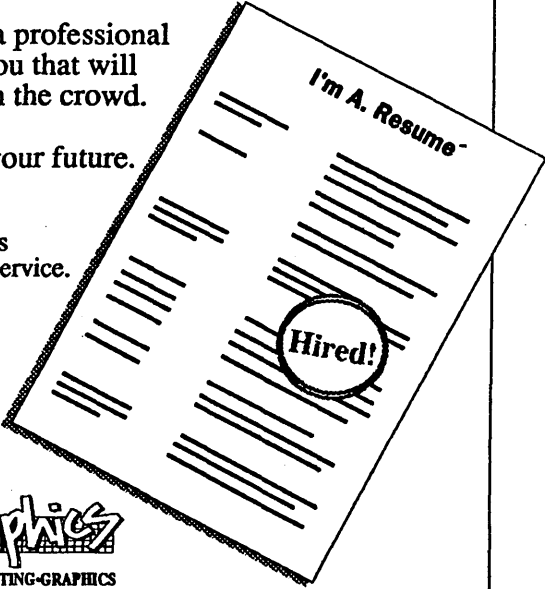
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