


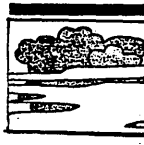


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**WEATHER**  
Cloudy and mostly cool today with highs in the lower to mid-50s. Lows are expected to be in the upper 30s to lower 40s.

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## Students oppose possible loft ban policy

By Kristi Warren  
staff reporter

Another 'Just say NO' policy is not what Western students want to hear.

The University Services Council met Thursday, April 19 to consider the "no furniture off the floor" policy suggested by the Housing and Dining Committee, April 9.

However, no vote was taken. A different agenda topic dominated the council meeting, said Yolanda Graham, council member and assistant director of academic advising.

Students may still have time to oppose the policy by expressing their opinions and clarifying the points they feel are too broad.

Kay Rich, director of University Residences said she was uncertain why students feel the policy is vague.

"The wording 'No furniture off the floor' is about as to the point as you can get," Rich said.

Council meeting minutes said a previous draft of the policy had been reviewed and the council basically supports the policy.

The council will meet again Thursday, May 3, said council member Joe St. Hillaire.

The policy is part of the decorating/personalizing space portion of the residence hall agreement. It bans the use of lofts and stacking furniture.

"It is a policy that has been on and off the books," said Leslie Jensen, AS vice-president of residence life. "The policy had just not been enforced."

The decision to restrict residence hall occupants is not popular with many students.

"I think what they're saying is wrong," said Fairhaven resident Alyson Hagen. "There is not enough room for two people as it is and we're paying enough money that we should be able to do what we want."

Hagen said she understood the safety concern, but issues such as using stairs to get up to the lofts instead of ladders were not taken into consideration as far as she knows.

Jerry Kraft, a business major and Ridgeway Kappa resident, said the policy is too general. It doesn't take into consideration building platforms and lofts that are safe or aren't for

sleeping. He wants the administration to leave the students some choices. "Lofts could be used for television sets and other stuff," he said. "I don't understand about no platforms. Aren't they on the floor?"

"We should have rights in our own room. We pay rent," Kraft said.

"Some lofts are unsafe. There should be a code to regulate how safe they are instead of just saying 'NO' to them. I think it is a stupid rule," said Paula Kenyon, an environmental studies major and Fairhaven resident.

"There will be frustration," said Mike Bartosch, Associate Director of University Residences for Residence Life. "Hopefully they'll understand the reasons."

"The safety hazards," explained Bellingham City Fire Marshall, Robert A. Neale, "are not only because of structural instability, causing injuries when lofts or furniture collapse, but in the case of fire, smoke tends to rise and the higher you are to the ceiling the most likely you are to suffocate from smoke inhalation."

"Our firefighters have no idea there is a loft above them. They'll be crawling around look-

ing for fire victims and not know someone is dying six feet above them," he said.

A fire fatality occurred in Bellingham in a situation very similar to this. The only difference was the homemade loft was in a single family dwelling, Neale said.

"People don't like it, but they don't like a lot of policies," Jensen said. "There are just too many safety concerns to ignore and besides you can't ignore the fire code."

The "no furniture off the floor policy" is not in the state Uniform Fire Code. However, the code authorizes the fire marshal to make rules and regulations when deemed necessary.

Not all students are angered by the policy; Keith Gerhard, a Nash Hall resident said he and his roommate have a loft and it is nice for space, but they have no objections to the decision.

The policy has been circulated to residential students to inform them of the regulations before they choose to return to the dorms next year.

## Earth Fair 1990; different viewpoints

By Scott M. Ayers  
staff reporter

Hundreds of people gathered at Western Saturday for Earth Fair 1990.

The fair, which marked the 20th anniversary of Earth Day, gave those who support environmental issues a chance to spend a day spreading information about their viewpoints and celebrating their commitment to the earth.

Craig Erdman, a Western graduate student, was one of many who worked at the fair to gain support for environmental policies.

Erdman, who studies geology, spent the day asking fair-goers to write letters to their congressmen urging a bill which would protect Washington's rivers from development.

"We want to protect a few quality rivers like the Nooksack from hydro-electric projects and to protect shoreline areas."

The Puget Sounders, Audobon

Northwest, Save the Dolphins and Neighbors Opposing Power Encroachment (NOPE), were just of the few environmental groups on hand.

Rusty Howard, a volunteer for Greenpeace Action, said for him, the fair was a celebration for those who had already committed themselves to environmental causes.

"Most of the people here are the converted, they're just here having a good time," he said.

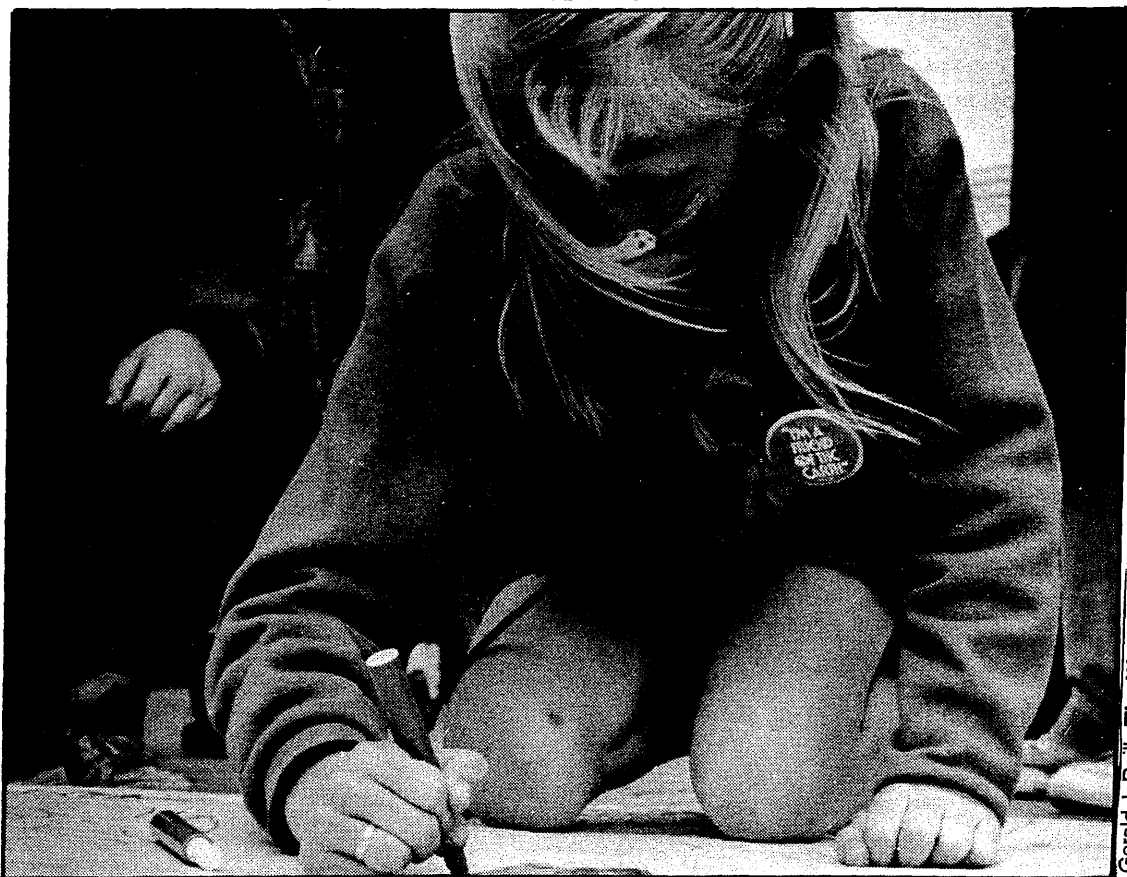
Howard, who worked at Fairhaven College in 1989, said his group works every day to increase people's knowledge about how the environment is being destroyed.

"We're out there 365 days a year knocking on doors and spreading the message," he said.

Howard estimates that Greenpeace Action visits 40,000 households a day nationwide.

The fair also gave some reason for optimism about the future.

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Ingrid Bostrom, 8, writes "Keep the World Clean" on a banner at Saturday's Earth Day celebration.

Gerald J. Reilly/The Western Front

## Firms interested in food contract

By Shirley Mullin  
staff reporter

Western's food service contract is up for bids. Marriott Corporation's contract with Western went up for renewal Jan. 1, 1990. The Marriott Corp. bought out SAGA in 1986.

In order to encourage competitiveness, efficiency and good service, bids for the food service contract are being accepted until April 25, said Dale Monroe, member of the food service contract committee, and director of Purchasing and Material Services.

Marriott will be making a bid to renew their contract.

Roger Oetli, business manager for the Housing and Dining System, stated in a Dec. 8, 1989 Front article, "Western's food service contract is one of the largest around. We're talking about a \$6 million contract."

The new contract will begin Sept. 1, 1990 and expire Aug. 31, 2000.

A ten year contract is deemed necessary "because of the large capital investment required," Monroe said.

Western advertised in papers under state law for bids on the contract.

Six firms showed interest at a pre-proposal meeting, Monroe said. The meeting was intended to give firms a tour of Western and its food service facilities, in order to make them as knowledgeable as possible about Western's food service, he said.

Monroe said a statement of Western's food service needs has been presented to the firms making bids with the expectation they will use their expertise to respond to those needs.

See Food on page 12

## Perspectives

An in-depth look at campus, community and worldwide issues that affect students.

### West German students reflect on political changes

By Renee Brewer  
staff reporter

If someone had asked Ruth Noellgen a year ago about the likelihood of Germany's reunification she would have replied, "Never in my lifetime."

Today, West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl predicts East and West Germany could be reunited within two years.

See Germany on page 4



Two events, both in May, will let bikers, such as Julie Melton, pictured, who were born to be wild or easy riders get together. See stories, same column.

## Join the club, be one with nature

If mother nature is calling you, the Outdoor Program has several events planned in the next few weeks that are sure to satisfy Grizzly Adams-wanna-bes.

The Outdoor Program will sponsor an introduction to rock climbing. The May 5 climb at Mount Erie offers an opportunity for people to learn basic mountain climbing techniques. The pre-trip meeting will take place on May 2. For more information call ext. 6128.

Interested people can raft the white water of the Wenatchee River on May 6. The cost of the trip is \$40. The pre-trip meeting will be on May 1.

The tallest Sitka Spruce in the world are within hours of Western. Carmana is one of the few remaining deep river valleys on Vancouver Is-

land that has not been logged. The Outdoor Program is sponsoring an overnight visit to the old-growth forest of Carmana. The trip takes place May 12 and 13. The pre-trip meeting will be on May 3.

Mountain Biking in Eastern Washington could be a hot way to spend May 18 and 20. Guided treks in the Methow Valley will be available to all levels of riders. Bikers will camp at Pearygin Lake State Park where they can feast on pasta and attend an informational workshop about bike mechanics. The pre-trip meeting will be on May 2.

All pre-trip meetings are required and take place at 7 p.m. in Viking Union 113. For more information call the Outdoor Program at ext. 6128.

## Bikers can help build Habitat for Humanity

A bike-a-thon on May 19 will raise money to help Western's Habitat for Humanity raise money for building houses for low-income families.

"Bike to Build" pledge sheets and information can be picked up in Viking Union 104. Pledges totaling more than \$50 will earn riders an event T-shirt.

Volunteers are still needed to help work at the event.

The bike-a-thon will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Participants can start at any time.

The organization builds simple, but adequate housing with as much volunteer labor and donated materials as possible. Families in need can buy the houses at cost and not have to pay interest on loans. In return, the family must contribute 500 hours of labor to Habitat for Humanity Projects.

## Talking typewriter enables sight impaired students

By Shirley Mullin  
staff reporter

The Disabled Student Services recently purchased new equipment to aid learning and physically impaired students, thanks to a \$30,000 grant received in January.

The grant is from the Washington State Department of Services for the Blind.

Approximately 150 Western students are learning or physically disabled, said Dorothy Crow, coordinator of the Disabled Student Services. Many of these students are unable to read standard textbooks or write and type assignments because of their disabilities.

The new equipment will increase educational opportunities for these students by providing a means for taping and preparing assignments and papers, Crow said.

The purpose of the grant was to provide handicapped students with total computer access and more taped textbooks for dyslexic and visually impaired students, she said.

Juanita Wilson, a blind intern at the Disabled Student Services, has made use of the new equipment.

She said the Kurzweil Personal Reader, a scanner with a voice synthesizer, allows her to read books, typed

forms and magazines.

Kurzweil scans the page, deciphers the print and reads it aloud in a synthesized voice, Wilson said.

"I went to the library to check out my first library book that I could read myself," Wilson said.

A second Kurzweil, which is linked to a computer, reads books out loud and transfers them onto computer disks and cassette tapes, Wilson said.

The Kurzweil gives verbal directions and prints out in braille, Wilson said.

Another purchase was the Artic synthesizer with word processing equipment. This machine verbally tells which words have been typed into the computer.

"It's great. It would be impossible for me to edit straight from the screen," Wilson said. "It would be great to have one at home."

Crow said money from the grant also purchased four variable speed recorders to tape texts, an enlarger which prints up to 45 times original size for visually impaired students and portable braille writers.

Jane Bello-Brunson, assistant coordinator for the Disabled Student Services, said a consultant will be sent out in May to set up the equipment, but it may not be ready for student use until fall quarter.

## COPS BOX

April 22

An officer responded to a domestic dispute between three females in the 1000 block of York Street.

A woman in the 2300 block of Williams Street was cited with fourth degree assault for striking a man with her cane several times. The woman said she had a right to strike the man because she was upset.

A man was arrested in the 2000 block of B Street for punching out the window of a woman's front passenger window. The man fled the scene in a pick-up, leaving the woman in her car.

April 21

It was reported that three juveniles were creating malicious mischief at the corner of 12th and Harris streets. When a policeman arrived on the scene, he found the three juveniles had been marking up the sidewalk with Earthday slogans. The juveniles were not at the scene when the police arrived.

A 21-year-old man was arrested in the 1000 block of North Garden Street for violating his work re-

lease.

Police found an injured, intoxicated man sitting on a picnic table in the 600 block of Alabama Street. The man was taken to the hospital for treatment of head and eye injuries.

April 20

A woman reported she and another woman had been assaulted by a male in the 800 block of Halleck Street.

A man of "advanced age" was reported as having stolen day-old baked goods from a store in the 1000 block of Lakeway Drive. The man was given a trespass warning, but due to his age, the store chose not press charges.

A person at a motel contacted police to complain her keys had been taken by friends. The police reported this was a good idea due to the woman's high level of intoxication.

A 16-year-old was arrested for promoting prostitution in the 1400 block of Cornwall Avenue.

A pedestrian was hit by a bicycle rider on a sidewalk of the

1400 block of Railroad Avenue. The pedestrian was taken to the hospital by a medic unit; the bicycle rider was cited for riding on the sidewalk.

On the corner of State and Maple streets, it was reported a woman with a large butcher knife was acting strange. The police discovered she had a mental condition and impounded her knife.

April 19

A female student in a ground-level Fairhaven dorm said a white male exposed himself outside her window at 10:15 p.m.

April 18

A male was seen naked under the trees between Haggard and College Halls at 8:15 p.m., but disappeared before campus security arrived at the scene.

A 19-year-old man was arrested at his home in the 830 block of High in connection with the robbery of a Domino's Pizza delivery man on March 18.

A man at a business in the 400 block of West Holly Street, defecated, on the floor of the bathroom.

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- **PARAPROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:** Career Placement & Planning is accepting applications for its paraprofessional program for the 1990-91 academic year. Applications are available in OM280. Deadline is May 4. For more information, call 676-3240.
- **SPRING TEST DATES: Junior Writing Exam,** 3 p.m. April 24, 25, 26, 27 & 30. Pre-register in OM120. **Math Placement,** April 30, May 2, 8, 24 & 25. Pay fee of \$10 & pre-register in OM120. **TETEP,** April 25, May 9, 23 & 29. **Miller Analogies,** May 7, June 11. Pre-register in OM120.
- **CREDIT BY EXAM:** Applications must be received in the Testing Center, OM120, by Fri., April 27.
- **APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED** through April 30 for the Farmers Insurance Group scholarship award for mathematics majors with at least a sophomore standing. A copy of the announcement and application forms are available in the Mathematics Department, BH202.
- **MATHEMATICS:** Applications will be accepted through April 30 for the William Wade Haggard Scholarship award, for seniors graduating next academic year who wish to pursue a career of teaching mathematics. Copies of the announcement and application forms are available in the Math Department, BH202.
- **A VIETNAM PROGRAM** to be initiated by CIEE in 1991 offers a semester program at the University of Hanoi starting in spring, 1991. Open to graduate and undergraduate students with a GPA of 2.75 or better who have taken at least one Asian Studies course, the program is designed for students interested in studying the language, history, and culture of Vietnam. For more information on this or other programs, contact the Foreign Study Office, OM530B, X/3298 or 3299.
- **THE EAST ASIA COLLOQUIAM** presents visiting professor Wei Cuiyi, "Asian Folktales of the Silk Road," 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 25 in the WL Presentation Room.
- **FINANCE AND MARKETING CLUBS PRESENT** David Schumock, vice president and financial consultant for Shearson Lehman Hutton today (April 24) in PH146 at 5 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

### On-Campus Interview Schedule

- Seniors must submit completed campus interview forms to Career Planning and Placement three days before each interview.*
- Bakersfield City School, Wed., Apr. 25. Signup required. Take resumé & application to interview.
  - First Investors Corp., 2 p.m. Thurs., Apr. 26. Signup required. Group info session only.
  - State Dept. of Revenue, Thurs., Apr. 26. Submit application when you sign up. Written exam Apr. 26 & oral exam Apr. 27.
  - State Dept. of Revenue (summer intern), Thurs., Apr. 26. Submit application when you sign up to interview.
  - Auburn School District, Tues., May 1. Attend one group info session, 11 a.m. or 2 p.m. Signup required.
  - K-Mart Apparel, Wednesday, May 2. Submit CIF when you sign up for interview.
  - U.S. Marine Corps Officer Selection, Wednesday, May 9. CIF optional when you sign up for interview.
  - Defense Contract Audit Agency, Wednesday, May 9. Submit CIF when you sign up for interview. Prior to interview, view DCAA videotape in CPPC resource library.
  - Lady Foot Locker, Wednesday, May 9. Submit CIF when you sign up for interview.

# Western searches for recycled paper supply

By Denise R. Mead  
staff reporter

The feasibility of buying and using recycled paper campus-wide was discussed by a five-member panel at noon, April 18, in the Viking Union.

Beth Fries, assistant coordinator of the Associated Students Environmental Center, urged Western students to get involved in the effort to get recycled paper on the campus. She wrote a proposal urging the AS to start using recycled paper.

"When we pay for our tuition, a small percentage goes to the AS," Fries said. "The AS uses a tremendous amount of paper and the AS is a student organization, so we have a lot of control over it."

"The Environmental Center's Recycling Education Program subsidized the recycled

paper in the bookstore this quarter and the lined, 100 percent recycled, unbleached paper sold out in 3 days," Fries said. "This shows how many students on this campus support what we're doing."

The company who sold the paper doesn't sell it at wholesale price, so the Environmental Center subsidized it to keep down the cost to the buyer. The center doesn't have the money to do this every quarter and is looking for an alternative way.

Although the cost of buying recycled paper is higher than buying virgin paper, Kimberly Maxwell, a Huxley student, stressed the need to be patient and wait for the supply to catch up to the demand. In the mean time, students should pay the difference.

"At the moment I am only aware of 30 manufacturers in the country who are presently manufacturing recycled paper," Maxwell said. "That isn't enough. As we increase our demand, supply will eventually increase, there-

fore lowering the price."

Many paper mills making virgin paper have begun to produce recycled paper. "Businessmen realize that this is the economic future," Maxwell said. "We've got our foot in the door to start the process."

Students should be wary of manufacturers who say their paper has recycled content, but don't list an actual percentage of "post-consumer waste, paper that has seen its lifecycle go through the consumer," Maxwell said.

"Western is operated by the state of Washington and is subject to state laws," said Huxley student Leslie Lang. "The state procurement policy does allow for the purchase of recycled paper, but not if it costs more than comparable non-recycled products." But the 1989 revision of state law RCW 43.19.1911 allows state agencies such as Western to develop their own procurement policy.

A study Lang was involved in found "it is feasible for Western to convert to the use of

recyclable paper products."

Bobbie Hallock, a Fiscal Services buyer, is involved in an effort by the purchasing department to obtain recycled paper and make it available for every department's use, if they choose to use recycled paper.

Hallock took a new approach to finding a manufacturer of recycled paper to supply Western.

Hallock sent out a seven-page bid. The goal of the bid was to award the lowest responsible bidder the contract of supplying Western's recycled paper for a year.

The bidders will be judged on many things such as, "the lowest bid, how the paper is packaged, the recycled content and the brightness of the paper," Hallock said.

The bid is open to any vendor. The last day to bid is April 25, at 3 p.m. A bidder will be selected as a winner after several days of evaluation.

# Animals used for Psychology experiments

By Matt Baunsgard  
features editor

Monkeys. Rats. Crayfish. Chickens.

All of these animals can be found in the basement of Miller Hall.

Western's psychology department is no different than other psychology departments across the state; they use animals in their laboratory experiments.

Richard W. Thompson, Ph.D., professor, and chair of the psychology department said he primarily uses chickens.

"I am interested in fear," he said. "It turns out that many animals show an innate, instinctive response when they are in fear, producing situations such as when a predator has a hold of them. It is a nice response so I know when the animal is showing it, they're fearful, and when they're not showing it, they're not fearful."

Thompson said the animals are not handled roughly, but they are restrained.

"It is the same as you would hold a cat to keep it from running away," he said.

The animals are also given minor injections.

Thompson is only one of the psychology professors using animals

in experimentation.

"Dr. Crow (Dr. Lowell T. Crow, Ph.D., professor) uses rats to investigate the variability in behavior," Thompson said.

Thompson said it is possible to train people and animals to act in ways other than they normally would. Crow wants to know what part of the brain controls this type of activity. He has conducted some studies by making very small lesions in the rats' brains to see what the effects these lesions will have on the rats' behavior.

"(I only experiment) on rats (and basically I am studying) alcohol effects," Crow said.

The rats are injected with alcohol, then their behavior is observed.

"Merle Prim, of the psychology department, is in charge of our small primate colony," Thompson said.

Prim has been working with a professor from the University of Washington, Thompson said. The two use epileptic patients in their research, because the epileptic patients are having surgery where their brain is going to be exposed, so they can record the brain.

"They are looking at various cognitive processes," Thompson said. "And then trying to find out where the actual part of the brain associated with these kind of processes is."

Once this is done, the results are compared with the monkeys.

"We may remove part of the (monkeys) brain to find out if that is actually the location of that type of behavior," Thompson said. "But that is down the line a ways."

Prim said only advanced students with his permission can work with

and off campus.

Tim Lucy, associate director of the Humane Society, is a member of this committee.

"The purpose is to review the use of animals and the care," he said. "In my opinion the committee is working well in the sense that we are keeping better track than ever of the

periments and have them as pets," Thompson said. "Once we have control over them we are responsible...we use an animal as many times as it is useful and meaningful-sometimes more than one experiment...then we have to get rid of them in some way."

Thompson said they use chloroform to, "put them to sleep permanently."

Thompson recognizes animal activists.

"I think the animal rights movement has been healthy in some ways," he said. "I think it is good to have people concerned with the welfare of animals. And I think it makes us more sensible and more thoughtful."

Thompson said they have never been inhumane or cruel to animals.

"(Animal activists) have not been disruptive to the point of interfering with our activity," he said. "One year they had someone in a monkey suit in a cage in front of Miller Hall."

Thompson said many contributions have been made to animal experimentation, and because of animal research, people know how to treat animals better.

"Looking back over 25 years of research with animals," he said. "There just aren't any cases where I say I did something horrible or wish I hadn't done something. We are not sadists."

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Richard Thompson

the monkeys, and he also said people have complained to him about the use of monkeys in these experiments.

"We do have an animal welfare group which reviews the experiments we perform on animals," Thompson said. "They make sure the experiments are all done ethically and humanely."

All experiments have to go through the Animal Care and Use Committee, a committee which meets six times a year. Members are from both

welfare of animals."

Arlene Lewis of the psychology department is also a member.

"I think there are some experiments that are inappropriate to use animals in," she said. "However, we have reviewed Dr. Prim and his research and we have approved it."

The committee also makes sure the animals are humanely terminated at the end of the experiment.

"It is against regulations to take animals that have been used in ex-

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## Germany

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For Noellgen, a West German exchange student studying at Huxley College, living in America during the historic changes in Germany has benefits as well as drawbacks.

"I miss a lot of excitement, but I miss a lot of trouble," Noellgen said.

German reunification faces more obstacles than many may realize.

While the American media focuses on the currency problems faced by Germany and judges the strength of a unified German Olympic team, the most important difficulties facing the German people may be psychological.

Ralf Zimmermanns, a West German exchange student studying business at Western, said many East Germans feel they must suddenly change. Many are trying to discard beliefs internalized after living in a socialist society for more than 40 years in order to embrace the more materialistic values of West Germany.

"That's not always good," Zimmermanns said.

Noellgen said less than 2 percent of East German voters in the March elections chose members of the reformist coalition who orchestrated East Germany's uprising. Instead, they elected parties supported by powerful West German counterparts or members of the re-vamped Socialist party.

"It's sad to see most East Germans don't want to incorporate their achievements into West German politics," Noellgen said.

Noellgen said she believes many East Germans are more concerned with achieving economic success than developing their own political system.

Gisela Wachtel, a West German student studying exercise science at Western, said she felt East Germans have become overwhelmed by the amount of wealth they have witnessed in West Germany. Taking this into consideration their drive toward economic achievements is understandable, she said.

"But they want it too much and they want it too badly," Noellgen said.

Attitudes and work habits developed under different societies can cause problems as well. Noellgen said many East German workers weren't prepared for the expectations of West German employers.

"For example, when bakers came over from East Germany to work in the West they would come in at 3 a.m., work until 5 a.m. and then start to leave. At home in East Germany, they would have run out of flour by then. Of course, West German bakers don't run out of flour and keep working, but that wasn't what (the East Germans) were used to," Noellgen said.

Noellgen said polls published in German magazines indicate West Germans are starting to resent East German immigrants. Finding housing and jobs was difficult for West Germans before the border was opened. Competing with East German refugees, who receive first priority, has made it even more difficult.

Both Noellgen and Zimmermanns said fears of a united Germany threatening world peace were understandable, but unnecessary.

"For me personally, a fourth empire is out of the question," Zimmermanns said.

"Germany has changed a lot after the second World War ... we are much less patriotic than other countries ... we have more of a cultural pride, not a pride in our power," Noellgen said.

At first, the dramatic changes in their country seemed overwhelming, Noellgen and Wachtel said.

"It's going too fast," Wachtel said.

Noellgen said in the beginning she felt angry with America for emphasizing the events in East Germany as capitalism defeating communism, rather than people standing up for their rights.

Wachtel said the changes gave her a new sense of hope.

"It's so great to see that changes can happen in peaceful ways. I hope the politicians will learn something from this," Wachtel said.

# Grad student captures Mr. Western competition

By Julie Davisson  
staff reporter

Fifteen of Western's finest "Glamour Boys" graced the stage of the Performing Arts Center Saturday for the 1990 Mr. Western contest.

During the two-hour show, the contestants, each representing a residence hall, displayed their grace, intelligence and talent to a full house of fellow students and seven judges. Categories included sportswear, talent and evening wear, as well as answering surprise questions.

Graduate student Allan Cline was crowned Mr. Western 1990 after wowing the audience and judges with an original classical piano composition. Cline, a music major, entered the competition as Mr. Omega. He received a portable stereo for his first place win.

Mr. Edens, Mark Moran, was named first runner up. When asked what he felt were the three things the world needed most, Moran replied, "Peace, love and happiness." Moran also "brought the house down" with an original rap number explaining his participation in the event. During the evening wear competition, Moran entered the stage hidden behind four escorts and wearing a red and white pajama tuxedo ensemble.

Jason Glover, Mr. Delta placed as second runner up. Glover performed a saxophone version of "Georgia on my Mind." When asked about his goals he replied, "It would be nice to get a date."

Greg Wognild, Mr. Nash, performed a "reverse striptease" meaning he put on his clothes, rather than



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Mr. Omega Allan Cline and Viva Dovell, one of the emcee's for the Mr. Western program, Saturday, walk on stage after Cline is named Mr. Western.

taking them off.

Eric Dightman, Mr. Highland, entertained the crowd with impersonations of Pee Wee Herman, The Church Lady (who rearranged the letters of Western to Seten, meaning Satan) and Bono of U2.

Mr. Gamma, Fred Klein, performed some "superhuman tricks" including blowing up a condom over his head and popping it, while doing a somersault and thrashing an inflatable sex doll all over the stage to demonstrate how to remove a woman's bra.

Mr. Fairhaven, Mareon Henderson, came out during the evening wear portion of the contest with three escorts, who helped him put on his pinky ring, jacket and banner on stage.

"I loved the dance at the beginning," said sophomore Penny Preston, referring to the opening act performed by the contestants to the Living Colour song "Glamour Boys." She added, "It was really entertaining ... a pretty good bargain for three bucks."

Freshman Melissa Ligot added, "The talent competition was funny."

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## Summer cleanup planned for Miller Hall asbestos

By Jennifer Hayes  
staff reporter

Asbestos has become a major health concern within the past 10 years and Western is taking no chances.

Western's Miller Hall will undergo an asbestos clean-out this summer to prevent a possible hazard from developing in the future.

Asbestos can cause problems when the fibers are shaken loose during an earthquake or when a building is being remodeled. If someone is repeatedly exposed to the fibers, they may get cancer or asbestosis 20 years later.

**"It's like a 5,000 piece jigsaw puzzle (trying to place everyone) and we just don't know where at this point."**

"Basically, if you know the asbestos is there, you have to get rid of it," said James Korski, manager of Space Administration.

The newer addition of Miller Hall, built in 1971, contains asbestos fire-proofing used for its steel beams, which will be removed beginning June 25.

The asbestos removal project will take place as a two-step process. Floors two and three will be worked on this summer. Floors one and four will be worked on during the summer of 1991.

Ed Simpson, project manager for

the abatement, said the university wanted to remove the asbestos before a potential problem developed, but no problem exists yet for students and faculty.

Present levels of asbestos fibers in Miller Hall fall below safe outdoor levels of 0.1 fibers per cubic centimeter by sometimes 10 to 100 times, said Stephen Racich, industrial hygienist and asbestos supervisor, who has been monitoring Miller's asbestos levels since discovery in December 1988.

"The amount found in Miller Hall is less than what you might encounter walking around Bellingham," Racich said.

The asbestos was found accidentally by physical plant employees during inspection of the air circulation system in Miller Hall, Smith said.

Two layers of plastic will surround the work area, and HEPA filters, which remove 99.9 percent of asbestos fibers, will constantly clean the contained area's air. A negative air-feed system, which only blows air in, will prevent unfiltered air from exiting the enclosed area.

A national asbestos abatement company, Brand Site, will complete both phases of the project at a cost of \$790,000, Simpson said.

Workers and visitors to the area will have to wear protective gear, similar to space gear with respirators, to prevent becoming contaminated.

If contamination does occur, those exposed will undergo asbestos surveillance every year to determine whether the lungs have become contaminated, said Dennis Smith, Western's safety, waste and environmental manager. However, once the fibers have infected the lungs, nothing can be done to get rid of them, he added.

So, workers and visitors who leave the containment area must take precautions, Simpson said. Workers must brush off visible accumulations of asbestos in one room, remove their clothing in a second room and shower, and then step to a third "clean" room to change into outdoor clothing.

Air monitoring will take place on every floor during the project by Rick Sparks, an independent asbestos abatement consultant and by facilities planning employees, Racich said.

Also, HEPA filters will be monitored, as a safety measure, to check to see if they are doing their job, he added.

Results will be posted in Miller Hall following air tests, he said.

"It (air monitoring) is the key to seeing when things are going wrong," he said.

Asbestos wastes will be double bagged and trucked to the Olympic View Landsite in Kitsap County, according to the asbestos abatement project manual.

Faculty and administrators lo-



Front file photo

Miller Hall is going to be cleaned of Asbestos this summer

cated on floors two and three will be relocated to other parts of Miller Hall or to other parts of campus, Korski said.

Korski said the university will begin moving people following finals week, but is unsure about exactly where the people will be moved.

"It's like a 5,000 piece jigsaw puzzle (trying to place everyone) and we

just don't know where at this point," he said.

Following completion of the project, the area will be thoroughly cleaned and the air monitored before faculty and administrators will be relocated in the area.

The first phase of the project will be completed September 10.

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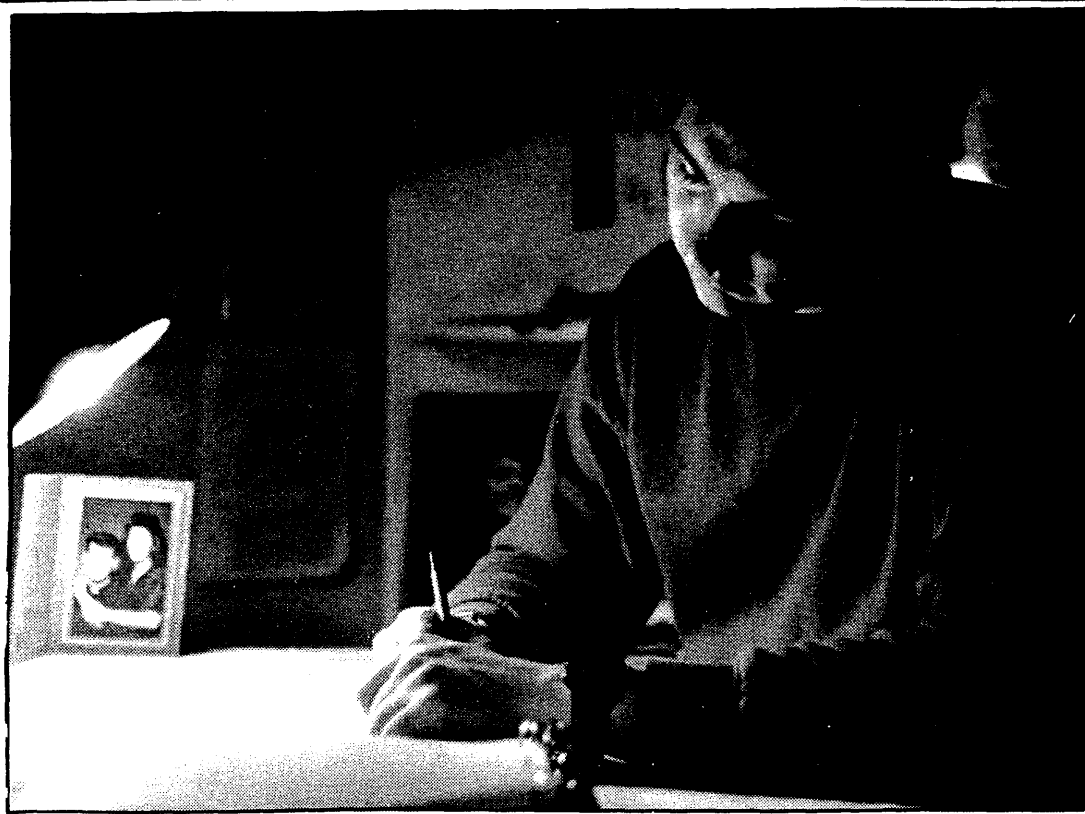
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Rob Bacon stays up late writing to Rosie Morgan, his fiancée, who lives in Spokane.

# With some effort, absence makes hearts grow fonder for long-distance lovers

By Sara Bynum  
staff reporter

Distance makes the heart grow fonder — right?

Most couples would rather not find out if this old saying holds any truth.

After years of searching you finally find your Romeo or your Juliet and you know it is the real stuff — true love. Separation is the last thing a couple looks forward to in their relationship, especially long-term separation.

A long distance separation can be the making or the breaking of a relationship. Meeting each other for lunch or just watching television together are activities which came a dime a dozen. But now they are mere memories.

Letters and expensive phone calls become substitutes for the regular Friday night dates.

Elaine Schick, junior, has been engaged to Leigh since the end of September. Leigh is in the Navy and has been gone since January.

"We write to each other constantly. Not just mushy stuff but we keep track of each other," Schick said. "With (communicating) mainly only with letters you learn to use exacting language. We are getting to know each other differently than if we saw each other each day."

Steve Fruehling, sophomore, writes to his girlfriend in Oregon almost every day and talks to her at least two times daily on the phone. "There's a lot of communication in our relationship and I think it is the biggest factor that helps keep it going," he said.

Loneliness is one obvious problem of a long distance relationship, he said. Fruehling finds it fairly routine to miss his girlfriend.

"It's hard. It isn't real depression, but ho-hum, bummer days," he said.

The occasional problems of any relationship seem twice as difficult to resolve, Fruehling said.

"It's hard to resolve it without the physical contact. It's easy to conceal feelings over the phone," he said.

Melinda Cowan, sophomore, said she hardly ever writes to her boyfriend, Tracy, who is in Oregon, but they call each other twice a week.

In the beginning loneliness was a problem, Cowan said, but she keeps herself busy with friends and homework.

"In one way it's nice because I don't have to worry about splitting up time between friends, homework and Tracy," she said.

Schick said even though she doesn't enjoy being apart from Leigh this separation has brought a lot to their relationship.

"We both have realized how important we are to each other," Schick said. "We wouldn't get a chance to see the extent of that if we saw each other every day."

Sending care packages and newspaper clippings has kept them both in touch with each other and their different surroundings.

Since Schick is at school and her fiancé is abroad, Schick gets to know about the area he's in from little presents.

"I get to travel vicariously through him," Schick said.

Dawnette Cady, junior, has a boyfriend who is in the Navy and is on the same ship with Schick's fiancé.

Cady said the distance hasn't hindered her relationship in the least. "It's made it stronger if anything. Because we're so far apart we've had to overcome a lot of stuff,"

Cady said. "When I really need to talk to someone I can't call him because he's on the ship. I've had to overcome a lot of jealousies and uncertainties," she said. "You have to place a lot of trust in the other person. If you don't have trust it will never work."

"I try and keep my mind off him as much as possible," Cady said. "You learn to deal with it. You do a lot of busy work."

Cady said her boyfriend, Brett, is the "world's worst letter writer" and since he is on a ship he can only call every three to four weeks when he is at a port.

"It's hard but it seems to be working (the relationship). I let him know I'm there for him, that's what he needs to know," she said.

Trust is an important element to any relationship, especially a long-distance relationship.

"If Leigh and I didn't have a trusting relationship it would never last," Schick said, "especially at the ports where there are lots of girls who would love to have an American serviceman."

"You have to work at it. It doesn't just happen," Schick said. If anyone is contemplating a long-distance relationship Cowan suggests, "See how it goes in the beginning and have open communication. It's going to be hard and it might or might not work out."

Fruehling's advice is, "Think twice about it. There's a lot of work and problems that go along with long-distance relationships. But if you see realistic possibilities in the future — go for it."

# Gay couples face

By Maria Manilic  
staff reporter

In silence they hear our slurs, our derogatory jokes, and try to smile and keep their feelings inside.

They're homosexual couples, sexual minorities, who have taken on the seriousness of minority-rights advocacy, despite the difficulties of coming out and identifying their sexual orientation.

"It's a closeted community," said Tophier Jerome, coordinator of the Sexual Minorities Center. "Western is not a place where you would see gay people being able to hold hands."

Gay people are all around us. They are our roommates, our friends, sometimes even our professors. Yet, for the most part, they choose to remain unnoticed.

For those involved in homosexual relationships, the social pressures can be cumbersome. Many young gays and lesbians keep their feelings hidden from friends and families because the rewards for being "normal" are many.

"Losing your job because you're gay ... leaves you feeling you're not as good as the majority," Jerome said. "That is part of what makes the feeling of being a minority, for me anyways, very difficult."

"Dave," who is a gay junior, said it is almost impossible for him to pursue a gay relationship on campus because of the secrecy a gay man must keep.

"I have learned to accept myself for who I am," Dave said. "However, I have not learned to cope with the re-

sponse of others yet." At Western, there's a lot of anti-gay attitudes in the students themselves, said Nancy Foster, assistant coordinator of the SMC. Yet a lot of the homophobia (fear of gays) comes from what people fear in themselves.

The concern of AIDS, acquired immune deficiency syndrome, has increased people's dormant fears regarding gay couples.

"People's first reaction to a disease is to blame someone," said Linina Severance, assistant coordinator of the Sexual Awareness Center. "Many people still believe AIDS is a gay disease, but it's moving more prevalently into the heterosexual population, especially with HIV drug users."

Many believe homosexuality is a disease in itself. Most of society is not willing to accept gay relationships offering commitment, trust, love and the desire to grow together — the very qualities that foster long-term, straight relationships.

"A gay relationship is basically the same as a straight relationship," Dave said. "... People think that all gay men do is have sex and that isn't true."

Permanent relationships are sometimes difficult for gay people to establish. Short-term relationships and sexual promiscuity are the only alternatives they say they're left with.

Dave, who's had a few relationships with men in the past, said he finds it difficult to meet other gay men. "I am a regular person living a regular life ... except I prefer to be with someone of my own sex."

Instead of confronting his emotions, Dave said he found it much easier to deny them. "I wanted to deny that I was

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# Married with colleg

By Derek Dujardin  
staff reporter

"OK, you got your pen ready?" Michael Davenport said, getting ready to respond to what being married and attending college is like.

"At the beginning of the semester," he screamed into the receiver.

"Or something like that," he added. Despite the overwhelmingly negative opinions most students have towards mixing marriage with college, a select few still accept this precarious challenge of balancing college, work, money and marriage.

Pete and Kathy Meagher were married last August and have found marriage more than just emotional profitable. It pays well, too.

"Once you've decided on getting married why wait?" Pete said. "Fi-

nancially it's easier because, one, you've got combined incomes and, two, they really cut you some slack with the financial aid."

Pete and Kathy couldn't get financial aid before they were married, but now find they both have a full financial ride through college.

Pete offers some advice, "Get married by March so next year's grants can get through by fall quarter. You can gross \$20,000 and still get a full ride."

Besides the financial aid, Pete has started a part-time computer dealership and Kathy works a few hours a day as a secretary at an architectural firm.

Michael and Nancy Davenport weren't as lucky as the Meaghers. They received only a quarter of their financial aid in free grants and had to supplement the rest with \$15,000

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Mark Hines' column will now be featured in the Accent section.

# pressures

ys looking at men ... but one day, I ed in the mirror and said 'you are Sounds easy but those are three words to say.' both Jerome and Dave want chil-

dren in secure long-term relationships but both say it would be very difficult. "I want to have children someday, but the logistics of that get complicated," said Jerome.



Front file photo

# Couples who live together

By Kristy Lambro  
staff reporter

Living in sin, cohabitation, shacking-up or playing house; are all phrases used to describe an unmarried couple who live together.

Students who choose to live together may find themselves in a torn situation. On one hand they have moved away from home and are trying to make their own decisions, yet on the other hand their parents may still support them and oversee certain decisions.

For some couples the decision to live together involves the family members on both sides.

Former Western student Julie Hylland and her husband Dave lived together before they got married.

Her parents were understanding and saw it as a practical and economical thing to do, unlike her husband's parents. She said his parent's biggest concern was not the living together, but the pre-marital sex that could be involved. His father made passing comments about them disowning their kids if they were involved in pre-marital sex.

"When we first moved in, we lived in a studio apartment. One day my parents were coming up and I hid all of Julie's things. I felt like I had betrayed Julie just to avoid a confrontation," Dave remembered.

It was tolerated when they moved in with other roommates, and it was tolerated when they moved into a two-bedroom house.

"He told them he was sleeping in one room and I was sleeping in the other," she said.

Western student Janet Nehser chose to ask her parents before she moved in with her boyfriend.

"I guess I should have given them more credit because they were more understanding than I thought they would be," Janet said.

Janet said she considered lying to them and telling them she was living with another female roommate, but she figured the worse they could say was no. Her parents understood and continue to financially support her. Janet said she encourages people to tell their parents.

Western student Lauri Nicholas said she felt living together was fine for other people, but she had never considered it for herself until her boyfriend asked her to

live with him.

Her parents said they didn't approve, but if it was what she wanted to do, she could because it was her life. They agreed to continue to pay for her tuition, but that was it.

"I knew it was going to work-out and that they would come around," she said.

Lauri said her parents started giving her money again after about three months. She and her boyfriend are now engaged to be married and living in a house her parents bought.

"I just decided I could make decisions for myself, and I knew it was the best thing to do," she said.

I have also experienced this dilemma. My boyfriend and I have been living together for the past three years without my parents knowledge. They have always made it clear that their financial support does not extend to one of their children who chooses to "shack-up."

They didn't care if we stayed at each others house, it was the living together thing that was a taboo. My parents have always been worried about what other people will think.

The first year was easy because they never came to Bellingham, but then my father was assigned business in the area. He has always been good about calling a week before he comes to see me, but the visit still causes stress.

The day he is supposed to arrive I have to try and stuff my boyfriends noticeable belongings into the storage closet.

This is very frustrating for him because his parents know about the arrangement and understand. The following week after my father leaves I have to hear, "OK, where did you hide my underwear this time?" and "I told you not to throw my golf clubs in the closet like that."

Now I've gotten to the point where I ask myself if it's worth it.

I've weighed all the pros and cons and I've come to the conclusion if they ask me I'll tell them the truth. Somehow I feel deep down they don't want to know, because if I told them they would have to act on all the threats they've made in the past. I think they feel the relationship we have is too good right now to add complications.

Whether it be for economical or romantic reasons, couples are going to continue to live together if they feel it is right for them. But I still notice the raised eyebrows when I say, "No, we're not married, we live together."

# relations into the heart

## : Financing can help

While the financial or more than half of the Davenports make to sow up the rest. the balancing act between school even more in two children, such as Katrina Davenport. Michael and Nancy started was already in grade had to be taken to Student Co-op day where students with pay and volunteer time. the day-care for Matt, the problem of making was home by 4 p.m. Kathy. to plan our schedules registered for classes, worked out. Sometimes we were a lot of social ed out on because of g," Michael said.

Doug and Susanne Bruland have been married for three years and say inconsistent schedules adds to the stress of making a marriage work. "Every year is different. Every quarter it changes — having an 8 o'clock instead of a 9 o'clock can make all the difference in the world," Doug said. The Brulands say the secret to making a marriage work is to budget their time together the same way they budget their money. "Instead of totally focusing in on your studies, you really have to put time into the marriage," Susanne said. But some couples may find the trials of being married in college is nothing compared to tribulations of whose career is going to take precedent in the relationship. "That is our last and final hurdle," Doug said. "She might get a job here and I might get a job there, but you

don't want to have commute too far, either. "We hope we can both find something in the area," Susanne added. The other problem is different graduation dates. Some couples are faced with a separation during the week while the other is employed in big metropolitan areas such as Seattle, or they are faced with frustrating and long commutes to either work or school. But many others stay around Bellingham taking jobs outside their field, waiting for their spouse to finish college. The Meaghers are faced with this decision. Pete will graduate two years before his wife Kathy. "If Pete gets a job, I'll follow him wherever he goes and take my education along with me," Kathy said.



Pete and Cathy Meager happily cuddle together. Derek Dujardin/Western Front

## Western track adds to district qualifying marks

By Diane Kershner  
staff reporter

Seven Western track team members had district qualifying marks in the J.D. Shotwell Classic Saturday at the University of Puget Sound.

New district qualifiers were Jill Bruner in the 10,000 meters (42:45); Joel Pentland in the 5,000 race walk (26:28.2); Scott Rohrer in the long jump (20-11); Sarah Williams in the 5,000 meters; Kirby White in the 400 hurdles (57.7); Theron Davis in the 200 meters (22.6) and Jack Coble, the first man to qualify for Western in the discus (134.7).

No team scores were kept in the event.

Western had first-place victories in the 5,000 meters from Arlene Prather (18:14.3) and in the high jump from Marielle Stanton (5-2).

Nine Viking athletes finished in second-place: Shawn Haynes in the 5,000 race walk (25:56); Dennis James in the hammer throw (164.7); Chris

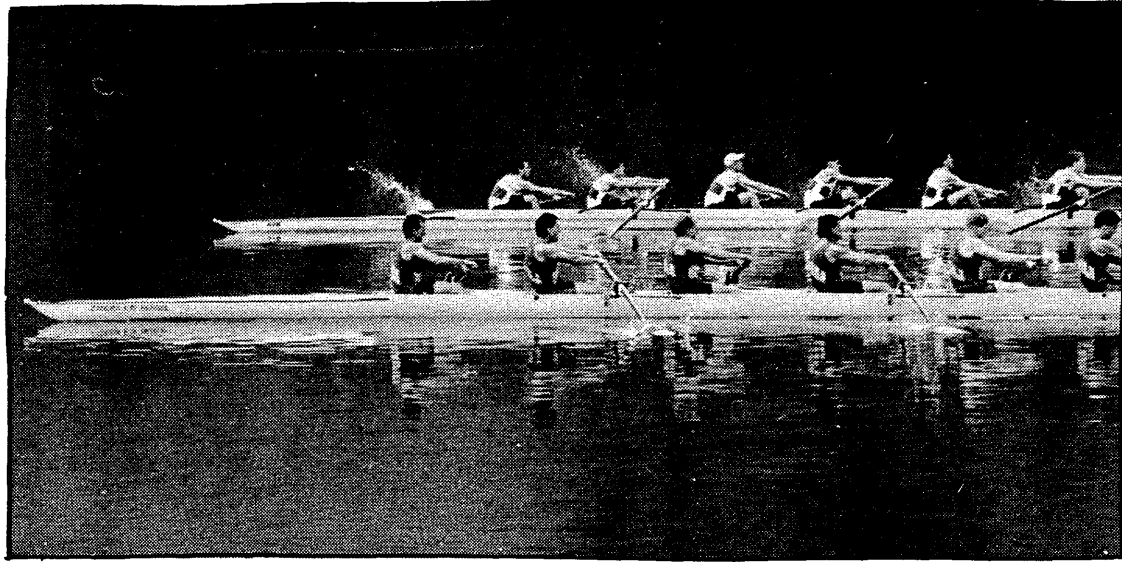
Salas, long jump (22-3); Chris Herling in the high jump (6-6); Chris Parkhurst in the triple jump (41-11); K.C. Knutson, 110 high hurdles (15.2); Melissa Hill in the 800 (2:23.8); Sarah Williams in the 5,000 meters (18:19.6) and the men's 4x100 relay team (44.0).

Lynette Dembiczak placed fourth in the 5,000 meters with a personal record of 19:24.8.

Western now has 56 district qualifying marks and eight national qualifying standards.

Six other teams competed at the meet, including host University of Puget Sound, Pacific Lutheran University, Central Washington University, Seattle Pacific University, Linfield College and Lewis-Clark College.

The Vikings' next competition is Saturday at the Central Washington Invitational in Ellensburg, and for those athletes who qualified, at the Oregon Invitational hosted by the University of Oregon.



Charlotte Anderson/The Western Front

The Viking crew team rowed to wins in four of five races against Washington State.

## Crew victorious at WSU

By Charlotte Anderson  
assistant Accent editor

On the eve of Earth day weekend, the Western crew team cruised through the sloping hills of Eastern Washington to race their rivals at Washington State University.

The crews faired well on the currents of the Snake River.

In a battle of physical fuel tanks, the WSU lightweight men pulled ahead of Western's boat for an exciting finish.

"It was the race of the day," lightweight coach John "Fuzzy" Fuchs said after the race.

Fuchs said the lights had a three-seat open-water lead (about 15 feet) until the sprint of the race.

"They got a little excited toward the finish, we'll just have to gear up for the next race with them," he added.

Bowman for the Cougars' lights, Joel Jones said they were very impressed with Western's lightweights.

"We had to sprint like hell into unconsciousness (in the last 350 meters of the race)," Jones said in between gasps immediately after the race.

The rest of Western's team trounced WSU.

The women's novice A boat and the men's novice A boat both had open water against the Cougars' novice.

The women's lightweights won their race against WSU. It was the first time in three years Western was triumphant against their arch-rivals.

First-year rower Kristen Bowler, said they took water in the first stroke of the race.

"It felt good in the boat, but I don't think it was our full potential," Bowler said. "I know we can do more."

The lights ended the race 80 feet ahead (time to wave Wazzu to the finish.)

The heavyweight men's crew blew away Wazzu's crew in their heat.

Overall, Western crews glowed in the fertile hills of Pullman on Earth day weekend. Next weekend, the Tri-Cities regatta will be a critical challenge to the team. The race will have a sampling of the competition Western will most likely be facing at the Pacific Coast Championships in California this May.

Oregon State, Pacific Lutheran, Puget Sound, Seattle Pacific, Washington State, Gonzaga crews will be competing.

## Western tennis teams finish second, third

By Bret Rankin  
staff reporter

Western's men's and women's tennis teams travelled to Lewiston, Idaho, last weekend to play in the Lewis-Clark State tournament. Both teams finished in the middle of the pack.

The women's team finished second in the four-team tournament, winning two of its three matches. The team opened the tournament with a 5-4 win over Central Washington University Friday. On Saturday, Lewis-Clark State College fell 6-3 to the women before Western lost 7-2 to Idaho.

The men finished third, losing Friday to Lewis-Clark, 9-0, and on Saturday to the University of Puget

Sound, 6-3. The men came back to defeat Central, 5-4, on Saturday.

One highlight of the tournament was the play of Christa and Carin Clow, each winning singles matches and teaming to win the No. 1 doubles match on Friday. The pair fought out of a 1-5 deficit in the second set of Saturday's No. 1 doubles match against Lewis-Clark to win, 4-6, 6-4, 7-6, (7-5 tiebreaker).

The play of Mark Greene topped the tournament for the men. Greene won his two No. 5 singles matches on Saturday in straight sets and teamed with Pat Kelly to defeat Central in the No. 3 doubles match.

Next up for the women's team will be hosting Skagit Valley at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Aitken Courts. The men host Skagit at 3 p.m. Thursday, also on the Aitken Courts.

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By **Deven Bellingar**  
sports editor

Western's starting pitcher Todd Burkman tossed a six-hit shutout in the Vikings' first game with Abbotsford Sunday, and the team continued its domination in the second game, sweeping the Athletics, 7-0 and 9-5 on a soggy Joe Martin Field.

Only two Abbotsford baserunners made it to third base off Burkman, who helped his own cause by striking out four and picking a runner off first base.

Western had nine hits in the opener and slugged 14 hits in the nightcap.

The teams played two seven-inning games.

The Vikings started their destruction of the Athletics in the first game by scoring four runs in the bottom of the first, effectively ending the game early.

Scott River opened the inning by reaching base on an error. Casey Tilton followed with a single and Mark Heine walked. After a strikeout, Tom Tri drilled a double to the left-center field gap, clearing the bases. Chris Wiemals hit a slow roller to the third baseman, who threw the ball away, allowing Tri to score. Western had the lead at 4-0.

The Vikes added a single run in the second on a single by Mitch Rinella, who then stole second. Following a strikeout, Tilton laced a single to right, plating Rinella for a 5-0 Western advantage.

Burkman continued to blaze through the Athletics order, causing the opposition to swing at bad pitches and hit plenty of fly balls to the Viking outfielders.

In the fourth, River reached base after being plunked in the back-side by a pitch but was thrown out at third advancing on Tilton's single to center. Tilton took second on the throw, third on a wild pitch and scored on a single by Heine. Western led 6-0 after four innings.

The final run of the first game was scored in the sixth on consecutive doubles by Heine and Todd Ripley.

Abbotsford went out weakly in the seventh inning with two groundouts and a fly out.

Casey Tilton led the Vikes with a 3-for-4 performance, including one RBI and two runs scored. Western totaled nine



Deven Bellingar/The Western Front

**Western pitcher Anthony Manns.**

hits to Abbotsford's six. The Vikes also took advantage of four Athletics walks.

The second game of the afternoon was actually close for three-and-a-half innings, tied at one run apiece.

Abbotsford scored one run in the second on a walk, stolen base and a double.

Western answered in the third with a single by Greg Harlowe, a sacrifice bunt, which moved Harlowe to second, and a Don MacKenzie double. The Vikes loaded the bases, but Ripley struck out to end the threat.

The tie only lasted until the next inning, when the Vikes added four runs.

Scott Hagen and Keith Tyacke began the fourth with singles and advanced one base on a sacrifice bunt. Craig Rein fought off a few tough pitches before slapping a single to right, scoring both runners. MacKenzie followed with a single and Mike

Peeler grounded the ball to the shortstop, who bobbled the ball on an attempted double-play. MacKenzie was out at second, but the return throw to first sailed over the first baseman and Rein circled the bases.

Peeler went to second on the miscue and third on a wild pitch. Mike Lawrence singled home Peeler and Western had a brief 5-1 lead.

Abbotsford came right back in the fifth, scoring four runs to knot the game at 5-5.

The Athletics had four singles, three walks and a fielder's choice in the inning, knocking out Viking pitcher Blaine Bardman, who was rolling along until the fifth.

The tie was short-lived, as Western tallied a single run in the bottom of the fifth.

Hagen and Tyacke singled. Both advanced a base on a fielder's choice before Craig Rein laid down a perfect suicide squeeze bunt, scoring Hagen, but Tyacke was gunned down at the plate trying to score. The Vikings led 6-5 and weren't through, yet.

Western bombed Athletic relievers for three more runs in the sixth inning to ice the game.

MacKenzie singled, went to second on a sacrifice and scored on a Nick Morris single. Morris advanced to second on the throw home. Ripley doubled to left, scoring Morris and sprinted home on a Hagen single to set the final score at 9-5.

Bardman had six strikeouts in just 5 1/3 innings. He was relieved by Tri and Anthony Manns, who shut the door on any Athletics rallies by fanning three in just two innings.

"I was real happy with our effort. Especially getting all the players a chance to play," said first-year coach John McKay, who is now 2-0 since coming from California last week.

The second game was truly a team effort, as all Viking starters scored at least one run except Manns.

MacKenzie and Hagen each had three hits in the second game, with MacKenzie leading the way with two RBI.

Western travels to Abbotsford Thursday for a single game with the Athletics.

## Golf team finishes first at Simon Fraser tourney

By **Scott M. Ayers**  
staff reporter

Western's golf team appears to have turned the corner.

In a season beset by change and struggle, the team put together a two-round score of 620, beating closest rival Central Washington University by 16 strokes and claiming first place in the Simon Fraser Invitational.

Viking golfers Dan Harrington and Scott Rayburn tied for the individual first place honors with 153 for the tourney. They were joined in the tie by Keith Clark of Simon Fraser and Jeff Kent of Central.

The four way tie led to an interesting and controversial "chip-off" for the first and second place trophies.

In the tie-breaker, each golfer placed his ball in a spot about thirty feet from the hole on the 10th green and took one shot.

Clark's shot landed closest to the hole, and he was awarded the first-place trophy. In an ensuing chip-off for second place, Rayburn won.

Harrington decried the playoff format as unfair to both him and the others.

Harrington said the one shot chip-off system was the wrong way to decide a tournament, which had taken 10 hours to play.

Western coach Dean Russell agreed with Harrington.

"As far as I'm concerned, there were four winners," Russell said.

All players involved in the tie said they would have preferred a playoff system involving actual golf play, but that option was unavailable because the Peace Portal Golf Course was very busy after the tournament. There was no room for a playoff on the schedule.

Despite the controversial ending to the tourney, Western's team en-

joyed its best two days of golf this season.

On Thursday, at the challenging Semiahmoo golf course in Blaine, the team took a 12-stroke lead and sported the only three players who could muster scores in the 70s.

The course was made even tougher by a steady rain, which soaked the players throughout their five hours on the links.

"It (the rain) made the course slower and made it harder to hit long balls off the grass," Harrington explained.

The second day brought another complication as the tourney switched venues from Blaine to the Peace Portal course in White Rock.

"It's hard to adjust to switching courses. You spend the first few holes adjusting your game," Harrington said.

The switch didn't affect the team much though, as Western once again played well. All five team members scored in the 70s.

Harrington led the team on the second day with a three-over-par 75. He was followed closely by Rayburn at 76 and Joel McNeely, who added a 77 to his previous day's 81 for a combined 158.

Mark Aaserud, who shot a six-over-par 78 both days, stressed the importance of the team's victory in what is a highly individual sport.

"This is what we've been aiming for. A player in college golf that plays for himself and not for the team isn't going to make it," he said.

The team has shown continual improvement throughout the year in anticipation of the Western Washington University Invitational this week and the NALA district 1 Tournament in May.

The Western Invitational takes place tomorrow and Thursday at Sudden Valley Golf and Country Club and features a 12-team field.

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## Frontline

### Pen stealing makes editors bite toes

We want to use this valuable, much coveted editorial space to complain about an issue near and dear to our hearts — missing pens.

It started off with regular, blue, ball-point pens. They disappeared from our desks. Then our purses. Then our pockets. Then our pocket protectors. Even from behind our ears.

We've been violated.

The shame and humiliation led us into a life of crime. We were forced to steal pens from the bookstore and assorted banks, no doubt psychologically damaging others.

Linda, our managing editor, even stole a pen engraved with "Ask me about family planning!"

Someone stole it from her.

We were really driven into a toe-bitin' frenzy when our non-repro blue pens disappeared. For you non-publications types: non-repro blue pens don't show up in reproductions. They are the basis of our livelihood. With these funky pens, we can write neat notes to each other over the print and you guys don't get to see them. You should see what we wrote over this space. Hee Hee.

In the absence of our special pens, some of our cub reporters have made the fatal — you should've seen the blood — mistake of making notes with the blue, ball-point pens, which they undoubtedly stole from us. Their notes foiled the editorial process because they do reproduce.

Nobody will fess up.

Our deep-down disappointment in the people we know and love has led to heart-wrenching paranoia about pens in general.

Kathy, our editor, has really turned ugly. The other day we found her on her knees rummaging through the old candy, condom wrappers and prescription anti-depressants in our Feature editor's desk. We couldn't stop her.

We couldn't quite make it out but she was making these weird noises. It sounded like —

"Goddammitwhathehelllopeoplewantwiththesenon-reprobluepensanyway.I'mnotbuying anymore."

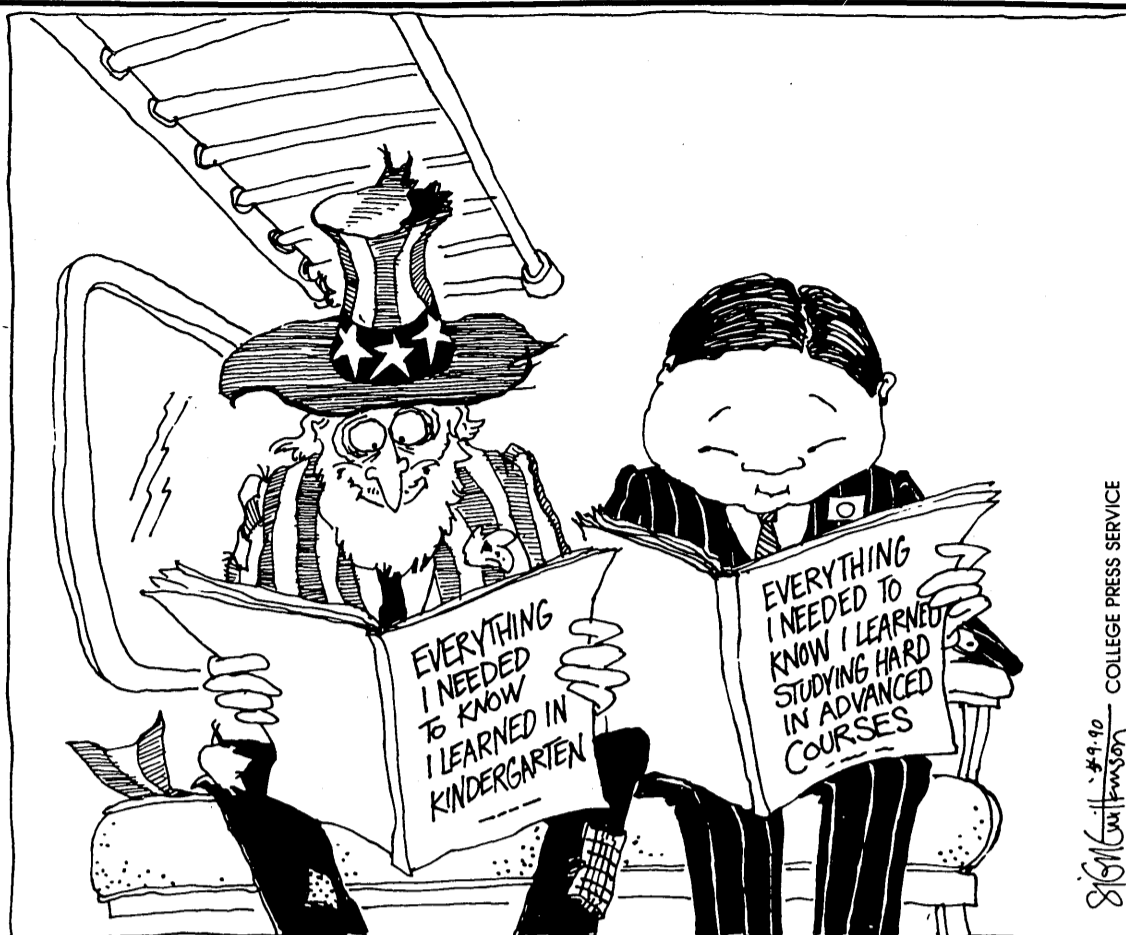
Linda, who had a bad day anyhow, couldn't handle the situation. She just stood in the corner and drooled, tears running from her eyes. She sobbed, "I-give-and-I-give-and-I-give-and-all-you-guys-do-is-take-take-take."

Little do you readers know the grave impact this has had on our lives. Kathy looked for 14 hours before she finally gave up and decided to bag her English 202 class assignment.

Both Linda and our assistant-Accent editor had to turn in their independent-study journals late. We're in big trouble.

The missing pens problem isn't afflicting just us, mankind as a whole suffers from this social disease — sociopathic pen stealing.

It's a twisted world.



### Late night education

## Take a bite out of the 'Shoe's sideshow



Kristi L. Warren  
staff reporter

The birth of wisdom may usually be an immaculate conception or at least come from silent contemplation, but this bit of encouragement comes straight from downtown Bellingham in the Horseshoe Cafe.

Neither immaculate nor silent describes the "Shoe." Actually, had the place been tidy or docile I would have left without a thought of inspiration. The "Shoe," you see, is the local hangout for several of the city's transient or displaced citizens, as well as the late-nighters.

After a sweat-slinging reggae rampage at Buck's Tavern, I meandered there with a few friends in search of fries and tarter sauce. While not regulars, we were entitled to the regular service, the free gossip, and at least one floor show, which that night was an argument, a fight and a police arrest.

I consider the Horseshoe part of the farside, one of the places that so many of us only view through a 27-inch color monitor while sitting in a leather recliner. I think it is a loss not to dine at the "Shoe." It's not the food, the service, the decor or the people in particular. Rather it is the loss of the holistic experience, the participation in a segment of America that exists, satisfying the needs of a different kind of social group.

The farside can be found many places, biker bars, opera houses, vegetarian cooking seminars, gay bars,

### A rite of passage

## Reunion notice triggers a talent search



Esther Ewell  
staff reporter

I was reminded how quickly time passes when I received my 10th high school reunion notification letter in the mail.

It was one of those moments where time seemed to stop. The realization hit me that it has indeed been 10 years.

Some moments which have made me feel old, have also made me feel good. Like when I got my driver's license, or my first credit card. These were signs maturity had struck! But this was a sinking feeling, like "Omigod, I am THAT old!"

It's not as if I'd forgotten it has been 10 years since graduation. I was even anticipating the letter for the past few months. But I wasn't prepared for the reality of it.

I sat on the edge of my bed and asked myself, what have I accomplished in the past ten years that would be glamorous enough to brag to everyone else about? I have gone to school, went to Europe, got married, worked, moved to a new home twice and returned to college. Nothing too glamorous to report.

I looked at the reunion notice. Reunions, it seems, are big business these days. My reunion is being organized not by the "couple most likely to," but by some major outfit.

The cost to attend the function is also major. If I respond right away, it will only cost me \$45 to attend a cocktail reception. The price goes up the closer to the deadline, as if \$65 is going to look more appealing two

convalescent homes, peace rallies, mental asylums, a clean and sober dance hall or a science convention.

Any place there are people you don't think you fit in with, any place you avoid going because you may feel uncomfortable, any place you laugh at because the people look, dress or act differently is a place to gain knowledge about life.

Real life.

The big picture is hard to see from the Ridgeway-Kappa residence hall or for that matter from an older two-story house on N. Forest Street.

Go and discover. Yes, experiencing life, rather than watching from your own everyday routine is a risk. It implies that you may be seen at these farside establishments and functions.

Whether you belong or not isn't the point. The point is that you've been there, you've experienced and should know something more about yourself and others. Either you have found a new element to incorporate into your life or have gained a better understanding of someone else's.

Back at the Horseshoe, no feelings of disgust, sympathy or nausea enveloped me, as our fries finished sizzling in my beer-battered stomach. I turned to watch the police officers frisk one of the fighting patrons and realized that everyone's life has their own elements and that they had no desire to be me anymore than I to be them. Just being there brought me a little closer to the reality of the world. The world: this place where we miss so much by limiting ourselves to the comfort of our usual friends, hangouts and experiences.

weeks before the "gala event."

The letter included a list of names of "missing persons."

I guess the reunion organization is not in the private investigation service. They rely instead on the kindness of the students.

Let me ask you, how many of your high school friends have you seen in the past 10 years?

I've been in contact with one friend on a consistent basis since high school graduation. I called her up to see if she received her letter.

After discussing the basics (date, location and price), we looked up a few of the missing persons and rediscovered who all the faceless names were. I'll bet the guys my friends wouldn't dream of dating in high school will show up in Mercedes-Benz's and have gorgeous wives. And the guys we thought were so cute will probably look kind of dorky after 10 years.

Following this exchange, my friend asked me why I wasn't going to go to the reunion.

My main reason is simple: Why should I spend money to be ignored by the same people who ignored me in high school?

Back then it only cost my self-esteem!

Why would I want to stand around for 3-5 hours listening to people brag about their great house, great kids, great job, etc.?

Getting the reunion notice was a sort of rite of passage for me. It was a reminder that time marches on and soon enough I'll be getting the fifteenth reunion notice.

I only hope I'll be better prepared!

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## Chairman's slaves say humor matters

Editor:

In Professor Lyle Harris' letter (April 20) condemning the article we penned, "A visit to the Green Apple: Hard Core," (Western Front, March 16), Harris espouses the monumental importance of responsibility in journalism. Assuming getting the facts

straight before you sit down to write is central to responsible journalism, it seems that Harris has provided the readers of The Front with a shining example of what he claims to be working against—his letter is full of factual distortions, exaggerations and falsehoods.

**Falsehood #1:** "... many editors and staff members were highly critical of King's decision to run such meaningless and self-indulgent drivel," writes Harris. In actuality, the entire editorial board agreed with

King's decision. We didn't take a class poll, but there was no open disapproval either. It seems Harris has taken it upon himself to speak for the newspaper staff.

**Falsehood #2:** Harris makes the assertion that "many businesses that regularly advertise" in The Front have canceled ads because of the "prurient content last quarter." He goes on to claim every issue of The Front this quarter has been a meager eight pages and the King-Dujardin-Hines editor-

ship is to blame. Fact is, the first issue of The Front this quarter was a whopping 12 pages. The decline in ads is a result of 50 percent of the advertising representatives quitting at the end of last quarter, and traditionally there's less ads spring quarter.

Only one advertiser quit as a direct result of the article on the Green Apple Cinema.

**Falsehood #3:** Contrary to Harris' letter, Bill Dietrich, Pulitzer Prize winning reporter, was never a Front editor. In the same issue as his letter appeared, Dietrich was quoted on the front page as saying, "They were too smart to make me editor of The Front. It would have been a disaster."

**Falsehood #4:** Harris claims King was an irresponsible editor. If Harris were to look at the back issues of The Front, he would see that last quarter was a landmark for The Front. King used good news judgment and taste. From revolution in Central America to Apartheid in South Africa, to student demonstrations and bus strikes, the Front covered these important issues with accuracy, objectivity and professionalism.

Students and faculty praised The Front for covering serious social and political issues as well as providing bold editorial content and entertainment.

The editors worked hard to put out a quality publication, often putting in over 50 hours a week, while only getting paid for 15. Why so many hours? Because of the increased quality of the publication, advertising sales escalated, resulting in 16 and 20 page papers, instead of the usual 12 pages. We did the extra work without complaining, often staying up until five or six in the morning in order to get the paper out.

When we were done, we didn't expect much from our department head—maybe a handshake or a few words of encouragement—instead, we got blasted in the very publication we worked so hard to improve.

Needless to say, we feel a little jaded toward the journalism department. In our view, Harris is pandering to puritanical advertisers, while overlooking student interests.

The Front is a college publication, but it's also a money-making operation—a business that ultimately exploits student labor and does its best to suppress genuine freedom of expression whenever said expression conflicts with the status quo.

Despite critical words from our department head, we're proud of the job we did and still believe our Green Apple story was a legitimate, entertainment worthy piece. If given the chance, we wouldn't change a word.

Since when is humor not "speech that matters?"

*Mark Hines  
Derek Dujardin  
journalism majors*

## Former editor grills Harris' faulty letter

Editor:

I feel I must set the record straight regarding a few items in Lyle Harris' April 20 letter "Chairman bashes Front Editors," in which he criticized the decision to run the story "A visit to the Green Apple: Hard Core" (Front March 16).

Yes, freedom of the press is a sacred right in this country. But at a university, so is the right to make mistakes and learn from them.

Besides being the official campus newspaper, The Western Front is the core of the journalism degree. As such, an issue of the Front is not just a newspaper. It also stands as an example of half-a-week's coursework.

Harris writes how The Western Front is such valuable experience for later careers on newspapers. Why is experience valued? Is it because an experienced person has made their mistakes on someone else's time? One of the purposes of The Western Front is to be a journalism major's mistake (hence: growth) time.

Honestly, though, I don't consider the Green Apple story a mistake. I re-read the story soon after reading Harris' letter. It had the same result on me as before I made the decision to publish it—I laughed.

He talks of an adviser, editors and staff members who were critical of my decision to run the story. What he fails to mention is that such criticism came lightly, in hindsight and carried with it the force of discussion usually reserved for a forgotten comma.

My point is, if Harris is going to wave this criticism in the face of the Front's readers, he should put it in context. He should mention prior to publication, the story was read by at least 10 editors, more than 15 reporters and an adviser with nary a comment.

Instead of making objections, most of these people expressed views which put them in the same boat as me.

During my five years at Western, I have heard many jokes made about the Green Apple Theater. But, really, I wondered, what was it like inside. Hines and Dujardin's story shed light on a business we were curious about.

The same curiosity our journalism texts says is the hallmark of a great reporter.

Judging from the way Harris' letter clashed with the comments I received about the story, it is obvious he and I don't travel in the same circle.

My circle includes the students of this campus—a liberal, artsy crowd, not afraid to look at an unusual issue. Not surprisingly, they were curious about the Green Apple.

I'm not familiar with the people in Harris's circle, but I would guess the prudish Western Front advertisers he writes about are not the real curious type.

I'm sorry if the article offended you Lyle Harris, but the Green Apple Hines and Dujardin reported on is real.

Harris calls this report "salacious pandering to the lowest form of meaningless sexual humor that affronts the dignity of the newspaper and its readers."

I call it funny. Contrary to what Harris writes, I don't think all sexual humor is death for a newspaper. We must keep in mind something the journalism faculty forgets. The Front is a college paper—a college paper on the campus of one of the most liberal colleges in the state.

Lighten-up Harris, we have the "news that matters" in force in the March 16 edition of the Front. Take, for example, Michelle Partridge's excellent story about Leila Tamashiro, the Western student who died in a car accident. Look again at the paper, the Green Apple story wasn't on the front page it was on the second page of the Accent Section—the arts and entertainment section of the Western Front.

Finally I'd like to mention the factual errors and distortions in Harris's letter. The Front did not have eight-page papers because of the "prurient" content of the winter quarter Western Front. The first issue this spring was actually 12 pages.

Also, Harris forgot to mention two points. The slide into eight-page papers began during—not because of—winter quarter. We had three eight-page papers in a row and no one said a word about "salacious pandering." To be fair, he should have mentioned two advertising representatives recently quit prior to

the time he wrote his letter, those positions had not been filled.

Another Harris error has to do with Bill Dietrich, the Fairhaven grad who recently shared in winning a Pulitzer prize at The Seattle Times. Contrary to Harris' memory, Dietrich was never Western Front editor.

I've pointed out these mistakes and misinterpretations, not to get back at Harris, but so readers will ask the question: If a man with a Ph.D. in journalism makes errors, how can he expect perfection from his students?

*Timothy K. King  
winter-quarter editor  
The Western Front*

## Harris' motives questioned by reader

Editor:

In the letter in last Friday's Front, Lyle Harris, the chair of the Journalism Department, attacked Tim King for having exercised his free-press rights in an irresponsible manner last quarter as editor of the Front. I think the charge of irresponsibility is debatable. But even supposing that it's true, why did Harris attack King in print? Harris ended his letter with this sentence: "We on the faculty are left defending to the last breath your right to publish as you wish, but we will not waste one minute defending your irresponsibility." Though Harris did defend King's right to choose without defending his choices, Harris went on to attack King's choice in print. Why go so far?

As chair of the Journalism Department, Harris could have spoken to King in private and left the matter there. Since Harris didn't do that, it seems reasonable to conclude that Harris intended to achieve two results with his letter: to humiliate Tim King (a student) in public and to appease those advertisers and readers who had been offended. I suspect that in addition Harris unintentionally achieved a third result—to produce a chilling effect on the exercise of free-press rights by future editors of the Western Front. I wonder if Harris acted responsibly.

*Mark Hinchliff  
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## Earth

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"This is a real good thing," said Bellingham resident Robert Barnes.

"If just some people gain the need to help the earth, then it's worth it," he said.

Barnes said he has been committed to the earth's needs for 15 years, the clean-up of Lake Washington in Seattle made him realize the earth needed saving.

"We need to do it now, if we don't the earth may rid itself of people as it did with another creature that ravaged it's landscape, the dinosaurs," he said.

Some had a different viewpoint of the fair.

Brent Coulson, a Western freshman, said although he thought the fair was put together well, he didn't agree with everything being said.

"You're not given the second side of the story here," he said.

Coulson pointed out a table opposing nuclear power as well as one opposing the damming of the rivers that were present.

"People need to get power somehow," he said.

Another Western freshman, Jeff Robertson, agreed.

"They ask you to sign a lot of things here when you've only been exposed to one side of the issue," Robertson said.

"Myself, I really don't care about a lot of these issues," he said.

Robertson said he came to the fair hoping to find information concerning the deforestation of the Amazon rainforest and was surprised to find the issue wasn't represented.

Amnesty International, a group concerned with human rights throughout the world was represented.

Although not directly involved in environmental issues, workers at the table said they belonged at the fair.

Luke Jennings, a Western freshman and volunteer at the campus chapter of Amnesty International said the people the group helps can help with the environment once they are free and protected.

"If people are worried about their lives, they can't worry about the earth," he said.

Leslie Lang said people in Whatcom County and Washington state have been worrying about the earth and they have been doing something about it.

Lang, who works for Environmental Resources Services, pointed out Washington state has one of the highest recycling averages in the United States.

She said citizens of this state recycle about 29 percent of their materials, while the rest of the country averages about 10 percent.

Still, she said, people in Whatcom County could do even more.

Currently, the county doesn't supply recycling bins to dorms and apartments, where most of the student population lives.

Lang said residents of these buildings could start their own in-house recycling programs by separating their waste and contracting with the county to pick up the materials.

She pointed out apartment buildings and businesses that have employed this system have found a little extra work can save money on garbage pick up.

Lang said the recycling movement has changed in the past few years.

"Recycling has become more ingrained in the U.S. conscience. It's become more a question of personal ethics than making money," she said.

Organizers and supporters of the Earth Fair hope all environmental issues become important to the people of the world.

## Food

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The committee is trying to foster a sense of competition, Monroe said.

A new concern in the contract process is an awareness of environmental issues, Monroe said. Recycling is one issue being looked at with more emphasis.

Students seemed relieved alternatives are being considered for the contract.

Shanon Wallace, a sophomore, said she feels changes in the current program are necessary. She would like to see the meal plan system changed, as most students do not use the entire meal allotment each week.

Students want to see better quality and more nutritional foods served. Wallace said,

"Starch surprise served three times a day gets old quick."

A Marriott student employee said, "If I didn't have to, I wouldn't eat there."

One solution to student complaints would be to accept a bid from another firm. But Mike Lee, director of Food Services, said in a previous Front issue it wouldn't necessarily provide a solution.

Lee, who works for both Western and Marriott, said "some of the things we do, such as steak night or sundaes on Sunday nights, are written into our contract here. In that sense, a lot of the things we do here now wouldn't necessarily be a lot different even under an-

other company."

A committee made up of students, faculty and staff has been established to review the proposals for the food service contract. The committee will evaluate the proposals and give them a tabulated score, Monroe said. Kay Rich, the chairmen of the committee and director of University Residences, will present the final recommendation to the Board of Trustees.

Rich said the recommendation will be made the week of May 21-25, and then be presented to the board for a final decision at their June 6 meeting.

Lee said Marriott has some exciting new additions for students in their bid.

Marriott is "always working with food trends," Lee said.

Lee also said Marriott responds to student opinions they receive through comment cards in the dining halls, surveys that are distributed in the fall and spring, food committees and one-on-one contact with students. Marriott tries to build student views in and be as responsive as possible, he said.

Rich indicated in a previous Front article that regardless of who's running the food service, it will never suit everyone's needs all the time.

"It's a hard line to walk between meeting the students' needs and what we can do. All we can do is our best," Rich said.



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