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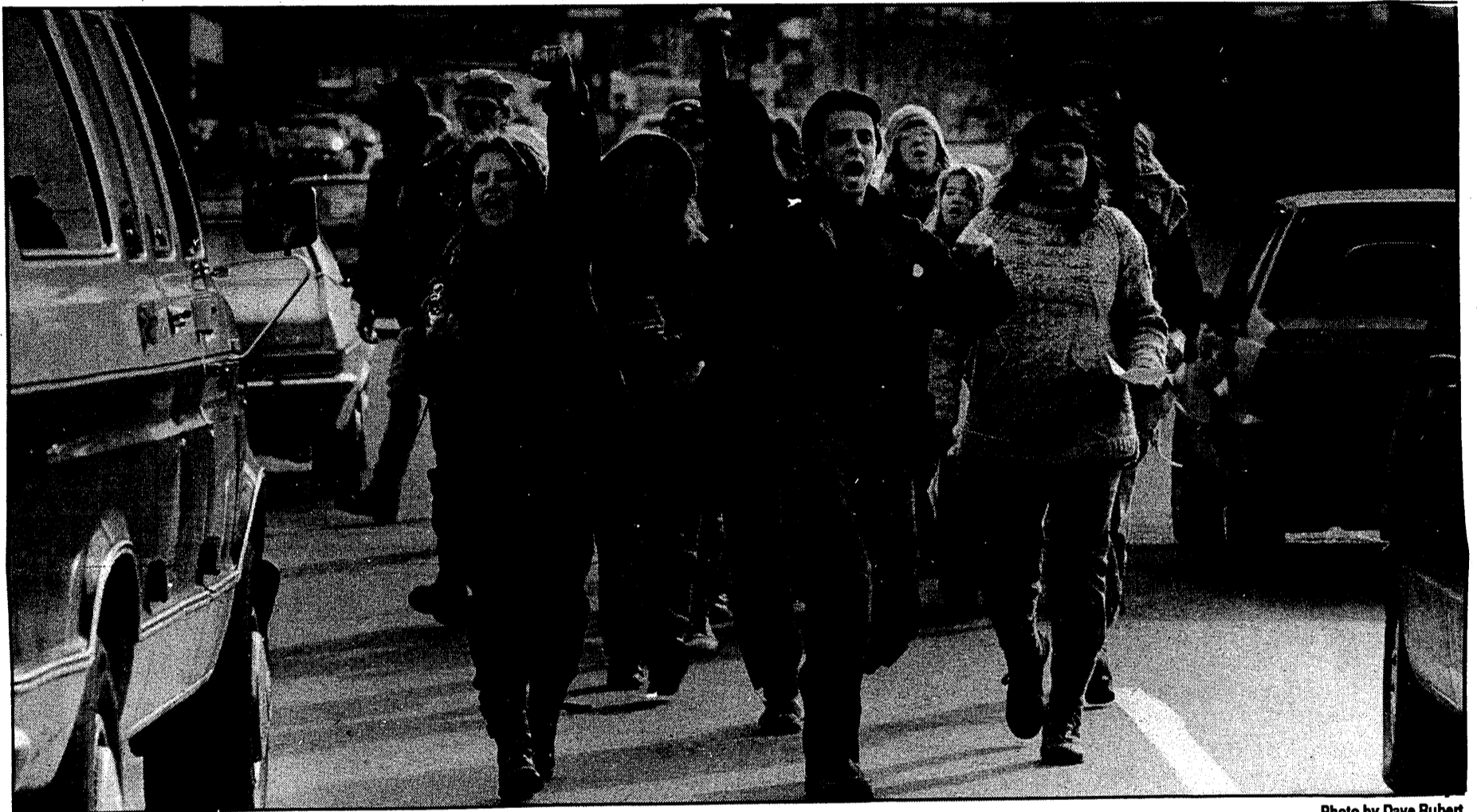


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UP IN ARMS:

Protestors held up traffic at the United States-Canada border in Blaine on November 3. See Features — starting on page 7 — for details.

Police apprehend suspect in attempted rape

By Toni Weyman
staff reporter

Bellingham Police have apprehended a suspect in the Oct. 22 attempted rape of a 35-year-old woman. Gregory Wayne Lee, 25, of 1521 Grant St. #2, was taken into custody on

Friday, Oct. 26 and is being held at Whatcom County Jail.

Formal charges were issued yesterday against Lee which include burglary, attempted rape, robbery and escape from custody. He is scheduled to appear at an arraignment today in Whatcom County Superior Court.

The Oct. 22 incident occurred at approximately 1:25 p.m. in the 600

block of Carolina Street. The victim, explained police Lt. Randall Carroll, was unloading groceries from her car when she noticed a man and a woman walking north on Humboldt Street toward Carolina Street.

The victim, whose name is being withheld by police, told police that she couldn't tell if the man and the woman were together or if the man

was stalking the woman.

According to the superior court affidavit, the victim entered her home and shut the door behind her, but the door did not shut completely. Shortly after, she noticed the same man on her front porch, walking up to her door. She went to ask him what he wanted, and he asked her for the time. As she looked down at her watch, he forced

his way into to her home.

The affidavit reported that a struggle began and the man pulled her into a bedroom, forced her down on the bed and tore at her clothing. The victim kicked and screamed in spite

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World champs? Solar team prepares in Australia

By Mike Clynch
staff reporter

For the first time in months, all is quiet at Western's Vehicle Research Institute.

The Viking XX racing team is in Darwin, Australia, testing its racing strategy and equipment in a final attempt to gain an edge before the Nov. 11, 1990-mile World Solar Challenge.

Western is expected to be one of the favorites. There are at least 35 other vehicles competing but only nine from the United States.

The race will run over the hot and arduous terrain of the interior of Australia. The crew will start in Darwin, the capital city of the Northern Territories, and finish in Adelaide, the capital of the state of South Australia. The expected finish date is Nov. 16 or 17.

The Viking XX was designed and built by

students under the direction of the Western Vehicle Research Institute Director Michael Seal.

Before leaving with the advance crew, Seal said "The last word I heard from Australia was if it doesn't blow too hard, we're the favorite."

The Viking XX is unique in design and construction. Under the race rules, a single-rider vehicle is allowed a maximum 13.7-foot-long solar array. Western's two-rider system is allowed up to 19.7 feet. The large, tilted solar

collector can generate up to two kilowatts of power and rides on wheeled pods. The fixed slope of the collector is only effective while it receives direct sunlight. When the sun traverses past the 12 o'clock position, the vehicle is reversed and steered from the other end.

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Copsbox

Nov. 3

3:30 p.m.

A 24-year-old woman was arrested and charged with assault after she hit an officer. She also threw a bottle of perfume at another officer. She was booked into Whatcom County Jail.

4:36 p.m.

A woman called police to report that a man was trespassing on her property in the 1800 block of Electric Street. The man told police he wanted to pursue a relationship with her. The woman had no desire to have a relationship with the man. Officers advised him to leave. He said he would leave as soon as his car would start.

7:31 p.m.

The manager of a residence house requested that police escort a woman from the premises and issue a trespass warning because of her disruptive behavior (alcohol consumption, threats and foul language). The woman was escorted to the Greyhound station at her request, and police advised her that she would be arrested for trespassing if she returned to the house.

8:34 p.m.

Police responded to a report of a fight in the 2300 block of Elm Street. The incident turned out to be a group of people "play" fighting. One of the play-fighters tried to flee, but he was caught a block away and arrested on a warrant charge.

10:24 p.m.

A store clerk heard noises in a secured area of a store in the 1600 block of 12th Street. He called police when he realized that someone was stealing items and transporting them out of the store through a forced-open window. When the police arrived, the suspect was gone.

Nov. 4

12:33 p.m.

A woman reported that someone had written graffiti on the side of her parents' home. She believes the culprits are ex-friends of hers with whom she has been having problems lately.

4:38 p.m.

A man found a headstone at 1400 Woburn and brought it to police where it was seized and impounded for safekeeping. Police contacted the manager of the business at the aforementioned location. He said he would check his office and grounds for additional headstones that may have been moved.

10:17 p.m.

An officer responded to a report of a domestic situation in the 1100 block of Grant Street. A man claimed his estranged wife came over to his house, got angry in the process of leaving, and broke the window on the front door of his residence. The wife was contacted and said she hadn't intended to cause damage, but the music playing inside the house was so loud that he couldn't hear her knocking. The damage will be worked out between the man and the woman.

Nov. 5

12:23 a.m.

A 28-year-old man was contacted following reports of a fight at North State and Holly streets. He was arrested on existing warrants and for failing to post bail and appear for arraignment.

2:26 a.m.

Officer observed a vehicle parked at East North and Kulshan streets. The car lights were off, but the engine was running. The owner of the vehicle told the police he was waiting for a friend, but changed his story three times. No further action was taken.

Briefs

Holiday presentation

On Wednesday Nov. 14, the Substance Abuse Prevention Center is sponsoring a speaker presentation titled "Enjoying Your Family Over the Holidays." Don Giddings will give the presentation as part of the "Essential Survival Series" sponsored by the center and the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs/Student Life.

The presentation takes place from 2:00 to 3:00 in the Wilson Library Presentation Room. Admission is free.

Corporate prose

Vector Marketing Corporation is sponsoring its Fourth Annual Essay Contest with scholarship monies totaling \$3250.

Students should write a one-page essay not exceeding 250 words on the topic "Rising Tuition Costs: How Can Corporate America Help?"

The contest is open to part-time and full-time undergraduates. Entries will be judged on the basis of overall writing style and content in addition to a demonstrated ability to support the criterion chosen for the essay. All entries should be typed, double-spaced or neatly printed.

For more information contact Lauren Melone, public relations consultant, at 215-356-3141.

Don't Feed the Animals

According to the Humane Society of the United States giving your dog or cat a bit of your thanksgiving meal can be harmful.

A news release from the society quotes Phyllis Wright, vice-president for companion animals as saying "thigh leg and breast bones can splinter after they are digested. The pieces can become lodged in the animal's throat or perforate the intestines."

Environmental radio

KUGS-FM has named November environmental awareness month. The station will air nationally syndicated and locally produced programs concerning issues of the environment throughout the month. Every Monday, an econews service based in Seattle will broadcast its program. A complete program schedule is available from KUGS. Call 647-6110 for more information

Western Washington University Official Announcements

Deadline for announcements in this space is noon Friday for the Tuesday edition and noon Wednesday for the Friday edition. Announcements should be limited to 50 words, typewritten or legibly printed, and sent through campus mail to "Official Announcements," CM113A, or taken in person to Commisery 113A. DO NOT ADDRESS ANNOUNCEMENTS DIRECTLY TO THE WESTERN FRONT. Phoned announcements will not be accepted. All announcements should be signed by originator.

PLEASE POST

- **ADVANCE REGISTRATION** for Winter Quarter takes place through Nov. 20. Appointments will be mailed to students late this month. If you have moved recently be sure the registrar's office has your current local address so you will receive your appointment.
- **WINTER QUARTER DEGREE AND INITIAL CERTIFICATE CANDIDATES:** All students expecting to graduate and/or receive a teaching certificate at the close of winter quarter 1991 must have a senior evaluation and degree application on file in the Registrar's Office in Old Main 230 by December 7. An appointment must be made in that office; call X/3430.
- **MATH PLACEMENT TEST** will be given Nov. 14 and 28. Students must pay a \$10 preregistration fee in the testing center, OM 120.
- **MATHEMATICS — PERMISSION WILL BE REQUIRED** (in order to check prerequisites) to register in the following winter quarter mathematics classes: Math 102, 103, 104, 105, 124, 155, 156, 197a, 197c, and 281. Bring Bluebook to BH 202 to obtain verification form before your registration appointment.
- **TEST FOR ENTRANCE INTO TEACHER EDUCATION (TETEP)** will be given Nov. 14. Students must pay a \$10 preregistration fee in the Testing Center, OM 120.
- **MILLER ANALOGIES TEST** will be given Nov. 12 and Dec. 7. Students must preregister in the Testing Center or call X/3080.
- **UNIVERSITY SERVICES COUNCIL** meets at 4 p.m. Nov. 12 in OM 355.
- **ESSENTIAL SURVIVAL SERIES:** "How to Talk to a Faculty Member," presented by the Academic Advising Center at 2 p.m. Nov. 7, WL Presentation Room. Free.
- **EAST ASIAN COLLOQUIUM** presents Jack Primm, "The Gaijin as Insider — Japanese Business from the Perspective of an American," Wednesday, Nov. 7, 3-5 p.m., BH 109.
- **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** for Western Experience, a program in which currently enrolled students return to their former high schools to share their experience at Western. Contact the Student-to-Student Program, OM 200, X/3861. Deadline is Tuesday, Nov. 13.
- **INTERNATIONAL LIVING GROUP ADVISERS (ILGA).** International English Language Institute has nine positions for advisers who will live and work with 90 Asia University students from Tokyo, March through August 1991. Salary for five months is \$2,400. Applications, available in OM 530, are due Nov. 9. For more information, call Cyndy Wright, X/3297.

On-campus Interview Schedule

- **Analytical Technologies/ERCE,** Nov. 7. Submit CIF at signup.
- **Russ Berrie & Co., Inc.,** Nov. 7. Submit CIF at signup and view 10-minute video in Career Planning & Placement library.
- **U.S. Marine Corps Officer Selection,** Nov. 13 & 14. CIF optional at signup.
- **Northwest Mutual Life Insurance Co.,** Nov. 14. Submit CIF at signup.
- **Lady Foot Locker,** Nov. 14. Submit CIF at signup.
- **Safeco Corp.,** Nov. 15. Submit CIF at signup. Attend information session 7 p.m. Nov. 14, OM 280. Enter building through front door at north end.
- **Federal Bureau of Investigation,** Nov. 27. Special Agent/Investigator. Information sessions at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in Career Planning & Placement, OM 280. Enter building through front door north. Submit CIF at signup beginning Nov. 13.

Pizza express up and cooking

By Mike Clynych
staff reporter

Arntzen Atrium's Pizza-Express is finally cooking.

The opening of the pizza booth, originally slotted for the beginning of the school year, was delayed for a month by a wait for parts and electrical wiring needed to operate the booth.

Marriott, the catering contractor for Western, has a franchise agreement with Pizza Hut to run the booth. Larry Stahlberg, Western's Food Services director, explained that the booth is one of about 200 operating nation-wide.

"It's a good product," said Don Scott, on-site Marriott-Pizza Hut manager. "We've worked on timing so that there's no problem with lines."

Students have only 10 to 15 minutes between classes, so it's necessary to prepare for rush-times, he said.

Fresh dough is made daily and is refrigerated in individual aluminum baking pans. When needed, the crusts are dressed with sauce and toppings and run through a conveyer oven.

Six minutes later, a fresh pizza rolls out the other end. It's flipped out of the pan, quartered and placed in cardboard boxes for pick-up.

Each pizza weighs 11 ounces. A supreme pizza is available for \$2.59, and pepperoni for \$2.15. Flex-dollars, a campus residential dining plan, can be used to purchase a pizza.

Arntzen Atrium is open from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday.

Rape

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of repeated warnings from the man to keep quiet.

Carroll said the victim "put up a hell of a good fight and struggled at length with the man. My opinion is that even though he was structurally stronger, her struggle with him kept the matter from getting worse. In this case, it turned out for the best for her. She wasn't raped."

Carroll explained that sometimes in an assault situation, the harder a victim puts up a fight, the angrier the attacker becomes, and the assault becomes more violent.

In this case, Carroll said, the man eventually gave up and left the victim's home, taking her wallet.

After he left, the victim yelled for help and then called 911. Her neighbor came to help and remembered seeing the man approaching the victim's door, but she did not see him enter the doorway. She later recalled seeing the man running from the victim's house.

During the struggle, the man's watch band broke and fell off his wrist. The watch and a detailed description of the assailant by the victim and her neighbor enabled police to start an investigation, Carroll said.

The affidavit reported that the victim's missing wallet was recovered by a postal worker at Ennen's Market the day after the assault. Fingerprints

on the wallet and a credit card were traced to the victim and also to Lee.

Police also discovered that Lee had outstanding warrants from California for forgery, possession of stolen property and a parole violation involving robbery. Reports also showed that Lee had prior convictions for rape and indecent liberties.

On Oct. 26, police staked out Lee's residence in the early evening. Officers spotted a man in the upper floor resembling the police composite drawing and the identification photographs of Lee. The officers approached Lee and told him about the warrants from California.

When the police questioned Lee

about the assault, he said he had been working all day and therefore did not commit the crime, according to the affidavit. As he was being questioned, he moved toward the doorway, pulling a chair between officers and himself and ran for the door. Along the way, he knocked a shelf off the wall, causing items to fall in the path of the police pursuing him.

Police tackled Lee as he made his way down the staircase to the ground floor. He was then transported to jail.

Lee, a chimney sweep, had been living at the Grant Street address for about a month-and-a-half, according to reports from neighbors. Bail is

currently set at \$15,000 based on the fugitive warrant from California.

Police are still trying to locate the young woman who was seen walking north on Humboldt Street and heading west on Carolina Street either with the man or in front of him.

The woman is described as white, about 18 to 22-years-old, fair skinned and very attractive, with long blond hair to the middle of her back. She was wearing powder blue shorts and a white top with a light colored V-neck sweater.

Police are requesting that anyone with information about this woman to call Detective McNeil at 676-6923 or 9-1-1.

Solar

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In July, the Viking XX placed second in the 1,625 mile Sunrayce USA, which ran from Florida to Michigan. High winds buffeted the large profile of the solar collector, making steering, at times, virtually impossible. Modifications were made after the Sunrayce USA to correct the problem.

Seal said, "By yawing the car — adjusting the wheel alignment — we can use the wind to our advantage."

The team is going into the race on the heels of three setbacks. In early October principal sponsor J. Ward Phillips and student team-captain Bill Lingenfelter pulled out. Then, on Oct. 11, the car's primary motor had to be replaced.

Phillips and Lingenfelter left the team after a dispute involving Seal's introduction of a written contract of rules, which gave Seal final say in all decisions. The contract included three major rules — no drinking of alcoholic beverages during the race, wearing the proper team uniform at all times and allowing Seal the final

authority over all race decisions.

The last of these rules seemed the major sticking point for Phillips, who had invested more than \$150,000 in the project, and Lingenfelter, who, as team-captain, was one of the originators of the solar car idea.

Lingenfelter will be accompanying the team to Australia but will not participate as a team member.

At the time of the shake-up, Eileen Seal, Seal's wife and administrative supporter for the

"The last word I heard from Australia was if it doesn't blow too hard, we're the favorite."

— Michael Seal, director of Western's Vehicle Research Institute

team, said her husband implemented the rules because he felt it was important to have a chain of command in a race where the team was competing against such international industrial giants as Honda Research and Development Co. Inc. She said he also felt he needed the authority because he was the single person accountable to the university if any problems arose.

The burnt-out motor, a 20-horsepower, rare-earth, permanent-magnet meant the car's number one motor had to be shipped back to the


factory for repairs. The Viking XX was shipped to Australia with its back-up motor. Michael Seal said the replacement motor was actually better and would probably be the one used.

The crew is now undergoing a week of testing and fine-tuning at Darwin before making any final decisions.

Each solar car in the Australian race will be accompanied by a lead, chase and support vehicle.

The second-place finish in the Sunrayce USA gave the Viking XX additional sponsorship. GM provided \$200,000 worth of new, more efficient space-grade solar cells to replace the terrestrial-grade cells used earlier. GM also shipped the car and workshop to Australia, and paid for travel and lodging for Seal and seven student team members.

The rest of the team's sponsorship has come from private and public donations that are still to be collected through The Western Foundation.



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Japanese students experience five months of Western



Photo by Dave Rubert

Japanese students, from Tokyo's Asia University, are staying in Fairhaven's stack five at Western.

By Mike Clynych
staff reporter

The Asia University America Program (AUAP) has kicked-off its fourth term on Western's campus, with 90 Japanese sophomore students practicing their English language skills and taking academic classes.

Cyndy Wright, coordinator of Student Services at the International English Language Institute (IELI), said, "This is all about culture and learning about people."

Western coordinates two cycles of Japanese sophomores a year from Asia University in Tokyo. Those students presently on campus arrived at the beginning of fall quarter and will stay until mid-February.

Many are majoring in law, business administration, economics or international relations. The second group, arriving in mid-February, are international relations majors staying through spring and summer quarter, 69 students are expected. The American study program is a requirement for the second group's graduation from Asia University.

Usually, the first group tends to be more motivated and show more initiative, Wright said. She attributed this to their volunteer status. "They decided to come here," she said.

AUAP is an outgrowth of a previous four-week English as a Second Language program held during the summer at Fairhaven College since 1984. In 1988, the program expanded

the cultural experience to the present arrangement.

Students participating in the program are enrolled in classes of conversational English, U.S. history, literature and human environment. Accreditation is only received from Asia University.

Most Japanese students receive six years of English language instruction before graduating high school. Students at Asia University take one year of conversational English before coming to Western. About 40 American conversational language instructors work at Asia University.

"It's not easy for them," Wright said. "They have to study hard."

Wright said Japanese schools are extremely competitive at the high school level but taper off the work load at the university level. Less than 10 percent of the graduating high school class is accepted into college. At Asia University, a school of 12,000

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Japan

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students, about 40,000 applicants applied for freshman standing.

"Americans think when people can't speak English they're stupid. It's a frustrating point," Wright said. "These guys are the cream of the crop just to get into Asia University," she said.

Yutaka Fujii, an Asia University student studying here said, "We see English for our future. We want to use this experience."

When asked about their impressions of America, many responded politely and positively. However, a certain cultural alienation seemed to prevail. Some said it was too easy to revert back to Japanese when around their roommates. One student, with a puzzled look, said, "Americans think as they act."

Many thought the kick-off dance at Red Square was "exciting."

Somebody quipped, "We like American food but we don't like SAGA food." SAGA is the old name for residential dining halls.

There seemed to be a consensus that Seattle was just another city. Bellingham was said to be much nicer. They mentioned the natural beauty of the area as a positive aspect. Many said they thought there was too much rain here. An organized ski trip was booked solid in just one hour after the

"This is all about culture and learning about people."

— Cyndy Wright coordinator of Student Services at the International English Language Institute

sign-up sheet opened. Most looked forward to visiting British Columbia, and a chance for some independent exploration during the Christmas break.

The Japanese students live in Fairhaven dormitories. They are divided into groups of 10, each having an American adviser. Sophomore Julie Nordlund, an English as a second language major, is on her second term as an adviser.

She said, "I love it," then laughed and added, "It's almost like a test of my personality everyday."

Wright said that it was her preference, as well as Asia University's, to have all the students live with American roommates. She said Western's administration felt American students were, themselves, often trying to adjust to the rigors of a new life and schedule. They said the language, the cultural differences and the length of the Japanese visit would not

make for a good roommate arrangement.

AUAP is looking for Western students who would like to be employed as International Living Group Advisers from Mar. 31 through Aug. 29, 1991.

The adviser positions average 19 hours a week, and their duration is five-and-a-half months. During this time, advisers are paid \$2,400. A GPA of 2.5 at Western is required. If this is the first quarter at Western, a 3.25 high school GPA is needed.

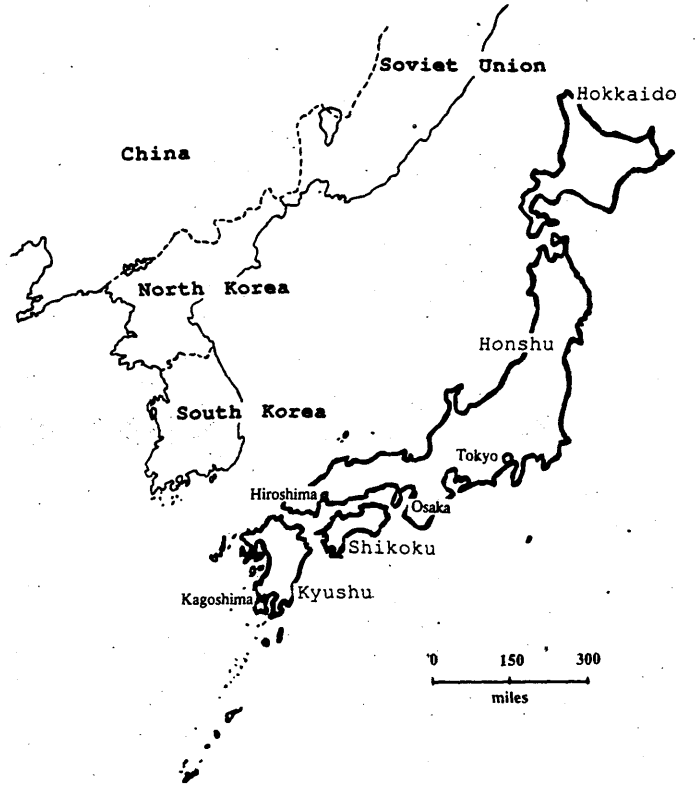
The English Language Institute prefers applicants to have experience working with other cultures, or two years of a foreign language, overseas living experience or some history of working with Japanese people.

Applications may be picked up at the IELI in Old Main 530 or at the Fairhaven information desk. They must be turned in by Nov. 9.

More information is available from Cyndy Wright at 676-3297.



Asia University, a 12,000 student college, is located in Tokyo, Japan



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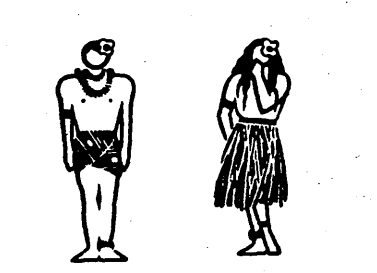
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Northwest campus news

WSU

The Oct. 29 edition of The Evergreen, Washington State University's newspaper, reported that a mechanics class designed for women had a lower turnout than expected. The class covered repair basics including how to change a tire or jump start a dead car battery.

Some advice was offered by Lori Moon, service manager for the class.

"Be faithful to listening to your car. You drive it, you're familiar with it, you know when something is not right," she said.

PENINSULA COLLEGE

The college newspaper in Port Angeles, Wa., Peninsula College's The Buccaneer, reported in a Oct. 31 edition that no one ran for the freshman and sophomore positions on the Associated Students Council this fall causing the present ASC to appoint six students to the positions.

"Freshman are extremely scared to run for office," President James Walsh said.

UW

University of Washington's newspaper, The Daily, reported in a Oct. 29 edition women volunteers are being sought by the department of medicine. A study is being conducted on sexually active women who are about to change their method of birth control. The study wants to determine the effects of different birth control methods on urinary tract infections. Women will be paid \$75 each for their time.

In its Nov. 1 edition, The Daily said that on Oct. 27, a UW police officer was directing foot traffic at a parking lot intersection when a man walked through a crowd of pedestrians and into traffic. The man ordered the man to stop and the officer began to write out a citation. While doing so, the man fled the scene and ran into a parked car where the officer apprehended him.

The man, after he was caught, said he didn't want a ticket and didn't think the officer would chase him.

The suspect was arrested, cited and released.

Get a job!!!

Western works for you

By Mike Clynch
staff reporter

Student Employment Services, in Old Main 260, has just worked its way through their busiest time of year — trying to find employment and work experience for many Western students.

Last year, Western provided 4,800 job listings for students. Approximately half were on-campus and the others were in the community. Of these, nearly 900 were work-study.

Fred Ondeck, coordinator of Job Location and Employment, said his office "attempts to be a centralized source for students who need part-time, temporary or seasonal employment, or are interested in volunteer or community experience."

The office provides reader-boards for volunteer jobs and general employment. "Because we run an open job board, we don't always have a way of actually tracking (results). It's difficult to know if it was a Western student (who was hired for the position)," Ondeck said. Also, employers don't always call back the office once they hire a student.

He estimated Western students fill 70 to 80 percent of the listings.

After the initial rush of the year, it is easier to remain updated. General employment is varied.

Program Assistant Mary Murray, who has been working in the employment office for eight years said, "(Job opportunities) run the gamut from yard-work to an assistant for an attorney." The reader board maintains a section for new listings that arrive daily.

The average on-campus wage is \$5. Off-campus is \$5.80.

Murray said some unusual jobs have crossed the reader boards. A Japanese film crew hired students for summer work in Japan. Another company hired student photographers to picture wildlife in Africa.

Volunteer jobs range from crisis intervention to conservation.

"People take these," Murray said, because "they want to become a part of their community or just give something back." She added, "It's good work experience, and they can see if they like working in that sort of setting."

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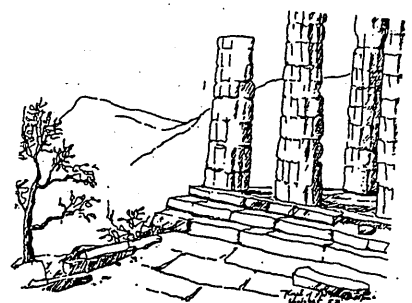
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Old growth protest in Blaine

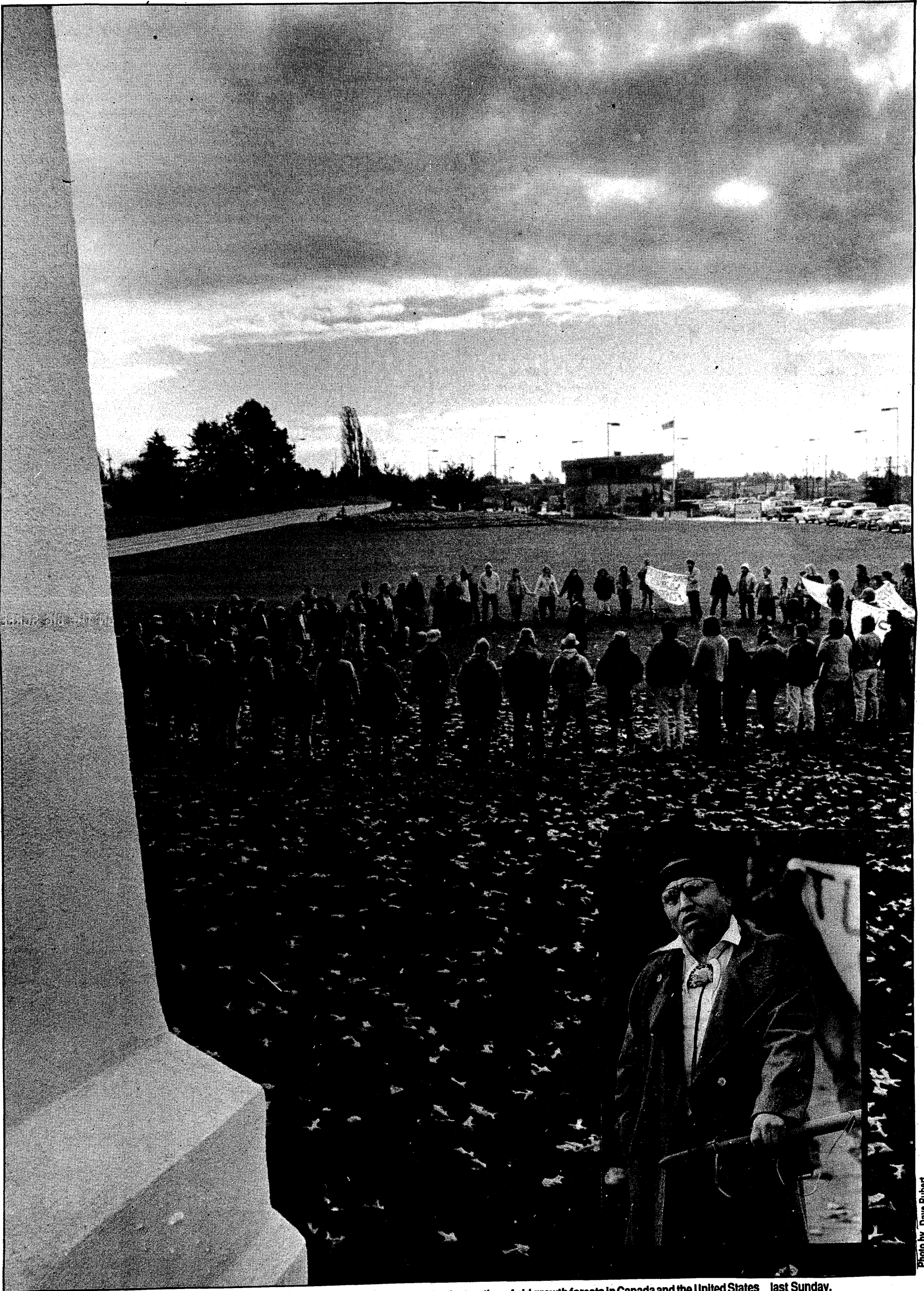


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Larger photo: More than 50 people gathered in a unifying circle to protest the destruction of old growth forests in Canada and the United States last Sunday.
 Insert photo: Jewell James, head of the Lummi Tribal Council rallied his support for native Canadians. James will speak at 7 p.m. on Nov. 18 in the Viking Union lounge.

See Inside: The protest and 'Mind Flings'

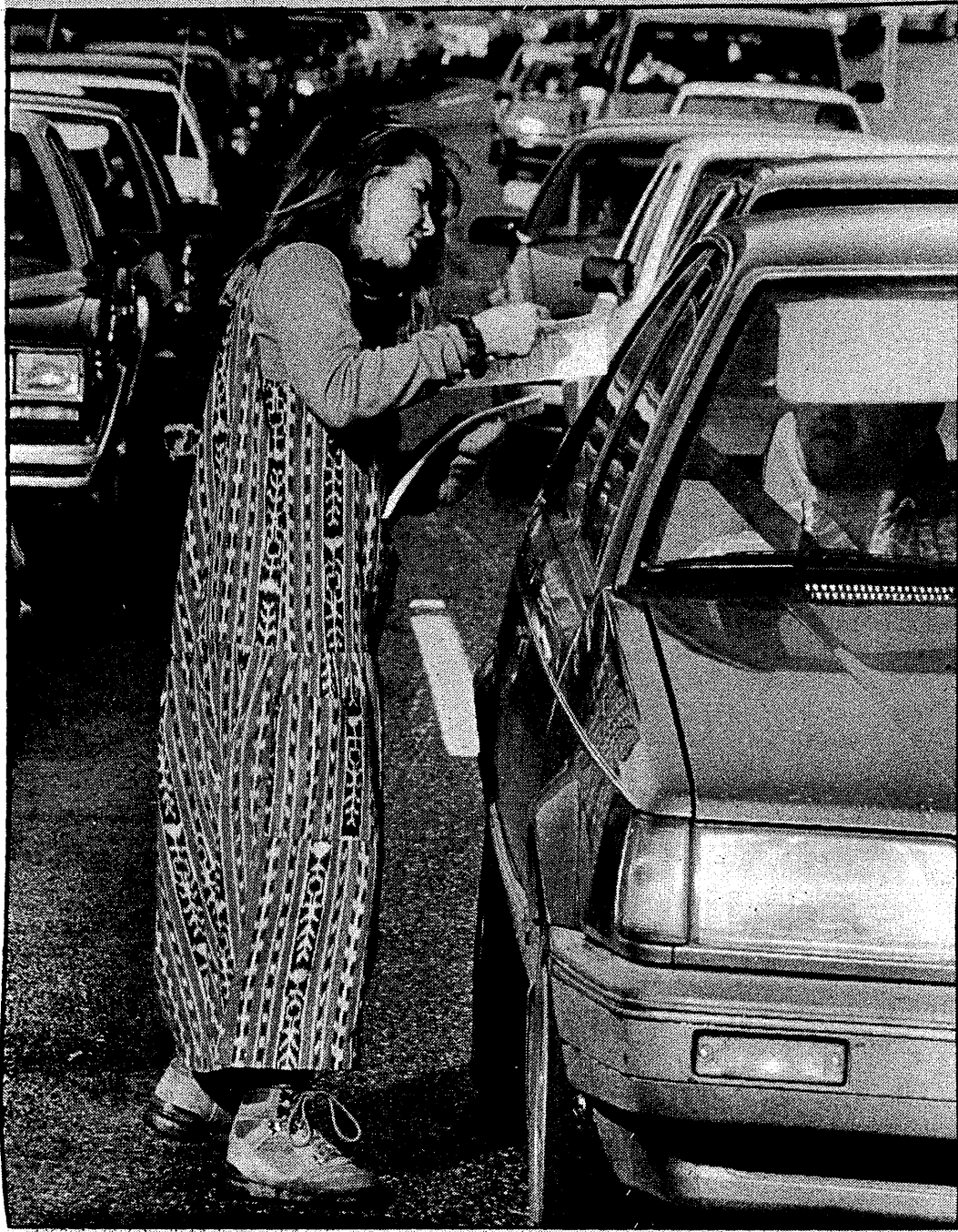


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Evergreen State College student, Lara Murray, passed out leaflets during Sunday's protest at the border.

Marchers show solid

By Heather Harnischfeger-Smith
staff writer

The winds of outrage blew at Peace Arch Park in Blaine last Sunday as people gathered to show their solidarity for native land rights, and their concern over current logging practices in British Columbia.

The American and Canadian flags flapped in a cold wind off the Straits of Georgia as protesters blocked traffic at the border with banners of emotional messages directed at the people and government of British Columbia.

Banners read: "MacMillan Bloedel and Fletcher Challenge You Are Being Watched; Go Clearcut in Hell; Stop Stealing Indian Land; Save the Ancient Wilderness Forests Forever."

Ironically, most of the 50 people at the rally were Americans who believe native land rights and the preservation of old growth forests know no borders.

The Peace Arch, a symbol of the days when an open border existed between Canada and the U.S., offered the stage for a show of solidarity for native rights.

Sponsored by the ISH Coalition, a group of environmental and civil rights groups throughout Washington, the rally used native land rights as the cry for a moratorium on clear-cutting in British Columbia.

Protesters circled and listened to cries for stopping the rampant clear cutting in what is considered the largest intact temperate rain forest in the world, said John Wulfers, a coordinator of the ISH Coalition.

"We need some direct action. Take

some time and get out there and look at it. Climb up a tree. Do a tree sit. Do blockades. Go visit the companies

Wulfers said. "Meanwhile, they'll clearcut the hell out of the area around Stein Valley," Wulfers added.

Williams said recent polling showed public sympathy for native claims until the public found out that 75 percent of the Provincial Crown Land is under claim.

"I dispute the claim about public sympathy," Wulfers said. He pointed out that few Canadians showed up for the rally.

"Indians are second-class citizens in the U.S., and they're second-class citizens in B.C.," Wulfers said.

Last summer, the Canadian people and government allowed responsible for the cutting. Go visit their offices. Take them over if you can get enough people," said Asante, coordinator for the Cedar River Action Group.

"There is no regulation on the timber industry in British Columbia," Wulfers said.

Not only are ancient forests like Gardiner Canal, Carmannah Valley and Stein Valley in serious danger, but the forests no one hears about are even more threatened. Wulfers said.

"You go to Carmannah or Stein Valley and think, 'Wow, what an incredible place', but everywhere around them is cut," Wulfers said.

Tom Williams, spokesperson for Fletcher Challenge Canada, one of the logging companies targeted at the rally, said they have had a self-imposed moratorium since Apr. 1989 on the area in Stein Valley, slated for cutting. The moratorium was a result of native land claims disputes, Williams said.

"All that moratorium will do is get people focused on Stein Valley."

Sehome Hill has plenty of Big Mac packaging



By Kathy Tucker
columnist

Gloomy doomsayers are saying the feel-good times are over.

They say recession has hit, America is no longer number one, the government is a quivering mass of useless bureaucracy and it's getting too expensive to go cruising anymore.

Come on, it's not as bad as all that. Look at the good things happening in this Land Of Opportunity.

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A prominent Brazilian physician recently killed his ex-wife, a neurologist, because she was dancing the Lambada with other men. He wanted to cleanse his honor.

Fortunately, American women

aren't any good at the Lambada.

In other happy news, McDonald's has decided to stop using Styrofoam to package their products. It will soon be using a paper-based product.

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And, how can anyone be unhappy with this Great Land when faced with the fact that Lee Atwater recently found Jesus?

Atwater, Republican Party chairman, is finally free to admit his inner-anger and let it go. "For the first time in my life I don't hate somebody," he said in a Seattle Times article.

Only in America can a person go so rapidly from attacking politi-

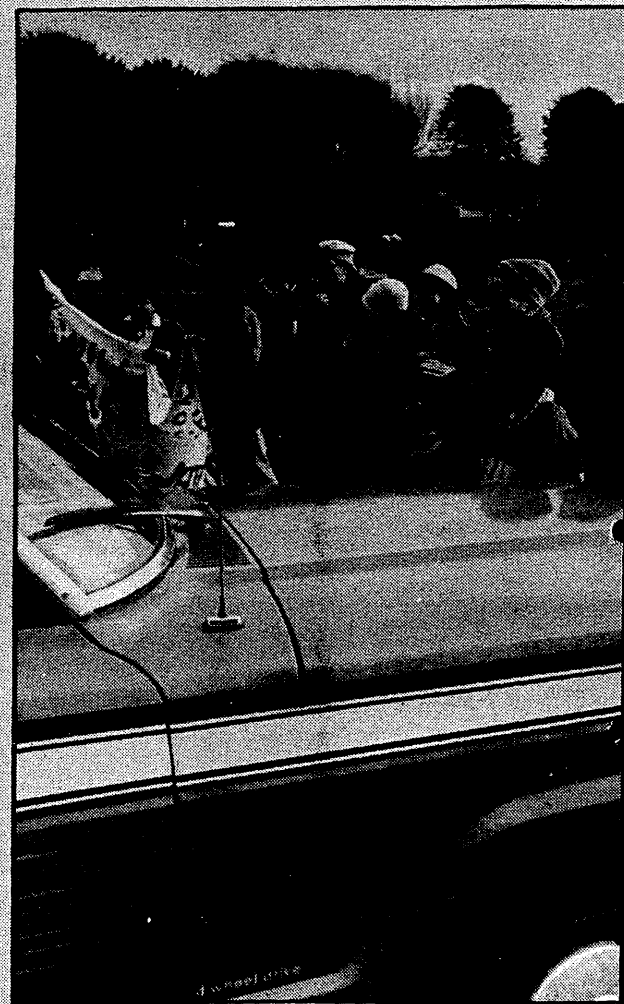
cal foes with clever propaganda (although Atwater said he didn't know anything about a Republican Party memo circulated in Congress in 1989 questioning House Speaker Tom Foley's sexual preference; we know ideas like that come from the top) to grasping for religious salvation in the face of death.

So, what's wrong with all you depressed citizens?

A Seattle Times Poll of Washingtonians revealed that about 59 percent of the people polled feel like outsiders in politics and about 68 percent think the United States is on the wrong track.

Cheer up. Stop worrying about the federal deficit, the rising gap between the rich and the poor, the number of children killed yearly by household guns and the fact that Dan Quayle will probably become president in a few years.

After all, we can watch brand-new Twin Peaks episodes every week until spring and, if we're really lucky, we'll avoid the use of nuclear weapons in a war against Iraq.



Protesters blocked traffic attempting to cross the border

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arity at the border

MacMillan Bloedel, one of the largest logging companies in B.C., to blockade the road to the Stein Valley Music Festival, a three-day festival with headline bands in support of preserving the Stein Valley. As a result of the blockade, the music festival was moved to Tsawassen, losing 50 percent of its audience, Wulfers said. Wulfers blames the B.C. government for the loss.

"The B.C. government got on the radio and warned people about major traffic and organizational problems and warned people not to go," Wulfers said. "I was a volunteer there. It all went very smoothly."

Both the activists and the logging companies point at the B.C. government when problems arise.

Williams defended Fletcher Challenge's position that the mandate for forestry in B.C. is to realize the economic value as part of the province. Resources are to be exploited in a reasonable way to benefit the people, William said.

"They say \$.50 of every dollar in B.C. comes from the forest industry. It's not true. It's more like \$.25 of every dollar comes from forestry, if that," Wulfers added.

As far as native rights are concerned, that is between the government and the native bands, Williams said. Williams said Fletcher Challenge was caught in the middle.

Williams said Fletcher Challenge has no choice but to foot the bill for an area in question, where natives have constructed a toll booth on a road leading into an area Fletcher Challenge is cutting.

"The government put a road through a native reserve without permission. Now we have to pay a toll to the natives," Williams said.

Williams also pointed out the B.C. government is facing an election next spring so they're not making great leaps in native negotiations. For Fletcher Challenge, the waiting isn't easy.

"Business hates uncertainty, especially when Canada is in a recession," Williams said.

Andrew Mordan, director of communications for the British Columbia Ministry of Native Affairs, said even though native claims have been made on forest lands, logging continues. Mordan said the federal government is to blame.

"Up until last August, all land claims were negotiated at the federal level," Mordan said. Natives have made claims on 2,300 reserves in Canada. In B.C. 1,600 reserves exist. Nineteen bands in B.C. have made claims over the past few decades. Federal policy allowed only six claims to be negotiated at one time. One claim was negotiated from the Noosga-tribal council. The Noosga-claim was made in the mid-1960s. It has been under negotiation for 25 years, Williams said.

"At the current rate, at the federal level, it would take over 350 years to go through all the native claims," Mordan said.

Not until last summer was the B.C. government involved in negotiations, Mordan said.

Meanwhile logging on land with native claim continues. Native claims cover 75 percent of the B.C. provincial crown land, Williams said.

"Obviously, the key question is what interim measures can be taken immediately, before we can get to all the claims," Mordan said.

Joe Washington, a Lummi spiritual leader, doesn't think the ne-

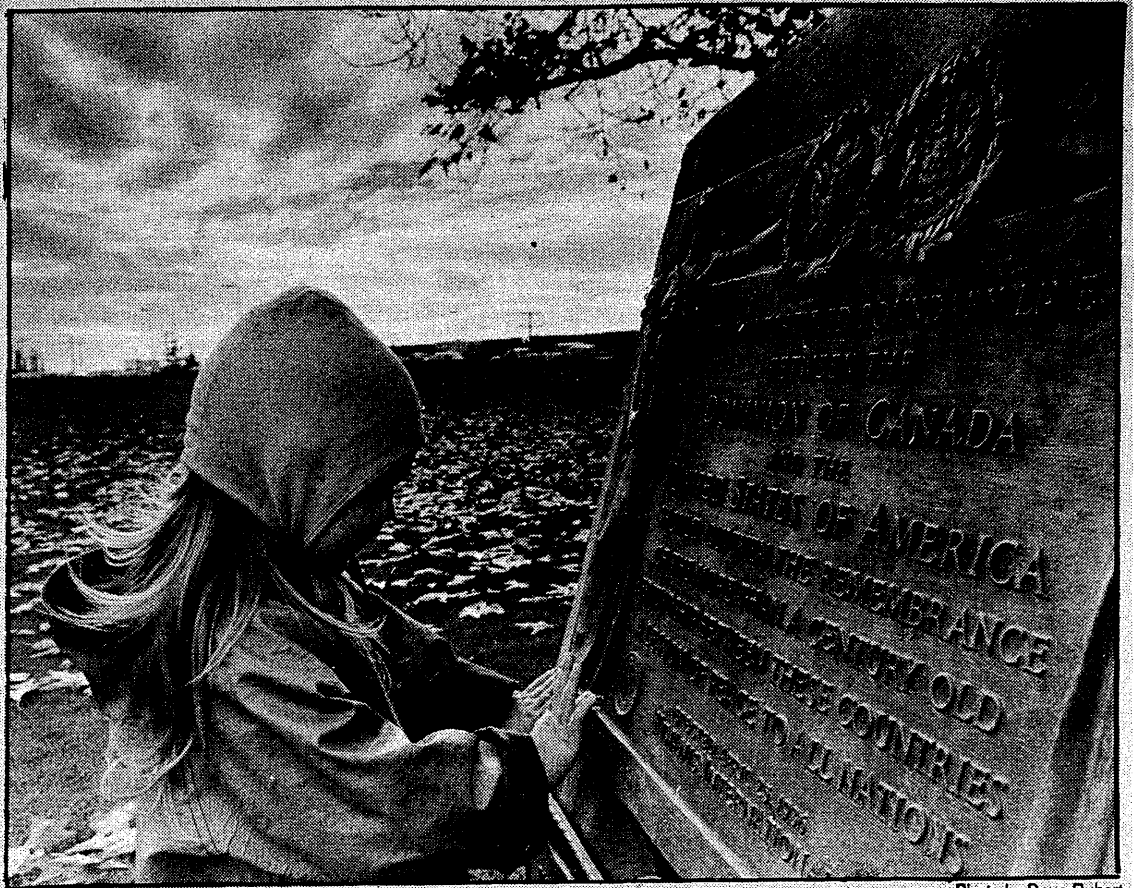


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Yonina Marker, 3, plays with the toes of the carved woman at Peace Arch Park while her mother protests the cutting of Old-growth trees.

gotiations will work. He described a friend in Oka who was scared of the Canadian government.

"He shivered in his god damn skin," Washington said.

But while 21 of 22 B.C. cabinet ministers met with native tribal councils, Elijah Harper, a native Manitoba legislator, took advantage of the impasse in the Meech Lake Accord (Canada's federal constitution), and stalled provincial ratification of its constitutionality, Morden said. Combined with the Mohawk nation uprising in Oka, Quebec, the contro-

versy surrounding Meech Lake brought much needed attention to native rights.

As of August, B.C. is the only province that has a ministry of native affairs, Morden said.

"We've just reversed 119 years of policy," Morden said.

B.C. joined Canada in 1871.

"The question now is what methods the provincial government will take to remedy 100 years of federal policy," Morden said.

"Every person that goes into logging is after money. Money. All them big corporations in Washington

D.C. and Ottawa. You chop their heads open and money will fall out," Washington said.

Washington pointed to the Squamish Highway and the problems with the mud slides as a result of too much logging.

"How many people have to die on that highway before the Canadian government will wake up?"

He summoned the group around the Peach Arch as he played his seal-skin drum and sang to the trees.

"We all love life just like the whales, just like the salmon," Washington said.



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Mike Marker entertains during Sunday's protest singing his song, "The Loggers Song."

Americans must hold their government accountable for its actions

Commentary

Iranian student gives Middle East view

Due to inexcusable mistakes in the Hamid Nazemi's story in the Oct. 30 issue, the story has been rerun in an edited and corrected version. We apologize for the mistakes and inconvenience.

By Hamid Nazemi
Special to the Front

In my earlier article, in the Oct. 30 issue of the Front, I mentioned that many foreigners have an "approach-avoidance" relationship with the United States, especially as it relates to U.S. Foreign policy. In addition, I tried to point out that, although, there were cultural differences between Westerners and Middle Easterners, they do not fully explain the present crisis in the Persian Gulf.

So what is it that impels so many foreigners abroad and within the United States to adopt such an anti-American posture? For example, it is interesting to note that anti-American sentiment is on the rise across various countries and continents, all having a unique cultural orientation. It is present from Far East Asian countries to those in South America.

Can it be claimed that in all of these cases a "cultural gap" exists, and that this is the source of those peoples' dissatisfactions with U.S. foreign policy? I think not! Obviously, there are cultural differences, but these

are variables of secondary importance. For example, the "Cold War" didn't come about because of cultural differences between the East and West, but came about because of varying political objectives and orientations. Both sides displayed great intransigence and lacked the "political well" to overcome differences. Once Gorbachev came to power, various factors (none of which were cultural) forced him to make conciliatory gestures toward the West. At this point, he showed that he did have the "political well" to move ahead, despite of existing cultural differences. In light of this, it can't be claimed that the current crisis in the Gulf is in any way a result of cultural differences. David Ziegler, a political science professor at Western, is correct in asserting that friendliness and hospitality are central to the Arab mind-set. He is also correct in saying that hostage-taking contradicts Arab values and morals. However, ruthless killing of Palestinians by the Israeli government is viewed with even greater enmity and frustration in Arab history and should have been mentioned in the article. Why is it that the United States deploys hundreds of thousands of its troops to defend against Iraqi aggression, but looks the other way when it comes to the basic human rights of the Palestinians?

The fact of the matter is, lasting peace in the Middle East will remain elusive, unless fundamental changes occur in the status quo. It is imperative that Israel recognize and deal with the plight of the Palestinians. This will happen only when the United States exerts pressure on Israel and makes a clear demand that things change.

The United States, unlike other nations, is in the unique position of taking an active role in promoting human rights and a sense of fair play abroad. Unfortunately, the history of the United States has been marred by direct or indirect interference in the internal affairs of other nations. At times, this has led to the violent overthrow of numerous legitimate but independent-minded governments. For example, in 1953, the CIA was instrumental in the overthrow of Dr. Mossadeq — the prime minister of Iran at the time. Dr. Mossadeq worked to free Iran of foreign domination and to bring about an Iran based on anti-militarism and constitutionalism. His overthrow was coordinated by Mr. Roosevelt (nephew to FDR) and through the U.S. embassy compound in Tehran. The forced and illegitimate return of the Shah meant that some 26 years later, Iran's revolution would be a purely Islamic Revolution with an acutely "anti-American flavor! Having in mind that the overthrow of Dr.

Mossadeq had been orchestrated through the U.S. embassy compound, revolutionaries stormed that embassy in 1979 to prevent a repetition of his story. This is not to defend hostage taking — it is merely to point out that were it not for the U.S. government's own doing some 26 years earlier, this unfortunate incident would never have occurred.

As another example, when Iran was defending itself against Iraqi aggression in the Iran-Iraq war, the United States gave fairly extensive support to the government of Saddam Hussein. This was done by providing him with intelligence information about Iranian troop movements, by ignoring the use of chemical weapons against Iranian and Kurdish civilians and by ensuring Iraq's economic survival as exemplified in the re-flagging of Kuwaiti tankers. Saddam Hussein was never declared a Hitler and it was only his move on Kuwait that prompted President Bush to draw comparison between the two despots.

In response to Iraqi air attacks on internationally owned and registered oil tankers destined for Iranian oil terminals, Iran proclaimed that either the Persian Gulf would have to be "safe for all or safe for none" — it started mining international waters in

the Persian Gulf. Many congressmen and senators at the time, warned Iran that "people in glass houses shouldn't be throwing stones."

It seems to me, they should have been asking themselves, "Why is it that people living in glass houses are throwing stones?" After all, if others are given a free hand at stoning you, it makes sense to throw a few stones of your own. Finally, it was especially ironic for the U.S. government to have taken such a moral stance on the issue. After all, wasn't the U.S. government, itself, involved in the mining of Nicaraguan waters before the weakening of the Sandanistas?

In discussing recent developments, I am many times met with the remark, "You Middle Easterners don't value human life, you're constantly fighting and killing one another!" These people need to be reminded that Middle Easterners were not responsible for the systematic massacre of the Native Americans, WWI and WWII, for Korea, Vietnam, and more recently the invasion of Panama!

In the case of Panama, obviously, one can only be glad that Noriega is out. One should also, however, bare in

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Vikings net district volleyball crown



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Western teammates, from left, Lorrie Post, Denise Dodge, Kim Kolody and Kim Wells, celebrate their District 1 championship victory over Central Washington Saturday night.

Hartman is Coach of the Year, Post and Kolody earn all-tourney

By Karrie Groves
staff reporter

Like a thief in the night, the Western volleyball team stole the NAIA District 1 Championship Saturday night at Carver Gym.

As well as winning the district championship, the Vikings also received top individual awards at the tournament.

Coach Chris Hartman was selected Coach of the Year, Lorrie Post was awarded Most Valuable Player and she and Kim Kolody were selected for the all-tournament team.

It took Western only 40 minutes in the final match to crush the Central Wildcats in two straight games, 15-9, 15-4.

In game one, Western quickly jumped on top with a 4-0 lead before Central had a chance to get a point on the board. With complete control of the game, Western then leaped ahead 8-1 with all-around excellent playing by April Lindsey.

However, Central rallied back to pull within one point, 10-9.

Key blocks by Denise Dodge and effective passing by setter Kim Kolody kept the Wildcats' scoreless as the Vikings pulled ahead, 14-9.

Central assistant coach Drew Terry protested a call and was given a red and a yellow card simultaneously, Hartman said.

This call awarded the Vikings one point and gave them the win in game one.

"They (the Vikings) wanted it and knew what it takes to get it," Hartman said. "We came into this game a lot more relaxed and got the ball to Kim (Kolody), who effectively varied our offense."

Things began heating up in game two as intense playing was shown from both sides of the net.

Western displayed all-around superb playing as it asserted its dominance, jumping out to a 10-3 lead.

Post scored four straight points and JoAnn Luchino served an ace for the final point which gave the Vikings the District Crown.

"It was a team effort," Lindsey said. "All 12 players contributed. We couldn't have done it without each player."

"The momentum was with us the whole time," Hartman said. "Our passing was phenomenal, almost errorless, and Lorrie was unstoppable."

"If we play like we did tonight, nobody is gonna beat us," Post said.

The Vikings advanced to the final match by defeating Seattle Pacific Friday night in three tense games, 15-8, 8-15, 15-13.

"JoAnn (Luchino) gets credit for winning game one for us," Hartman said. "She took their momentum away with some great digs."

Despite powerful kills by Post and Lindsey, the Vikings fell to the Falcons pressure in game two.

The Falcons continued to press hard on the Vikings, jumping out to a 8-1 lead in game three.

The Vikings pulled together and rallied back from the seven-point deficit as the momentum switched to the Western side. The Vikings cut the deficit to 13-10 before scoring the five final points.

"We never quit," Hartman said. "We just slowly dug ourselves out of the trenches to come ahead and win."

The win over the Falcons advanced Western into the second round of play in the winners bracket, where they defeated Central.

Despite losing game one and starter Kim Wells, who partially tore ligaments in her ankle, the Vikings brought it together in game two. Strong, well-placed kills by Post and excellent blocks by Tamara Locke helped Western maintain its lead in game two.

"After losing Kim (Wells), the rest of the team pulled their socks up and were ready to play," Hartman said.

In the final game of the match, the Vikings' defense continually squashed Central's comeback attempts. The Vikings defeated Central 15-9.

The tournament win earned the Vikings the district title and the chance to play for a berth in the national tournament in Laie, Hawaii.

The Vikings will host District 2 champion Western Oregon for the Region I title at 7 p.m. Nov. 10 for the chance at the national berth.

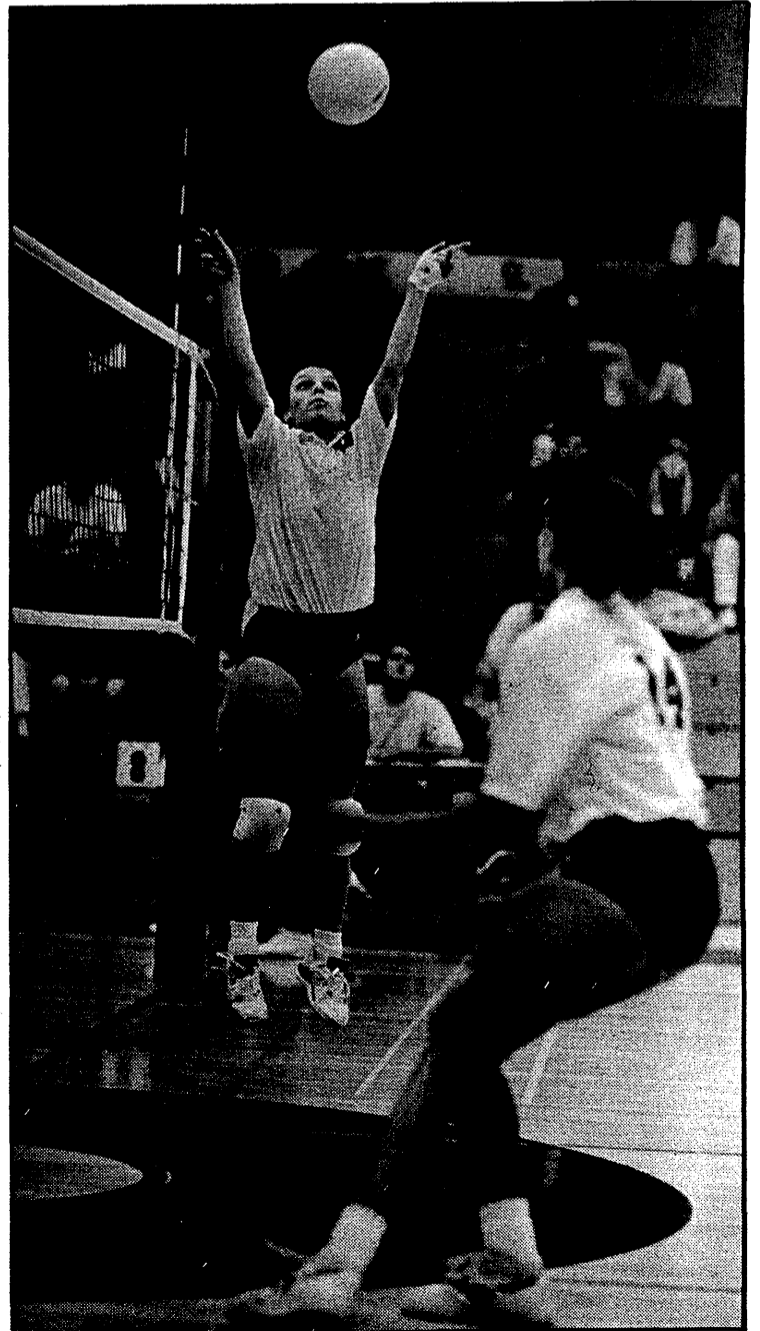


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Senior, Kim Kolody, sets the ball to her teammate Tamara Locke.

Soccer moves to regionals

By Troy Ragsdale
staff reporter

The Western men's soccer team defeated the Simon Fraser University Clansmen 2-0 on Saturday to advance to the regional finals.

Western will face Warner Pacific College, in a game that will be played at Viking Field Nov. 10.

Warner Pacific beat George Fox College 4-0 to win the District 2 title and the opportunity to play Western for a chance to advance to the national tournament in Boca Raton, Fla.

The Vikings repeated as District 1 champions with a record of 14-5-0. Prior to Western's title last season, the Clansmen had taken the district title 14 consecutive years, including three national championships.

Senior forward Peter LaBarge said, "Last year everyone thought it was a fluke. We beat them up there on a last minute goal to advance to the playoffs. Even at nationals, people were saying, 'Where's Simon Fraser?'"

This year we've beaten them three times, I think we deserve it."

Saturday's game was played in a mudhole, which made for poor footing and some sloppy play. Western kept play in SFU's end of the field for

most of the first half, capitalizing for the first goal in the last minute of play.

Forward Jim Bialek was taken down in the box by Jeff Leitch which resulted in a penalty kick. Simon Fraser goalie Gerry Wheaton argued the call and was given a yellow card. The referee finally cut Wheaton off and stopped the clock with seven seconds left in the half.

In the semifinal game against Pacific Lutheran University on Oct. 31, this same ref allowed regulation time to run out without letting Western take an indirect free kick.

District 1 Player of the Year, Peter LaBarge nailed the ball with authority for the only tally of the first half.

Wheaton continued his verbal onslaught and said the magic word which resulted in a red card. The Clansmen had to play one man down and bring in reserve keeper, Gary Skelton, for the second half.

Western nearly capitalized on the one-man advantage when Cliff Potter stole a ball meant for Skelton, but he couldn't get a shot off because he was forced to go wide of the net.

Simon Fraser had their chances to tie the game. Geoff D'Auria had an open shot after a short corner kick, but he decided to pass instead and the Clansmen came away empty.

Western finally put the game away at the 6:05 mark when Peter LaBarge took a pass from Jason Woodward and dribbled in to beat the goalie to the near post.

"I knew one goal wouldn't hold up. The defense really came through, it's scary with only goal," LaBarge said. "I knew one more would put confidence in us."

Western will now host Warner Pacific, who beat the Vikings 1-0 in the last game of the regular season. In that game, Western was not told of a field change and didn't show up to the new site until 20 minutes after the game was to have started.

Head coach Kevin Quinn said the new field had a baseball diamond on it, the goals were too small and it was not up to collegiate standards. He also said the team wasn't up for that game.

Saturday's game should be different. Quinn said, "I think we're a better team than they are. They're good enough to be reckoned with, but we can field a better team."

In addition to LaBarge winning the Player of the Year award, four other Vikings were named to the all-district team. Forwards Dennis Lapchis and Cliff Potter made the second team, as did midfielder Tom Venable and defender Steve Starceovich.

Vikings lose to Loggers

By Matthew W. Campbell
staff reporter

For the first time this season, the Western football team broke out of a streak that has been bothering them all year long.

The streak characterized by the Vikings involves losing one game, then winning one. Until last Saturday's game, more than one win or one loss in a row hadn't occurred.

Unfortunately for Western, the streak is over as a second loss in a row was given to them at the hands of the University of Puget Sound Loggers by the score of 22-13.

Saturday's loss to UPS drops the Viking's overall record to 3-5 and its league record to 1-4.

Turnovers and a sputtering offense by the Vikings allowed PLU to raise its league record to three wins and two losses.

The Vikings led 7-3 late in the third quarter, but the Loggers went on to score 19 straight points. The Viking defense kept the game close until late in the contest.

Twice the Vikings had the ball deep in Logger territory, but came away empty handed both times. Early in the third quarter from the 3-yard line, the Vikings couldn't put the ball in the endzone.

Ken Corbin returned a punt 29 yards to the Logger 13-yard line, but were again unable to score. The Viking defense then decided to show the offense how to put some points on the board. End Cory Heins forced a fumble that linebacker Greg Enell picked up and rambled 25 yards for a touchdown. That put Western ahead 7-3 with 2:13 left in the third quarter.

Less than a minute later, UPS tailback Greg McCurdy scored on a 86-yard TD run. McCurdy had a field day, running for 241 yards on 41 carries and two TD's.

Brian Howard made his first start for the Vikings at quarterback as he completed 15 of 35 attempts for 214 yards. He also threw two interceptions.

Head Coach Rob Smith will try to get his players ready for the last game of the season, as they play host to nationally ranked Linfield.

Cross country teams to NAIA championship

By Matthew W. Campbell
staff reporter

Kenosha, Wisc. may not sound like an ideal vacation place to most of us, but the Western cross-country teams are more than happy to be heading there.

Kenosha is the sight of the NAIA Cross-Country Championships to be held Nov. 17, and both of Western's teams will be competing for the national title.

To earn a spot at the National Championships, the men's team had to place first or second and the women's team needed to place in the top four at the District 1 Championships held last Saturday in Walla Walla.

Both teams ran superbly as both finished in second place overall.

The best individual performance of the day came on the women's side from Sarah Howell of Simon Fraser University. She set a course record, covering the 5,000 meter trek in 17:06.7. Howell is expected to be among the top finishers nationally.

Last year's District and National Champion, Wanda Howlett, of the University of Puget Sound, ran injured but still placed seventh in a time of 18:10.0.

The top Western finisher was Lisa Waltenburg, who placed eighth with the time of 18:20.3. Western Coach Kelven "Pee Wee" Halsell stated that Waltenburg's performance in the 5,000 meter run was her most efficient.

The women's team competition was won by defending champion Pacific Lutheran University, as they scored only 26 points. Western had 67 and third-place UPS had 69.

The key to the Viking's second-place finish was a well-balanced attack and great races from the top seven runners. Becky Templeton, Toni Hendrickson, Arlene Prather and Lorna Whipple rounded out the

scoring-five for Western.

"Becky and Toni did really well. They both bettered their times by a minute-and-a-half. Arlene improved her time by 30 seconds and Lomaran a superrace," Halsell said.

The men's team competition was dominated by SFU, scoring 17 points to runner-up Western's 57. SFU produced the top three finishers and four of the top five as they ran away with the team title. The real battle was for second-place and a trip to Nationals. PLU came in a disappointing third, scoring 66 points.

"Our guys ran like you wouldn't believe," Halsell said.

SFU's Joseph Kibur won the individual crown, finishing the 8,000 meter course in 25:14.3. The top Viking, Jeff Van Kleeck, who finished seventh overall, crossed the line with a time of 25:43.1.

The key to the second-place finish was the placement of the four and five runners. Michael Smith and Mike Wallace ran super races in allowing Western to sneak into second. Smith placed 14th and Wallace 21st for Western.

"The Mike's ran super. They both came through when we needed it. Wallace had a super finish, he beat a PLU guy at the wire," Halsell said.

"Smith has been hurt all year and all summer. He did a fantastic job," Halsell said.

Luke Von Mohr and John Deremiah placed 10th and 11th overall for the Vikings.

"Jeff and Luke ran the races of their lives — so far. John's thigh is still hurting him. Without his determination, we couldn't have done it," Halsell said.

"The guys are really excited, they know they did a super job. They did exactly what they had to do. PLU was favored and we beat them still," he said.

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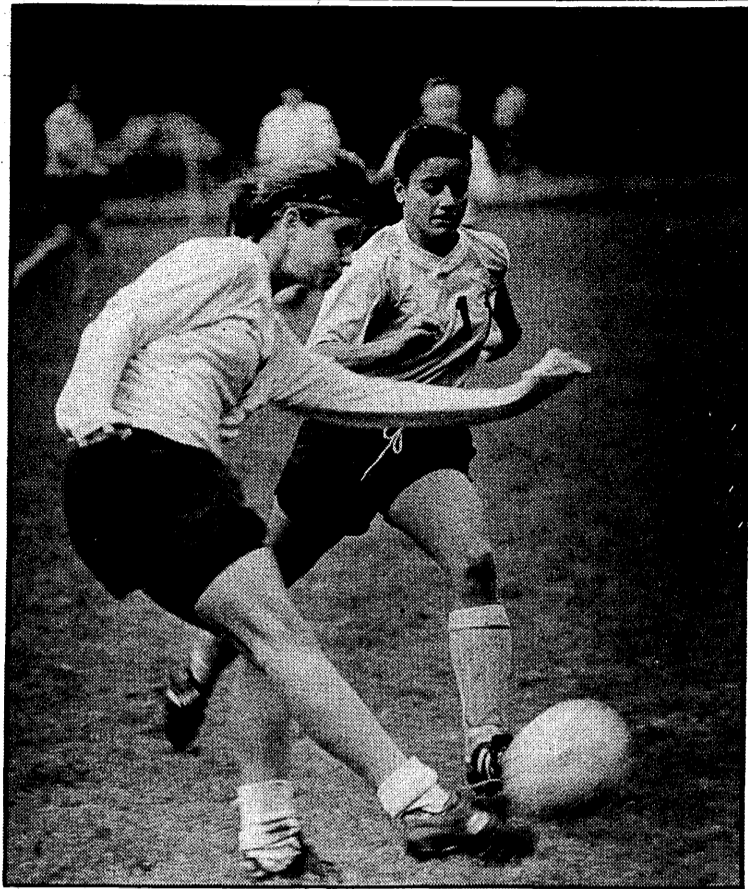
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Western's Laurie Soulsby kicks the ball away from a PLU player. Defending national champion PLU defeated the Vikings 6-0 Friday afternoon to end Western's season.

Women's soccer ends season losing to PLU

Banners proclaiming "Carpe diem" and "Go Vikings" hung from the chain-link fence surrounding Viking Field. Fans screamed from the sidelines in a show of support for the Western women's soccer team, who were playing together and playing well.

Unfortunately, the two-time defending NAIA national champions, the Pacific Lutheran University Lutes, were playing just a little bit better.

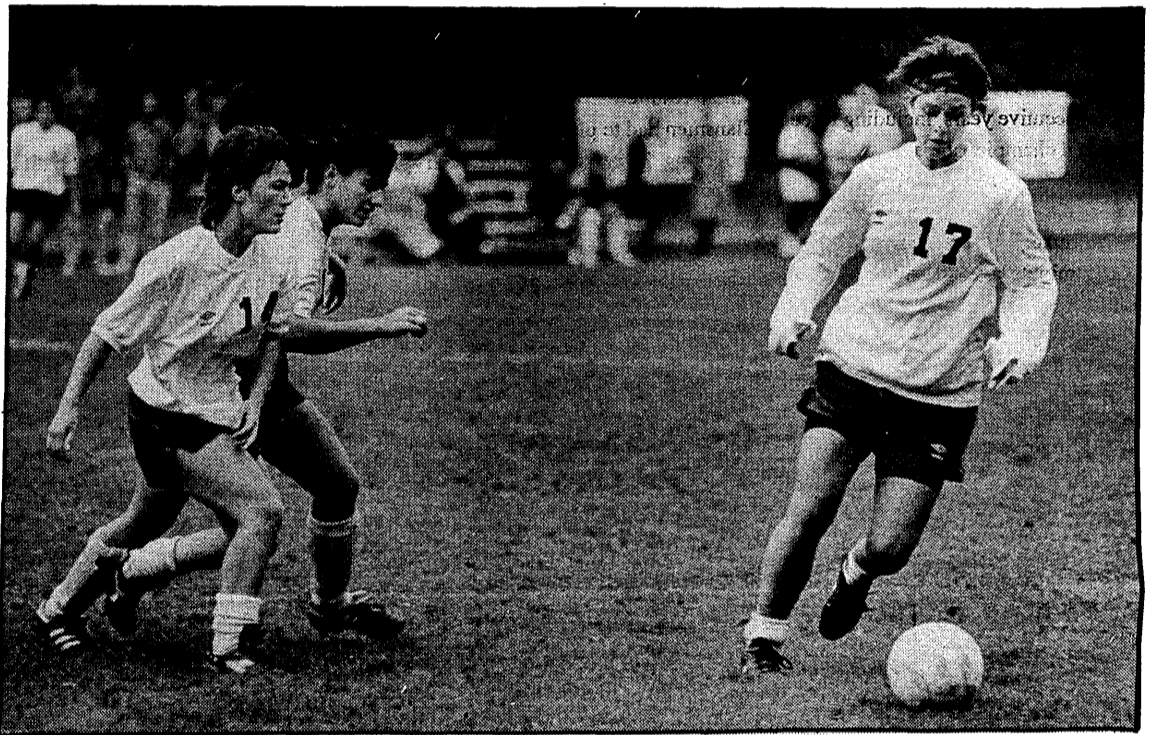
The Lutes managed to score five second-half goals, clinching the district semi-final match by the score of 6-0.

The Lutes, with a 15-2-1 overall record, dominated much of the game, forcing the ball to the Viking half of the field and outshooting Western 19-6. The Vikings finished the season with a record of 8-8-1.

Lute forward Wendy Johnson, MVP of the 1989 national tournament,

scored four goals in the game. Johnson scored in the first half of the game to give PLU a 1-0 halftime lead. She continued her impressive performance with three more goals in the second half.

"We are playing as good as we can," head coach Dominic Garguile commented during halftime. "This is the most motivated, the most together we've been playing this season."



Laurie Soulsby, no. 17, dribbles the ball as Renee Heintz, no. 14, looks on.



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Frontline

Global warming takes on bestial behavior

Animalistic excrement is in the news this week. First of all, we want you to know the mystery is solved.

When the world ends, it won't be because of nuclear holocaust, or germ warfare or even the decline of personal morals.

No way.

When the ceiling falls in, it'll be because of farts.

That's right — farts.

The Foundation on Economic Trends thinks that flatulent sheep, cattle and buffalo are contributing to global warming. They say livestock may be producing up to 15 percent of atmospheric methane by breaking wind.

Don't think they're not serious.

They've filed a lawsuit against the Federal Agriculture, Interior and Energy departments for failing to measure how many bestial air biscuits are being pumped into the ozone.

What we want to know is how you'd measure something like that.

And more importantly, what exactly does the Foundation propose they do if indeed there is a serious gas leak?

Some things just can't be stopped. We're dealing with a force greater than ourselves.

One would think that with the current battle for oil in the Middle East, people might attempt to bottle their energies and figure out some productive use for this farm-like flatulation. C'mon ... what good are lawsuits going to do? What the real question here is, can we run our automobiles off this gas? How about the prospect of bringing ol' Bessie in to furnish the energy needed to heat your home?

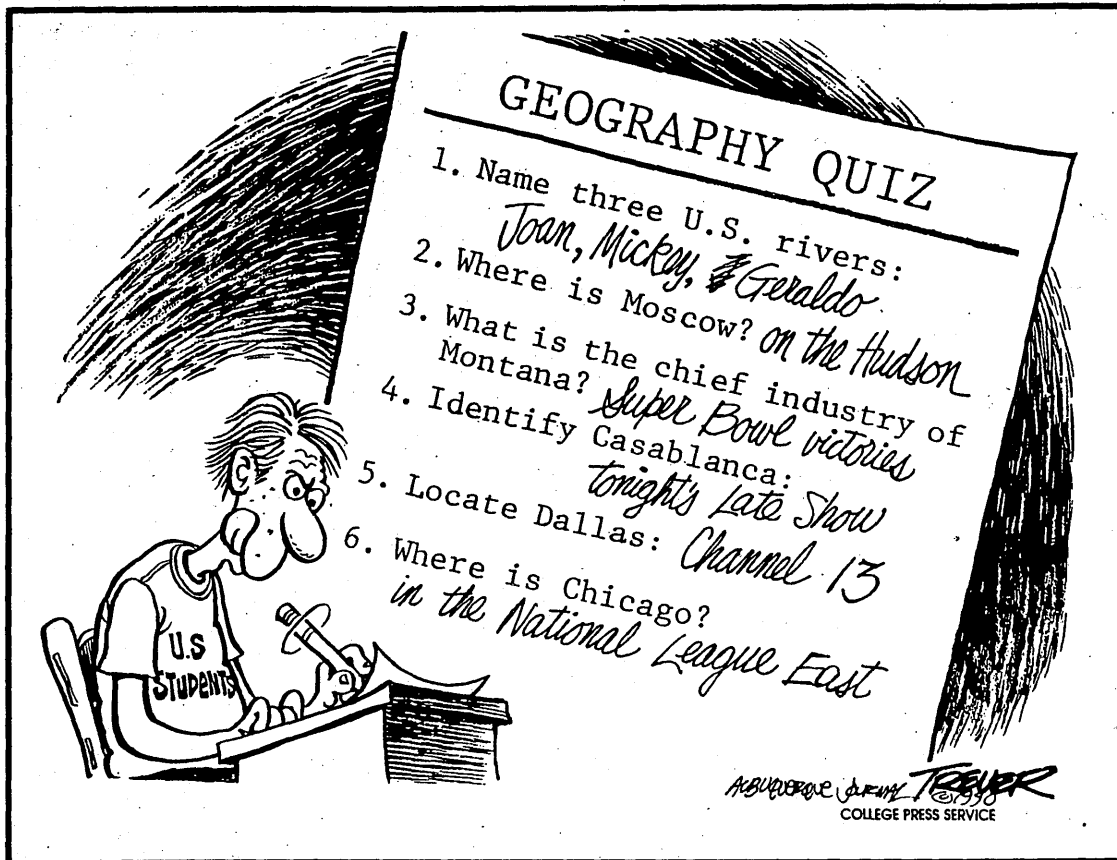
Maybe the Foundation's got a point. At the very least, cattle should learn manners. They really don't care. They just let it fly. It doesn't matter who's around to hear ... or smell.

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Are they obscene...

Referendum sets dangerous precedent



By Mike Clynych
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tion and opinion.

A referendum has been scheduled for this quarter to find out what preferences Western students may have concerning this action.

There are two main issues here. First, what is the definition of obscenity, and do these banned magazines fall into this category? Second, what are the limits of the authority of student government to dictate their moral preferences over the rest of the student body?

The U.S. Supreme court declared in 1957 that obscenity is not protected under the First Amendment. That was the easy part. Since then, there's been a lot of debate over the definition of obscenity. The courts now use a three-fold litmus test for determination. It is:

1. Whether the average person, applying contemporary community standards would find that the material, taken as a whole, appeals to prurient interests.
2. Whether the works depicts or describes, in a patently offensive way, sexual conduct specifically defined by state laws.
3. Whether the work, taken as whole, lacks serious literary, artistic, political or scientific work.

Playboy, Playgirl, and Penthouse have not been declared to be obscene and are protected by the First Amendment. The AS Board did not make a decision to ban an obscene publication, they made a moral decision to ban a magazine that the majority of the board did not like.

The obvious point created by the precedent is what else might a future board not like. A scan of the bookstore shelves show a display of Mad, Cracked, National Lampoon, and the Bikini Girls Calendar. Do these face campus banishment too?

I don't doubt that some people will find any magazine offensive, but in the great pool of ideas and opinion this can rarely be avoided. The idea of free speech is to encourage debate and rests strongly on the presumption that it is the individual who is best suited to make their own moral choices.

Any attempt to enforce morality should be viewed skeptically. The road to censorship and bans is seldom clearly marked. It starts as a hazy track and ends as a four-lane interstate.

In a 4-3 vote, last year's AS Board of Directors decided to remove Penthouse, Playgirl, and Playboy magazines from the AS bookstore. It is one of the most idiotic, railroaded pieces of Western legislation to date. It stands as a monument to small minds, a questionable political process, and serves to limit the free exchange of ideas, information and opinion.

One of the most well-known figures of 20th century wrote:

"Theater, art, literature, cinema, press posters and window displays must be cleaned of all manifestations of our rotting world ... Public life must be freed from the stifling perfume of our modern eroticism ... The right of personal freedoms recedes before the duty to preserve the race."

The author was Adolf Hitler.

Last year's AS Board (and quite possibly this year's too) maintained the opinion that because the AS bookstore is a student cooperative, they, as our elected representatives, had the right to make managerial decisions of what, and what not to sell.

I find this appropriate for economic, not moral, decisions. The magazines removed were making money so the decision was not economic.

I believe last year's board decision, was strongly influenced by two guest speakers. The first was Nikki Craft, a women's rights activist. In a separate incident last year, she and others donned ski masks and photographed male customers patronizing "Great Northern Books," a Bellingham adult bookstore. They published these photographs in a leaflet titled "Porn User of the Week." The second speaker was Lucy Colvin, who after recovering from bulimia, attributed her eating disorder to pornography.

When I questioned the AS Board Adviser, Jack Smith, he said the two speakers gave their presentations from chairs placed in front of the board. Smith said he felt that this positioning was of little consequence. I disagree. There is an implication of higher authority in this seating arrangement. As the purpose of the open meeting was to persuade the AS Board to vote one way or the other, the positioning separated the activists from the crowd and may have been instrumental in the persuasion process. Let's remember that the vote was 4-3. The only other speaker receiving this privilege was one other (opinion unknown) who could not be heard from the rear of the room.

If speakers are allowed to address the issue in this manner, impartiality by the board would seem to dictate that a representative expressing an opposing viewpoint enjoy the same privilege. A speaker from the American Civil Liberties Union would have been appropriate.

Playboy, Playgirl and Penthouse magazines have been banned from the AS Bookstore since last Spring quarter. Now we need a referendum with a 65 percent mandate to bring them back. This seems a quaint form of reverse logic. Surely, it would be more reasonable to require the referendum have a 65 percent mandate to take them off the shelves in the first place.

If this were the process, we wouldn't have to spend valuable time reclaiming the freedom that a few morality crusaders managed to bilk us out of in the first place.

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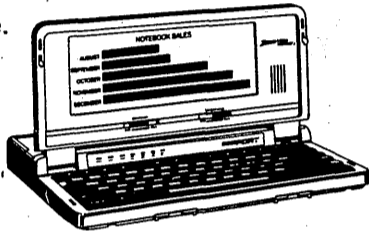
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