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## Pow Wow

*Native Americans dance, celebrate with blessing from great spirit*



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Lummi elder Joe Washington said Native Americans please the "great spirit" by participating in the pow wow.

By Stephen Arnold  
staff reporter

Colorful beads, feathers, bells and other materials adorned many of the participants' opulent regalia at the pow wow on campus last weekend, culminating Native American Cultural Heritage Week.

Native Americans representing nations from all over the Northwest met at Carver Gymnasium to participate in the 6th Annual Pow Wow.

At the pow wow, Native Americans gathered and competed in traditional dancing, singing and other activities. This year, the event was sponsored by the Native American Student Union, Peace Resource Center, Mama Sundays, W.W.U. Diversity Fund, Whatcom Community College, Northwest Indian College and Colville Confederated Tribes.

Members of the Lummi, Swinomish, Omak, Nooksack, Stillaguamish, Colville, Tulalip and many other nations were represented.

Crafts ranging from traditional items such as baskets and skin drums, to contemporary items like plaster lamps and silk-screened handkerchiefs, were available inside the gym at craft tables.

Joe Washington, an elder from the Lummi nation attends the pow wow every year.

"We attend because of the great creator," Washington said. "It's a feeling we get from the great spirit; he blesses us when we participate. Without the great spirit in our hearts, we are nothing... like the white man," said the wizened man wearing a buckskin vest with an eagle-bone breast piece.

Randy Vendiola, a Western student, and member of the Swinomish Nation came to dance. "When I put on my regalia, I feel transformed, I feel proud," Vendiola said.

Seven men wearing brilliant colors sat in a circle beating a large drum in unison during the "parade to dance grounds" or grand entry into the gym.

Erncee Harold Belmont, a member of the Suquamish nation, asked the audience to stand and raise their right hands "to peace, the creator, and the enjoyment of life."

Throughout the day, participants, some of whom were barely old enough to stand, danced in age-old movements to the sound of the ever-beating drum.



Tyler Anderson/The Western Front

A young boy participates in the two-day pow wow at Carver gym.

People hugging, old friends shouting "Hello neighbor," and children playing with one another could be seen and heard all day long.

Phil VanLiew, a student at Western said "The stereotype is that Indian culture doesn't exist anymore, but we can see that it still does."

Outside the gym, standing beneath the stars was a young man dressed in magnificent feathers, wearing an extravagant headdress and moccasins festooned with dozens of bells. Suddenly it was a little easier to imagine what life in the Pacific Northwest might have been like generations ago.

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## Annual 'Take back the night' protest this week

By Joan Eimenhurst  
staff reporter

Western women and men are invited to join a nationwide protest on violence against women during a rally at 7 p.m., Thursday, April 25, in the PAC courtyard (Rain will move the rally to the Viking Union lounge).

The rally is part of a four-day series which began Monday with a slide show on pornography described as "eye-opening," which correlates pornography and violence against women.

Angela Reed, a coordinator for the Women's Center, said she had no idea what to expect before seeing the pornography slide show. "I did not understand the issue at all," she said. Then she saw it and she said she does understand now.

The nationwide protest, "Take Back the Night," began in San Francisco in 1978 and has been observed annually on Western's campus. Reed said last year's event included testimony by women who had been abused or raped. This year, however, she said due to time limitations, a more infor-

mative approach will be taken.

Domestic violence and pornography will be the topics of discussion, Reed said. Also, songs will be performed by the Dean of Fairhaven College, Marie Eaton, and other guests.

Last year's "Take Back the Night" rally did not draw an enormous crowd, Reed said. She said she hopes this year will bring more people and more interest. However, some students are unaware of what is going on and how violent some situations are, she said. "I am completely amazed

at the apathy on campus."

Following the rally is a march downtown for women only. The protesters are scheduled to pass by The Green Apple Cinema on Railroad Avenue and The 'Adult' Shop on North State Street. "Spitting on the door-handles is considered a tradition of showing distaste or disgust of porn shops," Reed said.

After the march, women are welcome to gather at the YWCA for coffee and a speak-out. It is a chance for women to get together and discuss the issues at hand and communicate

with one another, Reed said.

Also following the protest will be a men's support and information group. The group discussion is how men can stop violence against women, according to Men's Center's promotions.

"Take Back the Night" is sponsored by the Western's Women's Center, the Sexual Awareness Center, the Men's Center, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance, (G.A.L.A.), and Bellingham's Womencare Shelter and Crisis Center.

## Cops Box

### Bellingham Police

April 19

A man complained that a female German Shepherd, belonging to his neighbor, jumped into his wife's car and urinated on the seat. He wanted the owner cited for leash law violations, but the owner could not be contacted at the time. The responding officer left a note on the owner's door to call the police station.

April 20

A 23-year-old male was found on the corner of State and Holly Streets urinating on the sidewalk as pedestrians walked less than ten feet away. The man was issued a citation and a court date. He then was released.

A woman reported receiving harassing phone calls at her home on the 1700 block of Texas Street. She said a man in Whatcom County Jail, who had been arrested for assaulting her, was making the calls and "bitching her out." The jail was contacted and the man's phone privileges were taken away.

### Campus Cops

April 19

A man left a motorcycle jacket, containing his wallet, in the hall of Carver Gym while he played racketball. When he finished, the jacket and wallet, valued at \$415, were gone.

April 20

Arson is suspected in the fire of a bulletin board on the fourth floor of Nash Hall. The fire was extinguished before much damage was done. None of the residents saw anyone outside their rooms before the incident, and no matches or lighters were found at the scene. Damage is estimated at \$50.

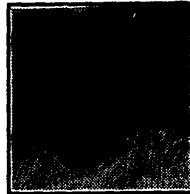
April 21

The frame and rear tire of a Trek mountain bike were stolen from the Fairhaven Courtyard. The bike had been locked by the front tire with a lock and chain. There are no suspects at this time.

# Weakened Soviet Union led to Persian Gulf War

By Robert Johnson  
staff reporter

"The reason why we had a United Nations war against Iraq was because of the collapse of the Soviet Union," said visiting professor of history Paul Buell to a crowd of 25 in Arntzen Hall 100 Wednesday night.



Buell, a federal government consultant on central Asia, spoke of the reasons why the Soviet Union is linked politically and culturally to Moslems in the Middle East and how the internal collapse has weakened their influence.

Now that the Soviets have collapsed and Iraq is weakened, Buell said the situation in the Middle East is now a vacuum.

"The battle for power usually turns ugly and is very frightening," Buell said.

He said the United States is relatively ignorant of the Middle East compared to the Soviet Union.

"When the Soviets invaded Afghanistan, Washington (D.C.) knew nothing about the Afghan's language."

The Russians are linked to the Middle East in three ways: ethnically, geographically and historically, he said.

"Out of 270 million people in the Soviet Union, 25 percent are Moslem, either culturally or religiously," Buell said about the ethnic link. Most live in Azerbaijan, Turkistan, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan — republics south of Siberia.

Buell said the Moslem influence is starting to creep into non-Russian languages in southern/central Soviet Union.

"Many words of Russian origin are being replaced by similar-meaning words of Arabic origin," he said.

Geographically, Buell said, the Soviet Union needs support from the Middle East to keep their navy strong.

"If the Middle Eastern countries don't support the Soviet Navy, then the ships have to go past Turkey into the Black Sea and Denmark into the Baltic Sea — our allies and Turkey won't let many Soviet warships past."

From a historical standpoint, Buell said Moslems are the first people the Russians came in contact with.

In the 1200s, Buell said, the Mongols who controlled Russia converted to Islam.

"During the reigns of Tsar Peter the Great (1682-1725), the Russians invaded the Moslem state north of the Black Sea," Buell said. Tsarina Catherine the Great continued to invade Moslem territory.

Soon after World War II, Buell said, the United States and the Soviet Union jockeyed for spheres of influence in the Middle East. The United States won over Israel, the Soviet

Union won the Arabic countries, notably Syria, Egypt and Iraq.

Soviet technology couldn't keep up with the West, the Soviet economy is in shambles and the Soviets are sick of Communism, Buell said listing three reasons why the Soviet Union collapsed.

Buell said the Soviet economy is in ruins because it is corrupt and inefficient.

"Farmers in Soviet Georgia can fly to Moscow on Aeroflot (the government-subsidized airline), sell their tomatoes, fly back to Georgia and still have a considerable profit."

Three-tenths of one percent of farmland is privately owned in the Soviet Union, Buell said, but they produce 33 percent of the total crops.

"During World War II, the Soviets built munition plants east of Moscow, and beat Germany," Buell said. "They won World War II. The United States was a Johnny-come-lately."

Buell predicts the Soviet collapse will continue and the Baltic States will soon secede because they are the most 'Western' of the Soviet republics.

"What (Soviet Georgia and the other Soviet republics) need to realize is that if they separate from Moscow, they will need to become economically dependant on some other power," Buell said.

Buell also predicted Turkish President Torgut Ozal will become the regional leader.

"Ozal is a very sly man and Turks are great fighters," he said.

## Briefs

### Grant for Veterans' Employment Testing

A \$25,000 grant by the U.S. Veterans' Administration will pay for free psychometric testing, a career guidance method measuring people's personality traits and determining jobs they would be suited for, said Randall Hansen director of the Veterans' Career and Guidance Counseling Program.

Military veterans and their dependents can find out more by calling Randall Hansen at 647-6843 or going to the Veteran's Career and Guidance Counseling Office in Miller Hall, room 263.

### Volunteer Fair

Western's Student Employment Center will host its first Volunteer/Community Service Information Fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 24 in the VU Lounge.

A number of social service agencies and community organizations such as the American Red Cross, Mothers Against Drunk Driving and Whatcom County Crisis Services, will provide information about their programs and volunteer needs.

For more information call the Student Employment Office at 676-3158.

### Western Showtime

Tickets are still available for Western Showtime Family Weekend events. The weekend, scheduled for May 10-12, is designed to bring students and their family members together.

There are 15 tickets, \$20 each, left for the morning cruise in Squilicum Harbor. Talent Show tickets will be sold in advance and at the door for \$3.

### Student receives speaking honors

Junior Norene Walton, a theatre major, received the 8th place overall speaker award, April 15th, at the annual National Championship Individual Speaking Events Tournament. Walton represented Western and the Northwest region at the tournament in five events, competing against 650 students.

### Tutorial Center hiring

The Tutorial Center is now hiring five positions for the 1991-92 school year. An emphasis is needed in the areas of math, biology, history and chemistry. James DeWilde, Tutorial Center coordinator, is looking for students strong in academics and communication skills.

Applications will be accepted until April 26. For more information, stop by the tutorial center, Old Main 387, or call 676-3855.

### 'Help, I'm Not a Business Major'

The Career Planning and Placement Center is offering a new workshop exploring career options for liberal arts majors. Scheduled times this quarter are: 3 p.m. April 23, 3 p.m. May 8, 11 a.m. May 15, 11 a.m. May 24, and 3 p.m. May 30.

Students interested in signing up for the workshop may call the center at 676-3240 or visit Old Main 280.

### Foreign Study in Greece renewed

Now that the war is over the foreign study program in Greece, planned for this fall, will go according to schedule.

This spring, the study in Greece program was canceled due to the Gulf War and the threat of terrorism. Kimmel said that the number of applicants declined from 12 to two when the war broke out.

Plans for the exchange this fall are going ahead and the foreign study department is working on rebuilding interest in the program.

### STRATA library workshop

Students That Return After Time Away will present a library skills workshop April 27 at Wilson Library.

Librarian Fred Waterman will show how to utilize the library to one's advantage in such areas as the card catalog, using computer databases and finding references in periodicals. Sign up is at the Wilson Library information desk.

For more information contact Leslie Clark at 647-6122.

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- **ADVANCE REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER QUARTER** will be held April 29 and 30. Students will register in descending order of credits earned. The registration schedule is posted throughout campus. If you do not know how many credits you have earned, check with the registrar's office.
- **LAST DAY TO DROP A COURSE OR TO CHANGE TO/FROM PASS/NO PASS GRADING** is Friday, April 26. From the fifth through the ninth week of classes, only students with late-drop privileges may withdraw from courses. See the General Catalog or Timetable for more details on this procedure or check with the registrar's office for more information.
- **MATHEMATICS:** Applications will be accepted through April 26 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, BH 202.
- **STRATA PICNIC:STRATA** (Students Returning After Time Away) is sponsoring a potluck picnic at Lake Padden Park from 2 to 6 p.m. April 28. Families are welcome. Bring meat to grill and salad or dessert to share. For more information, call Cheryl Collins or Leslie Clark, 647-6122.
- **A LIBRARY SKILLS** workshop sponsored by STRATA will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 27, at Wilson Library. Librarian Fred Waterman will show how to use the card catalog, computer databases and how to find references in periodicals. Sign up at the library information desk.
- **STUDENT TUTORS:** Applications for student tutors for 1991-92 are available from the Tutorial Center, OM 387, X/3855. Deadline to apply is May 3.
- **THE S&A FEE COMMITTEE** will hold a public hearing at 1 p.m. April 25 in the VU Lounge to present its proposed split of the S&A fee dollars among Associated Students, DRAC, and Housing and Dining.
- **MAYA LACANDON:** Brown bag informational lunch regarding Maya Lacandon student intern program will be at noon Thursday, April 25, in AH 319. All interested students are welcome.
- **CAREER PLANNING & PLACEMENT WORKSHOPS:** A variety of job search and career planning workshops, as well as mock interviews, are scheduled through spring quarter. Due to space limitations signups are required. For more information on workshops, dates and times, contact Career Planning and Placement Center, OM 280, X/3240.

### On-Campus Interview Schedule

Registration with Career Planning & Placement Center, OM280, is required.

- Safeco Corp., Wed., Apr. 24. Submit CIF at signup, beginning Apr. 10. Info session: 7 p.m. Tues., Apr. 23.
- Ledy Foot Locker, Thurs., Apr. 25. Submit CIF at signup.
- PayLess Drug Stores, Thurs., Apr. 25. Submit CIF at signup.
- Analytical Technologies, Inc., Thurs., Apr. 25. Submit CIF at signup.
- Vancouver School District, Fri., Apr. 26. Sign up beginning Apr. 12 for group info session (10 a.m.) and/or individual interview.
- Washington State Dept. of Revenue, Mon., Apr. 29. Internships. Submit CIF at signup beginning Apr. 15.
- Washington State Dept. of Revenue, Mon., Apr. 29. Sign up to take Civil Service Exam. Complete and return state application by Apr. 28. Written exam 8 a.m. to noon, Apr. 29. Oral exam Apr. 30.
- Waddell & Reed, Tues., Apr. 30. Submit CIF at signup starting April 16.
- Auburn School District, Wed., May 1. Group information sessions only, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Signup required.
- Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance, Thurs., May 2. Submit CIF at signup starting Apr. 18.
- Deer Harbor Resort, Thurs., May 2. Summer-only resort jobs. Submit CIF at signup.
- Phoenix Mutual Life, Fri., May 3. Submit CIF at interview.
- Defense Contract Audit Agency, Mon., May 6. Submit CIF at signup. View DCAA videotape in Career Planning and Placement Library.



## Native American storytellers tell witch-woman, salmon-woman tales

By Stephen Arnold  
staff reporter

Ravens, rabbits, cougars, pigs and several salmon were all honored lunch guests Friday in the Performing Arts Center plaza.

These and other creatures including witch-woman and salmon-woman came to life on the sunny afternoon thanks to Dayton Edmonds and Joanne Lane, both Native American storytellers visiting campus for Native Cultural Heritage Week.

Sponsored by the Native American Student Union, the two master storytellers provided entertainment to accompany a salmon barbecue also sponsored by the NASU.

Crowds materialized instantly around Edmonds who mesmerized the audience with his humor, warm smile and frequent gestures.

Edmonds told several stories including one about witch-woman, "she wasn't just ugly, she was uuugly." Witch-woman roamed the forests looking for people to eat, children were her favorite. One night several of the children she had been planning to eat pushed witch-woman into a fire where she melted into the ashes. Making sure she was really gone, one child stirred the ashes only to find that the previously nine-foot tall woman with a huge nose had shrunk and multiplied.

She still likes to eat people — now the witch-women is known as the mosquito,

Edmonds said.

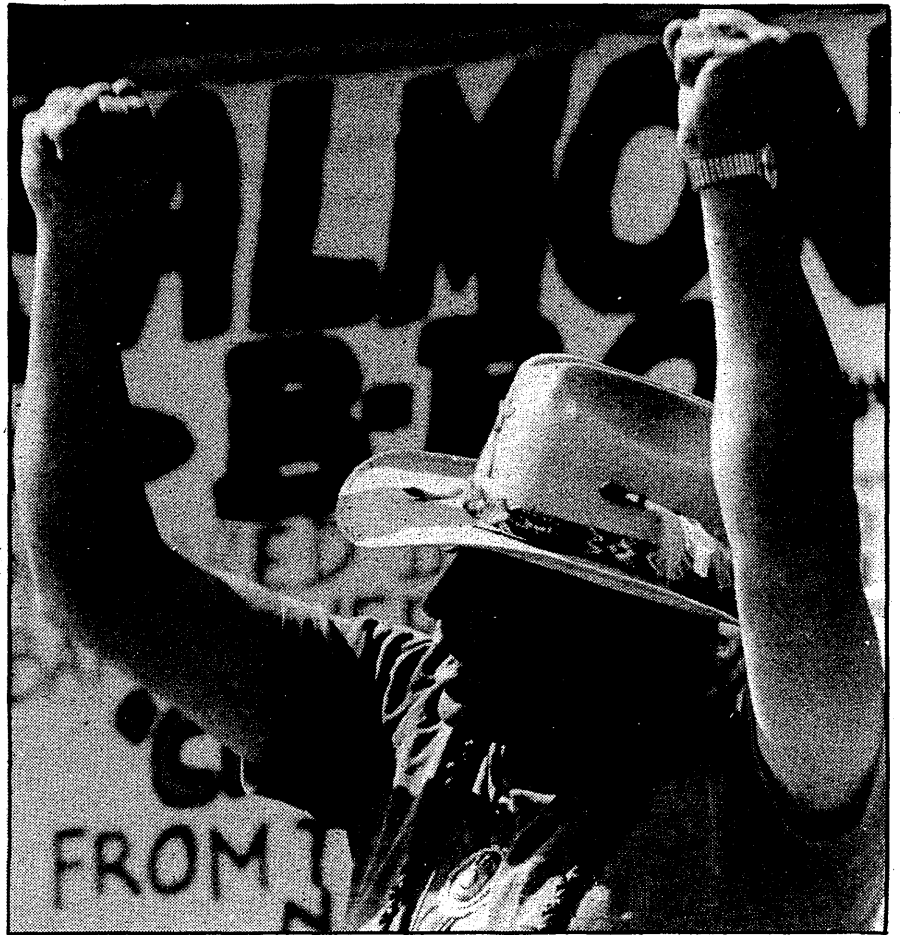
Edmonds, a member of the Caddo nation in Oklahoma has been telling stories for more than 10 years. "I recalled the stories that I heard from my grandmother and grandfather and rediscovered the sacredness," Edmonds said, adding, "discover the storyteller within you and pass it on."

Dressed in a fringed buckskin dress adorned with deer hooves, miniature cedar paddles and assorted beads, Joanne Lane relieved Edmonds to tell some stories of her own.

Lane, a member of the Lummi Nation, has been telling stories for about eight years. "Sharing is a part of our heritage, and I enjoy sharing stories with people," Lane said.

One of the stories Lane told concerned Raven and Salmon-Women. Salmon-Women showed Raven how to catch salmon. Salmon-Woman married Raven and provided Raven's village with all the salmon they could eat. The villagers soon tired of eating salmon all the time. Salmon-Woman found this out and returned to the sea. Raven asked her to return, which Salmon-Woman agreed to, but she could do so only once a year. Salmon-Woman and her salmon still return to their homes once a year.

"A lot of stories are based on the animals of the forest or the creatures of the sea," Lane said. Despite changing traditions, storytelling is still a significant part of Native American life. "I think it's a need, mainly for the children," Lane



Tyler Anderson/The Western Front

Dayton Edmonds told a story Friday about a witch-woman who wanted to eat children. The storytelling accompanied a salmon barbecue.

## Preservation begins in the back yard, says Kennedy Jr.

By Lori Corso  
staff reporter

"Think globally and act locally" was the theme of a lecture titled, "Our Environmental Destiny," delivered by Robert F. Kennedy Jr. last Thursday at Skagit Valley Community College (SVC).

Kennedy, the highlight of SVC's Earth Week program, is an attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council and an environmental law professor at Pace University in New York.

"Environmental preservation must begin in your own back yard," Kennedy said.

The aggressive environmental community in the Northwest is conducive to the preservation

of the Puget Sound, he said. But to better anticipate the future of the Puget Sound, the local community should look toward the Hudson River as a model.

The Hudson, Kennedy said, is the only healthy estuary left. "It is Noah's Ark, a national treasure, and a great success story in the environment."

He referred to Chesapeake Bay and Long Island Sound as ecosystems that are dying. "Fifty percent of the water in Long Island Sound is dead water," Kennedy said.

"Species that I knew as a boy on Cape Cod are gone now. The blue crabs, the smelt and the razor clams have all disappeared," Kennedy said.

Mike Laurion, a former resident of Rhode Island, who attended Kennedy's lecture, re-

members cutting his feet on razor clams growing up. "Now, if I go back, I won't have to worry about cutting my feet again," Laurion said.

Kennedy said, "We have the technology to solve these environmental problems, but the technology is elsewhere. We have created a world where 80 percent of the scientists are involved with weapons technology."

Kennedy said emerging environmental themes in education today indicate increased concern about the environment. "Environmental themes constitute 20 to 50 percent of education in the nation's elementary schools," he said.

"In school, my generation was drawing spaceships, but my 3-year-old daughter's first word was compost," Kennedy said with a chuckle.


On an optimistic note, Kennedy said, "as

bad as we have been to our environment, we've been better than other industrial nations. He referred to the environmental destruction in Kuwait, Chernobyl and the Amazon.

"The environment can't survive under tyranny. It doesn't function well under anything but a democracy, and nature is getting better representation under our system of democracy," Kennedy said.

We can't wait until the environmental crisis is upon us, he said, because then it will be too hard to reverse.

"Today, we are able to step out of our own disciplines and look down the road," Kennedy said. He then urged the crowd to support their environmental community by joining environmental groups on both the national and the local levels.



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## Graduate chosen for job as new KVOs-TV anchor

By Chris Schneidmiller  
staff reporter

In the competitive broadcast news field, a Western graduate is making her mark.

Michelle Higgins, a 1985 communications graduate, was recently made the anchor/producer of KVOs-TV's "NewsView" program. NewsView, which airs weekdays at 6:30 a.m., is a half-hour newscast that "profiles stories, places and faces that affect Whatcom County," according to a press release from KVOs. Higgins has been with the show as a reporter and producer since its inception a year ago.

Higgins said that being the anchor and producer of NewsView is an enjoyable combination.

"It's exciting being both, I wouldn't want to be just one or the other," she said.

Higgins has held a number of posts for KVOs, including producer, reporter, writer and editor — often more than one at a time. She anchored the weekend news breaks for more than two years and the news breaks replacement, "Pacific Style." When KVOs management decided to return to a half-hour news show a year ago, Higgins chose not to anchor the newscast. At the time she didn't want to change her lifestyle, Higgins said. She would, however, begin reporting for the show. Eight months ago, Higgins became a producer for NewsView and continued to work during the day.

When NewsView anchor Cindy Glenn left, her position was open and Higgins took it on April 15.

Higgins' day begins early. She arrives at

the station no later than 3 a.m. and meets with someone from the overnight shift. Any late breaking news is discussed and decisions are made on what late news will be included. Also

included late are sports news and weather reports. From 3 a.m. to 6 a.m. Higgins types the news reports into a comprehensive form.

"I turn the show into something that makes sense," Higgins said. At 6:15 a.m. she puts on her make-up and fifteen minutes later the show is on. While the show is airing, her duties as producer are light, Higgins said, as long as the show is well prepared.

After the newscast ends, Higgins and NewsView producers meet to decide on the content of the next day's show. The news features are chosen and later in the day reporters and photographers will be sent to cover the items. Higgins spends the rest of her day preparing for the next broadcast or working on other projects.

In addition to her work as anchor/producer, Higgins plans to continue reporting.

"I want to make sure I'm in the field every day. That's the only way to be a good anchor," Higgins said.

Higgins said she thought she'd be reporting for the networks, but working at a smaller station has changed her mind.

"The small market is where it's at ... You can do network quality news anywhere," Higgins said. She said she appreciates the genial atmosphere and lack of a "me first" attitude at KVOs.

"That's not what it's about ... it's about making good television, about telling stories."



Michelle Higgins

## Debate becomes discussion on validity of Christianity

By Bill J. Evjen  
staff reporter

More than 600 people crowded into the Garden Street First Presbyterian Church April 17 to listen to the debate, "Can an Educated Person be a Christian?"

"There are no good reasons to think that Christianity is false and there are good reasons to think that Christianity is true," said William Craig, a philosophy professor from the University of Louvain in Belgium, as he argued that educated people can believe in Christianity.

Don C. Williams, a biology professor at Western, speaking on what he called "enemy turf," debated with Craig in what soon turned into a Christian belief versus non-belief debate.

"There is this dogmatic desire to believe literally in so many features of the Bible that it simply makes no sense in a modern point of view," Williams said. "That is basically the problem that I have up at Western in teaching my discipline is the fact that there is a constant intrusion of this literal interpretation of the Bible into my courses. To me, it is damaging. I think the church ought to clean this up before it ever gets up to Western."

"The first chapters of Genesis are not meant to be a sort of scientific report of what happened," Craig said. "I have no difficulty whatsoever with saying the description of Eve being created from Adam's ribs is a sort of metaphorical way of God expressing the unity of mankind. I think these opening chapters in the story of Adam and Eve are religious drama. I think they happened, but are cast in a literary drama that is not meant to be taken in a scientific way."

Concerning the intrusion of Christianity into the classroom, Craig said, "In the defense of academic freedom, I say that all views ought to be aired in the classroom. Even views that the professor think are false."

Using the Bible as supportive evidence for belief is like if he invented some kind of religious point of view, wrote a document to support it and then used the document for the argument, Williams said.

Christianity's document is the Bible and that is not sufficient evidence for belief, Williams added. What Christians need to do is look beyond the Bible for their belief, he said.

The idea of divine intervention is false — no question about it, Williams said. Christians don't get the flu less than others and Christians don't get in less car accidents than others. No evidence supports divine intervention, he said.

"I remind you of a saying where Jesus said, 'God makes the rain fall upon the just and the unjust and the sun to shine upon the good and the evil alike,'" Craig said. "If Christians were protected from suffering, than people might become Christians in order to manipulate God to have a better and easier life."

"There is evidence for divine intervention," Craig said. "Namely the person, Jesus of Nazareth. You wouldn't be able to detect divine intervention by broad statistical analysis."

One person in the crowd voiced her belief for divine intervention as she spoke of a friend that was completely cured of his asthma. She asked Dr. Williams to respond.

"I wasn't there," Dr. Williams said as he shrugged his shoulders.

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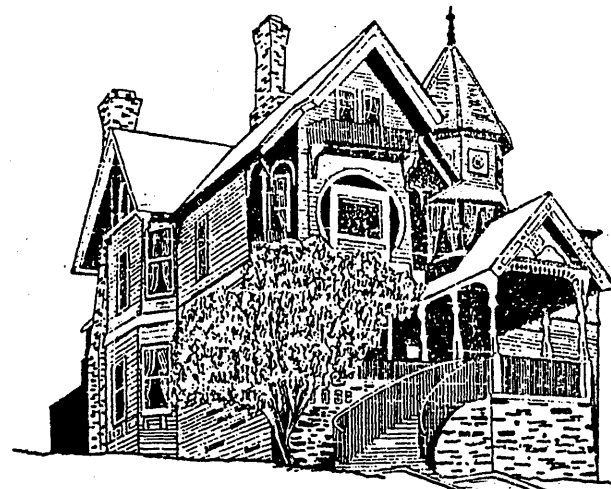
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## Senior goes to Boston to transcribe diaries

By Robert Johnson  
staff reporter

Western senior Rosalee M. Temple will go to Boston this summer to transcribe and annotate the diaries of a 19th century Nova Scotian. Temple received a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Younger Scholars grant, which is enabling her to study in Boston. Temple of La Conner said, the \$2,200 grant will allow her to spend three weeks in Boston to transcribe the diaries of James Morris, the first superintendent of the Sable Island Humane Station (circa 1801-1810), and spend the following six weeks at Western to edit and annotate the diaries. The humane station's purpose was to save people and cargo from shipwrecks in the area. Sable Island, 100 miles south/southeast of Nova Scotia, is in an area known as "The Graveyard of the Atlantic Ocean" because of frequent

shipwrecks in the area during the 17th and 18th centuries, she said.

Temple said what she found interesting about Morris' journals was learning about the man.

"I was impressed by his personality," she said. "He was warm and tender. You don't think of men in history in that context."

Temple said she was pleasantly surprised at receiving the grant.

"I was pretty excited when I submitted my application, but I began to lose confidence as time passed," she said. "I was proven wrong."

Temple said she had planned to study Morris for a master's thesis, then learned about the NEH grant in a class last fall.

Temple, an English major, said Morris kept diaries which nobody has yet transcribed and published, while he was superintendent.

One of his diaries has been lost, so it is important that they are transcribed before any



Rosalee M. Temple

more disappear, she said.

Temple said Elizabeth Mancke, Western history professor, gave her the idea of studying Morris.

"My husband was going to Boston on a

business trip and I wanted a reason to go with him, because it was in the middle of (fall quarter, 1989)," Temple said. "(Mancke) suggested that I go to Boston to study Morris' journals."

Mancke said she came across Morris' journals in 1986 while studying records at the Massachusetts Historical Society in Boston.

"I was looking around while taking a break when I came across Morris and I decided to keep him in mind in case it was ever needed," she said.

At Western, Temple said she will write a foreword and an annotated bibliography to explain the work and little-known events Morris wrote about. She hopes to have the finished work published.

The NEH Younger Scholars grant, according to an NEH press release, has helped 1,000 high school and college students conduct independent research and writing projects during the summer since 1984.

## Committee report proposes boost in enrollment by 264

By Noelle Kompkoff  
campus government editor

Western's Strategic Planning Committee submitted its final report to the Board of Trustees recently, proposing, among other things, to limit student enrollment to 10,050 and changing to a semester system.

"The University now requires a new statement of its role and mission," the report stated.

The committee, begun in 1989, evaluated all aspects of Western for recommendations on areas needing improvement. These suggestions will be considered by the board and

changes will be implemented through standard university policy.

Twelve suggestions of change in Western's policy were listed in the report.

Questioned extensively by the board was the Committee's suggestion of limiting student enrollment to 10,050 full-time enrolled students. The board said the projected increase in student enrollment, coupled with pressures from the state to provide access for these projected students, will make this limit impossible to enforce.

Associated Students Vice President for Academic Affairs Jackson

Lynch said the limit preserved the individualized feel Western had.

Already feeling pressure from the state to prepare for the increases, Vice President for External Affairs Albert Froderberg summarized the board's sentiments. "We would have to move Heaven and Earth to keep the (enrollment) numbers down," Froderberg said.

A state budget proposal now in the legislature would raise Western's enrollment by 264 if passed. Western's current enrollment is limited to 8,650 students.

The committee also created several subcommittees to outline in

greater depth policies such as education, student life, diversity, the university community, campus government, commitment to the environment and communication services. Three subcommittees offered critical reports and recommended specific actions be taken:

\*The subcommittee for cultural and ethnic pluralism proposed that a diversity plan, addressing the campus and administrative environment, students, faculty and curriculum be designed by August 1991.

\*The subcommittee to study Western governance found a conflict of interest with the internal auditor

reporting to the vice president for business and financial affairs. The subcommittee recommended the internal auditor report to the president or provost. The subcommittee also recommended the university change to a semester system.

\*The subcommittee on Western's educational experience addressed the issue of time schedules. "A thorough reconsideration ... of all aspects of the university's time schedule" including the length of class periods, frequency of class meetings and the relationship between credits and number of class hours should be reexamined, the report said.

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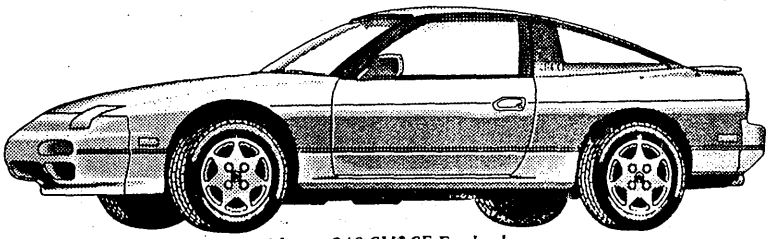
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# FEATURES

## The Outback Farm: acres of controversy

By Art Hughes  
staff reporter

While walking along the narrow dirt paths and shaky board bridges of Western's Outback farm, Deborah Del George, who is studying to be an interpretive specialist, bent down and gently brushed her hand over the tops of what looked like weeds.

"Pernicious comfrey—it's medicinal," she said, and walked on.

Like many organic farms, the Outback, on Western's campus between the Fairhaven Stacks and

Buchanan Towers, takes some guidance to distinguish where cultivation ends and weeds begin. It's a sharp contrast to the neatly paved sidewalks and brick courtyards that cover the rest of Western's campus.

To someone not familiar with organic farming, it may look like it's been abandoned for some years. To Del George, and many others, it looks like five acres of rare and valuable open space with life just about everywhere.

And, to some university administrators and planners it looks like a

good place for a parking lot.

"I can't lose myself in saving this farm," Del George said. "I have to look at the possibility that this farm could be paved."

She's not the only one who's concerned.

Gary Bornzin, a Fairhaven faculty member and sponsor of the organic gardening class, said he hopes the university will discover the land is best used as farm, not a parking lot.

"We're trying to do everything we can to promote it in any way possible," Bornzin said.

The Outback began in 1972 as a model for studying natural farming systems. For years, the farm utilized two cabins built in 1929 by June and Farrar Burn. Students lived in the cabins and maintained the farm. The Outback thrived in the mid-seventies, but was never fully sanctioned by the university (it has never appeared on the campus map, for instance).

Then, in the late 1980s, things started to go wrong.

In March of 1987, the farm was left off of the south campus Master Plan, which is updated about every five years. Faced with increasing parking dilemmas and an estimated future enrollment of 12,000 students, the administration proposed a parking lot to replace the Outback. Gary Nelson, the facilities planning manager, was quoted in a March 13, 1987 article in *The Front*, as saying the land used for the Outback farm was "prime real-estate based on its proximity to campus."

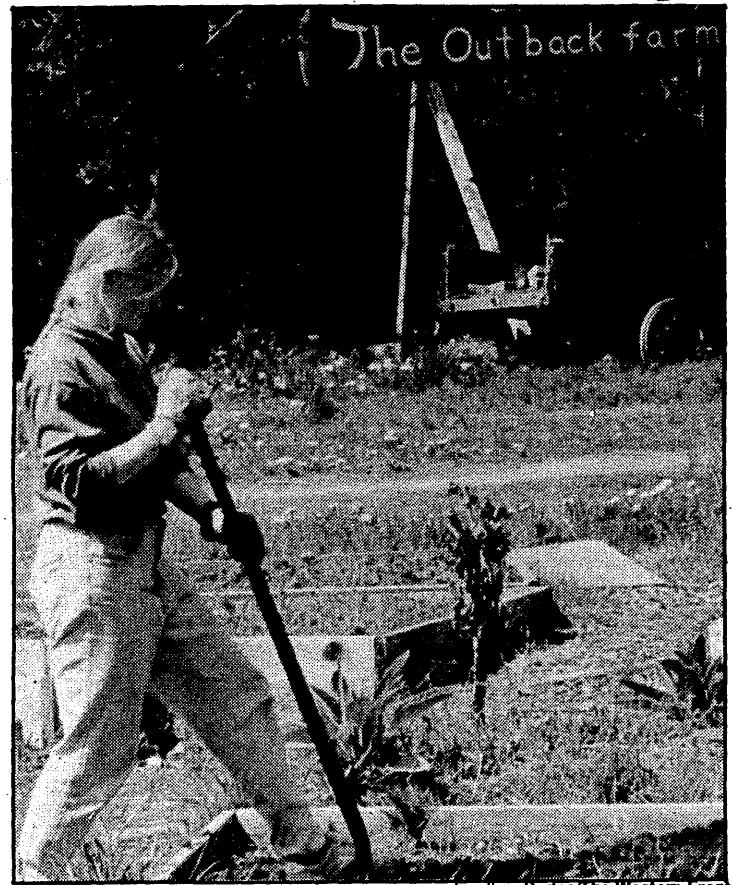
Allain Van Laanen, student coordinator for Fairhaven's organic gardening class, said the future of the land as a farm has never been solid.

"That hasn't changed. All the way back to the beginning, it's always been threatened; if you look at the history (of the Outback), it's always there," Van Laanen said.

Two months after the Outback was excluded from the master plan, an attack by a pack of dogs left four of the farm animals dead and others badly injured. Veterinary bills sapped the already meager funding for the farm, and concern for the animals' safety increased. The program for keeping the animals didn't recover.

In September of 1988 came what many consider the most severe setback: the university closed the cabins as a student residence because it posed an insurance risk. The students who lived in the cabins, who were responsible for a substantial part of the farm upkeep, were forced to leave.

"I think that was a devastating



Jonathon Burton/The Western Front

Junior Mirabal Benck plants vegetables at the Outback Farm.

blow to the Outback, and we haven't really recovered from it yet," Bornzin said. "There's no substitute for a live-in care-taker."

Soon after the cabins were closed, bulldozers appeared and demolished two buildings the students had built—a sauna and an outhouse. The demolition was part of a "risk management" measure by the university. Students supporting the Outback protested the demolition, and said they had a permit from the county department of health for at least one of the buildings. University administrators said they weren't aware of the permit until after the demolition took place. Physical plant crews boarded-up the cabin and padlocked the doors.

Sam Kelly, the vice-president for student affairs, said it was unlikely the land would be set aside for farming.

Fairhaven and Huxley colleges achieved a "stay of execution" for the farm in November of 1988 by forming the Sustainable Agriculture Committee, which began taking steps to assess the potential of the Outback as a farm rather than a parking lot. The committee proposed Western adopt a new agriculture ecology degree program and utilize the Outback as a recognized educational resource. In a report of more than 100 pages, the

committee recommended the new degree and funding for a full-time, paid care-taker position. The report was submitted in the Spring of 1989. Bornzin, who was on the committee, said he has received no official reply from the administration.

Van Laanen is optimistic, but cautious, about the farm's future.

"There's been tension that we could lose it all tomorrow, but I think, no, there's too much student interest," Van Laanen said. "I also really appreciate all the faculty support and input we've gotten so far."

After giving a tour, Del George sat on the back of her truck parked in the Outback driveway. She watched a student skimming the grass with a butterfly net in one of the Outback's meadows. He came over and introduced himself as Dave Swift, a senior in biology. He said he has lived in Stack 7 for five years and comes to the Outback often.

"It's a rich spot," Swift said. "There are a lot of biology students who depend on that pond (for samples)."

Clinging to his net are two young dragonflies, still drying their wings after crawling from their crusty shells.

"Western wouldn't be the same without this place," Swift said. "Everyone knows that."

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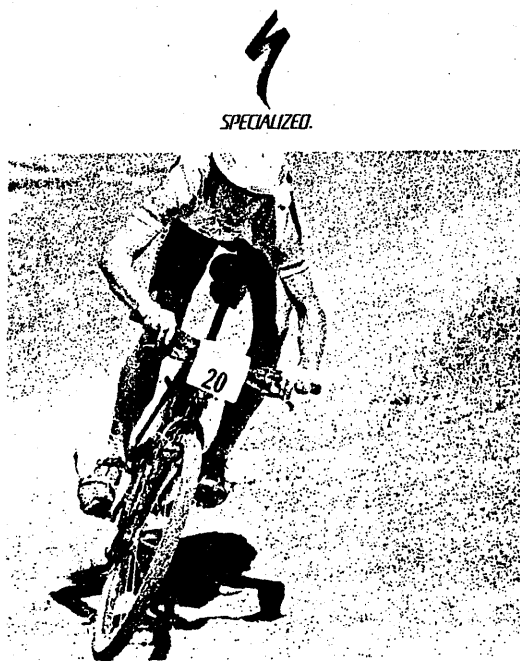
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## Clear-cutting threatens Lacandon lifestyle

By Suzi Zobrist  
staff reporter

The lush, green rain forest engulfs the huts of the Lacandon Indians. Ripe bananas dangle from the trees, the rain slowly and methodically drips onto the forest floor. A bird cries out, its fluttering wings echo through the trees. Here, within the Lacandon rain forest, man and nature are one.

But this is quickly changing. The once abundant Lacandon rain forest, located in Chiapas, Mexico, is now changing, as the forest is being clear-cut for harvesting. The Lacandon Indians and the forest where they live are faced with a struggle for survival.

With the arrival of Earth Day comes a time to reflect on current environmental issues such as the Lacandon rain forest. Earth Day is a

time to do something for mother earth, a time to make changes, a time for awareness.

"What do we need to do?" was the question asked by Perry Adams and Jewell James of the Lummi Nation at a speech given on April 17, in the Viking Union Lounge.

Adams, a member of the Lummi Indian tribe, recently returned from the Lacandon rain forest and saw the problems of the Indians there. Faced with outside population pressure to harvest more of the rain forest for economic reasons, the Indians are being forced to give up their traditions and their land.

"There are people alive today who are living out our past," Adams said. "The struggles the Lummi Indians went through these people are going through right now. It's a painful experience to see the reality of the economy taking precedent over

people's lives. It's easy to talk about economic probabilities of harvesting the rain forests when you don't have to live there.

"The question is very unsettling," Adams said. "To me, the rain forest is not 10,000 miles away. It is very close to us."

"You can't sit back and believe the world will preserve itself — it won't," James said. "Our present is their (Lacandon Indians') future. Our past is their present."

The Lacandon people live a very primitive life. These people, living in the forests, sleeping in hammocks and using outhouses, are not aware of the modern world or have any need for it. Because of the outside pressures though, they are becoming more aware of it. Getting electricity is a jump into a more modern lifestyle. With electricity comes the need for jobs other than raising crops.

"When I visited the rain forest I got to see what it was like for the Indian people 100 years ago, before there was electricity and running water," Adams said. "They have the ability to live in harmony with the land."

In response to the needs of the Lacandon people, Western and the Northwest Indian College, (in which Adams is the coordinator for admissions and student activities), are in the process of establishing an internship in the Lacandon rain forest. Student interns would help the native people preserve their land and culture. The internship should be implemented by winter quarter 1992.

"This internship will offer students a chance to work with the

Lacandon people," James said. "You must recognize the differences between your values and theirs, though. We are trying to preserve theirs, not change it. We hope this intern program is a success story so that others will do the same."

"The world is dying around us. What are you going to do to fix the damage done? He said, "We owe it to the children. If you don't change your consciousness now, there will be no future for your children."

"The forests are being clear-cut!" James yelled. "Help protect the earth from us. You have a choice; either get wet today, when the rain won't burn you, or let your children get wet when the rain has turned to acid."

## PETA works for animal rights

By Samantha Lipoma  
staff reporter

The executive director of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and self-proclaimed vegan (a person who eats no animal products at all), Kim Stallwood, gave listeners several tips about how they could become active for animals during a speech April 16, in the Viking Union Lounge.

Stallwood replaced Ingrid E. Newkirk, co-founder of nationally known PETA — the largest animal rights group in the nation. PETA is a public educational group that works for animal rights and animals' right to live free from exploitation.

Newkirk was sponsored by the Environmental Center and the Associated Students Productions Social Issues program. Stallwood said Newkirk was unable to attend because she was at the Supreme Court attending court cases involving two laboratory monkeys that were killed at Delta University.

Stallwood, who has worked internationally with Newkirk, said he first started to consider animal cruelty when he worked in a chicken processing plant as a student. Since 1976, he has been a vegan. A vegan is someone who does not eat any meat or animal products at all, including dairy products, Stallwood said.

Stallwood began his presentation with a personal-experience story involving his "giant Chihuahua" who adopted him.

"I live with one human, five cats and two dogs," He said. "They've all been rescued except for the human."

Stallwood gave many statistics about heart disease and medical progress. In 1920, for example, the average life expectancy of a white male was 69.5 years and in 1960 it was 71.1 years. Stallwood said animal testing on products and meat consumption are not the way to prevent disease and sickness. People need a better understanding of nutrition, and attitudes toward health care should be preventative, he said.

"A diet high in animal products is unhealthy, but a vegan diet is much healthier," Stallwood said.

Eating animals is a waste of the earth's resources, Stallwood said. Instead of having an animal-based form of agriculture, we should use the grain and soybeans that are eaten by livestock. The food for livestock can be used to feed people if we cut down on meat eating.

"If we reduced the eating of meat by 10 percent, we would have enough grain saved to feed 60 million people in starving countries," Stallwood said. "Animals should not exist for the purpose of eating."

An excerpt from the film, "The Animals Film" showed graphic pictures of animals being slaughtered

and the way slaughterhouse owners treat them. In one scene, calves were tied in small crates in which movement was virtually impossible, to keep their flesh pale and tender.

The question was raised; what can one do about animal torture? Stallwood said people can boycott slaughterhouse products if they want to do something about animal torture.

"To take action, first look at your own lifestyle," he said. "If you're not yet a vegetarian become one. If you're already a vegetarian, become a vegan."

The number of vegetarians is increasing in Britain and in this country, and it has become quite easy to get good vegetarian food, he said.

"It's easier to cook veggies and there is no chance of food poisoning," Stallwood added.

Stallwood asked students to look away from the kitchen and into the bathroom where many items are animal-tested or have animal ingredients, including soaps and shampoos. PETA has an annual shopping guide that is endorsed by a number of counties. To obtain one, write to PETA at P.O. Box 42516, Washington D.C. 20015.

"At PETA we also have a personal dress code for all members, of no leather or clothing made with animal by-products," he said.

Stallwood had strong comments

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# Earth Fair promotes environmental awareness



A crowd of environmentally concerned citizens gathered Saturday at the PAC Plaza to celebrate Earth Fair.

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By Michele Thielke  
staff reporter

The bright, warm sun, perfectly cloudless skies and the sparkle on Bellingham Bay reminded people celebrating at Earth Fair April 20, that the guest of honor at this party was Mother Earth.

Earth Fair, held at the Performing Arts Center Plaza, was a music festival that began at 11 a.m. with a performance by Brave New World, and ended at 6 p.m. with G.T. Noah. There were many foods to try, including jumbalaya, a Southern dish, and vegetable soup served in an earth-shaped bowl.

The fair included an outdoor market with the usual vendor's row fare, Earth Day T-shirts, and biodegradable detergents and hair care products.

Several groups participated in the day's events including Greenpeace, Earth First!, the Rainforest Action Network, the Audubon Society, the Baha'i Faith, Zero Population Growth, National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML), and American Youth Hostels.

Many people wore brightly colored T-shirts with strong statements such as "Save the Rainforests," "Eat Organic," or "Save the World" printed on them. Two dogs from the Humane Society wore red halters with

"ADOPT ME" written on them in bold, black letters.

The most solemn moment was when a letter written by Chief Seattle to President Franklin Pierce was read with soft music playing in the background. Chief Seattle wrote the letter in response to Pierce's request to buy the Indians' land. Seattle's words might well have been the theme of the fair.

"We are part of the earth and it is part of us...whatever befalls the earth befalls the sons of the earth," wrote Chief Seattle.

At the height of the celebration, people were dancing to the rhythm of xylophones and pounding African drumbeats of "Lora and Sukutai Marimba and Dance Ensemble," a group from Seattle. Little children stretched their arms up to dance with their mothers, people danced by themselves, waving their arms and tossing their hips, while the Marimba dancers performed dances from Zimbabwe.

Many of the people at the fair are involved in environmental organizations year round.

"We should live every day as if it were Earth Day," said Tina Johnston, a representative of Greenpeace.

Caryn Simmons, a member of the Ecosystem Alliance and Earth First!, said the fair was a chance to network with other organizations and exchange

information. Glen Alexander, an education coordinator at the Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research and Reserve, said the fair was a nice break from his normal routine.

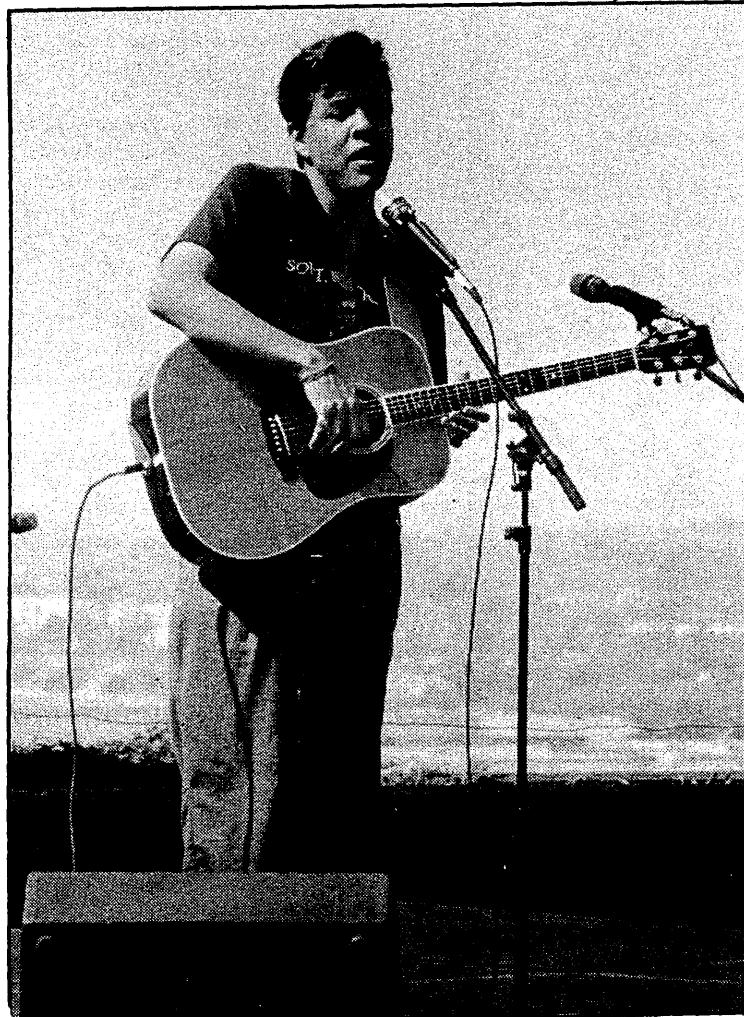
Al Hanner, a member of Zero Population Growth, said: "I do not believe it will do any good (to distribute information). I believe there's nothing ahead but death and destruction. I sleep better at nights if I do something-I have a conscience."

C. Z. Gale, a member of the Audubon Society, said being retired gives her more time to contribute support to environmental causes. She has been to other earth fairs in California and said Western had a much more peaceful atmosphere.

Many people participating in the fair didn't belong to any groups. Western freshman Alison Wepler said she came to frolic in the sunshine, hear the music, and support Mother Earth.

One Sehome High student came to hear his history teacher, Tim McHugh, sing.

A woman named Crow Feather came to share Indian teachings. She wore traditional Indian clothing; a doe hide tunic, leggings and a headband. She told a group of listeners the story of how she came to be half Jewish and half Indian, a story she said was more exciting than the movie "Dances with Wolves".



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J. P. Falcon entertains the crowd at Earth Fair 1991.

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## Foreman preaches environmental concerns at Western

By Heather Harnischfeger-Smith  
staff reporter

The first lesson Dave Foreman learned from nature is: balance. So, while Foreman preaches his wilderness evangelism, he also heeds the advice of longtime friend Edward Abbey: "Don't take yourself too seriously."

Turn off the volume and Foreman performs like an evangelist. Foreman, who wrote the recently released, "Confessions of an Eco-Warrior" and co-founder of Earth First!, gesticulates with his arms as he paces across the Viking Union stage where he spoke last Thursday. His face reddens. His hands move quickly from his chest, as he reaches out to the audience. His fingers curl like question marks as he shakes his hands.

Turn up the volume and Foreman delivers his gospel to save wild places. He's on a mission. His gods are grizzly bears, gray wolves, humpback whales, ancient Douglas firs and turkey vultures, to name a few.

Yet Foreman is a half-hearted fanatic, like his old friend and inspiration, Abbey, who died two years ago. Abbey wrote of the importance of not only fighting for the wilderness but playing in it.

"Be as I am... part-time crusader... a half-hearted zealot... It is not enough to fight for the WEST: it is even more important to enjoy it!" Abbey wrote.

Abbey told readers to go run the rivers, wrestle with the grizzlies, climb the peaks, because when up against the guys with "eyes glued to a desk top calculator and hearts in a safety deposit box, you will outlive the bastards!"

Though Abbey's body has been recycled to the earth, Foreman is the disciple of "Cactus Ed's" spirit for life in all its wildness.

Born in New Mexico in 1946, Foreman has devoted more than 20 years to life as a professional conservationist.

In 1962, two years before the Wilderness Act was passed, Foreman said a backpacking trip into the Gla-

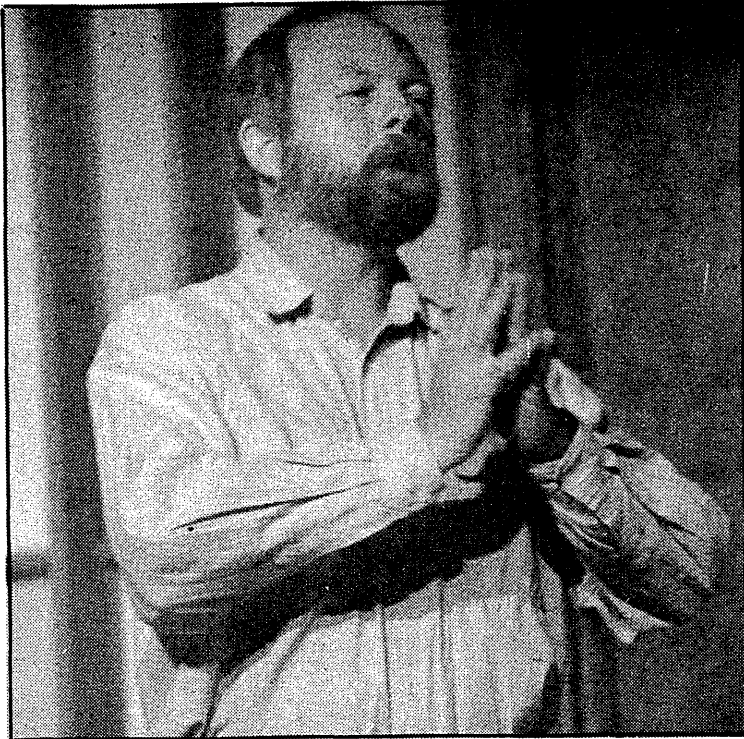


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Dave Foreman, co-founder of Earth First!, speaks to a crowd in the Viking Union Lounge.

cier Peak Wilderness Area (southeast of Bellingham in the North Cascades) changed his life.

"That was the event of my life that turned me into a fanatic," Foreman said. Glacier Peak was one of the many beautiful wild places which needed to be protected and left alone.

Foreman now calls himself a "doomsayer" who wants to be proven wrong.

"Biologists say that we may lose one third of the species on this planet in the next 40 years," Foreman said. "Those words make my blood run cold."

"I don't really know what to do about it. It's overwhelming," he said. "It's probably why I'm going to go out and have a beer after my speech tonight. And I encourage you to, too."

Foreman wasn't dressed in flowing robes or amade-for-TV three-piece suit. He wore a tan, cotton work shirt, boots and faded blue jeans held on by a grizzly bear belt buckle. Short, brown hair framed a round face with a trimmed beard and moustache.

Though not a large man,

Foreman's powerful build showed his days of hauling a pack through the wilderness. Foreman looks like the type of guy you'd find with his hands wrapped around a Bud at a bar in some sleepy logging town.

Looks can be deceiving. Foreman's tool of choice is not a chain saw.

"When a chain saw rips through a thousand-year-old Doug Fir, it's ripping into my gut," he exclaimed, slicing an imaginary line across his stomach.

No, Foreman's tool of choice isn't something you can hold or sharpen or buy or sell. Foreman's tools of choice are his heart, his humor and his books: "The Big Outside", "Ecodefense" and "Confessions of an Eco-Warrior".

Foreman's first book, "The Big Outside: A Descriptive Inventory of the Big Wilderness Areas of the United States," is more than an exhaustive list of roadless square mileage on a topographical map. The book is a call to save the big wilderness.

Michael Frome, Huxley professor of environmental journalism and

friend, wrote the foreword for the book. Frome writes: "In the beginning, when the planet was new and fresh, all of it was wilderness. It was Earth National Park. I see the wilderness, the Big Outside, as a sanctuary of the spirit, the heart of a moral world governed by peace and love. Thank you, Dave and Howie (Wolke, the co-author), for the valuable descriptive inventory that points the way."

Frome recalled the first time he met Dave Foreman when they both worked in Washington, D.C., 10-15 years ago. Foreman was the Southwest Regional Representative and lobbying coordinator for the Wilderness Society. Frome was with his boss, executive director of The Wilderness Society who said: "That guy Foreman, he's a conservative republican."

Frome later learned Foreman had worked for the election of Barry Goldwater (R.-Ariz.).

"That's consistent with who Dave is. He's the enemy of big government," Frome said. "I became aware of Dave again when he started Earth First! Dave became one of the principle environmental personalities of our time, because he didn't want to do things in the same old way."

In 1980, Foreman co-founded Earth First!, the aggressive conservation group whose philosophy was "No Compromises in Saving Mother Earth." Earth First! prided itself on immediate, direct action in saving wilderness. Frome said Foreman shaped a new agenda, where environmental problems would no longer be solved on the turf of the big government and the corporations that caused them.

"The environmental movement has gone from beer and beans to Brie and Perrier," Foreman writes in his latest book, "Confessions of An Eco-Warrior."

Frome doesn't share Foreman's criticism of the established environmental groups like Sierra Club or the National Wildlife Federation.

"They all have their place," Frome said.

Frome also said he's very supportive of Foreman.

"I admire him. Much of the media has made him out to be a macho clown. But that's not what he is," Frome said. "Dave is serious, thoughtful, deliberate, almost a scholarly kind of a guy. He's not a screwball."

Along with his books, Foreman's effective tools are the messages created from his heart and soul.

"I have trouble talking about emotions," Foreman said. "After all, I grew up in the 50's watching John Wayne. Real men aren't emotional. You're only allowed to be emotional when you're Beaver Cleaver. Then you grow up, and you're John Wayne."

"But DAMN IT! I am emotional. I am passionate. I'm not some New Age android. I'm an animal. The winds of the earth fill my lungs. The oceans float my brains. The mountains make my bones."

"These last ten years of wilderness conservation aren't just about preservation of scenery or creating recreational opportunities," Foreman said. "It's about life. For 3 1/2 billion years life has evolved on this planet into an incredible tree of life with billions of different species, beautiful and bizarre in intricate ecosystems. In an instant of geological time, we are devastating that diversity."

Along with embracing diversity of species, Foreman embraces diversity in methods to preserve them. Foreman said he didn't want to tell anyone what to do.

"What's important is that you do something. Now." He writes in "Confessions of an Eco-Warrior".

"The last warning is that I'm no saint. We are often lectured to clean up our own acts before poking our noses into other people's business. Well, there isn't time for me to achieve perfection before trying to save the Earth."

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about using animals in research to find cures for diseases.

"One, it's not ethical and two, it doesn't work," he said. "Look how we live. What causes diseases to happen? We don't know exactly how we react to drugs until we take them. It's plain bad science, it's a waste of money, and it doesn't help people."

Stallwood said students wanting to speak out should obtain the video

"The Animal Film" and show it to friends (write to PETA), live a cruelty-free lifestyle by boycotting animal products, order no meat dishes and, if asked why you are boycotting speak out about it.

Stallwood then showed the music video "Tame Yourself" currently playing on MTV. The video include various artists such as the B-52's, K.D. Lang and Howard Jones.

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## Men's tennis split matches, improving record to 12-4

By Kevin Justik  
staff reporter

The Western men's tennis team added another win and endured another loss in tennis action on Friday and Saturday at the Margaret Aitken Courts. The Vikings swept visiting Central Washington University, 9-0, on Friday and were defeated by Seattle University, 6-3, on Saturday. With both the victory and the loss, the Vikings have an overall record of 12-4.

Friday's victory over Central gave the Viking men a nine match winning streak and their twelfth win of the season.

"The win felt good," senior Gary Davies said about the team's accomplishment.

The Vikings swept all of the singles and doubles matches. In the singles, Bruce Reed defeated Todd Caldwell, 6-4, 6-3; Davies defeated Bobby Huyhn, 6-3, 6-0; Doug Hodson defeated Bob Strickland, 6-4, 6-2; Ray Goto defeated Justin File, 6-4, 6-4; Eric Doneshvar defeated Don Feist, 6-3, 7-6 (7-5); and Dan Moskowitz defeated Darin White, 6-1, 6-2.

In the doubles, Reed-Davies defeated Caldwell-Huyhn, 6-2, 6-1; Hodson and Tian Richardson defeated Strickland-Feist, 6-4, 6-4; and Goto and Jim Lewis defeated Travis Zundel and John Dayton, 3-6, 6-1, 6-1.

Davies said Friday's win helped to get the Vikings excited to play the tough SU on Saturday. SU happens to be the only team the men have not been able to beat after losing to them once. SU's only losses have been to NCAA Division I schools: University of Colorado, University of Portland, and Washington State University.

"They're really tough," Hodson said. "They're probably the best in the district," he added.

## Men's crew wins two

By Rob Gwinn  
staff reporter

The Western men's crew won two races on Saturday at the Cascade Sprints at American Lake in Tacoma.

The lightweight-8 boat finished 12 seconds ahead of University of Puget Sound, who came in second. During the morning runs the course was smooth and sunny, but the wind picked up for the afternoon's lightweight race, causing the water to turn rough.

The winning time was aided by strong tail wind, but the crew felt this was a good race to prepare them for next weekend's Tri-Cities Regatta.

"(The race) felt good, but the wind led to an abnormally fast time and caused the water to be a little rough in the afternoon. But, that's good because the water is always rough at the Tri-Cities," No. 4 seat Gibran Hashmi said.

The varsity-8 boat also finished first in its race, beating UPS, who came in second, by six seconds.

"That boat (varsity-8) has improved a lot," Hashmi said. "(The) varsity is getting faster each practice."

The two novice-8 boats did not fare as well as the other two boats. One boat placed third, and another placed fourth.

Shane Eckel and Doneshvar won the No. 5 and No. 6 singles matches for the Vikings. The only other victory for Western came in the No. 3 doubles match from Hodson and Richardson.

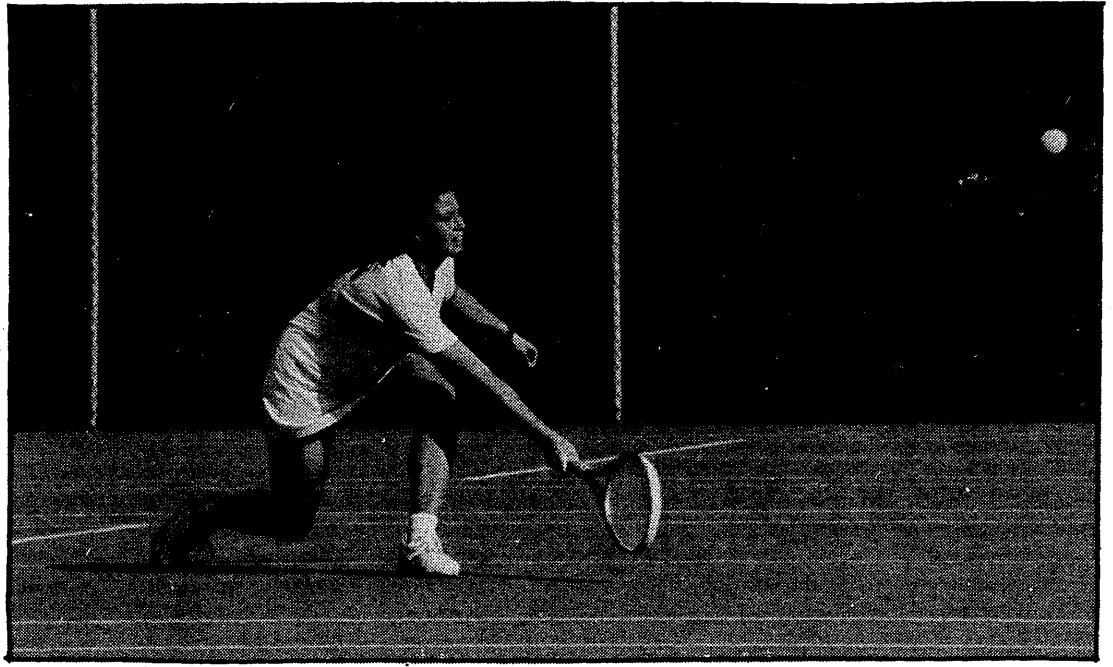
"It was a good match," Doneshvar said. "We lost some tight matches," he added.

Saturday's match showed the high caliber of playing SU is capable of.

"If you show any weaknesses, they'll take advantage of that," Davies said of the talented SU players.

In the singles, Gary Schaab defeated Reed, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3; Ron Cox defeated Davies, 6-3, 6-4; Dan Motais defeated Hodson, 6-2, 6-4; Rob Box defeated Goto, 3-6, 7-6 (7-2), 6-0; Eckel defeated SU's Kirk Felton, 6-3, 6-1; and Doneshvar defeated SU's Ted Kim, 6-3, 2-6, 7-5.

In the doubles, Cox-Box defeated Western's Reed-Davies, 6-4, 6-3; Motais-Schaab defeated the Viking's Goto-Eckel, 6-2, 3-6, 7-5; and Western's Hodson and Richardson defeated Felton-Kim, 5-7, 6-4, 6-3.



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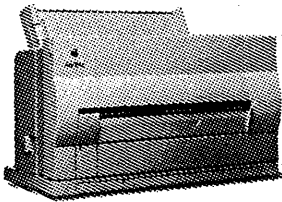
The women's tennis team beat Central with a 5-4 decision Friday, and lost, 8-1, to the talented Seattle University players, Saturday. Viking Kelli Capps, above, lost both singles matches, yet still hangs on in first seed position.

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## Sports Report

- \* The men's and women's tennis teams host Bellevue Community College, at 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 24, at the Margaret Aitken courts on campus.
- \* The golf team took third at the Simon Fraser Invitational, Friday, at White Rock, B.C., following Central and SFU. Puget Sound University placed last. The team plays in the Western Washington University Invitational at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club on Thursday, April 25.
- \* The women's club fastpitch team plays at 2:30 p.m., April 23, at Skagit Valley Community College, and a doubleheader starting at 3 p.m., April 25, against Simon Fraser University on campus. The women were 1-4, beating Highline Community College, and losing to Shoreline C.C., the Diamond Queens and Edmonds C.C., on Saturday.
- \* The women's club lacrosse team lost to University of Puget Sound, 7-4. They played an educational game against Coquitlam, playing the first half and intermixing team players for the second half.
- \* The men's club lacrosse team lost, 14-13, in overtime, Saturday, against Washington State University. Western lost, 6-5, Sunday, to Whitman.
- \* The men's club baseball team lost both games played against Coquitlam, 5-1, 3-2 (in nine innings), on Sunday.
- \* The Flames, the women's club rugby team, tied the Ex-Britts in a scrimmage on Sunday, in Vancouver, B.C.

### Track and field:

## Nationals ever closer for men and women

By Art Hughes  
staff reporter

Viking runner Lisa Waltenburg placed first in the 1,500-meter race at the J. D. Shotwell Classic Track and Field Invitational on April 20, crossing the finish line with her first-ever collegiate win.

Waltenburg's winning time of 4 minutes, 40.1 seconds, was still under the 4:37.5 she ran at the Triangular meet in Bellingham on April 13. The run at the Triangular gave her a third qualifying time for the NAIA Nationals meet. Not only did Waltenburg garner a national qualifying time in the 1,500, but she also hit the nationals standard earlier in the season in the 3,000 and 5,000 runs.

Dennis James also placed first at the Shotwell, and broke his own school record in the hammer throw with a

182 feet, 2 inch toss. James continues to improve his distances since his NAIA Nationals qualifying throw at the Western Invitational on April 6.

The Viking men had two more first place finishers in the field with a 45-foot triple jump by Brett Lechtenberg, and a long jump of 22-10 1/2 by Mareon Henderson.

Other top finishers at the Shotwell included Mike Flynn, who placed second in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 56.0; K.C. Knudson, placed third in the 110 hurdles with 15.6; and Theron Davis, placed third in the 200 with 22.3. Both the men's and women's high jumpers placed third: Chris Herling, for the men, with a jump of 6-6, and Tracy Hettinga, for the women, with a 5-2 jump.

The women also had two district qualifiers come out of the Shotwell: Molly McGraw and Shannon Munro both hit the mark in the 400 hurdles.

## Novice-8 places first

By Neil Landaas  
staff reporter

The women's crew teams soundly defeated its competition during Saturday's Cascade Sprints at Tacoma's American Lake. The lightweight-8 and varsity-8 boats claimed victory by defeating runner-up entries from Pacific Lutheran University. The novice-8 placed first by beating Gonzaga University from Spokane.

The Cascade Sprints is the arena for the Northwest's small college championships. The Viking boats competed against and beat Seattle Rowing Club, University of Puget Sound from Tacoma, and Lewis and Clark College from Idaho.

The high point for the lightweight boat was overcoming a slow start to pull ahead, and soundly defeat PLU by a full nine seconds, on the 2000-meter course, lightweight rower Sheri Clement said.

"I think we have been training real well, and have a lot of strength," Clement said. The lightweight-8 finished the race with a time of 7:09.

The women's varsity boat showed great strength and quickness by opening a big lead early, coach Paulette Bergh said.

"They just came off the line first, and opened up on the other boats," Bergh said. The varsity-8 beat second place PLU by nine seconds. The Vikings finished the course with a time of 6:52.

The women's novice-8 placed first, beating Gonzaga by two seconds and finishing the course in 6:32.

"I am very pleased with all of our performances," Bergh said. The Vikings look as if they are off to a great start, posting strong victories two weeks ago at the San Diego Classic and Husky Invitational.

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# FRONTLINE

## Earth Day reminds us to hang on to what's left of world

Another Earth Day is here and gone.

The Western Front editorial board did its part by buying up lots of official Earth Day T-shirts and posters. It's nice to jump on the environmental band wagon once a year, check out the fairs and performers, eat good food, drink lots of beer and bitch about what a mess this planet is getting to be.

It's a good place to collect spring fashions as well. It's hip to look environmentally correct. Very hip.

Loaded down with bumper stickers, posters, T-shirts, place mats, buttons and party hats, us journalists really felt like we were doing our environmental best this year. Tattoos of Mother Earth on our dearest body parts were seriously considered.

Are tattoos environmentally correct? Yes, as long as you use all-natural inks and dyes.

All sarcasm aside, Earth Day is a great and welcome time, despite its commercialization. Most people seem to remember what it's really all about and resist the consumerism being thrust upon them by a gluttonous horde of capitalists intent on destroying yet another great and meaningful celebration for the purpose of making money.

Through the pomp and paraphernalia, one could find events filled with meaning and substance in the past week, leading up to yesterday — Earth Day.

Dave Foreman, co-founder of Earth First! and environmental author, and Mitch Friedman, of the Greater Ecosystem Alliance, gave truly inspirational deliveries to a pumped crowd of more than 200 people. Foreman turned the Viking Union Lounge into a howling den for a pack of liberated, enlightened, wild and free, large and intelligent mammals who were truly moved by his honest words and his cry for environmental action.

Foreman reminded us all why were here: To have fun, to enjoy our freedom, our planet and our lives. Forget the money, forget the careers. Get out there in the mountains, by yourself or with someone you love. Reconnect with the earth, with your roots.

We're animals. Self-destructive animals who are rapidly destroying their own home. We've got to retrace our footsteps, figure out where we lost sight of ourselves, hang onto our roots and save what's left of this place.

Yes, Earth Day still carries a heavy message. But where will we be next year?

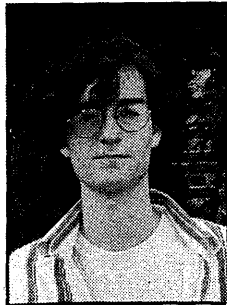
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## Remembering the home-run...



By Bill J. Evjen  
Staff reporter

at the time).

I will have to confess I was never that good of a player and I was usually the last one picked when we would choose teams. Even so, I was out there every game with my baseball bat and an old glove that was too small for me.

One sunny day (Rule #1: the greatest baseball games are always played on sunny days), we were playing another game in the street. The team I was on was behind by one point, and we had one player on second base. I don't remember what inning it was, or how many outs our team

had, but I do remember that it was my turn at bat.

It's here: Baseball Season!  
This time of year always brings back memories of the days when I was very young (probably ten years old) and all of the kids that lived on the street where my house was would get together for a baseball game — a game that was comparable in excitement to any World Series baseball game (at least we thought so

had, but I do remember that it was my turn at bat.

For those of you who have never experienced what it is like to be at bat in a baseball game, you will just have to believe me: there isn't a feeling like it in the world. For that brief moment you are up at bat, you're not some punk little kid with an attitude problem — you're a power-hitter from the major leagues.

On that day, I came up to the plate and I tapped my splintered bat against my raised foot, just like Reggie Jackson did (Rule #2: Always do this when you are at bat). I waited for the pitch. A scrubby kid named Justin threw the ball.

I couldn't tell where exactly the ball was because the sun was so bright I had to squint my eyes in its glare (remember rule #1?). Even though I couldn't see where the ball was, I swung my bat.

I hit the ball.

It flew so high and far that it went over everyone's head and bounded down the street. I rounded the bases and made it to home plate with the surprised screams of my teammates.

I don't remember if I ever hit the ball again (I doubt it), but maybe on some sunny day, I will once again bring back that feeling.

## LETTERS

### Carollo's substitute for drugs: Jesus

Dear Editor:

In response to Daniel Carollo's letter in the April 12 issue of the Front, I agree with Mr. Carollo that marijuana use will frequently not lead to an experience of God (or god, as the case may be.)

In any case, there are three points which I would like to address in Carollo's letter. The first is his claim that "We are made in the image of God, not in the image of nature." Yes, I realize many of us have been taught this in our studies of the Bible, but the separation of God from nature is an occurrence almost exclusive to the Judeo-Christian tradition. It seems to me to be a rather immature, self-serving way to look at the world. Right

now, we need to find a way to connect with nature, not separate ourselves from nature.

The second point is associated with the first. Carollo next says, "We also have a soul, which means that we were not made for this world — so why live as if we were?" I feel the same way about this statement as the one previous. If there is a god as in the Christian tradition, then he has put us here on this planet to live. If there is not a god that has done this, then we're on this planet to live. In either case, we should best learn how to get along with the other human beings on this planet, human and non-human alike.

The final point I will address is this: "God is a person, not a thing." We've been told this again and again. The only time I really meet god is when I actually experience something or someone, regardless of how many legs it does or does not have. God, for me, is met in the experiential realm, not through the pages of a book that tells me how to view the world.

Mr. Carollo's letter reflects the tired way in which many Christians view the world. While I congratulate him for quitting his habitual use of marijuana, Daniel Carollo has simply found a substitute for drugs: Jesus.  
*Benjamin Curry*

### GALA misrepresents Lisa Simpson as a lesbian

Dear Editor:

On a recent trip through campus, I was appalled to find Lisa Simpson as the unwilling poster child for the Gay and Lesbian Alliance. Lisa Simpson is not a lesbian and she has given no indication that she would support such a group (need proof? just watch her blow that phallic horn of hers).

I'm also positive that using Lisa on posters is a trademark infringement and

I doubt that her creator, Matt Groening, would approve.

Lisa is a positive pre-pubic role model for the young. Seeing Lisa supporting such groups on posters could contaminate the innocent young minds of America's youth.

People are free to choose their own lifestyles, however, I don't believe it is necessary for these groups

to take a popular role model cartoon character to promote their ideas. In the future I hope the Gay and Lesbian Alliance will be more thoughtful. If this group is still so "hard up" for a mascot, why don't they pick a character that is more representative of their group, like the Pink Panther.  
Concerned Student,  
*Pat Guy, Liberal Studies*

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# Local courts should play role in enforcement of International Law

By Steven Hill  
Guest writer

On March 7 and 8, three anti-war protesters used arguments of international law and the Nuremberg Principles to convince four members of a six-person jury to find them "not guilty." They were arrested on January 14 and charged with disorderly conduct for blocking traffic as an act of civil resistance in response to the congressional vote to go to war in the Persian Gulf. I was one of these protesters, and I would like to explain what relevance blocking traffic in downtown Bellingham has to international law and the war in the Persian Gulf.

International law, the United Nations, and the International Court of Justice are all relatively new forums that sprung up after World Wars I and II to try and prevent World War III from ever happening. It is an attempt to legitimize common codes of behavior on an international scale and to mediate disputes between nations. Depending on who you talk to, this effort has been partially successful or, at worst, useless, but few argue that the effort is unworthy. Very few people want a World War III.

Article 6, Paragraph 2 of the U.S. Constitution, commonly known as the Supremacy Clause, codifies international treaties as "the supreme law of the land" and therefore part of our domestic and federal system of laws. This has been upheld in various court cases, including *Fujii vs. State of California* (1952), when the court stated:

"It is not disputed that the (United Nations) charter is a treaty, and our Federal Constitution provides that treaties made under the authority of the United States are part of the supreme law of the land and that the judges in every state are bound thereby. Where principles of this body of law are relevant to a particular case, courts are required to give the same effect to them as is given to all other relevant rules of law."

The Nuremberg Principles are part of the various treaties and charters the United States has signed that form the body of international law. The Nuremberg principles were established after World War II by an International Military Tribunal composed of the United States, Britain, the USSR, and the provisional government of France "for the just and prompt trial and punishment of the major war criminals" of Nazi Germany. The Nuremberg Principles spelled out certain crimes that are punishable under international law, including crimes against peace, crimes against humanity, and war crimes. In addition, Principle VII established that "complicity in the commission of a crime against peace, a war crime, or a crime against humanity is a crime under international law."

Principle VII is a very significant international law. It established the unprecedented legal principle that citizens may be held responsible for the war crimes of their government. In addition, Principle VII empowers ordinary citizens to take action to stop their government from committing crimes under international law.

As a defendant acting as my own attorney, I explained to the jury that my act of civil resistance sprung from my conviction that my government was committing violations of inter-

national law, and that I as a taxpayer was funding these international crimes, placing me in violation of Principle VII ("complicity in the commission of a crime") of the Nuremberg Principles. My act of civil resistance was an attempt to vigorously protest the use of my taxes for the commission of international crimes.

I outlined to the jury three specific violations of international law committed by the United States government:

1) The United States has been in violation of Nuremberg Principle VI.a.(i) which says the "planning, preparation or waging of a war of aggression or a war in violation of international treaties" is a crime under international law. I argued that the entire military build-up during the Cold War was in violation of international law, as well as the use of this Cold War military machine in the invasion of Grenada in 1983, Panama in 1989 and Iraq on January 16.

2) President Reagan's withdrawal in 1985 from the jurisdiction of the International Court of Justice (which we accepted in 1946), without the consent of the Congress, was a violation of international law and Article 6, Paragraph 2 (the Supremacy Clause) and Article 2, Section 2, Paragraph 2 of the U.S. Constitution. President Reagan did this when the United States was sued by Nicaragua for its funding of the contras and its aggression against Nicaragua. The World Court found the United States guilty, and ordered it to cease its aggression and to pay reparations to Nicaragua. Unhappy with this decision of the international community, the Reagan administration was able to simply walk out of the World Court, since there was no international enforcement procedure strong enough to prosecute the United States government.

3) The allied bombing of Baghdad, Basara, and other Iraqi communities included many civilian targets (supermarkets, schools, mosques, baby formula factories, houses, apartments, entire neighborhoods, public buses, taxis, flatbed trucks, private autos) and thousands of civilian casualties, not just military targets as reported by U.S. military authorities and the U.S. media. For my evidence I relied on information reported by former U.S. Attorney General Ramsay Clark who visited

Iraq February 2-6. These acts were violations of the Geneva Conventions and of Nuremberg Principle VI.b. which partly defines a war crime as "murder (or) ill treatment... of civilian populations.. as wanton destruction of cities, towns, or villages not justified by military necessity."

Thus far, our U.S. judicial system, including Whatcom County judges, mostly ignores the Nuremberg Principles, even though we were one of the four countries that established their precedent after World War II. Like the Reagan administration's termination of acceptance of the World Court, the courts arbitrarily take up and throw away international law when it suits them. It's like saying, "we'll follow the rules that we ourselves have helped design, but only when we want or it is in our best interest to do so."

In our specific trial, the judge refused to permit legal arguments concerning the Nuremberg Principles. And the prosecutor attempted to reduce our act of conscience and obedience to an international law higher than the municipal code of Bellingham to one that is indistinguishable from the act of a prankster or vandal who maliciously blocks traffic. The prosecutor argued that the law is the law, that's all there is to it. A society cannot allow its citizens to block streets simply because of their political beliefs; that this would produce "anarchy in the streets." This prohibition would also presumably be applied to German citizens who choose to protest in the streets in Nazi Germany in the 1930's. This prohibition is in glaring contrast to the principles that came out of the Nuremberg Trials after World War II. In particular, this prohibition directly contradicts Principle VII, which charged individuals with responsibility for the actions of their governments.

I propose that the courts of this country, with juries composed of its citizens, are precisely the places where such distinctions should be made. In addition, the courts of this country, with juries composed of its citizens, are precisely the places where the policies and laws of the U.S. government ought to be judged. Our action of blocking the street in protest should have been weighed against the documented actions of the U.S. government. Is the U.S. government guilty of international crimes? Are the taxpayers of this country, who pay for

these crimes (including the three protesters), who pay for these crimes, guilty of complicity in these international crimes? Are our actions justified in the light of these crimes? These were the real issues of our trial.

Fortunately for the protesters, and for the forward progression and evolution of international law, juries are not legally bound to heed the judge's instructions. The courts have upheld the rights of juries to weigh not only the facts of the case, but the legitimacy of the law itself. It is one of three times that we citizens get to vote, the other two being in elections and whenever we buy or boycott a product at the store. "The pages of history shine on instances of the jury's exercise of its prerogative to disregard instructions of the judge..." U.S. vs. Dougherty, 473 F2nd 1113, 1139 (1972). Chief Justice Harlan Stone stated in 1941 that "the law itself is on trial quite as much as the cause which is to be decided." However, many judges and prosecutors routinely hide this from juries. Both are paid civil servants of the state, and they do not care for the prospect of an independently-willed jury. Rarely do they inform the jurors of their right to rule against a specific law. In our trial, we had an outstanding jury that was aware of their rights as jurors and held their ground despite being bullied by the judge and prosecutor.

Shouldn't our courts of justice, in addition to the legislative and executive branches, be one of the national forums for the determination of international and foreign policy issues? Shouldn't a jury of citizens, guided by the Nuremberg Principles and in-

ternational law, be empowered to distinguish between the intent of pranksters, vandals or thugs and the intent of protestors of the "death squad" government in El Salvador or the massive carpet bombing of Iraqi civilians by the United States government? Imagine: a truly participatory, democratic judicial system in which a jury of citizens decides if an act of civil resistance is justified in the light of the facts about what it is that the defendants are protesting. This would have the effect of drawing the judicial branch of our government more squarely into the role of abjudicator of U.S. foreign policy. Note, this would not allow the judicial branch, or citizens' juries, to set policy — it would allow them to pass judgement on policy. And what's wrong with that?

Imagine: a thousand points of light. Except in this conception they are courtrooms all over the United States, that one by one acquit defendants for acts of civil resistance. And the defendants are acquitted by juries on the ground that the governmental policies they protest violate international law and the Nuremberg Principles. The flame is lit, candle by candle, courtroom by courtroom, until the heinous policies go up in a blaze of populist, judicial dissent.

During my opening argument to the jury and my testimony on the witness stand, I argued the points that I have outlined, despite the objections and interruptions of the prosecutor. "We are not on trial here," I asserted in my closing argument. "The United States government is on trial; our system of justice is on trial, and whether that system can distinguish between an act of conscience and disorderly conduct. And 'we the taxpayers' are on trial here, because of the crimes that our government commits with the taxes that we pay. We have to make a decision," I implored, of whether "the law we live under is the Law of Justice or the Law of the Jungle. International law and order cannot be based on hypocrisy and double standards." The defendants then asked the jury to make a stand with us to stop our government from violating international law and committing war crimes and to do this by acquitting us.

After three hours of deliberation, the jury was declared hung. In a poll of the jury, four jurors voted not guilty, two guilty. We were almost acquitted!

We must continue to press for the admission into our courtrooms of the

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## ISSUES

Have something to say about the dilemmas facing this planet, country, state, town or university? Can you shed some light upon the nature of these problems, or perhaps offer solutions? The Western Front wishes to provide its pages for the discussion of issues which concern its readers, and welcomes *your* contributions.

The *Issues* section will appear in most up-coming editions of the Front, and its specific purpose is to publish articles written by students, professors, activists, business people, teachers, police officers, social workers, etc.-- anyone who knows something others should.

Anyone can write an article for the Front. If you are interested or have questions, please contact the *Issues & Opinions* editor.

## Financial Aid's preferential treatment of freshmen is unfair

Dear Editor:

I went in to the Financial Aid Office to turn in what I hope will be the last information they'll need from me this year and I asked, with a smile, if the office had any idea as to when I might be able to hear from them again. The woman behind the desk didn't smile. She told me that Dr. Mortimer has decided that incoming freshmen will be awarded first — so I shouldn't expect to hear from them until some time this summer. I don't want to start a war with the successful freshmen currently on campus, but one of the reasons we have winter enrollment is Freshmen Drop Out. Financial Aid should be awarded on an as-needed basis, not Freshmen First then as-needed. I was denied grant money last year because funds ran short, and it burns me up that money I need might be used by someone who leaves to "find themselves" after one quarter.

Even if money is set aside for the other classes and only awarded at a later time, it still puts many students like me at a disadvantage — I will work full time this summer, but if my financial aid is cut then I need to make permanent arrangements. I apply early so that any information will be processed with enough time to make those decisions, but now I'm not just in line behind people who are more deserving than I am, we're all in line behind Freshmen.

The only reason I can find for this decision is some sort of incentive program for new students — but Western doesn't have a problem getting new students, though it may have a problem keeping old students if they can't afford to go.

A.J. Gulley, Fairhaven College

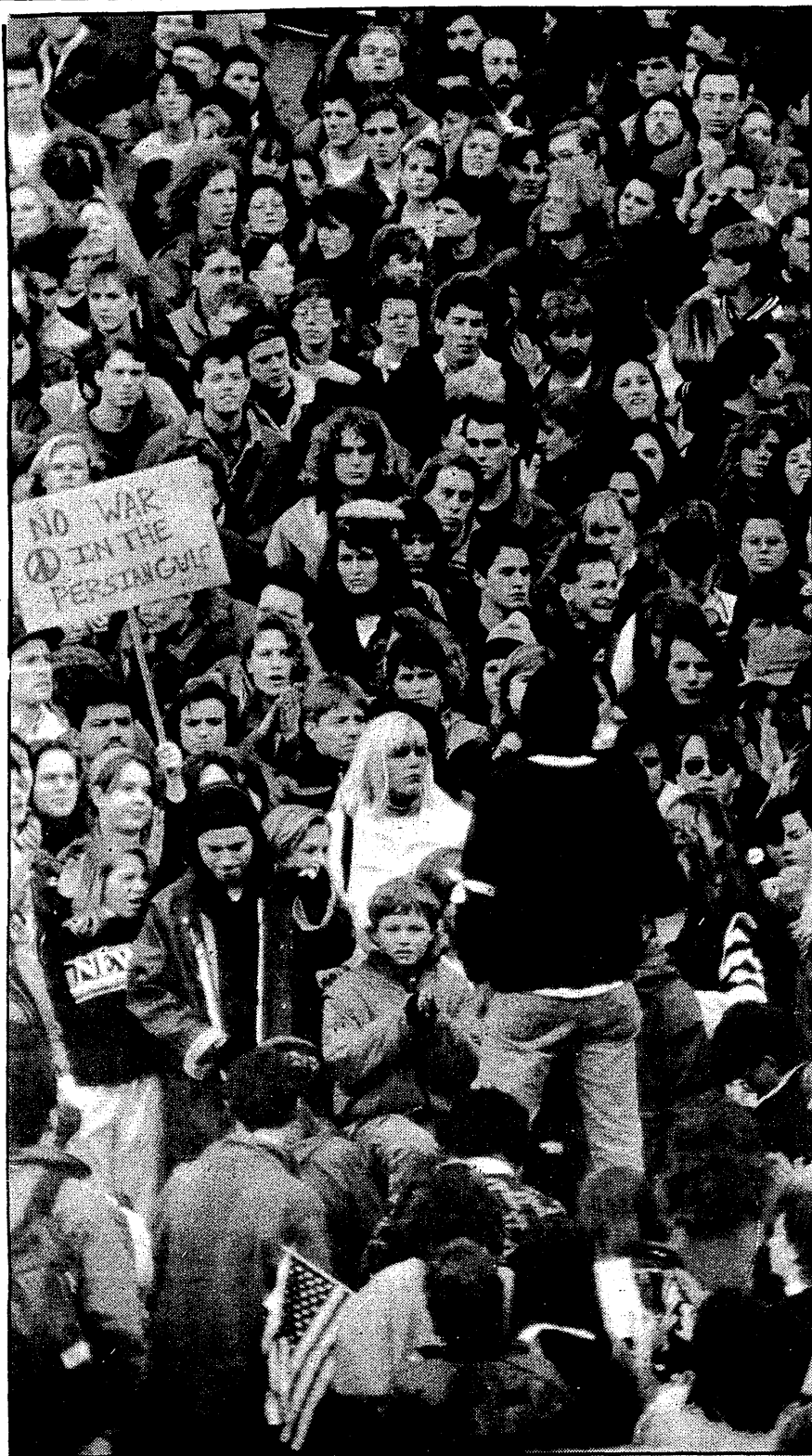
## Guitarsmith says his instrument is *not* an extension of his penis

After reading the editorial and comic found in the Western Front on April 9, 1991, I felt compelled to respond. As a builder and player of both electric and acoustic guitars, with over 13 years experience, I was not aware that guitars were extensions of my penis. The electric guitar, an American invention, has only been around for 30 odd years. Mr. Hendrix's sexual overtones weren't the first and MTV won't be the last. I do not deny the claims of greed in the music industry — I've seen it first hand.

But self-mutilation is a chicken or egg issue — do rock stars mutilate themselves to "make it" (as the Front claims) or do they mutilate themselves because they made it? And if fans can't see their way past the glam and glitter, then why is the Front bothered? If a bunch of grown transvestite men wish to make themselves up and perform these "cheap imitations of orgasms" before thousands of fans in stadiums or millions of fans on television, isn't it true that somebody is looking at that as having valid entertainment value? Shouldn't the Front, as members of the media realize that ogling at pouting suburban pansies prancing amid powderpuff pyrotechnics is guaranteed a right under the First Amendment? Heavy Metal as a genre is much more musically evolved than most "dance" music that seems to permeate the airwaves.

The Front claims that the "music industry isn't about music anymore" and rambles on about the fashion statements of Heavy Metal. Why don't you just turn the video off and listen to the music if the pictures bother you so much. Without the selling power of major MTV bands on the major labels, many artists of unquestionable integrity and talent would never have records put out. MTV type bands generate capital into the music industry that can be used to finance other acts that might never sell a million records. Some local examples are the Screaming Trees or Soundgarden. If the Front thinks that "music and sex...seem cheap and boring" then I pity the staff. I wonder if anyone at the Front is willing to tell, face to face, some of the great modern guitarists that their electric guitar is an extension of their penis? Why don't we start with Stanley Jordan, Joe Puss, George Benson, Steve Morse, Eric Johnson, Al Dimiola, Jerry Garcia,.....

Nick Peringer, Owner, The Guitarsmith



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## Real patriotism: not being afraid to question the majority

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to Dan Tolley's editorial in the April 16th issue of The Front. Mr. Tolley,

The only thing you said in your article was that the protestors are wrong because they are a minority, which every single one of them is more than aware of. You write, "...The patriotism in the United States is incredible. Flags are everywhere, and people are once again proud to be Americans." Yes, patriotism is rampant in America. That is because "patriotism" is the greatest weapon the United States has. If we *all* say we're right, then we *are* right. This is most easily propagated by the sale of the "national symbol" and the guise of "patriotism." Keep in mind that if the majority of the people in the U.S. disapproved of the war, it would have been very difficult for the United States government to intervene in the Persian Gulf. But since the people of our country are true patriots (unquestioning of what they are told), the task of public approval was easily obtained. Sell them some flags, tell them they are right in supporting the war, and make a nice little Good-guy/Bad-guy story so everyone can understand what they are supporting. I am not saying I have not heard some intelligent arguments in support of this war. I have. And whether or not I agree with those arguments, I respect someone if they have questioned their beliefs and their beliefs remain true to them. I do not respect obedience for the sake of being one of the majority. I do not respect the cliquish trait of scolding someone for their nonconformity, which is the strongest enemy of "patriotism." This is exactly your argument. You believe that protestors "...realize that it's not as cool to protest as they thought." If being "cool" was the goal, then the easiest approach would be to don a flag and float along with the rest of the country down the patriotic river. My morals would not allow that, even if I risk the status loss of "coolness" in your eyes. Or the rest of the country's eyes.

I think most protestors feel that way. If you check the history books, I think you'll find that most protest movements tend to be a minority reaction. Protestors usually "...find themselves all alone." You criticize that, and you glamorize the majority's opinion simply because it is the majority opinion.

Also, you say you believe "... people have a right to protest what they do not believe in," yet you dismiss the whole movement as rattling on about "trivial nonsense." Did you know why everyone was protesting? Did you listen? Or did you accept information from one source (government) while shutting you ear to the concerns of fellow AMERICANS? I *know* I listened.

I would not be able to sleep if I blindly participated in a protest without knowing what I was protesting.

I don't wish to discuss the issues of the war. I want to know why you value the security of popular opinion. I suppose I'll never understand. Just as I'll never understand Jonestown or the genocide of the Nazi holocaust.

Darin Johnson

## A.S. representatives and employees busy themselves by insulting each other

Dear Editor:

Sometimes I get to thinking about what our student government really does for this university, and, more importantly, for me the student. We choose the AS officials once a year, (well, sometimes more than once a year because candidates point their fingers and accuse each other of "tainting" the results) somebody wins, eventually, and then I never hear their name again. After they're elected, where do they go? Into the depths of the VA perhaps? What do they do down there besides book Jumbalassy to play once every quarter?

Thanks to the Front, now I know. They insult each other. They accuse and verbally abuse one another. How can members of the AS get anything done when they can't even get along? They're too busy trying to get each other fired. I've been reading about this in the Front, and this makes that ridiculous election scandal seem like nothing.

First, the resignation of Osterholm concerning the insults and verbal abuse directed at fellow members of the Human Resources program. Then, the accusation by Chad Goller of racist comments written on a calendar in the VOC (didn't he demand that someone should be fired for that?). Then, just a few days later, an accusation by Shawn Bridge, from the VOC, of racism by, guess who? Chad Goller. I am both amazed and puzzled by this finger-pointing frenzy. Are all of these charges of racism true, or is this just a personal problem between the partner involved. Why are there so many closed-minded, insensitive, hypocritical people in the AS? (An organization that is supposed to provide resources to everybody, without bias.)

If the AS needs something to do, I think they should re-evaluate their hiring policy to get more people who do their jobs, rather than insult one another and point fingers. Then we won't have any more people that are hired to provide resources to the whole student body, yet discriminate on the basis of race, sexual preference, etc. (Tim, I have a real mind puzzler for you, guy. What if a veteran who was gay was to come to the VOC? Would you help him, or hit him?) We students should be more careful of who we elect to office. Then we won't have any more elected officials that accuse people of racism, yet perpetuate it themselves. If we do more to get positive, open-minded, hard-working people in the student government, we might get more out of the AS than a \$2 movie.

Daniel Kexel

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Nuremberg Principles and international law. If a court of justice is not the proper forum to advance arguments based on conscience, morality, and principles of international law to defend non-violent civil resistance actions that re-directed to stop international crimes, then that egregiously illustrates how much the ugliness of a barren world, where power and might make right, still predominates. Ironically, this inability of the courts to distinguish between the maliciousness or virtue of the goals of our actions is indicative of exactly the type of nihilistic, amoral, solipsist thinking that existed in Weimar Germany in the 1920's and gave birth to Nazi Germany in the 1930's.

We cannot take for granted the forward progression and evolution of international law. International law, and the interjection of fairness, conscience and a respect for human rights into the interrelationships between nations, is a historical circumstance that is capable of sliding backward as much as marching forward. Under the Reagan and Bush administrations, the jurisdiction of international law has clearly taken a giant step backward. The Law of the Jungle is once again reigning supreme.

If you would like a copy of the international law brief that was submitted for this trial, or more information about how to incorporate international law arguments into civil resistance trials, contact Steven Hill at P.O. Box 4157, Bellingham WA 98227.





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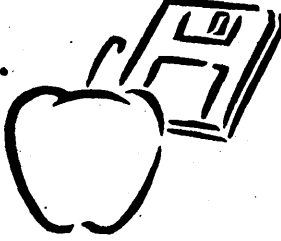
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