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AS board apologizes to Penthouse

By Mike Clynych
staff reporter

The Associated Student Board released a statement May 10 stating it was informed that warning stickers and signs for Playgirl, Playboy and Penthouse magazines were an unconstitutional prior restraint to publishing.

"The board hereby apologizes," the letter states.

The board's apology was demanded by Penthouse Attorney Laurence B. Sutter, who threatened legal action against the Associated Students and Western. Sutter said the board must remove warning stickers posted on and near Penthouse, which read: "Research has shown magazines that objectify women may lead to demeaning, harmful and violent treatment of women and a societal acceptance of this treatment."

A copy of Sutter's April 9 letter to AS President Mark Aaserud states: "I demand the AS Board immediately and unconditionally inform the bookstore that the sale of Penthouse no longer be subjected to these false and illegal restrictions, but that it be sold, openly in the same manner as any other magazine, and that a corrective notice be published to the same audience withdrawing, and apologizing for, the current one."

The AS Board's letter was signed May 9 by all members of the AS Board except Treasurer/Secretary Lance Olsen, who was absent. The board's letter also invites the publishers of Penthouse to visit Western and participate in a forum about First Amendment rights of publications, and the effect on society of Penthouse magazine.

This web of legal interaction stems from a referendum last December asking students if they favored retaining Penthouse, Playgirl and Playboy magazines in the Student Co-Op Bookstore. The 1989-90 AS Board removed the magazines during spring quarter of last year pending a student referendum on the matter.

The referendum also asked students if they wanted point-of-sale information about possible societal effects of the magazines displayed. However, only the students voting to retain the magazines were able to vote on point-of-sale information. Members of the AS Board who drafted the referendum said it was assumed that any student voting to remove the magazines would also vote for point-of-sales information.

When the magazines were returned to the bookstore, they were packaged in plastic wrap and included a business-card sized warning stickers. A sign with the same warning was placed over the bookstore's magazine rack.

Sutter telephoned the bookstore on the last day of winter quarter and advised Manager George Elliott to remove the stickers or face possible legal consequences. Sutter sent a letter to Aaserud stating Penthouses' position formally.

After consultations with the Assistant Attorney General Wendy Bohlke and others, the magazine stickers were removed to prevent potential liability to Western.

After returning from spring break, the board met to sanction the decision to remove the stickers and plastic wrap from the magazines. The board also sanctioned the removal of the warning sign.

Most of the board's discussion was conducted behind closed doors in executive session.



Tyler Anderson/The Western Front

Junior Audrey Nordlie stacks magazines at the student bookstore. The student bookstore magazine rack may be removed or the selection of magazines may be reduced to the 15-20 top selling publications.

Council may limit or eliminate magazines

By Mike Clynych
staff reporter

The Services and Facilities Council will meet Wednesday to consider a proposal to remove the magazine rack or reduce the number of magazines sold at the Student Co-Op Bookstore.

The proposal is one more development in a magazine selection dispute concerning Playboy, Penthouse and Playgirl magazines.

"I would encourage any student on campus who is concerned with pornography, censorship, magazines and money to come to the Facilities and Services Committee," said Stacy Cummings, vice president for Internal Affairs and the board's representative on the Services and Facilities Council.

The Services and Facilities Council is planning to propose next Wednesday, at 4 p.m. in Viking Union 219, to limit the number of magazines sold to 15 to 20 of the best-selling publications.

This action would likely lead to the removal of Penthouse, Playgirl and Penthouses magazines, Bookstore Manager George Elliott said. The Council will probably study the proposal for at least one week.

Currently, about 45-50 magazines are on display. The combined monthly sales for Penthouse, Playgirl and Playboy magazines fluctuate, but usually make up a small percentage of total sales.

Last December, Students were asked by referendum for their preferences in removing or retaining Playgirl, Playboy, Penthouse from the Bookstore. When the votes were counted, 72.3 percent were in favor of keeping the magazines.

The AS Board recommended Tuesday that a proposal for removing the magazines be studied by the Services and Facilities Council.

Penthouse Attorney Laurence B. Sutter, when contacted at Penthouse Magazine Friday, said, "We're certainly going to study this latest move by the A.S. Board closely, coming as it does at the end of a campaign to remove our magazine for reasons related solely for its content. This latest proposal raises serious questions of First Amendment rights."

Elliott said he was asked to make a management proposal based on economics, but he said the timing was unfortunate.

"If I had to make that decision two years ago, those magazines would have been history," he said.

Elliott said the fixed price of the magazines, combined with the 11 percent student discount, make magazines economic losers. Figures, provided by Elliott for last year, show

the magazine rack cost the students \$400. In contrast, Elliott said projected profits of food being sold in the same space would earn a profit of about \$1,400.

"We're going to utilize our space in a more economical way," he said.

When asked about the implications of removing the magazines, which 73.8 percent of the voters in the referendum favored placing back in the bookstore, Associated Student President Mark Aaserud said the board is discussing how this action would affect the mandate of the referendum.

Last year's motion for the referendum, 90-F-45, said: "Voting results: If either A or B [to remove or retain the magazines] receives more than 65 percent, then the students would be considered to have made a clear decision and the magazines would either remain or be removed without any further action by the Board."

Aaserud said, "The Board of Directors dealt with the three magazines in a First vs. Fourteenth Amendment issue. The Facilities and Services Council will be dealing with the entire magazine rack as a student service vs. student dollars issue."

Jackson Lynch, vice president for Academic Affairs, and Secretary/Treasurer Lance Olsen both voted last January to not institute any point-of-sales information.

"I feel the board was derelict in handling the magazine issue," Lynch

said. He said a decision to remove or retain the magazine rack should be distinct from the former issues surrounding the magazines.

"We run the risk of betraying the student trust—or that's what it could appear to look like," Lynch said.

Jack Smith, advisor to the AS Board, said the proposal, which might remove the three magazines for economic reasons, was legal despite the student mandate to retain the magazines.

"If the economics change, then I think the question changes slightly," Smith said. "It may require more board meetings, a political referendum, or more information. If students feel that their board isn't operating the way it should, they certainly have options for political action or legal recourse."

Vice President of External Affairs Chad Goller, who supported having ethnic publications in the bookstore, said if the demand for these types of magazines were not enough to place them in the proposed 15-20 best sellers, he would support their removal.

Goller said the special student subscription rates offered were cheaper, and that most students bought their magazines this way anyway.

Activity fees may increase

By Michele Thielke
staff reporter

Student fees could be elevated by as much as \$18 per quarter in the next academic year.

A \$3 increase in student activities fees, a proposed \$5 increase to student health service fees and a new student building fee of \$10 could be added to student's bills next year. That's an additional \$54 for the academic year.

The \$10 fee, recently approved by the Associated Students Board, will pay for renovations of the Viking Union. This is the first time a building fee has been imposed on Western students.

At a meeting of the University Services Council May 3, AS Board member DeeAn Nakagawa, said the renovations will combine the Viking Addition and the Viking Union to create more meeting rooms, put student board offices in more accessible locations and provide a central meeting place with a friendly atmosphere for students.

Vice President for Residence Life Tammy Daws expressed concern that students were not asked if they were willing to pay for the improvements. She said there should have been a referendum on the issue to make sure students were in favor of the building fee. Daws feared this fee is like "taxation without representation."

Nakagawa said all discussions on the issue were open to the public, and the idea was discussed with the Interhall Council.

Vice President of Student Affairs Sandra Taylor said renovating the VU has been an issue for the past five years, when plans for the construction were first drawn. Taylor said there was a referendum on the issue five years ago that passed with overwhelming support. The current plans are now out of date because of delays.

Taylor said if students did not pay for the renovations it would probably be about ten years before a student building would have priority to be constructed. State funds do not pay for non-academic student-use buildings.

Nakagawa said the AS Board decided the new \$10 fee was to be added to students bills for a time period not to exceed 20 years.

The \$5 increase to student health service fees will provide a wellness programming consultant, fund wellness programs on campus and support the Substance Abuse Center, said Nathan Church, director of Counseling/Health Services. The increase might also make it possible to

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Cops Box

Bellingham Police May 5

A woman reported that someone had thrown a beer bottle at her van and broke the back window, causing damage to the window and the body of her van that was parked on the 1000 block of 12th Street. Damage is estimated at \$600. No suspects at this time.

A woman reported an incident where an unknown suspect entered her vehicle and demanded that she drive to Slater/Red River Road. The man also demanded her money and jewelry. He got out of the car and she drove away unharmed.

A woman went out to her car, parked on the 1000 block of York Street, and found a man passed out in the passenger seat. The man was drunk and said he had lost his friends and didn't know where to go. He got in the unlocked car to stay warm. No damage was reported to the car, and nothing was missing. The police gave the man a ride home.

May 12

A woman reported that two B.B.'s

were shot through her bedroom window while she was standing in the room. She said she didn't know if the shots were intentional or specifically directed at her. Police have no lead at this time.

Campus Cops May 7

A woman reported a harassing message left on her answering machine. The unknown caller was asking questions about HIV testing. The voice sounded disguised.

May 10

Some unknown person(s) used a Nash Hall resident's name, without his permission, to order some books. The books were sent to the resident's old address.

May 11

A victim reported that a verbal confrontation with two males resulted in a minor assault. The identity of the two males is unknown.

Hubless Wheel set in motion

By Lori Corso
staff reporter

The Hubless Wheel, a Reading Series of Minority and Ethnic Writers, implies movement, progress and evolution of idea, according to Omar



Alan Lau

Castaneda, of the English department. The Hubless Wheel celebrates the unity of diversity.

The Hubless Wheel Series began this year as a collaborative effort between the Northwest Indian College and Western's Department of English. The series, funded by Western's Arts and Sciences Diversity Fund, begins at 7 p.m., May 14 in Lecture Hall 2 as part of its second event this year and features three Asian-American writers, Shawn Wong, Alan Chong Lau and Sharon Hashimoto, for a poetry reading celebrating Asian American poets.

Shawn Wong, an associate professor of American ethnic studies at the University of Washington, is a Chinese American novelist, critic and

the author of "Homebase," a novel praised by the Los Angeles Times as being "Misty, poetic and often sensual." "Homebase" is an evocative portrait of a young man caught between two cultures.

"Homebase" won both the Pacific Northwest Booksellers Award and the 15th Annual Governor's Writers Day Award of Washington.

Wong has published poetry, essays and reviews in periodicals and anthologies. He was also awarded a National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Creative Writing Fellowship in 1981.

Alan Chong Lau, also a Chinese American novelist and poet, will be reading poems from his book "Songs for Jadina."

"Songs for Jadina" "...is very much a book of places, and of lives tied to those places, lives of transplanted Asians yearning back toward the homeland while they strive to make their way in North America," wrote author James D. Houston.

Lau was also awarded a NEA Fellowship, the King County Arts Commission Award and a 1981 American Book Award.

Sharon Hashimoto, an up-and-coming Japanese-American poet and writer whose works have appeared in

numerous literary magazines and anthologies, was also a recipient of a NEA fellowship for her poetry. Hashimoto was awarded an Individual Artist Fellowship from the King County Arts Commission for short fiction and a Pacific Northwest Writers Conference Award.

Castaneda, a Guatemalan American and an ethnic writer, began organizing the Hubless Wheel Series partly because of his own personal interests.

"Ethnic writers are off center in the main stream culture," Castaneda said. "Our goal is to expand cultural diversity and awareness."



Shawn Wong

"We view a series which honors only renowned writers as one which is not true to the celebration of cultural and literary diversity within our country. In some ways, these writers are the most exciting because they bring elements of the unknown and, thus, of promise," according to a newsletter Castaneda wrote concerning The Hubless Wheel Series' goals. "We want this to be a community event that involves students," Castaneda wrote.

Memorial service given for Western graduate student

By Lori Corso
staff reporter

A memorial service was held Monday for John Niven, a Western graduate student working on a second master's degree in school counseling. Niven, 38, died suddenly last Wednesday at his home in Bellingham.

Niven received a master's degree in education from Western in 1982 and returned in 1989 to work on his second degree.

He was working as an intern at Vista Middle School in Ferndale and as an intervention specialist at Parkview Elementary School.

"John was a person the students felt comfortable going to see," said Diane Slagel, a

counselor at Vista Middle School and Niven's supervisor. "The staff and students had a warm regard for him. He would have made an excellent counselor in the school setting," she said.

"He was only 24 days shy of completing his internship," Slagle added.

Arleen Lewis, Western's director of the school counseling curriculum said, "John was a wonderful, wonderful person."

"We felt very fortunate he was in our program because he was so gifted in his work with children and because he offered so much to everyone else here," Lewis said.

Niven, born Dec. 21, 1953 in Chicago, Ill., lived in Bellingham for 19 years.

Niven was a member of the American Coun-

seling and Development Association and the Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship. His hobbies included spending time with children, running, hiking and skiing.

He is survived by his wife, Terri Collins Niven, of Bellingham, two daughters, Elizabeth Collins Niven and Lauren Collins Niven, both of the family home; his stepmother, Elaine Niven of Seattle, a stepbrother, David Niven of Seattle; and a sister, Susan Niven of Perth, Australia.

Memorials may be made to the Coalition for Child Advocacy, 314 E. Holly St., Bellingham Wash. 98225, or the Brigid Collins House, 1210 Indian St., Bellingham Wash. 98225.

A scholarship fund for Lauren and Elizabeth Collins Niven has been established to help meet

their educational needs. Donations can be made at either the Holly Street or Northwest Avenue branches of the Whatcom Educational Credit Union.

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Briefs

'Bellingham to Baghdad'

The Associated Students are sponsoring "From Bellingham to Baghdad: The War Against People of Color," with guest speaker Lenora Fulani

at 7 p.m., May 14 in Arntzen Hall 100.

Fulani, chairperson of the New Alliance party, was the first African American and first woman presidential candidate to be on the ballot in every state in 1988.

Take the alternative

May 16 has been designated Alternative Transportation Day by the Whatcom County Council of Governments' Urban Transportation Study to encourage the community to utilize non-motorized and high occupancy vehicles in order to reduce single occupancy vehicle use.

Events planned for that day include:

* free bus rides, courtesy of Whatcom Transportation Authority

* donuts and coffee served from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Bellingham transit terminal

* lunch on the lawn at the Bellingham Public Library to music courtesy of KAFE'

* free visitor and short-term permits issued to all vehicles transporting two or more people on Western's campus

According to a survey distributed in Spring 1990, 81 percent of Western's faculty and staff and 68 percent of Western students drive alone to campus.

Whose Side Is The Media On?

How well did the local media report the Persian Gulf War? How will the press do next time? What did we learn?

A panel made up of The Bellingham Herald's City Editor Sheila Sandiford, Reporter Margaret Haberman, Copy Editor (the war desk) Paul Swartz; KGMI's News Director Neil Clement and Announcer/Talk Show Host Brett Bonner; KUGS' News Director Art Hughes and Vietnam vet and former Air Force Spokesman Mike Vourj will answer these and other questions from 7 to 9 p.m., May 15 in Lecture Hall 2.

Pete Steffens, of Western's journalism department will moderate the event. For more information call 734-6064 or 671-6107.

Western Washington University Official Announcements

Deadline for announcements in this space is noon Friday for the Tuesday edition and noon Wednesday for the Friday edition. Announcements should be limited to 50 words, typewritten or legibly printed, and sent through campus mail to "Official Announcements," MS 9117, or taken in person to Commissary 113A. DO NOT ADDRESS ANNOUNCEMENTS DIRECTLY TO THE WESTERN FRONT. Phoned announcements will not be accepted. All announcements should be signed by originator.

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• **SUMMER QUARTER DEGREE AND INITIAL CERTIFICATE CANDIDATES:** All students expecting to graduate and/or receive a teaching certificate summer quarter 1991 must have a senior/certification evaluation on file in the Registrar's Office in OM 230 by June 7. An appointment must be made in that office. Phone 676-3430. All fall graduates not in Bellingham summer quarter must plan to have their evaluation during spring quarter.

• **JOB OPENING:** Student paraprofessionals are now being hired in the Career Planning & Placement Center for the 1991-92 year. Paid training and work 10-12 hours per week. Applications are available in OM 280.

• **PARKING PERMITS FOR THE 1991-92 SCHOOL YEAR** can be arranged for in advance. Students may pick up application packets at Parking Services beginning May 20. The deadline for returning completed applications to participate in the priority assignment system is July 26.

• **WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATIVE INTERNS, WINTER 1992** are being selected this quarter. Information and application forms are available from the Political Science department, 415 Arntzen Hall. Qualified undergraduate majors in all disciplines are eligible if they have at least junior standing and a minimum GPA of 2.75. Closing date for applications is May 29.

• **LOT RESERVATIONS FOR THE MAGIC FLUTE:** Lots 11G, 25G, 13G, 14G and 2C will be reserved May 10-12 and May 16-18 for those attending performances of *The Magic Flute*. High Street also will be used for parking, which will be allowed only as directed by lot attendants. Unauthorized vehicles must be cleared from the reserved lots by 5 p.m. for evening performances and by 11 a.m. for the Sunday matinee. Vehicles parked on High Street must be moved by 3:30 p.m. for the Saturday performances and by 10:30 a.m. for the Sunday opera. Signs will be posted on High Street to clearly indicate when parking will be prohibited. Violators' vehicles will be impounded. Faculty attending the Friday afternoon Faculty Club gathering May 17 are asked to keep vehicles in their assigned lots or park in 12G behind Carver gym and display their "G" parking permit.

• **PREMED ACTIVITIES:** Premed students will have a potluck from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 18, at Lake Padden. A \$2 donation is requested to help purchase meat, buns, soda, plates and cups. For more information, contact Renee Warren, OM 380.

• **CRUISE TO LACONNER** from 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on May 18. Signup for this event sponsored by STRATA is in VU 207. Cost of \$24 includes luncheon. For more information, call Cheryl Collins or Leslie Clark, 647-6122.

• **CAREER PLANNING & PLACEMENT WORKSHOPS:** Résumé writing, cover letters, job search techniques and workshops on how to choose majors and careers are available in OM 280, X/3240.

On-Campus Interview Schedule

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

- **Public School Personnel Co-op,** Tues., May 14. Sign up for group information session at 8:30 a.m. and/or individual interview appointment.
- **Russ Berrie & Co., Inc.,** Wed., May 15. Submit CIF at signup. View company video in career library.
- **Quality In-House Video (QIHV),** Wed. May 15. Submit CIF at signup. See job description in signup folder.
- **Bankers Life & Casualty,** Wed., May 22. Submit CIF at signup. See company file in career library.
- **Northshore School District,** Thurs., May 23. Signup for group information session at 10 a.m. or 3 p.m. and/or individual interview. Résumé required for interview.
- **Peace Corps,** Tues. and Wed., May 28 and 29. Pick up application when you sign up. Bring completed application to your interview.

The Job Market

Recession may affect graduates

By Robert Johnson
staff reporter

In spite of the doom and gloom about the recession, Western officials are optimistic for graduates' success in searching for their first job this summer.

Louis Lallas, director of the Career Planning and Placement Center, said the Pacific Northwest economy is strong relative to the rest of the nation. Since many Western graduates stay in this region for their first job, they shouldn't have a hard time finding work, he said.

A recent NBC News report, by Irving R. Levine, said 1 million college graduates will be looking for jobs in an economy that has lost 1.5 million jobs over the past 12 months. Lallas wondered if Levine was referring to the college graduate job market or the overall job market — however, that wasn't specified in Levine's report.

"This year's graduates should expect the job market to be a bit tighter than last year," Lallas said, despite his optimism.

Some of Western's department chairs share Lallas' optimism.

Technology Department Director David Harris said the market is strong for college graduates in the engineering field in spite of the recession.

"Some engineering students graduating this June have up to 10 job offers each already," Harris said. "Some of the offers pay up to \$30,000 a year."

You have to remember the job market is constantly fluctuating,"

Western graduates are finding jobs

By Robert Johnson
staff reporter

Eighty-nine percent of students who graduated with either a bachelor's degree or a teaching certificate from Western during the 1989-90 school year are either employed or continuing their education, according to a survey released by the Career Planning and Placement Center (CPPC).

Ninety-five percent of students

who graduated with a master's degree from Western during the same school year are either employed or continuing their education, according to the same survey.

Bachelor graduates in business, electrical engineering and computer science received jobs with the highest pay last year, with salaries ranging from \$25,000 to \$35,000 a year, according to the survey. The lowest paying jobs went to bachelor gradu-

ates of history and mathematics, with salaries ranging from \$10,000 to \$17,000 a year.

The salary average for bachelor's was \$23,003 a year. For master's the salary average was \$31,817 a year. Beginning teachers in Washington state earn \$20,001 a year.

The survey didn't ask students how long it took to earn their first job after graduating, but Marty Wine, who graduated from Western last June with a bachelor's in political science, said she got her first job within seven weeks. Wine is a legislative aide for State Rep. Gary Locke (D-Seattle).

"I applied for another job with the state of Washington two weeks after I graduated, but I didn't get it," Wine said. "I had met Locke at Western during a student function, so when I asked him about job opportunities in state government, he hired me."

Bob Dyer, who graduated with a bachelor of science in 1988, said contacts within Western helped him get his current job at Allsop, a plastics manufacturer on Guide Meridian in Bellingham.

"I accepted my first job (at Paramount Plastics — an aerospace firm) in Bellevue as a starting point," Dyer said. "But I kept in touch with my professors at Western and they told me about the job I now have at Allsop." Dyer is a manager in the plastics tool room.

Dyer said he got his job in Bellevue three weeks after graduating.

Both Wine and Dyer said they didn't search for a job until after graduation.

Eighty-nine percent of the students said their job is in Washington state. Boeing hired 40 of last year's graduates, the survey says. Washington state hired 17 and Microsoft hired 12.

Paul Ford, associate dean of Western's Woodring College of Education, is pleased with the placement status of last year's recipients of teacher certificates: 93 percent have a job — 85 percent in a field related to their major — and 2 percent continuing their education.

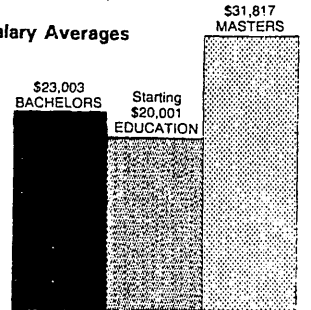
"You can't beat those statistics," Ford said.

Ford said the job markets for

teachers and school administrators have been very strong recently in King, Pierce, Whatcom and Snohomish Counties and he expects no changes this year. But Ford warns a glut of teachers in Whatcom county is possible in the next few years.

Another strong field shown in the survey is the electronic engineering field, with an 84 percent placement

Salary Averages



standing — 79 percent in a related field — for bachelor's holders.

David Harris, technology department director, said the job market for technology students will be just as strong this year.

According to the survey, the two weakest fields of study to find related work was bachelors in English and anthropology, with 12 percent and 7 percent, respectively.

English Department Undergraduate Adviser George Muldrow played down the statistic by saying the meaning of "field related" is relative.

"Skills in English — an ability to work with people and to analyze a situation — can be used for many jobs," Muldrow said. "One graduate from last June is a Social Security representative. He works with people and analyzes application forms. But would you say that job is 'field related' to an English degree?"

The survey was conducted by Marilyn Peterson, CPPC program/office manager. The survey — which was split into two categories, earners of a bachelor's or a teaching certificate and earners of a master's — was sent to those who graduated from Western during the 1989-90 school year. Sixty-eight percent under the bachelor's category responded as did 75 percent of the master's.

Harris said. "Each recession is supposedly worse than the previous one, and each recovery is supposedly better than the previous one."

Paul Ford, associate dean for Western's Woodring College of Education, said the future looks good for teachers and school administrators in Washington state.

"Besides the growing market for teachers in this state, many of teachers are near retirement age in Washington," Ford said. "This will create a large turnover rate within the next few years."

Ford said the only problem for education graduates is they want to stay in Whatcom County. "We have a good chance to have a glut of teachers in Whatcom County if too many of our graduates stay here," Ford said. "The real markets for teachers and administrators are in King, Pierce and Snohomish Counties."

Not all of the department chairs expressed optimism for this year's graduates, however.

Bruce Wonder, management department chair, predicted this year's job market for business graduates will be softer than last year.

"I anticipate there will be fewer offers from businesses this year (because of the recession)," Wonder said. "But then, I read what everyone else reads, so I'm not an expert on the subject."

"Every six to eight years we have a rough period in our economy, and we're having one now," he said.

Western's College of Business and Economics (CBE) was accredited last year, and Wonder said that

may help.

"Some companies — I don't know which exact ones — require a diploma from an accredited school before hiring someone directly from college," Wonder said.

Carl Simpson, sociology department chair and director of the Office of Survey Research, said it's hard to keep up to date with the job market, let alone correctly predict its future.

"All we can say for sure is that the job market will grow in a prosperous period and will shrink in a recession," he said. Simpson published a survey about placement of 1982 Western graduates five years later in 1988 and is now compiling a similar survey about 1985 graduates.

Simpson said today's students will have to be flexible when they enter the job market. His 1988 survey says 33 percent of those polled weren't working in a job related to their college major.

Heidi Marostica and Susan Reynolds, graduating with bachelor's in June and July, don't plan to search for a job until after they graduate.

"I'll go home to Tacoma and spend the summer getting back on my financial feet before looking for a job," said Marostica, a political science major.

Reynolds, a history major with minors in German and music, admits it will be hard to find a job related to her major.

"I'll probably end up working in a big corporation or the government," Reynolds said. "But my best possible options now appear to be either a bag lady or a welfare mother."

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Records exclude minorities

Susan Armitage, professor of history and director of American studies at Washington State University, will discuss "Race, Women and the New Western History" at 7 p.m., May 16 in the Wilson Library Presentation Room.

Armitage will address the need for historical records to include ethnic minorities' and women's history.

Armitage studies frontier women and their contributions to the Westward expansion. She received the Koppleman Award from the Popular Culture Association in 1988 for "The Women's West," co-edited with Elizabeth Jameson.

Armitage said if the historical records are not changed we will have an inaccurate account of history. "The records are incomplete," she said.

Armitage said she doesn't want them completely rewritten, but wants to add new characters to the story. For example, the diaries on record of the trails through Oregon and California during the westward movement were often about men. Women and the families were left out, she said.

"The way the records are now overlook the realistic picture," Armitage said.

Group steers toward campus parking solution

By Jonathan Burton
staff reporter

The stress of parking on campus has driven some Western students to organize an informal group that will attempt to improve the parking situation on campus.

"There are not enough spaces for the number of cars," Mark Reger said. "We need to either reduce the number of cars or increase the number of spots."

Because of environmental benefits the group would prefer to see a reduction in the amount of cars on campus, Reger said. "We definitely see the need to reduce the number of cars through car pooling and bike riding," Reger said.

A possible increase in the enrollment led and the loss of 115 parking spaces due to the building of a new science building will add to the problem, Reger said.

"There already is a problem and it's going to get worse, and there aren't plans to fix it," Reger said.

Parking manager Ann Wallace agrees with the group about the need to reduce the number of drivers parking on campus. The number of cars in the state of Washington has doubled in the last 20 years.

"It is not possible to accommodate all of the cars," Wallace said.

Wallace said 90 percent of the cars driven in Washington are occu-



Jonathan Burton/The Western Front

Parking has become a big problem at Western. While different solutions are debated, some say leaving the car at home is the only solution. May 16 is Whatcom County's alternative transportation day. People are encouraged to bike, walk or take the bus.

occupied by only one person. A recent survey of the drivers that park on campus revealed similar data. Among students that drive to school, 68 percent drive alone and 81 percent of the faculty drive alone.

"We would like to encourage students to carpool and use the transit system," Wallace said. Solutions proposed in the past include a multi-level parking structure.

"A parking structure would really change the appearance of campus," Wallace said. Another downfall of such a structure is the cost—a parking structure would cost approximately \$14,000 per space, Wallace said.

Restructuring of driving and parking habits is a more plausible solution, he said.

The Whatcom County Council

of Governments is sponsoring an Alternative Transportation Day on May 16. Marlene Farnum, transportation department manager, said the event will attempt to encourage people to think about their driving habits.

Transit will be free on Alternative Transportation Day. Free coffee and donuts will be served at the Bellingham bus terminal and a bike-ride-around town will be sponsored.

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staff a drop-in clinic from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturdays.

It has also been proposed that the Student Health Center be allowed to raise its fees in the future on an index system, without seeking board approval, to maintain services despite inflation.

The University Services Council discussed letting the fees increase on an inflationary index every two years. The council is also considering putting a limit on the amount the fee can increase. Church suggested a ceiling of 10 percent of the base fee, which will raise to \$30 next year if the \$5

increase is approved. The council is considering limiting the index at between 4 and 7 percent of the base fee, which would compound with each increase.

With increases for inflation and if a base fee is set at \$30 a quarter, students could expect health service fees to be set at \$32 by 1993.

University of Washington students currently pay \$30.50, and Washington State University students pay \$34.33 per quarter for their health services.

A public hearing May 7 let students voice their opinions on the issue

and get information on what the additional health fee would provide.

A decision has already been made to increase student activity fees by \$3 per quarter. Student activity fees are split between the AS, housing and dining and departmentally-related activities, such as student publications and theater.

Students were given a chance to voice their opinions at a public hearing on this issue April 25, although few students attended. In a previous Front article, Taylor said, "I like to think (the low attendance) is not because students don't care."

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Freshman Jason Ghazimorad takes cover from his paintball opponents, while planning his next move. See related story on page 9.

Salmon hatcheries more than just a business



Claudia Reed/The Western Front

Willie Jones, left, and "Ed" scoop up a bucket of Chinook salmon for tagging.

By Claudia Reed
staff reporter

A Lummi creation story says: In the beginning, the People of the Salmon were trapped behind the wall in the darkness of the Spirit World. When the wall lifted, they sailed forward in their canoes into the Land of the Living. Once there, the canoes turned into the salmon that would sustain them and remain central to their way of life.

The tribal salmon hatcheries operated by the Lummi Indians and other People of the Salmon on the Northwest Coast, are more than successful business ventures. Few other businesses have been established with the help of sit-in demonstrations, jail sentences, Supreme Court decisions, and loss of life.

For thousands of years, a plentiful supply of salmon enabled the Lummi and other tribes to maintain prosperous societies on the Northwest Coast.

The westward expansion of the United States, backed up by the U.S. Army, put an end to prosperous times for tribal people. With the Treaty of Point Elliot in 1855, tribes gave up most of what later became the state of Washington in return for nothing more than peace and the right to fish on traditional fishing grounds.

In the decades that followed, the settlers and the government of Washington ignored the treaty; considering it out of date or indicative of special treatment for a minority.

"What many (people) do not get to hear is that the treaty right is a property right. If non-Indian people can own property and resources in this state today because of grants made to the non-Indian government in the treaties, shouldn't it follow that treaty Indians have the same right?" said Billy Frank, chairman of the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission.

"Those non-Indians who hold such property have the right to pass it on to their descendants. Shouldn't Indians have the same right?" Frank said. "The Indians who signed the treaties did it to protect the fishing right for future generations. The treaties said the right would continue to exist as long as the rivers run."

When the peace treaties were broken, the tribal people of the Northwest Coast went back to war, not with guns, but with lawyers. Fish-ins led to arrests and arrests led to cases that could be tried in court in order to establish the necessary rulings.

According to his family, activist leader David Sohapp, Sr. spent so much time in jail in defense of the right to fish that his health was broken. Prison conditions, they said, led directly to the elderly man's recent fatal heart attack.

Court decisions in 1905, 1908, 1943 and 1967 affirmed the tribal right of access to traditional fishing areas across non-Indian property. The court decisions also provided for sufficient water to maintain fisheries, the right to self-regulation of tribal fishing (except when the state mandates conservation measures), and the right to insure that a state may not reserve all of a particular type of fish for sport fishing.

A 1969 decision affirmed the tribes were entitled to a "fair share of the fish runs."

In the 1970s, the Lummi and other tribal people began a program of aquaculture, including hatcheries designed to enhance the supply of salmon. At the right level of maturity, the home-grown salmon were released into common waterways. In order to manage the hatcheries effectively, the tribe created a training program which eventually evolved into the Northwest Indian College, a fully accredited two-year community college.

Most of the harvested fish, however, went to non-Indian commercial fishermen.

"It was like a gold rush," said Lummi Fisheries Director Merle Jefferson. "(Non-Indian) people heard there was a lot of money to be made in salmon."

Jefferson said the Lummi caught only five percent of the area's salmon. As a result, many Lummi, to whom

the salmon were central to the maintenance of life and lifestyle, were forced to leave homes, family and community in search of non-traditional employment.

Then in 1974, the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark Bolt Decision held that tribal people were entitled to one half of all the salmon en route to traditional fishing grounds, and recognized the tribes as co-managers of the fisheries resource in the Pacific Northwest.

The inter-tribal Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, which employs many non-tribal technical assistants, was established to coordinate fisheries management. Federal grants permitted the enhancement and expansion of tribal hatcheries.

Since the Bolt decision, the supply of salmon has doubled, Jefferson said.

Another six years of legislative battles were required to clarify and enforce the Bolt decision. Between 1977 and 1985, federal courts settled at least 100 specific right-to-fish disputes.

Between 1979 and 1982, several tribes sued the U.S. Secretary of Commerce for permitting a disproportionate percentage of homecoming treaty fish to be caught in the open ocean by non-tribal fishing industries.

In 1980, a federal court affirmed tribal rights to insure environmental protection of areas related to the development and migration of treaty salmon. This ruling, according to a Lummi publication, convinced industry leaders of the need to negotiate

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Salmon tagged to help regulate fishing

By Claudia Reed
staff reporter

Down an unpaved road, past a 12-foot high painted eagle, a mobile salmon tagging laboratory is parked beside two large tanks. In one tank, thousands of three-inch salmon are swimming about freely. In the other, salmon move slowly, recovering from anaesthetic.

Tagging day began at one of the three aquaculture facilities on the Lummi reservation, the start of a cooperative effort in fisheries management that will involve four states and two countries.

Inside the tagging laboratory, which is owned by the inter-tribal Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission (NWIFC), a net full of wiggling salmon is lowered into two adjacent pans on a waist-high table. There are four such rows of tables attended by 16 hatchery workers under the supervision Greg Volkhardt, a fish biologist employed by the NWIFC.

The workers lift the fish out a few at a time and tag them by cutting off the adipose fin and inserting a microscopic coded wire tag into the snout. In a few months, monitors from California, Alaska, Oregon and Canada will remove fish from the returning catch on fishing boats, remove the fish with the missing fin, and read the tag.

The monitors are then able to calculate the impact that each tribal or non-tribal hatchery is having on salmon while learning more about salmon migration.

Tribal fisheries and government agencies involved in the regulation of fishing will predict how many salmon are likely to complete the migration cycle and place limits on the catch based on their findings.

The Salmon being monitored, Fall Chinooks, were hatched from fertilized eggs incubated at hatcheries on the Nooksack reservation near Deming, and brought to a holding pond on the Lummi reservation. The pond, holding approximately 4.2 million salmon, measures 50 by 400 feet and is completely covered with a net.

Lummi hatcheries manager George Lane explained that the net was added to keep visiting herons from eating the fish.

"We don't like to shoot them (the herons)," he said.

Water for the pond is pumped in from an nearby inlet. In the mid-1980s, enhancement grants from the federal fisheries enabled the Lummi hatcheries to purchase a more efficient generator system for the pump.

Lane said the inlet is known as Quina Slew to the Lummi because the Quina family has been fishing there for generations and the slew runs through their part of the territory. The non-tribal dyking jurisdiction has renamed the inlet Rainbow Slew.

Whatever the name, the small dam has not disturbed the life of the slew. It still flows swiftly, threatening to fill the boots of two men who stand in the middle fishing for trout. Lane stops to ask them if they've had any luck.

Back at the pond, the young salmon

swim leisurely. After a two-month stay, the gates between the pond and the slew will be opened and if the salmon are ready, they will swim out into the slew which will carry them to the salt water of Bellingham Bay.

"If they're not ready to go, they'll turn right around and come back," Lane said. "You can tell when they're ready because they start really going around."

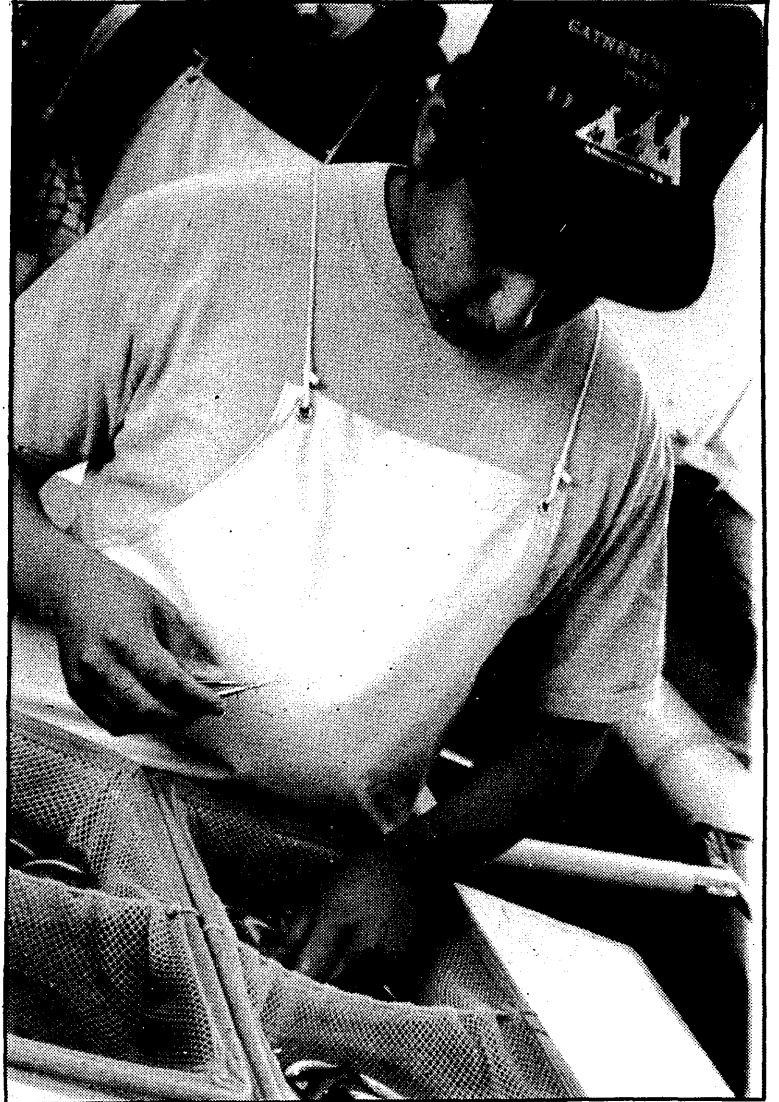
He gestured to indicate the tight, rapid circle they would make. Then he cupped two hands together to show the size they would be when they left, his face reflecting the pleasure he felt about their anticipated silvery color.

Meanwhile, in the building decorated with the painted eagle, chum salmon recently hatched from disinfected fertilized eggs, are just beginning their life cycle in rows of incubators that resemble shallow file drawers.

Lane said the salmon are still receiving nourishment from a surrounding yoke sac. When they reach the "button up" stage in which the sac is gone and the body tightens up, they will be transferred to a holding tank and fed.

"We watch real close to determine just when to feed them," Lane said.

A too-early or a too-late transfer could be disastrous, he explained. Later on they will be tagged and released. Coho salmon at the last of the three Lummi hatcheries will undergo a similar process. Lane said more than one million salmon will be released from the Lummi hatcheries this year and 200,000 of them will be tagged.



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Antonne George tags baby Chinook salmon.

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WHO addresses migrant education



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Migrant children play in the fields that their parents work in.

By Neil Landaas
staff reporter

To an outsider looking in, the life of the migrant farm worker is sometimes inconceivable. Most Americans cannot understand the frustration an Hispanic, migrant farm worker encounters when trying to communicate in an English-speaking society. Lack of effective communication results in isolation.

The area's primary liaison between Spanish-speaking people and government bureaucracies is the What-

com Hispanic Organization (WHO). WHO is a non-political, grass roots group which primarily addresses the educational concerns of the area's migrant farm workers.

The literacy problems of farm workers can result in an isolation from bank tellers, librarians, and social service organizations. The end result is a high incidence of domestic problems in the migrant farm worker population, said Dr. Silverio Arenas, a clinical psychologist at Bellingham's Sea Mar Community Health Clinic.

"Helping the people to learn how to deal with social services is important," said Dr. Luz Villarroel, a WHO member and retention specialist for Western's Minority Achievement Program. "Because they (social services) are so bureaucratic, a lot of farm workers don't know how to deal with them and just go without."

Because many farm workers are establishing permanent residences in the area and most are low income, they qualify for several types of educational assistance. WHO helps farm workers access those programs.

"There are a lot of things people don't know that they are entitled to know," Ernie Diez, WHO president, said.

WHO has been effective in bringing educational opportunities to farm workers because it maintains a non-political stance in the community. The purpose of WHO is to educate people. Becoming political tends to polarize people into groups, Diez said.

"Taking a political stance is like being a fly in the ointment," he said. This would be counter-productive to WHO's mission of providing educational services to the community.

"You make more friends building bridges than building walls," he said.

Presently, WHO is working with the county library system in the purchasing of Spanish language material. Very few library books exist for the area's Spanish-speaking population. WHO would very likely act as an advisory council in the purchase of the new materials.

The materials and services the library does offer often go unused because farm workers are hesitant to become involved in the system, said Teri Bachus, an educator with the Whatcom Literacy Council.

"They don't know the libraries are accessible to them or they are hesitant to go through the system to get library

cards," Bachus said. "Sometimes they fear damaging the books because they might have to pay for them. When they do try, they usually can't find materials they can identify with."

Bachus said WHO is currently trying to initiate a book-mobile route that would serve the area's migrant farm camps. WHO is also serving as a consultant to the establishment of tutorial programs for Whatcom county's Spanish-speaking people. WHO is working extensively with the Whatcom Literacy Council, which is a United Way agency.

The education of children will have the greatest impact on the future of farm workers. WHO has established its own scholarship program, and over the past two years has given out 15 scholarships of \$300 each, Diez said.

Money for the scholarships has come from donations by community members. WHO's goal is to become more sophisticated in its fundraising so it can solicit funds from larger companies and in turn provide larger scholarships, Diez said.

In addition to the scholarship program, WHO is working on an early outreach program. This program would involve bringing the children of migrant farm workers to Western so they can envision themselves in college, Villarroel said.

"A lot of them have no idea about the college concept, they don't see a relevance to their lives," she said.

WHO would also like to establish a Spanish television channel in Bellingham and more Spanish programming on Western's KUGS radio station. The presence of a Spanish language media in the area would greatly alleviate the problems of isolation, Bachus said.

"We have to utilize the tactics of the media," Villarroel said. "The use of the media could be so overwhelming."



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Paintball grows in popularity

By Scott Ryan
staff reporter

"There's nothing more exhilarating than being shot at without result," Winston Churchill said in his memoirs, referring to his service in the Boer War.

Churchill may have really been on to something. It would certainly explain the fast-growing popularity of paintball, a sport which came into existence in the last 10 years and already has an enormous following.

The concept behind an organized paintball game is simple. Players armed with paintball guns try to reach their opponent's base, while doing their best to avoid being hit by opposing fire. If they get hit, they're out for that round.

"The game is basically a variation of capture the flag, but instead of touching the opponent, you blast them," said T.J. Martin, co-owner and operator of Pacific Rim Paintball.

The paintball itself is a water-soluble, cornstarch-based "goo" surrounded by a gelatin shell that usually bursts upon impact. Paintballs will decompose completely, so they are environmentally safe, Martin said.

A mark from a paint ball anywhere on the body or gun ends the round for the person hit. The paint marks will wash out, so clothing is not stained, Martin said.

Paintballs are fired from compressed air guns ranging from carbon dioxide pistols to semi-automatic machine guns.

"It's a fast-paced game of flanking and advance. ...firing off shots while paint balls are whizzing by your head. ...You really can't understand what it's like until you play," Martin said.

Several Western students who play paintball also described some characteristics of the game.

"Camouflage is a minor part of the game, bluffing and strategy are more important," sophomore Brady Stillwell said.

Bluffing is especially important when you're out of ammunition. People will often surrender when they think they are to be hit at close range, Stillwell said.

Luck also plays an important part in a paintball game.

"One time when I was running back with a flag, a guy popped up about 10 feet away, but his gun jammed," junior John St. Laurent said.

A more common example of luck is a paintball bouncing off a person instead of rupturing, freshman Justin Zipp said.

"The thing that keeps me coming back is the adrenaline rush," freshman Jason Ghazimorad said. "It can get really hairy when paintballs are whizzing from both sides and you have no idea where your assailants are."

Besides the thrill, paintball has practical applications as well.

"The military and S.W.A.T. teams are starting to use it for training because it is very realistic," Martin said. "Police especially like it because paintball guns have about the same range as hand guns."

Despite the seemingly military flavor of the game, paintball doesn't turn you into a war monger because it makes you realize just how easy it would be to get killed, Martin said.

"We don't encourage the militaristic aspects," Martin said. "Most people just play for fun and it's becoming more and more sport-like."

"We wear army fatigues because you can hide in them and they're

durable."

"There are no Rambo-types in paintball," Ghazimorad said. "Anyone that tries to be (Rambo) either changes their tactics or quits playing."

"Someone dumb enough to stand out in the open, firing wildly, is going to get hit," Zipp said.

Paint ball seems to have a very wide appeal.

"A lot of people have expressed interest, even a few girls," Ghazimorad said.

"For first-time players, girls are usually better," Martin said. "They go straight on instinct instead of being macho."

When asked if being hit by a paintball hurt, the consensus seemed to be that it stings within 15 feet, but not further away than that.

"Paintball is one of the safest of all sports if you wear the proper protection," Stillwell said, referring to goggles and face masks that are mandatory in organized games.

"You may get bumps and bruises running through the underbrush. I'm not saying you won't," Ghazimorad said.

"But nothing that will put you in the hospital," St. Laurent added.

Starting to play paintball is relatively easy.

"The best way to get involved is to buy a gun and find people who want to play," Zipp said. "There are certainly enough of them."

Martin recommended sampling the sport by renting equipment and participating in one of the games his store holds weekly.

"Our rental package includes a top of the line, semi-automatic machine gun, so most rental players have better equipment than walk-ons," Martin said.

paintball attack.

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Aerobics' sign-ups change

By Crystal Brockway
staff reporter

The ever-rising popularity of intramural aerobics has given way to minor changes in the aerobic program beginning fall quarter of next year.

To avoid the long lines and hours of waiting to sign up for an intramural aerobics class, sign-ups for next year will be divided into two days, with Monday and Wednesday classes signing up one day, and Tuesday and Thursday classes another day.

"We've tried several different methods with different sign-up times, maybe the two separate days to sign up will help shorten the lines," said Marie Sather, associate director of student affairs/intramurals.

An aerobic center will also be opening next fall to help accommodate everyone who wants to take aerobic classes. The gymnastic room at Sam Carver Gym, where aerobic classes are currently located, will become a fitness center for athletic workout equipment and the varsity weight room above the track entrance will be converted into the aerobic center with mats and mirrors.

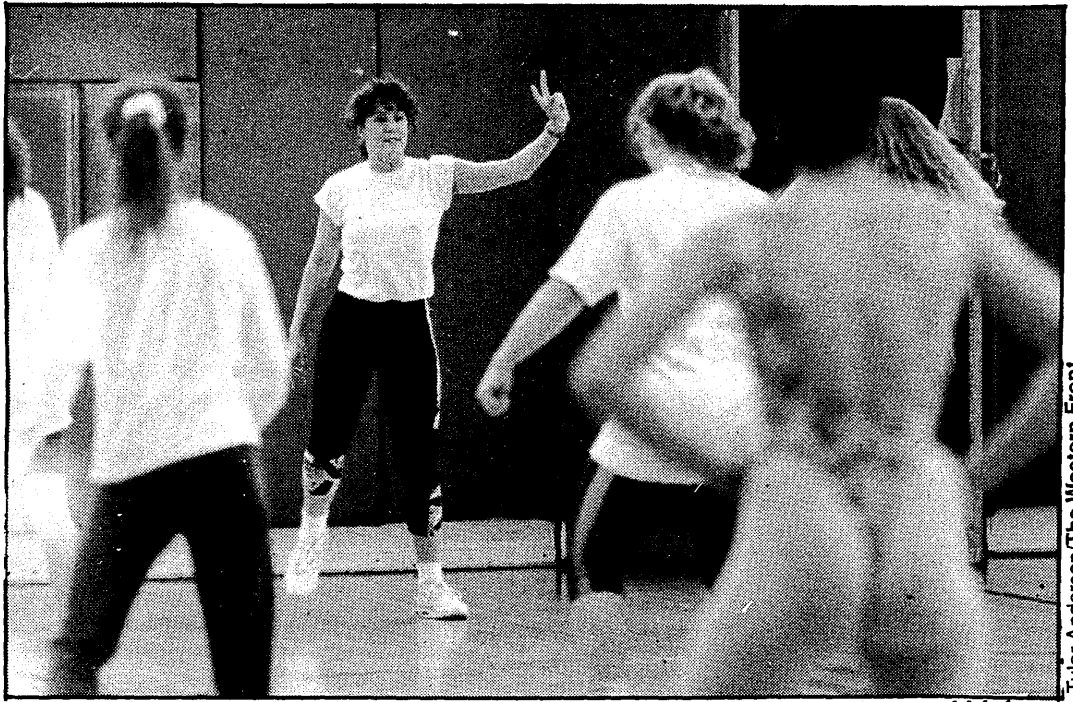
"The floor will be resurfaced with a material used in several other facilities, designed for aerobic and multi-use activities," said Lynda Goodrich, director of athletes. Goodrich said the center would also be used for physical education aerobic classes and possibly judo and karate classes.

Another option for those interested in aerobics is the intramural water aerobics class. Water aerobics has been a program through intramurals for two years. The increasing popularity of water aerobics will hopefully add more classes to next year's schedule, Sather said.

"Water aerobics is a great form of exercise. It's one of the safest and best ways for people to exercise, because you're developing muscle against the resistance of the water," Sather said.

The intramural water aerobics class meets at 9 a.m. three days a week in Carver pool. The class gets a workout similar to regular aerobics, but in the water with a few variations, explained Kelly Coulter, general business administration major and water aerobics instructor.

Coulter said the class goes through a standard routine, with a five minute warm-up and stretch, 25



Stephanie Bell, aerobics instructor, leads Western students through low and high impact workouts.

minutes of aerobic workout to raise the heart rate, and a five minute cool down.

"We do a lot of the same things as regular aerobics, but it's a very different feeling in the water. We can do a lot more jumping because the exercise in the water is very good for the joints. I also incorporate kickboards

and moving around the pool into my routines," Coulter said.

Coulter plans to become water-safety certified this summer, but said right now a lifeguard is always on duty during class in case of an emergency.

"The only qualifications you need

for water aerobics is the desire to work hard and be willing to try something a little bit new," Coulter said. "It helps to be in pretty good shape when you take the class, but most people take it to get stronger and get a good workout. It's a very safe exercise, not so hard on the joints and it's a lot of fun."

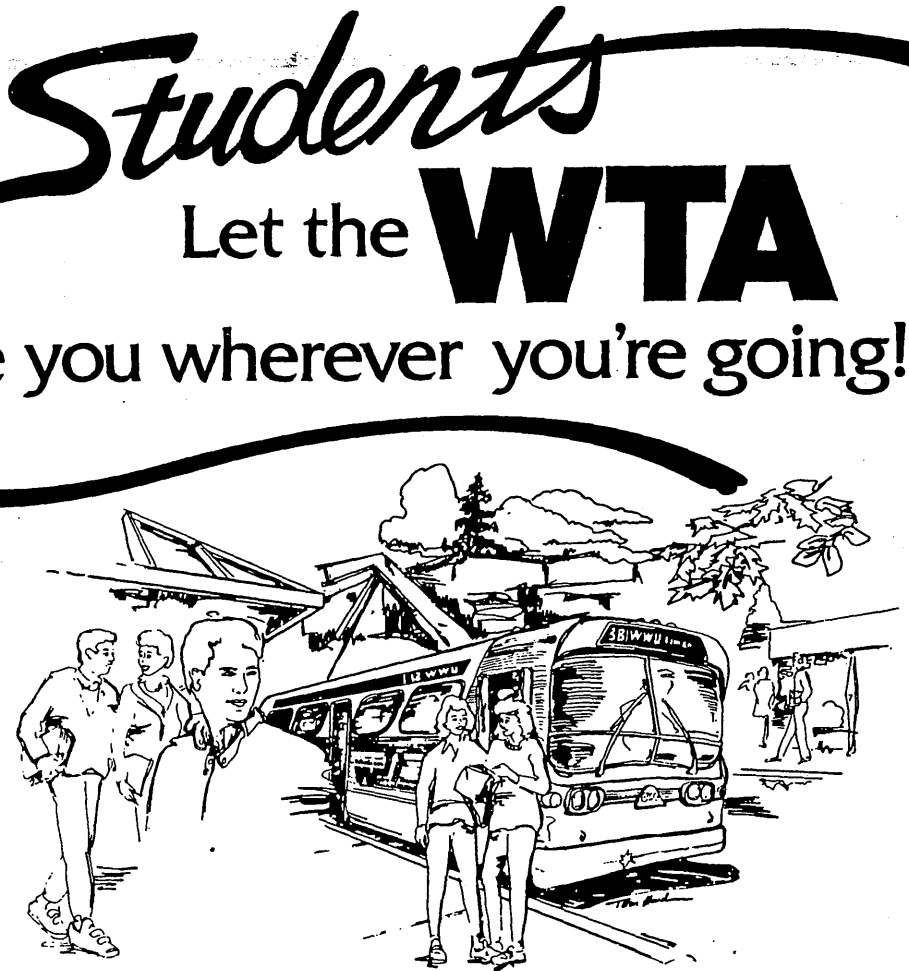
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SPORTS REPORT

* The men's club baseball team won both games in a doubleheader at Coquitlam, British Columbia, April 11. The team will host Skagit Valley Community College in a doubleheader, starting at 5 p.m., today at Joe Martin's Stadium.
* The men's club lacrosse team beat Or-

egon State University, 17-4, in Corvallis, Ore. and the University of Oregon, 17-3, in Eugene, Ore. April 11 and 12.
*The women's club lacrosse team competed in the University of Washington Invitational April 11 and 12 at UW. The team went 3-0 against visiting Canadian teams

and 0-2 against the San Francisco Bay club team and the Seattle club team.
* The Ultimate Frisbee club team went 0-5 in the Ultimate Frisbee tournament April 11 and 12 at Jericho Beach Park, in Vancouver, B.C.
* The women's club rugby team went 0-2 in the Pigs Festival April 11 and 12 in Portland, Ore.



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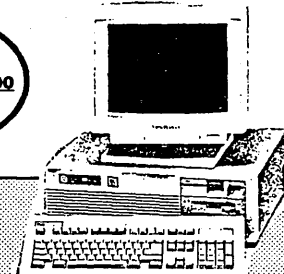


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Track and field disappointed with district performance

By Art Hughes
staff reporter

When Lisa Waltenburg crossed the finish line of the women's 5,000-meter run at the NAIA District 1 Track and Field Championships on Saturday, she had what she came for. Waltenburg ran away with both the district meet record and Western's own record in the 5,000.

"I came here trying to break the school record and in the process I thought I could break the meet record," Waltenburg said. "I've been training hard."

Waltenburg was one of a few

standouts in an otherwise disappointing day for both the men's and women's teams at districts. The men finished third and the women finished last, with injuries and illness hampering both teams.

Coach Kelven "Pee Wee" Halsell, who mentioned before the meet that he thought the men might be able to come out on top, was still able to remain upbeat about the final results.

"I feel like everybody came in and did their best and that's all I ever ask," Halsell said. "We had people injured and sick — they did everything they could do."

Waltenburg started out her best showing all season in the 5,000, holding conservatively on the heels of

Heather Lucas of Pacific Lutheran University, the defending champion in the event. Waltenburg held the second spot until it became clear that Lucas was not running on a record pace. Waltenburg pulled ahead and stretched her lead even more. Her only competition for the final six laps was the time-clock. The crowd at the PLU track in Tacoma was on its feet for Waltenburg's final lap.

Shouts of "Go Lisa!" from the crowd changed to cheers as she crossed the finish line with a time of 17 minutes, 6.1 seconds — more than ten seconds ahead of the meet record set in 1988. Waltenburg's first place showing in the 5,000 was her second collegiate win. Her first win came in

the 1,500 at the Shotwell Classic meet at the University of Puget Sound on April 20.

Waltenburg's run Saturday followed a second place showing the night before in the 3,000. She came in with a time of 9:39.5, almost 18 seconds ahead of her personal best in that event.

The season does not end yet for Waltenburg. Her performance at districts only adds to the momentum of a strong season for the middle-distance runner as she heads to nationals in June. Besides qualifying in the 3,000 and the 5,000, Waltenburg also hit the national mark for the 1,500 earlier in the season.

Dennis James was the only other

first place finisher for the Vikings. James threw the hammer 181 feet, two inches after leading in the event for the day. His throw was enough to win the event by almost 19 feet, but could have gone farther had it not hit a tree in the middle of the field at the 175 foot mark.

"The tree kind of got in the way," James said. "It cut about five feet off my throw."

James said he thought it was a good meet for him otherwise, and said he was hoping to keep his throws in the mid-80s. He will be going to nationals in June, with a personal best of 187-2.

Golf team places second in district championships

By Scott M. Ayers
staff reporter

For two months Western's golf coach Dean Russell has been pushing his team to play perfect golf. The team came close April 9 and 10 at the NAIA District 1 championships — missing out on a trip to Omaha, Neb. for the national tournament.

The team finished second at the Capital City Golf Course in Olympia, five strokes behind repeating district champions, Simon Fraser University, of Burnaby, British Columbia.

"We put up a good challenge," said junior Ross Erickson, who led the Vikings with a three-round score of 219. "We went in with the attitude that we had nothing to lose since we hadn't beaten Simon Fraser all year."

This attitude contributed to a strong first day for the Vikings, who held a two-stroke lead after the first 36 holes.

"We were pretty excited," said sophomore Rick Blankenburg, who finished with 237. "We knew we had just one more day to play and we treated it like a head-to-head match."

Erickson said the team felt that if they played well in the final round, they would force SFU to play hard in order to catch them.

"We didn't actually play bad in the last round, but they played better," he said.

SFU has won the district tournament both seasons Russell has been coach. Led by Scott Bennett, who claimed his second straight individual district title, the Clansmen have proved to be unbeatable almost every week for the past two years.

Erickson was Bennett's closest challenger,

finishing nine strokes behind him for second place. Senior Dan Harrington, who followed Erickson by one stroke, finished his college golf career with 229. This was the second consecutive year Harrington finished behind of Bennett from SFU. During last year's district tournament, Harrington finished second.

Despite Erickson's second place finish, he said he could have played better. "In the last round I got tired...it's not easy playing 54 holes in two days."

Two balls he hit out-of-bounds on Thursday also cost him valuable strokes; nevertheless, Erickson said he was pleased with his second place finish in districts after a slow starting season.

"As the season went on, the team gradually got better. We kept moving up to higher finishes every week," Erickson said. "Individually, my

season was pretty much the same. I didn't really place very high at first, but I kept improving."

Erickson attributed his continued improvement to the amount of time he put in on the golf course.

"To be good at golf requires a lot of repetition and a lot of practice, as well as mental preparation."

With the rise of Erickson and the return of Blankenburg and fellow sophomore Jeff Bennett, team members are already looking forward to next season.

"It's tough losing Dan and Joel (McNeely), but we have a lot of sophomores who have a few more good years left," Blankenburg said.

"If you ask if we are satisfied with finishing second, well yes, and no...Just tell everyone to watch out for us next year," Erickson said.




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FRONTLINE

Dog doo doo controversy hits the fan

A heavy issue kept the Bellingham City Council and Mayor Tim Douglas in heated debate last night — what to do about defecating dogs who haunt Boulevard Park.

It was a sticky situation, but for 45 minutes they handled it like professionals. Douglas did his best to pressure the council into taking some sort of position on the issue, rather than handing it off to the Parks and Recreation committee.

The council members agreed that leash laws and the monumental Bellingham Pooper Scooper Law are difficult to enforce. Even Bellingham law enforcement officers have better things to do than follow pooches around, waiting for Mother Nature to do her thing.

Mayor Douglas says he's plagued by phone calls from distraught parents, with horrific stories of their children playing in the park, running, jumping, frolicking, and landing in what he eloquently described as "dog doo" (Rumor has it the real reason Douglas is so upset is he went for a walk in the park and ruined a perfectly good pair of loafers). Councilman Tip Johnson preferred to take a more scientific stance, referring to the material in question as "dog waste." He should be commended for his tact, but his proposed solutions are questionable — bigger signs, prominently posted.

It's a great idea, except most of those damn defecating dogs are illiterate. Ignorant pooches pose a formidable problem for our city planners, but they're determined to get to the bottom of this matter.

Councilman Mark Asmundson had a more provocative suggestion; city funded dog obedience school. The Front editorial board officially endorses this idea. If we use tax dollars to attach special "shock" collars to our fair city's canine population, and pay a staff of professionals to monitor these beasts, we can shock the four-legged deviants every time they perform this heinous act that plagues the people of Bellingham. It won't take long to teach these dogs to stop performing this unnatural act.

The dogs are easily controlled, but what about all these expulsive people? It's certainly a legitimate concern, but we can't expect our city council to take on the world in one short meeting, now can we?

Up & Up responds to 'Front Free Friday' with free Fronts

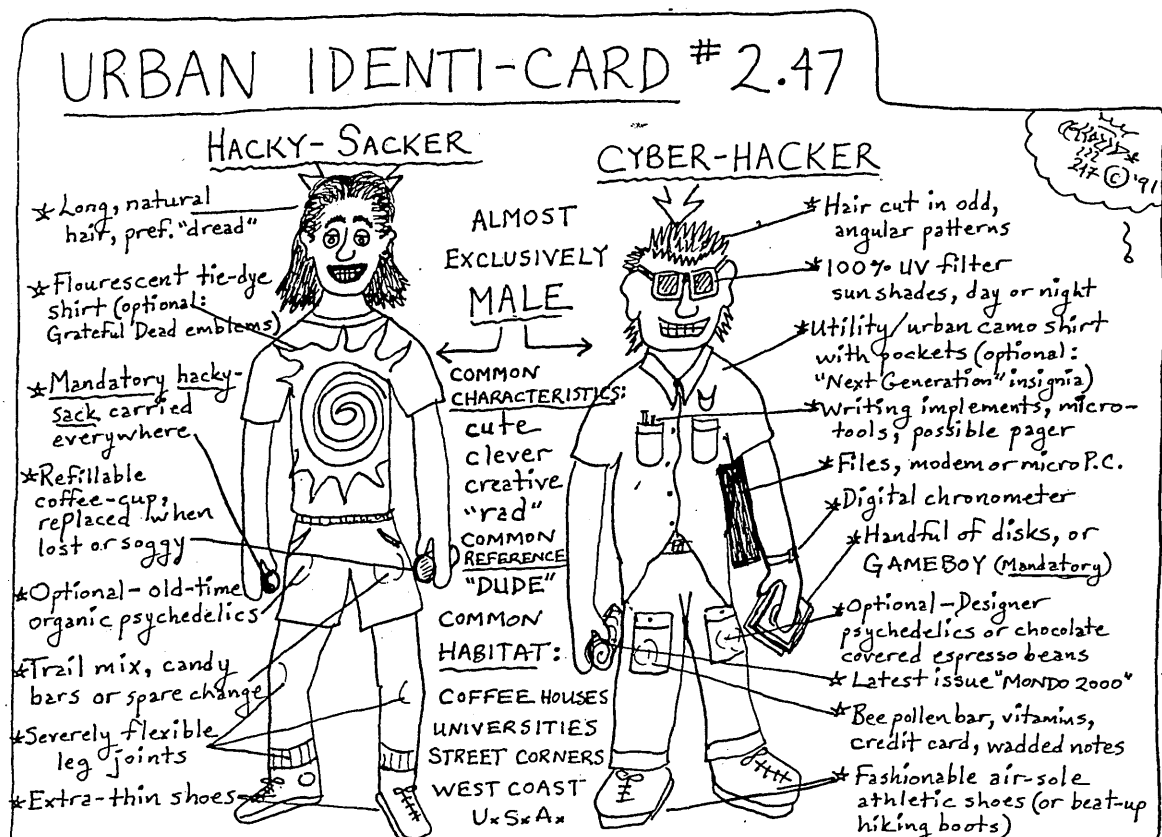
In response to Sean Fisher and Chad Goller's proposed "Front Free Friday," scheduled for this Friday, Ian Relay, owner of the World Famous Up & Up Tavern (a haven for local garage bands), is sponsoring a "Free Front Friday" on the same day.

Patrons of the Up & Up will receive a free copy of The Front upon entry into the establishment. Front Columnist Dave Lambert will be there, signing autographs and speaking on the principles of free speech. However, free coffee and donuts will not be provided.

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Radical, shoot-from-the-hip commentaries are unjustified



By Mike Clynch
Staff reporter

There have been many times when I have read the Frontline staff commentary and thought its opinion did not reflect my own. Most of the time I accept this deviance as inevitable on a newspaper with 60 different opinions. The May 7 issue was not one of those times.

The commentary was written in a shoot-from-the-hip, strong on metaphor, questionable on fact, "I wanna be a radical" style.

I was at that City Council meeting too, only I didn't see

any political parakeets preferring copulation to compassion. Or was that headline selected just for the ear-catching alliteration?

What I saw was self government in action. I came home with an admiration for how the city government functioned without splash, controversy and meaningless rhetoric.

Yes, the people debated a set agenda. It is pretty near impossible to do anything useful without one. Sixteen residents of Victor Street spoke publicly about whether or not to pay for a sidewalk. A municipal swimming pool

(not a bourgeois watering hole) was funded with bonds from, *shudder*, anticipated city taxes on corporate profits.

What I don't understand is the point of last issue's Frontline. You say, or perhaps I should say the Front says, "City politicians with the collective brain capacity of a parakeet and the demeanor of ravenous vultures, didn't spend any time discussing the plight of the homeless."

Are you saying that City Hall, because it did not react to your telepathically transmitted appeal for help to the homeless, should be insulted and labeled?

I really don't know what you're saying. There are a half-dozen associated images which collectively are supposed to transcend us to your higher plateau of understanding. I guess I just can't join you. I got lost in the words, like: "bickered, anarchy, government perpetuated facade, ravenous, rape, mug, murder, blood-sucking, glory grubbing, egomaniacs, weak knees, fat asses, skinny necks, wandering libidos, slut-ridden opportunism, selfish bastards, silicon breasts and cheap political posturing."

This is 'peyote bud' journalism at its finest. It's focus is on creative writing, with more emphasis on word flow, analogy and metaphor selection than on content. While the commentary does make for interesting reading, the consequences of the statement is the risk of labeling ourselves as blatant propagandists.

Before editorial writers set the guidelines for our future,

See Criticism, page 14

Publishing rape victims' names: a complicated issue



By Erika Williams
Staff reporter

As a result of the NBC story, the solid, respectable, conservative New York Times published her name as well, saying protecting her identity was a moot point after the broadcast. The Times also published a controversial "background" story on the woman, including the details of her driving record and the titles of some of the books on her child's shelf.

Last month a woman claimed she was raped at the Kennedy compound in Palm Beach, Fla.

Since then, her name has been broadcast on national television and printed in newspapers across the country. My favorite tabloid, The Globe, started it all by publishing her name and photograph. Then NBC Nightly News did a story on the Globe story, complete with a zoom-in on the photograph. (Many of the NBC affiliates bleeped out her name.)

The case has sparked a debate that's been raging since the 1970s when most of the media decided to stop publishing the names of women who claimed they'd been raped. The rationale is the women suffer public humiliation if their names are revealed.

Since then, lawyers have claimed that withholding the woman's name, but printing the defendant's, is unfair and implies guilt. Others have said withholding names only reinforces the stigma society associates with rape — that the woman contributed to the crime or deserved it or didn't try hard enough to stop it.

Still, the majority — including almost all of our Northwest media — subscribe to the theory that women who don't want their names in the media shouldn't have to suffer through the publicity.

The story that ran in the Times is a good example of why.

Why should the details of her driving record become public information? Did it show the public something so compelling about this individual it had to be included?

And how about those book titles — we needed to know what her child reads, don't we? Surely that has some

See Rape Names, page 14

O'Donnell condemns Front in two letters

Letter #1:

To the Editors:

Every time I turn around, it seems that the Front has done it again. I'm beginning to wonder how you can win the awards you claim to win, when the behavior of the staff in general is highly unprofessional...

...Neglect of events such as the International Dinner is abominable. This is an annual event which brings foods and entertainment from different cultures to Western for an evening. The fact that there was no advance publicity on the dinner from the Front is beyond belief. I know that there was publicity because I wrote it and personally delivered an announcement to the Front. There was also an announcement left in the Ethnic Student Center for a beat reporter to pick up. I know that there was publicity.

Unfortunately this was not the first time that a cultural event on this campus was ignored by the Front. Despite the fact that "diversity" has been the big buzzword here for the last two years, the Front appears to have taken the stance that "unless it is controversial, we won't touch it." Case in point, Kent Thoeke and the telephone, Scott Olson, the entire A.S. election last year, the recent problems surrounding the VOC and the brouhaha over the Shawn Bridge/Chad Goller discussions. Too bad I wasn't able to figure out a way to sensationalize the International Dinner.

The Western Front has a responsibility to this campus which is to inform our community about events, educational and social, that are happening here. The Front was derelict in its reporting of the International Dinner as it has been in the past with many events. It is crucial that the students hold the Front accountable, and insist that we are given information about cultural events in order that we might decide for ourselves whether or not to attend.

Sylvia O'Donnell

Letter #2:

Dear Western Front:

How many times do you need to be told your paper is nothing but a rag before you finally catch on?!!?

I understand your resolution at the beginning of the quarter to be more controversial, but that should not include making up quotes, lying tactics for "interviews," and taking quotes out of context to fit the theme of your article.

The cartoons rarely make sense, the articles are, at best, semi-adequate, and your overall paper is not even sub-standard.

By the way, I hope you print this letter, unlike so many others I am aware you have been sent that state how your paper is beyond reproach. Try to have this minute amount of dignity. I hope this for you, but I know better than to expect you to have any decency.

Sylvia O'Donnell



Water & Time

Tyler Anderson/The Western Front

Ex-Marine questions U.S. ego-stroking

Dear Editor:

Sometimes, it becomes obvious that a country can go just a little bit too far in its national ego-stroking. As some American people are patting themselves on the back of the wonderful capabilities of their war machine, I think it would be prudent to comment on an element of the American war-making ability which needs improvement: marksmanship.

I was in the United States Marine Corps for four years, an organization which prides itself on its excellent marksmanship training. During that time, I learned to appreciate the art of putting a well-aimed round on target. The Marine Corps made me a rifle coach in order to help other Marines get "bull's-eyes." I later became a long-range marksmanship instructor.

During the Persian Gulf war, I heard a lot about "kicking Saddam Hussein's butt." But to my knowledge, Saddam Hussein is still in power in Iraq and his buttocks probably feel just fine. Yet, at least a hundred thousand OTHER people, including children, were hit and killed by our ordinance. As an American and a father, I am horrified by this. As a former marksmanship instructor, I am disgusted.

Sincerely, Eric Lewis, graduate

Reader responds to Bently's letter about racism

Dear Editor:

In response to Jonathan Bently's letter in the May 3rd issue of the Western Front saying Goller's hypocritical acts create more racism, I have a few things to say.

First of all, I'm sorry that you feel "we" African Americans have an "I'm better than you white trash" attitude; personally, I know of no one here at Western that feels like that. Yes, we've had to work very hard just to get where we are at now and we've still got a ways to go but I don't think we in any way feel as though we are superior.

Secondly, you sound quite ignorant and possibly quite sheltered in saying that one reason you hate blacks is because they are "constantly bitching about discrimination." Wake Up! We're not the only ones "bitching" and, yes, subtle discrimination is alive and well on this campus.

I also believe, Mr. Bently, that you accuse us blacks as "whining about things like there's not enough blacks at Western and we need our own room to meet in without whites. Where did you get this information, or did you just assume this is why we requested the Ethnic Student Center? Obviously you were highly mis-

informed! We've had several non-black visitors who became involved in our organization; contrary to what you say in your letter, we welcome anyone interested to join our Black Student Network. Our intentions are not to try to exclude meeting with whites as you so disgustingly put it, but it is a place where Ethnic Students can network with one another.

Jonathan, if you weren't sure what you wanted to say with this letter, you probably should have kept your mouth shut. You don't need to thank Chad, Western, myself, or other black students for festering up hate and prejudices. Prejudice and lack of knowledge of ethnic groups begins in the home.

As for your new phrases "spook" and "nigger," I suggest you look those words up for your own benefit and find out what they really mean, for one of them may be just your size.

Natalie Spann, communications senior

Multiculturalism should apply to everyone

Dear Editor:

Salvador Martin's letter to the editor stating that he does not want to reinforce stereotypes about Chicanos does not address all the issues it ought to if Sal is really interested in creating a multicultural society.

The remarks he made were very stereotypical of Whites and White culture. These remarks are indicative of a reification that would be unacceptable if it were to go in the opposite direction.

It seems the rules of multiculturalism apply more to Whites than Ethnic Minorities, raising the possibility we are exchanging one system of disrespect for another.

When White liberal guilt had currency this exchange might have been acceptable, but in these days of an increasing acceptance of what it means to be White, it is no longer. Multiculturalism must be adhered to by people of all backgrounds or it will be accepted by none.

Dexter Van Zile, graduate student, political science/environmental studies

All pets should be spayed or neutered

Dear Editor,

I am very thankful that the Western Front staff chose Animal Rights as the featured issue in the last edition. In light of the other issues brought forth, I would like to stress the importance of animal owners spaying and neutering their pets. This is an issue which all too often gets ignored because it is not in the forefront of the Animal Rights movement. In my own life, however, it is something I must confront and deal with almost daily.

For almost two years I have worked as an Animal Welfare Technician at The Humane Society of Seattle/King County, a job I return to every spring, summer and winter vacation. People often get the wrong impression about my job. It is easy for some to paint a picture of some animal-hater approaching a kitten or puppy with a syringe full of Phenobarbital and a sadistic grin. But this portrait only serves to promote a grossly-distorted view of reality and displaces the blame.

The truth is that anyone who owns a pet that is not spayed or neutered is contributing to the senseless deaths of the 10-12 million unwanted dogs and cats that are euthanized each year. This irresponsibility on the part of pet owners results in millions of unwanted litters and millions of deaths. Many people justify breeding their pets by claiming that they can find a good home for each animal in the litter. Even if this is the case, and most often it is not, these people are depriving already existing animals of a home that could have been theirs. Many also justify breeding because their animal is a "Purebred." I would just like to alert these people that over twenty-five percent of dogs in shelters are Purebreds and Purebreds are just as susceptible to stress, sickness and temperament problems as mixed breeds are. Several other animal owners simply don't think about the necessity of spaying and neutering and don't realize the implications of this ignorance.

I implore all pet owners to look at the fact that millions of animals destroyed every year because people don't think it is necessary to have their pets altered or because they want to experience the "Miracle of Birth" through their pets. I urge you to go to a local animal shelter, look into the eyes of any animal there, and tell me that spaying and neutering is not necessary. I ask you, too, to understand that while you breed your pets and enjoy the "Miracle of Birth" many others are suffering the reality of death.

PLEASE SPAY AND NEUTER YOUR PETS!

Jeanne MacGregor

Reader responds to Bentley's racism letter with a poem

Dear Editor:

This poem, by Marsci Rucker, is sent in response to Jonathan Bentley's letter to the editor in the May 3rd edition.

Tami McDaniel

So much hatred around us, can't you see it wandering about?

do you wonder, as I do, if there's any way out?

Is there hope at the end of our "enlightened" tunnel?

or for the world's anger are we simply a funnel.

Many people hate me; I think I know why

but to me it's not justified, no matter how hard I try.

Why do you hate me? Do you have a good reason,

Have I committed a crime? a national treason?

You say you hate my race, see — that includes me too,

It doesn't make sense I don't even know you!

Why do you hate me? Do you even know my name?

Oh, that's right, I forgot — "We're all just the same."

Be it a joke or intentional it still isn't right

I'm tired of sitting, it's time to stand up and fight.

Why do you hate me? Did I commit some great sin?

Or is simply your "good reason" the color of my skin.

Why do they go deaf when it's my turn to talk?

Why do you fall limp when it's time for you to walk?

Why do you hate me? I don't understand.

Why do you run when I reach out my hand?

Why do you hate me, it's not a question any more

I know the reason I've said it before.

I may not be successful if I wage a verbal attack

but I'm no longer willing to just turn my back.

I know why you hate me, I've committed no sin

The reason you hate me is the color of my skin

Bentley letter sheds light on development of a racist

Dear Editor:

Re: a letter from Jonathan Bentley in the Friday, May 3 edition of the Front.

Mr. Bentley, thank you for helping shed some light on the thought processes and development of a racist.

Racism stems from a position of power within a society. As white, North American males, you and I, Mr. Bentley, personify that privilege. We personify the power

structure that was created by and for the Anglo-saxon white European male. Racism is the ability to systematically exercise that power and privilege at the expense of peoples of color within our society.

Because of the historical systematic exclusion of people of color, and women, form the power structures of this country, changes promoting equality have been forced to center at the grass-roots, from below. Chad Goller, and other student activists of color, are working for this equality.

The fact that you define these struggles for equality as mere "bitching and whining" demonstrates your lack of historical understanding of the systematic subjugation and marginalization of communities of color. Chad, and the "other black students at Western," conveniently become the unwitting targets of your reactionary response to their perceived attack upon your privileges.

Have women and/or gays, because of what your perceive as their incessant "bitching" and "whining," forced you to adopt sexism and homophobia as doctrines also?

Your fixation with "reverse racism" is an oxymoron. An oppressed people cannot oppress their oppressor. The concept's growth and development, however, is a byproduct of the white supremacist movement. First coined and conceived by the National Association for the Advancement of White People (NAAWP) and its ex-clansman follower David Duke, it has been further promoted by fellow racist, Populist party spokesman and syndicated columnist Patrick Buchanan. Both Duke and Buchanan have taken credit for the institutionalization of the concept, as well as the recent veto of civil rights legislation by George Bush.

Hatred such as yours, Mr. Bentley, has fueled the growth of various segments of the far right. The American Front, a neo-nazi skinhead organization, whose demonstration I witnessed in Portland, Oregon this weekend, is its logical conclusion. Twenty-five to 30 white males repeatedly sieg-heiling (nazi-style) counter demonstrators may seem absurd, but they have also justified their racism.

I suggest attending an undoing racism workshop somewhere, sometime soon Mr. Bentley. For although your racism may never materialize into direct action akin to the American Front, you have already learned, accepted and justified the language of oppression and inequality. Unfortunately, action often follows.

Sincerely, Jonathan Zook

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domestic social policy, they should ask themselves why it's necessary to have the government help the homeless in the first place. Is the government to blame because the new intellectuals, just like the old ones, are more concerned with making revolution and reaction, personal expressions of their lifestyles rather than vehicles for any real change?

Maybe we should save our most caustic, prejudiced and all-encompassing opinions for times when they are justified. Otherwise, I fear, the Front may be crying wolf and may not be taken seriously when a serious issue, which the newspaper may be able to influence, arises.

Rape Names, from page 12

bearing on the case.

The Times has been making an effort recently to become more "friendly" and readable. Evidently, sensationalism is part of its new strategy.

Ironically enough, the policy system that has deteriorated in this instance held up quite well during the Central Park jogger case. Why was the wish of a successful, professional woman to remain unidentified respected, and the wish of an "average" individual ignored? A good question to pose to the fair and objective media of the country.

Perhaps it's true that the stigma of rape is perpetuated by the withholding of names. The secretive approach implies women should hide what happened, hang their heads and just try to forget about it. The very fact that we think women need to be "protected" says something about the way we regard the crime. We don't withhold names when the crime is burglary or murder.

As long as the possibility of public crucifixion exists, how can we sacrifice the victim who had nothing to do with the crime committed against her? While a growing portion of our population sees rape for the violent crime it is, another portion persists in the belief that "nice girls" don't get raped.

I don't know whether this particular woman in Florida was actually raped or not. I don't know anything about the guilt or innocence of the defendant. But I have learned something about the implications that can so easily be made through our media.

In response to the media's handling of the case, something needs to be said.

In any rape case, in any part of the world, in any situation, women do not deserve to be raped. No matter what she was wearing, no matter what she was drinking, no matter what time it was and yes, no matter what her driving record. No woman asks for rape, and for our media to imply any such guilt in inexcusable.

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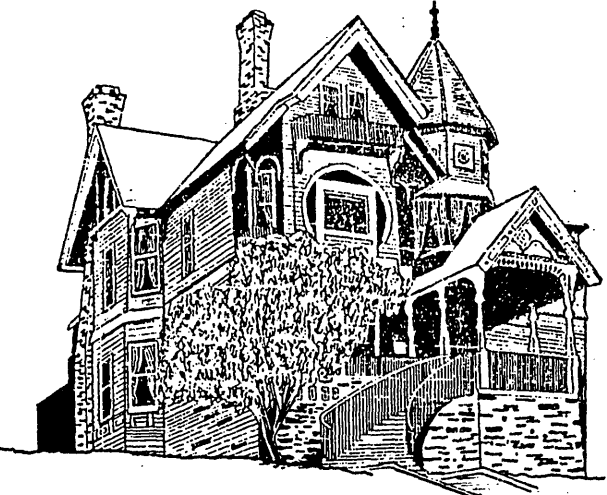
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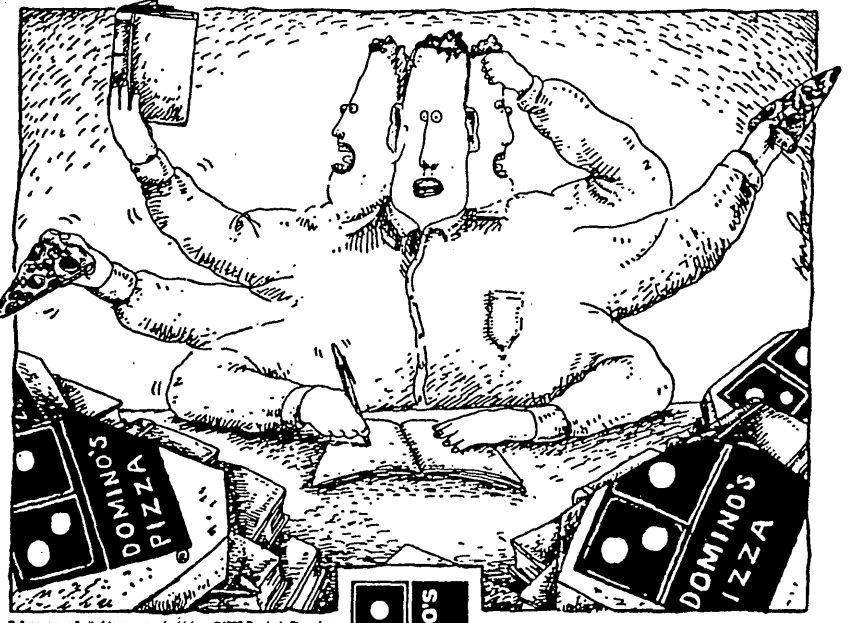
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