

AS says presidential search should include more students

By John Pressentin
campus government editor

Associated Students board members showed strong disappointment over the way students have been included and treated in the selection process for the Presidential Search Committee at last week's board meeting.

Two students, AS President Erin Middlewood and Jennifer Kang, vice president for Academic Affairs, have been chosen to serve on the search committee.

They make up 13 percent of the board. The faculty members serving on the committee make up 33 percent, while Western's Board of Trustees, the group that chose the search committee and the administration each have 27 percent of its members serving on the committee.

"This is not adequate representation," said Chris Kradjan, secretary/treasurer of the A.S. board.

Coll-Peter Thrush, A.S. vice president for External Affairs, said

when the search committee was being formed that the AS board was given no indication of how the student member would be chosen for the committee. While all constituencies represented also had little indication, he said he was disappointed with the way it was done.

"We just gave them four names," he said. "We didn't know how many were being chosen. We were really kept in the dark."

Craig Cole, head of the search committee, said he felt the stu-

dents who were chosen were enough to effectively represent all the students and serve the committee.

The selection of committee members was more an effort to serve the university's interest than to represent every constituency, he said.

"I can't think of a group that didn't want more representatives included," Cole said. "I feel confident with the variety of perspectives on the committee."

While the Presidential Search

Committee has already been chosen, Thrush said the A.S. board would be writing a letter to the committee to request two more members be included. He said the issue is based more on the role students play in university government issues rather than "representational equality."

"Overwhelmingly, we've had a lot of calls where students have made it clear that they want a

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Campus arrests almost equal to reported crimes

By Cheryl Bishop
staff reporter

Most serious crimes on Western's campus are caused by people outside the campus community, said David Doughty, police lieutenant for Western's public safety.

In the last 15 years, only two homicides have occurred on campus. Neither of the perpetrators were students, staff or faculty. The largest threat to the lives of students is usually traffic, Doughty said.

Because Western's campus occupies a central location in Bellingham, campus police deal with many traffic violations and drunk drivers, most of whom are not students, he said.

Traffic-related calls increased by more than 200 percent, from 603 in 1991 to 1907 last year. But this sharp increase occurred in part because the campus police department focusing more of its energy on traffic crimes, Doughty said.

"We can protect our community the most by getting to traffic violations and drunk drivers," he said.

Overall, the number of criminal arrests jumped from 60 in 1991 to 244 in 1992. But reports of criminal incidents dropped from 262 in 1991 to 259 last year.

"We're very busy even though only a small number of those (criminal incidents) are serious offenses, which is good," Doughty said. "We like to be busy, but we don't like to have a lot of serious criminal offenses, so it works out great for us."

Nine violent crimes were reported last year, up from six in 1991. But Doughty, who has worked with campus police for 18 years, said he doesn't feel any less safe today than five years ago.

Linda Hutchinson, education major, agreed with Doughty's assessment.

"I feel very safe on campus. I feel more safe on this campus than when I went to U.W. (University of Washington)," she said.

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Springtime fun in Viking 21

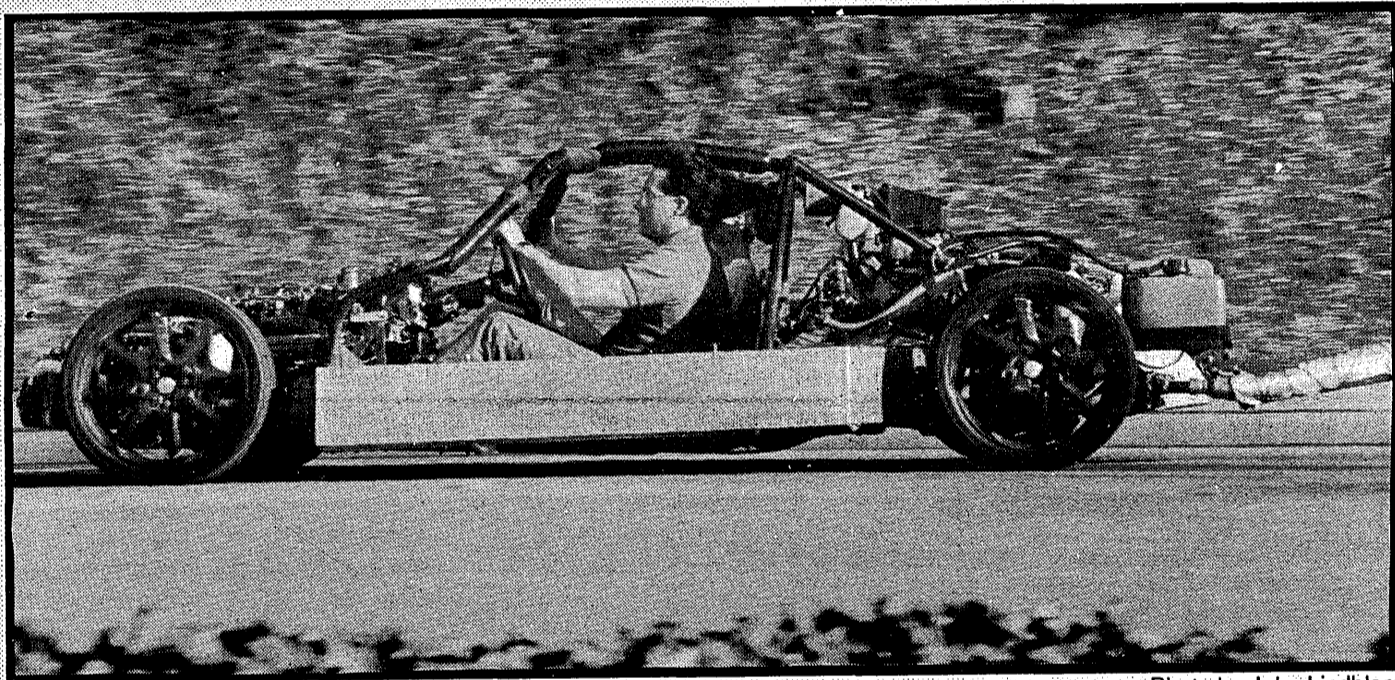


Photo by John Lindblom

Gavin Campbell, junior technology student, takes the Viking 21 research vehicle for a spin on its new clutch without its fiberglass body. The Vehicle Research Institute is testing a new one-way clutch system in which the driver will not use a manual clutch pedal, but a semi-automatic clutch system.

Survey says many students don't practice safe sex

By Karl Schweizer
staff reporter

The director of Western's Wellness Center, Pat Fabiano, said in a presentation Feb. 4 that the majority of Western students are sexually active but are not protecting themselves from sexually-transmitted diseases.

Fabiano, speaking to an audience of 15 in Viking Addition 464, cited a survey conducted last year by the Wellness Center. The center surveyed a captive audience of students in their classes, Fabiano said. Of the 1,100 respondents, 79 percent said they were sexually active, and 71 percent of those, or 56 percent of the total said they or their partners did not use condoms during sex. If the surveyed students were representative of the entire student population, then 56 percent of Western's more than 10,000 students practice unprotected sex.

Fabiano mentioned the survey during her "Women and AIDS" presentation,

sponsored by the Sexual Awareness Center and Group Health Cooperative. Except for injection drug users, young adults are the primary spreaders of AIDS among heterosexuals, Fabiano said. The average age of AIDS patients has dropped from the mid-40s in 1980 to 31 in 1991, she said. That means AIDS victims are getting infected at the age of 19-21, since the onset of AIDS typically occurs 10 years after the time of infection.

"The average age at the point of infection is getting younger and younger," Fabiano said.

She said knowing about AIDS will not stop people from changing their behavior, but a willingness to speak truthfully and frankly will.

"Information, data, knowledge, do not lead to behavior change... People who know a whole, whole lot about this disease don't do anything different in their lives. It takes a whole lot more than just knowing about it," she said.

"It (effective prevention) is grabbing

your roommate by the shirt and saying 'Whaddya mean? You're not using a condom!' It's having the courage to really care about one another in an active way," she said.

Fabiano also said women run a considerably greater risk of getting AIDS from heterosexual, vaginal intercourse than men, because the same temporary suppression of the immune system that allows a woman's body to accept sperm also leaves her especially vulnerable to diseases. Fabiano said a female-controlled condom is badly needed, so that women would not have to depend on their partners to provide protection against AIDS. She said no data is available yet on the effectiveness of the new "bikini condom," a latex device into which a condom is built. It is worn by a woman much like a bikini.

Prevention of AIDS is a moot point for some students. Fabiano said 2.3 of every 1,000 college students in the United States

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Around the world, across the country and back to Bellingham

Top Story

United Nations waiting for Clinton's word on Bosnia-Herzegovina

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) - News Reports said Bosnian Muslims have swapped prisoners with both the Croats and Serbs in separate exchanges involving more than 600 people. Exchanges took place amidst closed-door discussion on Bosnia-Herzegovina by members of the U.N. Security Council.

International mediators Cyrus Vance and Lord Owen have reportedly told the council that the time is not ripe for the United Nations to try to impose a peace settlement on the former Yugoslavian Republic.

No action is being taken pending word from the Clinton administration. An announcement from the administration may come this week.

International efforts to assist the warring factions of Serbs, Croats and Muslims to agree on a territorial division of Bosnia-Herzegovina have so far failed.

Meese may have lied to protect Reagan from impeachment

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) - In a report to Congress, Iran-Contra prosecutor Lawrence Walsh said President Reagan's Chief of Staff, Donald Regan, and Secretary of State George Shultz were ready to testify that Reagan's administration has misstated facts about the Iran arms sales to protect Reagan from impeachment.

Walsh said if Caspar Weinberger had gone to trial Regan was prepared to testify that he knew Attorney General Ed Meese was not telling the truth when he announced on Nov. 26, 1986 that the president did not know about a 1985 arms-for-hostages deal with Iran.

Walsh also said that Shultz was prepared to testify at trial that he was concerned the White House was attempting to rearrange the record with Meese's announcement.

Dr. Death assists 12th victim in taking life

SOUTHFIELD, Mich. (AP) - The lawyer for Dr. Jack Kevorkian said Kevorkian has helped a 47-year-old woman take her life. The woman suffered from multiple sclerosis and had been in a wheel-

chair for the past few years.

She died by inhaling carbon monoxide. Her teenage daughter and her 42-year-old sister were present at the suicide.

This is the 12th person who has died with the aid of Kevorkian.

Sex: bottom of list in romance survey

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) - Professor Raymond Tucker of Bowling Green University surveyed 455 women and 333 men and found that when people want romance they think of flowers, walks in the park and slow dancing.

Suspect in custody in B'ham apartment arson

BELLINGHAM (AP) - Police have arrested a 35-year-old man for investigation of arson in connection with a fire at a Bellingham apartment. The fire caused \$75,000 damage.

Ernest M. Roberts of Bellingham was arrested Monday afternoon and is being held on \$50,000 bail.

Making love is at the bottom of the priorities. Results of the survey will be included in Tucker's book "Keeping the Romance In Love" later this year.

Gunman arrested after hospital shooting

LOS ANGELES, Calif. (AP) - Police authorities said a gunman who opened fire in a hospital emergency room and held at least two people hostage is now in custody.

The gunman entered the emergency room of Los Angeles County-University of Southern California medical center shortly after noon Feb. 8. Hospital spokesperson said three doctors were wounded and are in critical condition.

Patient Hope Flynn said she heard a man demanding pain medication seconds before the shots rang out.

Police Lt. John Dunkin said the attacker then took at least two hostages and was barricaded in an isolated section of the hospital.



Western Briefs

Comma use, organization, revision and editing tips highlight workshops

The Writing Center is running four workshops during February. The topics are comma use, organization, revision tips and editing tips.

Each fifty minute presentation will be given at three different times, in order to work into student's academic schedules.

If interested, students must sign up in advance at the Writing Center, located in Wilson Library 342, or telephone 650-3219.

Discussion to address issues concerning black men and women

Black Student Network and Associated Students Productions will present a Black Men's and Women's Roundtable at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 9 in the Fairhaven Lounge Stack 1. Admission is free.

BFR hosts Lake Whatcom water quality speech

Bureau for Faculty Research Series presents speaker Robin Matthews, "Scientific Visualization of Lake Whatcom Historic Water Quality Data," at noon on Feb. 11 in Miller Hall 163.

Career center hosts student workshops

A number of workshops are offered in the Career Services Center in Old Main 280 this week.

Feb. 9:
 • 2:00 p.m. Mock interviews
 • 3:00 p.m. Cover letters
 • 4:00 p.m. Effective interviews

Feb. 10:
 • 2:00 p.m. Mock interviews
 • 3:00 p.m. Resume writing
 • 3:00 p.m. Matching your interests with careers and majors

Feb. 11:
 • 1:00 p.m. Choices: a computerized career guidance system
 • 3:00 p.m. How to make effective use of a career fair
 • 4:00 p.m. Effective resumes for educators

SHAIC to distribute valentine's with condom surprise in Red Square

Valentines containing a condom and lubricant will be distributed in Red Square between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Feb. 11 and 12 by the Wellness Center and Student Health Assessment and Information Center (SHAIC).

The display will commemorate both Valentine's Day and National Condom Week, and will also demonstrate proper condom use on fruits and vegetables. Sheila Bricker, who suggested the display, said volunteers plan to make 500 valentines by Feb. 11 and hope to give them all away.

Campus Police

Feb. 5

At 1:20 p.m., a ski rack reported stolen in August was believed to have been seen on another student's vehicle.

Feb. 6

At 4:15 p.m., a female reported an unknown male grabbed her breast, knocked her down and then walked away.

At 6:30 p.m., a student parked his vehicle in the Buchanan Towers loading zone for 30 minutes and upon returning discovered the drivers door window was broken and a stereo speaker missing.

Bellingham Police

Feb. 6

At 8:45 p.m., a man grabbed a case of Budweiser beer and ran out of a 1300 block of Lakeway Drive store without paying.

At 11:45 p.m., shots were reported to have

been fired from a small caliber handgun in the vicinity of Holly Street.

Feb. 7

At 11:20 a.m., a citizen reported someone had taken a pellet gun and shot out both passenger door windows of his car. A note was left which said, "God's Friend Was Here."

At 1:45 p.m., a drug overdose was reported and the person was transferred to the hospital. His drug paraphernalia was then confiscated.

Feb. 8

At 1:20 p.m., in the 3000 block of Ferry Avenue a verbal dispute over past events was reported. The police arrived and both people agreed the argument was over and decided to go to bed.

At 9:30 p.m., a man reported a person he has known for years was knocking on his door incessantly. The man said he did not want that person around when the person had been drinking. The incessant door knocker was advised not to return within 24 hours or he would be cited for trespassing.

WWU 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, fax 7287, 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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- **SPRING QTR. DEGREE & INITIAL CERTIFICATE CANDIDATES.** All students expecting to graduate and/or receive a teaching certificate at close of spring, 1993, must have senior/certification evaluation on file in the Registrar's Office, OM 230, by March 12. Degree applications must be returned by March 12. To pick up an application, go to OM 230. Deadline for summer graduates is June 4. It is strongly advised that fall graduates have their major evaluations before summer. Many advisers/departments will be unavailable due to vacations and closures.
- **LOT RESERVATIONS.** Lots 12G and 19G will be reserved beginning at 5 p.m. Feb. 6 and 9 for basketball games. These same lots will be reserved beginning at 5 p.m. Feb. 11 for a basketball and Athletic Department reception. Cooperation of the University community is requested. Drivers who park a vehicle in a reserved lot prior to the attendant's arrival and who then remain parked during the lot reservation period without authorization from the attendant will be considered illegally parked. Except for lot 10G Monday through Thursday, any G, V or C lot other than those listed here may be used. Permit holders' vehicles may remain parked in reserved lots for work-related purposes.
- **USED BOOK EXCHANGE.** The Associated Students Used Book Exchange is back. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and 3 to 9 p.m. Sunday. Exchange headquarters is the Music Control Room, VA 661, adjacent to the UV Gallery and Plaza Pizza.
- **THE MATH PLACEMENT TEST** will be given at 9 a.m. on Feb. 16, 17, 24, and 25 and at 2 p.m. on Feb. 23. A fee of \$10 must be paid in the exact amount at time of registration in OM 120. The test takes about one and one-half hours.
- **JOB SEARCH WORKSHOPS** are scheduled throughout winter quarter by the Career Services Center. These include Job Search Strategies; Resume Writing; Cover Letters; Interview Techniques; Mock Interviews, workshops for educators on preparing effective resumes, cover letters and applications; and career planning workshops for liberal arts majors. For more information, contact Career Services Center, OM 280, X/3240.

On-campus interviews

- **Enterprise Rent-A-Car,** Tues., Feb. 9. Mgmt trainee. Submit CIF & sign up in OM280. Info session: 7 p.m. Feb. 8.
- **YMCA Camp Orkila,** Tues., Feb. 9. Summer camp counselors. Rep available 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., VU Lobby.
- **Camp Easterseal,** Wed., Feb. 10. Summer only. Submit application & sign up in OM280.
- **Holland America Line/Westours,** Wednesday, Feb. 17. Submit CIF or company application when you sign up in OM 280. Review company information in career library.
- **Equitable Associates,** Wednesday, Feb. 17. Submit CIF at signup in OM 280 and review information in career library.
- **Safeco-Redmond,** Fri., Feb. 19. Intern; claims adjuster; customer service rep. Submit CIF and sign up in OM280.
- **Radio Shack,** Tues., Feb. 23. Manager trainee. Submit CIF and sign up in OM280.
- **Public Schools Personnel Coop,** Tues., Feb. 23. Teachers, all levels/areas, Olympia area. Info session 8:30-9 a.m. Signup required for one-on-one interviews.
- **Peace Corps,** Wed.-Thurs., Feb. 24-25. Signup required; applications available in OM280.
- **Hidden Valley Camp,** Tues., Mar. 2. Summer counselor. Submit CIF or camp application and sign up in OM280.
- **Mass. Mutual Life Insurance,** Tues., Mar. 2. Sales assoc. Submit CIF and sign up in OM280.
- **Simmons Co.,** Tues., Mar. 2. Sales trainee. Submit CIF and sign up in OM280.
- **Future Shop,** Thurs., Mar. 4. Sales (commissioned) and administration trainee, Bellingham or Tacoma area. Submit CIF and sign up in OM280.

African-Americans urged to 'pick up the torch'

By Pam McCormick
staff reporter

Harry Edwards, a sport sociologist and social critic from Berkeley University, spoke at the Viking Union Sunday night for the "Celebrating Our Future" banquet.

He discussed the difficulties facing men and women of color in a pluralistic society and he called

for an institutional change. He noted the recent deaths of Arthur Ashe, Thurgood Marshall, and Dizzie Gillespie and told people to, "be prepared to pick up the torch, be prepared to fight struggles in order to get people to that point where those torches can be picked up."

He said it would not be easy for African-American males today to pick up that torch because Af-

frican-American males aged from 15 to 24 are dying in unprecedented numbers. One-third were killed in homicide cases, and of that one-third, 95 percent were killed at the hands of other black males. He said society will have to look to the leadership of African-American women who graduate high school in numbers twice that of their male counterparts.

"The black male is simply not around in numbers to get the job done. We are going to be more dependent on black women than any other time in our history," Edwards said.

In reference to the success of past movements and racial integration, he said "things have simply not worked out."

Integration is imperative in a pluralistic society, but "integration gone mad" has been a barrier to advancements of African-Americans, he said. "The black middle class is totally dependent on the institutional resources of other people, most notably, our white liberal sponsorship."

Edwards said he feels the situation in Watts is worse off now than it was in 1965 despite political representation. He stated that political representation without political institutional viability of the community represented is a farce. He said "we must change the direction of a society as a whole."

He said he hopes the changing political structure in Eastern Europe will provide more jobs and resources that will have an economic impact on the African-American middle class. He called for the need to have a new priority on education that validates a plu-

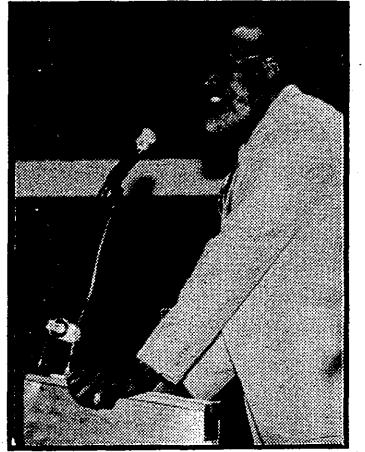


Photo by Jonathan Burton
Professor Harry Edwards

ralistic society.

In response to the AIDS epidemic, he also stressed the need for morality to be talked about and learned, reasoning that, "The basis of morality is practicality."

He said many problems in the African-American community were linked to "moral and spiritual degradation that derives from the experience of a people who have been led to believe that they are unworthy. Their culture, their institutions, their capabilities and interests are all unworthy of being sustained and their only salvation is to become as much like somebody else as possible — to move to the suburbs and to become white."

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visible president who has some sort of connection with them," Thrush said.

"It's a bit ironic that we've only got two out of 13 seats to make this feeling amongst students clear to the committee," he said.

Kradjan said the A.S. will be making up hand-bills or flyers and petitions to raise awareness about the issue and to get support for more student involvement on the committee.

"If this was the first time the issue was ever addressed, it might be different," he said. "But the problem of student representation

came up in the last hiring process and in the 1982 hiring process."

In the 1982 presidential search process the A.S. filed a lawsuit for inadequate consideration. It was concluded that by dropping litigation, the board of trustees would seek methods of increasing awareness and involvement of students in major issues affecting the university.

Kradjan said the recently created Faculty Senate Committee guidelines addresses this issue. This agreement created a standard of treatment for students on the committees. It was ap-

proved by the board of trustees and set a precedent of the level the university places students in decision-making roles.

"It's come up in different forms, but there's a certain underlying expectation that goes with them," Kradjan said. "They're telling us they're not living up to those expectations and I think we have a right to call them on it and tell them so."

"I think there is an assumption that students don't need to be that involved in a decision like this," Thrush said. "But we have to have an equal voice in this decision."

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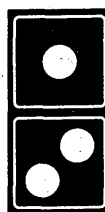
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Bellingham summer music festival is being planned

By Josh Barnhill
staff reporter

A promised \$15,000 grant from the Western Foundation could help make Western the centerpiece of a planned annual international music festival in Bellingham this August, said Dean of Fine and Performing Arts Robert Sylvester.

Sylvester spearheads an effort to bring the American Sinfonietta, a 45-member professional orchestra, to campus from Aug. 21 to Sept. 6. Several groups and soloists would perform in a festival that could eventually rival the Shakespearean festival in Ashland, Ore. as a tourist draw and cultural event, he said.

The project would cost from \$160,000 to \$175,000. The Western Foundation and the Bellingham City Council have each pledged \$15,000. Sylvester said he and a group of supporters need to confirm \$45,000 in private donations within three weeks. Most of the difference is supposed to come from ticket sales.

The Western Foundation channels corporate and private

donations to projects and programs at Western that enhance the community. The foundation does not receive money from students or the state budget.

Businesses and individuals can make tax-deductible gifts to the festival via the Western Foundation at Old Main 445. Dondi Cupp, director of annual giving for the foundation, said a memo on the check or an accompanying note must specifically designate the gift for the Bellingham International Music Festival.

Sylvester said Western students will receive several cultural and educational benefits from the proposed festival. Before its concerts, the American Sinfonietta would conduct open rehearsals, giving students a glimpse at professional music-making. The orchestra would also conduct institutes with Western music students individually and in small groups.

"In time, these institutes will create concerts themselves," he said.

Sylvester said the orchestra's director, Michael Palmer, thinks Western might be what his touring group is looking for — a

permanent summer home.

"Western is gorgeous in the summertime — a great environment for a very special kind of festival," Sylvester said.

Festival organizers plan eight orchestra concerts by the Sinfonietta, four chamber music concerts, a children's concert and two to four jazz concerts.

Groups would use Western's Performing Arts Center, the Mount Baker Theater and a site in the San Juan Islands.

"It's not only the level, it's the environment. They want to play together with others in an outstanding atmosphere. That's what a festival is all about," he said.

The American Sinfonietta draws its members from big-city orchestras and university faculties. It performs classical works, including those by Mendelssohn, Beethoven, Haydn and Mozart.

The Western Gallery, Performing Arts Series, Associated Student Productions, Outdoor Sculpture Garden and performances like "The Magic Flute" and "A Chorus Line" have prepared Western and Bellingham for a large music event every summer, Sylvester said.

CRIME: Some students want more night patrols on foot

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Other students said they feel safe, but would like to see more foot patrols.

Tyler Wood, graduate student in speech pathology and audiology, said he feels safe on campus but he's never seen security after dark on foot or in a car. "I think they should patrol at night on foot."

Julie Tubbs, graduate student in environmental education, said she feels safe on campus during the day and at night before the library closes. But she also said she is concerned because she never sees officers on foot after dark.

Doughty said he expects the crime rate will go up next year for two reasons: More students are living in resident halls and 1992 was the first year Western has had a full working staff of 13 officers.

According to a study done by campus police two years ago, 35 to 40 percent of arrests are made by officers going out in public and making contact. With more officers working; more arrests will be made, Doughty said.

Western's police force has had a rocky decade. In 1975 it was commissioned as a police force but not permitted to carry guns. By 1988, a full-scale debate raged over the gun issue, Doughty said. In the end, the force was decommissioned altogether and relegated to security and public services. It was commissioned again in 1990 and allowed to carry firearms.

Despite the extensive debate and discussion surrounding the gun issue, Doughty said he received only one complaint since the force has been armed.

All state universities in Washington, except Evergreen State College, have armed police

forces.

During the two years the force was decommissioned, Bellingham police patrolled Western's campus as part of their jurisdiction. And while Western's force was commissioned and unarmed, they had to rely on Bellingham police to back them up on serious calls.

"The officers feel a whole lot better knowing they can do the job right and protect themselves if they ever need to," Doughty said. "That was always our contention. We're not saying we need to every day, but when we do need it, there's no substitute."

Hutchinson said she agrees. "It makes sense. I think it gives them validity and authority when problems do arise."

But other students said they don't feel comfortable with campus police carrying guns.

"I guess if they're real policemen then they should have guns, but I don't think it's that great of an idea," Tubbs said.

Wood said he doesn't think they should carry guns at all. "I like the British police system where they don't carry guns, period."

But Doughty said he believes recommissioning the police force with fire arms has enhanced their rapport with the campus community.

"When the policing was done by people who were not part of the university community, the perception was that they were outsiders coming into the community," he said. "We're doing all that police work now and we're doing it the right way. Our community is back to saying: 'This is our community police. We like these guys.' I think the cooperation is much greater."

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Higher exchange rates keeping more Canadians at home

By Chris Geer
staff reporter

The number of Canadians traveling through Whatcom County last year dropped by 17,000 people from 1991, said John Cooper of the Whatcom County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The dwindling Canadian traffic can be attributed to a drop in the value of the Canadian dollar late last summer along with the tax and duty costs Canadians must tack onto the price of goods purchased in the United States. The combination of these factors and the sluggish Canadian economy has made shopping in Whatcom County less of a bargain than it once was. Cooper also speculates that aggressive marketing by Canadian merchants has helped keep Canadians at home.

Craig Baron, general manager

of the Lakeway Inn in Bellingham cited the turbulent Canadian political atmosphere as another reason more Canadians are staying home.

Canada's government faces many obstacles after the failure of a referendum which would have granted limited autonomy to the French-speaking province of Quebec late last year. Those in favor of the referendum hoped it would unify the country. Because of its failure, the future of the federal government is uncertain.

The government is concentrating more on restructuring rather than bringing the exchange rate down. The high exchange rate in addition to duties on purchased goods, has kept many Canadian's at home.

"The Canadian government is in the process of working out some pretty heavy issues. Probably not much will change until the re-



Photo by John Lindblom

Bellis Fair still bustles with British Columbians, but fewer Canadians are coming.

structuring issues are answered," Baron said.

Baron said it is important for the exchange rate to come down and stabilize at about 18 percent before Canadian business matches its previous volume.

"If there is an opportunity for the dollar to adjust itself...it will be a dovetailing (effect) of the restructuring of the government," Baron said.

Cooper said his research indicates the drop in Canadian visitors is cyclical.

"Five years ago our figures were about the same as they are now. We're at the bottom of a bell-shaped bloop and we should start picking up again," Cooper said.

The decrease in Canadian traffic was part of an overall decline in the use of visitor information centers operated by the Visitors Bureau at four sites: Bellis Fair Mall, the Bellingham Ferry Cruise Terminal, the summer State Welcome Center in Custer and the main office on Potter Street in Bellingham. The centers are designed to advise trav-

elers about local shopping, dining, sleeping accommodations and recreation.

Visitor Bureau statistics indicate that while Canadian tourism decreased, use of the information centers increased among Whatcom County residents. Cooper said the numbers support travel trends and demonstrates travelers are staying home to explore their own regions.

The Visitors Bureau estimates non-county residents spent \$73 million in Whatcom County in 1991.

AIDS: Students with HIV suffer from denial, official says

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are infected with the HIV virus, which causes AIDS. Western's population is no exception, but the HIV-infected students are afraid to identify themselves, she said.

"I can't tell you their stories," Fabiano said, "because they're terrified. They suffer from a disease here at Western which is more deadly than the virus that they carry in their bloodstream, and that is the disease of denial and... fear. It's this...denial and fear that keep people who are HIV positive, who are living with AIDS on this campus, from openly getting the support and the care that they deserve and that

they need."

Fabiano, who worked at Stanford University when its first openly HIV-infected student went public, said Stanford had to own up to its spoken ideals in supporting HIV-positive students, and that Western will eventually face the same test. She said within one to three years, everyone at Western would probably know somebody with AIDS.

The Whatcom County health department offers tests for HIV antibodies for about \$20. The presence of HIV antibodies in a person's blood forecasts the presence of AIDS.

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Note-taking service struggles to survive

By Robyn Johnson
staff reporter

Some Western students have the luxury of listening to general university requirement (GUR) lectures without frantically taking large volumes of notes and trying to grasp new terminology or dates. They have taken advantage of University Note Taking Services (UNTS).

UNTS is a non-profit Associated Students' service which provides course notes in the form of detailed outlines for GUR students to purchase as study aids. Unfortunately, few students are buying the winter quarter notes and UNTS may be forced to close after spring quarter if sales don't improve.

At the end of the first week of class, complimentary class notes were compiled and distributed to students enrolled in the six UNTS classes. This sample allows students to evaluate the outline notes and determine if they will purchase the notes weekly at \$3-5 or quarterly at \$17-23 per course.

Notes are available every Monday or the day before a test if it takes place during the week. A syllabus is kept for each class so the person taking notes knows when tests are scheduled.

"Fall quarter I tried to figure

out why things were not going well with sales," said Elizabeth Bye, UNTS coordinator. "I thought, expand! Get as many classes as I could. But it didn't work."

Bye has tried advertising, mid-term flyers, as well as free samples, but nothing seems to stimulate sales.

"I have quality note takers," Bye said. "We get the notes ready on time and our prices are good. I wish I knew what would work."

"UNTS is a useful service for students who have difficulty taking notes. They can concentrate on what the professor is saying and the UNTS notes can augment their learning process," said Jim Schuster, associate director for operations of the Viking Union and Associate Students (AS) adviser.

Schuster said the UNTS needs to be a break-even service and it isn't appropriate for the AS to subsidize it for students.

Jack Smith, director of the Viking Union and activities adviser, said a note-taking service was started at Western in the late 1960s. This service, Humanities Helpers, was operated by students as an independent corporation.

"At that point in time there were more larger general university classes that filled lecture halls and the performing arts center,"

Smith said. "It was a large market and it was a profitable venture."

A few years later, a total review of GUR classes was made and students were given more options. The number of classes offered became larger, class size became smaller and the market was no longer profitable.

A backlog of notes is kept for the entire quarter. As testing begins, students can purchase any weekly outline. Previous notes from other classes and professors are available, but are not guaranteed 100 percent accurate for the present quarter. A professor may have changed curriculum or added current events to his or her winter lectures.

Senior Lora Everett purchased notes her freshman year and is now a note taker for Geology 101.

"I was sick for a week my freshman year," Everett said. "I bought Sociology 101 notes to help me catch up and it really helped."

Bye said UNTS wants to offer the best possible service to Western students, but they need student and faculty input on how to improve UNTS and justify the program's continuation.

Notes can be purchased from noon-4 p.m., Monday through Friday in VU 218.

Plastic recycling codes deciphered

By Todd McGee
staff reporter

Recycling is nothing new to Whatcom County — unless you're recycling plastics. The new service is causing confusion because some types of plastics can't be recycled.

Laura Steiger, office manager for Environmental Resource Services, said there are seven primary types of plastics and each is made with a different plastic resin. A triangular code on or near the bottom of each container or bag lists a code — one through seven — that identifies the different resins used when making the plastics.

Non-coded containers may contain mixed resins, making the containers non-recyclable. A single mixed-resin container can ruin a whole batch of otherwise recyclable plastic. If there is no code, don't recycle it.

Even though plastic recycling is something new for the county, Western's bookstore has recycled plastic bags for the past two years.

"Students who wish to recycle large quantities of plastic bags can put them in one bag and leave it next to the plastic recycling box at the front of the Student Co-Op Bookstore," said George Elliott, the store's general manager. "Not only are the bags recycled, but we can save resources and money by re-using our bags that are in good condition. From a business standpoint we are really saving money."

Steiger suggested individuals re-use plastics in addition to recycling.

"Most of the mailing services in Bellingham accept Styrofoam pellets or peanuts and reuse them for packing. They will not accept chunks of Styrofoam that are used to package new home appliances and stereo equipment," she said.

The types of plastics recycled in Whatcom County are:

- Type 1 Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET). This clear plastic is sometimes used to make bottles for pop, peanut butter, cooking oil, salad dressing or mouthwash.
- Type 2 High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE). This opaque plastic is used for milk jugs and cleaning products such as detergent and bleach. To recycle: sort clear and colored containers, remove lids, rinse and flatten.

Some type-2 plastics aren't recycled in Whatcom County, including margarine or yogurt tubs, motor oil containers and containers colored black, brown or gray.

Trash can liners in those colors are acceptable because they are Type 4 Low-Density Polyethylene (LDPE). This plastic is most often used for shopping bags, food wrap and bread bags.

Environmental Resource Service officials urge people who recycle to make sure bags are clean and dry.

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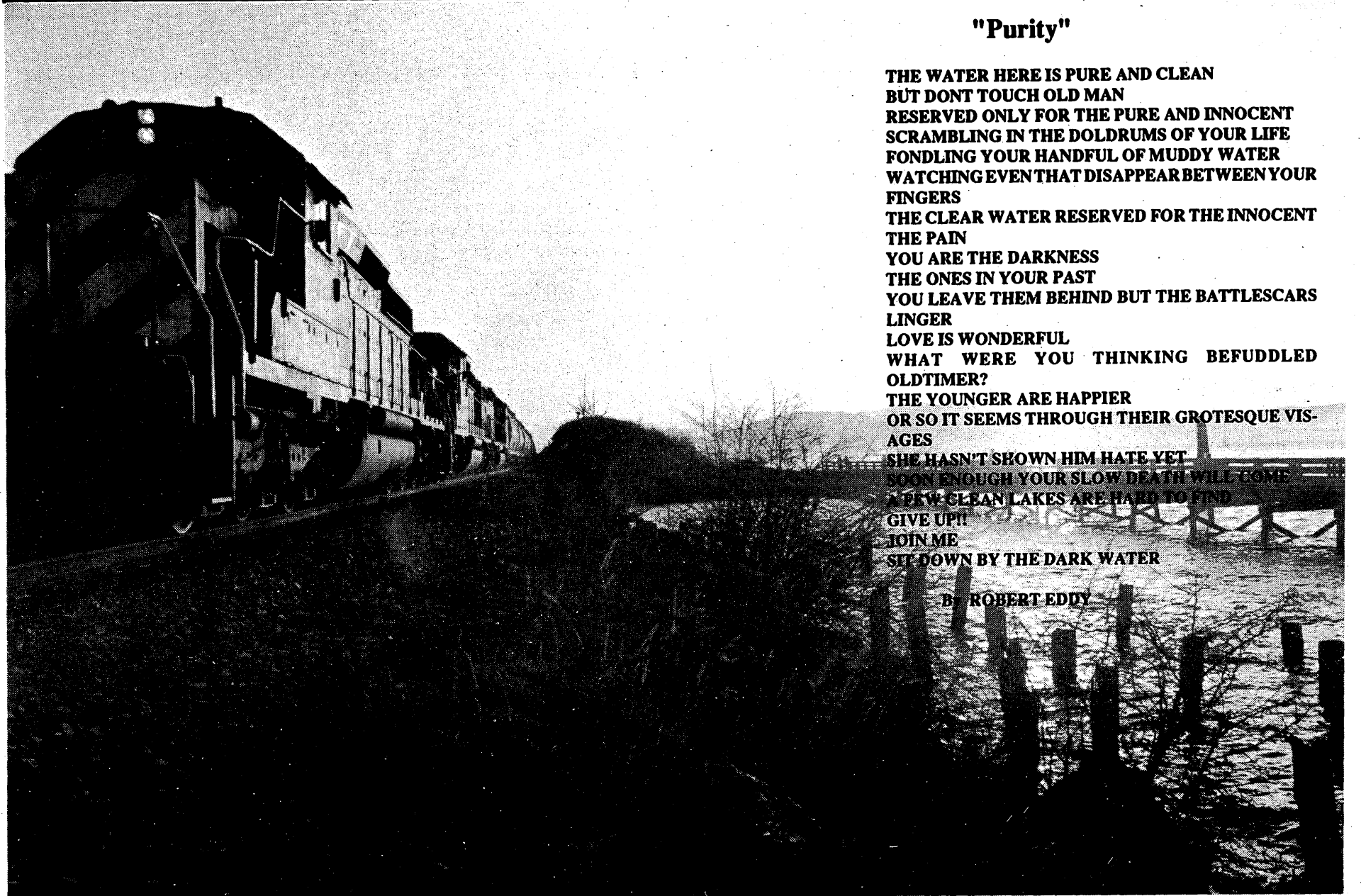
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BY ROBERT EDDY

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 ASP Films presents *Glengarry Glen Ross*.
 AH 100, 6:30 & 9:00 p.m., \$2.

Friday, February 12
 Outdoor Center presents *Film Night*. AH 100, 7 p.m.

Friday, February 12
 Black History Month Celebration and Fairhaven Film Series presents *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner*. Discussion following. Fairhaven Auditorium, 7:30 p.m., \$2.

Friday, February 12
 Black History Month Celebration Food Fair. VU Main Lounge, noon.

SPORTS & RECREATION

Saturday, February 13 - February 15
 Outdoor Center presents *Backcountry Ski Tour*. For more info call 650-7334.

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 Outdoor Center presents *Sea Kayak*. For more information call 650-7334.

CLUBS AND INFORMATION

Tuesday, February 9
 Black Student Network & ASP presents *"Sister, Sister" Women of Color Reception*. VA 461, 4 p.m., FREE.

Wednesday, February 10
 Black Student Network & ASP presents *Black Men & Women's Roundtable*. Fairhaven Lounge Stack 1, 6:30 p.m., FREE.

Thursday, February 11
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theater preview

Release your pagan side with 'The Bacchae'

By Margret Graham
staff reporter

Sex, violence, nature and female power are the essence of "The Bacchae," Euripides' ancient Greek tragedy, which plays in the Performing Arts Center (PAC) Feb. 17-21.

The fresh translation of the 2,400-year-old text, and six modern dance sections choreographed by Nolan Dennett, combine for an "exciting evening of theater," said director James Lortz, a theater arts professor.

"It's not a history lesson in Greek theater. (The audience) is going to see a play," he said.

The story follows the downfall of King Pentheus, played by John Talvitie, Jr., a proud and arrogant young man who denies the power of Dionysus, god of wine and sensuality, played by Caroline Fuller. The god's bloody vengeance drives the vio-

lently frenzied plot.

"One of the ideas we had way back was the visceralness of the piece, getting in touch with the animal," Lortz said. "We all have that pagan, animal side that needs its release, through whatever bacchanalian

'It's not a history lesson in Greek theatre. (The audience) is going to see a play.'

**-Jim Lortz,
director**

rite."

The 14-member chorus acts out the primal drive of the Bacchae, Dionysus' (also called Bacchus) female followers, whom he stirs to the peak of fury. The dance numbers require great physical exertion.

The Bacchae are unleashed to shred, rip and gash everything in their path.

"It feels good," chorus member Kristen Allen said with emphasis. "It's very powerful...In the last scene we go completely all out. There's no thinking involved — it's completely animalistic."

Allen said most of the chorus members "have never danced on a large scale before "but haven't held back at all."

Fuller faces the challenge of playing a male, and an immortal one at that.

She got the part after general auditions, in which each actor read a monologue by Agave, mother of King Pentheus. "I was really low and big with it. I went in and did it different, more masculine that she would have," said Fuller.

"Everything's so foreign about it—the language, the ideas, the part itself," she said. "But after a while you start to find the part of you that fits into that realm and live through it in rehearsal."

Talvitie's King Pentheus, young and headstrong, pits himself against the drunken orgies which are the trademark of Dionysus' followers.

"Wine represents a communion with nature," Talvitie said. "The drunken stupor means allowing a godlike spirit to inhabit you. Pentheus is incapable of that and is against anything foreign coming into his body."

Pentheus suffers for his resistance and ends up decapitated. The severed head required Talvitie to sit through two castings, his head and open mouth covered with alginate, and it's quite gruesome.

Other parts of the play include representational violence. Two women of the chorus at one point slit their male dance partners' throats and lick the gore from their hands, Lortz said. Mother Nature's horrific and destructive side overwhelms the civilized and nurturing, but both sides are essentially female.



Photo courtesy of theatre arts department

'The Bacchae,' a 2,400-year-old Greek play, opens Feb. 17.

Award-winning Quartet Sine Nomine visits Western during seven-city US tour

By Beth Matthews
staff reporter

The internationally recognized Quartet Sine Nomine will perform at 3 p.m., Feb. 14 in the Performing Arts Center Concert Hall.

Quartet Sine Nomine has made appearances in Switzerland, France, Italy, Germany, the Netherlands, England and Ireland. Now the quartet is beginning its 1992-93 season with a seven-city tour of the western United States.

Since the quartet came together in Lausanne, Switzerland in 1975, it has received several awards.

In 1985 the quartet won the Press Prize and first prize at the Evian International String Quartet Competition. The first-place tradition continued two years later when it won the first Paulo Barciano Competition.

Quartet Sine Nomine made its North American debut during their 1991-92 tour. Among the members fondest memories is their performance on Minnesota's Public Radio's "St. Paul Morning" national broadcast.

Quartet Sine Nomine performs quartets by Schubert, Mendelssohn and Dvorak. They have released four recordings on the leading French label, ERATO. In 1989, the Melos Quartet from Germany studied and toured with the Quartet Sine Nomine. Later that season, the two quartets joined together to perform at the Melos Quartet's 25 anniversary celebration in Germany.

Tickets are available at Western's Plaza Cashier for \$16 general admission, \$14 for seniors and \$8 for students. For more information call the College of Fine and Performing Arts at (206) 650-3866.



Photo courtesy of Western's Public Information Office

The Quartet Sine Nomine Performs works written by Schubert, Mendelssohn and Dvorak at 3 p.m. Feb. 14 at the Performing Arts Center Concert Hall.



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The figure of Dionysus, described in the script as a very feminine-looking man, lends a meaning to the play that is "closer to the true essence of feminism," said Trish Davies, theater arts publicist. "It's an integration of traditional masculine and feminine qualities — the positive qualities of both."

"The Bacchae" will be presented Wednesday, Feb. 17-Feb. 21. Except for Sunday's performance, which begins at 2 p.m., all curtain times are 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for students, \$6 for seniors and staff and \$8 for all others.

They can be purchased at the Plaza Cashier. "The Bacchae" is not recommended for children.

Students encouraged to write for Jeopardy

By Nicci Noteboom
staff reporter

Future Walt Whitmans, William Shakespeares, Robert Frosts, Emily Dickensons and Sylvia Plaths take note! Feb. 15 is the deadline to submit writings to Jeopardy magazine. Jeopardy is Western's literary magazine. It features poetry, essays and short stories.

Judy Collins, Jeopardy's editor, encourages everyone to contribute. She said people often don't submit their work because they think it won't fit the mix of the magazine.

"I don't care what it's about. I've got one right here about a ladybug and I love it. It's wonderful," Collins said.

Collins originally wanted to use a theme based on the Columbian Quincentennial for the magazine, but the idea didn't work

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New Plays By Students

Students write and produce original theatre

By Kris Alexander
staff reporter

Original, up-to-the minute theater is the substance of Fairhaven's "New Plays by Students" (NPS). The student-written pieces will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 13 and 14 in the Fairhaven Auditorium.

NPS uses the same production format as Western's "New Playwright's Theatre" (NPT). Students submit original scripts to be directed and performed by other students. The pieces are performed script-in-hand, allowing the playwright to change and improve the piece right up to the last minute.

"It's usually very exciting for the audience because they are seeing plays that are appearing for the first time on any stage," said Fairhaven Professor Daniel Lerner. Lerner founded NPT in 1975, when he was head of Western's theater arts department play writing program. "They're eager to see what's new and that excitement affects everyone. It's a very special occasion," he said.

"You're going to see original work ... by peers," said Sean Walbeck, program director. "You're going to see issues that are at least familiar to you, which you're not going to see on television or film. You're going to get exposed to seeing stuff in the theater, as opposed to watching theater at home. ...It's also a lot of fun."

Walbeck said the program allows ac-

tors a reprieve from the work of complex blocking (character movements), memorization, line interpretation and costuming.

"It eliminates all of that and it says, 'You've got the script. You've got the lines there. Characterization to the hilt. Go for it!'" Walbeck said.

Instead, actors read their lines directly from the script, construct costumes from

he's been pursuing all day," Walbeck explained.

"Benches", by Kevin Perron, is a love story between two not-so-popular people. The play examines society's perception of relationships.

Erin Williams' "Little Tree Community College" is a farce about the typical community-college atmosphere.

"It's about an all-whacked-out, retro-sixties teacher who is teaching a sociology class," said director Jennifer Page. "It's the first day of class and a retired professor comes in and takes the class hostage."

Jeremy Kriss' "Final Solution" is about a man who's been arrested for a crime and no one will tell him what he's being accused of.

"Renovations", by Leonard Fitzgerald, is a serious piece about an elderly man who tries to aid the uncomfortable relationship between a woman, her son and her live-in boyfriend.

The program was moved to Fairhaven this quarter because of tight space in the theater department. Walbeck hopes the change will break down some of the communication barriers between Fairhaven and Western's theater department, allowing more Fairhaven scripts to be performed. He believes that both colleges possess talented playwrights; their writing styles are just different.

"These are the voices of the future," he said.

'It's usually very exciting for the audience because they are seeing plays that are appearing for the first time on any stage.'

-Daniel Lerner

their normal day-to-day clothing and perform in a small space.

Directors' tasks are also lessened, allowing maximum focus on characterization. Movement, lighting, and other technical aspects are minimal.

This quarter's program features six pieces, both comical and serious. "To Each His Own", written by Dylan Bryan-Dolman, is a bisexual comedy of manners.

"A gay man, who has just had an afternoon of wild abandon with a straight woman, has to deal with his lover coming home. (The lover) is trying to avoid a gay man



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Briefs

• Mama Sundays will present award-winning singer and songwriter Cathy Braaten, who will perform at 8 p.m. Feb. 5 in the Viking Union Coffee Shop.

• Thomas Chavez will be signing "In Search of Quivera: Spanish Exploration on the Plains" and "An Illustrated History of New Mexico" at noon on Feb. 19 at the Student Cop Bookstore. Copies of "Manuel

Alvarez, 1794-1856" and "Conflict and Acculturation" will also be available.

• The Bellingham Theatre Guild is currently presenting "Crimes of the Heart," by Beth Henley. Remaining shows will be at 8 p.m. Feb. 10, 11 and 12. A 2 p.m. matinee will be Feb. 7. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors and students and \$5 for children.

• Native American rights activist and attorney, Walter Echo-Hawk will talk about "Native American Religious Freedom: 500 years after Columbus." The event will take place at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 11 in the Whatcom Museum's Rotunda Room. The presentation is free to the public.

• The Outdoor Center will present a back-county ski tour for

up to eight people at Whistler ski area Feb. 13, 14 and 15. The cost is only \$40 per person. Interested persons must have intermediate Nordic skiing ability. For more information, contact the Outdoor Center.

• Speedy O' Tubbs' welcomes Gnome with Bathub Gin and Brain Feed Feb. 12. They will present Tough Mama Feb. 13.

• The Up & Up will present Stymie with Monroe's Fur and The Meek Feb. 12. They will have a C/Z records release party with Dirt Fisherman, Vexed and Dunebuggy Feb. 13.

• The Bellingham Chamber Music Society will perform a winter concert at 8:15 p.m. Feb. 20 in the Whatcom Museum's Rotunda Room.

Native American author will share her perspective

THE HUBLESS WHEEL:



A READING SERIES OF ETHNIC AND MINORITY WRITERS
1992-93

By Vanessa Blackburn
staff reporter

Oklahoma resident and Osage Indian Charlotte DeClue will venture to the Pacific Northwest for the first time as the next speaker in the Hubless Wheel, a series of readings by ethnic and minority writers.

DeClue will be reading from her newer works as well as the recently published "Stiletto 2," a joint project by various authors. She is, however, the only Native American writer in the collection. She will be reading from her section, "Ten Good Horses," a collection of poems.

She has been labeled as a "renaissance" Native American poet by the Modern Language Association, but she said that was five years ago and she is tired of being "new and emerging."

"I've been writing for 14 years," DeClue said. "And since

I've been labeled 'new and emerging' I have been breaking my back. I am not new anymore, and I've finally started convincing people of that."

The competition in her field is rugged, she said, and this has worn her down.

"It gives me a fierce headache to be competing with my brothers and sisters," she said. "I just don't want to do that anymore, but I am addicted to writing."

Her new manuscript, "Blanket Poems," is a call for Native Americans to get back to their

traditional ways, or back to the "blanket." This collection of poems will be the last poetry she writes for a while, however. "I'm sick to death of poetry," she said. "It's a dead end for me. I'm going to be moving on to prose

from now on."

She is presently looking for a publisher for her manuscript, but said the more her poetry is read at events such as the Hubless Wheel, the more there will be demand that she gets published. DeClue has been very politically active during the last few years.

She has actively worked for prisoners' rights, and she did a signature campaign in support of the American Indian Religious Freedom Act, which was brought before the U.S. Senate Select Committee hearings in November.

She also fought recently for a

14-year-old Mojave Indian girl who was on trial for murder in Oklahoma.

"They were trying her as an adult, and this is typical of the racist tack on Indians, especially women. They wanted to hang us all," she said.

DeClue said she is trying to stay out of politics, but sometimes that can be hard.

"The issues I fight for speak to the heart, and because I have spoken up I've been labeled an activist. Whenever someone speaks up it is considered a threat."

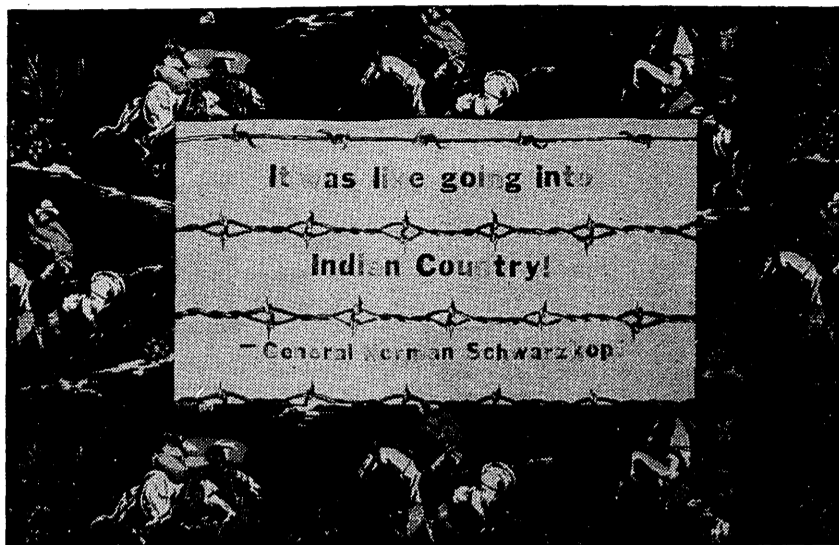
For example, I am now re-learning the native language of my people, and that in itself is political. I'm on the front line out here," she said.

DeClue's reading is 7 p.m. February 17 in Western's Lecture Hall #2. For more information about the Hubless Wheel reading series telephone Omar Castaneda at 647-6104.

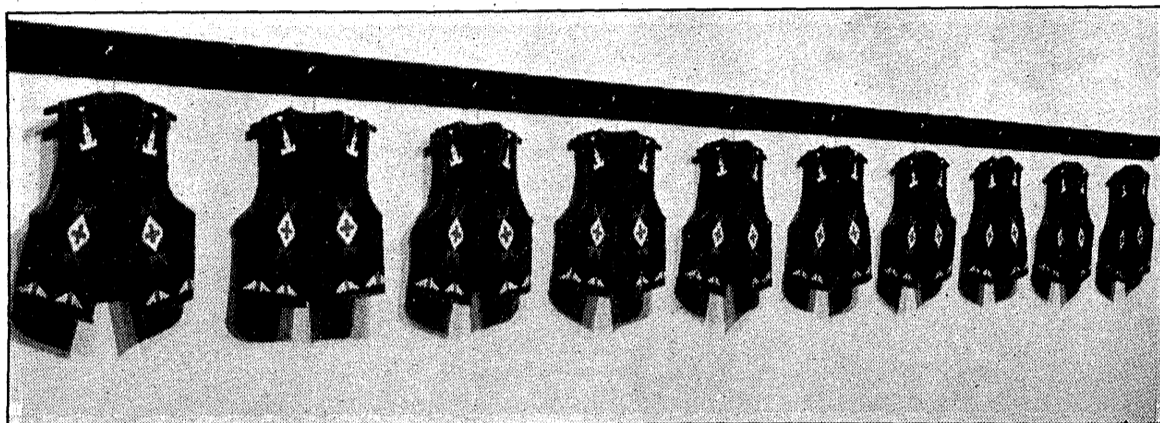
Western Gallery displays Native American art work



The Western Gallery will show an exhibit by Elaine Reinchek from Feb. 6 to March 13. The show is titled "Native Intelligence" and features manipulated photos and paintings of 19th century Native Americans. Reinchek makes large-scale collages of photos by painting over them and adding fibers and knitting to them. Reinchek is from New York. Her work was exhibited at New York University's Gray Art Gallery before coming to Western.



Photos by Todd McGee



Jeopardy: professionals and amateurs come together

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because not many writers related directly to the consequences of the Columbus' arrival.

A general theme, meeting and consequences, developed indi-

rectly from the previous idea.

Though meeting and consequences is the underlying theme of *Jeopardy*, Collins said she doesn't want possible contribu-

tors to have to conform to the theme.

"Meeting and consequences in an oblique way fits almost anything," Collins said. "It's been wonderful to see the theme emerge with a life of its own."

Collins said this issue of *Jeopardy* will be different from past issues because it will place student work alongside professional work. In the past, *Jeopardy* had sectioned off work by students and professionals.

"We're interspersing student work right along with the professional work because it bears up so well," Collins said.

Collins is also making an effort to reach writers in the Whatcom County area.

"We're trying to bridge between the university, the community, the region and the nation," she said.

National writers include Cristanne Balk, who won the Walt Whitman poetry award from the Academy of American Poets in 1985.

One regional contributor is Jim Bertolino, a member of Western's English faculty. Bertolino said *Jeopardy* is a good magazine to contribute to because it publishes student work and professional work together.

Stephen Poulin, a graduate student in English, is a student contributor. Poulin looks forward to seeing his poetry published.

"I'm a little excited. It's always nice to be part of a publication that's from your school," Poulin said.

Jeopardy has received 300 entries from approximately 30 writers. *Jeopardy* is in several magazine listing services and has received contributions from

people in Maine and Ohio.

Collins said she and her volunteer readers look for detailed imagery and expressive use of language in the writing. Aside from grammar and spelling, no revisions are made.

Submissions should not exceed 10-15 pages.

Those who want to contribute work to *Jeopardy* should send it, along with a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

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Viking women knock off Central

By Andrew Pendll
staff reporter

Centers Gina Sampson and Tracy Johnson combined for 40 points and 21 rebounds to lead the Western women's basketball team to a 73-58 victory over district-one opponent Central Washington University Saturday night in Carver Gym.

Western's defense, ranked ninth nationally in rebounding percentage (56.3), consistently

held the Wildcats to only one shot by out-rebounding Central's offense, 25-14.

Central shot only 30 percent (17 of 57) from the field, while Western hit 48 percent (28 of 59) of their shots.

Vikings coach Carmen Dolfo said the team did a good job of slowing down on the transition from defense to offense and taking the time to look for the open shot.

"The key for us offensively tonight was we moved the ball," Dolfo said.

Sampson was the initial target of the Vikings' passes. She scored 16 of her 19 points before the break and Western led by 10, 33-23, at halftime.

In the second half, Tracy Johnson came off the bench, picked up where Sampson left off, and scored 18 of her game-high 21 points.

"She (Johnson) just relaxed and called for the ball and made hard moves to the hoop," Dolfo said.

"They were just finding me a lot and I was taking my time on my shot," Johnson said.

"All our offenses worked tonight; that's the bottom line," Johnson added.



Photo by Steve Dunkelberger

Gina Estep waits for the rebound against Central.

The win places Western in the thick of the playoff chase with a record of 14-11 overall, 6-6 in district play.

"We ... needed this (win) for confidence and it was a positive experience," Johnson said.

Gina Estep scored 11 points for the Vikings and Alissia Lumpkin added another eight. Johnson had a game-high 12 rebounds, while Sampson grabbed nine.

The Wildcats were led by Michelle Hiebert's 15 points and Barbara Shuel's 12.

The Vikings have two home games remaining in the regular season and play against Seattle Pacific at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 9. The last home game will be against Simon Fraser at 7:30, Feb. 12.

Sports Briefs

--Sailing

Western's sailing club tied for second with the University of Washington on Saturday at the Nelson Rolce Regatta at Portland State University.

--Snowboarding

Rick Schroeder took second and Hans Hillyre finished eighth, Jan. 30 and 31, at the Legendary Bank Slalom at Mount Baker.

Western men remain third in standings

The Western men's basketball team defeated Lewis-Clark State College, 78-64, in NAIA District 1 competition Saturday night in Lewiston, Idaho.

The win moves the Vikings to 13-9 overall and keeps them in sole possession of third place in the district at 4-3. The Warriors slipped to 15-13 and 3-5.

The Warriors led 35-32 at halftime, but Western tied the game at 48-48 with 11:23 left, then took the lead for good, 52-50, on a basket by guard Dwayne Kirkley with 10:14 to play.

Western had a 60-58 lead with 6:38 to go, then used a 17-2 run to put the game away, holding L-C State scoreless until 45 seconds were left.

Five Vikings scored in double figures. Forward Derrick Thomas, making his first start in the last six games, scored 14 points and grabbed eight rebounds. Guard Jeff Dick had 13 points; guard Jay Shinnick had 12 points and nine rebounds, all in the second half; and Kirkley and forward Joel Duchesne each had 10 points.

Guard Ron Waller led the Warriors with 15 points, 11 of them in the first half. Guard Jasen Thomas added 11 points and forward Kurt Schwan had 10 points and 10 rebounds.

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Kayaking pleasant way to experience nature in Northwest

By Robyn Johnson
staff reporter

Last Saturday, my husband and I headed to Padilla Bay, near Bayview State Park, to kayak and watch eagles. The spring-like weather and calm Puget Sound waters were a wonderful surprise.

Soaring overhead as we arrived, a bald eagle flew to a nearby nest and settled. Another eagle arrived, trilling beautifully as he flew. What a great start to a kayaking adventure and a great omen of things to come!

Our group of eleven met with Rich Lindstrom, owner of Northwest Sea Adventures, at the Breazeale Interpretive Center to learn about the estuary and our kayak route through it.

An estuary occurs when fresh water from rivers meets and mixes with salt water from the oceans. They are extremely rich habitats, diverse in plant and animal life, and serve as nurseries for many species. At Padilla Bay, a 7,500-acre seagrass meadow supports a large population of wintering waterfowl, including bald eagles.

After our briefing, we headed down to our assigned kayaks and found the gear we would need for the day. We were each given a personal flotation device (PFD) and a nylon kayak skirt, that made everyone look six month pregnant. When we got in our kayak, we were taught how to stretch the elastic edge around our seat and, equally important, how to get it off quickly, should the need arise. Two-sided paddles were handed out and we were ready to go.

Our greatest thrill was the bald eagles flying over our heads and perching on the nearby pilings. The kayaks were so quiet, you slid through the water and were almost one with nature. We got within thirty feet of one eagle that watched us suspi-

ciously as we returned his stare.

"Kayaks keep you close to the water," Lindstrom said. "You can explore close to the shore or out in the deeper waters."

We headed out toward the 7,500 acres of seagrasses, which helps make this estuary such an essential part of nature's food chain. Kim Austerman, a Huxley student, was paddling in the bow of Lindstrom's kayak. Austerman is doing her internship at Padilla Bay, working on a research project to write state policy on preservation and protection of the eelgrass. Eelgrass grass is not an algae or seaweed, but rather a flowering plant adapted to life in shallow salt-water. It is the critical habitat for the flocks of Black Brants that winter here.

The Brants soared like low-flying helicopters, settling into the water in front of our group. Their wings thumped when they all took off as we slowly approached them. We also saw several Great Blue Herons, along with many gulls and ducks.

A reclusive harbor seal dove in the distance. Every now and then his black head surfaced in the sparkling water.

Kayaking was a fabulous experience. Paddling one wasn't as hard as stroking a canoe since you had a two-sided paddle. You got into a rhythm that was easy to maintain. Since we were in a double kayak, conversation was easy because of the quiet ride. We were out for about three hours and no one was ready to quit.

Another plus: Kayaks are more stable than they appear. Believe me, the last thing I wanted to do on a February day was flip over and go swimming in the cold waters of Padilla Bay.

Our trip cost \$25 per person. We only brought lunches, drinking water and necessary clothing. If you want to try an easy water sport and see wild life, kayaking is your best bet.

Judo club flips over competition

By Mark Scholten
staff reporter

When I walked into the judo tournament in Carver Gym on Saturday and saw all the people in white outfits, I admit I looked around for Ralph Macchio and Pat Morita.

While they were nowhere to be found, 107 competitors of all ages, sizes and skill levels from around Washington and Canada were in Gym D for the tournament put on by the Western Judo Club.

Seven Western students participated, with five earning medals.

Judo has been a club sport at Western since May 1988.

This year the club boasts 26 members.

The sport of judo itself bears more of a resemblance to wrestling than it does to karate, with which it is often associated, but some of the Karate Kid stereotypes are true:

- The competitors are dressed in white outfits and the appropriately colored belt, which signifies skill level (black being the highest, then brown, green, etc.).

- Coaches frequently stand just off the mat barking instructions and encouragement to their students.

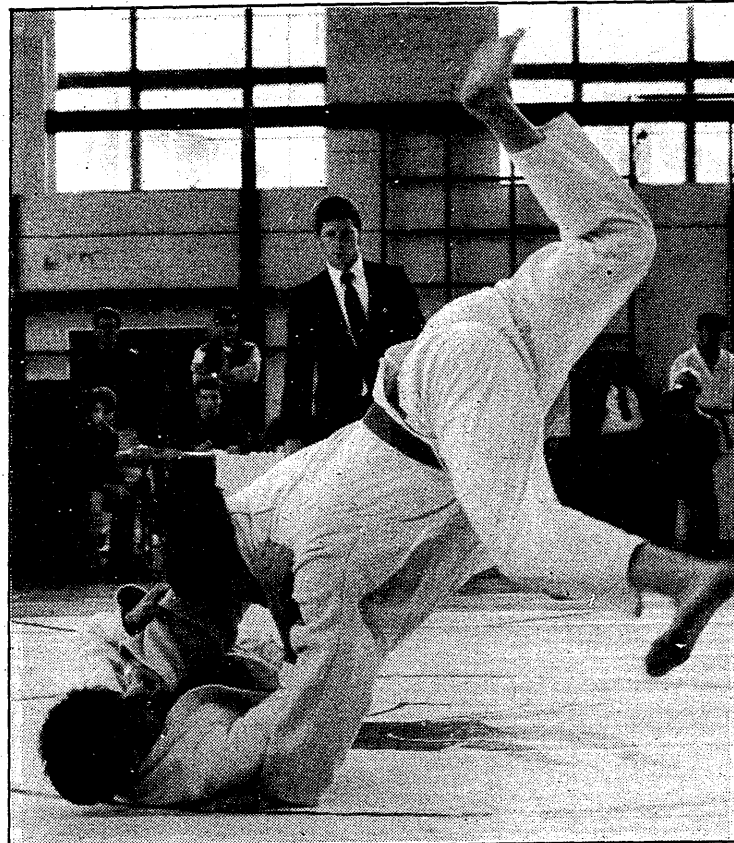


Photo by Diane Babcock

Western's Roy Blair takes on his opponent Saturday in a tournament in Carver Gym.

•There is the customary bowing before and after each contest.

The referees, in their stocking feet with their shoes sitting just off the mat, as tradition dictates, shout out the ancient oriental words signifying the points earned.

Action took place on two side-by-side mats all day Saturday, with the medal ceremony wrapping up the festivities.

The five members of the Western Judo Club who earned medals were Christian Ziebarth

(third place in his class), Dean Gruginski (third), Roy Blair (second), John Zinn (second) and Todd Gendrau, who claimed the gold medal in his division.

Mark Glaser, coach of the Judo Club and a participant in the tournament on Saturday, said he was pleased with the way the tournament went.

"Once it got running, it went fine," Glaser said. "It was pandemonium in the beginning, but eventually things got going smooth."

Foreign student lives fencing dream

By Renee Treider
staff reporter

Akira Watanabe started fencing more than a year ago in Japan when a friend suggested he try the sport.

Now he has a dream to become one of the best.

Watanabe is a foreign exchange student from Tokyo. He has been a student at Western for five months and said he was happy to find a fencing club on campus.

"I can't speak (English) well, so I can't get information with ease," Watanabe said. "Fortunately, I could get information about fencing club easily."

The fencing club practices from 7 to 9 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays. Watanabe said practicing increases his fencing ability, but it remains a challenge for him.

"It takes a long time to get the moves," he said. "I try very hard."

Watanabe has participated in four fencing tournaments. He finished fourth, third and fourth in his first three tournaments.

Jonathan Zold, fencing club president and Western student, said he enjoys having Watanabe in the fencing club.

"He made very good contributions," Zold said. "He comes to practice regularly, goes to tourna-

ments and does well. He is a good addition to the team."

Zold encourages students to join the fencing club with or without fencing experience because the members emphasize having fun.

"It's not overly competitive," Zold said. "We guide them through the first stages, so they will become more comfortable with the basics of fencing and be able to enjoy themselves."

Watanabe said he has enjoyed being a member of the fencing club and plans to continue fencing when he returns to Japan. He would like to gain the experience needed to become a successful fencer.

"It's my purpose," he said. "It's my dream."

The fencing club will attend the Valentine's Day Massacre tournament, Feb. 14 at the Chinook Theater in Fort Lewis. Men's foil begins at 10 a.m. and women's foil begins at 10:30 a.m.

Watanabe said he will be unable to participate in these tournaments because he returns to Japan Feb. 15 with Shigeru Nemoto, another foreign exchange student and fencing club member. Watanabe is excited to be returning home, but said he's sad to leave Western.

"I will miss my teachers and friends," Watanabe said. "I will be missing America."

Skier named outstanding athlete

Junior Ana Echter was the lone representative of the Western men's and women's ski teams, Feb. 5-7, at the conference championships at Crystal Mountain ski area.

Echter finished fourth in the Slalom behind three members of the U.S. ski team and eighth in the Grand Slalom. Echter qualified for the championships after being selected the outstanding athlete in the Northern division.

Echter qualified for the regionals which will be March 13-16 at Brundage, Idaho. She will need to work with her professors to make arrangements to make up the missed week of school, as well as search for funds

to cover the trip's expenses, team captain Jeff Sadis said.

The women's and men's team failed to qualify for the conference championships by one and four points respectively, after the last race of the season was cancelled due to bad weather.

Sadis said approximately the top ten men and women at the championships had European racing experience, including several women who had competed in the Europa Cup, which is one level of competition below the World Cup.

"The quality of athletes was beyond what I expected," Sadis said.

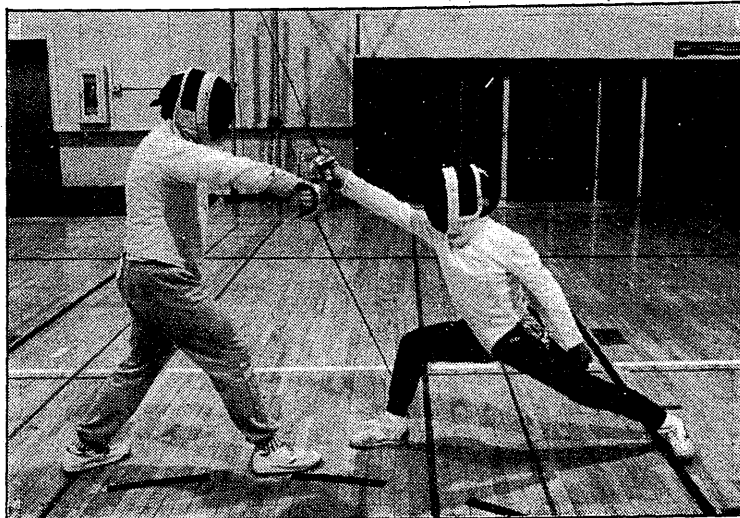


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Akira Watanabe (right) battles teammate Jonathan Zold.

Social scorn inhibits productive treatment of freed sex offenders



By Steve Dunkelberger
asst. issues/
opinions editor

How far should a society go in efforts to protect itself from sex offenders?

Recently, the Bellingham Police Department has issued warnings concerning a sex offender near campus. The warning provided his name, address, a mental

profile, vehicle type and license number and a mug shot. This is all legal under Section 117 of Senate Bill 6259 which was introduced in an effort to notify neighborhoods of possible dangerous people in the area.

This release of information goes too far. Would it not be enough to inform neighbors of the possible danger without stating his exact address?

Distribution of his personal information could follow him for as long as officials deem him a threat to society. This could be indefinite.

He has served his time, and although officials say he feels he has done nothing wrong nor seeks treatment, he is still a human being and should be treated as one.

A recent Oregon study concluded that 80 percent of sex offenders were abused themselves. Sex offenders are not monsters, but are who they have learned to be. Sexual abuse is what they grew up to think of as normal behavior. This man is branded with the scarlet letter of sex offender for acts he was conditioned to accept.

Granted, wanting to molest children is a disturbing mentality, but statistics show his mindset was skewed by being a victim of abuse himself. He needs treatment, not society's scorn. If he will not seek help himself, it should be made a mandatory-release condition.

Society has lost the idea that our prisons are for convict rehabilitation and not for "paying their debt

to society." In this respect the system has failed the offender as well as the neighborhood in which he lives.

This man is a possible danger. A 1990 report in the Archives of Sexual Behavior stated most convicted sex offenders repeat their crimes shortly after release. But he does not give up his rights because he has done wrong in the past.

The people living in the area around the local man have begun to circulate a petition in an effort to evict him from the neighborhood. This only pawns the problem onto some other unsuspecting neighborhood.

The problem still isn't solved. His rights should be balanced with those of his neighbors. He should go to treatment (forced if necessary), but should also be allowed to remain in his home.

What if a child he abused grows up to molest others? Should he/she be marked as a sexual predator or abuse survivor? They had no choice in the matter of abuse, much as he probably did not.

Sex crimes are different from others because the mental effects linger long after the crime was committed.

To change the behavior of offenders, officials must rehabilitate, and not just punish and release them into unsuspecting neighborhoods.

Washington has a very innovative sexual offender program which involves public and authority-run surveillance, but these efforts create nothing but a public sense of action and do not solve the problem of repeat offenders.

The money wasted on costly surveillance efforts would be better spent on finding efficient treatment and rehabilitation programs.

Lifting of 'gag rule' allows for intelligent choosing of sides

By Russ Kasselman
staff reporter

President Clinton has reopened the gates for the free flow of information by revoking the gag rule which restrained federally-funded clinics from providing information about abortion to those who wanted it. Information allows us to make decisions that will affect the rest of our lives. Information allows us to intelligently choose which side we will support.

Information about abortion is important because it explains pregnancy in medical terms. It also gives reasons why an abortion is a viable option to women who are pregnant and cannot or do not choose to complete their pregnancy for whatever reason.

Facts about abortion can be useful to pro-choice as well as pro-life advocates. Facts provide a basis to discuss the issue and give people a chance to make up their minds without mindlessly taking sides. Rhetoric and vehemence make for great speeches, but without facts to support them, speeches can be a lot of hot air.

The free flow of information

in the United States has always been one of the basic principles governing our society. The freedom to learn about a subject, especially a controversial one, and to make intelligent decisions based on that knowledge is the reason our democracy is successful.

The ability to learn from information made available to the public about issues that affect our lives is what makes America great. Restricting that flow of information contradicts everything our society stands for.

Some would have us follow the leader, but in order to pick a good leader we must know about that person. And in the same way, some would have us believe rhetoric and follow a crowd, but in order to choose the right crowd for ourselves we need to know how we feel. Information gives us that opportunity.

Removal of the gag rule has given us the opportunity to make an intelligent educated decision without having to guess at the facts. No more follow the leader. Find out what abortion is all about and choose your own side, intelligently.

What's in a name?

Department names overshadow the 'Mystery of Mort'



By Nicci Noteboom
staff reporter

The countdown to Mortimer's aloha has begun. Some of us shed tears into Mai Tais and Chi-Chis at the thought of a campus without Mort. Others do the hula and sing the Don Ho classic "Tiny Bubbles;" they say they never saw Mort while he was here and won't even notice when he's gone. This may be true, but think about all the other people and places we never see during our four or more years at Western.

For example, how many people know where the Physical Plant is? For that matter, how many people know what the Physical Plant is? Close your eyes and think Physical Plant. Doesn't it sound like something a horny hormone-buzzed male would call the back seat of his Dodge Dart?

Maybe it would help to know the Physical Plant employs a Strategic Facilities Programmer -- and then again maybe not. What does this person do? McGyver used to do this, right? No, wait, is this what the United States is doing in Iraq? Or could Strategic Facilities Programmer be the politically correct term for whomever taps a keg?

If what goes on in the Physical Plant is confusing then what goes on in the Tissue Culture Lab could be down right frightening. Should Risk Management be notified? Of course, "tissue" could be referring to the nose blowing variety. Perhaps, a Wellness Consultant should be called?

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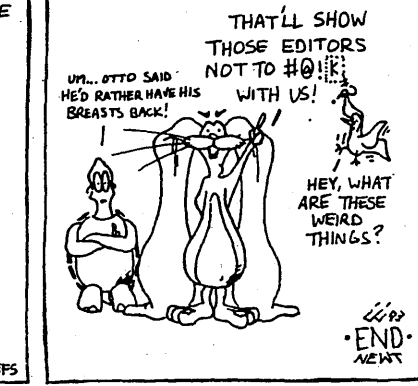
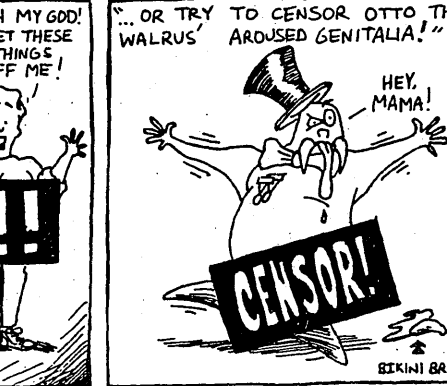
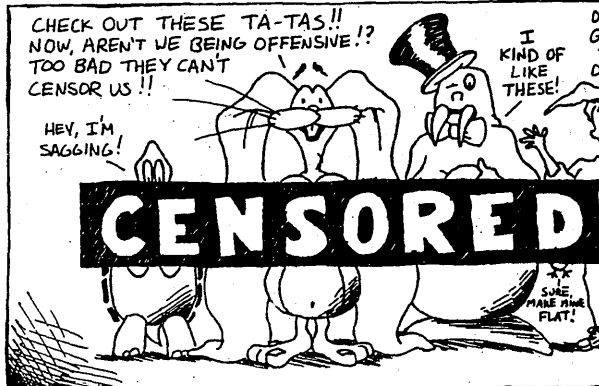
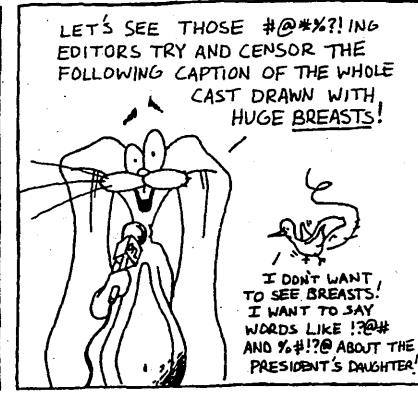
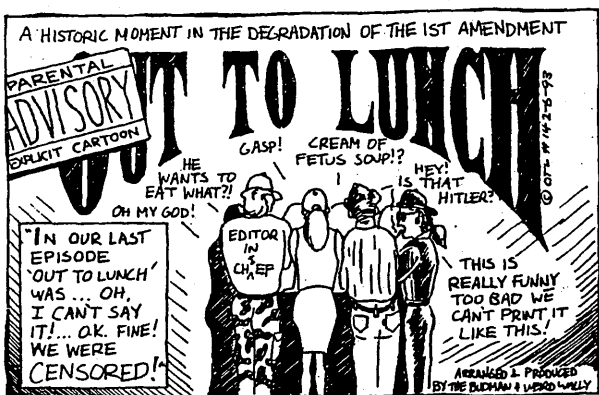
other puzzling entity on campus. Surely, it must have close affiliation with the Star Fleet Academy. Then again, the Space Administration could be working with Parking Services, but then it would be called the No Space Administration.

Hopefully, the Director of Annual Giving could answer these compelling questions. What else could he or she do? Give money. Yeah, right. But if the Director of Annual Giving can't help then the Upside Down Program should have all the answers.

So, after Mortimer leaves, plenty of other mysteries will remain. Instead of worrying about the color of Mort's tie

clip, we can ponder the activities in Insect Identification. Instead of losing sleep questioning whether Mort's a tea or coffee drinker, we can figure out what's growing in the Herbarium. Instead of debating over whether Mort's a boxer or brief boy, we can discover why the Athletic Department has men and women's cages.

In the end the "Mystery of Mort" really doesn't mean much. It's far more important and productive to be enlightened about the university in general. Before real answers to real problems at Western can be found, before we start pointing fingers and blaming names, we should each ask ourselves how much we know about the ins and outs of



Frontline

Opinion pieces stimulate thought

The issues/opinions section is one of the most widely-read sections of *The Western Front*, and yet many readers don't know what purpose it serves. Consequently, we often get letters asking why we print certain letters or opinion pieces when the responding reader finds it offensive. Consider what would go in a newspaper which printed only things everyone agreed on. Nothing.

Expressed opinion sparks conversation on a given issue. That is the purpose. For example, class discussions sometimes take place regarding an opinion piece published in the Front. The opinion may seem derogatory, degrading or upsetting, but it simply represents what the writer believes. It will either confirm the reader's opinion on a topic or cause them to question it.

Still, some readers write in and say certain things should not be printed because the reader thinks the piece is obscene. Vulgar words in capital letters and bold print have been seen in this column before. Certain references to Native Americans and South American rainforests were made last week.

After reading past opinion pieces like those listed above, some readers have written letters saying these words should not appear in opinion pieces. In essence, they don't want the other side of an issue to be presented — They want to think for the reader.

One Western student even went so far as to say she was tired of the press hiding behind the First Amendment. There is no hiding here. Disagree with the opinion, not its right to be published.

All the people on this staff have seen comments made in the Front that have offended them. But that doesn't mean the view shouldn't be published, because the opinion may stimulate conversation about the issue that changes the writer's point of view.

The free exchange of ideas is what allowed this country to evolve from the dark days of slavery, the repression of women and other archaic traditions brought by migrating peoples. It is necessary to examine the different ideas, discuss them, discard the trash and make the changes.

Engrained ideas that people grow up with will never be changed if they remain buried and unchallenged. Once an opinion is stated, it is fair game for attack. However, the opinion is the important object to be challenged, not the individual who wrote the opinion.

The purpose is not to bully the writer of opinion into being a recluse by using name-calling tactics, but to show the fallacies in the opinion. Personal attacks serve only to anger people and alienate differing factions even further. You defeat the purpose of persuading others to your opinion.

So, the next time an opinion piece really upsets you, realize that you are not supposed to agree with everything on these pages. Respond with a thoughtful piece of your own. When attacking ideas you don't agree with, offer alternatives and give reasons why others should change their opinions. Ask yourself what your goal is before you reply. Then, instead of making people hate you and all you stand for, convince them to reevaluate and change their minds.

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Students not invulnerable to threat of STDs; statistics show increased risk



By Robyn Johnson
staff reporter

Jan. 23 issue of the *Skagit Valley Herald*. The letter was written by a nurse practitioner on a college campus and expressed her concern for the amount of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) that

are present on campuses across the nation and the vulnerability of students.

The nurse stressed the fact that most students are not ignorant, uncaring or promiscuous, they all just believe it couldn't happen to them.

She related several situations that graphically demonstrated her point. For example, one young woman came in with a severe pelvic infection that required hospitalization and IV antibiotics. Although the consequences of her infection could cause irreparable damage to her reproductive sys-

tem, she was most concerned that her parents would find out she was sexually active.

Another example was of two freshman roommates who came to the health center for their first gynecological exam. One found out she was pregnant and the other learned she had a genital wart virus (HPV) on her cervix. HPV is a condition she will have to live with her entire life.

Unfortunately, similar situations are occurring all over the country, and in increasing num-

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Sexually active teens need parental guidance, not gags

By Beth Matthews
staff reporter

It's time to wake up and act our ages for once. Every time the issue of teenager's sexual activity rises, adults want to close the lid on it by banning condoms, or education on the subject.

Come on now! The children of today are not naive about sexual activity. Many are sexually active, and few don't discuss the subject with their peers. Today's teens are not sweet, innocent children who need to be protected from the evils of sex. It is more appropriate to say the younger generation needs guidance on how to practice sex safely if it is what they choose.

No matter how rebellious a child may be, they still look toward adults as role models.

When they need answers to the problems they are facing they don't want to be shut out, or ignored.

Sexual activity among our younger population is not going to stop. In fact, it is increasing.

The frightening reality is not that the youth are being active, it's that our children are being active without proper guidance and help.

Many agencies have been developed to help. But, the children don't feel comfortable talking to strangers about their sexual problems. It would be more beneficial towards strengthening the family unit if the children didn't fear discussing these issues with their parents.

Advising a child to practice safe sex is not agreeing they ought to be sexually active. It is letting the child know you respect them, and want to help as much as possible with whatever decision they make.

By striving to make children "little adults," we have opened the door to all the problems of being an adult to our children's inexperienced minds.

The adult population must grow-up themselves and educate our youth even in the forbidden realm of sex.

Children need to have the op-

portunity to discuss their ideas freely. By shutting them up, frustration builds even more. Eventually, the mind gives up, and I can guarantee it won't give up to the uncomfortable side of domineering adults. The side our children will give into is the apparent comforting side of the opposite sex.

It is safe to say the majority of parents would rather see their child come to them rather than a stranger. So why not help out our younger generation. Speak openly about sexual ideas. Each side will learn from the discussions.

Breaking down barriers to strengthen the family nucleus is difficult, but vital. It is much more difficult, however, to glue together a child's life that has been shattered by making a preventable mistake.

Our children need guidance and comfort on sexual behavior from the home.

Current trends lead to the conclusion that simply closing the door on sexual activity isn't working.

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