

Photo by Jonathan Burton

The Take Back the Night rally marches on State Street to protest violence against women.

# 'Taking back our power'

By Angela Cassidy  
staff reporter

A large crowd gathered in the PAC Plaza Thursday evening to show their support for this year's "Take Back The Night" rally protesting violence against women.

Noelle Kompkoff, co-organizer of the rally, greeted the enthusiastic crowd and introduced the first speaker, Linda Carr.

"It (the Take Back The Night) is about women taking back our power," said Carr, who works at the Women's Care Shelter. "It is about women taking back our control. It is about women eliminating all forms of dominance."

Carr also pointed out the irony of having to get permission to march in the street and being told that if "they (ralliers) behave, they may get the opportunity to do it again next year." Despite being granted

permission, the ralliers were required to stay on one side of the street so as not to disrupt too much traffic.

After several other women from various organizations spoke, the Bellingham Rhythm and Dance group (BRAID) performed two pieces in honor of the march. The first, "Wet Chen," which stands for "Get angry, break the chains," was a Creole dance. The second, choreographed by one the dancers, was titled "P.M.S." and received an enthusiastic applause.

The march followed immediately after the performance and included women of all ages carrying various signs protesting pornography and other forms of violence against women.

The crowd gathered around the entrance and yelled its objections to pornography. The theatre was closed for an hour in honor of the event. Various sites of former rapes were also visited.

# Aquarium planned for Fairhaven

By Josh Barnhill  
staff reporter

A public aquarium may be built on the waterfront in Fairhaven if local supporters can get the \$20 million needed for the project. But don't expect to see Orcas, dolphins or tropical fish.

The non-profit Bellingham Bay Aquarium will display non-mammal sea life to students and tourists by 1997 if proponents can find money to build the three-story structure, said Michael Burnett, project director and Fairhaven College professor.

"We have a lot of pride in our environment as a community, but we want to get people to look below the silver-gray surface and see that it's full of life too," he said.

The project, planned by a dozen local residents during the last two years, would include display areas to showcase regional salt-water marine environments such as the Nooksack River estuary,

Bellingham Bay, the San Juan islands, and Alaska's Inside Passage. According to design plans, a three-story sandstone cliff-face juts through an open roof and focuses visitors' attention on fish, sea plants and shoreline vegetation.

Burnett predicts the aquarium will be successful because it will work closely with local schools and allow community members to volunteer as helpers.

"Of the (aquariums) that have failed, they are mostly ones that focused around a show, kind of without a soul," he said.

Initial building plans also call for a working animal-rehabilitation center, a circular movie theater, classrooms, and 400 parking spaces on two acres of land near the Alaska ferry terminal owned by the Port of Bellingham. The site lies between 10th Street and the bay, just south of Douglas Street.

"We'll attempt to display ev-

ery sea animal in this area, except mammals," Burnett said. "We'll have plants and animals in their own environments."

Animal rights advocates generally oppose transporting animals to artificial environments from their natural ones, said David Berens, a 1981 Huxley College graduate who is a member of the Alternative Humane Society board of directors.

"It's really obvious that there's a clash between the environment and human life—and animals generally take the brunt of that," Berens said.

He identified wildlife rehabilitation and education as worthy goals for an aquarium, but said tourism tends to exploit animals.

"It's possible for the educational benefits to justify a small-scale relocation to an aquarium, especially to a habitat that is similar to or better than the natu-

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# Health fee may rise

Operating and insurance costs cause increase

By Karl Schweizer  
campus government editor

Students will shell out 45 percent more for health services next year under a Student Health Services Committee proposal. The committee proposed increasing the mandatory, quarterly health fee to \$44. Students now pay \$30.

The proposed increase follows on the heels of a 6 percent housing increase, a 25 percent parking fee increase, and a probable tuition increase of at least 12 percent.

Part of the increase would pay for an additional biofeedback technician, a health educator and a nurse practitioner, said Nathan Church, director of Counseling and Health Services.

Some of the fee increase is necessary to maintain current services. The Counseling and Health Services program would face significant cutbacks in services unless a fee increase is enacted, said Marie Eaton, the vice presi-

dent for student affairs.

Church said state budget cutbacks and increased regulation had forced Counseling and Health Services to assume additional costs. The state cut off all funds for custodial services, medical and other equipment, emergency mental health services, one support staffer, and the biofeedback stress management program, Church said.

The state also cut off \$100,000 for the substance-abuse prevention program. The Counseling and Health Center now spends \$50,000 to \$60,000 a year on a smaller version of the program.

Church said complying with tougher biohazardous waste standards has made the center more expensive to operate.

And Dr. Emily Gibson, the Health Center's chief of medical staff, said the Internal Revenue Service reclassified campus phy-

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# Parking rates jumping 25 percent

By Cassandra Burdsal  
staff reporter

Parking fees will increase 25.3 percent next year. The increase will help deflect parking services maintenance and operational costs and pay for improvements. It will also help pay for the paving of some of the gravel lots on south campus.

A survey, part of the Campus Parking and Transportation Study, was mailed to the Western community last spring. Students, faculty and staff members were asked for their input about the parking and transportation system in order to address their needs. The survey indicated the highest priority for students and staff is more paved parking lots, said parking manager Ann Wallace.

Another reason for paving the lots, Wallace said, is that "gravelled lots are very expensive to maintain. The weather destroys them and vehicles moving in and out of them quickly develop ruts."

Parking services operating costs have also been increasing. "A moderate fee increase across the board" has been approved, Wallace said. "This is the first increase since 1987."

The additional money is also needed to finish the lot on 21st Street, formerly occupied by the Rufus Jones School of the Pacific. Wallace said Western wants to start work on the lot this year, integrating the three lots on the west side of 21st Street so all space is used as efficiently as possible.

The new lot will add approximately 180 parking spaces. These will counter the loss of the parking lot behind Carver gym.

The new Campus Master Plan calls for the gym lot to be converted into green space when the new chemistry building is completed in 1995. After the master plan is finalized and presented to the board of trustees this July, Parking Services will have a better idea of how to alleviate the projected losses in parking space.

"First of all, we'll have to develop other surface space and we'll have to build the revenue for that," said Wallace. "We're going to try to keep about the same number of spaces that we currently have."

"Additional parking is to be added along 21st," said Carl Root, a staff member in the Facilities and Master Planning office. "The north end of 21st is a heavy pedestrian corridor. We want to make it as safe as possible for pedestrians. In terms of circulation, it just doesn't make sense to have

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## COPS BOX

## CAMPUS POLICE

April 27

**12:55 a.m.:** A campus police officer and two Bellingham officers responded to a report of a blaring siren coming from Sehome Hill. The officers discovered that someone had taken a 1950's-type chrome battery with a siren to the hill and set it off. They finally found the siren and shut it off at 1:21 a.m.

**4:47 p.m.:** A parking lot permit was stolen from a vehicle parked in lot 21-C. The owner thought the vehicle was locked, but was not sure.

April 28

**4:17 p.m.:** A woman left her bicycle locked to the Wilson Library bike rack overnight. When she returned she discovered that both tires and rims had been stolen.

## BELLINGHAM POLICE

April 28

**8:44 a.m.:** A Chevy had been sitting off the alley on the 1100 block of North Forest long enough for tall grass to grow around it. The license plates were expired.

April 29

**1:25 a.m.:** An 18-year-old male was arrested for malicious mischief. He had damaged a men's restroom in the 3900 block of Meridian.

**1:54 a.m.:** A 26-year-old male was arrested for DWI on Birchwood and Northwest.

**4:58 a.m.:** Officers responded to the 2600 block of Harbor Loop due to an animal problem. A black and white dog appeared to be sick. Animal control was notified and no owner was found.

## Western Briefs

## Higginson Hall cancels Mr. Western contest

The annual Mr. Western event, a "male beauty pageant" sponsored by the Higginson Residence Hall, is canceled.

"Although we are sad to see tradition pass, Mr. Western had been losing its popularity, and Higginson Hall would rather start a new, more venerable event," wrote Higginson Vice President of Special Activities Marcus Pennell.

Pennell thanked Inter-Hall Council and Nash Hall for their support and congratulated each hall's winner, saying the hall is discussing ideas for next year.

"We are hopeful that Higginson can start a new, more popular tradition in the years to come," he added.

## Scholarship Center opens its doors May 4

The Scholarship Center celebrates its opening as a comprehensive resource for students from 2 to 4 p.m. May 4 in Old Main 250.

The center offers students an opportunity to research scholarships, pick up applications and get help applying for institutional and private-donor scholarships. Visitors can also try out Fundfinder, a free scholarship search database of over 3,000 non-college-based national, state and private scholarships and loans. The Scholarship Prospectus, which lists over 200 scholarships programs for Western students, is also available.

## English Department presents poetry reading

Poet Shirley Kaufman will read from her work from 4 to 5 p.m. May 3 in the Wilson Library Presentation Room as part of the English Department's May readings. The event is free and the public is welcome.

Kaufman has published four collections of poetry and the book-length poem "Looking at Henry

Moore's Elephant Skull Etchings in Jerusalem During the War."

## Trinidad novelist visits Northwest for readings

Robert Antoni, a Trinidad novelist and author of the much-acclaimed *Divina Trace* will appear for several readings in the Bellingham area and one in Mount Vernon. His visit is sponsored by the Western's Hubless Wheel series.

Antoni's first reading is from 2 to 4 p.m. May 2 at Scott's Books in Mount Vernon, and he will appear at 7:30 that night at Village Books in Bellingham. His next visit is at 7 p.m. May 3 in Lecture Hall 2, and his last at 11 a.m. May 4 at Northwest Indian College, C-1 building.

The Hubless Wheel is supported by the National Endowment for the Arts, Northwest Indian College, and Western's English Department, Diversity Fund and College of Arts and Sciences.

## Free car seat checkup clinic offered May 1

The Whatcom County Health Department and the Washington Safety Restraint Coalition invite all parents to stop by with their children in their car seats for a 20-minute car seat checkup by a trained volunteer between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. May 1 in the parking lot of Whatcom Educational Credit Union, 600 E. Holly St.

Participants will receive a car seat checklist, recall information and a safety newsletter.

## Public immunization clinic open this afternoon

In connection with the first National Preschool Immunization Week, the Bellingham Child Care Center hosts a public immunization clinic from 4:30 to 6 p.m. April 30.

The county health department, said low immunization levels continue to cause thousands of children to get vaccine-preventable diseases.

## The latest world and national news

## Clinton, Powell discuss military options in Bosnia

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) - General Colin Powell, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, met with President Clinton yesterday afternoon to explore possible military options concerning Bosnia.

Powell said the talks included "a full discussion of a wide range of military options," but he declined to give specifics.

"We haven't ruled anything off the table other than what the president has previously ruled off the table," Powell said. The president has ruled out unilateral action and the use of ground troops.

The White House said the president would make a decision on Bosnia by today, but he might not announce it for several more days.

## Search of cult compound ends; 72 bodies found

WACO, Texas (AP) - The search of the burned Branch Davidian compound has ended. Officials say 72 bodies were found, 14 less than the number expected. Cult leader David Koresh had told the FBI that 95 followers were with him last week. Nine escaped when the compound burned last week.

So far, only six of the bodies have been identified. Seven of the recovered bodies had gunshot wounds, said medical examiner Nizam Peerwani.

## Four gunmen arrested after releasing court justices

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP) - After a brief gun battle, security forces captured four gunmen who had held 18 supreme court justices and five assistants in a four day

siege at the Supreme Court.

The gunmen, who had been asking for \$8 million and safe passage to Brazil, were traveling by van to the airport, after releasing their hostages, when the gun battle took place. There has been no word on injuries.

## Bosnian groups agree to talk peace in Athens

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia/UNITED NATIONS (AP) - International peace talks on Bosnia are scheduled to reconvene this weekend in Greece in response to the Bosnian Serbs' pledge to reconsider the UN peace plan.

A spokesman said the Muslims, Croats and Serbs have accepted the offer to meet in Athens this Saturday and Sunday.

Bosnian Serbs announced early Thursday that their self-proclaimed assembly would reconvene next Wednesday to reconsider the plan they rejected on Monday. The Croats and Muslims have already approved the plan.

A Serb spokesman was quoted by Radio Belgrade as saying that the plan has to be changed radically before the Serbs will accept it. Under the plan, Serbs would be given about 43 percent of Bosnia. They have seized 70 percent of the former Yugoslav republic during the year of civil war.

## More than 35,000 new AIDS cases reported

ATLANTA (AP) - The number of Americans with full-blown AIDS jumped at a surprising rate during the first three months of this year.

Federal health officials said more than 35,000 new cases were reported. Part of the increase stems from a new definition of the dis-

ease, but cases not attributed to this broader definition increased by 21 percent. The increase is double the rate for the same period last year.

One possible explanation is that HIV-positive people who have fought of AIDS for several years are starting to contract certain indicator diseases.

On Jan. 1, three more diseases were added to the list of indicator diseases.

## Federal judge to hear appeal in hanging case

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - A federal judge in Seattle has been ordered to hold a hearing to determine if hanging is constitutional. The order came from an appeals court hearing the appeal of death row inmate Charles Campbell.

Campbell, who has been sentenced to die for killing two women and a girl eleven years ago in Clearview, is appealing his death sentence by saying hanging is cruel and unusual punishment. He has refused to choose death by lethal injection, and state law says inmates who refuse to choose will be hanged.

## Supreme Court recognizes disorder

OLYMPIA (AP) - The state Supreme Court recognized multiple personality disorder in a ruling Thursday, but they refused to overturn the conviction of a woman who took money from a cash register at a Kitsap county saloon. The woman says she was under the control of another personality at the time.

The Supreme Court said it will take another case to decide whether multiple personality can be cited in an insanity plea.

## 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.

PLEASE POST

- **ADVANCE REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER QUARTER** will be May 3-14. Students will register in descending credit order. The registration schedule is posted throughout campus. Students who do not know how many credits they have earned may check with the Registrar's Office, OM 230.
- **SUMMER QUARTER DEGREE AND INITIAL CERTIFICATE CANDIDATES:** All students expecting to graduate and/or receive a teaching certificate at the close of summer quarter must have a senior/certification evaluation on file in the Registrar's Office in OM 230 by June 4. Degree applications must be returned by June 4. To pick up a degree application, go to OM 230. Deadline for fall quarter graduates is August 20. It is strongly advised that fall graduates have their major evaluations before summer quarter. Many advisers/departments will be unavailable due to vacations and closures.
- **JOB OPENINGS:** Paraprofessional positions for 1993-94 are available in Western's Career Services Center. Applications and more information are available in OM 280. Deadline to apply is Monday, May 10.
- **PUBLIC HEARING ON HEALTH SERVICE FEE:** 3 p.m. May 4, VU Main Lounge. Second hearing 7 p.m. May 12, MH 263.
- **AN OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES WORKSHOP** will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 12, in OM 280. Topics include targeting employers, specialized paperwork, and managing logistics.
- **WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATIVE INTERNS** for winter 1994 are being selected this quarter. Undergraduates in all disciplines are eligible with a minimum GPA of 2.75. May 3 is the closing date for applications.
- **EAST ASIAN COLLOQUIUM PRESENTS** Scott Pearce discussing "The Zhou Guan Reforms of the Northern Zhou," 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, HU 106.
- **HUMAN RIGHTS SPEAKER.** Amnesty International presents Vladimir Mijanovic, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, VU Main Lounge.
- **LOT RESERVATIONS:** Lots 2C, 7G, 11G, 13G, 14G and 25G will be reserved beginning at 5 p.m. today (April 30) for the Eugene Ballet Company. Cooperation of the University community is requested. Drivers who park in a reserved lot prior to an 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 may be used. Permit holders in reserved lots may remain for work-related purposes.
- **BIOLOGY PREREGISTRATION.** Preregistration is under way for students who wish to take any of the following biology courses during fall, 1993: Biol 201, 202, 203, 321, 323, 325, 326, 348, 384, 403, 404, 445a, 470, 485, 490, 499 (research), and teaching assistant. Pick up a request form outside HH 351 and return the completed form to the professor teaching the course. Approved requests will be ready for pickup in HH 351 on May 20. Signed forms will be the permission slip to register for biology courses fall quarter.
- **MATH PLACEMENT TEST** will be given at 9 a.m. on May 3 and 11 and at 1 p.m. on May 12. A fee of \$10 must be paid in the exact amount at time of registration in OM 120. Test takes about 1½ hours.
- **THE TEST FOR ENTRANCE INTO TEACHER EDUCATION (TETEP)** will be given at 2 p.m. May 11. A fee of \$20 is payable at time of registration on OM 120. The Testing Center no longer is offering the TETEP on an individual basis.

## On-campus interviews

NOTE: All signups are in OM 280 unless otherwise noted.

- **Trigon Packaging,** Wednesday, May 5. Submit CIF when you sign up. See signup folder for more information.
- **Peace Corps,** Wednesday and Thursday, May 4 and 5. Pick up Peace Corps application when you sign up. Bring completed application to interview.
- **Lady Foot Locker,** Thursday, May 6. Submit CIF at signup.
- **Federal Way School District,** Friday, May 7. Signup required. Group information session 9-9:30 a.m., and individual interviews.

## Board report paints bleak financial picture for students

By Guy Bergstrom  
staff reporter

The state's Higher Education Coordinating Board (HEC) paints a dismal picture of the future of higher-education funding and financial aid.

The problems of access to higher education and enrollment lids at Washington's public colleges and universities will only worsen, according to HEC, which is responsible for planning the state's system of higher education.

"Washington's population is growing, and growing poorer," the report states. The rise in the population of persons ages 17 to 25 during the next 20 years puts even more stress on an already overburdened system.

It is estimated this pool of potential college students will rise to more than 800,000 in 2010 from the roughly 630,000 persons currently in that category. Currently, Washington ranks last of all states in per-capita access to higher

education, according to figures provided by the Washington Student Lobby (WSL).

Tuition hikes, which are likely to occur due to a \$2 billion state-budget shortfall, have not always been accompanied by corresponding increases in financial aid.

"Recently, Massachusetts and ten other states (Alabama, Arizona, Connecticut, Georgia, Iowa, Missouri, North Carolina, Rhode Island, South Carolina, and Tennessee) increased their tuition and fees for 1991-91 — some by as much as 22 percent — while cutting their student aid programs. Massachusetts increased tuition 26 percent and cut its state student aid program by 48 percent," the HECB reported.

Statistically, other states provide two to four times more financial aid than Washington, according to the WSL.

Tuition-pricing traditionalists, according to the HECB draft, fear "tuition increases signal an erosion of educational equity and opportunity for the poor and middle class who feel compelled to downgrade their educational choices or opt out of higher education altogether."

Studies cited by HEC suggest financial aid to be a government "investment," actually generating tax dollars.

"Every dollar spent on student aid is reported to return \$4.30 in tax revenue to the federal treasury," stated the HECB report, citing a 1991 report by Edward P. St. John.

In new developments, a new federal rule may drastically change the amount of financial

aid some students receive. An amendment to the Higher Education Act of 1992 tightened the definition of independent/dependent students. To qualify as independent, students must be 24 years of age or older, married, a veteran, orphan or ward of the court, or have dependents of their own.

## AQUARIUM: 300,000 visitors a year

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ral one," Berens said.

Burnett, future director of the 40,000- to 50,000-square foot proposed aquarium, said he expects about 300,000 visitors per year. Many of these will be local residents and tourists arriving by ferry and the expected Amtrak train service to Fairhaven.

The aquarium's backers expect visitors to spend nearly \$3 million per year in Whatcom County on admission tickets, gas, food and lodging.

Finding funding to build the project is the first of several hurdles backers must overcome. Burnett said local taxpayers will not be asked to foot the bill. Once built, the planned aquarium operation would not require a public subsidy, but would sustain itself through ticket sales.

"We wanted to be funded by the federal jobs bill, but it was knocked flat on its face. (Bellingham Mayor Tim) Douglas and (Washington Governor Mike) Lowry were cooperative, as was the Port of Bellingham," he said. "That support, we expect, will be translatable into money. How? We're not sure

yet."

Pete Zuanich, first district Port of Bellingham commissioner said Ken McAulay, the 2nd district commissioner, may have news on Saturday about federal funding sources when he returns from meeting with legislators in Washington, D.C.

Zuanich said all three port commissioners generally support the project and would probably be willing to lease land to the aquarium if its effects on the environment, shoreline, traffic and parking are acceptable.

One area of possible contention, Burnett said, is the site they chose near a residential section of Fairhaven. But he noted that the land is now zoned for "marine heavy industry," while the aquarium would be classified as the lighter "marine commercial" designation. The shoreline slopes down at the site, a feature Burnett said will partially hide the building from view.

Burnett said planners considered five possible locations before settling on the Fairhaven site.

## FEE: Increase will prevent cuts

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sicians as university employees, forcing the university to pay their \$15,000 malpractice insurance. Before the ruling, the physicians operated as independent contractors and bought their own insurance, she said.

Church did not say exactly how much of the proposed fee increase would pay for extra personnel. He did say the increase would not pay for either a permanent building for Counseling and Health Services or proposed x-ray equipment, which he said was needed.

The Student Health Services Committee will conduct public hearings on the proposed fee increase at 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 4 in the Viking Union Lounge, and at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 12 in Miller Hall 263.

The fee increase proposal won the recommendation of the University Services Committee last Wednesday. The proposal must be approved by the Associated Students before it can be presented to the Board of Trustees

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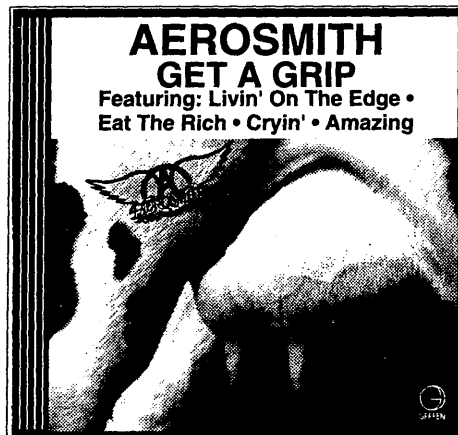
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## Guns at parties: A growing problem

By Eric Munson  
staff reporter

"What we are seeing is a predictable trend in violence," said Bellingham undersheriff Dave Wareing, referring to off-campus parties.

Western students are facing a new problem when they go off-campus to drink at parties. The problem isn't drunk driving or getting tickets, but other students pulling guns to solve disputes.

Wareing characterized this deadly new method of fighting as "a very frightening trend." He said he attributed this trend to America's fixation with guns.

But Bellingham police keep no records allowing them to track how this type of violence is expanding. Wareing said he had no idea how many gun-pulling incidents involve students but said the police were getting more reports of this type.

Todd Gottschalk, 22, a business major, was at one party where a gun was pulled. He also said one was pulled at his house while he was away for the weekend.

"I didn't figure something like that would happen at Western,"

Gottschalk said.

Gottschalk described the gun-pulling scene he witnessed at a party as chaotic at best. He said he recalled some people coming into the house and starting a fight. One person then pulled a gun on the people fighting in order to break it up. The gun was then kicked out of the person's hand and went

the gun came out. I guess he pretty much put a gun to some guy's head that went to Central, and a friend of the man with the gun started yelling 'shoot him, shoot him.'"

Describing the other people's reactions, Gottschalk said, "Everybody was obviously terrified over something as trivial as what was said to someone."

Within a matter of minutes two police cars came rushing to the scene, lights flashing and brakes squealing. By that time, however,

most of the people were gone including the person who pulled the gun.

"The one that was pulled at our house, the police seemed pretty intent to get to the bottom of it. I never heard if they arrested anybody," Gottschalk said.

Gottschalk said that these events have changed the way he parties.

"Even though I still go to parties I pay attention to who I'm around. I keep an eye on the people around so I can run," he said.

"I guess on the upside, if this arms race continues, there will be no line for the keg if everybody is fleeing for the door."

*'He ... put a gun to some guy's head who went to Central, and a friend of the guy with the gun started yelling "shoot him, shoot him."'*

—Todd Gottschalk—

skittering across the floor.

"It pretty much became a melee: people heading in different directions, some heading away, others trying to get the gun," Gottschalk said.

Although Gottschalk wasn't at his house when the second gun was pulled, he learned of the incident from police and his roommates.

More than 150 people showed up at the party the night of the Central/Western basketball game, Gottschalk said.

"Basically, the gun was pulled across the street," said Gottschalk. "There were some words exchanged between some people and

## Western formulates AIDS guidelines for employees

By Todd McGee  
staff reporter

Western's effort to address the issue of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) in the work place has resulted in the completion of a brochure that outlines Western's official policies for dealing with the subject.

Faculty and staff members received a copy of the brochure in their mail boxes Friday morning.

Pat Fabiano, Wellness Center coordinator and HIV Commission member, said the brochure was modeled after a similar project she had been involved with at Stanford University.

"The brochure's overall purpose was to provide basic prevention information about HIV infection and AIDS with an emphasis on workplace issues," Fabiano said.

"We wanted people at Western to know that there is no danger in working with someone who has HIV infection or AIDS. We also wanted them to know that there are universal precautions that everyone who comes into contact with blood can take," she said.

Joan Stevenson of the anthropology department and member of the HIV Commission member said the feedback from the booklet has been extremely positive.

The brochure was directed at the supervisors, administrators and co-workers of people with the HIV infection. It outlines how to make Western a discrimination-free environment and how persons with HIV can use employee benefits.

The brochure was funded by The Western Foundation and the provost's office. Roland De Lorme, acting president, endorsed the brochure and encouraged everyone to expand their awareness and knowledge about the disease.

Fabiano said, "Western had no official information specifically for faculty and staff dealing with the prevention of HIV infection. We wanted to get this information to co-workers, and how to help make Western a safe and caring environment for persons on our campus who may be living with HIV disease."

## PARKING: Gym lot will become a park

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that large internal (gym lot).

"I think it's high time we raised (the parking rates)," Root said.


He said he hopes the increase in parking fees will encourage people to consider alternatives to single-occupancy vehicles.

"Hopefully, it would encourage some to ride the bus, carpool or ride their bikes," he said.

Though over-all increases are set at 25.3 percent, the cost of meters and visitor permits will increase by 50 percent. For the

academic year, current residential parking permits cost \$83. That will increase to \$104 by September. Commuter permits will increase from \$34 to \$43. Motorcycle permits currently cost \$19 and will change to \$24.

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## AS candidates present views and goals

### V.P. for Residence Life

#### Satha Bou

**•Why are you running?**

This year I didn't see this position being very active in the halls. I see this position as a liaison between the residence halls and student council. Being a resident advisor (R.A.), I know how the system works.

**•What will you do if elected?**

I would show up at hall council meetings more than other V.P.s have done in the past. That way I can listen to the students and get volunteers for programs.

I don't think students really know how loud their voice is. I want to make sure that they know how to get their voices heard through me, the AS Board and hall councils.

**•Previous experience:**

I've been an R.A. for two years. I know how the system works.



through advertising what's going on around campus.

**•Previous experience:**

I was on the Key Club Board of Directors in high school. One thing I emphasized was advertising what was going on. It helped me focus in on what the Associated Students Vice President for Academic Affairs has to do — increase membership.

#### Alex Hays

**Why are you running?**

I know how to get things done. I will never back down when student freedoms are being taken away.

**What will you do if elected?**

I want to make sure class content is better. I think people don't like G.U.R.s (General University Requirements). They're so easy to revise. So many students think G.U.R.'s are a waste of time. But with a little revision, students can come out of Western saying, "Hey, that G.U.R. was the best class I ever took."

I want to put students on tenure committees.

**Previous experience:**

I was the vice president for academic affairs in the 91-92 school year. I helped write and pass the "size-of-majors rule."

I left (resigned) because there were some bad personal ties. I was a member of the A.C.C. (Academic Coordinating Committee), a sub-committee of the A. S. Board.



**•Previous experience:**

Pierce served on the KUGS Advisory Board. She also lobbied last year against a large, proposed tuition hike. It didn't pass.

### Secretary/Treasurer

#### Onar Primivito

**•Why are you running?**

To increase students' power in university decision-making.

**•What will you do if elected?**

Primivito said he wants to make students more aware of AS services. He said he also wants to publicize the AS.

**Previous experience:**

Pierce served on the KUGS Advisory Board. She also lobbied last year against a large, proposed tuition hike. It didn't pass.



### V. P. for Academic Affairs

#### Zach Harmon Robinson

**•Why are you running?**

I want to increase student access and student knowledge on campus. I want to create more publicity for open positions on committees dealing with campus issues.

**•What will you do if elected?**

The position is responsible for appointing committee members. I want to advertise when these positions open up. A lot of positions in the past have been filled by people not necessarily qualified in the past two years. I want to make sure my appointments are based upon qualifications.

I will make sure we (students) have a strong voice



### V.P. for Activities

#### Linda Pierce

**•Why are you running?**

No specific agenda. Pierce said she will survey students to see what they want.

**•What will you do if elected?**

"The crux of my campaign is student empowerment ... I think student spots on many committees are tokenistic. Not that we shouldn't have them there, but we need more," she said.



#### Arthur Morgan

**Why are you running?**

"I think it (the AS) is basically on track right now ... My job as treasurer is to make sure everybody gets a fair shake."

**What will you do if elected?**

"There's always more people asking for money than there is money. You can't keep everybody happy all the time, but hopefully I can keep some of the people happy some of the time."



**Previous Experience:**

Student government treasurer at Whatcom Community College. Morgan takes credit for computerizing W.C.C.'s student budget. "I brought them into the twentieth century," he said.

Compiled by Haidee Jezek, staff reporter, and Karl Schweizer, campus government editor.

Photos: Thomas Wittenberg and Renee Yancey, AS Review

## Computer net means access to global information flow

By Eric Munson  
staff reporter

Computer networks are becoming a fast-growing academic tool.

Eric Hood is director of the Northwest Net, a computer-information network that links more than 100 institutions in a six-state area including Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Alaska and North Dakota.

Hood spoke Tuesday in Arntzen Hall 100 about the future of the Internet, a worldwide

computer network of academic institutions.

The net was originally created to allow schools access to some of the nations top super-computer facilities. The National Science Foundation proposed this network so it wouldn't have to build a super-computer lab at every college. It expected about 20 schools to reply, but got more than 300, Hood said.

The amount of information the net can currently transmit is "several paperback novels a second," Hood said. This may sound

like a great deal of information, but even 100 users trying to have a digital visual conference would severely tax the net's resources.

Hood said the Internet links approximately 10 to 20 million users across the world and is growing exponentially. He pre-

dicts the net will expand the most in primary education and public libraries.

The net offers Western a chance to access information that would normally be hard to get.

"Western can't afford to make a copy of the human genome

project, nor would it probably want to," Hood said, but Internet provides access to it.

Hood also spoke about services the net offers such as file transfer protocol (ftp), which allows users to get public-domain programs for many types of computers.

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## Around Town

### Friday April 30

**Richard Schuman**, blues guitar player, 9 p.m. at the Beach House Pub.

**Tiny Hat Orchestra and Dehumanizers** at Speedy O'Tubbs. Call for more info.

**Carl Handelin and Keith Jones** 9 p.m. at La Paloma.

**Atomic 61 and Steel Wool** 9:30 p.m. at the Up and Up Tavern.

**G.T. Noah and Highwire** 9:30 p.m. at Bellingham Bay Brewing Co.

### Saturday May 1

**Larry Murante** 9 p.m. at the Beach House Pub.

**Smell No Taste**, Seattle Reggae band, at Speedy O'Tubbs. Call for more info.

**My Name and Sourmash** 9:30 p.m. at the Up and Up Tavern.

### Special Events...

**Mt. Baker Toppers** 8 p.m. May 1 at the Mount Baker Theatre.

**The Velveteen Rabbit** 7 p.m. May 4 at the Mount Baker Theatre.

## At Western

Guatemalan slide show presentation by **Jeremy "Paco" Furlan** and lecture by **Richard Fanning** of the History department, 7:30 p.m. April 28 in the Fairhaven Stack 2 Lounge.

**"Scent of a Woman"** 6:30 and 9 p.m. May 2 in Arntzen Hall 100.

**"Border Brujo"** 3 and 9 p.m. May 5 in the Library Presentation room.

Lecture by **Alejandro Ruiz** on the Maya in British Columbia, May 5 in the Fairhaven Dining Facility.

# Art auction includes community concerns and looks to future

By **Kris Whipple**

staff reporter

Tucked away in the small Allied Arts Gallery on the corner of West Holly and Bay Street, the worlds of artists, activists and community members meet to shake hands. Their commonly-partitioned lives have intersected to form a four-day benefit art auction for the Greater Ecosystem Alliance and the Koma Kulshan Alliance of Bellingham.

The art preview and silent auction started Tuesday and will continue through Saturday. Bidding will end with a reception from 7 to 9 p.m., Saturday night. The Bill Macdonough Trio will be performing jazz at the reception.

More than 30 local and regional artists donated work for the second annual Artists of Conscience event. Michael Costello, a Bellingham artist, said he believes with this kind of collaboration "you can't help but notice some things you didn't see before. It is not stuff you'll read in the papers every day."

A variety of styles and subjects scatter the walls and floors of the gallery to create an interesting collage of art work. Among the ecological subjects is "Ski Lake Whatcom," a mixed-media piece by Francis Donovan. It combines an old ski with all the leftover garbage that might be found in the bottom of a boat.

Costello, whose work was displayed in January at Western, donated a different type of piece with more of a humanistic than political focus. The linoleum-cut "Mother and Child," explores some paternalistic issues.

Both humanistic and political interests are part of artist Gordon Wood's artistic goal.

"The anthropocentric and ethnocentric perspectives that we allow to dictate our morals and lifestyles prevent us from ethically approaching nature as well as politics, and it's from this paradoxical state that the content of my work emerges."

A new perspective has been added to the art event this year through the contributions of several local high school students. Mark Osborn, executive coordinator of the Koma Kulshan Alliance, sees this opportunity as one helping to satisfy the need for youths to contribute to the community.

"It is a way for us to incorporate support as students are looking for an avenue to voice their concerns about the future," he said.

Rachael Sinnett, a sophomore at Sehome High School, recognizes the chance to contribute. "This is something I can do for someone else, so I did it." Her photograph entitled, "Eva," is on display.

Like last year, representatives from local organizations and activist groups, such as the Rainbow Coalition and the Women Care Shelter, will be present to share information and answer questions.

Lillian Ford of the Greater Ecosystem Alliance sees the unique quality of the benefit in this combination of art and awareness. "The arts community doesn't always have a clear avenue to get involved in the



Artist Michael Costello's piece, "Mother and Child," is on display at the auction.

community," she said.

Costello describes the work as "involved and stimulating." The benefit serves as a way of exposing community concerns. "The idea is to get to a broad

# Enthusiastic crowd soaked with sweat for Sir Mix-a-Lot

By **Cassandra Burdsal**

staff reporter

The smell of beer and sweat permeated the air.

The crowd in Carver Gym was tense with anticipation as it waited for Sir Mix-a-Lot to appear on stage for his April 24 performance. Three opening acts forced the audience to wait, the excitement growing with the progression of each act.

Most of the action was in the crushing mass of people directly in front of the stage. In the outer ranks of the crowd, it was relatively calm.

Sir Mix-a-Lot followed Verbal Arts Unit, Sweetness and Mom and Elite Group. Kid Sensation also made an appearance during Sir Mix-a-Lot's act.

"We had a lot of fun out there, but this crowd really works you," Sir Mix-a-Lot said after the concert. "People come out here to get wet."

The crowd in front of the stage was

dripping with sweat and water by the time the rapper came on stage. Security guards sprayed water over the crowd and into the mouths of some as they begged for more.

"The sweat and the bruises were worth it," said Tanya Treat, sophomore.

As the crowd pressed closer to the stage, some front-row members climbed over the barrier to escape the crush. Security guards helped them out and caught others that were thrown over as they were passed across the top of the enthusiastic crowd.

"I took it at front-row center as long as I could," said Trayson Harmon, junior.

Albert Foster, local concerts coordinator, said although "people were worrying about it being a rap concert, everything went off without a hitch. I don't think anyone even hassled the security guards."

"How many ladies want to put their booties on the stage tonight?" Sir Mix-a-Lot asked the audience.

There was a rush of movement in the crowd as about 20 women scrambled over

the barrier and climbed on stage to dance to "Baby Got Back."

"It all went well," said Megan Boyce, special events coordinator. "I was a little surprised to see all those people up on stage. One of the things about the show that I thought was really nice was that most of the tickets were bought by college students."

The concert lasted nearly two-and-a-half hours instead of the advertised four. This was due to short intermissions and the small amount of material rap artists usually prepare for their concerts.

"We wanted them to play 90 minutes but their manager said they only had 60 minutes worth of material. If they had played longer, we would have been happy," said Associated Students Productions Director, Mike Noesen.

As Sir Mix-a-Lot finished his act

# Caliente brings latin rhythms, big band sound to Western

By **Chris Wilke**

staff reporter

Don't expect either a heavy metal beat screaming through your central nervous system or soft classical tunes lulling you to sleep when Caliente brings its Latin sound to the Viking Union Coffee shop at 8 p.m. this Friday.

The nine-piece dance ensemble plays a style of music called salsa, a combination of Caribbean, jazz, and pop fusion that is gaining popularity in dance halls worldwide.

"Salsa is kind of like '50s big band music, only faster and with Caribbean drums," said David Gonzales of the Latin Coalition at the Student Ethnic Center.

Caliente is known for combining complex rhythms, chanting choruses and lyrical song that brings even the most inhibited audience to the dance floor.

This band has opened for many Latin jazz pioneers such as Tito Puente, and has headlined several regional music festivals. Their set in-

cludes many songs from Cuba, Puerto Rico, and Columbia.

"We're targeting the Mexican-American and Latino populations around Skagit County and Whatcom as well as the majority culture on campus," said Student Chicano Movement (MEChA) Coordinator David Reyes.

He said that MEChA decided to get two bands for the Cinco de Mayo celebration to include a broader range of interest. He said Caliente will attract Latinos and the general Western population, while Libertad, a ranchero style band, will attract farm workers, Mexicanos, and Chicanos for its performance on May 7.

Caliente opens the week-long celebration sponsored by MEChA, the Whatcom Hispanic Organization, ASP Social Issues, the English department, the Campus Enrichment Fund, the Ethnic Student Center and Mama Sundays.

Advanced tickets for Caliente are \$4 for students at the Viking Union Information desk or at the door or \$5 for general admission.

## Broadcast manager

By **Mark Scholten**

staff reporter

He's one quarter away from a broadcast communications degree. He's a former manager and audio-visual coordinator at Bellingham High School. He has a school's drama club and has directed. He'll lunch with the governor next week. He'll accept a Washington Award for Excellence in Education for his work at the high school. And he is Bags the Clown.

Russ Nelson, 28, is a senior at Western. He also works part-time as a clown.

"It started out as a hobby eight years ago," Nelson said. "I took a class on clowning at Blumbo — a clown here in town."

Some people are born clowns, and some have clown-hood thrust upon them. Nelson is in the latter category.

"I got interested in magic," he said. "I did some shows as a kid. But magic is expensive. Nobody wants it."

That's when Blumbo came along.

"You wouldn't believe what you can do away with when your face is painted white."

laughed.

## Perfect bodies not necessary to model nude

By Jennifer L. Hill  
staff reporter

Have you ever wanted to live life with the bare necessities? People who model for Western's art department do — they simply model in the nude.

"This is the most common reaction when I tell a friend or a family member: I would never have enough courage to get up there and do that! You must have so much guts!" said Matthew Croft, a 19-year-old Western student.

When one thinks of nude modeling, it may sound like a daring and risky job designed for someone with the perfect body. But a lot of these assumptions are not true; a person modeling in the nude works hard despite their age, race, sex, height or weight.

To some, it may not be that difficult — after all, the models at Western make anywhere from \$7.85-\$8 per hour.

"There was one woman who was complaining because they (the models) were all skinny white people," said Hyla Dickinson, a 27-year-old artist model. "(The woman) was asking: how are we going to learn how to draw black or Chinese people? How are we ever going to draw people with different facial features, people who are short, overweight or underweight?"

The stereotype that all models have to be picture-perfect is not true when it comes to live drawing classes.

Gene Vike, art department chair, said drawing the human figure takes concentration, not personal identity for

the artists. The body has proportional relationships, rather than being seen as strictly sexual.

"All you're doing is drawing on one lateral surface to something that is on another lateral surface," he said. "It has very little to do with the context of reality — you are drawing surfaces."

The job is also more difficult than it sounds. Holding a pose anywhere from five to 25 minutes without moving or speaking is hard work. Because of the silence in the room, models try not to allow normal body functions (such as itching, sweat or a growling stomach) to interfere with their work. To hold their pose, they often think of other things.

"I will repeat poems to myself, sing songs or prayers that I know," said Sheila Bricker, a 22-year-old Western student.

The models are most concerned with adding creativity to the drawing designs. Props or past modeling and dance experience help — the more twists to the body or over-emphasized angles bring positive feedback from the artists.

The models do have their limitations. Some will not model in cold rooms, in front of friends or with people who are not artists. But despite the stereotypes, the models agree that the experience has allowed them to get to know themselves better.

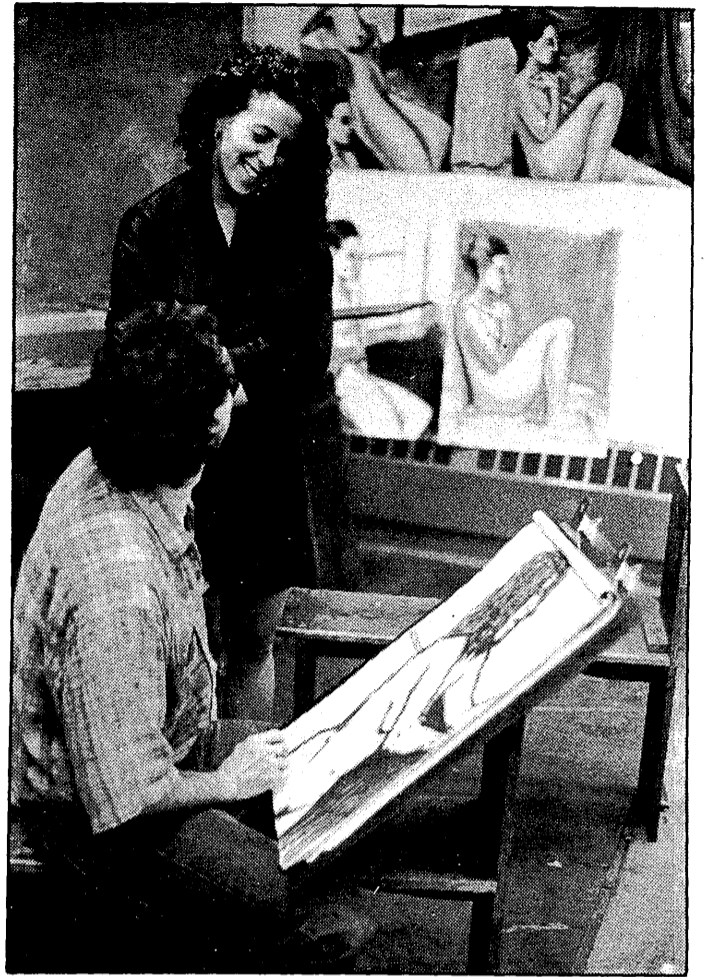


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### Model Sheila Bricker looks over artist Richard Taylor's sketch.

"It shows me how unimportant how people look is," Croft said. "Whether I was completely

out of shape and ugly or I was the opposite; it doesn't matter. It's what's inside that counts."

## Battling bands raise money for Opportunity Council

By John Payseno  
staff reporter

A Battle of the Bands rocked the Viking Union in front of a small crowd, April 22.

The concert was a benefit for the Opportunity Council, a private, non-profit community action agency. The Opportunity Council helps low-income and disadvantaged people with food, housing, clothing, medical care, homeless daycare and a number of other programs for those in need.

Bands representing the Kappa, Gamma, Alpha, Highland and Buchanan Towers dorms and one off-campus group played 30-minute sets which started at 7 p.m.

"The idea was born last quarter with the Delta Hall Council," said Ray Samoa, a Delta R.A. and organizer of the event.

The VU was set up with a stage on each side of the room. Bands alternated between the two stages to keep the time between bands to a minimum.

Scram kicked off the evening with strong keyboard music. They were reminiscent of Night Ranger, one fan said.

They were followed by Cemetery Road, representing Delta. Cemetery Road was energetic, but not up to par with the other bands.

"This is one of our earlier public performances," said James Spencer, the lead singer for Cemetery Road. "Winning is not the essence. It would be nice though."

The third band, King Salmon — representing Highland Hall — has been around for about a year, said band member Mike Bajuk. The three-member group played with a lot of energy but little clarity.

The winning band, Elroy's Buzz, played some of their own songs and did a cover of Ren and Stimpy's classic "Happy, Happy, Joy, Joy." The Elroy's Buzz guitarist brought the song to an end by thrashing his guitar on the ground and jumping on it.

"We were hoping to at least get third so we could go buy a CD or food or something," said Jim Peterson, lead singer for the winning band.

"I was most entertained by them," Albert Foster, a judge for the Battle of the Bands, said of Elroy's Buzz.

Elroy's Buzz's impressive light show (which consisted of a Lite-Brite set sitting on a speaker) was just the right thing to go with their high-energy performance.

The Bucket Boys and Swill capped off the competition with good tunes and second- and third-place finishes. "Swill ... did a damn fine job. The band sounds a whole lot like Alice in Chains," one fan said.

"A lot of the bands haven't progressed enough to get their own identity," Foster said. Many of them sound like the bands they are influenced by.

Foster hopes to bring in more off-campus talent for the next battle of the bands.

"Hopefully we'll do it again next year," Foster said.

The event did not draw a large crowd, but those present enjoyed a lively show for a good cause.



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### Mix-A-Lot

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Mix-a-Lot climbed into his  
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## Major 'clowns around' in spare time



Photo by Michelle Reilly

### Russ Nelson, better known as Bags the Clown, delights all ages with his balloon figures and magic tricks.

Nelson does mostly children's birthday parties and grand openings. He makes balloon animals and does what he calls "comedy magic."

"The kids perform the magic, or I'll work it so it ends up being a joke on the clown," Nelson said of his act. "I bring posters so the kids can choose what (balloon animals) they want me to make."

But being a clown does have a down side. It isn't all floppy shoes and a big red nose.

"You have to keep up with the latest big, fancy stuff or you're not employed," Nelson said.

"Sometimes people don't take me seriously when they hear I'm a clown," Nelson admits. "But when they realize I'm serious they think it's cool. They say, 'Oh, you must really love kids.'"

And there is the occasional traumatized child. "There was a time once when a dad picked up his kid and forced him toward me," Nelson said. The kid was apparently less than pleased. "I said, 'Don't do that! You'll scar him for life!'"

But apparently most of the memories are happy ones. Nelson likes what he does.

"I enjoy my work. I wouldn't do anything to give my clown character a bad name."

## Fencing

## Club brings out the 'Zorro' in its members

By Kris Whipple  
staff reporter

## Remember Zorro?

The masked hero always managed to balance the work of heroics with the mark of a sophisticate. It was the fencer's foil that gave him that signature of agility and cunning.

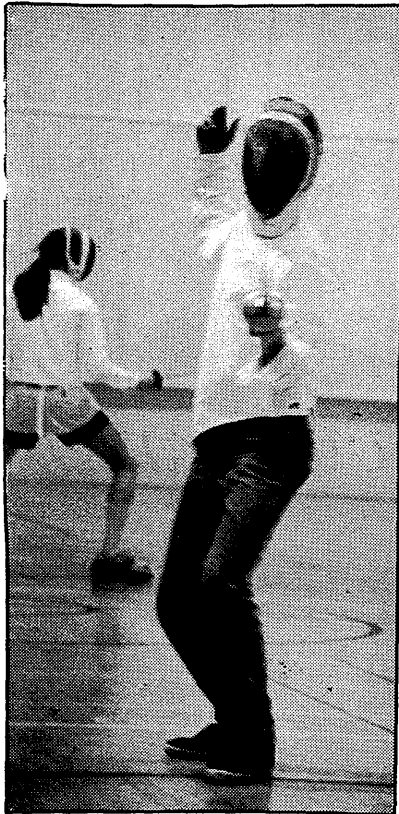


Photo by Adam Leask

Fencer Joel Sanders strikes a pose with the epee.

ning.

It's a little of the romance that initially attracts many people to the sport of fencing. Charles Collier, Western Fencing Club coach and adviser, said he notices the fascination.

It is alluring "because it's something probably seen in movies, and people thought it looked neat," he said.

The club has been at Western since the 1970s, with a short, inactive period in the '80s. The current club was formed about seven years ago through the efforts of Collier and another former Western student. At that time, and until last year, a fencing class was offered through the physical education department.

Without the course, it is difficult to stimulate and keep student interest in the club, representative Jonathan Zold said.

Some fencers, such as Zold, have been exposed to the sport from their youth. Zold learned to fence as a child from his grandfather and mother. He too liked the idea of doing "the Errol Flynn thing."

"Then I realized there was more to it," he said.

Fencing is not a sport of strength, but one of strategy. There

are numerous moves that cause the physical aspects to drop away, leaving a sport often compared to chess.

Zold said he finds the challenge and excitement in fencing at this level.

"You essentially have to outwit them," he said.

To win a bout, a fencer must score five points or be ahead in points should the six-minute time period expire. A touch to a designated target area earns points along with the style of fencing that designates the target area.

An actual bout differs greatly from the theatrical style of fencing. Collier explained it's "like the difference between the stage backdrop and reality." The stage moves are much more broad and exaggerated.

"In real fencing, you want to hit the other guy as quickly and efficiently as possible," Collier said.

Regardless of skill level, fencing can be fulfilling. Tyrean Gillespie started fencing this fall. She isn't as interested in the role-playing aspects and enjoys the individual challenge.

"It's something better than class," she said.

Because fencers compete

mostly on an individual level, club members have the opportunity to compete when they have time. This year, fencers have

competed in tournaments in Seattle and Tacoma.

The club will be hosting a tournament at 10 a.m., May 22.

## Western Sports Briefs

## Fastpitch team concludes tough first season

Western's women's fastpitch softball team concluded its season Tuesday losing a doubleheader to Simon Fraser University.

Junior Gina Wilson pitched in the first game that the Vikings lost, 9-0.

"They (the Clan) had one inning that started a chain reaction. They were hitting the ball well and we couldn't quite execute out plays," senior Minda Davis said about the first game.

The Vikings fared a bit better in the second game as sophomore pitcher Connie Twidwell kept the Clan scoreless after five innings.

Dani Marks hit a three-run home run over the left-center field fence in the fifth inning for the Vikings' only scores of the game.

"It was sweet. It was the prettiest hit you've ever seen,"

Davis said.

The Vikings finished with three wins and 13 losses in league play (7-13 overall) in their inaugural season as a varsity team.

Western beat The University of Puget Sound in a doubleheader Sunday, April 25 in Lynden.

## District title on line this weekend

The Viking tennis teams will compete in the NAIA District I championships at Central Washington University today and will continue until Sunday.

Wednesday's match against Skagit Valley Community College was the sixth match to be cancelled due to rain out of the last 16 matches.

"We have a really solid team and anyone can come through," fourth-year coach Jo Ann Andrews said.

"We have a lot of depth in our teams. It's a matter of how they compete. They'll just have to dig it out - even if it may not be pretty."

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## RAPE: Whose issue is it?

### Legal system often re-traumatizes rape victims



By Ina Smith  
staff reporter

with a resounding "Yes." But, are people willing to support victims

If a woman is raped, should she report the incident to police? Most Americans would answer this question

during the grueling judicial process which follows the decision to prosecute? If rape victims are expected to open their personal lives to public scrutiny, then they should be spared additional pain and embarrassment if possible.

According to a National Crime Victimization Survey, only 65 percent of rapes in the United States are reported to police. This statistic isn't surprising, considering defense lawyers usually do their best to taint the reputation of the "alleged" victim.

It isn't uncommon for a rape victim to be put through the emotional ringer by way of character assassination. When a woman files rape charges the following questions inevitably come up: What was she wearing? Why was she walking home alone at that time of night? Had she been drinking? Does she get around? Did she know that guy?

What does any of that have to do with the actual crime itself? Many people acknowledge rape for what it is — a serious and

devastating attack. But, others actually believe if a woman wears provocative clothing or takes a walk in a secluded area that she is just asking to be raped and deserves what she gets.

Rape victims usually do enough self-blaming on their own. Feelings of guilt and shame are part of the trauma that follows the attack. When outsiders validate these negative feelings, their recovery process is only hampered.

According to an article which ran in the *Washington Post* in December 1991, "In 1989 a

Florida man accused of raping a woman by knife-point was acquitted because the woman was wearing lace shorts and no underwear."

This court decision sent out a terribly damaging message to women: If you're raped, don't report it. That is unless you're a nun with absolutely no character flaws or spiritual defects.

This is the direction the American legal system should be headed. Ironically, the only way for women to change this process is by speaking out.

### Frat members give men a bad name



By Eric Munson  
staff reporter

Three summers ago I rushed at a U.W. fraturnaty, I never applied to the U.W., I just rushed. Two members of the frat told me what they did for kicks. It was my first real experience with rapists.

They said they would find the ugliest girl they could, the fatter the better, and then attempt get the woman to go to bed with them. They said it usually wasn't that hard because the woman 'wanted it'

When it looked like one of the guys had a sure thing, some of the other guys in the frat would go to the 'fuck the ugly chick room' before the guy arrived with the woman. These people would hide in various places around the room. They showed me and my friends where they would hide. They would wait until the guy was in the middle of having sex and then jump out yelling.

They said most of the women never came back, but added one woman was totally oblivious to the whole thing.

Then there is the Western student I know who had sex with a passed out woman. They had made-out earlier that night. He said that was her consent.

What is sick it that the women in these situations

trusted the people around them. The men took advantage of that trust. In doing this, they make it harder for everyone else to regain that trust.

Everyone is a potential rapist in these ordinary situations.

These aren't men running after women in parks late at night, they're people women have been talking to, men they know.

Almost as sickening is that in every one of these situations none of the women pressed charges. How are we ever going to deal with the problem of rape if we don't do anything? It is not going to go away. There is too much of an 'I'm not a rapist so I don't have to worry about it attitude.'

When a woman tells me she feels she has to walk around with a bottle of pepper spay in her hand I understand, and feel sorry for her. Being a male, I rarely have to think about the prospect of rape. I only have to hear about it.

So be afraid, because the time you least expect it, it will happen. Take legal action, even though the legal system might be difficult, it is the only recourse we have, and sometimes it works. If you don't, it will happen again and again.

The guys in the frat didn't think of it as rape, to them it was a big game. The guy that raped the passed out girl thought it was O.K. because she didn't say no.

And guys, remember. Once a woman has had any alcohol it is rape even if she does say yes.

### Men also victimized when women raped



By Greg Dean  
staff reporter

Rape affects not only women, it also affects men. Rape victimizes men by making all men possible perpetrators in the eyes of women.

It victimizes the whole male gender by creating the idea of man as the root of evil in a woman's mind.

I know several women, close friends and acquaintances who are the victims of rape and abuse at the hands of men. Though it happens, I don't know a single man that has been the victim of a rape at the hands of a woman.

Listening to these stories of rape disturbs me. I realize that another person of my gender has degraded me. He has not only degraded me, but all men.

A woman walks down the street late at night. Walking somewhere along the same street is a man. The woman is forced to suspect this man as a possible rapist. The man may be a wonderful person, but in her mind she is forced — because of the past victimization of women at the hands of men — to assume this man intends to harm her.

The gender split finds its most dramatic display on these grounds. The fact that women must fear all men in certain situations only widens the gap.

Every time one man rapes one woman it victimizes all men and women. It widens the gap between the sexes; through fear being forced on women and the assumed predator status forced on men.

Many men do not understand the campaign of women

to "take back the night." They can't relate because they don't know what it means to be victimized as a specific group of people in fear of another group of people.

I never understood this concept until I heard a friend describe to me two occasions that she had been attacked by a man.

Once, she was able to flee. Another time, she talked the attacker out of committing the rape after he had wrestled her to the ground.

She remains after the incidences a strong woman; one who is not afraid of the night. But, forever in her mind she will be wary of every man she meets.

Every woman who hears these stories learns to fear all men. All decent men who hear these stories want women to know that they would never commit such an act.

Unfortunately, regardless of the intent of the man walking down a street near a woman, she must still protect herself from him. Because women must hold this fear of men, all men are violated by rape.

Every time one man rapes a woman, he victimizes all men by making them the predator in the minds of women.

There may be little that men can do about this. We as men, however, can support women in their quest for equal rights. We can let women know that we, as individuals, are not predators.

We can confront sexism and objectification of women when we witness such actions.

Most of all, we can cross to the other side of the street, or by some means try and let the woman walking down the street know that we are not the predator.

### Women more likely attacked by acquaintances



By Renee Treider  
staff reporter

A woman goes out on a date with a male acquaintance. They eat dinner, have a few drinks and end up back

at her apartment. He tries to get physical; she's not interested. But telling him no wasn't enough — he forces her to have sex.

Did she ask for it by letting him into her apartment? No.

Regardless of the circumstances, no woman deserves to be raped.

It doesn't matter if the couple shared a drink, dinner or even a kiss. If the evening

ends with her having been physically violated, a crime has been committed.

According to *Time*, 683,000 adult women were forcibly raped in the United States in 1990.

Tabulating the answers from a cross-section of 4,000 women, the *Time* survey estimated more than 12 million women have been raped at least once in their life, 61 percent of the rape victims were younger than 18, and three out of 10 were younger than 11 years old.

In almost 80 percent of cases, the victim knew her rapist.

The myth that all rapists are people who lurk in the shadows and wait for their victims no longer exists. Most women who are raped are

raped by people they know. The person could be a co-worker, classmate, friend or even a relative — someone familiar enough for a woman to let down her guard and perhaps trust.

The problem is knowing who to trust. The other problem is getting the rapist to pay for their crime.

One in four women will be raped in her lifetime. Less than 10 percent of date rapes will be reported and less than 5 percent of the rapist will actually go to jail.

If a woman is physically violated, under no circumstances — even if she makes a bad judgement call — should the man walk away free.

Women need to report assaults and rapists must pay for their crimes.

# Frontline

## Clinton needs to slow his agenda down

Everyone tells us how important these first 100 days are to a President's term — how they're supposed to be a litmus test for the rest of the Commander in Chief's four years.

President Clinton tried to fit four years of legislation in his first 100 days, causing an overshadowing of important events. A recent example of this was the Republican filibuster of Clinton's jobs plan while most attention was focused on the Vancouver Summit with Russian President Boris Yeltsin — immediately following a timber summit in Seattle.

Each of these events are vital issues deserving of prominent play in the media and the public mind. But with all three events occurring simultaneously, one issue is played up while little attention is paid to the other two.

In the above situation, the Republican filibuster was successful, and Clinton's jobs plan was defeated. If more time and attention was focused on the issue of the President's jobs plan, a better-informed public could have rallied behind it.

The microphone follows the President, and when he makes public appearances at timber conferences or Boeing, the attention follows. In the meantime, a potentially more-important issue — his jobs plan — is failing in the nation's capitol. But that story is on page A13 and in the back of the public mind.

With too much to focus on at a time, the public is unable to acquire enough information on each issue. Consequently, issues evolve and decisions are reached without informed support or opposition of the public. What needs to be done is a lightening of the load. Clinton needs to space out his agenda more to allow for more public comprehension.

This is especially true right now, as health care reform is being readied for Congress at a time when new taxes on energy and Social Security are on the table. Adding Clinton's reform package would only muddle the overall picture and not allow strong public sentiment develop behind any one of these current three issues.

The pressure for Clinton to address many of his campaign issues during this first 100 days has been immense and led to defeats. But hopefully Clinton's agenda will slow down so each issue can be addressed with the respect it is due.

- R.E. Dalrymple, Editor in Chief

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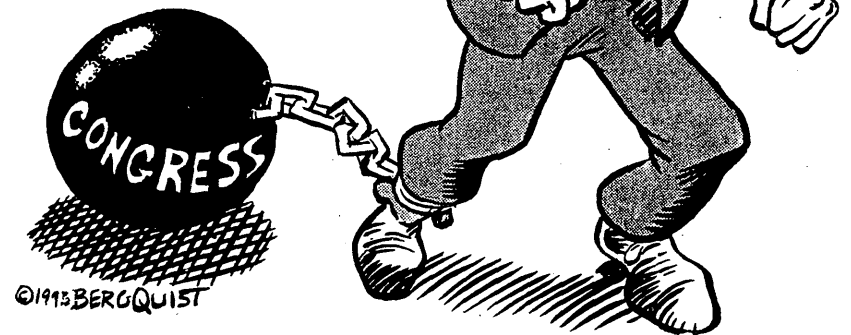
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## President out does Bush in first 100 days



By Guy Bergstrom  
staff reporter

Can you remember what George "Read-My-Lips" Bush did for you during his four years? Can you recall what he accomplished during his first 100 days?

The singular monotone of the teacher in *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* comes to mind: "Anyone? Anyone?"

The only thing George "Wouldn't Be Prudent" Bush did well (besides raising taxes he said he wouldn't and running up the largest deficits in history) was invading foreign countries.

Not only was this not original — he spent eight years learn-

ing from the Gipper, who would bomb Libya if his ratings were down — but it just didn't do much for the American people.

President Clinton and Vice President Gore have had 100 days to start fixing 12 years of record deficits, inner-city neglect, lower wages and social malaise.

Obviously Clinton can't fix all of Poppy and the Gipper's innumerable boo-boos in three months.

As Clinton often says, it's taken a dozen years or more to get into this mess, and it will probably take at least as long to get out of it.

Impossible expectations await Bill and Al: erase the deficit, the voters cry, but also give us health-care reform (for free) and national service (to make college free) and create new jobs (without a stimulus package) and save the

world from ecological destruction (remember, though, we're not paying for it) and stop the genocide in Bosnia (without using U.S. troops) and invest in the nation's crumbling infrastructure (without new taxes to pay for it or adding to the deficit) and on and on and on.

Reagan and Bush made being anti-government a virtue, professing a hatred for "big government" while setting records for government spending, deficits and regulation. That, my friends, is what we call hypocrisy.

Clinton, on the other hand, is attempting to do more with government with less money.

This is naturally tougher and doesn't leave you with a lot of free time in the War Room, debating the various merits and demerits of invading small Third World countries.

## Clinton talks big but delivers little



By Mark Scholten  
staff reporter

Definitely the best Chief Executive hair of the modern era.

But politically? Well, I guess ol' Dan Quayle isn't looking so bad right about now.

The honeymoon, near as I can tell, ended somewhere around the time he wrapped up his inaugural address. "President" Clinton has passed the much-ballyhooed 100-day milestone in his administration and has managed to tick off just about everybody already. Took longer than I thought.

He rode in on his white horse, promising everything to everybody. The lesson to be learned was (drum roll): When you talk big, people expect stuff!

He has yet to deliver any stuff. If I may slip into playground vernacular: He can talk the talk, but not walk the walk. How long did it take him to break the "I won't raise taxes on anyone making under \$200,000 a year" promise? Three hours?

Sorry — three weeks. Then he comes on national television and makes the legendary "I worked harder on this than anything in my life" speech. Three weeks! The only reason anyone voted for him, and he gives it three weeks. Super. Gonna be a long four years.

Gays in the military. Could this have been butchered a little worse please? President Clinton, showing his compassion and sensitivity (something he

seems to have enough of for the rest of the country combined), decided to use the military as his little social playground and open it up to homosexuals.

Whoops. Seems a guy who protested the Vietnam War doesn't have much credibility tinkering with the military. He met opposition and folded. Like a house of cards. Gee whiz man! At the very least stick to your convictions. Or maybe get some.

And I thought there was going to be an end to gridlock. To quote Dana Carvey doing John McLaughlin on Saturday Night Live: WRONG! Sorry, Mr. President. The Republicans aren't going to agree to weak legislation just because you allege to have been swept into the White House with a mandate for change. Forty-three percent of the vote is not exactly a Reagan-in-'84 type of mandate.

And while I'm ranting, even Clinton's White House Communications Director is obnoxious. What's his name — George Staph Infection? (Name-calling — that's where the real comedy's at). With those pretty-boy features, wimpy voice and condescending attitude, there's a guy you just want to beat the crap out of.

Clinton got elected by convincing the world that the last 12 years of Republicans in the White House is responsible for all things evil. He and his group of kind, caring people who "feel our pain" would come in and clean house.

Nope. More tax. More spend. Debt goes up. I'll see you in line for gas.

# LETTERS

April 30, 1993

## Alcohol and sports don't mix

Dear Editor,  
After reading *The Western Front's* recent articles on the men's lacrosse team suspension and subsequent name change, I have a few things to point out.

First, the team was suspended from Western's Sports Club program in part, for having open containers of alcohol in a state vehicle — the *Front's* coverage of the team's post-suspension play makes me wonder if the *Front* condones such behavior.

Additionally, the fact that a person or group can misuse a privilege and become heroes on your sports page is offensive. Just because they can still pull themselves together under a new name doesn't mean they deserve the *Front's* attention.

Finally, your article mentions the specific requirements for the team's reinstatement, but nowhere do I find the lacrosse team's plans for alcohol awareness training or related community service. I'm sure other readers, as well as myself, are interested in the team's plans.

As a former Olympic athlete, I am offended by the fact many athletes believe athletic performance and alcohol consumption go hand-in-hand. I challenge young athletes to push their bodies to the highest possible level and to physically challenge themselves. Using alcohol only inhibits top performance.

Marie Sather  
Western Washington University  
Administrator

## LaPlace's reasoning aborts logic

Dear Editor,  
Remember William LaPlace's April 6 letter to the editor, in which he justifies shooting doctors in the back who perform abortions? In his justice-by-handgun netherworld, LaPlace views psychos like Michael Griffin as good citizens. He asked us to picture fetuses drawing handguns to shoot doctors who perform abortions. Well, picture this:

As a little girl walks past her goldfish bowl. The fish, dying from neglect, pull pistols and drop her on the living room floor (fish are far more complex, developed and aware than any fetus in its first trimester).

A mother returns home to where a grizzly bear and two doomed cubs with no wild places left to live pull pistols and shoot her dead on her front lawn (an unbroken line of other species wait their turn to add bullets to her body).

As a man leaves his bathroom, 400 million sperm pull pistols and shoot every cell in his body (all those potential humans have rights too).

As the Christian God begins one of the sponta-

neous abortions He performs on a regular basis (far more than doctors perform), innocent zygotes, embryos and fetuses around the world rise up with pistols to defend themselves.

And the millions of starving, abused and abandoned children who were brought into the world because of the lack of reproductive facilities, education or alternatives all draw pistols to murder those responsible.

In William LaPlace's world, there will be many gun-toting avengers to protect the lives of everything from sperm to sperm whales, zygotes to serial killers. LaPlace can take his place with Jim Jones, Charles Manson, David Koresh and others who look for excuses to usher in their own personal Armageddons. Vigilante justice opens the gates to people who get their logic by mail-order or from the spiritually challenged, those who have never known an ethic first hand — and these are the gates to William LaPlace's world.

Mark W. Ellis

## Shannon Point Marine Center article needs a few corrections

Dear Editor,  
Kurt Eckert wrote a good article about marine biology programs and facilities at Shannon Point Marine Center in the April 20, 1993 issue of *The Western Front*. The article was informative and, for the most part an, accurate portrayal of SPMC. I am really pleased that our support of marine biology programs and the use of

the facilities by students were clearly presented in the article. However, a few points in the article need correction of clarification. 1) The number of students in each of the courses offered as part of our spring quarter-in-residence ranges from 12-24. There are six courses held at SPMC this quarter, with a total of 47 different students attending classes here.

The number 20 quoted in the article refers to the number of students living in the SPMC housing. 2) The National Science Foundation does not provide direct financial support for the spring quarter-in-residence program, only for the summer Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) Program and the Minorities in Marine Science Program.

However, NSF has provided the instrumentation and much of the renovated laboratory facilities that are used by the spring quarter classes. 3) My position is Assistant Professor in the Dept. of Biology. I am currently serving as Assistant Director of Shannon Point Marine Center while Dr. Stephen Sulkin is Acting Provost of WWU. 4) The last paragraph of

the article describes the application procedure for the summer REU program **only**. If students wish to use the facilities for other purposes, they need to fill out a simple application form available by calling 293-2188.

Thanks again for the informative article!  
Gise'le Muller-Parker  
Assistant Director, SPMC

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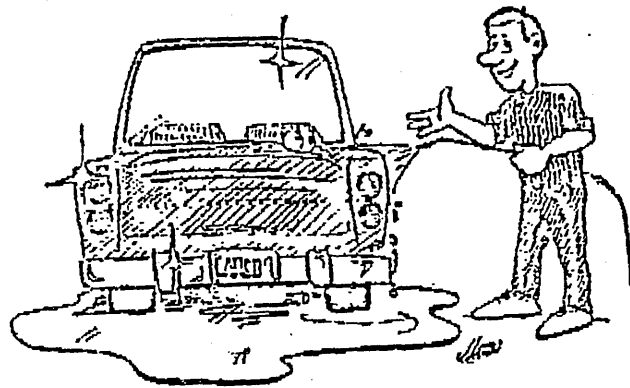
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- help people mobilize to overcome poverty in their neighborhoods.
- are assigned to local projects in the 50 states, Puerto Rico and Washington, D.C.
- set up projects to reduce hunger and homelessness, organize people to rebuild urban housing, create employment and literacy projects... and much more.
- are U.S. citizens or permanent residents, age 18 or older.

**VISTA VOLUNTEERS RECEIVE...**

- a modest living allowance plus a \$95 monthly stipend paid upon completion of service.
- training before and during service.
- unique experience and new skills which enhance career development.
- possible deferment or partial cancellation of student loans.
- easier access to federal employment after service.



**ACTION**  
THE FEDERAL DOMESTIC VOLUNTEER AGENCY

**Recruiter on campus**

MAY 5, 10AM-4PM, FAIRHAVEN COLLEGE ADMIN BLDG  
MAY 6, STUDENT CENTER, 10AM-4PM  
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