

Western gets hit with a 6-percent budget cut

By Ina Smith
staff reporter

It finally happened. After months of heated debate, the Washington State Legislature passed Western's operating budget May 6, allocating more than \$116.9 million for 1993-1995. But this falls short of Western's projected base funding level requirement of \$124 million by about 6 percent.

Al Froderberg, vice president for external affairs, said the budget could have been much worse.

"This has been a long process," he said.

"A year ago I would have expected the budget to be better. Then a few months ago I thought it would be worse. It (the budget) ended up being somewhere in between."

"The legislators ask themselves, "do we lower quality or do we try to maintain quality by raising tuition? ""

Al Froderberg, Western's vice president for external affairs

According to a recent press release from the Public Information Office, the budget will actually grant more funds to Western

for future enrollment. Enrollment will increase by 215 students next year and by 144 students in 1994-1995. The state will fund each additional student at \$6,563, com-

pared with the state's previous funding of \$4,400 each.

But these benefits, as well as others, will be significantly overshadowed by other provisions including what the state legislature calls an "efficiency initiative" reduction.

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A balancing act at the Ski to Sea Parade



Photo by Adam Leask

Members of the Unicycle, Juggling and Jump-roping Club from Ten Mile Creek Elementary School participate in the Ski to Sea Parade, the first event of the Ski to Sea celebration.

The budget at a glance for the '93-94 biennium

The bad news:

- 10.4 percent increase in tuition for '93-94 and an additional 14.5 percent increase in '94-95.
- No raises for school employees making more than \$45,000.
- The travel budget is cut about 50 percent.
- No funds for unavoidable costs such as utility rate increases, creating an effective cut of 3.3 percent.
- A 4.3 percent "efficiency initiatives" cut. This means reductions on supplies such as paper and tape

The good news:

- A 215-student enrollment increase, with \$6,563 contributed per student instead of the \$4,400 given last year.
- Funding employee health insurance increases and paying for health insurance for graduate teaching assistants.

Source: Western Public Information Office

Western bracing for earthquake

Several campus buildings will undergo structural reinforcement though none of them need to be closed or repaired immediately

By Renee Treider
staff reporter

A seismic study of the campus revealed that Western's buildings are not necessarily earthquake safe. Because of soil conditions beneath some structures, upgrading will be needed.

"None of our buildings... need to be closed or dealt with immediately," said George Pierce, vice president of business and financial affairs.

The study focused on the area's potential for earthquakes, earth composition and structural analysis of campus buildings.

One concern is the soil conditions underneath the buildings, Pierce said.

"Most of the problems ... had to do with wall bracing and tying the structures of certain sides of the buildings farther down into the soil ... to compensate for the weak soil conditions," Pierce said.

Gayle Shipley, director of environmental health and safety, said the university is taking the results of the study and integrating it into the campus Master Plan.

Seismic considerations will be included in the renovation plans for the Birnam Wood Apartments, Edens Hall, Haggard Hall, Ridgeway Commons and Viking Union Commons.

Pierce said money for seismic upgrading will not be taken from

operating funds, which could affect classrooms, labs and services. Instead, funding will be sought from general capital funds and trust funds.

"It's money that's available only for renovations, remodels or construction," Pierce said.

"We are going to obtain funding in the next biennium to design some of the upgrades," Shipley said. "Then the following biennium, we are hopeful that we will obtain funding to increment a number of the upgrades to our buildings."

In addition to upgrading the structural elements will be the securing of non-structural

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Viking 21 survives first day

Car is hampered by mechanical trouble

By Jeff Quigggle
features editor

GARDNER, Mass.— Western's solar/electric hybrid car made it safely through the first leg of the fifth annual American Tour de Sol on May 24.

But not without having to overcome a time-consuming setback. The problem started only minutes after leaving the starting line. Team leader and Viking 21 driver Gavin Campbell reported hearing a metallic scraping noise coming from the back of the car.

Campbell drove the car cautiously for 12 miles before stopping near Arlington, Mass. to allow the team to investigate the problem. Team members traveling behind in a chase car discovered some loose bolts underneath a clutch system.

The problem took about an hour-and-a-half to solve. "It was discouraging at first," said Michael Seal, director of Western's Vehicle Research Institute. "But we made up a lot of time and got in pretty good style, so we're far from being out of this."

The race began at Boston's City Hall Plaza at 1 p.m. after starting ceremonies.

The ceremonies included speeches by Massachusetts Gov. Wil-

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WHAT'S INSIDE? FEATURES, pg. 9: Local publication, *The Echo*, enjoys success. SPORTS, pg. 11: National powerlifting championships here.

COPS BOX *Campus and Bellingham***CAMPUS POLICE****May 23**

7:01 p.m.: Two students were involved in a fight on Western's flickerball field. A crowd of approximately 30 people were gathered around the fight. When an officer arrived, the crowd and combatants dispersed, running up the trails leading to the Ridgeway Service Road. The officer was able to get information about the suspects from two witnesses.

May 24

6:23 a.m.: Graffiti was discovered on a Western sculpture. Damage was estimated at \$50.

BELLINGHAM POLICE**May 22**

11:33 p.m.: While on patrol on the 1000 block of Otis Street, an officer was flagged down by a parent who wanted to complain that two juveniles had spent the night together in a motel room without the parent's permission. The officer returned the juveniles to their respective parents.

May 23

5:57 a.m.: A citizen reported that his nephew was drunk and asleep on his couch. He said his nephew had an alcohol problem and that he didn't want him around when he was drunk. Officers woke the nephew and helped him outside, advising him not to return for the rest of the day.

7:35 a.m.: A citizen called police to complain that the neighbor's parrot routinely awoke the family early in the morning. An officer talked to the neighbor, who agreed not to put the parrot out until 10 or 11 a.m.

9:09 a.m.: A man reported that for the third time in less than an year, his garage on the 3300 block of Abbott Street had been broken into. He said the incident took place sometime between 9 p.m. May 22 and 8:15 a.m. May 23. The only items taken were two mountain bikes. Several other items of value were left behind. The police have no suspects at this time.

Western Briefs**Women's Commission presents discussion**

"Building Coalitions and Creating Change," presented by the Women's Commission, is scheduled from noon to 1:30 p.m. May 25 in Old Main 340 (Board of Trustees room). The panel presentation will feature discussion with faculty, staff, students and administrators on women's current realities, redefining communication and support networks and recommendations for campus transformation.

For more information call Melissa Cochran at 650-6106 or Karen McMains at 650-3858.

Effects of hate initiatives on people of color shown

The Asian/Pacific Islander Student Union presents the panel/workshop, "Hate Initiatives: The Effects on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Straight People of Color" at 7 p.m. May 26 in Bond Hall 215.

Trustees seek responses to presidential candidates

Western's Board of Trustees invites opinions and suggestions from the campus and the Bellingham/Whatcom County communities as it considers the appointment of Western's next president. Responses are due May 25 to the board in care of the Presidential Search Office, Old Main 400F (mail stop 9035).

Alumni talk about life after college and the job market

The Alumni Office and Career Services Center sponsor "Is There Life After College?" from 3 to 4:30

p.m. May 26 in the Library Presentation Room. The panel of Western alumni will share information on various careers and discuss how to succeed in today's tight job market.

Fairhaven College community meets May 26

Marie Eaton, dean of Fairhaven College, will talk about the status of her deanship, and the Special Quarter Planning Committee will give an update at the Fairhaven community meeting at noon May 26 in Fairhaven 340.

Workshop explores self-esteem and eating disorders

Self-esteem and control and their relation to eating disorders are the focus of the last workshop in the Take Back series, sponsored by the Women's Center. The workshop is 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. May 25 in Viking Union 408. Child care will be provided.

Music Department presents three concerts

The Western Composers concert May 25, directed by Roger Briggs, is the first of three concerts presented by the Music Department this week. It is followed by the Collegium Musicum concert May 26, directed by Mary Térey-Smith, and the Chamber Music concert May 27. Each performance is at 8 p.m. in the Concert Hall. Admission is free.

Video tells history of Asians in Washington

The Center for Educational Pluralism sponsors "Home From the Eastern Sea," at noon and 4:30 p.m. May 26 in Miller Hall 250.

News from all over the world**U.S. defends Safe Haven plan for Bosnia**

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP)—Despite criticism of a European and Russian plan to set up "safe havens" in Bosnia, Secretary of State Warren Christopher defended the plan and said it contains important steps toward ending the conflict.

The Clinton administration announced its acceptance of the plan over the weekend. Since then both parties have criticized it, saying it's a sellout to aggression by the Serbs.

Christopher said the policy is in the best interests of the United States and it isn't the end of U.S. policy in Bosnia.

The departing U.N. refugee coordinator in Croatia said the plan for "safe havens" could confine Muslims to isolated ghettos where they would be terrified and dependent on charity.

Bosnia's Muslim president also condemned the Safe Haven plan as an attempt to herd his people into "reservations" and accept Serb gains from military aggression.

Africans, African-Americans compare notes on poverty

LIBREVILLE, GABON (AP)—Africans and African-Americans are in the second day of a five-day conference regarding common problems of poverty.

More than 1,000 African-Americans, including such leaders as Jesse Jackson, Andrew Young and Coretta Scott King, traveled to Gabon for the conference with thousands of Africans, including 20 heads of state.

One fourth-grade teacher from Detroit who attended said the city of Libreville has the same problems of poverty, violence and poor education as found in the urban United States.

Portland company fined \$11.1 million for pollution

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Louisiana-Pacific said it's glad its pollution faceoff with the federal government is over.

The wood products company, based in Portland, must pay an \$11.1 million fine for excessive emissions and giving false information to environmental officials. A company spokesman said Louisiana-Pacific was not accused of "any significant emissions of anything hazardous into the air," and called it a case of not following proper procedures.

The fine is the second largest ever assessed under federal environmental laws. Federal officials say it's a sign that the administration plans to vigorously enforce those laws.

Manic depression often goes undiagnosed

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A new study of manic depression, which afflicts more than 3 million Americans, found that it took an average of eight years for patients to get the correct diagnosis. One-third of the 500 patients surveyed said it took more than a decade to identify the problem.

The head of the psychiatry department at the University of Pennsylvania said delayed diagnosis is troubling because manic depression is a treatable illness. He said the disorder usually begins in the teen years, disrupting a person's life at a vulnerable time and possibly leading to drug abuse and other problems.

Rev. Moon seeks to fight sin in America

SEATTLE (AP)—The Rev. Sun Myung Moon told a Seattle audi-

ence he is trying to rescue the United States from moral depravity.

Sins rampant in the U.S. include drug abuse, suicide and sex without commitment, he said. Moon, 73, is head of the 3 million-member Unification Church.

The Seattle speech Sunday was the eleventh stop for Moon on a 12-city tour that ended Monday in San Francisco.

Layoff notices mailed to state workers this week

OLYMPIA (AP)—The first of what could be thousands of layoff notices will be mailed to state workers this week as part of the 1993 legislature's plan to balance the budget. Lawmakers recently approved a spending plan that calls for eliminating 3,400 positions in state government.

Ferndale man killed after drive off dock identified

BELLINGHAM (AP)—A 33-year-old Ferndale man who died after driving his car off a ferry dock into Bellingham Bay, has been identified as David Ronald Zimmerman. Whatcom County Sheriff's officials said he left the Lummi Casino Saturday morning and drove off the dock into the water.

Yakima woman sentenced for killing her mother

YAKIMA (AP)—A Yakima woman was sentenced to two years in prison for drowning and dismembering her mother, whom she accused of ignoring childhood sexual abuse. Yakima County Superior Court Judge Susan Hahn gave 43-year-old Susan Varness a sentence lower than the standard 31- to 41-month sentencing range for first-degree manslaughter.

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

- **LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW FROM THE UNIVERSITY** is Friday, May 28. That also is the last day for late course withdrawals for students with late-withdrawal privileges.
- **ATTENTION NDSL/FEDERAL PERKINS AND GSL/STAFFORD/FFELP LOAN BORROWERS:** If you are not returning fall quarter or if you are graduating spring quarter you are *required to schedule an exit interview.* Stop by Student Fiscal Services, OM 265, or call X/2943 no later than May 26 to schedule an interview. *School records will be subject to withholding if you do not appear for the mandatory interview.*
- **VU CLOSURE:** Due to a lack of schedule events in the Viking Union, the facility will close at 5 p.m. on May 28 and reopen for regular hours on Tuesday, June 1. The LGBA dance advertised for Saturday, May 29, will be held at the advertised time. Access to KUGS-FM will follow normal procedures for holiday/after-hours access.
- **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.
- **INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS AND EXCHANGES** will hold orientation interest meetings as follows: • May 26 from 2-4 p.m. in OM 435 for London, Avignon, Cologne, Siena, and Macerata; • May 27 from 1-3 p.m. in OM 355 for Morelia, Mexico.
- **STUDY IN GREECE.** There will be an orientation/interest meeting from 2-4 p.m. Tuesday, June 1, in OM 435 for students interested in learning more about Western's Greece Program in Athens.
- **SUMMER PARKING PERMIT RENEWALS.** Permits may be renewed for summer quarter from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday from through June 4 at Parking Services on 21st Street. Those who do not have a spring quarter permit may purchase one between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at Parking Services beginning June 7.
- **STUDENT PARKING APPLICATIONS FOR 1993-94.** Student parking permit applications are available at Parking Services beginning today. The office is open from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. To participate in priority assignment, applications must be submitted by July 19. Applicants who miss the deadline will be assigned permits on a first-come, first-served basis after priority assignments are completed. Applications will be accepted through August 20. Over-the-counter permit sales will begin September 20 if there are spaces left after the advance application process is completed.
- **THE JUNIOR WRITING EXAM** will be given at 2 p.m. on July 7 and 19. • JWE retests will be offered on July 8 and 20 only during summer session. • Limited enrollment administrations of the JWE for "desperate" situations will be at 3 p.m. June 22 for first-time examinees and 3 p.m. June 23 for retests. • Except for the June 22-23 administrations, tests from summer administrations of the JWE will not be scored until fall quarter and results will not be available until the first part of November. • Registration for the JWE is required in OM 120. The test takes about two hours and there is no fee.
- **MATH PLACEMENT TEST:** will be offered at 9 a.m. June 22 and 24 and at 1 p.m. on July 12. Registration is required in OM 120 and a fee of \$10 must be paid in the exact amount at time of registration. The test takes about 1 1/2 hours.

On-campus interviews

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

- Express, Wednesday, May 26. Submit CIF when you sign up. For more information, see signup folder.
- Panasonic Office Information, Thursday, May 27. Submit CIF when you sign up. See information in signup folder.

QUAKE: Money for work won't come from budget

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elements, such as furniture and equipment. Shipley emphasized that preparedness is the key to responding well during an emergency and to recovering rapidly.

"Being prepared is really an important thing for everyone to think about and work through so that when something happens ... they feel they can respond as well as they can," Shipley said.

Buildings that need to be upgraded first are:

- Carver Gymnasium: Seismic improvements to the roof system of gym D and modifications to the precast concrete wall connections of the main gym.
- Fine Arts: seismic wall bracing and modifications to the construction joints between additions.
- Southeast wing Old Main:

seismic wall bracing and modifications to existing floor to wall connections.

- Arts Annex: seismic wall bracing and support to the southeast corner chimney.
- Steam Plant: seismic wall bracing and additional support to equipment.
- Canada House: seismic wall bracing at the main floor meeting room.

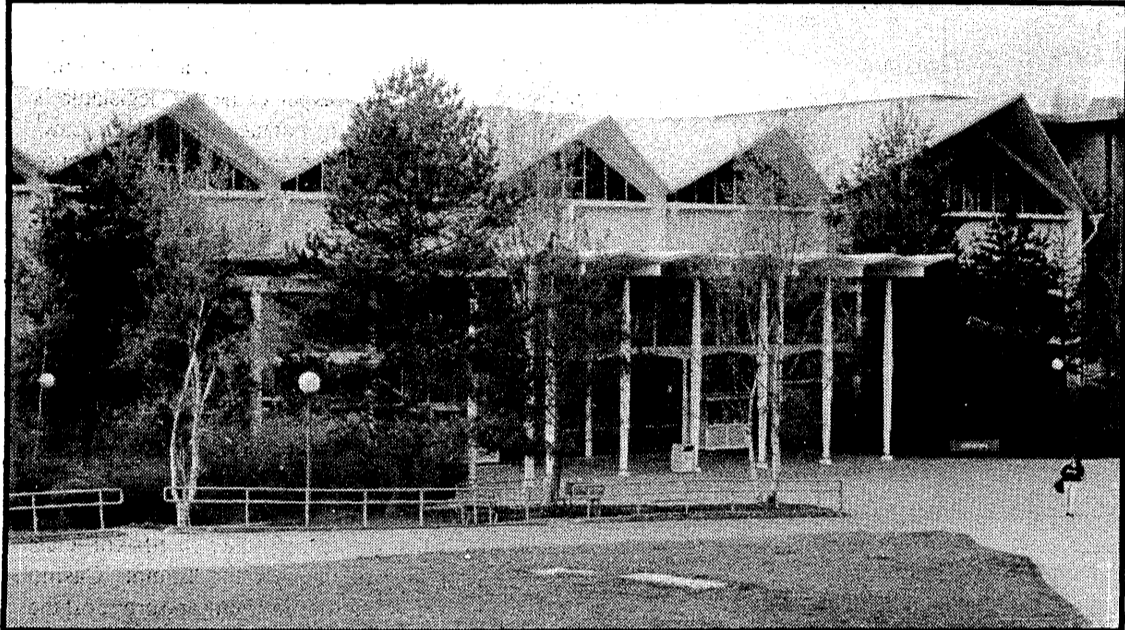


Photo by Chong Kim

Carver Gymnasium is one of the first buildings slated for reinforcement to improve its earthquake safety.

BUDGET: Colleges and universities better off than other parts of the state

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tion of 4.3 percent. This 1993-95 reduction will cost Western more than \$5 million. The budget shortfall will also affect salary increases, travel expenses, new computer equipment and the library information system.

"I'm disappointed there has to be a reduction, but I am pleased it won't be a deeper reduction," Froderberg said.

According to the press release, this reduction imposed on higher education was lighter than general percentage cuts made elsewhere in the state budget. Higher education institutions received fewer cuts because of proposed tuition hikes.

Western tuition rates will increase 10.4 percent next year, and 14.5 percent for the 1994-95 school year.

Froderberg said he sympathizes with students and their families, but said tuition increases were necessary to maintain Western's high level of quality.

"It's very hard to predict these things," he said. "The legislators ask themselves, 'do we lower quality or do we try

to maintain quality by raising tuition?'"

Acting President Roland De Lorme has established an ad-hoc budget advisory committee, composed of university and Associated Students officials to review the base budget and 1993-1995 cost factors and make a recommendation to De Lorme. He will then recommend an allocation plan to the public before the end of the academic year.

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Noted pollster speaks at conference

By Angela Cassidy
staff reporter

Western's political science department hosted its first annual academic conference May 21 in Arntzen Hall.

Guest speaker Dr. H. Stuart Elway, a noted political pollster, talked of how the information age is affecting politics.

"When people can communicate with each other, they begin to have ideas, and collective political and social action becomes more possible," Elway said. "The old ways of doing things has changed permanently due to communication, voters want direct connection."

Professor Vernon Johnson, co-coordinator of the event, said he was pleased with the conference.

"The quality of the presentations overall was good and in some cases outstanding, and the discussions following were provocative," Johnson said. "The topics were relevant to important issues

facing the nation and world today, and provoked thought about new ways of facing these problems."

Panelist Frank Lee, presented his paper "Minimum Wage Legislation," and spoke of the need for better wages and job opportunities for African-Americans and the importance of community involvement.

"African-Americans who have capital, need to reinvest back into their communities," Lee said.

Timothy Withee presented his paper "Liberation Theology, the Santeria Religion and Religious Freedom in the United States," and spoke of the importance of understanding and accepting other cultures.

"It would be highly advisable that North-Americans become better informed about our neighbors to the south, because very soon these neighbors to the south will literally be our next-door neighbors, and by learning what we can today about Latino culture, language and attitude, will, in turn help us to get along with each other," Withee said.

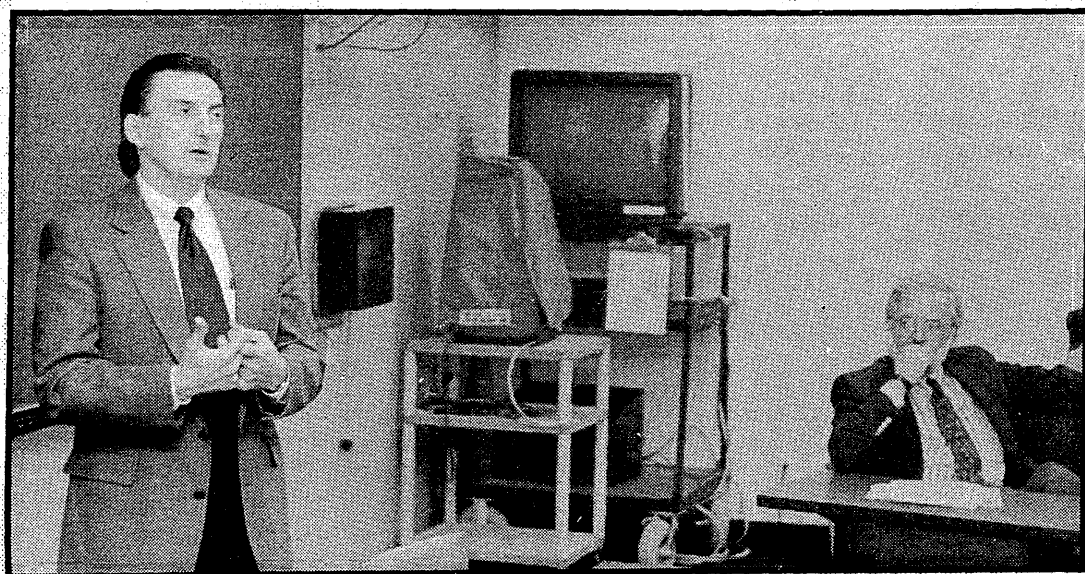


Photo by Adam Leask

H. Stuart Elway, a political pollster, spoke at Western's political science conference about how politics is changing in the information age.

Stereotypes of Asian and Pacific Islander men explored at forum

By Jason Barbacovi
staff reporter

Asian-American men have been the victims of negative stereotypes since the first Chinese immigrated to America and were forced to work as cooks, miners and laundrymen.

"Laundry and cooking are not something that the red-blooded American male is supposed to do ... they are below a man's dignity," said Robert Kim, a professor at Western in both the education and American cultural studies departments.

The Asian and Pacific Islander Student Union held a forum May 18 which discussed these stereotypes as well as some of the problems Asian and Pacific Island men face in American society. The forum was part of Asian and Pacific Islander month.

Danny Howe, an Asian-American rights activist, agreed with Kim. He said Chinese men were forced into menial industries because it was the only economic niche available.

This helped to create the habit of looking at Asian-American men as less worthy than white men.

Another problem, Kim said,

is the tendency to lump all Asians into one group, even those who are second or third-generation Americans. This discourages people from thinking of Asians as productive American citizens, he said.

"White Americans can't tell the difference between Asian and Asian-Americans ... there's a tendency to call everyone 'oriental,'" he said.

Other stereotypes Howe addressed included the inclination to think of all Asians as "wimpy" because of their smaller stature and skills at math and science. Another is Asian-American men are all masters of the martial arts.

"People always asked me if I knew kung-fu," said Howe, "I was identified as something that I wasn't."

Howe also pointed out the lack of Asian-American role models in the public eye to fight these stereotypes.

"There is no Asian-American Michael Jordan," he said. "When I was growing up, basically the only Asian-American on television was Pat Hirohita, who played Arnold on 'Happy Days.'"

"The problem," Howe said, "is that you can't put one label on Asian-Americans — there's just too many groups."

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RACE: Car is using gasoline, not CNG

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Compressed Natural Gas is too hard to find

liam Weld and Boston Mayor Raymond Flynn.

Race teams traveled through several Massachusetts cities—Cambridge, Arlington, Concord and Fitchburg—before winding

up the day in the northern Massachusetts town of Gardner. The race finishes Saturday in Burlington, Vt.

Viking 21's unofficial time for the first leg of the race was 3 hours,

58 minutes. At press time, place positions for the 40 participating vehicles were unavailable.

"It was an adventure," Campbell said.

He did not dwell on the wasted time, noting that the car performed extremely well after the early pit stop, passing several cars near the finish line—even after the long delay.

"As far as being a hybrid (powered by more than one energy source), the car ran really well, he said. "We were pulling on gasoline at the really heavy grades and using electric in town when we had stop-and-go."

Viking 21 will run on gasoline instead of compressed natural gas (CNG) at highway speeds because of the difficulty in finding natural gas in New England.

Western's team had originally planned to haul CNG to the East Coast, but weight limitations on the trailer carrying Viking 21 would not accommodate the extra pounds.

Campbell said there are still five days left in the race.

"The car's doing what it's supposed to do—and very well right now," he said.

Buckle up ... or crumple up

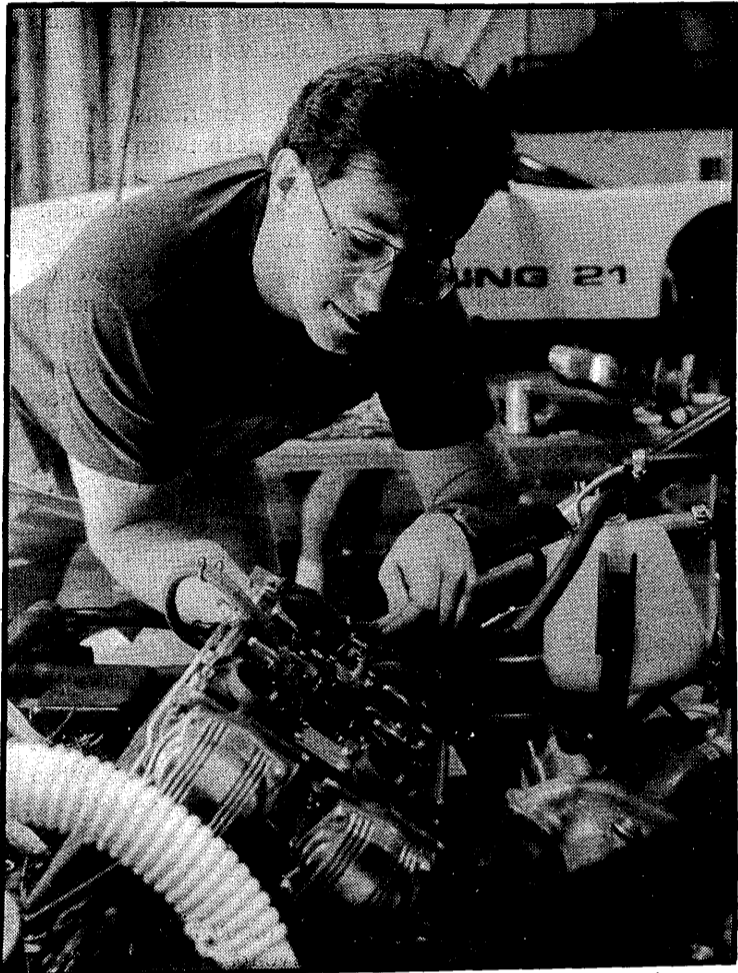


Photo by Matt Hulbert

Gavin Campbell, technology student, adjusts Viking 21's carburetors for the Tour de Sol race. Campbell is Viking 21's driver.

Military's future role discussed

By Chris Wilke
staff reporter

What role will the military play in the '90s?

A three-member panel discussed the military's future role May 13 in the Wilson Library Presentation Room as a part of War and Peace Week 1993.

Panel member David Ziegler of Western's political science department argued the United States should stay out of civil wars like Bosnia's.

"Americans don't care because they realize these conflicts (like the one in Bosnia) are self-limiting," Ziegler said. "They'll kill each other — so what?"

Ziegler also said the United States should actively downsize its military to eliminate both budget costs and the temptation to demonstrate military might.

Panelist William Woodward, a major in the Washington National Guard, agreed with Ziegler on downsizing, but said American military forces will have to police the world in the future to maintain

a stable geo-political environment.

"There will never be a situation within history that will be conflict-free," said Woodward. "When the politicians decide there's a problem that can't be solved by any other means, I get sent in."

Panel member Tom Bush, a Navy-Air-Reserve captain, said the Navy will downsize the amount of equipment and personnel and concentrate more on coastal defense and maintaining mobility.

"Our mobility allows us to be there quickly and lets our presence be known," Bush said. "We don't have to worry about having the permission of a country to be in the area when we're off the coast."

Two questions from the audience concerned the shift of more personnel into the reserves and the importance of combat readiness.

Bush said he felt the reserves had done a good job in the Gulf War by demonstrating not only their ability to readjust quickly to military life.

He said they were also motivated to complete the mission as quickly as possible.

IS THERE LIFE AFTER COLLEGE?



A panel of Western alumni discusses the transition from college to career

Wednesday, May 26th

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Fire prevention in dorms a top priority

By Ina Smith
staff reporter

Students may wonder how safe their homes and apartments really are against the threat of fire in light of last Saturday's house fire on Grant Street.

Kay Rich, director of Western University Residences, said students who live in the residence halls can rest easy because strict measures have been taken to

promote fire safety in Western's residence halls.

"We don't allow open flames and we warn students about the dangers of electric blankets, cigarettes, extension cords and space heaters," she said.

Rich also stressed the importance of dependable fire extinguishers, smoke detectors and proper fire safety training.

"All resident advisors are given basic training (in fire

safety) and so is our custodial staff," she said.

An unexpected fire drill for dorms happens at least once during the year. Members of the Bellingham Fire Department come and watch students exit the buildings. They look for possible problems and take note of their findings.

Hartwell Mitchell, an inspector for the Bellingham Fire Department, said students should

remember to take these drills seriously to prepare for the real thing if it should happen.

"When the alarms sound some people just hang out to see what happens," Mitchell said. "That's not the thing to do. When the alarm goes off, it's for a reason."

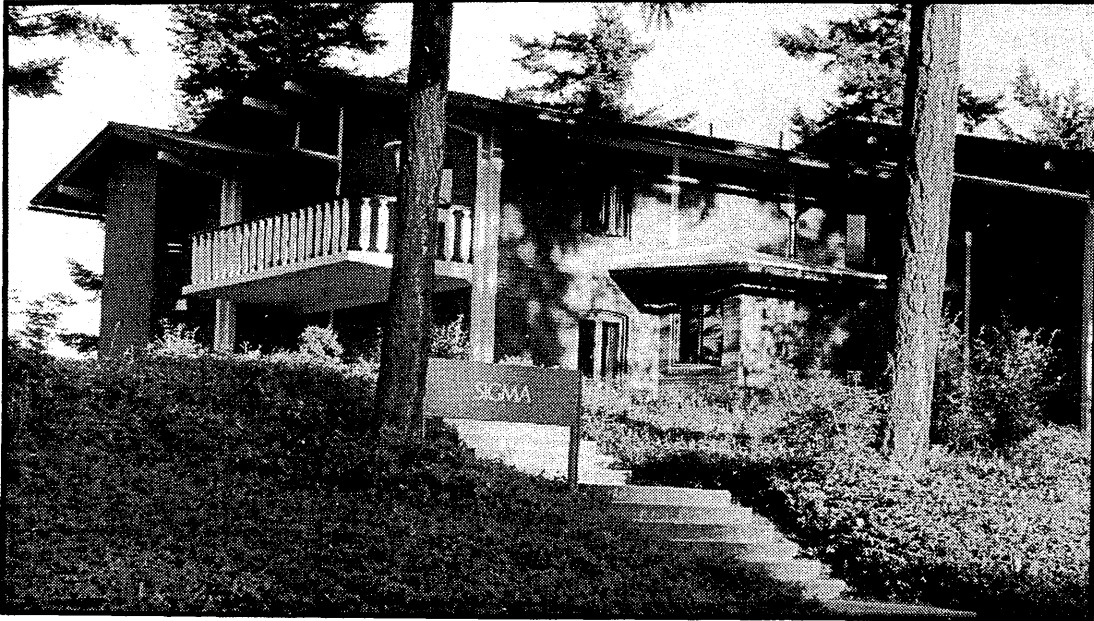
Rich said fire drills are only a small part of the university residences' fire safety plan. Every dorm is equipped with hard-wired smoke detectors that are cleaned and tested once a year.

The detectors are connected with the electrical system, and are monitored by a central

switchboard in each building. If and when a fire occurs, the switchboard indicates exactly where in the building the fire is.

When the alarms sound, the Bellingham Fire Department and campus police are automatically alerted. When the firefighters arrive, they simply check the switchboard to find out the exact location and intensity of the fire.

Fortunately, this isn't a very common scenario because there hasn't been a major dorm fire in many years. Rich said she hopes with proper training and prevention, this trend will continue long into the future.



Western's dorms should be safe in the event of a fire. Photo by Colin Wilcox



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Ski to Sea Race dates back to 1911

By Robyn Johnson
staff reporter

Historically, the Ski to Sea Race can be traced back to the 1911-1913 Mount Baker Marathon.

Individual racers, not relay teams like today, would race from Bellingham to the top of Mount Baker and back. Fourteen hardy athletes competed in the first marathon. These iron-people were tough, but they made liberal uses of trains and cars between Bellingham and the Deming Trail.

The course record was 12 hours and 28 minutes, set by Joe Galbraith, a local logger.

Safety concerns for solo participants closed the original marathon in 1913. But in 1978, Sehome High School student Terry Goodman, completed the race solo. He did the five legs on his own, with one support vehicle. (The sailing leg had not been added to the race.)

Goodman was quoted in *The Bellingham Herald* in 1989 as saying, "I did it to prove it could be done. I had been running long distances, but a local doctor said the race would be too hard on the human body."

In May of 1920, The Tulip Festival was organized as a way to create community solidarity. The first year included a poster competition, a song-writing contest, selection of a Tulip Queen and a floral parade. The following summer, a bulb-planting campaign was instituted to "cover Bellingham with tulips the following spring." The Tulip Festival was suspended in the 1940s, during World War II.

After the war, the festival was started again, but fewer tulip fields could be found in the growing city of Bellingham. The name of the festival was changed to Blossomtime.

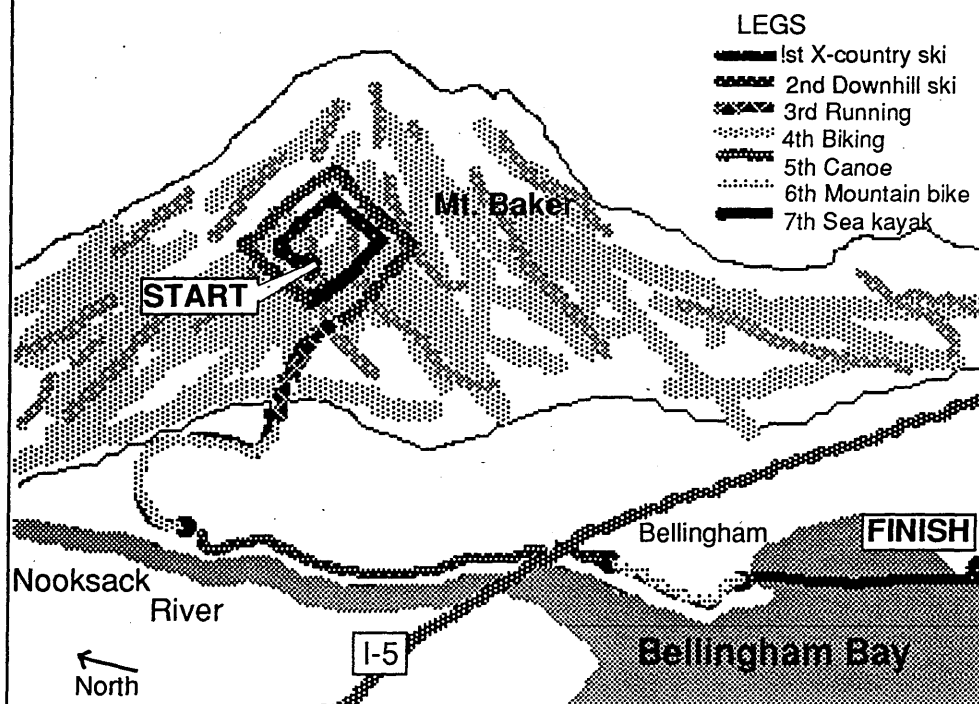
In 1973, the Ski to Sea Race was added to the week-long Blossomtime Festival. Relay teams would race from Mt. Baker back to Bellingham, using various recreational equipment, such as skis, kayaks and mountain bikes. The name, Blossomtime, was also changed to the Ski to Sea Festival.

This year's 82-mile race on May 30 will take the teams from six to 11 hours to complete the course. Instead of actually ascending 10,000-foot Mount Baker, the cross country and downhill-ski sections are scheduled at the Mount Baker Ski Area at about the 5,000-foot elevation.

The race is divided into seven legs: cross country skiing (4 miles), downhill skiing (2.5 miles), running (8 miles), biking (36 miles), canoe/kayaking (18 miles), mountain biking (9 miles) and sea kayaking (4.8 miles). One team member will complete each leg, except the canoe/kayak leg on the Nooksack River can be done by two members.

Ideal vantage points are available along the course, but parking is limited. In addition, racers and viewers of the first three legs must be at the Mount Baker Ski Area's day lounge before 8:30 a.m. because the Mount Baker Highway will be closed east of Glacier Canyon Road until 11:30 a.m.

1993 SKI TO SEA RACE COURSE



Graphic by Matt Hulbert

At about 10 a.m., the hand-off for the 36-mile bicycling leg occurs, taking riders through Glacier, Maple Falls and Kendall before ending at Riverside Park in Everson, beginning around 11:30 a.m. Limited parking is available just north of the park.

Many vantage points are available along the 22-mile stretch of the Nooksack River. Hovander Homestead Park or Pioneer Park would offer good views of the race between

noon and 2 p.m.

The final leg could begin around 2 p.m. and is extremely hard to watch, unless you are in a boat. The best plan is to head to Marine Park and catch the finish and the Fairhaven party.

The 20th-Annual Ski to Sea Festival is recognized as an international event and attracts participants from as far away as Japan and Russia.

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Cultural knowledge key to archeoastronomy

By Chris Wilke
staff reporter

"Archeoastronomy is exciting because there's vast new worlds to be discovered," said Linda Kimball of Western's anthropology department.

Archaeowhat??

Archeoastronomy is the study of non-Western astronomy and cosmologies in addition to Western astronomy and cosmologies prior to 1600 A.D. The extensive use of mathematics and instruments after 1600 A.D. moved Western examination of stellar bodies and the universe's origin into a different field.

The journal *Archeoastronomy* recently named Kimball a consulting editor because of her familiarity with Southeast and Central Asia, due to her concentration in anthropologic linguistics in Southeast Asia. The journal will publish her paper on the Batak traditional calendar in the near future. The

Batak calendar is an agricultural calendar based on movement of the sun. The Batak live on the island of Sumatra in Indonesia.

She began research on the agricultural calendar about six years ago while she taught at the Nommensen University in Indonesia. During winter vacation, she got a piece of missing information piece about the calendar's leap year — information other Western scholars had yet to find — from a personal interview with an expert whom she happened to meet through her host family.

She managed to get photocopies of a book from the university's Batak Research Center and two copies of the Batak calendar before she returned to the United States. Her efforts have doubled the amount of calendars available for archeoastronomic study.

"I would say serendipity is a really big thing in archeoastronomy," she said. "Obviously it was at work for my Batak calen-

dar."

Serendipity also helped her to learn about Brunei Malay astronomy. A book on Incan astronomy helped her to develop questions about the Magellenic clouds, and the discussion led to how star-gazing helps the Brunei determine the seasons.

"Once you figure out the question," she said, "the answer is sitting there."

Kimball studied astronomy before anthropology as an undergraduate before entering the anthropology graduate program at Ohio State University. Her first astronomy professor inspired her to continue taking astronomy and made it possible for her to get her hands on an 18-inch telescope as a freshman.

She said the personal rewards of working in the field are many. She is one of few researchers that may revolutionize Western civilization's thinking of this new issue.

"You're working with colleagues

who are excited," Kimball said. "You're not out to shoot each other down because you know that this is a vast universe of knowledge you're just beginning to tap."

Kimball said she hopes to fulfill many goals in the near future in addition to finishing her paper on traditional Brunei Malay astronomy. She also said she hopes to see more students taking her archeoastronomy course that's offered every other year.

Kimball said students who plan to become archeoastronomers should not only take general anthropology and archaeology classes, but should familiarize themselves with the culture of the region they plan to go into. Spherical trigonometry can help calculate star positions and estimate trajectories.

"Everyone who's in it is not in archeoastronomy per se, they're in something else," Kimball said. "Maybe astronomy or anthropology or archaeology or linguistics or whatever, but they've got this burning interest and that makes it exciting which is what the search for knowledge should be."

Free clas

By Ric Brewer
staff reporter

"You can't get something for nothing."

Despite this old adage, *The Echo* has offered free space for classified ads for three years.

When *Echo* publisher Geoff Parker started the free ad paper, he had little knowledge of the business, and layout pages cluttered his kitchen table. The first copy had a circulation of 3,000, but has now grown to more than 25,000. The paper is currently distributed every two weeks spanning the region between Blaine and Oak Harbor.

"I'm a classifieds freak," said Parker, fidgeting with the keyboard of his Macintosh computer. "The first thing I turn to in a newspaper is the classified ads."

Parker based his idea on a similar San Diego publication, and gleaned most of his publishing knowledge from a pamphlet on how to start your own paper.

Jewelry artist balances marriage, motherhood, business

By Robyn Johnson
staff reporter

Seemingly endless gray clouds slide over Lake Whatcom's foothills and hang over the choppy waters. A crisp wind stirs the wet forest, creating the tranquil sounds of softly rubbing branches and the warbling of hidden birds. A rain-saturated path of pine needles and seasonal debris weaves toward the studio-home of Bellingham artist, Mary Ennes.

Mary is one of those rare women who successfully balances marriage, motherhood and a home-based jewelry business. But if she had listened to the advice of an art professor at Western, she never would have had the confidence to venture into the jewelry making.

"This is funny! I took a lot of studio classes in art at Western, including a jewelry class," Mary said with a twinkle in her eye. "I wish I could find my transcript because I either got a D+ or a C- (in jewelry making) and I was honor roll in almost everything else."

"We had specific assignments that were really boring, like doing a sterling ring that looked exactly like the one on the board," she said. "I kept doing things that were just a little off the wall. The teacher told me that I shouldn't pursue jewelry making."

Mary creates a jewelry line, "M.E. for You", in the studio above her home. Each original piece is a handmade collage — wearable art that is sold in Washington, Oregon, Alaska, California and Idaho.

Equally important to her studio work, Mary is married to Jeff Davis, program manager for Lakewood and Western physical education faculty member, and is the mother of six-month-old, Paul.

Jewelry-making has not always been Mary's career. Eight years ago she worked for a title company out of Bellingham and Seattle. She spent five years developing marketing ideas — ideas she would eventually use for her own business.

"Since I had to wear navy blazers with a 'Mary' name tag on the lapel, I started making bolo necklaces and pins to accessorize," Mary said.

Whenever she wore her jewelry, people would compliment her and ask if the pieces were for sale. Soon Mary was selling more jewelry out of shoeboxes in her car than she was doing business for the title company.

In 1989, Mary, an avid sailor, was chosen to go to Russia for a sailing race in Nakhodka, Bellingham's sister city. She was the only female crewmember on a 38-foot boat racing against Soviet crews in the Sea of Japan. In addition to her sailing experiences, Mary also met her future husband, Jeff, while racing in Russia.

During the trip, Mary saw a country lacking in basic necessities and vowed to incorporate recycled items in her jewelry making.

"It was a cultural shock — 'Street of Dreams'-type houses in Seattle compared to a small Russian flat that eleven people shared with a bathroom down the hall. I gave away everything that I had with me before I left... You feel so guilty."

"When I returned, I started making (jewelry) out of things that would normally be thrown away," Mary said. "I called on builders for their left-over Formica. I searched for transit tokens, old poker chips and beads in antique stores, garage sales and my grandmother's basement. Also, people began sending me boxes of broken jewelry and unusable samples from the trade

shows."

Mary also used coins and baubles from her Russian travels until they were gone. Nowadays, when friends travel abroad, she asks them to buy \$20 worth of foreign change or she works directly with a coin shop.

"I took a leave of absence from my Seattle job to see if I could actually sell my jewelry. I was really fortunate to have a boss who let me keep my benefits and held my job in case the jewelry business didn't work."

One of the first shops to carry "M.E. for You" jewelry was Chez La Zoom in La Conner. When Mary was told that some women wouldn't like bolos, her marketing background quickly helped her jewelry designs to evolve. She added danglers to the bolo ends, soldered a pin to the back of the Formica for versatility and made earrings to match.

"Mary's jewelry is unlike any other I've seen, in that she takes commonplace or everyday items, like buttons, beads and trinkets, and turns them into unique pieces," said Sue McAnally, owner of McAnally's in Mount Vernon where Mary's jewelry is sold. "Some have ethnic themes using foreign coins and others are simply colors that are put together."

Now that Mary's business has grown, she isn't recycling as much. The volume of work forces her to buy in large quantities. For example, she now has the poker chips cut in Rhode Island to her specifications in metal or plastic. She buys large sheets of Formica instead of using builders' scraps and purchases large rolls of gift wrap at wholesale shows.

"The volume changes what I am doing, but there is no other way. Either you have five stores, you use all those recycled bits and you starve in your attic or you

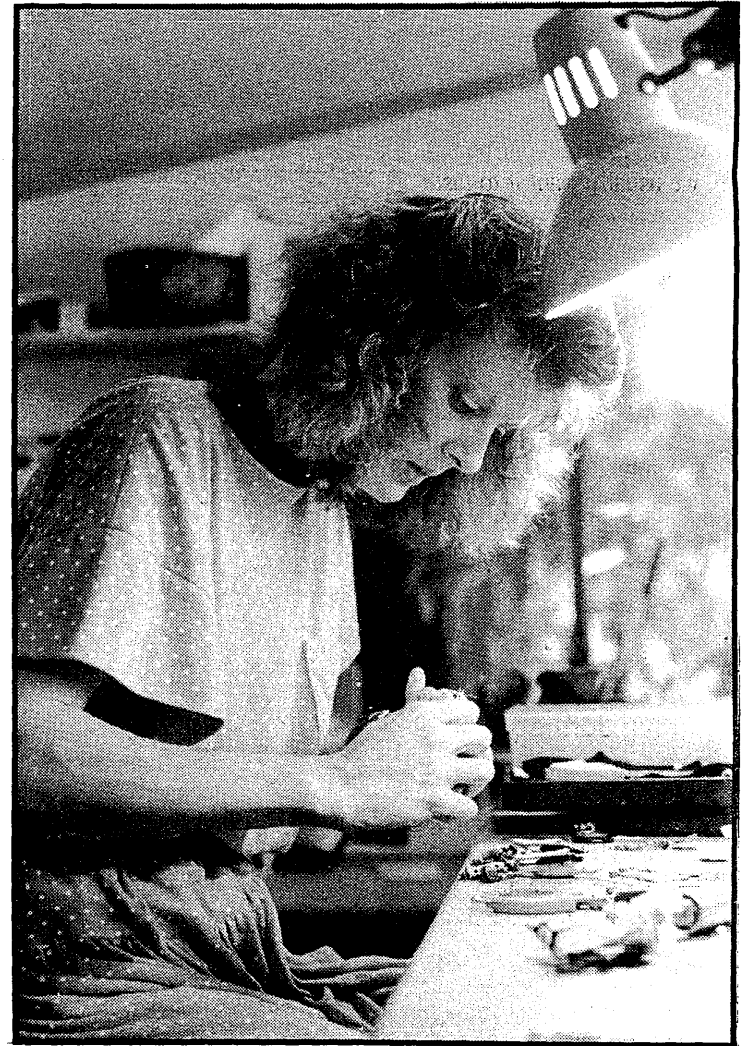


Photo by Ric Brewer

Bellingham artist Mary Ennes created the jewelry line, "M.E. for You."

make trade-offs. I want to maintain control of what I'm doing."

Mary said she was lucky that her background was marketing and that she had some actual on-the-job experience working at the Cliff House during college.

"It isn't enough to just be creative or talented. The other end of it is to get into the stores in a timely fashion, being able to figure out how much to charge, how to market you product and how to get it out," Mary said. "That whole business end of it — buying supplies, inventory, knowing the price margins and the breaks —

working at the title company and waitressing really helped.

"I would tell other artists to do what they love. I love going up to my studio. I lose my sense of time. I'm happy when I'm working with my hands and making things. And when I'm not, I'll do something else."

Ennes will be showing a collection of her handcrafted jewelry from 5-7 p.m., May 25 at Il Fiasco, located at 1309 Commercial, Bellingham. The showing is open to the public.

Free ad paper enjoying 'phenomenal growth'

Parker ran a one-man show, selling the display ads, typing the ads into his computer, mocking up pages and distributing the papers throughout the community. He now oversees a staff of one full-time and six to seven part-time employees.

Parker attributes the success of the paper primarily to private citizens' ability to advertise for free, but also on the sometimes-quirky ads — particularly the personals — that people submit.

Here's an example:

"I am not a cult leader...I'm bald headed, visually impaired but able to pay my bills...need a girlfriend who's plump, warm and friendly."

"It's funny (the personals) got so popular," Parker said. "Most personals are limited to 20 words and are quite expensive. We let people have 100 words free. It lets people open up a little more. It makes for much more interesting personals and reading."

Another feature with a large fol-

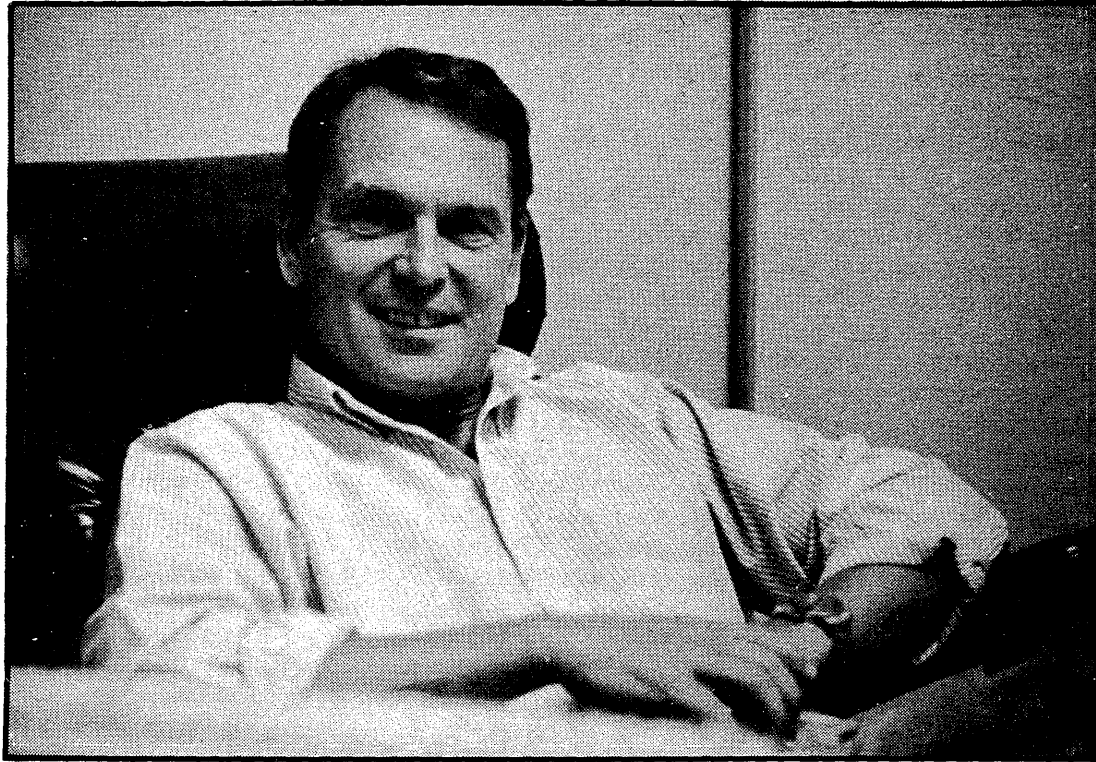


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Geoff Parker, publisher of *The Echo*, has watched his paper grow from a circulation of 3,000 to 25,000 in three years.

lowing is the small news articles interspersed throughout the ads. Parker subscribes to the Alternative News Network, a syndicated wire service that provides news reported from different perspectives that Parker admits is sometimes "slightly left of center."

Echo Editor Kate McCool has been with the paper for nine months — ever since it outgrew Parker's kitchen table and into the offices at 1212 D Street.

Despite its growth, some business advertisers (the main source of income for the paper), are hesitant to place display ads because *The Echo* opts to include personals for homosexuals and "non-mainstream" articles.

"If they take that kind of attitude because of what's in the paper...it will only hurt them. We really want to promote local small business," McCool said.

"I think free ad papers like *The Echo* are important for a community," Parker said, typing in a "Rabbits for sale" ad. "They allow an exchange of ideas as well as products. And it's all FREE!"

Marriott seeks to improve its image with students

By R. Nina Ruchirat
copy editor

Food. No matter who we are, it is a vital part of our lives. Whatever we use to refuel our bodies with, we usually want it to taste good, be ready when we want it, and satisfy our appetites. Sometimes, we actually want it to be good for our bodies as well.

Students who are part of the Marriott meal plan program at Western have different perceptions of the services they have received at the university dining halls.

"They're super slow," said Paul Freund, junior. "And some of the food sucks — especially at Fairhaven."

Susan Nickels, a junior living in the Gamma residence hall, said she feels the service has improved. "Through the years, it has gotten a lot better with the addition of low-fat foods," she said. Nickels said Marriott seems to have increased their notices of nutrition information on the food they serve. "I like their printing the calories of the food on the bulletin board."

Marriott Food and Services

Management has been contracted by Western since 1986. General Manager of University Dining Services (UDS) Larry Stahlberg said Marriott would like to hear more from students so they can get a better idea of student needs.

He said students might not be aware of some of the avenues they can take to voice their opinions. Comment boards are probably the most common place where students have shared their thoughts. UDS also has food committees, but they have not been very effective because of lack of participation. Stahlberg said probably the

most effective way for him to hear from students is through the Directors' Dinners that are offered about four to five times a quarter. Students are invited to have dinner with the directors and talk about their concerns.

"I think we are there for the students, whether they take advantage of that or not," Stahlberg said. "They may complain to the person sitting next to them about a personal problem that they may have, versus coming to somebody who could do something about it. Students are an important part of our customer base, so their perceptions

of services we offer and the value they receive are important to us," Stahlberg said.

Marriott also offers nutrition services for students, conducted by a registered dietician, Kara Ten Kley, in the Nutrition Services Office.

Heather Umbhocker, a junior in the Fairhaven dorms, said she was not aware of the Nutrition Services Office, but she prefers to learn from things like table-top informative literature.

"I'd rather have pamphlets that I can look at while I'm eating," Umbhocker said.

Memory Walk tradition still alive after 91 years

By Robyn Johnson
staff reporter

In front of Old Main, marble dates amble timelessly along Western's Memory Walk.

The walk begins at the foot of the main entrance with 1912 and heads towards Wilson Library. When the marble dates could go no further in 1987, the walk resumed beneath the main entrance, heading towards Edens Hall.

Since 1912, Western graduates have walked from the official graduation ceremonies in Carver Gymnasium to the Memory Walk to leave small items of university life in a box that would be buried beneath a marble plaque, engraved with the year. Past graduates have left student-ID cards, library cards, grade slips, flowers and other small mementos to be buried in the graduation capsule.

"The mementos that students deposited in the box reflected the period," said Peter Harris, director of the physical plant. "I recall 'dog-tags' and MIA bracelets, for example."

The Memory Walk was started as a senior-class project, with hopes that it would be continued, said 90-year-old Martha Jane Tiffany, a graduate of the Class of 1912, in a 1981 interview on file in the Wilson Library Archives.

And continue it did. The walk begins with 1912 and curfews, through World War I and the Depression, onto "swing" and World War II, enduring the Red Scare and bobby socks, and onto campus protests of the 60s, Viet Nam and "Rock 'n Roll." Each block recalls the good and the bad of every year, personal and global.

To install the plaques takes two workers a full day at an annual cost of \$200. After the memorabilia is sealed in the plastic box with silicon and screws, it is encased in concrete and the plaque is placed on the concrete surface.

With four separate graduations per year, the student memorabilia box is stored by the registrar's office, said Nancy Anderson of the registrar's office.

In 1989, the Memory Walk was rebuilt, reusing the marble plaques

and reburying the graduation boxes. Several plaques were replaced because of damage. Since metal boxes were used in the early years, many had deteriorated and had to be replaced. The contents were transferred and encased in cement, Wright said.

In the decades ahead, the walk will eventually run out of space. It could run behind Wilson Library heading west or move through the landscape of South Edens.

A new tradition begins for the June 12 graduation. The graduating students will march down Memory Walk while the centennial bells in Miller tower "ring."

For many years a bagpiper played as graduates took their final walk, but for the past several years there has been no music, Harris said.

"A group of alumni from the Campus School at Western have started a special fund to purchase the electronic chimes," Harris said. If they are successful, a tradition for future graduations has begun.



Photo by Renee Treider

Misako Wada, a student in Western's English Intensive Program, takes a break by Western's Memory Walk, located in front of Old Main.

Track and Field

Meet results a 'pleasant surprise' for track team

By Michael Sniezak
staff reporter

Seven Western track-and-field athletes earned All-America honors at the NAIA National Championship meet in Abbotsford-Matsqui, British Columbia May 20 through 22.

All-America honors are earned by placing in the top six of each event.

The Viking 4-by-400-meter relay teamed shocked everybody, including its own members, by placing fourth and setting a school record.

"I didn't know what to expect," Coach Kelven "Pee Wee" Halsell said. "They were above our expectations. It was a pleasant surprise."

Marc Hill, John Armeni, Theron Davis and Greg Halberg ran a time of 3 minutes, 14.97 seconds ahead of the school record set in 1968 of 3:15.7.

"If we ran well, we would only be close to the school record," anchor runner Halberg said. "Everybody just ran incredibly well. I was just one of those things, the adrenaline got a hold of you and away you go."

"Theron (Davis) was running against the Azusa Pacific 100

record-holder," Halberg said.

Azusa Pacific University record-holder Osmond Ezinwa won the silver medal in the Olympics last year in Barcelona, Spain, for Nigeria.

Halberg said he needed to be pinched on Monday, saying "I'm still on cloud nine. We did so much better than anyone expected when it counted."

"It was a great way to end a meet," Halsell said.

Jeff Van Kleeck became a two-time All-American after placing fourth in the 5,000-meter race with a time of 14:39.45.

Halsell said it wasn't easy for Van Kleeck.

"He had to stay back and not get to anxious," Halsell said. "He sprinted in a lot of battles. He passed people, people passed him and then he passed them back."

Van Kleeck's All-America honors last year also came in the 5,000-meter-run.

Viking steeplechase runner Eric Heathershaw placed third in the 3,000-meter-run despite stumbling with two laps to run.

"He (Heathershaw) showed a lot and ran a superrace," Halsell said. "He kept his composure and just did it. (Falling) could throw a lot of other people off."

Commentary

Might the Mariners have a chance?

By Mark Scholten
staff reporter

The old baseball adage says that you don't talk about a no-hitter while it's in progress because you'll jinx the pitcher.

That being so stated, I'm now about to do the journalistic equivalent and talk about the Seattle Mariners playing well this year.

This guarantees that they'll now pull an "el-foldo" and plummet into last place, or lower. I apologize in advance to all M's fans.

I don't mean to overstate this, but you can really make a case that this team won't be pathetic the rest of 1993. In baseball-ese, the nucleus is there.

Start with The Franchise, Ken Griffey Jr., in centerfield. When he plays like he means it, he's as good as anybody.

And it looks like you can scratch the "future" off of "future All-Star" when talking about rightfielder Jay Buhner. He's finally putting up the kind of numbers everyone expected when he came out of the Yankee organization.

Leftfielder Mike Felder is

near the top of the league in stolen bases. He's one of the best leadoff men around in the last two years.

Defending batting champion Edgar Martinez is back after starting the season on the disabled list. We all know what he's capable of.

The other Martinez - Tino - is across the diamond at first base. He's a former college All-American, member of the 1988 Olympic Team, and two-time minor-league player of the year. His power numbers have been good this year, and the average will go up.

Thirty-one-year-old rookie second baseman Rich Amaral leads the team in hitting.

He was just supposed to keep the position warm until Bret Boone was ready to take over, but now he has to be the early favorite for Rookie-of-the-Year.

Shortstop Omar Vizquel is down a notch from last year, when he hit about a .300 batting average and probably should've won a Gold Glove.

And could it be? Much-maligned catcher Dave Valle is hitting .290 instead of .190? True. Plus he's playing his usual great defense and has that cannon of an arm.

If the starting rotation gets healthy, the potential up-side is

exciting. Randy Johnson, Chris Bosio, Erik Hanson, and Dave Fleming have all won between 16 and 18 games in a season, and minor-league phenom Jim Converse looked impressive in his major league debut May 22.

All that, plus Seattle has the first overall pick in the draft next month.

The last time they drafted number one, they took a kid named Griffey.

But there is the matter of the bullpen — or lack of same.

Quick — name one Seattle Mariner relief pitcher besides Norm Charlton.

I thought so. You've got to believe that even manager Lou Piniella would have to stop and think.

If some of these aforementioned no-name relievers pitch a little over their head — and if the injury bug doesn't strike again, this team could make some waves in a division where nobody is running away and hiding.

Of course now that I've brought it up, Ken Griffey Jr. is going to blow out his knee, Randy Johnson is going to need shoulder surgery, and Jay Buhner is going to trip off the steps of the team bus and break his wrist. My fault.

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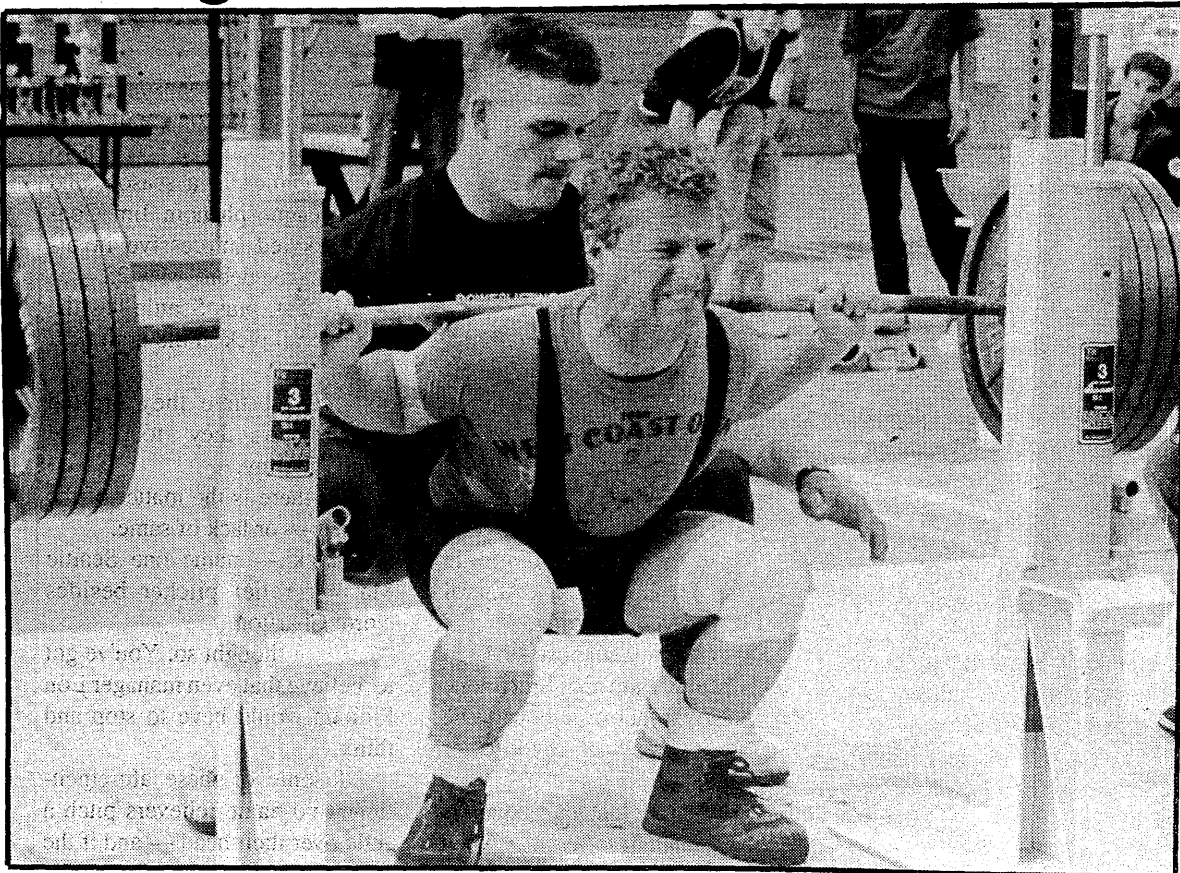


Photo by Michelle Reilly

Bellingham resident Guy Abbott attempts a squat lift in Carver Gym May 22.

By Renee Treider
staff reporter

Powerlifting is one way to have fun and maintain health and fitness.

"Basically, it just keeps you in shape," said Guy Abbott, a 10-year powerlifter. "When I started out, I lifted 775 (pounds) total and now I'm up to 1,175. It's the best I've ever done."

Abbott lives in Bellingham with his wife and two children.

"It's fun for my kids to see and it sets a good example," he said.

Abbott competed in the American Drug-Free Powerlifting

Association (ADFPA) 1993 Northwest Regional Powerlifting Championships that took place May 22 and 23 in Carver Gymnasium's main gym. The competition includes three lifts: squat, bench press and deadlift.

The squat lift measures overall leg strength, the bench press measures upper body strength and the deadlift measures back strength.

Each athlete had three attempts for each lift, but must get one attempt passed by the judges before continuing in the competition.

Tony Pechthalt, Washington State Chairman for ADFPA and

director of the event, said drug testing occurs randomly at every meet. Athletes who test positive for drugs are banned from the association for three years.

Pechthalt described the competition as being a high-caliber event. "There's a lot of explosive power that goes into it," he said.

Pechthalt is a Western graduate and trainer-strength coach for the Tacoma Rockets hockey team. He was also the 1990 World Coach for the U.S. powerlifting team competing in Europe.

Abbott said his biggest amazement is how much the women can lift.

"They prove that if anyone

works out they can get strong," he said.

Carol Robins, who lives in Wenatchee with her husband and three children, said women have a strong frame for powerlifting.

"It's just a matter of how you train," she said.

Robins said she wasn't athletic before she began and emphasized that anyone who is interested in powerlifting can be successful at it.

"The better your diet, the better you lift, but you can be whatever you want — and lift whatever you want," she said.

Robins has been powerlifting for two years. She works out three times a week and said she enjoys it because it makes her feel good about herself.

Robins, who weighs 104 pounds, successfully squat-lifted 230 pounds in the women's competition May 22. The record for a

104-pound woman in the open-competition squat is a lift of 260 pounds by Perla Vazquez, who also competed in the meet.

"The most rewarding thing is the self-confidence," she said. "This makes me believe in myself. It's work, but it's fun."

Ros Ghan, who is a Bellevue resident with her husband and two children, also said she likes how powerlifting makes her feel.

Ghan has been powerlifting since January and encourages other women to become active in the sport.

"I had two kids. I hadn't worked out and wanted to get in shape," she said. "Traditionally it's been men that do this. I think this is a really exciting sport for women."

The ADFPA, a non-profit organization formed in 1981, has nearly 7,000 U.S. members and 8,000 world-wide.



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Carol Robins attempts a 230-pound squat lift.

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Mountain bike trail review

Local trail rated as a real 'serpent'

By Chris Frost
staff reporter

Webster's New International Dictionary defines "serpent" as a "noxious creature that creeps, hisses or stings."

The Serpentine Trail, east of Mount Vernon off Highway 9, fits this definition in every respect.

Rated as one of the top ten mountain bike trails in the United States by *Bicycling* magazine in the May 1993 issue, the Serpentine Trail begins a gradual climb up an old logging road, then switchbacks further up a small mountainside with about 40 to 50 feet between the zigzags.

Lots of tree roots, mud puddles and natural obstacles lie throughout the trail, adding extra technicality to the ride.

Eric Magnuson, manager of Cascade Sports' bike department, said he has ridden the trail many times and enjoys the workout.

"At the least, I consider it an intermediate ride. There are lots

of twisty-turns... it's big work for intermediate riders, and keeps the attention of advanced riders at all times," he said.

Atop the mountainside, another trail (No.1,000) takes you down a three-mile decline to the six-mile Lake Cavanaugh Loop trail. This trail is a tree-covered single track with clay and mud packed in some places for better traction. Magnuson said that the southeast side is where most of the water and mud are.

"Not only does this (the water and mud) add some excitement, but it cools you down as well."

The trail is extremely muddy though, with a fair amount of technicality. This does not exclude intermediate riders from this trail.

Further down the trail, the path turns into an almost rollercoaster ride. There are lots of hair-pin turns along with gradual and steep climbs that keep your stomach in check, so care is required when riding.

The total trail itself takes any-

where from two to three hours to ride depending on your ability level. Most of that time is spent on the switchbacks, so plan for an all-day ride.

The Serpentine Trail portion is a five-mile climb and the Lake Cavanaugh Loop trail is a total of about nine miles.

Since this area is part of the Walker Valley Off-Road Vehicle Park, the trails are maintained by the Washington Department of Natural Resources. Registration fees for motorcycle licenses pay for trail repairs.

Since wet roots and loose gravel can cause you to lose traction, keep a steady momentum and ride over any roots straight-on to keep your back tire from sliding out. Remember to use your both brakes to keep from flipping over.

"If you ride the trail," Magnuson said, "make sure you have good brakes."

Another area east of Bellingham in Kendall is "Veter Mountain," an out-of-the-way place to ride that few people know about.

Off of South Pass Road, the area offers a variety of trails used mainly for horses and motorcycles, but also mountain bikers.

Western Sports Briefs

Crew teams scatter field with wins

A strong headwind slowed racing times for the crew teams at the Pacific Coast Rowing Championships May 23 on Lake Natoma in Sacramento, Calif.

Western's men's lightweight-eight boat finished third in the grand final four-boat competition behind champion University of California - Santa Barbara. Pacific Lutheran University finished in second place, one-tenth of a second ahead of the Vikings.

In the two-boat grand final women's lightweight-eight competition, Western finished seven seconds behind PLU's 7:29 time. The two schools each won two of four meets against each other ear-

lier this spring.

The Vikings placed sixth in the women's novice-eight grand final heat and became Western's first women's novice boat to advance that far in a race competition racing.

The Western women's varsity-eight boat won its consolation final three seconds ahead of UC-Santa Barbara. The other three boats in the race were 20 seconds or more behind the Vikings.

The men's novice-eight placed second in its consolation final, four seconds behind the winner, University of California-San Diego.

Fastpitch players selected to all-star team

Two Western women's fastpitch softball players were named to the NAIA District 1 all-star team last week.

Freshman Danielle Marks, a shortstop, and junior catcher Kelli McFadden received the honors.

McFadden led Western with 15 hits over the course of the season and had a .273 batting average.

Marks led the Vikings in runs batted in with eight.

Both players tied for the team

lead in extra-base hits at four apiece. They both had Western's only home runs as McFadden hit one in the season opener against Central Washington University and as Marks did in the final game of the season against Simon Fraser University.

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City Council's housing plan should include students' off-campus housing needs



By Margaret Mills
staff reporter

"Clean two bedroom, close to W W U campus, on bus line, \$575."

Sound familiar? Many students live in

apartments like this. After reading the description, the questions start. How clean is clean? What will be living there beside me and my roommate? How close is close?

Many student apartments are run-down old buildings. Even worse are the old homes where several different sets of college students have lived and partied over the decades. These apartments sometimes have several other problems, such as mildew growing in places it shouldn't, or electrical malfunctions.

Students concerned about the state of housing in Bellingham need to talk with the City Council and

the Planning and Community Development Division. Currently, these groups are looking into the state of Bellingham's housing. Last week, the council conducted a public hearing and heard citizens' concerns on housing needs.

Different social service agencies told the council housing must be found for AIDS patients, homeless families, the elderly, individuals with special needs and

low-income people.

Hmm, low income? Students and low income seem to go hand-in-hand. Will the City of Bellingham investigate the need for student housing?

The reason for this new found concern is that in order for Bellingham to receive money from Housing and Urban Development, a new Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS)

needs to be completed. In August, the new CHAS plan will be open for public examination.

At this point, students need to examine the plan and make comments on the need for better student housing.

The solution to student housing is not for more campus housing because there will always be students who do not want to live on campus. The city needs to know

this and not "pass the buck" back to Western officials to solve the problem.

Students must tell Bellingham city officials they need to find solutions to help student housing.

Solutions include apartments or buildings which are in good condition — and safe, without electrical problems — and where the insect population is not counted as residents.

Clinton's hair should be the least of media's concerns



By Heather Barnhart
staff reporter

and Hillary Clinton made front page news with new "doos."

The already over-used "bad hair day" gained even more meaning last week as both

Clinton delayed his flight out of Los Angeles for an hour to have his hair clipped by Beverly Hills stylist Christophe on Tuesday (for approximately \$200). Hillary was shorn several days earlier by Frederic Fekkai in New York for a reported \$275.

Excuse me, but... Who cares!

Oh yea! Rumor has it Clinton's decision to get his hair cut may have caused a 25 minute delay for a flight from Yuma, Ariz., and an incoming commuter flight from Palmdale, Calif. may also have fallen behind

schedule by 17 minutes.

What nerve! This man has failed to change the world in his first 100 days in office and now the media reports he's out "indulging himself" in a haircut! How dare him. No more haircuts until you fix 12 years of corruption and mismanagement, Bill! And the same goes for Hillary.

And no holding up traffic either! You're just the President of the United States of America. The rest of us have important places to go and people to meet too.

I don't remember any media coverage on the cost of George Bush's haircuts and color treatments, or the price tag for styling Barbara's silver mane. You can bet no expense was spared though.

Ronald Reagan probably spent more on Revlon cosmetics in a week than Clinton will spend on haircuts in a year! Nancy's face was stretched so tight she could hardly smile. We taxpayers footed the bill for all this too, but never heard

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Something this STUPID could never make it to television, could it? Some network executives are seriously challenging this question as they allot money and air time for "made-for-television" movies about the World Trade Center bombing (starring Susan Ruttan from "L.A. Law" to add that extra tenth of a point for ratings), Hurricane Andrew and the Branch Davidians.

It seems like every disaster or controversy spawns a movie with cast members from television's past and present. But what's the point to these movies other than to give burned-out actors another chance to squander large sums of money? (No offense to Kiester. I'm sure he could pull off the role.)

The dramatic effects disasters have on the public do deserve national attention. Heroic tales need to be told, but adequate justice can't be done to the issue in two hours of television — or three hours in a movie. Take the movies about Malcom X and Gandhi for example. Although these people are inspirational and should be studied by all segments of society, a three hour movie doesn't do the men or their heroic stands justice. A better way to learn about these people or disasters is to read about them! The volumes of material written by and about any of these events or men could never be expressed in two hours of film. Consequently, the views presented in these movies are limited to incidents only in line with the producer's thinking.

Take the story of David Koresh and the Branch Davidians for example. The made-for-television movie came across to some as strongly vindicating the actions of the FBI. This could have been because the movie came out so quickly after the standoff, but even if the researchers could have gathered all points of view, the producers would have to narrow the information flow down to what would fit in two hours.

But this seems to be the way our society is drifting. Sound bites, dramatic background music and attention-grabbing pictures tell us what's happening in our society. The drama of the made-for-television movies come across as the pertinent facts behind the story. They become "the real story" in the minds of many Americans.

But they're not. If you care to get the real story, turn off the television, read the newspaper and do your own research. Come to your own conclusions rather than following someone else's.

— R.E. Dalrymple, Editor in Chief



Change should be first priority of U.S. leaders



By Guy Bergstrom
staff reporter

scale of the Reagan Revolution or the MTV Music Revolution.

Jefferson was referring to a political revolution, and he meant it — chuck the status quo every 20 years, and damn the torpedoes.

One has to give Jefferson credit for putting his money where his mouth was (he fought for his revolution and won). We also need to give President Clinton (William Jefferson Clinton) his due for trying.

Clinton has consistently sounded the "Change or be left

behind" alarm, and it is to the severe detriment of our nation that we continue to ignore the Jeffersonian call to arms.

We as a nation cannot try to maintain the status quo, or, as Reagan attempted, go back to the "good old days." It is economically and socially unfeasible. Japan and Germany showed us our old economic methods needed work, that a well-educated work force and a teamwork model worked better than the old, fear-based methods of management.

Japan and Germany also proved that a well-educated workforce is the key to economic prosperity. Certainly, the top U.S. students can compete with the best and the brightest of any nation.

Yet our economic ignorance mirrors our political resistance to change. As the world changes faster and faster, Americans continue to reach back for the secu-

rity of the "good old days" (remember Ronald Reagan) and wars with Third World countries (Grenada, Panama, Iraq) to show we're still Number One.

This sentiment is also reflected socially, in resistance to acceptance of gays and lesbians, the rebirth of racism (Aryan Nations, David Duke), and reactions against womens' emerging roles (Anita Hill, Hillary Clinton).

You can sum it up with one man's popular crusade against change: Rush Limbaugh.

But this country doesn't need a Rush Limbaugh to take us back to the days when "feminazis and blacks and homos" knew "their place."

This great nation needs another group of leaders to roll with the waves of change rather than row backwards.

We need another Jefferson, to lead a revolution 180 years overdue.

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TV without 'Cheers' is a sad picture



By Mark Scholten
staff reporter

issues here. "Cheers" is gone, arguably the saddest news of our lifetime. I don't think there was enough hype surrounding its farewell.

Aw guys — how could you do it? You know — leave us while you're still No. 1 in the ratings. Like we're just supposed to go on with our lives?

Nothing is right with the world anymore. Maybe we could form a support group or something. Anybody else feel like they need to be talked through

To heck with the economy, Bosnia and health-care reform. I'm talking about serious

the post-"Cheers" period?

It's gonna be a sad picture every Thursday night from now on — millions of us going to our TV's and turning on channel 5 at 9 p.m. like a bunch of Pavlovian dogs. Just sitting there staring blankly and shouting "Norm!" every few minutes.

And what are we left with? May I be so bold as to say it's a sad day

in American history when "Cheers" is off the air while "Beavis and Butt-head" is on.

Oh, well. At least it looks like all the "Cheers" regulars will go on to big movie careers so we can still see them. Except maybe Cliffy. I can definitely see him on "Hollywood Squares." And not even in the

middle.

And those of us who wanted to be Norm when we grew up will now need a new role model. Luckily we should be able to see him in pretty much the same role on that "Da Bears" thing on Saturday Night Live every week.

Ted Danson will soon be a major motion picture star, but to some of us, he'll always be the guy who voted to leave "Cheers" and broke up the

show. He is little more than the Yoko Ono of network television.

"Cheers:" it wasn't just a TV show, it was a way of life. It was the last of a dying breed. It was a real show.

For if I may end with an operatic flourish: I should rather pluck out my eyeballs than watch "Full House."

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