

Vikings reign victorious at home

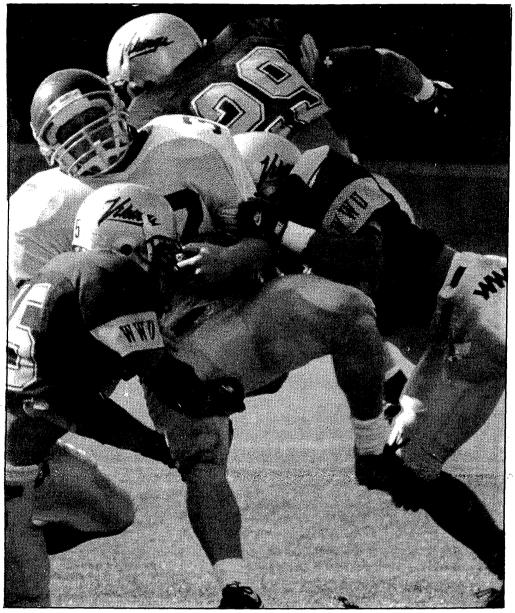


Photo by Dave Friedle

Vikings route Willamette Bearcats Saturday, Sept. 25, in a rousing second consecutive home victory (See story page 22).

### Bike laws enforced by local police

By Vanessa Blackburn special to the Front

Students who ride their bicycles at night might be surprised to be pulled over for not having a light. Most don't know Washington State has had a light law for as long as vehicles have been on the

This quarter, Western police officer Steve Gatterman's main job as the campus's new bicycle officer is to patrol the trails, walkways and roads on Western's campus. He says many people are unaware of the light law and are surprised to be stopped.

"The reaction has been bad," Gatterman said. "People are surprised about the law and don't like the inconvience of being stopped."

The law states that any vehicle must have a red reflector to the rear and a white light to the front if on the roads at night.

"Its not so you can see," Western police officer Lt. Lee Brown said, "but so people can see there is a vehicle on the street."

So far Western's police have only been giving out warnings to bicyclers who are caught without a light, but if another violation occurs a \$28 citation will be issued. The night of Sept. 26 Gatterman gave out 7 warnings,

Besides the light law,

Bellingham has a law prohibiting bicyclists from riding on the sidewalks in business areas, including the Fairhaven district, the Fountain district and downtown.

Even though the Bellingham Police have been strictly enforcing bicycle laws downtown because of the heavy traffic, Brown said the city doesn't enforce the light law as heavily around town. This makes Western's officers inclined to give out fewer tickets.

"We're reluctant to hammer bicyclists when the city isn't doing it," Brown said. "But because we have more bicyclists, it is more hazardous up here. So we hope

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# **Faculty Senate objects** to Joe Morse hiring

Resolution to the Board of Trustees passes 18-9; some think the measure is too forgiving

By Karl Schweitzer Campus Government editor

The Faculty Senate formally objected yesterday to the way chemistry professor Joe Morse was hired, passing a resolution criticizing the creation of a new position for Morse, husband of President Karen Morse.

Resolution 93-02, which passed by a vote of 18-9 at the Senate's 4 p.m. meeting Sept. 27, was directed to Western's highest governing body, the Board of

Also passed was a resolution to draft a policy on opportunity hires, to be recommended to the administration.

Stephen Sulkin recommended Joe Morse for hire last July after Board of Trustees chair Mary Kay Becker asked him to consider Morse, a chemistry professor, for a position. Sulkin, then the acting provost, recommended a position be opened to then-Acting President Roland DeLorme despite the lack of an available position in the chemistry department, and without taking the usual steps of soliciting competing applications nationally and notifying the appropriate faculty committees.

The resulting outcry from faculty, who face frozen salaries and job cutbacks, was addressed at the Senate meeting, as were ways to avoid similar controversies in the future.

Professor William Summers, of Huxley College, stressed that his support for the Senate's resolution did not mean he bears animosity toward the administration or Board of Trustees.

"If my neighbor's dog digs up my flowers, I might register a complaint. That doesn't mean I stop talking to my neighbor or threaten to do violence to the dog," he said.

Spanish professor Daniel Rangel-Guerrero asked the senators to speak frankly and openly.

"The faculty is divided. We cannot deny that ... so let's clean up our house," he said.

Fairhaven Professor Rand Jack suggested the formation of a committee of two faculty senators, an administrator, and a trustee to find ways to defuse the tension generated by the Morse hiring, so as not to let the Joe Morse hiring issue fester, but nobody put his suggestion up for debate.

Technology professsor Clyde Hackler, who is not a senator, passed around copies of his alternative resolution, which called for a vote of no confidence and the resignation of the Board of

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# Spill leaves 30-mile yellow stripe on I-5

Drivers traveling up I-5 Monday morning, Sept. 27, couldn't help but witness an eyeopener.

Bright yellow paint, or what looked like it, covered the northbound lane, motorists reported.

Leaked around 4 a.m. from a tanker carrying green ink to Vancouver, B.C., the stripe extended 30 miles, from Kincaid Road near Mount Vernon to the Samish Way exit at Bellingham.

The ink, which is non-toxic and water-soluble, is a product of the Flint Ink Company of Flint, Michigan, said Washington Highway Patrol dispatcher Barbara Davidson.

Department of Transportation officials added a substance that turned the ink yellow, Davidson said. The stripe should disappear with the first good rain, she added.

The reason for the spill was not available from the Depart ment of Transportation Monday night, but dispatchers said it was so extensive because the driver failed to notice the leak.

Those whose cars were spattered with ink should first try washing it off with soap and water within 24 hours. Flint Ink's insurance carrier, Ken Root, is available at 1-800-336-2233.

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# Campus and Bellingham Cops Box

#### **Campus Police**

Sept. 20, 2:39 p.m.: Five memory chips, estimated at \$1,250, were reported stolen from a computer room.

Sept. 22, 3:30 a.m.: Graffiti was discovered on the door to Mechanical Room 3 in Viking Union. It appeared to read "CCK." Further graffiti was found in the area, but not identified. Clean-up costs were estimated at \$25.

Sept. 24, 2:43 p.m. - Sept. 25, 8:22 p.m.: Three bikes, or parts of bikes, were stolen from Nash Hall. One bike, estimated at \$500, was not secured. A second bike, also estimated at \$500, was locked through the front tire. The owner returned to find only the front tire and lock remaining. The last bike was locked through the frame and the owner reported the front tire and rim, estimated at \$50, stolen.

Sept. 25, 6:35 p.m.: An individual was contacted by university police for skateboarding in Red Square. An identification check revealed an outstanding warrant for his arrest. The warrant was from King County District Court and was for driving with a suspended license. The individual was arrested and booked into Whatcom County Jail.

#### **Bellingham Police**

Sept. 25, 8:17 a.m.: A citizen reported numerous headstones toppled over in a cemetary in the 2700 block of Lakeway. The police have no suspects at this time.

Sept. 25, 10:53 a.m.: A woman reported finding a handgun among another individual's belongings. The gun was not stolen and no registered owner was on file. The gun was impounded.

Sept. 26, 12:28 a.m.: Officers responded to a fight on the 1200 block of North State Street. Contact was made with the bouncer at the business, who said the two individuals were causing a disturbance. Police charged the two individuals with trespassing.

**Sept. 26, 10:19 a.m.:** A citizen reported an individual attempting to obtain narcotics by forging a prescription. The suspect did not return for the drugs.

Sept. 26, 10:37 a.m.: A woman reported her son telling her about a strange man near Cornwall Avenue and Kentucky Street. Officers checked the area and didn't locate the man. They did locate a woman dressed as the boy had described, but no action was taken.

Sept. 26, 8:07 p.m.: A man reported that he was chased along Birchwood Avenue by an angry motorist but the motorist never caught him.

Sept. 26, 9:22 p.m.: A woman reported that someone placed bread in her vehicle's exhaust pipe.

# Western Briefs

# Western volunteers, local youths to join in environment projects

Western and Bellingham middle school students will get academic credit this year for cooperating on local environmental projects like stream rehabilitation and tree planting.

Under the LEAD project (Learning Environment Action Discovery), Western student volunteers will coordinate with community groups to engage involve sixth, seventh and eighth graders in local parks and environmentally sensitive areas.

The LEAD concept was tested last year in a pilot program at Whatcom Middle School, when two classes worked on Bellingham's Greenways program.

# Physical Plant studies possible power plant

A study to determine whether Western could profit from building an electricity-generating plant will be ready in February, physical plant director Peter Harris said. "If the cost of electricity (to the university) can be held or reduced it will have a positive influence on housing rates," Harris said.

Western would have to sign 20-year contracts with fuel suppliers and companies to buy the electricity.

Harris said a co-generation plant would sell electricity to outside users at a profit.

### Ed. School application deadline in two weeks

Applications to enter the College of Education in winter quarter are due Oct. 15. Students who have completed several prerequisites may apply in Miller Hall 206.

Admissions official Thom Cathcart said prospective education students must have completed 45 credits, achieved certain minimum grades in specific subject areas, and performed successfully on the SAT, ACT or WPCT.

They must also complete a 5-day observation before applying.

Cathcart may be reached at 650-3378.

## The latest off the AP wire:

#### Indicted Senator calls charges 'sleazy'

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) - Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson said an indictment against her is "sleazy" and politically motivated. The Texas Republican said ultimately she will be cleared.

A grand jury in Austin, Texas, indicted Hutchinson and two former aides on charges of misconduct during her two-and-a-half year tenure as state treasurer.

Hutchinson said the Democratic district attorney in Austin engineered the indictment.

Earlier this year Hutchinson called the charge, "merely another chapter in the sleazy campaign tactics employed by Democrats during the U.S. Senate campaign."

#### Jailed cops win short-term freedom

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Two Los Angeles policemen convicted in the Rodney King case have won at least another two weeks of freedom.

A Federal Judge postponed the dates when Lawrence Powell and Stacey Koon must begin their 30-month prison terms. Both were convicted of violating King's civil rights in the 1991 arrest and beating.

Powell and Koon had already reported to a minimum-security prison near San Francisco. But for now, they have been released.

Their lawyers plan to file an emergency appeal with the U.S. Supreme Court. They will seek bail for Powell and Koon while they appeal the convictions and sentences.

If they do not receive bail, the two men must

report to prison Oct. 12.

#### ATF head quits over Waco raid fallout

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) - The Chief of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (A.T.F.) said he is stepping down because he disagrees with several conclusions in an upcoming report on the Branch Davidian raid.

Four A.T.F. agents were killed in the February raid at the cult compound in Waco, Texas. It sparked a 51-day stand-off which ended when the compound went up in flames, killing dozens of cult members.

In his retirement letter to Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen, Higgens did not spell out the conclusions he questions in the report on the Waco raid.

He did say he disagrees with Bentsen's support of a proposal to merge the A.T.F. with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The A.T.F. is currently controlled by the Treasury department.

#### Rebels gain ground in former USSR

TBILISI, Georgia (AP) - Rebels now effectively control a chunk of the former Soviet republic of Georgia.

Monday, the rebels captured the city of Sukhumi, the Georgian government's last stronghold in the province of Abkhazia.

Georgian leader Eduard Shevardnadze stayed in the city to direct its defense. At last report, he was hiding south of Sukhumi. In a message, Shevardnadze said he blamed the Russians for not supporting his government in the fight.

#### **CLARIFICATIONS**

The Front incorrectly reported housing and dining rate increases on page 22 of the Sept. 20 issue. The difference between the fall 1993 rate and the 1992 rate is \$224, an increase of \$24 per month.

The Front failed to include Northwest Indian College in a chart which ranked colleges by their student loan default rates on page 19, Sept 20. The rate at Northwest Indian College was zero percent during the 1990-91 fiscal year. Technical differences in loan programs led to the ommision.

### 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

- ERRORS IN FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE: Classes starting at 11 a.m. on days including Tuesday and Thursday will have their final exam from 8-10 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 8. Classes starting at 1 p.m. on days including Tuesdays and Thursdays will have their final exam on Tuesday, Dec. 7, from 1-3 p.m.
- THE JUNIOR WRITING EXAM is offered at 3 p.m. Sept. 29, Oct. 4, Oct. 6, Oct. 8, Oct. 13, Oct. 15, Oct. 18, and Oct. 20; and 2:30 p.m. on Oct. 22. Retest only dates are Sept. 30 and Oct. 5 and 7 at 3:30 p.m. Registration is required in OM 120 for all JWE exams. No fee is required. The test takes about two hours.
- MATH PLACEMENT TEST: 9 a.m. on November 1, 2 and 3.
   Preregistration for winter quarter begins approximately November 4. Plan ahead if taking the math placement test.
   A \$10 fee must be paid in exact amount at time of registration in OM 120. The test takes about 1½ hours.
- THE TEST FOR ENTRANCE INTO TEACHER EDUCATION (TETEP) will be given at 1:30 p.m. Oct. 27 and Nov. 10. Registration required; a \$20 fee must be paid in exact amount at time of registration. TETEP takes about 2½ hours and is not administered on an individual basis.
- MILLER ANALOGIES TEST will be administered on an individual basis. For an appointment, call X/3080.
- INFORMATION REGARDING examination dates and application forms for national tests such as the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) is available at the Testing Center, OM 120.
- CAREERS IN PODIATRIC MEDICINE: An admissions representative from the California College of Podiatric Medicine will
  meet with interested students from 1-3 p.m. Monday, October 4, in MH 156.
- CAREER SERVICES CENTER WORKSHOPS: Signups are required for all workshops. Stop by OM 280 or call 650-3240. Workshops are 50 minutes unless otherwise noted. Upcoming workshops include: Job Search Strategies, 11 a.m. Oct. 8, OM 280; Résumé Writing and Cover Letters (accounting majors emphasis), 3-5 p.m. Sept. 30, Library Presentation Room; Effective Résumés for Educators, 4 p.m. Oct. 7, OM 280.
- CHOICES, a computerized career guidance system database is available through the Career Services Center. Preregister for a one-hour orientation and interest assessment workshop. A fee will be collected at time of preregistration. During the workshop, students make appointments for individual time to use CHOICES. The first workshop is 2 p.m. Sept. 29, in QM 280.
- RHODES SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS are available from Dr. Louis Truschel, HU 207, X/2967. Deadline for completing applications is fast approaching.
- THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT seeks foreign service officers. Deadline for applying to take the Foreign Service Written Examination is October 8. The exam will be given on November 13 in Seattle and Spokane. Applicants must be at least 20 and a U.S. citizen on the exam date. Application booklets are available at the Career Services Center, OM 280. Completed applications must be mailed directly and must arrive in Virginia by the October 8 deadline. For more information, call X/3240.

#### On-campus interviews • Please nofe: Signups are required for all interviews and workshops.

- U.S. Marine Corps, Thursday and Friday, Oct. 7 and 8. CIF optional. Sign up for interview or stop by VU Lobby information table between 9:30 a.m.
- and 2 p.m. • Knight, Vale & Gregory, Wednesday, October 20. Submit résumé and CIF by October 6. Employer will contact you. Check back with Career

# Local and worldwide reports

#### Japanese consider apple imports

SEATTLE (AP) - Japanese pest inspectors will start looking at Northwest apple orchards next month.

It is the first step in an agreement reached last week that could open the Japanese market to Washington apples. Exports of Golden and Red Delicious apples from Washington and Oregon could begin in 1995.

Apple exports to Japan could be worth \$75 million by the end of the century.

#### Geoduck management plan adopted

OLYMPIA (AP) - The State and Kitsap County have settled a two-year dispute over harvesting geoduck clams.

Included in the agreement reached Monday, commercial geoduck harvesting will be allowed at the Lofall and Vinland areas on Hood Canal and the Agate Pass area of the Puget Sound. The sites total an area of about 700 acres.

The harvesters will pay about \$7.5 million in the next two years. The money will be used to manage geoducks in state lands and to improve waterfront access.

#### 'Sledgehammer' named best video

NEW YORK (AP) - Peter Gabriel's "Sledgehammer" is "Rolling Stone" magazine's top video of all time.

The magazine lists the best 100 videos.

Nirvana's "Smells Like Teen Spirit" ranks number two, followed by R.E.M.'s "Losing My Religion," and Neil Young's "This Note's For You."

One unusual entry: transvestite model Rupaul's "Back To My Roots" ranks number 51.

# Be aware of local bike laws

#### Bikes,

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we're cutting down the risk (by issuing warnings)."

Some students understand the laws need to be enforced but were unaware there were any light or sidewalk laws at all.

"I didn't know about the light law or the (downtown) sidewalk law," Western senior Daniel Fortine said. "I suppose the laws are there for a reason, but I wasn't aware of it. There needs to be more public awareness."

As soon as the rough weather starts only the hard-core riders will be out, Brown said. Usually these riders are safer and have all the equipment they need, including helmets and lights.

Although Bellingham doesn't have a helmet law, bicycle riders should be aware of sidewalk laws and abide by the rules of the road. Western does not ban bicycles from the side-

walks, although there are dismount zones near Wilson Library, Red Square and other places on campus. Bikers must dismount between ten till and ten after the hour Monday through Friday in these areas.

Licensing your bike is also recommended to ensure quick recovery in case of theft or misplacement. Bikes can be registered at the Bellingham Police Department or at the campus police department.

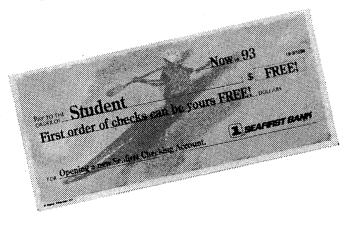


Photo by Steve Dunkelberger

Paul Hemenway, front man for Christian rockers Black Happy, sings praises in a near two-hour set in Red Square during WestFest, Sept. 21.

#### ATTENTION STUDENTS

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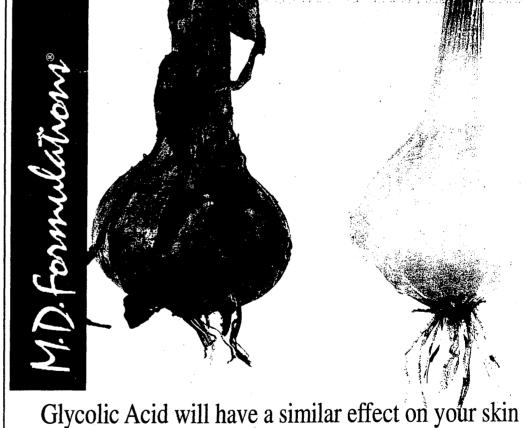
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# Dual-career couples: an issue in Morse hiring?

#### Other husband-wife teams have received little help; no policy exists Interviews with several dual-career

parallel case. We're faculty-faculty.

This is administration-faculty."

**By Karl Schweitzer** Campus Government editor

Stephen Sulkin called the hiring of Professor Joe Morse an affirmative action issue in an open letter to the Sept. 23 faculty newsletter, FAST. But other faculty rejected the linking of affirmative action to the hiring.

In FAST, Sulkin wrote "The issue of dual-career couples is an affirmative action issue, since one member of the couple almost always will be a member of an underrepresented group. Furthermore, the possibility of "opportunity hires" of faculty and staff ... frequently will promote the recruitment of women and minorities."

Sulkin later clarified the underrepresented group he meant is

Sulkin wrote that, in the case of a dualcareer couple such as Karen and Joe Morse, the university should consider hiring the spouses of new employees who were hired through normal channels.

"My suggestion is that we get beyond the blame game and develop a rational process for addressing this (dual-career couples) issue," he said in a telephone interview.

Sulkin was acting provost when he recommended that Acting President DeLorme hire Morse last July and promote him to full professor. The hiring and

Joe Morse applied for and got a posi-

Board of Trustees Chair Mary Kay

tion at Western shortly after his wife,

Karen Morse, was selected as Western's

Becker, who asked Sulkin to consider

Morse for hire, has also called for a policy

on hiring dual-career couples.

promotion created an uproar among faculty, partly because no position was available for Morse until one was created for

him.

women already on faculty to remain. Music professors Carla and Ed "There was no help at all in our case, certainly...(but) we're not a

couples on campus revealed that Western

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-Carla Rutschman, music professor

were permitted to share her position after Ed agreed to work without a salary, Carla Rutschman said. Ed Rutschman worked more than a year without pay before finding temporary jobs to do, she said. The music professorship he finally got became available more than ten years later, and he had to compete for it, she said.

When asked whether the administra-

tion had offered to add a position for Ed, as was done for Joe Morse, she laughed.

"There was no help at all in our case, certainly," she said.

"We'renota parallel case," Rutschman later cautioned. "We're faculty-faculty. This is administration-faculty."

She and her husband never expected to be given any extra consideration, she said.

Psychology professor Arleen Lewis has been an associate professor since 1987. Her husband Max, also a psychology professor, is still doing non-tenure-track jobs. Arleen Lewis said creating a position for Joe Morse was the right thing to do. She said more people could have been involved in the decision to hire him, but that the controversy should end so that Morses and the administration can deal with impending budget cuts. Lewis said she would consider leaving if a position became available for her husband else-

Marcia and Lewis Lippman, psychol-

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# House Higher Ed Task Force meets at Western

By Jason Overstreet staff reporter

Cost, technology, exit time and the inverse relationship of access to quality in higher education were the primary concerns voiced Thursday night, Sept. 23, at the House Republican Legislative Task Force on Higher Education meeting in the lecture halls at Western.

The meeting, one of three between the senators and highered leaders, was intended to allow citizens to give legislators feedback and suggestions on higher education.

Carlson said, "We need to know what people see as the problems facing Washington's higher education system and what their solutions are for enhancing curriculum, controlling costs, and improving access to higher education," according to a press release.

The task force, chaired by Western alumnus and Rep. Don Carlson, R-Vancouver, includes Reps. Larry Sheahan, Bob Morton, Elmira Forner, Also present were Reps. Bill Brumsickle and Barry Sehlin, and Sen. Ann Anderson.

After opening statements from Carlson last Thursday night, Western president Karen Morse addressed the panel.

"Access without quality is meaningless," Morse commented, emphasized and her administration's role in providing an accessible, quality education: "We (administrators) are committed to being accountable.

Morse spoke of the need to reduce graduation time, and Western's role in cooperative efforts to meet that need. She then told of her idea for cooperation between community colleges,

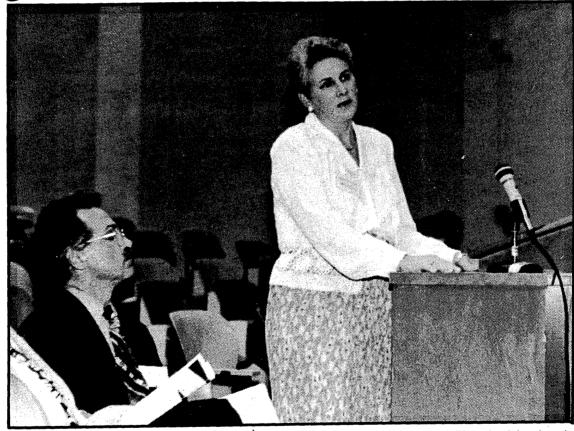


Photo by Adam Leask

Faculty Senate President Kathy Knutzen speaks to the Task Force. To her left is Whatcom Community College Dean Bill Christopher.

high schools and four-year institutions, where computer technology would enhance communication and foster better advising and more efficient use of library resources via network uplinks, first internally and then between institutions.

Morse pointed out advances on Western's campus, such as telephone registration and the incremental implementation of computer tracking of student progress to improve advising and allow for more accurate forecasting of which classes need to be offered. The president concluded with a reminder of the bottom line: "The investment in an uplink is enormous."

Provost Roland De Lorme told the panel that progress has been made in a program involving sharing library sources. He also lauded the virtues of instructors at Western.

"Our faculty go beyond the lecture format ... into a learning community, team teaching format ... with a focus on interdisciplinary formats," the provost said. He explained this quality is achieved despite the fact that Western receives about \$540 less state funding per student than other state schools.

Kathleen Knutzen, Faculty Senate president, gave her personal opinions on three main issues. Knutzen explained that budget issues are of particular concern lately, and that since the budget is driven by revenues, financial anxieties are pervasive and are particularly acute for newer faculty who are prime candidates for the chopping block.

Access and quality do not increase at the same rate, Knutzen continued. She said that increasing enrollment would adversely impact the quality of education at Western.

"We will try to educate students:" Knutzen said, "but as the trend (toward expanding enrollment) proceeds, quality will diminish. We're starting to feel this already."

Perceptions of faculty workload were Knutzen's final concern. She suggested that many faculty put in more than 40 hours a week and said "we do not spend our time in laboratories."

Several members of the panel

were familiar with AS President Keith Boyd from his time in Olympia with WSL, and Boyd took the opportunity to discuss with the panel issues of graduation time, tuition and technology.

Shortly before the 7 p.m. meeting, Boyd explained his concerns and strategies for the evening.

"Now I realize that I'm kind of a part of the administration. but at the same time we (the AS) do have our own issues on which the administration does not have the same perspective as us. The student regents bill, time until graduation and faculty productivity are all major issues I hope we can bring up and talk about this evening.'

"If we get students out in four years," Boyd told the group of administrators and legislators, "we'll save money and open up spaces for more students.'

"Tuition for the twelfth year (in a row) has surpassed inflation. Recent increases in financial aid were appreciated, but they are not enough," Boyd continued before discussing the changing needs of students in light of technological

Boyd suggested that the old fashioned card catalogues in Wilson Library are an indication of some of the unmet technology needs of Western students. "As we approach the twentieth century, everybody is going to need some access to a (computer) terminal," he said.

Speakers from local community colleges also addressed the panel, voicing concerns about faculty workload, non-traditional and distance education, rising textbook prices and the hidden cost of courses which require students to purchase specialized computer programs or graphic calculators.

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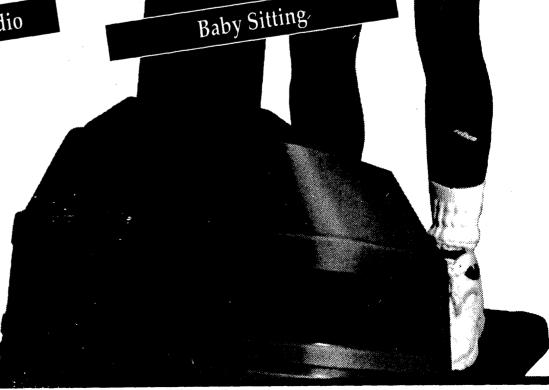
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scattered north toward the Nooksack

River and as far south as Anacortes.

Greene now operates a gift shop in

Anacortes and devotes her time to

fighting for the government to abide

tended Western for a year in the '70s

but decided not to stay because he

found it difficult to fit in. He secured

some federal education money only

because he enrolled in the neigh-

boring Lummi Tribe, a decision he

said is still painful and somewhat

outsider in government offices.

"When we appear and go to offices

they act like we're non-existent," he

said. "For the last 20 some odd years

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send more young people to college.

Lummi Nation members receive

\$60,000-\$80,000 for scholarships

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# **NEWS**

### Neglected by courts, "unofficial" Samish tribe seeks justice

Previous inhabitors of Sehome Hill must fight for federal recognition

By Josh Barnhill asst. News editor

On their way to campus via I-5, Western studentstraveling north drive past Lake Samish, pass a Samish burial area, and exit onto Samish Way. They skirt Sehome Hill—where before their grandparents were born Klallum Chief Sehome married the Samish chief's daughter and became that tribe's sub-chief. They drive alongside the Sehome Arboretum and Sehome High School, both on land the Samish people consider their homeland.

But they probably won't see any Samish Indians on their campus.

The people of the Samish Tribe will go to court early in 1994 to try to regain federal recognition that would bring several benefits, including money to send their high school graduates to college. And some, leaders said, want to go to Western.

The Samish are not considered a true tribe in the eyes of the federal government and don't qualify for health, education and welfare benefits given to recognized tribes. But Samish Tribe Chairwoman Margaret Greene said all that will change for the better and Western can look forward to seeing some of her people.

"With recognition, educational opportunities would change considerably. We don't have the opportunities that you see the reservation people's having," she said.

She estimated 100 Samish now attend high school in several districts

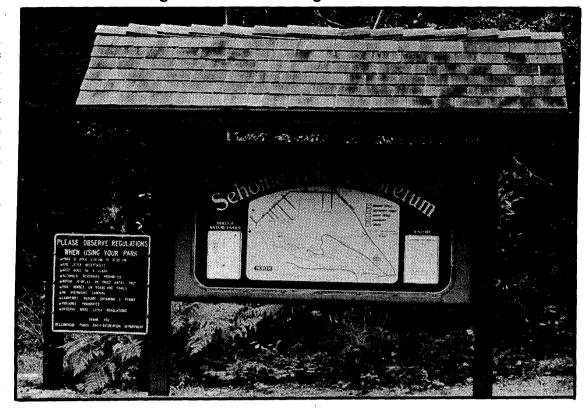


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A sign near the crest of Sehome Arboretum tells of the hill's recent history. Before Europeans arrived, the Samish Indians lived on the hill. In 1800, Samish tribal territory stretched from Bellingham Bay as far south as Whidbey Island.

in Whatcom and Skagit counties. But few graduates attend college because of high costs, she said.

Under federal rules, recognized tribes are given 10 percent of the value of their land's natural resources each year for social programs such as health care and educational scholar-

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ships. But, Greene notes, "We are a sovereign nation without our homeland."

And a homeland is a requirement for federal recognition according to anthropology professor Daniel Boxberger, which leaves the Samish in a kind of catch-22 with the courts as their only way out.

If they regain recognition through the courts they will receive money to buy a land base, Samish leaders said. In turn, they could collect money from the resources it would contain.

When they gave up their tradi-

Boldt ruled that five tribes, including the Samish and Snoqualmie,

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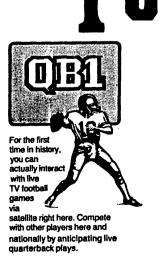
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#### Opportunity hires policy planned

Resolution,
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Trustees, but none of the senators present introduced his motion for debate.

Hackler said earlier he felt the resolution solved little in the context of faculty-administration relations.

"It doesn't say anything! It says we're upset. So what?" he said. "Especially the second 'whereas.' It sends a mixed signal."

One problem identified by physics professor and senator Ajit Rupaal is the absence of any written policy governing the use of so-called "opportunity hires," in which a provost uses his authority to bypass the usual recruiting procedure and simply appoints an individual to a position. Rupaal's motion that the Faculty Senate Executive Committee draft a policy on opportunity hires passed by voice vote.

Charges of nepotism in the Joe

Morse hiring have been flatly rejected by Stephen Sulkin and Karen Morse herself. Karen Morse, who attended the meeting, categorically denied in a telephone interview last summer that her husband's employment status at Western would have had a bearing on her decision to accept the presidency. No senators mentioned nepotism at the meeting.

Prior to the passage of Resolution 93-02, Provost Roland DeLorme, who hired Joe Morse said, "However you vote, I want you to know that I'm prepared and the president is prepared to work with you to prevent this sort of thing from happening again."

"There was a good faith effort to communicate and I find it very regrettable if that broke down somewhere along the line," DeLorme said.

Joe Morse will be paid out of the provost's special fund, which is often used to add extra sections of classes that fill up.

# Western has no written policy on af-action in dual-career cases

Dual Careers,
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ogy professors are another of Western's dual-career couples. Lewis was hired in 1966, and Marcia in 1969. Both competed for their positions. No position was created for her after Lewis was hired, she said.

"Joe Morse can be hired because he is married to the president, but Arleen Lewis can't be hired because she's married to Max Lewis, who is expendable," Marcia Lippman said, "That makes professors feel unvalued."

"It's not just Joe Morse. It's

knowing that the administration has reserve pots of money when there isn't enough to go around to fund S.E.R. (step pay increases) and merit increases," she said, "It's the umpteenth time we've heard of reserve funds."

"We sure would like to do an opportunity hire," she added.

Fairhaven Professor Bob Keller said he believed in affirmative action, but that hiring white, middle-aged males was not what affirmative action meant to him. He cited the case of Professor Michael Fischer, who left Western after his wife was unable to find work here. "It (hiring Western employees' spouses) shouldn't be just a perk for people making higher salaries," he said.

Western's affirmative action policy calls for the active recruitment of women, in part by advertising in women's publications. Yet Karen Kranz, human rights representative for Western's Center for Equal Opportunity, confirmed that Western has no written policy relating to dual-career couples.

The Faculty Senate, in its Sept. 27 meeting, passed a resolution to draft a policy on opportunity hires. (See story, page 1)

#### **Text of Resolution 93-02**

A RESOLUTION OF THE FACULTY SENATE OF WESTERN WASHINGTON UNI-VERSITY TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate of Western Washington University wishes to extend its enthusiastic support to President Karen Morse; and

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate wishes to extend its support to Professor Joe Morse in his current faculty position; and

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate wishes to express concern over the PROCESS by which the spouse of the President was hired, particularly with regard to the creation of a new position,

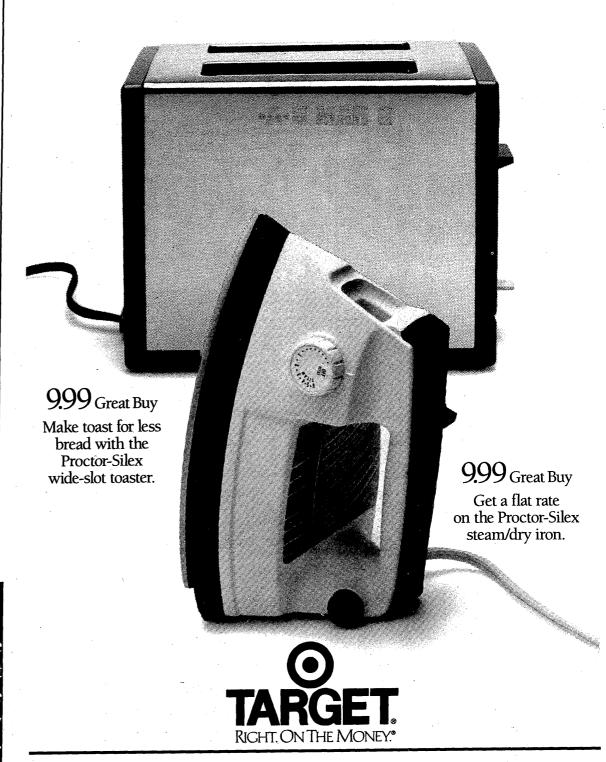
BEITTHEREFORE RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate by this formal action hereby notifies the Board of Trustees of the Faculty Senate's objection to the process and procedures employed in the recent hiring of the President's spouse.

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# Samish Indians hope to buy a homeland, gain recognition

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were no longer entitled to a third of the total salmon population in their traditional waters.

But Boldt, who four years earlier had ruled they were entitled to the salmon, was found to have suffered from Alzheimer's disease when he made the second decision but probably not when he made the first. And a federal court in Seattle will likely soon return fishing rights to the Snoqualmies.

"If they were forced to honor one treaty, they'd have to honor them all," said Michael Vendiola, a member of the Native American Student Council at Western.

He said the upcoming decision

regarding the Snoqualmies will enhance the Samish people's chances of gaining recognition in the form of fishing rights by starting a domino effect. Once the court officially recognizes that one of the tribes Boldt ruled against still exists it may be forced to recognize them all.

Five Samish leaders, along with scores of others from neighboring

tribes, signed a treaty in 1855 at Point Elliot ceding ownership of most land in Puget Sound to the federal government. Some tribes were granted reservations and all were to receive, "in common with all other citizens," the right to fish.

Vendiola said that clause originally meant the native people got most of the fish, since at the time of the treaty fishing was not a profitable industry.

In 1974 Boldt ruled the "in common" clause meant the Samish, along with the other tribes, were entitled to half the available yearly salmon catch, which amounted to a third of the total because a third was kept in reserve.

Then, after he developed the disabling brain condition, Boldtruled the Samish weren't entitled to their portion because they hadn't lived in one place continuously since their first contact with whites.

Greene noted that they weren't allowed to live in one place because they weren't given a reservation in the original treaty and said that would change if they were given a land base now.

"The treaty is in place, but we never got a reservation," she said. She is confident a federal appeals court will agree. The tribe has retained a former University of Washington professor and tribal recognition expert, Russell Barsh, to make its case.

That case will include the argument that although the Samish were forced to fan out their culture has

remained unique and strong.

"The Samish are culturally active, but have no land base," Vendiola said.

Vendiola, a Swinomish Nation member, said he thinks the Samish should go further than seeking recognition for social services money and fishing rights. They should be trying to achieve sovereignty, he said.

"You can get federally recognized, but that's still dependent," he said.

Article 9 of the treaty, which is available in the government documents section of Wilson Library, states that tribes and bands will "acknowledge their dependence on the Government of the United States."

But for Margaret Greene and the Samish people, recognition is a positive first step toward being seen as sovereign, a characteristic they believe they already posses.

"We are still a sovereign tribe. What we'd like are similar benefits," she said.

Hearings in Washington, D.C., and Seattle will probably convene before spring 1994, Greene said. If the early hearings are favorable, the Samish will gain the right to question government officials face-to-face about what they see as inconsistencies in Boldt's rulings.

If successful then, her people will buy a homeland, possibly near Western in south Whatcom County, but more likely in the Bow Hill area of Skagit County.

# Locals give views on water quality

By Danette Reeff copy editor

Mud puddles, rain, lakes, streams, rivers and bays—it's easy for Puget Sound residents to take their watery environment for granted.

Water quality was the topic for a Sept. 23 forum that drew a handful of people to City Hall to voice their criticisms, praise and concerns about the Sound.

One of twelve forums scheduled to be held in each of the 12 Puget Sound counties by the Puget Sound Water Quality Authority, the meeting was intended to gather public input on the group's Puget Sound Plan, the first draft of which is expected to be completed in January 1994. The final plan must be completed by July 1994.

The Authority is a citizen panel appointed by the governor with representatives from each

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congressional district. The group's goal is "to maintain and enhance water quality in the Puget Sound," said Authority member and Bellingham Mayor Tim Douglas.

Established in 1985, its purpose was to develop and implement a comprehensive plan to protect and clean up Puget Sound.

The plan makes recommendations on how local, state and federal governments can address issues that affect Puget Sound. These include storm water runoff, wetlands protection, waste-water discharge, fish and wildlife habitat protection, spill prevention and response, household hazardous wastes and others.

Community members asked Authority Outreach Coordinator Betsy Peabody for clarification about the plan's effectiveness. Peabody, county liason for Whatcom, King and Snohomish counties, explained that the group's ability to actually enforce the plan is limited.

"There is some confusion about that," Peabody said. "The plan is mandatory, but we would have to litigate to enforce it. Unfortunately, litigation is the only means of enforcement."

Another purpose of the plan is to prioritize water quality protection efforts and develop strategies for educating and increasing citizen involvement.

"Public education is really the root for water quality control," said biologist Nancy May. "An informed, knowledgable population will make the difference."

The Puget Sound Water Quality Authority also administers \$450,000 in Public Involvement and Education Grants with a maximum of \$150,000 going to any one program, said Tim Ransom, county liason for Island and San Juan counties.

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# Deaf Awareness Day brings deaf, hearing together

#### Event fills V.U. for workshops, lectures

By Heather Kimbrough staff reporter

"You give people access, you give people opportunity," said Mike Teague, keynote speaker at Deaf Awareness Day, which took place Sept. 25 in the Viking Union, "and you realize that deaf people and hearing people are the same."

Teague, a professor at the Ohlone College Deaf Center in Fremont, Calif., was one of several speakers involved in Saturday's full day of workshops, displays and

booths presented by t h e Northwest Deaf and Hard of Hearing Association.

The big contribution...is bringing about an awareness...about what deafness is all about.""

> -Loren Webb, speech pathology/audiology

"There are 24 million deaf and hard of hearing in the United States—that's 10 percent of the population," said Teague, who also mentioned that most of the television programs aren't even closed captioned yet.

This is just one of the barriers that make access difficult, if not impossible, for deaf people, Teague and others at the day's event said.

The V.U Lounge was filled with participants many times during the day, yet sign language replaced much of the noise one would expect from such a large crowd. The crowd was a mix of deaf, hearing impaired, and hearing people.

Loren Webb, a professor in speech pathology and audiology at Western, held a workshop on new technological advances being made for the deaf and hearing impaired like hearing aids, listen-

ing devices, and inner-ear implants.

Webb is also working on his second

project researching feedback devices that allow children to learn speech.

"The big contribution, hopefully, is bringing about an awareness to the deaf and hearing community about what deafness is all about," Webb said.

Michael Thompson, 22, a student at Whatcom Community

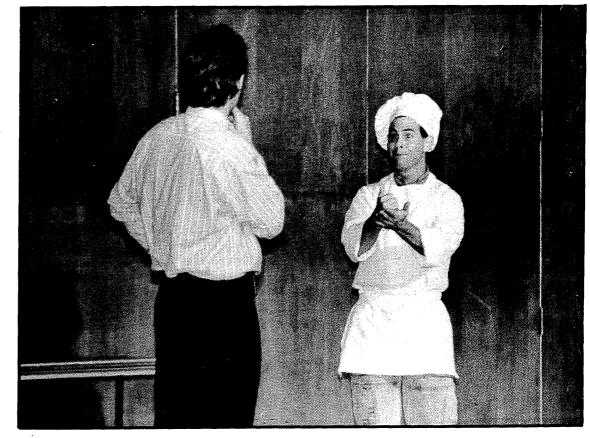


Photo by Stephania Lemmel

WhatcomCommunity College student Michael Thompson, who is deaf, acts in a skit at Deaf Awareness Day Sept. 25 in the Viking Union.

College, said the most common barrier he encounters is with attitudes.

Most of these attitudes are encountered in the workplace, where it is harder for individuals who cannot hear to get jobs, Thompson said through an interpreter.

One of his hopes, which others at Deaf Awareness Day also expressed, is that a deaf center will be established in Bellingham.

The hope is that the center would not only help those who cannot hear by providing services, but also build community support.

"Don't look down on deafness. It's not something ugly," Thompson said. "It's like looking beyond one's looks and seeing what's inside."

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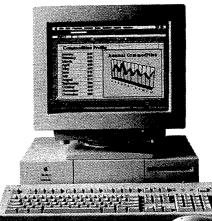
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# Candidate Wells speaks on water quality issues

Rebecca Hover staff reporter

Citizen activist Sherilyn Wells, a proponent of water quality improvement in Whatcom County, spoke on water issues in the county Sept. 22 at Village Books in Fairhaven.

Wells, a candidate for the Whatcom County Council, has been involved with local water quality issues since she to the area in 1990.

Her presentation explained how human management of urbanization and natural resources alters water quality in the county.

It takes only one drop of fuel to pollute one million drops of water, Wells said. Reassessing how

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humans interface with water is necessary to ensure a healthy water supply for future generations.

Wells covered several topics including forestry, agriculture, wetlands and urbanization.

Urbanization, specifi-

cally transportation, creates many pollutants which are picked up by runoff water and carried to bodies of water such as Lake Whatcom. Wells said. This problem is compounded by the excess runoff produced by extensive forestry and

Forestry affects the way water moves, Wells said. The more trees cut, the greater the amount of runoff. Pollutants are picked up as it moves over roads and

destruction of wetlands.

streets, eventually resting in our drinking water supply.

Wells did not suggest stopping forestry but recommended a new approach. Instead of assessing what will be taken from a

#### "Wetlands ... are the kidneys of the earth."

Sherilyn Wells

forest, she suggested analyzing what must be left behind to maintain the ecosystem. Some foresters are already doing this, Wells said.

The destruction of wetlands also contributes to the problem of excess runoff, she said. Wetlands store ground water and contribute to water purification. The use of wetlands for development should be guarded more carefully.

"Wetlands are valuable lands. They are the kidneys of the earth," Wells said.

> Agriculture can also affect water quality. Pesticides used on crops can pollute ground water, Wells said. In some parts of Wash-

ington state, toxic wastes have been added as "inert ingredients" to pesticides in an attempt to recycle toxic wastes, she said.

Wells also offered a new approach to dealing with water crises called "soft engineering." Soft engineering relies upon the concept of water management versus water control.

Instead of using extensive

technology to combat a flood, Wells suggested using levees that are only high enough to allow a certain amount of water to pass over them. This technique manages rather than controls the situation. The attempt to control a crisis often leads to great expense and eventual failure.

"We need to learn from people who have used technology (unsuccessfully) and not repeat those mistakes," Wells said.

She addressed the need for a cost benefit analysis of environmental situations that could become crises.

It is more economical to prevent a crisis from occurring than to try to patch it up after it has occurred, she said.

# Use your credit wisely

By Heather Kimbrough staff reporter

Credit cards — they're becoming increasingly easier to apply for, but

Students walking across campus last Tuesday and Wednesday could not only apply for two or more cards, they could also recieve waterguns, sunglasses, and chocolate bars simply for doing so.

But students need to be aware of what may not be advertised, like high interest rates, annual fees and other expenses involved in owning a credit

According to a survey by the American Express Company, the average student with a credit card pays about \$70 in interest annually.

The survey also found that 55 percent of all full-time students have at least one major credit card.

The problem is the students involved in the survey scored correct answers for only 53 percent of the questions about credit issues.

Only 22 percent knew that the best indicator of the cost of a loan is the annual percentage rate, and 33 percent knew that banks and other institutions issuing credit cards—not Visa, Mastercard, or the government—set interest rates on credit cards.

And only 30 percent knew that when a credit card balance is carried from month-to-month, the consumer loses the grace period (the time you have to pay off all new purchases without recieving charges.)

"Taking out a credit card can be a big responsibility," said Kathy Sahlhoff, Western's Student Financial Resources director.

Being aware of the dangers of such a responsibility is something students need to do, said Sahlhoff.

On the positive side, high scores in the survey showed that 92 percent of the students knew the most important factors that lenders use when deciding whether to approve a loan and 68 percent knew that a collection agency is not allowed to discuss a consumer's debt with his or her employer.





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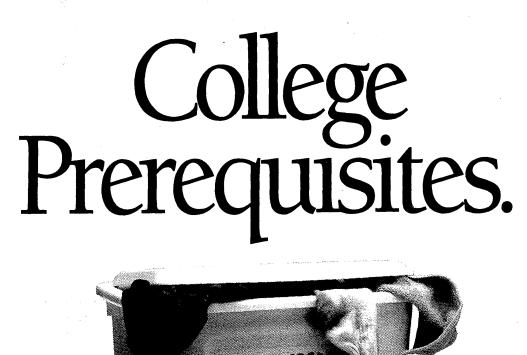
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### Positions cut, maintenance cut back at Physical Plant

University-wide budget restraints hurt personnel, maintenance, response to emergency

By Troy Schauls staff reporter

Due to massive universitywide budget cuts, Western's Physical Plant was forced to reduce levels of nearly all services to the campus effective July 1, 1903

Eleven full-time staff positions and one half-time position are casualties of the cuts. This will mean slower reaction to everyday building maintenance problems. Maintenance of Western's emergency electrical generators will also have to be deferred.

Physical Plant Director Peter Harris said the cuts will not be noticeable right away, but down the road they will become apparent.

"A good analogy to the situation is car maintenance," Harris said. "If you change your oil every 3,000 miles ... things will run smoothly. But, if you do not, after

50,000 miles or so, there will be problems. Repairs will be far more expensive than it should have been"

The annual refinishing of all gym floors, racquetball and handball courts and the Western Gallery floor will be delayed until further notice.

Walkway repairs, lawn care and Carver pool maintenance will be reduced or postponed along with decreased frequency of garbage pick-up. According to a memo dated Aug. 23, Harris stated, "We have carefully studied and reviewed our options to identify how to make these reductions while continuing to provide those services that are considered essential to the mission of the university."

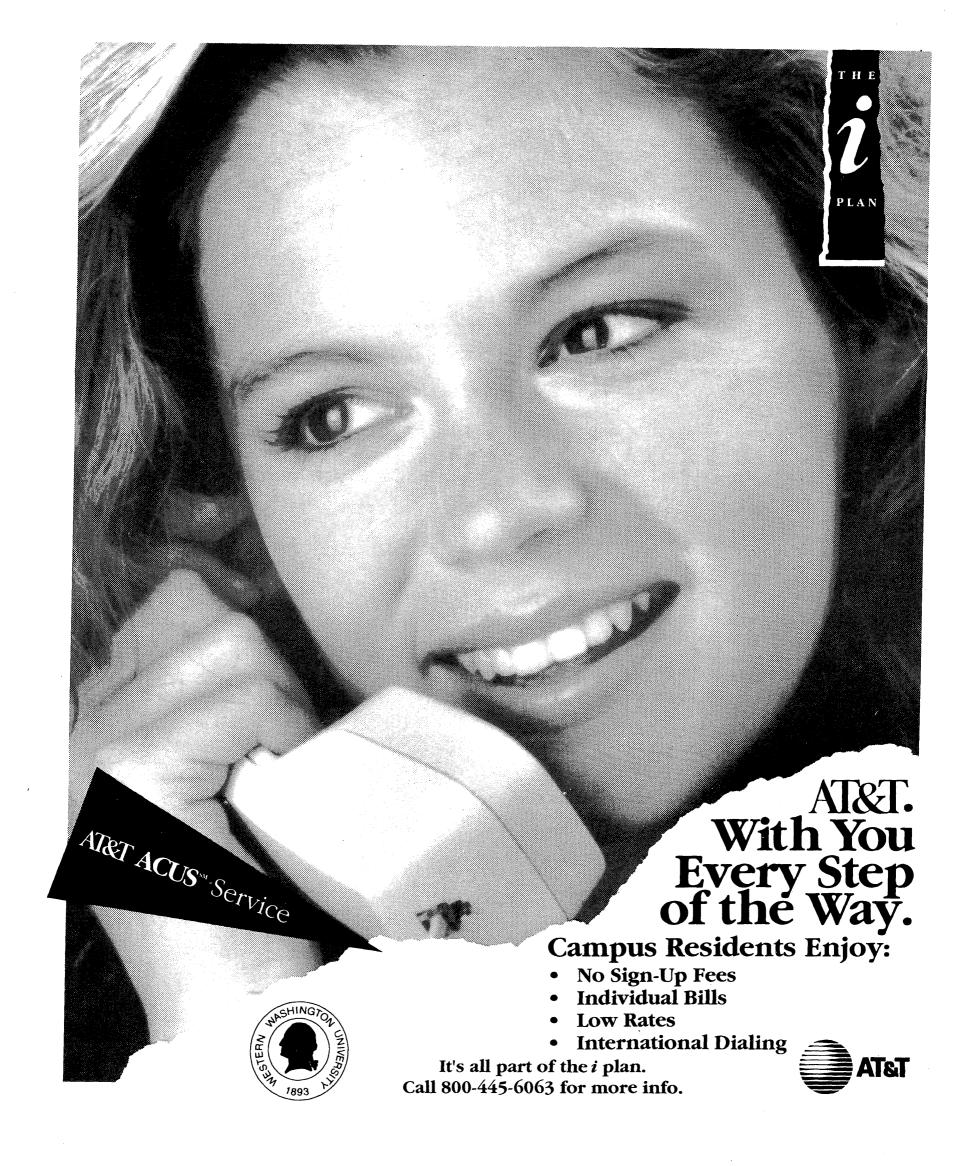
Additionally, some services performed by the Physical Plant which were previously free, including carpet repairs, pest control and special event support, will now be charged to the requesting

department or organization on a per-job basis.

The 1993 fiscal budget was slashed 9.8 percent from last year. When asked about the possibility of future budget reductions, Harris painted a bleak picture.

"I am very concerned about (tax) initiatives 601, 602, as are all of us," Harris said.

"Right now we just don't know, and I won't even begin to predict the future. It just looks too uncertain."



# Romance of Middle Ages comes alive for SCA members

By Steve Dunkelberger co-Features editor

The Shire of Shittimwoode (Whatcom County) in the Kingdom of An Tir (The Pacific Northwest) is not a place to be modest.

"Pardon me m'Lord and m'Lady, but might I inquire why you are shameless naked people?"

All those dressed in "modern clothes" and not medieval garb could expect such heckles and jeers from Society for Creative Anachronism members at any club events.

In the SCA world, members imaginatively transport themselves back to a simpler, nobler time: a time of knights in shining armor, maidens in distress and storytellers spinning lore. (Dragons not included, some assembly required.)

The society has groups around the United States and Canada, as well as in New Zealand and Australia. Their quest is to preserve the romance of the Middle Ages not as it was, but as it should have been.

The heroic techniques of sword fighting seen in movies

and armor making (sometimes simply, via \$100 worth of formed, hard plastic and that most-common- of- medieval necessity -duct tape) are not the only skills SCA members wish to master. The almost-lost arts and sciences of the Middle Ages are reborn as well. This reconstruction of the past includes establishing a character persona, complete with a name taken from the period and a heritage from which members can create self-spun legends.

When members aren't learning crafts, holding banquets or creating their personas, they have a war, usually over a serious blow to one's honor.

"One side would say 'We make better chocolate cookies than they do,' and the other side said that 'No, we did" and so war is declared, SCA member, Eibhlin Fiadh-Ros (Wild Rose) said.

The Barony of Blatha an Oir (Tacoma) and Lions Gate (Vancouver, British Columbia) recently declared war on each other at the portable Castle Rinehold, which was located in Deming during the weekend of Sept. 18.

Bringing alive an age gone

by may seem unusual to the novice, but don't think the SCA is just a collection of introverts who use their medieval personae to cut loose for a weekend.

"I'm certainly not an introvert, I'm just kind of weird. (Members include) Xerox repairman and plumbers... everybody, just creative types, who are interested in history. It's silly to think that the SCA is a group of people who don't have lives," Fiadh-Ros said.

A lot of "average" people join SCA. "We really are mostly

harmless," Asthor, a society member said, adding that it is a great way to relax, learn and meet people.

The SCA holds activities almost every day. Those interested in getting involved should call Karen at 676-5214.



Knights fight to the "death" at a recent SCA outing.

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# Technology on the brink of electronic errand running

By Troy Schauls staff reporter

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In fact, a few areas of the country, such as Queens, N.Y. and Denver, Colo., already have many of these capabilities—thanks to the world's largest cable company, Tele-Communications, Inc. (TCI).

Washington's TCI General Manager Dan Crocker said TCI hopes to have completed stringing fiber optic cable along telephone lines by 1996.

Most information is currently moved in the form of electrical currents down a metal wire. But in the near future, virtually all information will be translated into light pulses and bounced along fiber optic cable at a rate of 60,000 pages of information per second.

How expensive is this technology? By 1994, Radio Corporation of America will begin marketing a system with about a \$700 price tag. This includes a rooftop satellite dish and a decoder enabling owners to receive 150 or more digital-quality channels from a worldwide satellite network.

This system is slightly different because the consumer will receive information on radio waves, not cable. But the technology making the signal digitally transmittable is the same

About the same time, TCI will begin marketing its TV-top cable decoder capable of decoding 54 "forward" channels, or channels with information traveling in only one direction such as MTV or KING-TV.

In addition, 250 interactive or two-way channels will be available for services such as TV access to library books and pay-per-view movies. And TCI's system also will have room for what Crocker calls "video, voice, and compressed data" transmission capabilities for such services as banking by TV.

"What that does is ... allow us to open up a whole new realm of services," Crocker said.

But having 200 to 500 channels of superior-quality TV at consumers' fingertips has some critics of technology skeptical of the companies responsible for this breakthrough.

"TV production companies are even now scrambling to get shows into production, and most cable systems only have about 36 channels. But they are going to have to do more because the audiences expect it," Crocker said.

To focus only on the number of channels and on their direct consumer applications is a mistake. Crocker said he believes every aspect of life will be impacted by the "informational highway."

Some fear people could become socially isolated. With a **away.** few clicks of the remote, a bank statement will be called up, stock and investment transactions completed and a pizza ordered, no need to run errands.

TCI and the other pioneers realize this and are trying to please everyone by not hindering those who can utilize all the technology's capability and have the system be as self-ex-

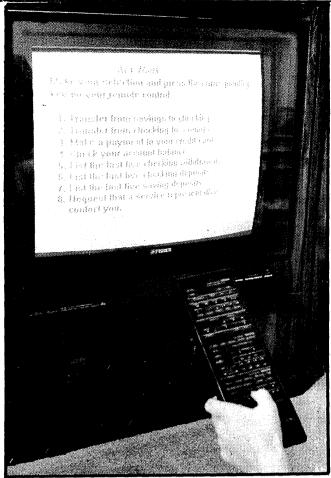


Photo by Adam Leask In the near future banking will only be a remote

planatory as possible.

"We are doing many customer surveys and using cities such as Seattle and Olympia as our test markets," Crocker said. "They will be hooked up (with fiber optics) by the end of the year, and hopefully, we will learn what works, and what doesn't from those areas."

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#### Pizza Delivery -

# Bellingham's pizza scene lacks zest

By Colin Wilcox special to the Front

Can you say "junk food," boys and girls?

I certainly can. Along with three other intrepid journalism slobs, R.E. Dalrymple, Sam Kitchell and Will Young, I probably ruined my arteries in a quest to find out which of Bellingham's delivering pizza joints — Domino's, Godfather's Pizza Hut, Roundtable or Scoreboard — made the best pepperoni pizza and delivered it in the shortest

We also tested the pies for such earth-shakingly important info as temperature, weight and cost per pound, but you can read about all that later.

The important thing to know is there were no clear winners. The pizzas ranged from generic to just plain disgusting. After we'd tested 36 medium-sized pepperoni pizzas over a two-week period, I was so sick of pizza, I would have been happy to declare them all losers and try cleaning my arteries out with Metamucil. Unfortunately, we were trying to scam money from Reader's Digest to pay for the project, so we had to have a winner.

#### And The Winner Was

Domino's Pizza, at least in terms of delivery time, taste and overall quality. Round Table and Godfather's tied for second. Third place went to Scoreboard and a well-deserved raspberry went to Pizza Hut.

The good and the bad from winner on down-

Domino's: It had the shortest average delivery time, 23 minutes on average. Even better, it had the second-lowest cost per pound, \$5.85. It also had the stretchiest cheese, the thickest middle and crust, and the second-highest temperature on arrival. On the negative side, it was the greasiest. Definite zit material. Even worse, the delivery driver tried to walk off with \$.75 in change without asking.

Roundtable: This one's for pepperoni lovers. The pies had 41 pieces on the average. It's also one of the heavier pies, over one and three-quarters pounds. Even better, it came the closest to having a distinctive flavor — the sauce had some anise seed. But the pies sometimes arrived looking like they'd been stepped on and their outer edges were frequently burned.

Godfather's: got rave reviews for its buttery, flaky

crusts. It also was one of the better looking thicker pies. But it was expensive in terms of both price and cost per pound, and at 11.9 inches in diameter, it was one of the smallest.

Scoreboard: This joint offers the most for the money. It's big, heavy and the \$9 price is easy to swallow. The problem is, it may not be food. The crust was thick and the topping layer very thin. The pepperoni was thick and dry, a lot like the stuff you buy at 7-11. And it didn't taste like pizza. There was a distinct ham taste with an even more pronounced split-pea-and-ham soup aftertaste.

Pizza Hut: No positives here. They were the most expensive, \$8.50 per pound. The pizzas arrived swimming in olive oil, wafer thin and smelling like burned bacon. It was hard to choke down the two or three bites needed for the taste tests. A Word To The Wise

Don't try this test at home. That may sound cliched, but if you ignore this advice, you will hate pizza when you're done. Even worse, you run the very-real danger of "gastric

Trust us. We've already suffered for you. Order pizzas with extreme caution and make sure you have a good supply of antacids on hand when you're done. Better yet, just go to Stanello's.

Pizza Results:

Domino's ---Cost: \$9.25

Delivery Time: 23 minutes

Roundtable -

Cost: \$12.13

Delivery Time: 31.3 minutes

Godfather's -Cost: \$11

Delivery Time: 29 minutes

Smiley's -Cost: \$13.04

Delivery Time: 40.3 minutes

Scoreboard ---

Cost: \$9

Delivery Time: 37 minutes

Pizza Hut -Cost: \$10.46

Delivery time: 32 minutes.

These results are averages obtained during a two-week test last winter of 36 pizzas — one from each outlet for six nights.

### Freight jumping offers twist on train travel for thrill seekers

#### By Vanessa Blackburn

Special to the Front

OK, now listen here. Freight train hopping is dangerous, rugged and not recommended by the local police

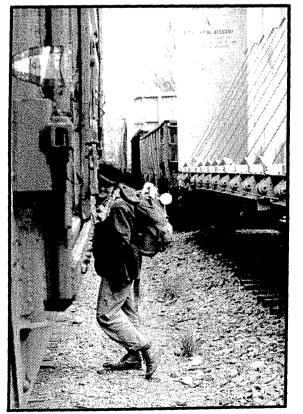


Photo by Vanessa Blackburn

Oregon bound: An adventurer prepares for a train ride down the coast.

department, but, as Daniel Leen, the Seattle author of "The Freight hopper's Manual," said, "Every red-blooded American should hop a freight at least once in his (or her) life." And I must say, I agree.

The Jack London days of freight hopping has changed a bit. No longer are the engineers tieing spikes onto chains and letting them bang between the rails to knock the hobos off from underneath a train travelling at 70 mph. But that's not to say there isn't excitement, danger and a little adrenaline rush that come's from feeling like a fleeing fugitive, not to mention the beauty of a free ride through some of the scenic routes offered by the west coast.

I must admit there was some surprise expressed when my female friend, Abigail, and I decided to hobo down through Oregon last June. Some people thought we would be thrown in jail and prosecuted for some gaud-awful felony offense. Some were worried that two women facing the rugged life on the rails was too dangerous. But we took the challenge. After an all-day attempt to catch a train out of Bellingham, we finally hitched a ride south on the Southern Pacific (SP) to Eugene.

By the time we got to the SP yard, we had lost almost all hope of good luck. After being partially thrown from a moving train in Bellingham two days before, I wasn't expecting much (don't try to catch a train while its moving if you can. Its very dangerous and can give you bruises, at best). How pleasantly surprised we were to only wait 15 minutes before a train headed out. As we jumped in an open boxcar, running along side with our backpacks, then jumping in head first—we saw two other parties of hobos boarding ahead and behind us.

We had heard some good things about the people who worked the yards in Portland, but when the train stopped half-way out of the yard and a shiny white truck started

driving up and down the train, we tried to hide as deep in the shadows as possible. It's best to keep a low profile while riding. Friends of mine have spent nights eating jail food for not laying low enough.

When we finally left Portland, we were ready for the ride. It was a hot, dry summer day, and the wind felt cool as the train kept a brisk pace. Unfortunately, the boxcar we were in was rattling hard, and the dust, noise and vibration made it uncomfortable to sit or lie down, even with earplugs, a scarf for our mouths and leather gloves. The excitement and beauty of the ride overcame the blemishes,

Along the way, the train stopped briefly to let two higher priority trains go by, including a sleek, smooth and fast Amtrak train. I bet they weren't having as much fun as we were, however.

During the stop, three slingshot toting children from Portland joined us, and after the train resumed its trek, the young gents proceeded to fling rocks at new cars, windows and whatever else seemed easy to destroy. This didn't make us feel very comfortable, but we were stuck with them for the rest of the journey.

By the time we arrived in Eugene, 5 and a half hours later, we were smelly, dirty and dusty, but very proud of ourselves. And after ditching the boys, who had no place to stay, no money and no food, we hitched into town to visit a friend and finally take a shower.

Unfortunately, that was the end of my summer travels with Abigail, but I continued hoboing periodically while visiting my family in California.

And now that I'm back in Bellingham, I have my sights on the beautiful trip from Bellingham to Seattle. But, by the way, if you plan to catch a train around here, go south. The Blaine police don't take kindly to hobos near the border.

### Mount BakerVineyards bottles with the best of them

By Nicci Noteboom co-Features editor

Nestled in the Nooksack Valley between Bellingham and Mount Baker stand the Mount Baker Vineyards. The vineyard and winery grew out of one man's love for making wine at home.

> Al Stratton and his sons planted the vineyards in 1977. Since then, Stratton's sons have left the business, other partners have bought in, and the winery is now managed by majorityowner Randy Finely.



ery also produces plum and apple wines. The plums are grown on site, and the apples are obtained from backyards and small orchards of area residents who have more apples than can

"My partner knows where every apple tree in the county is," Finely

Yields from the vineyard vary each year. The vineyard grossed 77 tons

last year, but this year Finely said the gross will be approximately 45 to 50 tons. The Chardonnay and Pinot varieties may not even ripen. The winery also buys approximately 20

tones of grapes from Eastern Washington each year.

"We had three days of sunshine in July. It's hard to get crops right with that sort of sunshine," Finely said.

"We had a great summer last year - we were almost done by the end of September, and this year we're just starting to harvest at the end of September," Chinn said.

The majority of the harvesting is hand-done, and an average of four tons is picked a day. After the grapes are picked, they go

> through a de-stemming process and into a bladder press where juice is extracted. The juice is then put in barrels, yeast is added and fermentation begins. Fermentation is completed in four to six months. The winery bottles 30 times a

During harvesting and bottling days, the winery hires five to six employees in addition to its five full-time staff members. It's common for these to be 14 to 16-hour days.

"I can't tell you how much work goes into putting a sixdollar bottle of wine on the table," Finely said.

Preservatives are used in most wines, especially sweet wines, to kill yeast. Because

"Not many wineries

grow these classic old

world grapes that we

have,"Wayne Chinn,

vineyard manager

Mount Baker Vineyards doesn't use preservatives, workers have to be sure what goes into the bottle

is 100 percent sterile, and this adds to the work load. If yeast is left in a wine, it will begin to consume any residual sugar and the wine will start to re-ferment.

Finely said 60 percent of their wines are sweet, and they aren't always 100 percent ster-

"Last year we had 1000 cases go back into fermentation," Finely said. "It isn't that it will hurtanybody—it's what you've made is cheap champagne, and it's some pretty rough tasting

Next to the working worries, the vineyard's biggest challenge is marketing its uncommon wines. Chinn said though these wines are the vineyard's specialty, they can sometimes be a detriment because people aren't as familiar with them as other

"I think people are conditioned to like the Chardonnays and the Reislings, but we have the Seggereba, Madeline



Angevine and Muller Thurgau, and once you get the wine in your mouth, you really like it," Chinn said. "Not many wineries grow these classic old world grapes that we have."

Though it's been slow, consumers and critics are becoming fond of the winery's distinct blends. Mount Baker Vineyard wines placed first in both juried and peoples choice categories at wine competition in Woodinville this summer.

Mount Baker Vineyard wine is sold through a distributor to Washington stores; however, 60 percent of the vineyard's busi-

over 40 category were the

Postmarks, Lon Tosenjak

and Larry Vail, two postal

employees from Monroe.

under group were Stompin'

Fools. This was the third

time and second consecu-

Winners of the 39 and

ness is earned from sales at the vineyard or restaurants. For example, the Oyster Creek Inn restaurant had the winery create a wine especially for the restaurant. Oyster Creek wine is available at the restaurant or the winery.

"My real love is private labeling and working with restaurants," Finely said.

The winery is open 52 weeks a year from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday-Sunday and everyday during the summer. Tours can be arranged. Call the Mount Baker Vineyards at 529-2300 for more information.

# Don't whine: Grape stompers make most of sticky mess

By Nicci Noteboom co-Features editor

Every year in the midst harvesting, the Mount Baker Vineyards finds time to uphold an old wine-making ritual --- grape stomping. The grape stomp is an occasion

when old tradition and modern-day fraternity antics meet.

The ninth annual Mount Baker VineyardGrape Stomp, held Saturday, Sept. 18, drew a turnout of approximately 1.500 people

who paid \$7 a carload to attend the festivity. In return, they received four wine-sample tickets and were admitted to watch 28 teams-of-two stomp it out to see who could crush the most pounds of grape juice

> in two fourminute heats.

Competitors stomped in two age categories; 40 a n d over and 39 and under. Winners of

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tive year partners Rodney Shelly and Mike Cook won their division. Shelly said they first competed in 1990 because it was the only way to get a T-shirt, and they've been competing every year "It's a sticky mess, but it's fun. If you've never done it, you don't know

> Shelly said. Others, such as Grape Expectations team members Darrin Lee and Warren Newcomen, participated just to say they did it.

what you're missing,"

"We wanted to do it as an excuse to come down

with 10 people in our motor home," Lee said.

Newcomen and Lee's stomp strategy was to distract the competition by cross dressing — as pregnant women.

"We're in heat to win, and ve're hoping to seduce judges," Lee said.

"We're going to beat off the competition," Newcomen said. Newcomen and Lee, however, failed to make it to the finals.

Stompers paid \$45 to compete and received a T-shirt, plaque and free tasting tickets for their efforts. Events coordinator Dean Paton said Stomp is an integral part of harvesting.

"Stomping is part of the tradition of making wine, and it's a way of making the harvest fun," Paton said. "We've tried to keep it so it's not a scam, and it helps pay for the harvest."

The stomp is held every year in August or September.



Photo by Steve Dunkelberger

Despite wigs and heels, "Grape Expectations" stomp their way to a good showing.



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# Alcoholic warns others of perils

# DWI arrest: One Western student's story of the cost of drunk driving

Editor's Note: The following is one man's story of alcohol abuse. Many Western students think nothing of drinking, let alone the consequences of drinking and getting behind the wheel of a car. This story is not asking for sympathy, but maybe this story will provide an idea of what will happen if people don't "party smart."

#### Steve Dunkelberger

co-Features editor

While wearing a green prison jump suit and walking to a jail cell, Todd (a Western student, name has been changed) knew it wasn't going to be a good day.

He had just been arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Todd remembers that Friday night vividly, even though almost two years have past since his arrest.

That night of bad judgement forced him to come to terms with his use of alcohol and the attitudes he had about his life and future.

"Drunk driving is a serious offense, possibly killing someone is serious, so the cost of six or eight beers just is not worth it," Todd said. "I have no other way to say it besides, don't drink and drive. It's just not worth it, bottom line."

Todd began using alcohol after he was introduced to it in the eighth

# "You've got to stop and assess yourself, it's stupid if you don't," Todd said.

grade, around the time his parents got a divorce. The memory stays fresh in his mind. It was the last day of school and a summer of fun was expected. Instead of summer fun, he stepped off the school bus to find his father packing the car.

"He (Todd's father) sat us down and told us that he was leaving our mom, it was an intense moment," Todd said.

His use of alcohol increased in rebellion to their separation. Spanning the next four years, Todd went to three different high schools and his use of alcohol gradually increased—but never to the point of drinking alone or every day, but during parties, much like the average teenager.

On break from college more than a year ago, Todd celebrated a friend's birthday at a local bar — the trouble started when he left the bar driving his brother's '92 Camaro.

He was pulled over and given sobriety tests.

"(While reciting the alphabet) I lost myself around L or M, but I didn't think I did too bad on the other tests," Todd added.

He failed.

He was arrested for DWI with a blood-alcohol content level of .17 percent. The legal limit? .10 percent.

"I noticed I had a pretty good buzz going," Todd said, "but I didn't think I was totally toasted. Obviously I was."

Midnight came and went before he was able to call his father.

"I had never been arrested before. The whole experience was scary; it wasn't fun," Todd said. "You don't want to get arrested."

He entered treatment, and after six months of three-hour meetings five days a week, he was required to attend two Alcohol Anonymous meetings each week for two years. This was an absolute. Todd was required to attend meetings even while he went on a family vacation to Hawaii.

The various steps of the treatment meetings changed the way he viewed himself.

"My opinions about the whole issue (in the early part of treatment) were that I didn't have a problem with alcohol, I just happened to be one of those people who got caught. But when you go through a two-year program, you've got to stop and assess yourself. It's stupid if you don't," Todd said. "The whole process makes you think about drinking, let alone drinking and being addicted to other drugs at the same time."

No matter how much information people have about drinking and driving, it's hard conditioning for anyone to overcome.

"There are people who do it (drinking and driving) because they grew up seeing their dads drive with a beer between their legs," Todd said

# Farm living just a drive away

By Jason Haws staff reporter

Ahh, fall is here.

That time of year between the supposed warm days of summer and the eternal rain and freezing temperatures of winter which we've become accustomed to in the Northwest has finally arrived.

Besides being a time when we all try to get used to studying again, it's also a great time to be getting in your last few sunshine-filled days at one of Whatcom County's most diverse and historical parks.

Ferndale's Hovander Homestead Park and Tennant Lake Natural History Interpretive Center provide a little of everything you might look for in a park — access to a river, farm animals, picnic areas, nature trails, a Mount Baker view and vast amounts of open space suitable for a good game of Frishee

The park is made up of more than 700 acres of farmland, forests, lakes and marshes and is located south of Ferndale. It can be found easily by taking exit 262 off I-5, traveling west to the railroad underpass and then turning left. Signs direct the way from there.

Hovander Park is a historic farm which was donated to the county park system in 1971. The Swedish-born Hovander family settled on the land near the river after emmigrating from Sweden in the late 1800s. The family established the farm and built a victorian-style home in 1902. The home still stands today, completely restored and surrounded by a garden and a white picket fence. Tours of the house are given in the summer months until Labor Day.

A red barn, topped with a weather vane, is not far from the house. It was built in 1911 by four men and several teams of horses. Besides the normal array of barn birds, old farm implements are stored inside.

For the hiking crowd, a half-mile trail connects Hovander and Tennant Lake. Other trails lead from Hovander along the banks of a mile stretch of the Nooksack River, which is

considered part of the park.

No strenuous hiking here, just flat walking trails with nice scenery.

The river also provides good fishing. Hovander Park manager Dennis Conner said fall is the best time to grab the fishing rods and try your hand at angling.

"I see literally hundreds of fishermen coming through here every day," Conner said.

And what farm would be complete without the animals? Cows, horses, sheep and goats make Hovander their home, at least for the summer.

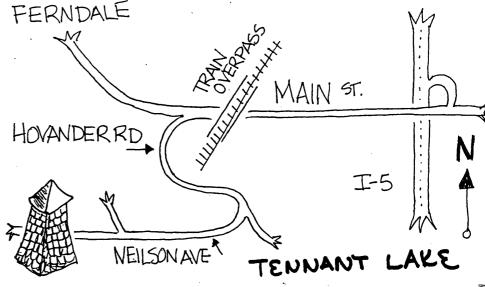
Conner said the animals are returned on October 1 to their rightful owners who lend them to the park for the summer season. But don't despair. Pigs, geese, ducks, chickens and even peacocks remain at the farm during the winter months.

Conner encourages visitors to feed the animals. Bread is the easiest option, but if you forget to bring food, there's always a coin-operated corn dispenser. Just remember to bring lots of dimes. For those who love nature or just a nice lake with a mountain view, a walk down the trail to Tennant Lake is advised. The old Neilsen homestead is the site of an interpretive center and fragrance garden featuring more than five dozen plants selected with the visually impaired specifically in mind.

More than a half-mile of wheelchair-accessible trails and boardwalks surround Tennant Lake and the marshes around it. Trail guide booklets can be picked up outside the interpretive center. The booklets point out plants and animals and how to identify the variety of hawks, eagles and other birds that make Tennant Lake their home.

An observation deck on the end of one boardwalk provides a place to sit down and take in the view of Mount Baker and the lake as a whole. For those who like bird watching, the deck is a good place to break out the binoculars and see what's flying by.

Both parks are open year-round from dawn to dusk, and it's only a 20 minute drive, so take an afternoon and enjoy them both.









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# Adventure found at bat cave

By Russ Kasselman staff reporter

Attics, belfrys and caves, oh

Bats can be found in a number of places, but one of the more interesting ways to find them is via a hike to the bat caves located on Chuckanut Drive.

"It was fun, exhilarating and I became one with nature," Maribeth Hyde, a fifth-year Western student, said half jokingly after a hike to the caves. "It was a little scary in the caves. It's really tight in there."

The caves are home to the Western Big Eared Bat (Plecotus Townsendii) from October to March. The bats are about the size of a small mouse with ears up to an inch long.

The bats use the caves to mate, said Clyde Senger, former Western biology professor and are on Washington's endangered species list and can be disturbed by human intruders, he said.

"Don't handle the bats," Senger said. "Look at them from several feet away. Look quick and then leave-if you must look at all."

The caves are a Whatcom County treasure.

Located 15 minutes from Bellingham, they make you feel like you are in the North Cascades, said Doug Charles, general manager of the Oyster Creek Inn located near the trailhead to the caves.

"The general area is a neat retreat from the urban area close to home," he said. "The whole trail complex from the Chuckanut area is an instant escape."

The hike to the caves is fairly strenuous and can be very slippery. Being prepared for the elements and other emergencies is essential.

Charles, who has hiked the trail a number of times, recommends hiking boots instead of tennis shoes, and a lot of common

"It's a big chunk of wilderness up there," he said. "It's a big chunk of woods to get lost in."

After jumping a couple of streams and cursing at the person who's idea it was to go to the caves in the first place, the objective is reached and every nasty form of imagined death for the guide is erased.

The immense boulders defy the imagination and the sheer cliff face from whence they came extends to the sky. Hangliders drift

lazily overhead and a number of woodland creatures scatter for cover at the approach of invading

A brief foray into the jumble of boulders doesn't begin to explain the myriad of vantage points from which the surrounding countryside and waters can be

As the grandeur of the view becomes accepted, the real adventure begins.

A mixture of claustrophobia, fear and exhilaration accompany the wonderment of being under tons of rock.

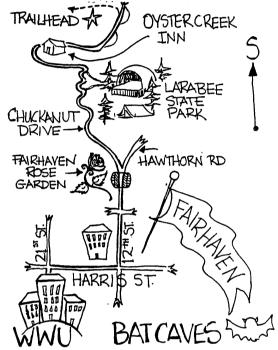
The dampness and cold may surprise some, but areas not exposed to light tend to be a little clammy.

It's recommended and also helpful to have an experienced guide while exploring the caves that house the bats during the winter

The elements and the bats make the caves less appealing during the wintermonths, but take the time in the spring or summer to experience one of Whatcom County's most beautiful pieces of wilderness.

The ten essentials of hiking recommended for this trek are:

- Sunglasses
- •First-aid kit
- Extra socks
- •Extra food and water
- Matches
- Compass
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- •Rain gear
- •Map •Flashlight



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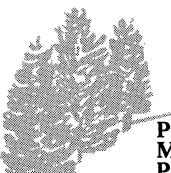
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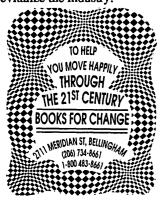
### Nolan Ryan and George Brett leave baseball as class acts



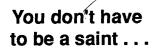
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 ${f A}$ s the end of the 1993 season approaches, major-league baseball is set to enter a new Despite

Andrew the seemingly constant fistaff reporter nancial dispute between owners and players and owners and owners, the plans for play-off expansion and league re-alignment are promising marketing techniques that should help revitalize the industry.









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The Colorado Rockies, who continue to add to their majorleague single-season attendance record of nearly 4.5 million people, are a prime example of why baseball needs to continue to expand in order to compete with professional basketball, football and hockey.

Despite the face-lift that baseball will soon receive, the game itself will not significantly change. If players continue their evolution away from playing ball to accounting, the game will continue to suffer from decreased attendance.

1993 marks the end of Nolan

Ryan's and George Brett's baseball careers. Ryan's season ended last Wednesday, not with a bang, but with a pop, after he threw out his right elbow in the first inning against the Seattle Mariners.

Ryan leaves behind a multitude of statistics, including first in strikeouts (5,714), no-hitters (7), one-hitters (12) and 300strikeout seasons (6). He played more seasons than anyone else in the history of the game (27).

Brett called it quits after 20 seasons and more than 3,000 hits, saying the game had become a job.

Both will undoubtedly be in-

ducted into the Hall of Fame in 1998, their first year of eligibility. While their statistical feats will long be remembered, it is their style of play that should stand out.

Brett could never be accused of not hustling out an infield hit or of slacking off in the field. He spent his entire career with the Kansas City Royals. Joe Montana may displace Brett temporarily as Mr. K.C. if he leads the Chiefs to the Super Bowl, but Brett and Kansas City will be forever intertwined.

Ryan may have moved from club to club, but he always gave his best effort. After his season

and career ended last Wednesday, it came to light that his right elbow has most likely been torn since 1986. Since then, he has thrown two no-hitters and three one-hitters.

Neither Brett or Ryan ever became pretentious about their abilities or accomplishments. Neither was ever a spring-training holdout.

The players of today would do better not to emulate the records of these men, but emulate the men themselves. Players like Brett and Ryan built the game and it is players like them that are needed to revitalize it.



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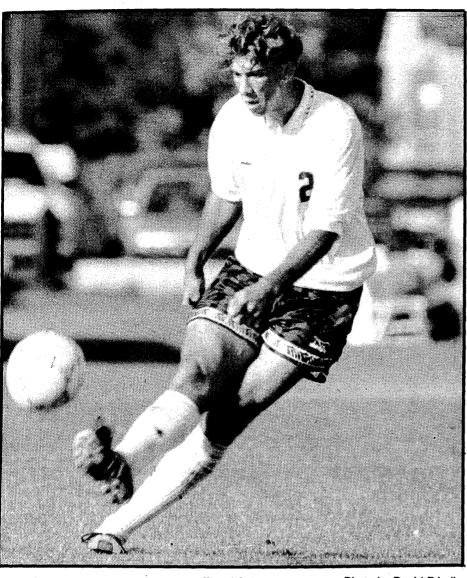
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# Soccer team shuts out Simon Fraser 1-0



Matt Shuts concentrates on a fine kick.

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Erik Tesauro staff reporter

Western realized one thing over the weekend — you live and die by your aggressive defense.

The men's soccer team beat Simon Fraser on Sept. 25 and lost a heartbreaker to Evergreen State College on Sept. 26 at the Northwest Soccer Complex.

How aggressive was the Viking defense? Just ask Todd Rattee of Simon Fraser who was blind-sided by Chris Jordan.

Jordan received a yellow card for his aggressive play, but he would later get the last laugh when he scored the only goal of the game.

"I didn't even see it coming to me because the ball is usually cleared out," Jordan said. "It was kind of surprising."

Viking goaltender Drew Smiley registered seven saves and recorded his first shutout of the year in the 1-0 victory.

The biggest save may have occurred late in the game on a penalty kick. Smiley said he concentrated on using all his energy to dive to the right to prevent the goal.

Coach Kevin Quinn praised his Viking defense for coming up big and playing well in clutch situations.

Western gave up the winning goal midway through the second half of the game in their 2-1 loss to Evergreen State.

The Vikings gave up a tough goal in the first half on an indirect kick that deflected off the shoulder of forward Kevin Blondin into

"I saw the ball coming and was diving to my left before I realized it nicked off one of our player's shoulders and bounced back to my right," said Smiley.

Midfielder Lucas Davis scored the lone goal for Western with less than one minute to play in the first half.

After eight games for Western, Blondin is the leading scorer with two goals and Davis has one goal and one assist.

The goal was set up when the Vikings wasted very little time on a side-out, catching Evergreen State off-guard.

"We're trying to go as quick as we can on any dead balls, free kicks, or out-of-bounds plays so we can push the tempo and maybe get an easy goal," said Davis.

Quinn said the Vikings played it as a practice game and never gave it a 100 percent effort.

Quinn emphasized that as long as the defense does their job, they're going to be kept in the game.

"We let in two goals that shouldn't have happened, so we really didn't do our job. We outplayed them and did a good job, but there were a few lapses and we didn't hold ourselves in the game because of it," said

The Vikings began their season by winning their first NAIA Northern Division game. Their overall record stands at two wins, five losses and one tie.

They will attempt their next win next Saturday in Ellensburg against Central Washington.



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### Western sweeps Seattle Pacific University in home season-opener

**By Justin Osmer** staff reporter

Western's women's volleyball team bumped, set and spiked their way to victory Saturday, Sept. 25, beating the Seattle Pacific University Falcons in three straight sets; 15-12, 15-13, 15-2.

The home season-opener in Carver Gym was attended by 217 spectators and the Viking's improved their record to 14 wins and eight losses, winning their last 10 of 12 matches.

"It was nice to see this many fans out and we hope to see them keep coming out," head coach Dean Snider said.

The Vikings were happy to be on their home court after start-

ing the season with nine away matches.

"It felt good to finally have our season opener at home," said senior Gretchen Haakenson.

a NCAA Division II team and beat them that well," - Gretchen

"It felt good to beat

Haakenson Haakenson led the Vikings with

digs in her career at Western. Haakenson needs 13 morekills and three more digs to moveinto third place among Western's all time leaders in those two categories.

17 digs against the Falcons. She

has recorded 920 kills and 628

The defensive attack by Western was a key to the threeset sweep.

"Digging and blocking were key for us," Haakenson said. Haakenson and junior Kris Martin led the team with 12 kills.

"This (game) was a lot better than our last couple games in terms of defense, overall defense and keeping the ball off the floor," senior Kris Little said.

"We also had some creative passing that helped us ... we just ate them up in the middle," Snider

Playing a higher-ranked, non-division team presented a challenge, but the Vikings met the challenge with victory.

"It felt good to beat a NCAA Division II team and beat them that well," Haakenson said.

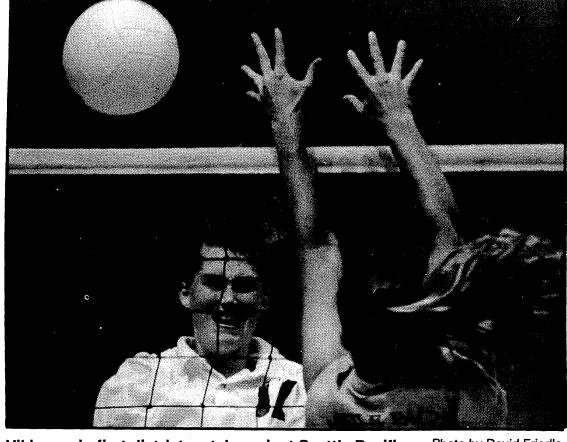
Western came back from deficits of 0-2 and 0-3 to win the first two sets.

However, in the last set Western came out strong and scored 11 points before Seattle

Pacific scored its first point.

"We totally kept our intensity up. We went out into the third game thinking, 'Let's not let up, let's just shut 'em down right here and make them go home with all L's. (losses),"Little said after the game.

Little led the Vikings in assists with 44. Earlier in the season, she became Western's career



Vikings win first district match against Seattle Pacific.

assist leader with 2,404 assists..

The Viking's overall team effort produced nine team blocks, 126 total attempts, 65 digs and 49 kills.

Western is looking forward to a good season with talented returners, enthusiastic newcomers and a positive attitude.

"There's a whole different atmosphere on the court than last year," Little said. "We're having fun no matter what the

score is. We're having a blast on the court."

The night before the home season-opener, the Vikings beat the University of British Columbia 15-7, 15-9, 15-8 in Langley, B.C.

"The UBC match was easy for us. In fact we beat them with all 12 players, everyone played that match for us and we beat them in three straight sets," Snider said.

Photo by David Friedle

The Vikings next match is at 7 p.m., Wednesday, at Pacific Lutheran University.

The next home match is against Central Washington University, 7 p.m., Friday in Carver Gym.

"Central is always tough - we're always a big rival." Haakenson said.

"All I have to say is that they (Central) better look out on Friday," Little said.



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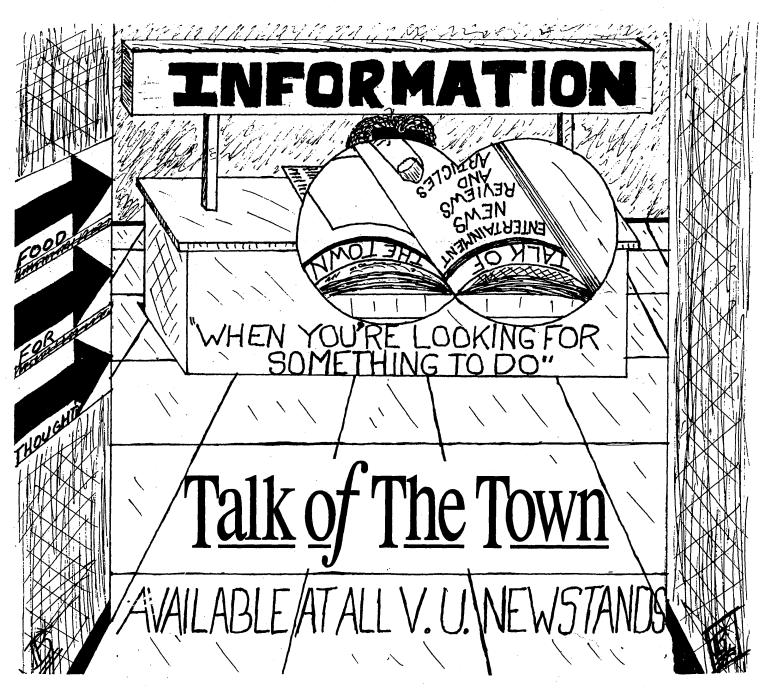
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# Football team ranked 10th in NAIA poll for first time ever

By Matt Wuscher staff reporter

Western's football team won 37-28 in their second consecutive home game Saturday, Sept. 25, against the Willamette Bearcats at Civic Stadium. The team moved from 12 to 10 in the the NAIA Division II football poll.

Western's sophomore quar-

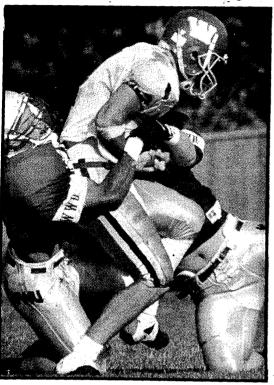


Photo by David Friedle Western defense held Willamette to only 84 yards rushing.

terback Jason Stiles had another all-star day, completing 24 of 35 passes for 234 yards with two touchdowns and one interception. Stiles' biggest target was sophomore tight-end Christian Evans. Evans caught both touchdown strikes and had nine catches for 128 yards.

Sophomore running back Jon Brunaugh rambled for 102 yards

> on 32 carries and scored two touchdowns against Willamette. Brunaugh was second in the Columbia Football Association in rushing yards going in to Saturday's game.

Western's topranked defense - third best in the CFA, held Willamette to 82 yards on the ground and caused them to turn the ball over six times, resulting with Viking touchdown.

During the

first drive of the game, Stiles led the Vikings 65 yards and into the Bearcats' end zone. They scored a touch-Jown when Stiles found tight-end Evans for a twoyard scoring strike. Willamette managed to block the extra point. Willamette

started to battle back in the second quarter. In the first minute Horner drove the Bearcats 87 yards in 33 seconds to

looked like Western was in for a struggle until the Vikings scored 24 unanswered points in the next 14 minutes.

Stiles engineered drives of 74 and 57 yards for touchdowns. The firs: was capped by a two-point

When Willamette got the ball back, Western's defense and special teams made it difficult for them. With just less than two minutes left in the first half, Western's Orlondo Steinauer intercepted a



Photo by David Friedle

take a 7-6 lead. It Vikings capitilize on a Willamette turnover.

Willamette pass and ran it back 29 yards for a touchdown. Western led 28-7.

On the following kickoff Western's special teams got the ball back on a fumbled return. The Vikings capitalized on the turnover when freshman kicker Wade Gebers kicked a 38-yard field goal. The Vikings led 31-7 at

Paul Blanusa, a number two quarterback came in late in the third quarter and completed two of three passes for 60 yards.

Horner led the Bearcats to three fourth-quarter touchdowns.

Western travels to Oregon to take on Linfield this Saturday. Linfield is ranked third in this week's NAIA Division II poll. They knocked Western out of the play-offs last year.

"We think we have some things to pay back to(Linfield) because they beat us in the playoffs, and we feel pretty confident going in to this game," Stiles said.

#### Women's soccer team loses a barnburner after two wins

By Kevin Blondin staff reporter

Western's women's soccer team capped off a three-game homestand Sunday, Sept. 26, by dropping a tight 3-2 game with Whitworth University after easily winning over Western Baptist and Evergreen State earlier that

Western started its weekend in grand fashion by crushing an outclassed Western Baptist team 14-0.

The final bested Western's 12-1 win over the team's earlier meeting this season.

The game was as brutal as the score suggests with the Vikings outshooting Western Baptist 57 to 1. The margin of victory set a new Western record.

Amanda Coulter and Shonna Hall scored three goals each, Kerri Seims and Courtney Kennedy both secred twice. Amy Dowd, Stephanie Seibert, Andria Fountain, and Catherine Miller all found the back of the net once against Western Baptist. -

The win left the Vikings optimistic going into Saturday's game with Evergreen State where they met with a slightly stingier defense. The final result was the

Western came away with a 4-0 victory in their second district game of the year. Seibert scored twice and Hall and Seims each added a goal to lead Western to their fifth victory of the year.

Western dominated the game more than the final score indicated as they controlled the majority of the play, said Coach Kevin Quinn.

"We shot and shot and couldn't find the back of the net," Seibert said.

Quinn said his team was never really tested in either of their first

"We really could have scored about 50 goals in each game," Quinn said.

Western faced a higher quality squad when they clashed with Whitworth in a district match-up.

The Vikings trailed early but came back to take the lead with a break-away goal by Hall and a goal by Seibert.

Whitworth came back to tie the game and eventually tally the game-winner handing Western its third loss of the season.

Team co-captain Mary Jo Dunn was displeased with the squad's loss to Whitworth.

"The two games we won were easy," Dunn said. "Whitworth is the first really good team we've come across, and we should have

Quinn felt his team had many chances to score and expressed his disappointment with the loss.

"It was frustrating. We dominated, but we gave up some easy goals," Quinn said. "We've got five more district games, and we've got to come up with five more wins."

Western will put its record on the line as they host Pacific Lutheran University on Saturday,

PLU is a perennial powerhouse in NAIA women's soccer, including a national champion-

ship in 1991. The PLU game has been a much anticipated game for the Vikings each of the past two years since losing to the Lutes in a penalty kick shoot-out in 1991.

That game sent PLU to the national tournament in Florida and ended the Vikings season. With the convergence of the two NAIA soccer districts in Washington, PLU and Western now belong in the same league for the first time. The game will be played at 1 p.m. at Northwest Soccer Complex in Bellingham.

# Snowboard shops can be found all around Bellingham

**By Chris Frost** staff reporter

Blindside shifty 180, switch-stance 180, taleside 180, frontside half-cab, fakie and halfpipe. What do they all have in common?

Well, they are all snowboard terms. And what better place to learn about snowboarding than right here in Bellingham?

For years, Bellingham has been one of the most popular places to board.

The snow at Mount Baker has been for the most part, plentiful with its natural halfpipe run, and the snowboard shops have been increasing.

But where can you buy the latest Burton twin-tip 64 or the K-2 fat boy?

The oldest snowboarding shop in town is Fairhaven Bike and Ski, 1103 11th.

Jim Smith, official snow,board dude, said that the reason they are the oldest is

because, "We're into it."

Smith said that they carry the top three lines; Burton, Sims and K-2.

"Burton is number one this year, Sims is second and K-2 is third in total sales," Smith said. He said that he was excited about this season, and with the increase of sales overall.

Other shops include: Washington Wind Sports, 501 Harris; Carter's Carving Edge, 3206 Orleans; Petersen's Ski and Sport, 376 Bellis Fair Mall;

at Zumiez, he knows what it takes to sell snowboards. "It takes product knowl-

edge and experience on a board to sell one. Carrying lots of products helps," Minks said.

Sara Greenleaf, an employee that boards, said jokingly, "A customer who wants to buy one is the most important element."

"Really, knowledge of what snowboarding is and what it takes to ride a board is the most important," she said. "Customers know if you

ride or not." "They're not stupid."

Prices for snowboards vary, so shop around. Ask lots of questions, Smith said.

It's not like the ski industry where you can just put things together. Questions are key.

Depending on the ability level and make, boards run anywhere from \$150 to \$1,000.

Be sure you know which bindings go with what board,

Smith said.

"Really, knowledge of what snowboarding is and what it takes to ride a board is the most important."

-Sara Greenleaf Zumiez employee

Zumiez, 610 Bellis Fair Mall; and Yeager's, 3101 Northwest. Another snowboard shop is located at Mount Baker.

Brian Minks, a senior at Western is excited about the season too. As second assistant

# Florida worried about tourist dollars, not lives



**By Guy Bergstrom** Issues/Opinions editor

Florida. the Sunshine State, home to Disney, Daytona and death. (Or is it Miami, Mickey and murder?)

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Nearly a dozen tourists have been killed in robberies since last October while visiting Florida.

Most of those killed were foreigners, such as Uwe-Wilhelm, 33, of Adendorf, Germany, who was shot while driving away from the Miami airport in a rental car with his wife. At the time, she was reading a safetytip pamphlet provided by the rental agency designed to help tourists avoid being robbed and killed; one such tip warned not to stop driving if bumped by another vehicle from behind.

A massive amount of attention is being given to the problem, with law enforcement working overtime to solve the murders, Gov. Chiles offering thousands of dollars in rewards and every new development or death making the front pages of newspapers and the first minute of CNN's Headline News.

But why such concern? Over 1,240 murders occurred in Florida in 1991, according to the U.S. Department of Justice, an average of 23 murders a week. The tourist killings have occured roughly once a month.

Ironically, you might be safer going to Florida. Its murder rate is 9.4 per 100,000 inhabitants, while the national average is 9.8 killings per 100,000 people.

Novelty certainly plays a part. It is no longer big news when someone is killed in the United States. There must be some novelty for us to take notice: sex, serial killers, or religious cults.

Florida's concern over the "epidemic" of tourist killings and seeming lack of concern over the deaths of its citizens makes sense, economically. Where would the Sunshine State be without tourism, without millions of visitors spending their dollars at Disney World, the MGM Studios, and Daytona Beach?

It's simply a case of protecting the state's pocketbooks rather than it's tourists: self interest and greed.

The state can spare an electrician in Orlando stabbed by muggers or a few schoolchildren in Miami shot in drive-by shootings, but God forbid that tourists depart Florida for the hereafter before depositing their dollars in the Sunshine State.

Number of murders and non-negligent manslaughters in Florida in 1991: 1,248

Number of murders in Florida per week in 1991: 24

Rate of tourist killings since Oct. 1992: 1 per month

Murder rate per 100,000 inhabitants, Florida in 1992: 9.4

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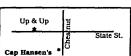
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#### Students deserve choice on health fee



By Karin Muskop

staff reporter tuition and fees after struggling through endless registration lines last week.

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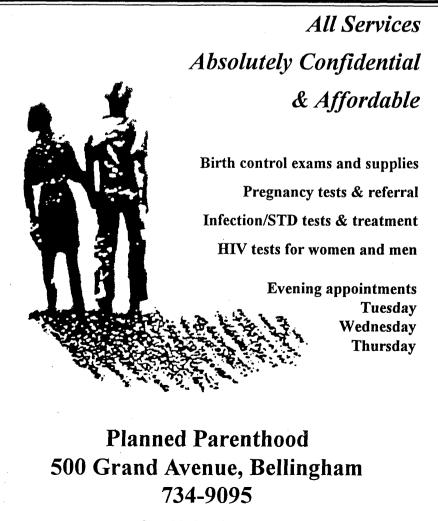
Campus health services offer tremendous help for those who need it, but that is where their services come to an abrupt halt.

The Health Center does offer comprehensive service in many areas such as cold and minor illness diagnosis, immunization and contraceptive services. But for many who have private insurance, the mandatory \$40 health fee is just an added expense.

The health fee should be optional; payable on your first visit to the health center. The center is a student service and therefore should be funded as one. It should not be the sole responsibility of students to fund this well-meaning program. In order to be an effective student service, the health center and university should not expect

students who don't use the center and don't know what or where it is, to pay for care and services they don't choose to recieve. The university and the state should help subsidize the cost of running the center instead of placing the burden on us, the students.

If the health center were to receive subsidized funding from the state and university, the \$40 mandatory health fee would cease to exist for students who don't require the center's services. This would not only help lower the ever growing cost of tuition, but it would also enable the health center to accomplish their goal of being an effective student service.



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# Sexuality of adopting parents should not be the issue



By Vanessa Blackburn

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week to a homosexual couple in Seattle for foster care and possible adoption. And until Megan Lucas found out her son was going to a gay couple, she didn't want the child.

Whether or not having gay parents influences a child's sexual orientation, a child would grow up with higher self-esteem and self-worth in a family which wants him regardless of the families sexual orientation.

This case can be confusing. There are two main issues involved, one being whether Lucas was coerced into giving her child up for adoption, which is the grounds for her lawsuit to get her child back, and the other is her objection to the child going to homosexual parents.

A judge dissolved the restraining order she obtained against the state Department of Social and Health Services be-

cause apparently the judge believed she was unlikely to prove she was coerced into giving up her child. She also waited too long to file a claim of duress and pressure, according to a Sept. 21 Seattle Times article. She had one year under state law to file, and she missed the deadline by a day.

Considering she gave the child up twice, then took over a year to file for custody, it sounds like she doesn't have much interest in being a mother. However, once she found out her dear boy was being sent to a gay couple, she suddenly had a whole bunch of interest.

It also seems strange that the

organization helping to pay her legal fees is a civil-liberties group from South Carolina that works with first Amendment religious rights cases and promotes "the expression of family values and the sanctity of all human life." Perhaps a conservative Christian anti-choice group looking to get a young child away from the "evil" hands of homosexuals, maybe? It seems the organization might have an agenda that is a little more complicated than simple interest in an adoption case.

Arguing whether or not homosexuality is wrong, or whether children who grow up with gay parents are more inclined to turn

out gay, would be futile. The morality of homosexuality is silly to fight over, no one would win, and too little research has been done in the area of how people become gay. However, more and more evidence has shown homosexuality to be a genetic trait rather than an environmentally learned behavior.

Regardless, a family who wants to love and care for a child would create a better environment for a child than one in which the mother had refused him for the first four years of his life. Sexual orientation seems a minor concern compared to finding a secure environment for a child.

### Military-industrial complex still plays active role in politics

Mark Connolly special to the Front

Beware the military-industrial complex.

This was the grave forewarning that Dwight D. Eisenhower delivered in one of his final speeches as U.S. President. As the U.S. moved into an unprecedented position of global military and economic power in the decade following World War II. Eisenhower's message was intended to open our eyes to the potential abuses inherent in such newly concentrated power.

It is a message that has echoed throughout the last three decades for anyone concerned with the growing power of the U.S. military and its primary role of making the world safe for capitalism.

Eisenhower's message is the call to understand the relationship of those strange bedfellows: economics and politics. It is a contemporary lesson in political economics. The pretense that U.S. capitalism is a free market system is clearly exposed as a lie when we understand, for example, how the U.S. government has used military policy to bolster our national economy by what essentially amounts to subsidies to defense contractors (formerly known as "merchants of death") as the international competitiveness of our other industries has declined

For the past number of decades, the U.S. government has relied on the specter of communism to justify exorbitant military spending, including, for instance, the nuclear arms race and programs such as "Star Wars." Of course, fighting communism doesn't work any longer to justify the growth of the militaryindustrial complex. The Clinton administration recently made public its plans for the role of the military in the late 1990s. And you'd think they'd need to invent some new "bogeyman" to replace communism in order to justify their defense strategies and budget.

But no. With a strange, postmodern sense of candor, Defense Secretary Les Aspin recently explained that it will be part of Clinton's policies to link military and industrial policy in the late 1990s, in order to promote jobs and a more internationally competitive U.S. economy.

In other words, the Clinton administration has no shame in admitting that its military policy will be based on exactly the concentration of powers that Eisenhower warned against! Clinton will be promoting the military industrial complex.

For instance, Aspin explained

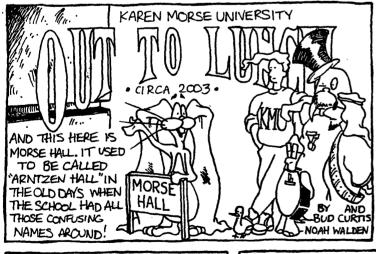
that the administration is going ahead with plans to build a third \$2 billion Seawolf nuclear attack submarine. At the same time, Aspin acknowledged that the sub is not needed for fighting wars, but was "part of the administration's industrial policy."

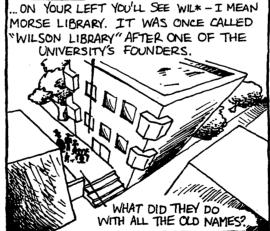
An Associated Press article described this policy as "keeping the nuclear submarine makers in business during the long stretch ahead in which the U.S. submarine fleet will be shrinking.'

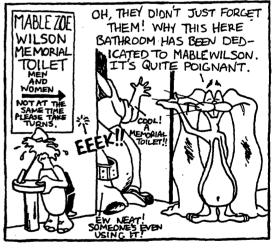
This exposes realities that aren't often brought up in polite, liberal company or university economics classes: free market forces alone don't regulate U.S. capitalism, and that there are connections of power between government decisionmaking (e.g. military policy) and profits for corporations significant to U.S. financial and political elites. In the current case, the Clinton administration intends to use our tax dollars to subsidize a military policy intended not to defend the nation militarily, but to strengthen the ability of U.S. corporations to gain increasing profits around the globe.

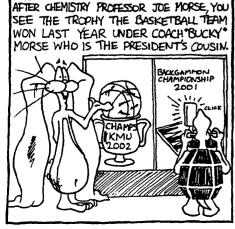
This isn't new. What is new is that the Clinton administration thinks we'll sit back and accept it just because it's explained very clearly with this creepy 1990s kind of psychopathic honesty that seems to be cropping up everywhere.

Don't accept pathological proposals made behind charming smiles. Don'ttolerate military policy linked to our nation's industrial policy, especially now that the Cold War is over and we can move toward economic vitality apart from defense contracts. And recognize that Eisenhower's message is still as important today as it was when he delivered it: Beware the military-industrial complex.

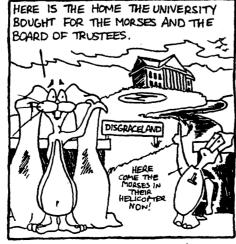


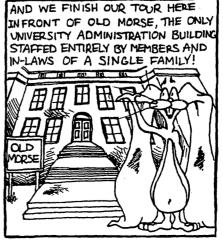


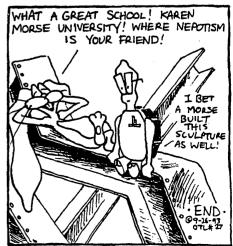




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Some may argue that one cannot possibly imagine the emotions that accompany the stealing of one's country or the imposition of an opppressive government unless they have personally experienced such hardships. Some may say that there are virtues worth fighting

However legitimate these comments, they can and should be countered with an impartial approval of any peace agreement. Sure, the average American citizen can only pretend to relate to many of the Middle Eastern conflicts, but everyone can see the official recognition of the Palestinians'

need for separation from Isreal's control as a monumental event. Of course, total separation will not occur for as many as five more years of negotiations. Just as the unification of East and West Germany took longer than the symbolic gesture of tearing down the wall, so the guarantee of peace will take longer than the signing of a peace treaty.

Assuming that most young people, and especially students, are passionately in favor of worldwide peace may be an incorrect assumption. While viewing the apparent boredom among the youths who traveled from the Middle East to witness the historic signing, one could begin to doubt this assumption. Perhaps jetlag afflicted the visiting youths; perhaps a lack of experience with the English language diverted their attention. Regardless of what it could have been, the yawns and slouching postures of the supposed future peace leaders disappointed some and made others laugh.

Another disappointment came from viewing the evening news on a N.Y. channel following the White House ceremony. Students from a Jewish

school in Brooklyn were interviewed and asked their opinions of the peace agreement. Four of the five students interviewed were against the accord and argued that the Isrealis should not give up land to their longtime enemies. The Jewish students' hatred for the Palestinians, and Arabs in general, was so strong that they believed Isrealis owed the Palestinians nothing - not even an attempt at peace. Their responses were dismaying. One would expect support for peace and a somewhat objective perspective from American Jewish students removed from the actual battling.

One can even sense something other than support upon hearing friends around campus discussing the signing. When the subject of the peace treaty enters a conversation, one is likely to hear snickers and people saying, "Yeah, it's anice idea, but...." According to some more skeptical WWU students, the hand shake between Yasir Arafat and Yitzhak Rabin does not guarantee peace between two parties that have been warring for over a hundred years.

Their skepticism is understandable, but we need to retain an optimistic perspective. Despite the various negative feelings and the doubt, one can still have confidence in what was witnessed via television on Sept. 13, 1993. The fact that years of peace talks, some of which were done in secrecy, led to that one historical handshake proves a great amount of cooperation and a few sacrifices are possible. If cooperation and sacrifices are possible, then so is peace. And the fact that cooperation, sacrifices, and eventually peace are possible deserves applause.

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# Frontline

#### **Faculty Senate falls short**

It was the last item on the agenda. Faculty Senate Resolution 93-02 to the Board of Trustees was short, sweet and to the point.

The point was, Faculty Senate members at Western either don't understand the injustice that's been done to the entire faculty by the creation of a tenured position for the president's husband (in the midst of a hiring freeze and budget cuts, no less), or they've been intimidated through fear of losing promotions.

The resolution (see page 7) is a token gesture, meant to pacify angry instructors and give the illusion of breaking with the Board of Trustees. In fact, it only reinforces the Senate's apparent diffidence toward Western's administration and directing body. And the more they allow themselves to be walked over, the weaker faculty members and their appointed routes of government will become in defending themselves from unfair administrative practices.

In a blatant power play, President Morse and Provost Roland De Lorme sat at the head of the table throughout the meeting, including the discussion of the resolution about Morse and her husband. How could anyone expect senators to speak freely and openly about their frustrations in the presence of the person who hired Joseph Morse (De Lorme) and the person whom the controversy most directly affects?

Discussion was limited to a few comments. None of the heated debate that has reportedly been going on behind office doors or in coffee shops reached the floor. And subsequently, none of the important questions that faculty should be very concerned with came up either.

No matter how much the faculty bends to submit to things the way they are, no matter how much goodwill it wishes to extend to the President and her husband, the fact remains that Joseph Morse still has full tenure at Western, without having climbed the steep ladder of promotion that others have had to, and that he is still going to receive a salary of \$48,788 for teaching Chemistry 101 in 93-94.

This resolution the Senate passed wasn't the only one submitted, however.

Before the Senate voted the resolution into being, Clyde Hackler asked for a moment to pass his resolution around. He had spoken with several Senate members who said they would be willing to move to accept it, thereby bringing it to the floor for debate.

But when the senators had all received a copy, a short but nervous silence fell. Hackler's resolution, after all, called for a vote of no confidence in the Board of Trustees, and for the individual resignation of each of the Board members. It also included the first "whereas" of the original resolution, the extension of the Senate's "enthusiastic support" to the president.

That's where it turned in another direction. "This has placed in serious jeopardy the shared governance procedures at WWU," it stated

"Those working agreements depend upon...mutual respect.... (The Morse hiring) is blatant disrespect for that working agreement," Hacker said last week.

Hackler said he is most concerned about shared governance. "It's worth preserving in my view," he said. "It may take some interim confrontation to preserve that."

And at least Hackler, who does not have tenure, was willing to risk it. It's unfortunate that the Faculty Senate doesn't find those mutual agreements important enough to stand up for.

- Margret Graham, News editor

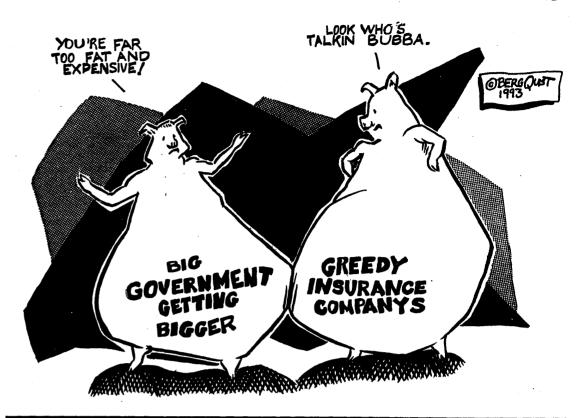
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### Media needs to go back to basics



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Opinions editor f i e l d goals being kicked in football—it seems to me that our media is ignoring these big issues and concentrating on all the wrong things.

It will take weeks for accountants to make heads or tails of Clinton's health plan. Yet, you turn on the news and hear about how bad the recession and how Clinton's health plan is still not understood by the so called experts. No one tells you

what it will cost or how it will be implemented.

Maybe it is too cynical of a view of the press to assume they don't want to spend the time or resources to the things that seem to be important.

If it is exciting or will affect our pockets then it seems to get coverage.

In Russia there are thousands of people barricaded outside the parliament building waiting for Boris Yeltsin to start attacking the parliament building.

How many people know if the Mars probe really exploded or not? One billion dollars unaccounted for.

The media is focusing on Clinton's health plan but it is avoiding to mention what effect it will have on the insurance industry.

Fifteen percent of the GNP currently goes to the health in-

dustry. His plan will certainly change this.

Biosphere, we didn't hear much about these people except when the went in or went out. They say they accomplished a great deal of science, but what? And the dome wasn't ever truly closed: They received medical assistance and supplies from the outside and proved that a hamster can survive in its cage if it is fed 10 times with food from outside the dome. How valid a can any scientific 'experiment of a "closed" food system be if you call Domino's whenever you're hungry? It makes the whole thing a worthless tourist trap instead of a valid scientific ventur.

The media needs to take a look at itself and analyze what it should really be concentrating on. Otherwise the only worthy part of a paper will become the advertisements and comics.

### Opened doors not necessarily sexist



By Dawn Bittner staff reporter offended
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change her flat tire. "He's so sexist!" I can hear the battle cry of the femi-nazis bellowing across campus.

When a man does something nice for a women, he is not being sexist, he is simply being polite. He doesn't think the woman can't open the door for herself, he is showing her a sign of respect.

Since I'm not a man, it may be wrong for me to make such an assumption, but I doubt that when a man notices a woman approaching a door, he thinks to himself, "I better get that door, she may be too weak to open it." If he opens it for her, the reason may be nothing more than he just got to the door

Most women would probably open the door for a man if she were the first one to arrive at the door, and you never hear men complaining, "She opened the door for me. She must think I lack the strenght to handle it myself."

All the women out there who complain and complain about men supposedly being sexist make the rest of us look bad. I hope men realize that there are women out there who appreciate being treated with respect. The women who don't appreciate being treated with respect are giving men a false impression of all women.

I must sympathize with men, especially in the dating scene. I imagine it must be stressful not knowing whether or not to open the door for a women, for fear of being sprayed with pepper mace, or receiving a swift kick in the grain.

I am not trying to make excuses for the women who refuse to let a man be nice, but I can offer no other explanation for their behavior other than they must be insecure about their own sexuality. It seems as if the feminist movement concentrates so much on proving that women are able to do this, that, and the other thing. I have to ask myself, if you know you can do something, why bother proving it to anybody? Feminists complain about men, yet they spend their time proving themselves to men. Somehow, I just can't grasp this concept.

# **LETTERS**

### Democratic process should apply to Western

Dear editor.

As we enter the 1993-94 academic year, Western Washington University finds itself at a crossroads. Vast challenges and opportunities lay ahead of us, but legislative issues that could fundamentally change the state of higher education in Washington loom over everything we do as members of the campus community.

I feel very fortunate to be A.S. President at such a time of opportunity, and have hopefully set a lofty agenda of achievable goals that will help to better our campus as a whole. To make sure that people are not in the dark as to what those plans are, I've detailed them here, and ask that anytime you wish to give me input on any issue you take the time to speak with me in VU 227. It has always been my philosophy that personal agendas are great and important things, but the student body, as my constituency, deserves to gain recognition for their issues as well.

First and foremost this year, I plan to work with the Washington Student Lobby in adamantly opposing passage of both Initiatives 601 and 602, which would fundamentally destroy the higher education system of Washington state. As I am not allowed to work on ballot measures as a state employee, I intend to work in my volunteer capacity as Washington Student Lobby vice president to spread the word of the potential dangers of these types of initiatives. Both 601 and 602 would change the power of the legislature to raise new taxes, which theoretically sounds like a good thing, but ultimately will damage Western as higher education spending is a discretionary portion of state spending, unlike K-12 education, which is protected.

If Initiative 602 were to pass, Western could be faced with as much as a 10 percent budget cut for the coming biennium, coupled with the 6 percent cut we absorbed last year.

The effects of such initiatives are painfully obvious: larger class sizes, fewer teachers, and even longer lengths of time to graduation. We simply cannot allow that to happen.

While 601 and 602 are legislative issues that could hurt the state of higher education in Washington, there are other legislative issues that I intend to pursue that will aid the quality of education for students. I am hopeful that 1994 will finally mark the passage of the "Student Regent/Trustee Bill" (House Bill 1005), which would place a member of the student body as a voting member of the board of trustees. While this measure has enjoyed overwhelming success in the House in the past, the Senate has always been leery of the plan.

If students were allowed to vote with the trustees, we would be given official voice in events such as the hiring of Prof. Joseph Morse (husband of new president Karen Morse) and other issues of importance to students.

Another big issue of legislative concern is time to graduation in Washington state. Each year as schools are pushed further and further beyond capacity, it seems that is becomes more difficult to enroll in the classes needed for a timely graduation (close to four years). 1993 marked the passage of the first bill specifically designed to deal with this problem (House Bill 1580), and the expertise that I earned in helping to craft that legislation should hopefully serve us all well in continuing to work on that problem in the future.

As I spoke during my campaign, I fully intend to leave my tenure as president with a fully functional off-campus student senate in place, a body to represent the interests of the 7,000 off-campus students in much the same way that the Inter-Hall Council represents the 3,000 students on campus. I

hope to have the framework in place for that organization no later than winter quarter, and to have a full charter drawn up with sanctioned elections by spring 1994.

I still feel passionately that we must work to keep Marriott honest in campus food pricing, but, as I have always told people, I have very little authority in that area. I hope to work with Marriott to encourage as many fooad specials as possible, and help them to continue to bring outside franchises, such as Taco Bell and Pizza Hut, to our campus. With the huge amounts we are already asked to pay for school and housing, it is simply too much to ask students to pay premium prices for the food they eat every day on campus.

Finally, I want to make this school year as entertaining as possible, with as many exciting speakers, concerts and lectures as possible. For those who attended "Westfest," I hope you enjoyed it and promise that we will do our best to deliver more entertainment like it in the future. Already this year we can look forward to a visit from the Screaming Trees, Speech from Arrested Development and the Flying Karamozov Brothers. I hope that you enjoy all of the events that the A.S. sponsors this year, and if you have ideas or suggestions, please bring them to me.

I look forward to an exciting new year, and promise to do my best to always keep the best interests of the student body at heart.

Please do your part by staying involved, taking part in campus events and making your opinions heard even if they might differ from the mainstream. While I can't always be there, take the time to stop by my office in VU 227 some time if you'd like to talk. I work for all of you, and would love to hear the issues as you see them.

KeithBoyd A.S. President

# Morse hiring sends wrong message

Dear editor,

Western is a publicly funded university and everything that happens on campus is subject to state-wide scrutiny. Over the summer we hired a new president...and her husband.

For now let us put aside the idea that anything illegal or improper took place. For now let us assume that our new chemistry professor merited a hiring thaw during these lean times.

As a state university, we must avoid the mere appearance of impropriety. Is this not, after all, the same campus that lost nearly all bladder control during spring quarter trying to figure out what to do about student-professor relationships? It seems to me that a professor's dating a student is nothing when placed next to a professor's sleeping with the president.

Perhaps no one would have noticed had Professor Morse been hired as an associate professor and worked his way up. Perhaps no one would have noticed had Professor Morse been hired without full tenure.

I am not saying that anything improper necessarily took place, but we must agree that it looks pretty poor. President Morse, perhaps you should reconsider the appearance of your husband's "opportunity hiring" in a year that state funding for higher education may lose another \$150 million dollars. President Morse, perhaps it is time you consider the university's public image. President Morse, I think it is time that you take the necessary action to put this issue to rest.

Andrew Puruis

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