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Colleges to divide funds for new equipment

By Karl Schwelzer
Campus Government editor

Western's colleges will get \$400,000 on Nov. 23 for equipment purchases, Provost Roland De Lorme announced at Monday's Faculty Senate meeting.

Each college will receive its portion of the \$400,000 based on the number of full-time-equivalent faculty it has, De Lorme said. An additional \$400,000 would become a special needs fund, from which equipment-intensive departments and academic support services can request funds.

De Lorme called the condition of some of Western's equipment, especially computers, deplorable.

De Lorme also said he has set aside \$200,000 in a rainy-day fund. Another \$250,000 will be kept as a reserve against legislative budget cuts and \$250,000 will be spent for equipment outside of academic affairs, the provost said.

De Lorme said the money would not solve Western's equipment shortages, but that setting a spending level of \$1.5 million a year would remove the mystery from budget allocation.

"Please don't come forward with any

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Photo by Adam Leask

Winter finally hit Bellingham this week with winds up to 30 mph, temperatures in the teens and a wind-chill of minus 35 degrees. Western students, faculty and staff braved the bitter cold and icy paths. Hats, gloves and layered clothing are suggested to protect yourself from the extreme conditions. If at home, hang blankets over uninsulated windows and doors to keep heat in..

Happy Thanksgiving

Classes are out at noon Wednesday, Nov. 24, for the Thanksgiving holiday. Classes resume Monday, Nov. 29.

Library transfers catalog to computer

By Andrew Pendll
staff reporter

The staff of Wilson Library is working to slowly bring the card catalog out of the dark ages and into the computer age.

The catalog is undergoing a retrospective conversion (RECON) into the Research Library Information Network (RLIN) using biographical lists provided by Blackwell

North America, a book vendor.

The conversion will allow students and faculty to search through the library's holdings from anywhere on campus, Eggen said.

"The on-line system will tremendously expand our ability for inter-library loans," Eggen said.

Blackwell compiled the lists of more than 151,600 titles from records of

Western's past acquisitions. The list was transferred into RLIN via tape, said Sally Eggen, a supervisor in the catalog department.

Four part-time employees hired by the library to double-check the tape transfer.

"These people were hired to apply local information, correct errors and update the

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Marriott prices affected by competition, overhead, convenience

By Hilary Parker
staff reporter

Marriott Food Service — the name is hard to escape on Western's campus.

Marriott provides boarding meals, catering and retail eateries, and is by far the largest provider of variety on campus.

Because Marriott has a virtual monopoly on food products on campus, it generates a lot of talk among hungry students.

Students often object to the high prices. They question why

each quarter menu items increase in price, and why these items cost more than at local grocery stores.

Larry Stahlberg, food service director for Marriott, listed several reasons for this. One, the contract Western has with Marriott stipulates that the food service can propose price increases on a quarterly basis.

These proposals are developed by Marriott, which conducts a week-long tally each quarter to study which items are most popular, and will remain so if the price is raised,

Prices are further set by comparison with those in the community. If an item is already at a comparable market level to the community, its price will not be raised. When a popular item is below the going rate in the community, a price increase of about 10 cents may be considered.

Price increases are also stimulated by natural inflation on labor and taxes, as well as items such as janitorial supplies.

The second reason for the price increases is that Marriott is not a grocery store, and provides more

services to its customers than just having food to purchase.

"We offer a service on campus," said Stahlberg. "People would like to compare us to fast food, groceries or other restaurants in town. We cater specially to the campus market."

When researching prices, Marriott compares its prices with local restaurants, such as Burger King and the Bagelry. With popular items such as Ben and Jerry's ice cream, which costs \$3.49 on campus, or Snapple beverages, Stahlberg explained, Marriott's

high prices compare to restaurant pricing rather than that of grocery stores.

"Ben and Jerry's is an interesting product because it is at its peak right now with people on campus and in the community," Stahlberg said.

"High-profile items (like Ben and Jerry's) are associated with quality, therefore our suppliers charge us more. A year from now the product may not be as popular. We may not even sell it next

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Campus and Bellingham Cops Box

Campus Police

Nov. 20, 1 a.m.: Graffiti, written in red, presumably by a broad-tipped permanent marker was found on a bathroom stall in the Viking Addition. The markings, which police said appeared to read "JRAK CCK," was discovered during a dance in the main lounge. Police estimate the clean-up cost at \$35.

Nov. 20, 1:58 a.m.: Police arrested a Seattle man on the 600 block of 21st Street for driving while intoxicated. Police also cited the man for possessing drug paraphernalia and fewer than 40 grams of marijuana. They transported him to Whatcom County Jail and released him on a signed promise to appear in court.

Nov. 20, 1:58 a.m.: A juvenile male was arrested after the vehicle he was traveling in was stopped on the 600 block of 21st Street. He was cited for possessing alcohol.

Nov. 19, 11:46 p.m.: A juvenile was arrested on the 500 block of High Street for possessing alcohol. Police found property on the youth that had been reported stolen in a purse theft. Police also said he had a dangerous weapon. They released him to his father and referred the case to juvenile court.

Nov. 18: One case of Scott brand single-ply tissue was reported missing from a supply storage room in Old Main. Police have no suspects.

Bellingham police

Nov. 22, 2:59 a.m.: Officers checked a report of a tripped security alarm at a business on the 3200 block of Northwest Avenue. They discovered the front door had been kicked in, but found no suspects and don't know how much was lost in the burglary.

Nov. 21, 12:47 a.m.: Three men from three different California cities were arrested for disorderly conduct and reckless burning on the 1300 block of 11th Street. The men, ages 23 and 24, were cited and released.

Nov. 21, 2:18 p.m.: Bellingham police received a report from a person regarding a "suspicious person." A caller reported seeing a man step from a van wearing a dress and a long, blond wig. He then put on a pair of overalls over his dress and began sorting items in recycle bins. Police contacted the man and verified that what the caller saw was accurate.

Nov. 21, 3:36 p.m.: Police arrested a man, 23, in the 2400 block of Williams Street for assault when he struck another man, who is dating his ex-girlfriend. Police searched him and found what appeared to be marijuana and a pipe. They cited him for possession of the marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Nov. 21, 5:38 p.m.: Someone in a house on the 1200 block of Ellsworth Street called 911 and said a woman in that house was about to commit suicide. Then, the caller hung up. A 911 dispatcher phoned back and both women in the house denied making the call.

When an officer arrived, the women said they had had friends over, and one of them may have made the call as a joke. The women said they had no problem and neither was contemplating suicide.

Nov. 21, 7:50 p.m.: A woman called police to report that an intoxicated man with a dog came into a business on the 800 block of Lakeway Drive. She said when she asked him to remove the canine, the man became hostile.

She said the man left but was driving around the parking lot in a motor vehicle. Police checked the area but did not find the vehicle or the man.

Nov. 21, 9:39 p.m.: Officers inspected a business on the 3900 block of Meridian Street. They found the loading-dock door and two front doors open. The building, which is vacant, appeared to be normal inside. Police secured the doors.

Nov. 21, 10:55 p.m.: Police responded to two independent reports of possible shots fired in the area around the intersection of Texas and Valencia streets. When they found nothing, officers contacted one of the callers. The caller said it had sounded like a large "bang," perhaps coming from fireworks or a rock being thrown at something. Police searched again, but found nothing in the area.

Nov. 20, 11 p.m.: Police responded to a report that a juvenile male was lying in Cornwall Avenue and became somewhat combative when people tried to assist him. Police considered the contact a possible drug-overdose situation.

Nov. 20, 9:47 p.m.: Police assisted two renters in the 1200 block of West Holly Street with a problem that involved their landlord. Apparently, rats infest the house.

Nov. 19, 4:22 p.m.: Two people at Roosevelt Elementary School reported two 12- or 13-year-old youths were shooting a silver-colored gun toward them as they played in the school playground. They said they were not hit.

The two suspects did hit the school building with at least five paintballs, which left washable paint marks.

Police searched the school area but didn't find the youths, who were last seen running on a trail west of the school, located on Yew Street.



Campus and community events

Fire officials: permit required for cut trees

The Bellingham Fire Department issued a statement Nov. 17 reminding members of the campus community that they must obtain permits for all indoor resin-bearing cut trees and cut vegetation in public buildings—including swags, wreaths and garlands. Live trees in soil are exempt from the requirement.

As a service to the community, permits, tags and guidelines for decorations are available in Old Main 345. Call 650-3064 for more information.

Compost site closes Sunday for winter

This weekend — Nov. 27 and 28 — is the last weekend this year to compost at Bellingham's com-

munity compost site. The site offers free leaf and grass composting to homeowners and renters from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is open Saturday and Sunday at Lakeway Drive and Woburn Street.

Environmental films available at some Bellingham video stores and libraries

Environmental videos, such as "Trashing the Oceans," and "The Rotten Truth" are now available for free check-out. Nine titles are available as a part of a new Whatcom County waste reduction and recycling program. Sites include: Ennen's, Northwest Video, Stark's TV and Video, Trek Video and the Bellingham, Blaine and Lummi public library systems.

NORML holiday fair to sell local art

Western's chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) will sponsor a holiday arts and crafts fair Tuesday, Nov. 30, in the Viking Union Main Lounge.

The fair, open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., will feature a variety of art and craft items from more than 25 area artists. The event is free to the public and will feature items such as jewelry, clothing, records,

and a variety of gift items.

"This will be an opportunity to get the family some holiday gifts made by local artists," Western NORML president Scott Johnson said.

Although vendors won't sell food, NORML members will sell hemp-seed Christmas cookies and distribute information about the organization. A bluegrass band will play, and NORML members

will oversee a raffle of gift items.

Many of the 50 vending tables are still available for anyone interested in selling items. A half-table costs \$10, and a full table rents for \$15.

The event is billed as a fundraiser for NORML, which organizers say is in debt.

Anyone interested in buying a table in the fair may sign up in the Viking Union Finance Office.

Clarification

Food stamp eligibility income standards are higher than the Front reported on page 1 of its Nov. 16 issue. The standards were changed Oct. 1, 1993.

Sharon Thompson, Whatcom County Food Stamp Outreach coordinator, provided these new standards: \$581 net income per month (\$756 gross income) for one person and \$786 net per month (\$1,022 gross) for two people.

WWU Official Announcements

Deadline for announcements in this space is noon Friday for the Tuesday edition and noon Wednesday for the Friday edition. *Announcements should be limited to 50 words, typewritten or legibly printed, and sent through campus mail to "Official Announcements," MS-9117, fax 7287, or taken in person to Commissary 113A. DO NOT ADDRESS ANNOUNCEMENTS DIRECTLY TO THE WESTERN FRONT. Phoned announcements will not be accepted. All announcements should be signed by originator.*

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- **LAST DAY FOR PAYING TUITION AND FEES** if you advance-registered for winter quarter is Friday, December 10. *If you fail to pay on time, your registration will be canceled and you will be unable to reregister until Tuesday, January 5.* Registration for continuing students who did not advance register will be on Jan. 4.
- **STUDENT TEACHING DEADLINES:** All students wishing to student teach during the 1994-95 academic year should plan to attend one of the following meetings in Miller Hall 104: 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 6; 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7; or 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7. Information about procedures and timelines will be given at that time. Applications will be available at the meetings.
- **INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS & EXCHANGES ORIENTATIONS:** An orientation meeting for all those attending the winter CMI *Morelia, Mexico*, program is set for 3 p.m. Mon., Nov. 29, in OM355. • An orientation meeting for all those participating in the winter quarter *European* program is set for 3 p.m. Tues., Nov. 30, in OM355.
- **WINTER QUARTER DEGREE AND INITIAL CERTIFICATE CANDIDATES:** All students who expect to graduate and/or receive a teaching certificate at the close of winter quarter must have a senior/certification evaluation on file in the Registrar's Office in OM 230 by Dec. 3. *Degree applications must be returned by Dec. 3.* To pick up a degree application, go to OM 230. Deadline for *spring* graduates is March 11.
- **LAST DAY FOR LATE COURSE WITHDRAWALS** (for students with late-withdrawal privileges) is Monday, Nov. 29.
- **LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW FROM THE UNIVERSITY** is Monday, Nov. 29.
- **WILSON LIBRARY HOURS** during the Thanksgiving recess will be 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, and noon to 11 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28. The library will be closed Thanksgiving Day and on Friday, Nov. 26. Special hours preceding Final Exam Week are 7:45 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, and 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 4-5.
- **LOT RESERVATION.** Lots 11G, 12G, 13G, 14G and 25G are reserved beginning at 5 p.m. Mon., Nov. 29, for the Chieftains concert. Cooperation of the University community is requested. Drivers who park vehicles in a reserved lot prior to the attendant's arrival and who then remain parked during the lot reservation period without authorization from the attendant will be considered illegally parked. Except for lot 10G and 8V Monday through Thursday, any G, V or C lot other than the ones listed may be used.
- **WINTER QUARTER PARKING PERMIT RENEWALS.** Parking permits may be renewed for winter quarter from Nov. 22-Dec. 3 between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. at Parking Services on 21st street. Those who do not have a fall quarter permit and who have not already been placed on the waiting list for a permit may purchase one, if available, or sign up to be on the waiting list beginning Monday, Dec. 6.
- **A CAREER CONNECTIONS WORKSHOP** for graduating students is scheduled for Dec. 1. For more information, contact the Career Services Center, OM 280.
- **CAREER SERVICES CENTER WORKSHOPS:** Career workshops are offered throughout fall quarter. Due to space limitations, *signups are required* for all workshops. Several sessions also are scheduled for CHOICES, a computerized career guidance system. For information on specific workshops, on CHOICES sessions, or to sign up, stop by Old Main 280 or call 650-3240.

On-campus interviews

Please note: Signups are required for all interviews and workshops.

- **INTERNSHIPS:** *Georgia-Pacific*, part-time accounting internship during school year, full-time during summer. On-campus interviews Mon., Nov. 29. Contact CSC for more information. • *Boeing*, summer intern position in acctg/business for junior graduating Mar.-June 1995. On-campus interview in Feb. Deliver résumé to CSC by Jan. 14.

State, national and world news in brief

Ground may thaw after holiday

SEATTLE (AP) — The National Weather Services said bitterly cold weather in Washington will last until Thanksgiving and temperatures won't return to normal until next weekend.

A snow storm with high winds blew into the state Monday morning. It was the first storm of the winter season in the Seattle area and accidents slowed the morning commute.

Yugoslav government stalls aid from United Nations to Bosnia

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Serb-led Yugoslavia is blocking all United Nations aid convoys into Bosnia.

A U.N. spokeswoman in Belgrade said Yugoslavia officials are demanding a special decree for the convoys to pass over the border into Bosnia. She said they're acting under a law passed last year requiring special permission for the passage of goods from Yugoslav territory.

As a result, three convoys had to return to Belgrade today as U.N. officials haggled with Belgrade.

The Yugoslav action comes as U.N. officials said people are starving to death in at least one Bosnian city — Mostar.

Clinton forces end to airline strike

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Robert Crandall, the chairman of American Air-

lines, is voicing relief that a flight attendants strike is ending.

He spoke shortly after President Clinton announced that the airline and the union have agreed to submit their dispute to binding arbitration.

Crandall said he hopes to have the carrier back on a full schedule by the end of the week. He said he's certain American Airlines will get all its passengers where they're going for Thanksgiving.

The announcement brought cheers from striking flight attendants at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport.

The walkout over wages and health benefits lasted five days and cost American Airlines more than \$10 million per day.

House of Reps passes bill to allow voluntary campaign-spending limits

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Democratic leaders acknowledge they face a tough fight ahead on the issue of campaign finance reform.

At a Capitol Hill news conference, the leaders hailed the House passage of a Democratic bill. The plan would set a \$600,000 spending limit for all congressional races, although it's voluntary. Also, there's no provision for financing some incentives in the

plan.

Sam Gejdenson (D-Conn.), the measure's key sponsor, said he admits the battle isn't over yet. A House and Senate conference committee won't meet until next year to work out differences.

Clinton declares renewed partnership with the Philippines

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton and Philippine President Fidel Ramos are declaring a new partnership. Clinton said it is based on a long historical association, shared values and expanding trade.

After an hour-long meeting at the White House, the two leaders also pledged to complete an extradition treaty, which has been proposed for decades.

Study: Average family's health bill will double by the year 2000

WASHINGTON (AP) — A consumer group figures the average American family is paying \$7,739 this year for health care. The Families USA Foundation said at the rate costs are rising, the annual tab will nearly double by the turn of the century — that's \$14,500 per year on health care.

The foundation based its figures on what families

and businesses spend on health care both directly and indirectly through taxes. It includes everything from insurance and doctors' bills to aspirin and bandages.

The private group said the numbers make a compelling case for health reform. Families USA supports universal health care and has been an active backer of the Clinton administration plan.

State troopers investigate beer and liquor smuggling in Alaska

SEATTLE (AP) — Customs agents and Alaska State Troopers are investigating whether commercial fishers have been smuggling alcoholic beverages from Washington to Alaska villages that prohibit liquor sales.

Dan Decker, a state trooper, said troopers seized 167 cases of beer and hard liquor last June from a fish-processing barge docked in Bethel. The barge operator said the alcohol was intended for the crew, not for sale to local people.

Plea for help on the road gets Everett man a thump to the head

EVERETT (AP) — A 35-year-old Granite Falls man who was hit in the head with a baseball bat is in Everett's General Hospital. The Snohomish County sheriff's office said the man was hit when he asked the driver of another vehicle to help free his vehicle, which had become stuck.



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Administration, students have a say in food price hikes

Marriott,
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year," he said.

He also explained that the prices reflect the costs of bringing pre-packaged products to campus. Marriott must pay the supplier who sells the product, as well as Marriott's own employees, and still make a profit.

Like a restaurant, Marriott provides eating and gathering areas, as well as the necessary napkins and utensils. And unlike a restaurant which is typically busy from late morning through lunch year-round, Marriott must deal with down times, which become overhead cost.

During the break between classes, the eateries are very busy, but while classes are in session, the volume of customers is light. The same holds true during afternoon and evening hours. Whenever business becomes slow or even nonexistent, Marriott must still pay its employees. This cost must be absorbed by the company, and is reflected in the prices.

Additionally, at quarter breaks and during finals week when the eateries are closed, Marriott accumulates costs for paying full-time employees and maintaining facilities. These overhead costs must also be considered in the prices.

Marriott Senior Retail Manager Kim Bachman explains such overhead costs by saying, "You can't just shut down an entire machine."

Quarterly price increases are brought to the Associated Students Facilities Council, chaired by Sun Yi, AS vice-president for internal affairs. Yi said the council's job is to

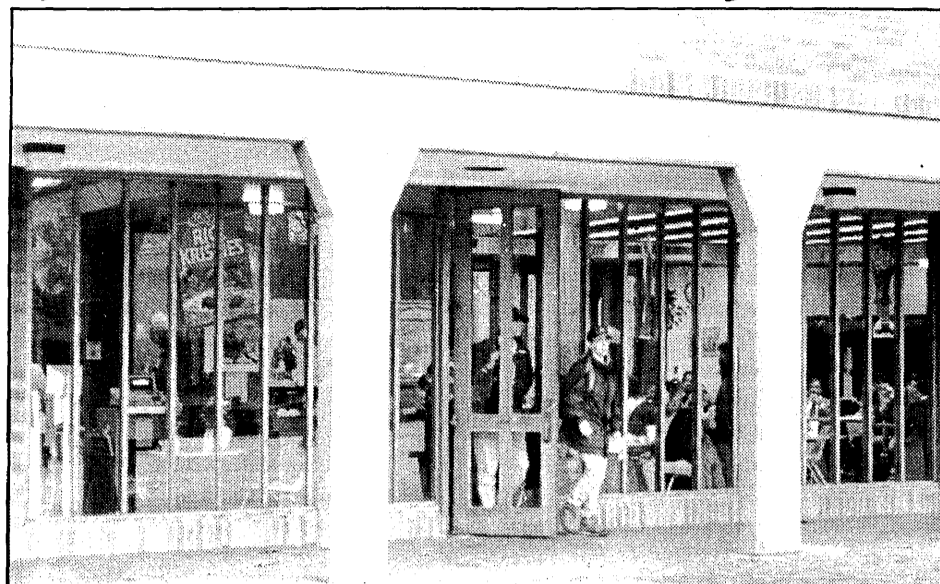


Photo by Jason Haws

Miller's Coffee House is a campus eatery operated by Marriott.

provide feedback to Marriott on the pricing.

The first meeting of the facilities council was Nov. 19.

"I think they did a good job of price comparisons," said Yi of the first meeting with Marriott.

If approved by the council, the increases get the final okay from Jack Smith, VU Director. Smith calls this system of price-setting a "cooperative arrangement" between Marriott and the administration.

This quarter, proposed price increases by Marriott include raising the prices of coffee and chili 10 cents. This is only a 0.9 percent increase in profit for Marriott, which typically asks for a one- or two-percent increase each quarter.

Bachman said there are advantages to having the kind of food service "monopoly" that Western does. In her experience at University of California, Irvine, competing groups controlled retail, catering, vending and boarding, which led to covert competition.

Furthermore, said Bachman, the competition did not lead to lower prices.

With only one supplier, relationships are built within the campus community. "You don't have a hidden agenda with others on campus," Bachman said.

Other options for eating on campus include grabbing a snack at the bookstore, the VU candy counter or the cookie table on Vendor's Row.

The snacks available at the student-

owned bookstore and candy counter are similar, and don't offer much nutrition or variety. The cookie stand is a sweet tooth's delight, but also offers some healthy, vegetarian alternatives.

Karl Meyer, one of the cookie vendors, doesn't see the business in competition with Marriott.

Yoav Yanich, who bakes the goods for the cookie stand, agreed, and said he would be happy to work with Marriott.

"I'd like to say, 'Hey Marriott, you don't have to make cookies,'" he said.

Currently, all baked goods, except for bagels and donuts come from the Marriott bakery on campus. Bagels are supplied by The Bagelry, and donuts come from Fountain Bakery, both located in Bellingham.

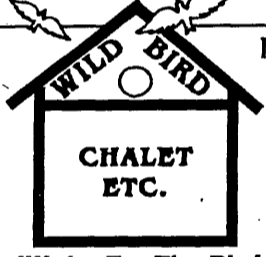
Overall, Yanich praises Marriott. "It's one of the best food services," he said.

Several plans for the future are now in place. The food court planned for the Viking Complex is the first step. A majority of dining seating will be on the plaza level, and this seating will also be expanded eventually with an expansion to the south side of the Viking Addition where Taco Bell is located.

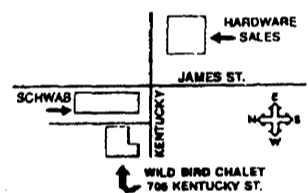
No new restaurants will be added.

Stahlberg said Marriott is also looking to expand its satellites between Wilson Library and Huxley College. Currently, only 140 seats exist for dining on this portion of campus. Stahlberg hopes to expand this seating to 500 seats.

A dining area may be established in connection with the science building expansion.



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Faculty Senate hears reports on library changes, leave policies

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helicopter requests," he said. "We've had those."

De Lorme said he and President Morse would keep the funding level for equipment at \$1.5 million a year unless Western's budget changes.

Some of the special needs fund can be applied to matching grants that Western faculty sometimes receive from outside sources, he said. In the past, Western has not allocated money to match its grants, such as ones it has received from the National Science Foundation, and has had to scrape for the money, De Lorme said.

"I've had deans coming in to me saying 'I have good news and

I have bad news. The good news is, we got that grant we were telling you about. The bad news is, we got that grant we were telling you about!"

He said he would ask a committee composed of students, faculty, and other university groups to help identify needs for which the \$400,000 should be used.

De Lorme also said the Western Foundation, a non-profit organization that raises private money for Western, had said it expected to increase its financial support for the university.

In other business:

• English professor Marc Geisler said Western had received and read all the bids from compa-

nies wishing to automate Wilson Library, and that equipment purveyors would demonstrate two or three models of automated systems in late January or early February.

Geisler, speaking for the senate's Library Committee, said he envisioned one or two library reference terminals set up for students to use and evaluate. Library staff and faculty will also evaluate the system. The Senate Library Committee still needs an undergraduate and a graduate student to serve on it, Geisler said.

Western will be one of the last major libraries in the state to stop relying on the card catalog reference system.

• Faculty senators also heard a report from Spanish professor

Daniel Rangel-Guerrero on the Academic Coordinating Commission. The ACC has been discussing what grade should be assigned to credits granted under pass/fail grading when Western students transfer to other universities. Guerrero said the various departments must decide separately what grade will be assigned in place of a pass grade.

• Professors Bill Heid of Fairhaven and Dick Thompson of Psychology listened to senators' questions about the faculty professional leave draft policy they developed as members of the Faculty Development and Enhancement of Teaching Committee.

Faculty Senate President Kathleen Knutzen said professors

in smaller departments were less likely to be granted sabbaticals than professors in larger departments because of the greater difficulty smaller departments face in finding enough professors to take on the absent professor's classes. Thompson recognized the problem but said he couldn't find a solution.

"We just found no way of dealing with it. We know it's a problem," he said.

Provost DeLorme asked Heid, the committee chair, to add to the leave policy a requirement that department chairs who recommend a leave of absence for faculty include with the recommendation a statement of how the department will cover the program the faculty's absence will affect.

Employees proofread, update library catalog entries

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records," Eggen said.

Joy Ralph, an anthropology student pursuing a master's degree, is one of them. Ralph said the project is estimated to take five-and-a-half months to complete.

"It's real detailed work, but it's interesting because I like to

see all the different types of books that we have," Ralph said.

Ralph works in the afternoons with Becky Van Iderstine. Dennis Wanta and Wendy Taddonio share the morning shift.

Ralph said the work mainly consists of updating and proofreading the entries. She said the ratio of correct to incorrect entries is approximately 2-to-1, but added that every entry needed "some

sort of code" to be added to it.

"It (the work) would probably go faster if we could just close the library," Ralph said.

In a two-hour period on Monday, Ralph checked more than 86 entries.

Minor errors can be corrected on the spot, but major errors are sent to the cataloger for correction, said Becky Van Iderstine, another student hired for the job.

"If there's more than one copy or volume, that's mostly what we change. Anything more complicated and we send it off," Ralph said.

"It can get kind of tedious, sitting in front of a computer screen," Ralph said.

Ralph said she wished she knew more about the system.

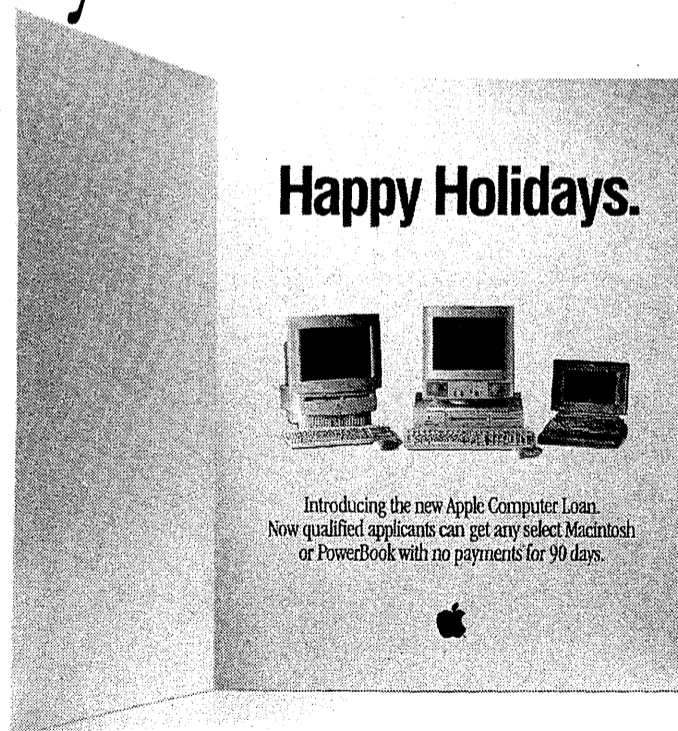
"The most frustrating thing is when you know that something

needs to be fixed, but you're not quite sure how to do it," Ralph said.

Ralph said the project should be on-line in September 1995, but Eggen added that many delays are possible in such an extensive project.

Two other projects, one to convert periodicals and one to convert another 200,000 book titles are in motion, Eggen said.

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"A Bosnian Moment"

Lecture outlines background of global intervention

By David Kihara
staff reporter

The history of global intervention and conflicts was the major topic in David Ziegler's lecture "Politics of Intervention," in the V.U. Main Lounge Friday, Nov. 19.

The presentation was part of a week-long series of lectures titled "A Bosnian Moment," sponsored by Western's A.S. Women's Center and other groups. The series has included lectures pertaining to the problems facing Bosnia, such as "Historical Basis of the Conflict in Bosnia," by Dr. George Mariz of the Department of History, and "Human Rights Violations: Atrocities Against Women," by Professor Kathleen Young, Department of Anthropology.

"It's (Bosnia) not on our doorstep — no countries have shown interest in military action. Our own national security interests are not in danger ... the violence is confined to that part of the world," said Ziegler, a political-science professor at Western.

"I am describing the way the world is, not the way it should be," he said.

Since Bosnia is self-limiting and does not directly influence

the United States, many people do not feel it is necessary to die for Bosnia or send troops there, Ziegler said.

"If there were oil fields in Bosnia, we might be over there," said Ziegler, who was asked why America became involved in the Persian Gulf and not Bosnia.

In the lecture, Ziegler gave a thorough historical overview of intervention, or the lack of, in nations around the world.

In the Bosnian Serb-controlled town of Bosanski Petrovac, "deliberate and arbitrary killings of Muslim civilians by Serbian forces" started in June of 1992, according to a release from Amnesty International.

In September of 1992, 44 Muslims were killed in the small town, 30 of whom were civilians, the release said.

Beginning with the early 19th century, Ziegler told why certain countries, such as Britain, France, and America, became involved in conflicts, as well as defining and describing the ramifications of intervention.

Countries will intervene in other countries' conflicts when the country feels its national security is in danger, Ziegler said, citing U.S. involvement in Vietnam.

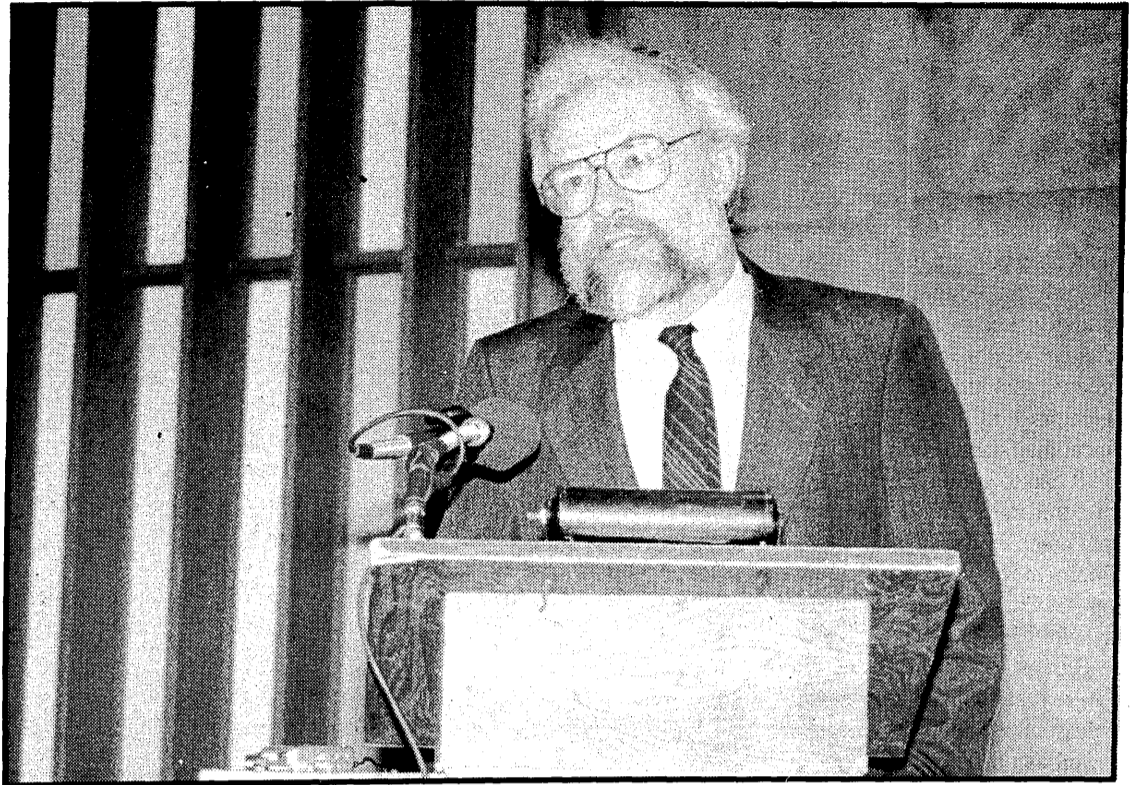


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Professor David Ziegler relates global intervention to the conflict in Bosnia.

In addition, near the end of the 19th century, an "idealistic attitude" convinced large nations to become involved in other countries' disputes. America's involvement in the Spanish conflict of 1898 is one example, Ziegler said.

An idealistic attitude some-

times compels a country to intervene in another country's conflict out of a sense of decency and with a mission of protecting helpless or oppressed individuals instead of for national security, Ziegler said.

Although these are two popular ideas on intervention, they

are not always practiced, Ziegler said. This was the case in the Iran-Iraq conflict.

"Fighting raged on for eight years and nobody did anything about it ... They sold some weapons here or there, but nobody did anything about it," Ziegler said.

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Education major challenges lack of classes in performance-based ed

By Heather Kimbrough
staff reporter

Linda Burt came to Western several years ago to learn as much as she could about performance-based education. But what she found disappointed her.

Burt, an education major, wanted to know more about alternative ways to teach and assess students, something she and other educators think will help improve educational standards in America.

"I had to go outside of Western to find most of the information that I came up with," Burt said at "Performance-Based Education—A Changing Style" last Friday, Nov. 19.

Burt, who organized the forum, sent announcements to 150 professors and deans at Western, as well as other students. About 50 people attended. Burt said she thought only six Western professors were among them.

Burt said she was frustrated because although a state House of Representatives bill states that public schools will be required to

incorporate performance-based assessment into the classroom by 2001, she cannot learn it in order to teach her future students. She said she has even encountered resistance to the idea.

"I'm frustrated at Western, yet I'm used to it," Burt said. "It's the atmosphere of 'I'll stand here and lecture while you sit here and take notes. If we're expected to teach this, we need to be taught it.'"

Performance-based education apparently has caught the interest of teachers, lawmakers, and students. It's a way of teaching that directly involves the student in the learning process.

Students apply what they learn by performing it in different situations, reaching beyond the classroom and involving parents and the community. Students work on personal portfolios and receive alternative assessment besides grades.

In Whatcom County, teachers have even begun to give out report cards — without grades. Teachers use words instead of letters to describe student perfor-

mance.

Howard Evans of the school of education said he was concerned with how performance-based education is being used today. He said the subject is very broad and people in education are already incorporating it into their curriculum. He said there are some in education who are opposed to it and some who are not.

"This really isn't new. If you're in the performing arts, you've been involved in performance-based education all the while," said Robert Keiper, Western's student-teaching supervisor, who attended Friday's forum.

Keiper said the school of education has begun to incorporate portfolios, in which students pick examples of their best work and videotape their practice teaching, as a requirement for majors.

Other classes, he said, touch on the subject, but do not go into depth. He said the education school has been waiting to see how the Office of the Superinten-

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Teaching in lecture halls draws faculty comment

By Erin Middlewood
staff reporter

The last in a series of four forums on the problems of teaching in large classrooms was Nov. 18 in Lecture Hall 3.

Susan Komsky, the director of academic technology, and Jim Korski, director of space administration, conducted the forums to garner comment from faculty who teach in large classrooms. Komsky and Korski sent questionnaires to faculty who were unable to attend the forums. They hope to isolate problems with lighting, seating and sound. A portion of the capital improvement budget is allocated to improving these problems with large classrooms.

"We are looking at the teaching and learning environment in the large lecture halls—the spaces with 100 seats or more," Komsky said. "Faculty members teaching in those rooms know they aren't always in a learning-friendly environment."

"We are getting together with

the faculty members who teach in those spaces to give them an idea of what we can do with the (capital improvement) budget — we can't buy equipment, unless it's a permanent fixture, but we can fix lighting, acoustics or add multimedia equipment (that would be permanently fixed)."

Dick Thompson, psychology, said things like chalkboard cleaning and replacement of chairs and tables are more important than big changes.

"Permanent changes to the classroom will be great, but maintenance — the day to day experience of the classroom — is important," Thompson said.

But Komsky emphasized that the study focuses on possible permanent changes to large lecture classrooms, like Artzen Hall 100, Bond Hall 105, Miller Hall 163 and the lecture halls. Students are encouraged to comment on problems in the classrooms.

Written comments should be directed to Komsky, mail stop 9094.

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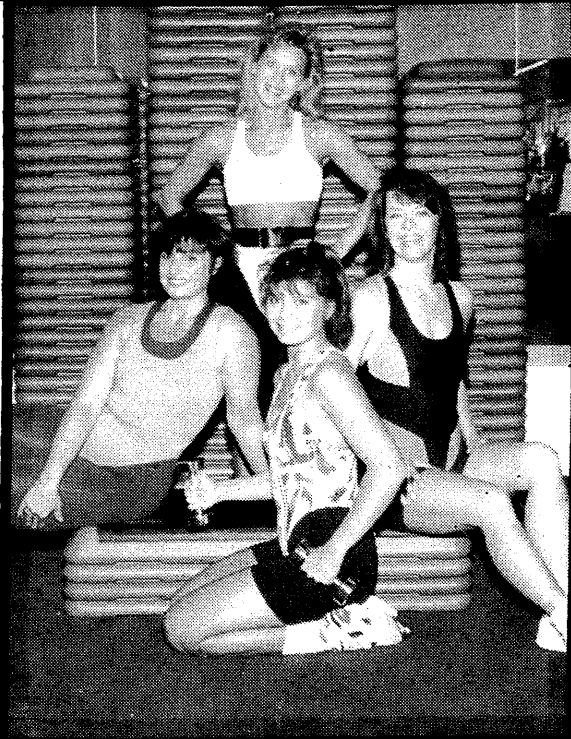
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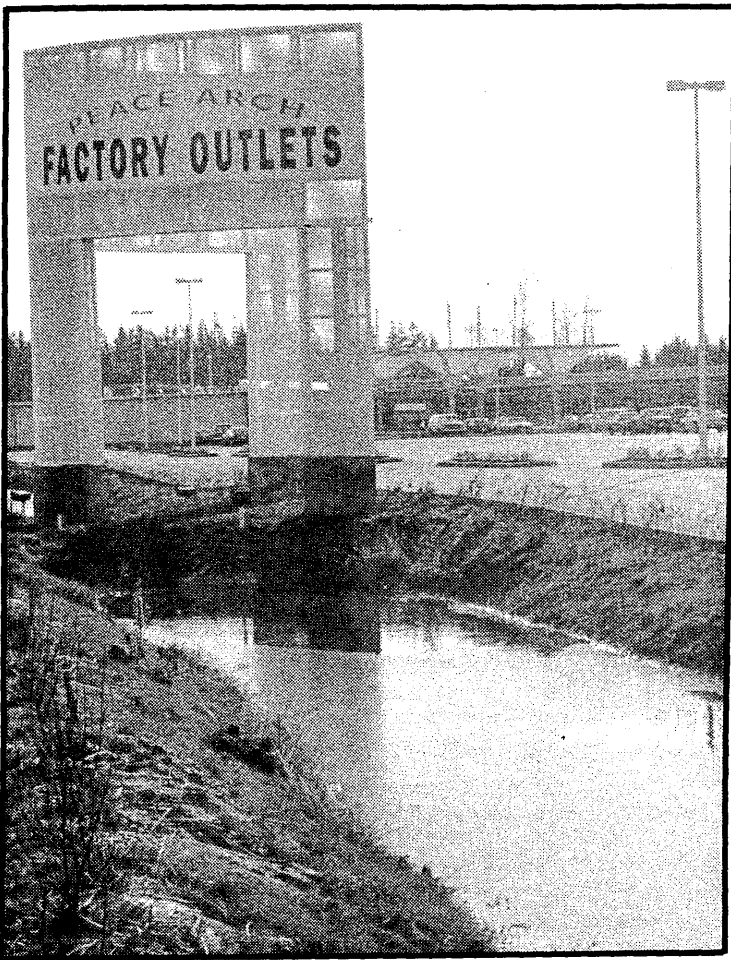


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The Peach Arch Center is located off the Lynden exit.

By Helen Buller
staff reporter

Shoppers about to enter yet another season of exhausting and potentially frustrating expense have an alternative to expensive malls and specialty shops:

Students can cut gift shopping costs by visiting Peace Arch Factory Outlet Center, which opened this summer near Blaine. All the shops carry their namesakes' brand-name goods, are within walking distance of each other and offer good discounts.

Fifteen minutes from Bellingham, at the Lynden-Birch Bay exit, the center offers shoppers convenience and variety in 27 different stores. From Mikasa with its window displays of holly-leaf and berry plates to Converse shoes, a range of tastes can be satisfied for less.

Izod sportswear is available for less than in the average mall. Van Heusen offers men's apparel, as does Jeffrey Beene. Woolrich and Cape Isle Knitters sell dressy capes and scarves in addition to casual, classic and

dressy sweaters. There's even a store for infants and children — Carter's.

Stocking stuffers are available at the outlet center. Prestige Fragrance and Cosmetics sells trial-size scents and colors. Get a friend the carrot peeler they've always wanted or a cheese slicer at Kitchen Collection.

Or if you're low on intimate apparel, visit L' Eggs, Hanes and Bali. When done, you can wrap it all up at The Paper Factory (which has cute turkey plates and napkins too.)

The Peace Arch Factory Outlet Center is open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday.

Eateries close early for holiday

Most VU Eateries will close early Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 24 for the Thanksgiving break.

Closing at 1 p.m. that day will be the Viking coffee Schop, Taco Bell, Plaza Deli, Stir Fry Bar, Arntzen's Atrium, Miller's Coffee House, Haggard's Espresso and Main Attraction.

Plaza Pizza will close at 3 p.m.

Closing on Tuesday, Nov. 23 will be Bigfoot's Bistro and Buchanan Towers at 11 a.m. and South Campus Espresso at 1 p.m.

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Was It Rape? Who Can Help?

World AIDS Day celebrated around Bellingham

By Erin Middlewood
staff reporter

World AIDS Day, Dec. 1, will be marked by several activities around Bellingham.

At 7 p.m., Dec. 1, at St. James Presbyterian Church, Bellingham AIDS Umbrella Project and Evergreen AIDS Support Services

will hold a candlelight vigil to memorialize those who have died from AIDS and to celebrate those living with HIV/AIDS. Participants are encouraged to wear a red ribbon to show their support.

The umbrella project is also sponsoring a Memorial Quilt Display. On Dec. 1, the quilts will be displayed at the Whatcom

Museum Rotunda Room. The quilts will also be shown at Nooksack Valley High School on Nov. 23, Bellingham High School on Nov. 29, Sehome High School on Nov. 30, Bellingham Technical College on Dec. 2 and Blaine on Dec. 3.

Geof Morgan, service coordinator for Evergreen AIDS

Support Services, said trained volunteers will explain the significance of the quilt panels. They will also offer emotional support.

Those interested in making a quilt patch can attend a quilt-making workshop at 7 p.m. Nov. 29 at the YWCA.

The Bellingham AIDS Umbrella Project is a network of or-

ganizations that take a community-awareness approach to dealing with the AIDS crisis, Morgan said.

The network includes the Whatcom County Health Department, Evergreen Group Health, Whatcom County Crisis Center and the Brigids Collins House.

Performance-based education meets with resistance, praise

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dent of Public Instruction defines performance-based education as in the House Bill.

"I think if we're going to have our people be employable, we need to give them this kind of education," Keiper said. "It interests me that education should be the instrument of change, yet... we are egocentric when we begin

to talk about change."

Keiper said higher education needs to accept this change because eventually it will be mandated and incorporated into secondary education.

Also at the forum was Sally Harrison, program manager for performance standards for Edmonds School District. As part of her job, she travels around the country to find out more about alternative ways of teaching that

may be more effective than traditional testing. She then has the task of incorporating them into the classroom.

"Our focus on education now is not only content mastery, but acquisition, use of thinking skills and performance ability," Harrison said. "It (assessment) needs to be redesigned. It needs to be changed."

She is working to help connect the material that students learn and to have students construct their

own learning, she said. She said she also wants parents to be involved more in their children's education.

Joe Miller, a retired principal and teacher, said during the forum, "We are becoming a global community... We aren't as static. We need to be able to compete with students from other countries."

Alternative assessment will help students with special needs. It will develop self-esteem and

prepare them for the future, Miller said.

"It's going to take a lot of time and it's going to take a lot of energy on your part," Miller said to the room of future educators.

Burt would like to see performance-based education in higher education also. She suggests students refuse to be put in a submissive role. "Take the lead... Tell the instructor what you want to learn, what you need to learn."



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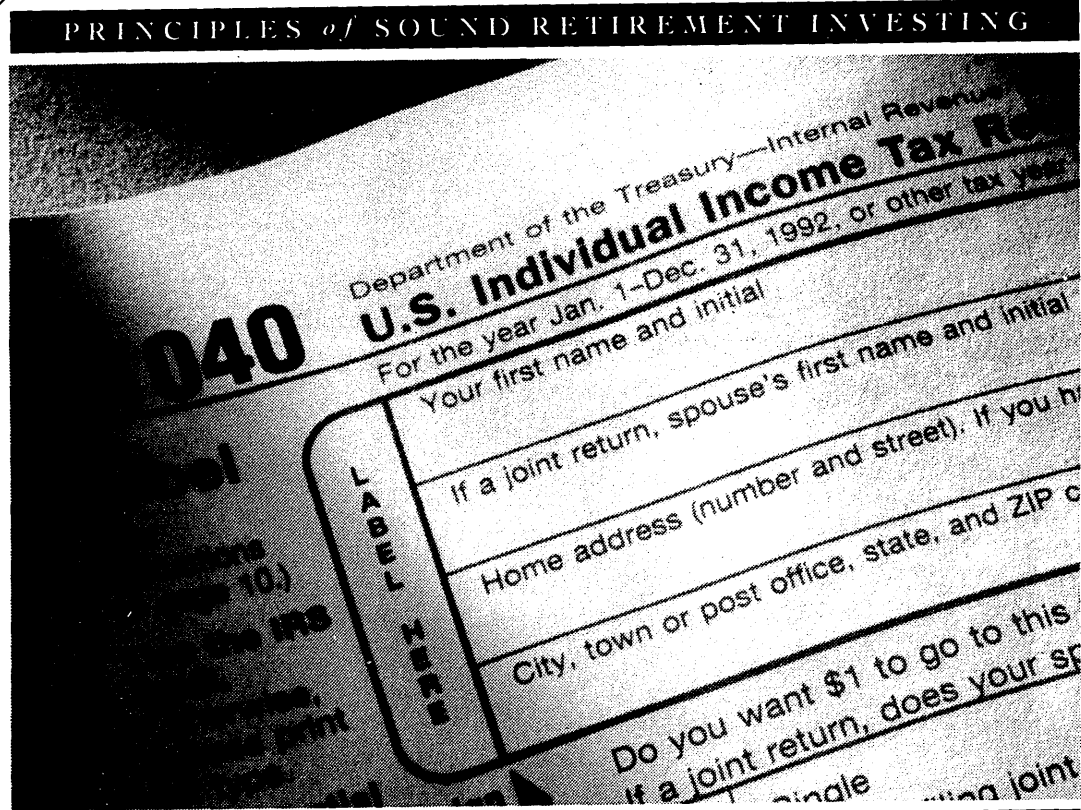
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Soup's on

Homeless get warm meals, smiles, respect

By Pam McCormick
staff reporter

A great restaurant, by any standard, is one where the patrons are warmly greeted with big smiles as the employees take time to chat — a restaurant where they are truly glad you came and care about your needs.

The Inn Soup Kitchen, also called the Kings Table, is this kind of restaurant, but the food is free.

It operates on the philosophy that its users are customers, and they need to be treated with respect.

"We take their food to them at their seat, take away their dishes and bring beverages around to them," said Rick Mitchell, co-facilitator of the soup kitchen. "We're happy to serve the groups that come in and build relationships with them."

The soup kitchen is operated from the basement of First Presbyterian Church on Garden Street. It is open on Friday afternoons from noon until 4 p.m., serving about 25 people weekly.

The soup kitchen receives money through the Inn congregation and donations. The food is usually donated by grocery stores and residents through food drives. Each year, the kitchen is run by different Western students.

Mitchell said the benefits of the soup

kitchen are two-fold. First, it meets the needs of the impoverished of Bellingham by feeding and caring for them and providing a place for them to interact. Secondly, it trains the volunteers to be servant leaders and to work as a team.

"Getting to see the same people every week — seeing how they've changed a bit — is rewarding. A lot of them come in really angry. It's nice to see some of them have changed their lives and aren't as angry," said Molly Reich, co-facilitator.

The Inn Soup Kitchen attracts equal numbers of women and men.

"It's smaller than most. They can sit there for as long as they want and talk with each other. It provides a social outlet that the Lighthouse Mission can't," Mitchell said.

Each week, they provide fresh salads, vegetables, and bread to accommodate nutritional needs.

On Nov. 19, the kitchen served a full-course Thanksgiving meal. They received two large turkeys from Hagen and a substantial food donation from the employees of K-Mart.

Student volunteer Christine Snellgrove said working there makes her feel more fortunate.

"It makes me appreciate what I do have. Although I have to watch spending,

I've always had a roof over my head and food on the table every day," she said. "I feel that God tells us to show our love for him by serving others. I feel this is one way I can do that."

Mitchell said he hopes the patrons leave knowing they are loved by the volunteers.

"We love them and we're willing to

give time and treat them as equals. I'm sure they feel discriminated against. They're not second-class citizens," Mitchell said.

Working at the soup kitchen has given Reich a better understanding of the homeless. "It has given me a big heart for the homeless and what they're going through," Reich said.

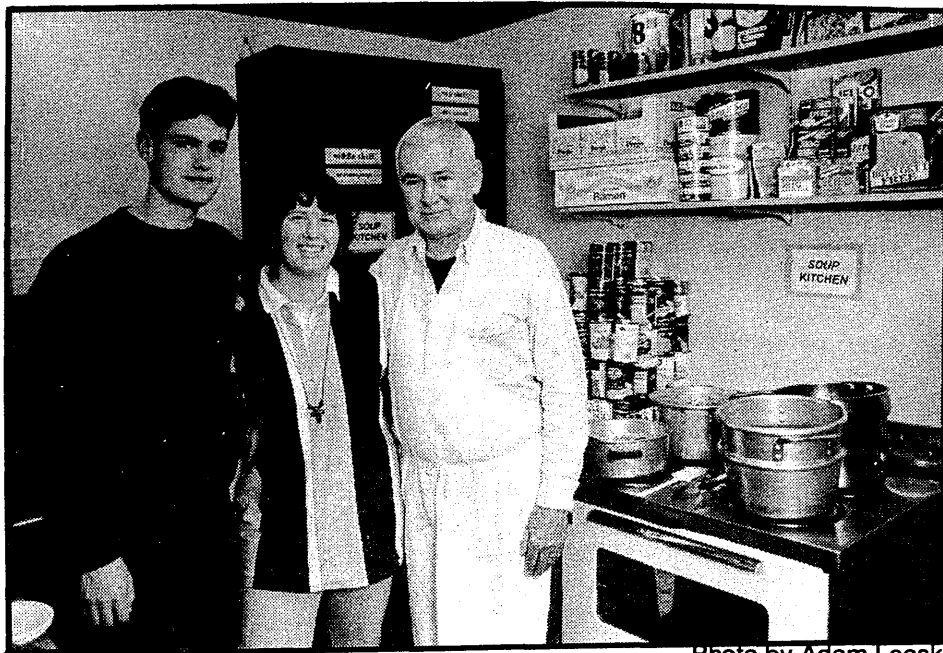


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Western students comprise most of the volunteer staff at the soup kitchen located on Garden Street.

Volunteer Services help students make a difference

By Michael Ritter
staff reporter

Students who need job experience in their related field of study — but are having problems finding it — need to look no further than the Volunteer Services and Resource Center.

The Volunteer Services and

Resource Center, located within the Student Employment Center in Old Main 260, has been helping students for more than four years.

The center serves as a liaison between the community and campus, said Patti Basart, coordinator of the Volunteer Community Service Program.

"Whatever the needs of the

community are, we try to apply that to the students' needs," Basart said.

The main function of this program is to advertise and promote voluntary and community service opportunities for the students. The way this is done is through communication.

"During the summertime, we communicate with agencies in the community to find out what is available for the students for the following year. Although the majority of information obtained occurs during the summer, this process is done on a continual basis," Basart said.

The center has literature from more than 200 agencies. These agencies range from crisis intervention centers to the Red Cross.

Most are non-profit organizations such as the Salvation Army, the Lighthouse Mission and the Bellingham and Whatcom County Humane Society, Basart said.

"The positions that the students receive through these agencies can be either on campus or in the community. Most of the positions taken by the students involve helping local youth," Basart said.

The majority of the other positions involves issues concerning the homeless, the hungry and the elderly.

Most of the volunteers work on a weekly basis throughout the year at an average of three hours of service per week.

"Last year, we documented

3,800 students volunteering approximately 500,000 hours of service to the community. It is a great way for students to get involved and to get to know the community," Basart said.

Students can get involved in a couple of different ways, Basart said.

One way the students can get involved is by stopping by the volunteer office and inquiring. Another way is if the student lives in a residence hall, he or she can talk to their resident adviser.

If that is not applicable, then a student can talk to one of their teachers in their department for assistance, Basart said.

The LINK Mentoring Program, which is headed under the Volunteer Services and Resource Center, is just one example of the volunteer services available which helps the community.

"It matches Western students with kids in elementary, middle and high schools for tutoring. These kids who are tutored are either high risk students or students who need extra challenges," Basart said.

Cami Blanchard, a Western student and a LINK Mentoring Program volunteer, said she believes her experiences have been positive and fulfilling.

"I have always been interested in community service and this has been the perfect job for me to have.

Any student looking for job experience, especially education, the LINK Mentoring Program would be the place to go," Blanchard said.

Bellingham streets serve

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Russ Kasselmann
staff reporter

A January 1993 survey taken by the Whatcom County Rainbow Coalition found that more than 881 persons were homeless in the county. The breakdown:

- 436 people were living in temporary housing (56 of those children)

- 398 persons were living in vehicles, with friends or on the streets

- Due to confidentiality, an additional 112 persons could not be cross-referenced for duplication.

- 243 of the unduplicated cases were children

"The survey ... showed that homeless situations ranged from runaway youth, to political refugees, to substance abusers, to the mentally ill, to veterans, to victims of domestic violence, to workers who were unable to pay rent that month to families of six

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Patti Basart matches student interests with service organizations in the community.

PRC gives peace a chance at Western

By David Kihara
staff reporter

From its name, the Peace Resource Center invokes images of a candle-lit room littered with lava lamps and smelling of incense with Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young singing "Teach Your Children Well" in the background. This couldn't be further from the truth.

Despite the small size, the Peace Resource Center, open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., located in Viking Union 107, "... is filled with information on different countries, different issues and different people," said Jennifer Tate of the Peace Resource Center.

"We're basically a resource for people," Tate said. "If someone is writing a paper on anything, we have huge filing cabinets full of information."

The Peace Resource Center, which co-sponsored the lecture and slide show "Tibet: A Cultural Compassion," Nov. 15, gained notoriety from the presentation and support from individuals in the Bellingham community.

"It (the presentation) went well. It went so well, in fact, that there is a rally in Seattle ... that was mentioned at the presentation and people started coming up to me afterwards. I'm just trying to get everything together, so we can get down there and wave flags," Tate said.

While the PRC is an information

source, it also is active in promoting peace throughout the world and receives publications from other countries, such as South Africa.

"Some really hard-core people are really, really working for peace in other countries, so a lot of times, they are not concerned about how much Western students know about it because it is sort of an apathetic campus at times," Tate said.

In addition to being involved in projects throughout Western's campus, Tate, a sophomore, believes many of the problems concerning global peace start with changing individuals' mentality.

"I don't honestly see that anything will be changed unless the way of looking at things is changed," Tate said. "You have to decide for yourself whether you're going to attack the problems (of peace) through anger and fighting or if you're going to attack it through trying to change the way the world looks at the world — the global community."

Even though the PRC has been a functioning organization for several years and works on many projects throughout Western's campus, such as the Tibetan presentation, it remains virtually anonymous.

"I don't know why so many people haven't heard about it ... it seems like the Environmental Center sort of overshadows it. The culture here in the Northwest is really into the environment, and the PRC is

really tied to that. People don't really think of that in conjunction with us," Tate said.

The Global Cafe is the next project Tate and the PRC are working on. It will be an open-mike night, which will allow anyone an opportunity to voice an opinion on a wide range of topics and expose their literary, musical or artistic qualities. It is planned for Jan. 22 in the Viking Union Coffee Shop.

"We want any medium that anybody has to say about environmental, social, economic issues as well as poetry, music, art, prose, pottery and sculpture ... anything you can think of," Tate said.

Among those who will appear at the Global Cafe are Omar Castafeda, resident writer for Western's English department and singer Erin Corday.

Any donations the PRC receives from the Global Cafe will go

to the Battered Woman's Shelter and the Evergreen AIDS Support Services.

After budget cuts several years ago, the PRC was cut to one staff member, and since Tate is the sole member of the A.S. office.

She explained there is a need for volunteers.

"For the Global Cafe, people who volunteer would be moving things, setting up and decorating," Tate said.

"I'd love for people to get involved with this because it makes you feel good to get involved, like you're actually doing something worthwhile," Tate said.

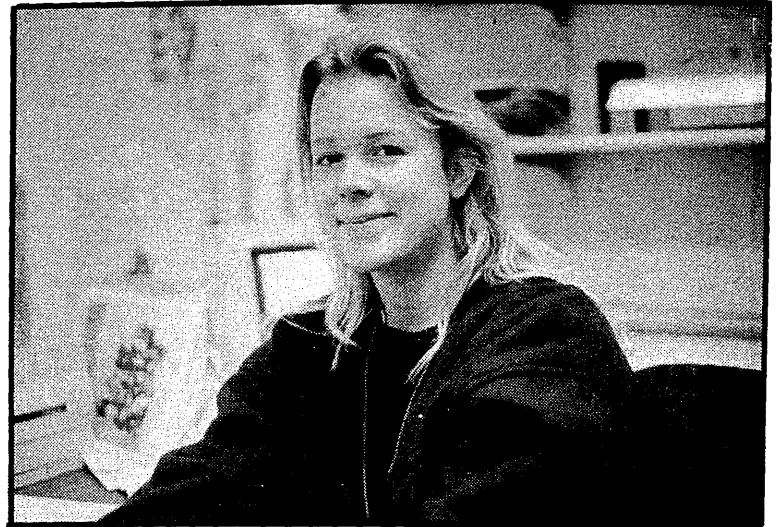


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Jennifer Tate at the Peace Resource Center helps students gain information and a sense of activism.

Homeless: cars, homes

people," said Chris Chisholm, co-chair of the Housing Action Task Force for the Rainbow Coalition, in Whatcom Watch.

"Even a small-scale census such as the Rainbow's showed justification for enhanced social services, especially emergency shelter, in Whatcom County," Chisholm said, pointing out that 445 homeless persons contacted, more than half of the total, were denied social services in January.

"We're in a state of denial," said

Whatcom County Democrats Chairman Jim Cozad at a Nov. 18 roundtable on the homeless. "We definitely don't want to see what's going on.... I'm very, very fearful that... people don't want to deal (homelessness). They think it's somebody else's fault.

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Life at the mission provides insight to homeless problem

By Guy Bergstrom
Issues/Opinions editor
Russ Kasselmann
staff reporter

Editor's note: In an effort to gain an understanding of homelessness, two Western Front reporters spent a weekend homeless in Bellingham.

The streets of Bellingham, cold and hard, were never meant to serve as a home.

We started out Friday night, leaving our watches, wallets and warm beds behind; five bucks between the two of us.

It was about 3 a.m. when we left the warm and comfortable apartment to live on the streets for the next three days. The first two days we spent sleeping in a small, uncomfortable Honda Accord.

During the day, we wandered the downtown streets searching for other homeless individuals or groups to communicate with. We ended up sitting on a park bench outside the Flame Tavern on Railroad Avenue and talking to Richard, a Vietnam War veteran.

We asked where he was staying for the night, and he said he didn't know. He said he had only been in town one day and the only place he tried to get a job told him they weren't hiring. He tried staying at the mission, but they kicked him out for drinking.

"They asked me if I'd been

drinkin' and I said, 'yeah,'" he said. "And I'll continue to do so until the money runs out."

Sunday afternoon, we decided to try our luck at the Lighthouse Mission for our third and final night. It was the coldest day yet, and we were glad to be sleeping with a roof over our heads.

We were screened by a staff member who explained the rules of the mission, and then we went upstairs. The day room was full. About two dozen men were watching the TV in the corner, reading, talking or sorting through the clothes piled on two formica tables.

Dinner consisted of a pasta dish with some form of meat, weak coffee, a variety of potato chips

— probably donated and definitely stale — and cakes and pastries, also likely donated but good. Men sat with people they knew and didn't communicate much with the rest of the crowd.

Chapel was at 7 p.m. It was required, as was Bible study. The chapel is off to the left of the lobby, with rows of plastic chairs, a piano up front and large plants that could have been plastic near

the podium.

An old man sat at the piano, hunched over, wispy hair peeking over the top of the piano.

He stood up and came to the podium. A large Bible appeared, and he opened it. Then he rambled out a sermon. Near the end, he said, "I noticed some of you are carrying your bibles. I'm happy to see that. A lot of what we think comes from what we read. We should read the word every chance we get."

Everyone seemed to be either suffering from a cold or some other ailment. There were no cold medicines offered and no one asked for any, so the coughing persisted all night — making light sleepers' lives hell.

Lights went out at 10 p.m.

Every bunk in the dorm was full, so we moved the chairs from the day room and grabbed the mattresses stacked next to the soda machine. About 10 people slept there.

They woke us up at 6 a.m. We hurried to get dressed and put the mattresses back. The biscuits and gravy were dry and tasteless, and we didn't eat much.

It was about 7 a.m., and we were tired. We elected not to use the showers at the mission, but rather go home and use all the hot water we wanted.

We signed out and walked outside. The feelings of loneliness and of being an outcast had set into our being, and it was hard to think that we were going back to be accepted members of society.

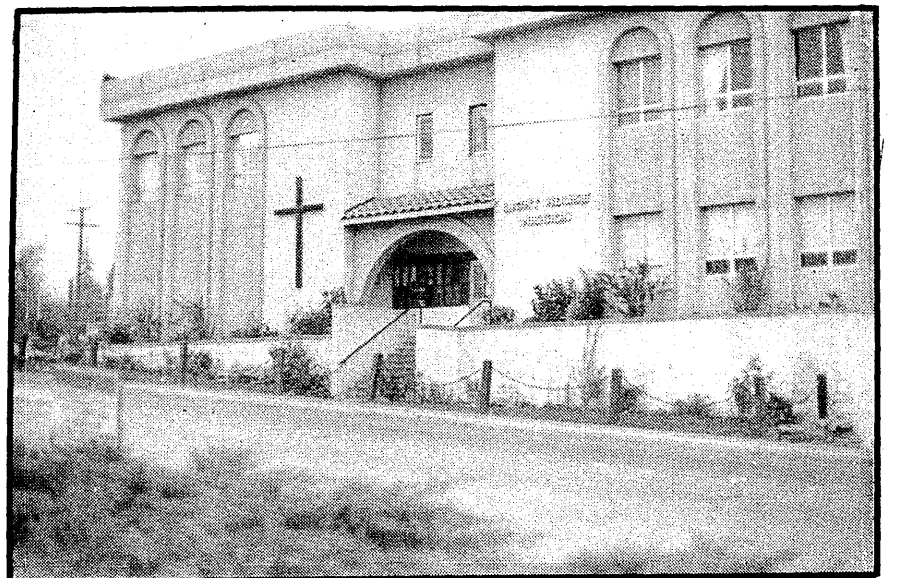


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The Lighthouse Mission is one of the few places that provide shelter for the homeless.

Egypt

Local guard member spends mission in Middle East

By Kimberly Ketcham
staff reporter

Like many other students, Gerald Reilly spent Halloween in costume. He was dressed as an American soldier. The difference is Gerald didn't go to a Halloween party on campus or Garden Street. He spent the evening in a tent city west of Cairo, Egypt.

Reilly, a 25-year-old Western graduate student in business administration, is a member of the Army National Guard, and recently returned from a three-week military exercise in the Middle East.

Reilly joined the National Guard in 1988 during his second year as an undergraduate student at Western. He served in the reserves as a military intelligence special agent until he received his bachelor's degree in political science in 1992.

After graduation, Reilly spent several months looking for a job without much success — it was the middle of the recession. Eventually, he landed a job with the Northwest Regional Drug Task Force, which is run by the Bellingham Police Department and the Whatcom County Sheriff. He works in field and office support.

Although Reilly works in law enforcement, he is not a policeman.

"I don't carry a gun, and I'm not the person who kicks in the door (on raids)," he said.

Reilly's job description includes surveillance, intelligence gathering, collecting and recording evidence, doing background checks and keeping statistics.

"It's fun, and it's challenging. There's a lot of stress dealing with different types of people — but it's exciting. We'll go days and days without anything and then, all of a sudden, it's high-speed and non-stop," Reilly said.

Reilly's colleagues concentrate mainly on drug dealers who are classified from level-three dealers (one to eight ounces of cocaine/heroin or 10 pounds of marijuana) to level-one dealers (one kilogram or more of cocaine/heroin or one ton of marijuana.)

"We don't deal with the guy who has two plants (of marijuana) in his closet," Reilly said.

The saddest part of this job, he said, is seeing the kids who have to live in the dealers' environment. During one raid on a "shooting gallery" — a place for people to snort drugs — Reilly saw a dirty little kid peek above a table covered with paraphernalia.

In addition to his full-time job with the task force, Reilly also works in public

affairs for the guard. This occupation is what sent him to Egypt, coincidentally at the same time as the Israeli/Palestine Liberation Organization peace talks were taking place.

The focus of the mission was to train for future operations in the Middle East, he said — part of which was to practice combat photography and broadcasting. They were also to learn how to escort wartime media pools.

Reilly, however, spent most of his time doing maintenance work in 95 to 116-degree heat, taking care to avoid various critters.

"The scorpions get into everything, and there are these camel spiders, which are as big as a dinner plate. I don't know if they were really spiders, but that's what everyone called them," he said. "Wild dog packs also run around. During the day, you'll see one in the distance, but at night, they come together and hunt."

Reilly said the threat of being attacked by dogs teaches you to walk in pairs because the dogs are more likely to corner and attack if people

are alone. They also corner each other. During one of two nights he spent in Alex-

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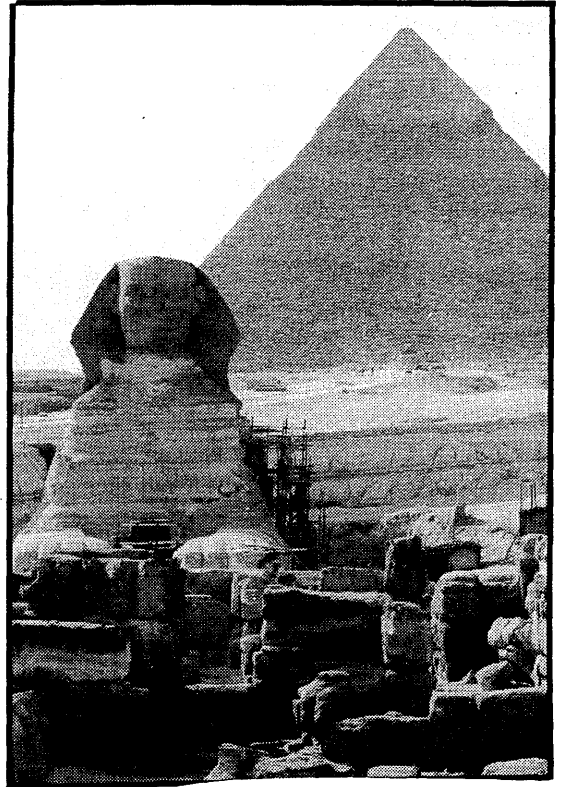


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The pyramids were just one attraction Gerald Reilly saw while in Egypt.

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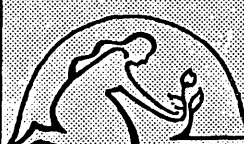
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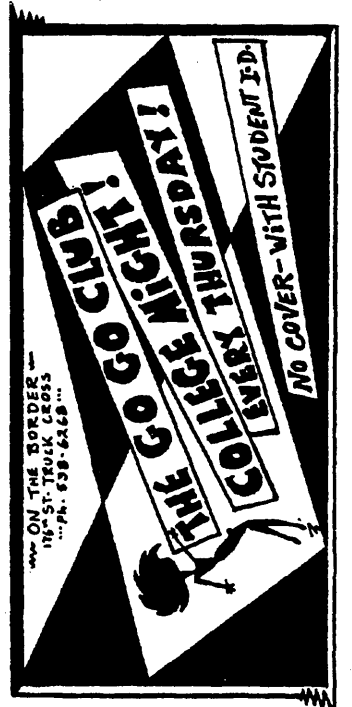
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Western woman spends summer as time-share parent

By Pam McCormick
staff reporter

The pay was meager, but the location was rich. An entire summer was spent walking winding, country roads.

The other part of the deal was cooking, housekeeping, laundry, grocery shopping, smelly trips to the garbage dump and taking care of two kids who needed constant companionship.

Western student Heather McKendry worked as a nanny over the summer for a New York City family. She spent June, July and

August at their summer home in Middletown Springs, Vt.

"I knew it was going to be challenging for me—a new environment, totally new people, nobody my age. I really wanted to feel as if I was part of the family and not a servant," she said.

For \$150 a week, plus free room and board and a one-way plane ticket, McKendry maintained a country home for a family of four.

Her job was to maintain the house and take care of a 12-year-old boy and an 8-year-old girl.

Each day, she was respon-

sible for maintaining the household with tasks such as cleaning the children's rooms, making the beds, dusting, washing dishes, doing the laundry and ironing.

In addition to cleaning, she ran errands and was responsible for all the grocery shopping and meal planning.

"My experience was different than most because the mother was around all day. She is an artist and had a studio at home, so the kids could see her whenever they wanted," she said.

McKendry got the job through an agency she discovered

at the student employment center in Old Main.

"It was hard to find an agency that was willing to accept less than a year of commitment. Of course, I couldn't make that commitment because I wanted to come back here," she said.

McKendry applied in February and did not hear back from the agency until May.

"It wasn't something I'd do again, but overall it was a worthwhile experience to view somebody else's family in operation," she said.

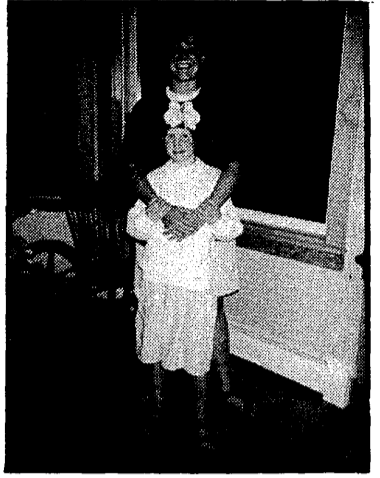


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Tour of Egypt shrouded in security from fear of terrorism

Reilly

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andria, a pack of dogs viciously killed an older dog right below his hotel window.

"All I could do was put in ear plugs," Reilly said.

Egyptian security and terrorists also posed threats. While he and several other people, including an interpreter, toured Alexandria, they were followed by an Egyptian agent who suspected them of being spies because they were taking pictures.

"I turned around and took his picture

and he disappeared. They probably replaced him," he said.

Reilly also said while he was there, Egyptian security captured three terrorists and hanged them in the same day.

"They (security officials) were really uptight," he said, pointing out that the peace talks put enormous pressure on them.

When Reilly and some of his fellow soldiers went on a bus tour, the final destination of which was a light show at the pyramids, the Egyptians positioned three armed guards on the bus.

Two cars of security officers drove in front of the bus, and two more drove behind.

Each time the bus stopped, the guards would set up a perimeter and escort the group back and forth.

"They didn't want the international incident that would result from U.S. soldiers being killed during the peace talks," Reilly said.

The risk of terrorist attack on the tour was very real, he said, because the same tour had been attacked on the 18th of each of the last four months. Reilly's tour took place on the 18th as well.

"It was idiotic that we were even out there on that night," he said. "I kept saying, 'Let's go tomorrow!' It was safe, but it was still stressful."

Going to school full-time and work-

ing two jobs keeps Reilly's schedule pretty packed.

This also tends to limit the time he spends at home with his wife, Barbara, a Western graduate student and a first-grade teacher.

"I suppose it has to be hard on it, but my wife also works full-time and goes to grad school. It's harder on her because she has to deal with kids all day," he said.

Reilly said, however, he doesn't think his pace has been hard on him.

"I guess I've just always been doing it," he said.

"I don't know what it's going to be like when I don't have to do all that. I'll probably be bored."

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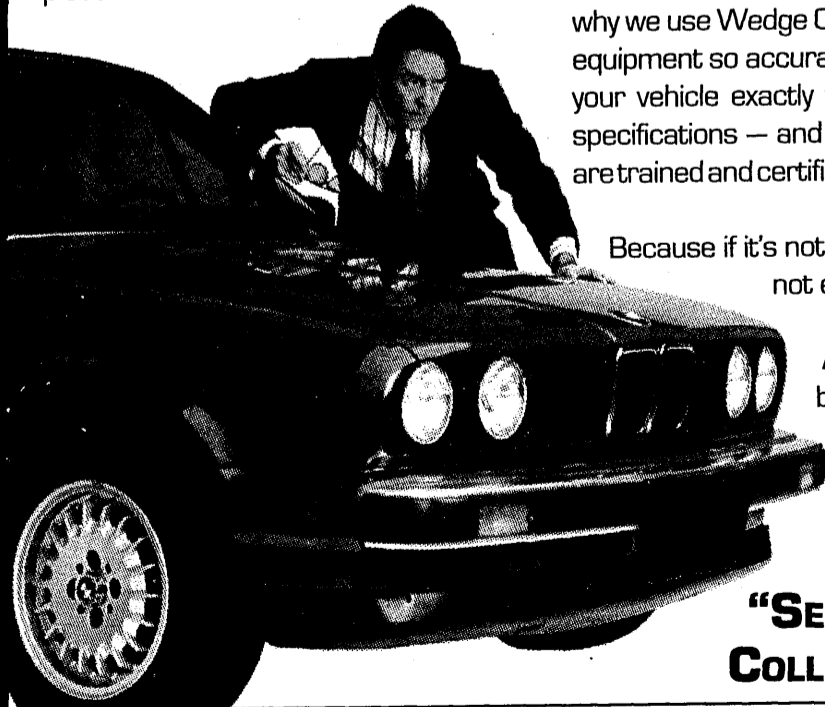
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Vikings cruise to easy victory in opener

By Andrew Pendll
staff reporter

The Western men's basketball team opened its season with an explosive offensive output against Trinity Western University Nov. 20, at Carver Gym.

The Vikings overwhelmed the Spartans 115-55.

Transfer forwards Ryan Gerrits and DeForest Phelps and transfer center Brett Lundeen made a substantial impact on both sides of the ball.

The trio combined for 32 points, 33 rebounds, seven steals and four blocked shots.

The Vikings offense collectively shot 46 percent (41 of 89) from the field, had 22 assists and committed 10 turnovers.

Jeff Dick became the fifth all-time leading scorer in Viking history. Dick, who finished the game with 14 points (1101 in his career) accomplished the feat on his second shot, a three-pointer.

The Vikings also played aggressive defensive.

Western stole the ball 20 times,

blocked nine shots and pressured the Spartans into turning the ball over 28 times. Also, 36 of Western's 63 rebounds were defensive.

The Vikings defense limited the Spartans to 27 percent (19 of 17) from the field and just seven assists and three steals.

Vikings coach Brad Jackson said Trinity Western played very hard.

"They are well coached and will do well in their league," Jackson said.

Jackson said the start of the season is an uncertain time.

"You're never quite sure how things are going to go. Playing a game is totally different than playing in practice and it's a good opportunity for us to work some of the bugs out," Jackson said.

"We have seven guys, ... any combination of those guys could start," Jackson said. "It gives us good depth and good balance."

"We've moved the ball really well," Jackson added.

"Jeff (Dick) is a good spot-up shooter and Joel (Duchesne) takes the ball to the basket very hard. Dwayne (Kirkley) does a great job of penetrating and getting it out to people."

The lopsided game provided Jackson with an opportunity to play his reserves for extended minutes.

Freshmen David McNicol and Dan DeBord each played 19 minutes and each scored five points



Photo by Dave Friedle

Western's Dwayne Kirkley fights off Trinity Western's Kelly Magnussen. Kirkley led the Vikings with 23 points.

and grabbed three rebounds.

Kirkley said a game like this can be a big confidence builder.

"If they (the freshmen) come off the bench and play well, they carry it on to the next game, instead of coming off a big game, ... messing up and being afraid later on," Kirkley said.

"I felt we played very well as a team. (There were) a lot of nice passes, a lot of good fast breaks. Defensively, we played with a lot of intensity," Jackson said.

"We had a nice crowd. People were into it. We had exciting plays, some good dunks.

Kirkley led all shooters with 23 points. Gerrits, Duchesne and Harold Doyal also scored in double figures for the Vikings.

The Spartans were led by Matt Philipchalk, who scored 11, and Raymond Kwok, 10.

Jackson said he emphasizes playing with desire, determination and hustle.

"It builds team cohesiveness

and right now our players are really focused in on that," Jackson said.

Jackson said the win was important because it will build the team's enthusiasm and get them ready for a good week of practice before they participate in the Seattle Pacific Tipoff Classic, Nov. 26-27.

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Men's basketball coach leads experienced team

By Erik Tesauro
staff reporter

Men's basketball coach Brad Jackson has brought more than just playing experience to Western. His knowledge and coaching experience has helped guide the Vikings to seven straight district playoff appearances, reaching the finals five times.

He set the school record by directing Western to four straight 20-win seasons from 1986-90. He also led the Vikings to their first district championship and NAIA National Tournament appearance in 16 years in 1988.

Jackson had an opportunity to play baseball, basketball or football in college. There is little doubt on his players' minds that basketball was the best decision.

"I like the nature of the game," Jackson said. "You can play by yourself, with a friend or a group of people. It was a real challenge to be small and still play at the Division I level."

Jackson was a standout guard and team captain in his senior year at Washington State University, leading the league in assists with 145 (5.7 average). He was a very successful coach at Olympia and Eastside Catholic High School. His credentials helped

earn him the coaching job at Western in 1986.

Jackson always felt that Western had the potential to become a tremendous situation for him. It was a slow process, but great contacts throughout the state and a strong development in basketball helped bring good players to the program. This helped get more people interested and excited in basketball.

Not only does Jackson commend athletics, but he also realizes the importance of academics as well.

"We have a quality institution. Our school is being recognized as a quality school. Academically, we can compete with anyone in the Northwest. Athletically, the past couple of years, we've been able to build our program," Jackson said. "The focus has been tremendous."

Having played under ex-Washington Husky coach Marv Harshman and former Cougar, now University of Southern California coach, George Raveling, Jackson has learned how to win by developing his own style of play.

"George and Marv have been very influential. Coaching is just like any profession because you continually learn to grow and de-

velop," Jackson said. "You have to develop your own style and understand what is going to work. The biggest thing I've learned in coaching is the ability to communicate, relate to and motivate the players."

The game of basketball has changed dramatically since Jackson's playing days at Washington State University. Several years ago, the three-point shot was added. This year the 45-second shot clock has been shortened to 35-seconds and the game clock will now automatically stop with every basket made with under one minute left in the game.

"I love the three-point shot. It's created a whole new dimension to the game — it's like the homerun," Jackson said. "Everybody loves the dunk, but the three-point shot rivals that in terms of excitement and impact. It used to be that if you got up by 10 or 12 points, it was over. Now, you can get down by 20 or more points, suddenly get hot from the three-point line, and boom, you're right back in it!" Jackson said.

Jackson is in his ninth year as Western's head coach. He has an unprecedented record of 161 wins and only 95 losses. He credits a lot of people for his success, especially his parents.

"My parents have always supported me in the right way. They have always encouraged me in whatever I chose to do," Jackson said.

The game of basketball has been very good to Jackson and as long as he continues to work with the players and stay close to the

game, he said he'll be satisfied.

"The one thing I want from my players is their very best. I want them to expect excellence. I think that if you're gifted in an area and have certain abilities, then you have the responsibility to utilize those abilities as much as you can," he said.

Sports Notes

CROSS COUNTRY — Both the men's and women's cross-country teams finished 10th in the NAIA National championship in Kenosha, Wis., Nov. 20.

In their third trip to the finals in four years, both squads hoped to better their team finishes from last year.

Besides both teams finishing in the top ten, Kris Maraveller became an All-American by finishing 25th overall in the 5,000 meters. She finished with a time of 18 minutes, 36 seconds.

Other top finishers for Western were Deana Nienhaus who finished 56th with a time of 19:14

and Janine Wagner was 80th with a time of 19:35.

The men also finished their season well, breaking into the top ten after finishing 11th last year.

Scott Dobner finished with the fastest time for the men's team, coming in 53rd in 26:09. Jason Hickman and Brady O'Hare came in 68th and 72nd in times of 26:17 and 26:19.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL — Western traveled to Southern California and won two games. The Vikings beat Concordia 88-77 and Biola 96-90. Shannon Anderson led Western with 40 points in two games.

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Ice Hawk player has 15 years hockey experience

By Brad Meyer
staff reporter

At age 20, Kendel Kelly is already a 15-year veteran of his trade. However, with a full set of teeth and a warm, inviting smile, Kelly is not the stereotypical hockey player.

As a forward for the Bellingham Ice Hawks of the British Columbia Junior Hockey League (BCJHL), Kelly has discovered life in the junior hockey ranks is full of fun and games. Already in his second full season with the Ice Hawks, Kelly has his sights set on more than just a good time. The Edmonton, Alberta, native is hoping his 15 years of hockey experience will pay off in the form of a college scholarship.

As with several of his 20 teammates, Kelly's sole job for the past three years has been to play hockey. On skates at the age of three and playing hockey by age five, Kelly made a commitment to the sport at age 17, when he left Alberta for a try-out with the only BCJHL club south of the border. Ice Hawk trainer Mike Glick, Kelly's host family for the past two years, recalled his first impression of Kelly.

"When I first came to pick Kendel up, his father pointed him out to me. I saw this little kid in the corner (of the locker room) with glasses and thought to myself — this kid looks like he should be in middle school."

That first year, Kelly was cut by the Ice Hawks and introduced to the harsh reality of junior hockey. He said his failure to make the team was disappointing, but the 17-year-old bounced back and found his

way to Fernie, Alberta, and another junior hockey team. "Getting cut that first time was frustrating for me," Kelly said. "But, my time in Fernie was good, because I got a lot of ice-time and some good experience with a younger team."

Armed with this valuable experience, Kelly came back to Bellingham and found his niche with the Ice Hawks as an 18-year-old scoring forward.

This year, at the league-mandated age limit, 20, Kelly leads the team in goals scored, but he also adds an element of experience to a young Ice Hawks squad.

"Being a 20-year-old, I see myself as a leader who can help the younger guys in game situations," said Kelly.

With players ranging in age from 16 to 20, the BCJHL is a Mecca for players hoping to continue at the collegiate level. Although only a couple of last year's Ice Hawks were offered college scholarships, Kelly's skating and scoring ability are two key assets scouts are looking for.

"Kendel is definitely one of our leaders. He's an aggressive forward, a good skater and an all-around good player," said Ice Hawks coach Mike Collins. "He's had a lot of ups and downs in his hockey career, and he now has a great opportunity to obtain a college scholarship."

With a seven-month season, Kelly and the other Ice Hawks have ample time to achieve both team and individual goals. The club holds two-hour practices three or four days per week, and team members also spend time in the weight room. To accom-

modate the younger players still in school, home games are scheduled during weeknights, and away games are scheduled only on weekends.

It is during these weekend outings that players experience the junior hockey atmosphere. Traveling by charter bus, and an occasional ferry, Kelly and the Ice Hawks visit nine different towns in lower British Columbia and Vancouver Island during the 60-game season. Despite hockey's popularity in all communities in Canada, the hockey facilities in towns such as Merrit, Powell River and Vernon are less than inviting.

"The arena in Merrit is a cave," said Kelly. "It's like an airline hangar. It must have been built over 100 years ago."

The visitors must also deal with the rowdy crowds, most of which are not afraid to voice their opinions to opposing players.

"At a lot of the rinks they'll think we're all Americans, and they'll say things like 'Go home Yankees.' And when you're losing, the fans definitely let you know about it. They rub it in pretty good," Kelly said.

Sometimes this tension is also present between the teams on the ice, but Kelly isn't one to pick a fight. Although he has had his share of hockey dings (a broken nose, concussions, black eyes), Kelly recalls just one fighting incident.

"There was a scramble in the corner and the whistle went," Kelly said. "I was pushing a guy, and he pushed me back. I pushed him back, and I thought that was it. I turned

around and ... WHAM! All I saw was a couple of knuckles. That was pretty much the fight."

The only type of punishment Kelly enjoys participating in is the initiations of rookie players. Kelly said the junior hockey tradition is one in which first-year players are subjected to a series of pranks and mental torture. Kelly said one of the more common pranks played on rookies is shaving their heads, but he stresses it is all in good fun.

"Everybody serves their time," Kelly said as a smirk crossed his lips. "It's a hockey tradition. We're all rookies at one time."

Despite an occasional laugh at the expense of a rookie, Kelly said his team is very close. Kelly stressed the importance of such closeness in the sport of hockey.

"You have to be close," Kelly said. "You're out there battling for each other, and you want to like the guys who are in the corner with you."

The battle will continue for Kelly — both on and off the ice. Although junior hockey has bounced him around the Northwest and Canada, Kelly's determination to reach his goals has only grown stronger. Now a veteran at 20, he has shed his glasses and his schoolboy appearance, but one thing remains constant from those early days in Bellingham.

"I'm just trying to play hard through every game," said Kelly. "Hopefully, that one scout will catch something, and that will be my ticket for four years."

Commentary

National Hockey League strike needs to end soon



By Lars Lundberg
staff reporter

It hasn't happened since they did it for one game in the 1988 playoffs, but the NHL officials are on strike again.

Of the four major sports in the United States, hockey is the least popular, but at the moment the officials are the highest paid referees based on the average earnings of the National Football League, National Basketball Association, Major League Baseball and National Hockey League. The contract that the league has offered the NHL Officials Association is more than adequate.

The officials walked out of the contract talks held in New York on Nov. 14, after only two hours of negotiations. They haven't been on the ice since. Of course, both sides blame the other for not resolving the issue of pay increases, but this is a problem that every union runs into.

The officials want an increase from \$50,000 to \$80,000 for first-year referees — a 60 percent increase. The National Hockey League Officials Association also wants a 33 percent pay increase for first-year linesman. The NHL, on the other hand, is offering 29 percent increase for both.

In the meantime, minor league and amateur officials are shouldering the load. Concern has been raised that the inexperienced officials wouldn't be able to handle

the rough play of professional hockey. This argument stems from the problems that arose from the one game played in 1988 without league officials.

So far, there hasn't been any problems in the games played, though the penalty minutes are up, showing the amateur officials' desire to keep a firm grip on the players.

The possibility of problems increases with every week that this standoff remains. The NHL can consider three choices.

They can agree to the officials demands, giving them the money they want, thus undermining their control. They could negotiate for a compromise, which would probably extend the strike for weeks, maybe months. Or they could offer the jobs to the scab officials, giving them the support they need to keep the games under control.

The most feasible plan is to negotiate with the officials. It may extend the strike but in the long run, it is probably the best answer. Hopefully, the temporary officials can keep a firm hand on the volatile players in the NHL.

A player strike can ruin a sports season, everybody remembers the horrible football games played by scab players in 1980 in the NFL, and nobody was pleased when the baseball season was postponed.

Scab officials don't have the same effect that scab players have on a season, but the game will be affected none the less. For the sake of the fans, this strike needs to be solved as quickly as possible without giving into everything the NHL wants.

Women's basketball wins first two games

By James Lawson
staff reporter

The winter cold is now here, and the Western women's basketball team is ready to heat things up on the court.

Western opened its season with a three-game road trip in Southern California on Nov. 18 with an 96-90 victory at Biola University. The Vikings were led by freshman forward Ana Tuiaea, who came off the bench and finished with game-high totals of 26 points and 18 rebounds.

Tuiaea scored 24 of her 26 points in the second half, and she led a 30-10 run over the first nine minutes of the third period with 14 points. Western was also led by forward Shannon Anderson and guard Debbie Drake with 18 points each.

Western rebounded Biola 58-24, including a 31-3 edge on the offensive glass.

Western improved its record to 2-0 on Nov. 20 with an 88-77 victory at Concordia University. The Vikings' balanced attack was led by Anderson who scored 22 points, including six straight late in the game, and dished out seven assists.

Center Gina Sampson scored 17 points and pulled down 15 rebounds, Drake and Tuiaea each scored 13 points, and Allison Hull contributed with 10 points.

The Vikings finished their road trip on Nov. 22 against Azusa Pacific University.

This year's squad is young and talented with only one senior on the team. The Viking's strongest part of the game is a solid front court led by sophomore power forward Sampson and senior center and co-

captain Tracy Johnson.

Sampson led the Vikings in rebounding (8.2 a game) and field goal percentage (49.1 a game) as a freshman, while averaging 12.8 points a game. Sampson best game last year was a 28-point, 21-rebound effort against Seattle University, the first 20-20 performance in school history.

Johnson was second among district shot blockers, averaging 1.5 a game. She also grabbed 6.6 rebounds a game and scored 6.4 points a game.

At the small forward position, two sophomores will play key roles this year in co-captain Anderson and Addy Johnson, both who came off the bench last year.

In the back court, junior point guard and co-captain Hull will direct the Viking's offense this season as she has every game the past two seasons. Hull averaged 6.1 points, 4.5 rebounds and a team-high 3.0 assists last year.

Two freshman who will improve this year's squad are Heidi Van Brocklin and Tuiaea. Van Brocklin was a Class A all-state selection and Whatcom County League Player of the year as a high school senior.

Tuiaea was twice named to the Class AA state all-tourney team, and she holds her high school's rebounding record.

Juniors Drake and Gina Estep will bring experience to the off-guard position. Drake played in 26 games last season, while Estep started all 29 games at small forward last year.

Rounding out the rest of this year's team are three freshman: Thyra Pearson, Kari Gruendell and K.C. Mattingly.

Local campaign against multiculturalism reeks of racism



By Hillary Parker
staff reporter

Students, be thankful you have the Ethnic Student Center at Western. If a conservative student group has its way, Whatcom Community College won't be getting one.

A proposal is expected to be made in January to provide space for offices and meeting rooms for multicultural student groups at Whatcom. The cost would, in part, be paid for by student activity fees.

But the Whatcom Conservative Studies Institute is opposed to the plan, claiming multiculturalism to be "un-American".

The Bellingham Herald reported that the conservative group was against spending student, school or tax money on a multicultural center.

Ryan Harrington, a member of What-

com Conservatives, as well as the student council, told the Herald the group felt that if one's culture wasn't promoted by family, community or church, it really wasn't important.

"If you come to America," Harrington said, "you should come to be an American."

First, who said students interested in a multicultural center weren't American? Most of us have roots from another country, whether it be Germany or Zimbabwe.

People use titles to identify themselves not only with their ancestral heritage but their American background as well. African-American is a term that identifies the whole of a person's cultural experience, as does Asian-American or any other ethnic-American title.

Americans are traditionally proud people, including pride in the differences of religion, race and ethnicity. To say students wishing to express their pride in their heritage is un-American is a gross delusion on the part of Harrington.

Not allowing freedom of expression, as he seems to be proposing, is by far more un-American.

By "being an American," what does Harrington wish to make his criteria? Certainly, he isn't saying that since most inhabitants of the United States have origins in another country, they must forget their heritage. If that were the case, the nation would never have had problems with the Native Americans because we would have adopted that culture. Harrington would not be too thrilled with that idea, either. It would be too diverse.

The Whatcom Conservative Studies Institute may even be giving conservatives a bad name by crying "un-American" to multiculturalism. (That is if Rush Limbaugh hasn't already.) It isn't politically correct to deny anyone his or her cultural heritage. The whole slavery issue should have proven that more than one hundred years ago.

Today, it is even less acceptable by anyone, liberal or conservative, to bash multiculturalism. If a politician does, it's a

sure-fire way to not get re-elected. Perhaps Harrington and the other three Whatcom Conservatives on the student council should remember that.

What the Whatcom Conservative Studies Institute should realize is that being an American is not just baseball and apple pie.

Yes, we do need to be proud of our country and our heritage, but it is important to think about how we molded our heritage from other cultures. The United States is a diverse country that allows for differences of opinion.

It is not fair to let one opinion dominate, like the conservative opinion in the case of Whatcom Community College. But, if that is the case, the conservative viewpoint can't be ignored.

The key is to balance the conservative culture with the liberal one, to balance patriotic American culture with the pride of individual heritage. Such diversity would make anyone proud to be an American.

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Frontline

Selfishness has no place in South African peace

Apartheid died last Thursday, Nov. 18.

South African leaders, including Nelson Mandela, President F.W. Klerk and 18 others, not only abolished the last of the country's racist institutions, including the homelands that served as reservations for blacks, but also endorsed a constitution in many ways superior to our own.

The South African bill of rights includes the basics of democracy, such as free speech and fair trials, and one-ups the United States by forbidding discrimination on the basis not only of race, but of sex, sexual orientation, physical disability and age.

The Constitution guarantees the "fundamental rights" of each citizen. It will serve as the country's supreme law until an elected assembly can write a permanent version. After that, an 11-member constitutional court will interpret it, much like our own Supreme Court.

The 142-page Constitution is one part of a new government designed to unify South Africa under one free and non-racist government. Instead of the four white provinces and 10 black "homelands," seven provinces will control police, schools, health and services. They will answer to a bicameral parliament of a national assembly and a senate, which unlike the current system will not be divided by race.

Of course, the four homelands previously granted independence will lose it. And the hopes of separatists, both white and black, for their own states where they could run things themselves are similarly dashed.

That's too bad.

South African unity is far too important, especially with the new commitment to ending racism and healing the hurts of the past, to be spoiled by those who can't accept racial integration or can't bring themselves to trust a government of the whole.

Many prominent white separatist groups, as well as the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party, were absent from the gathering where the country's leaders labored to produce a system of government that would give power back to the black majority but prevent it from repressing the white minority that has been in power for so long.

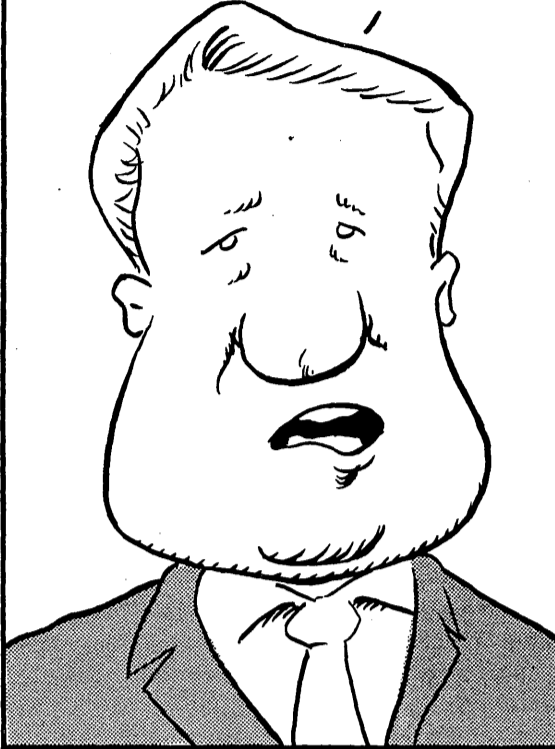
So much work has gone into the agreement, and so much hope hangs on the first free-to-all elections in April, that de Klerk's promise to use force if necessary to prevent disruptions of the elections is entirely appropriate.

But South Africa, everyone knows, has had its share of blood and sorrow. The long-sought-for peace is not a good reason for further violence. As Mandela said to the holdouts, "Democracy has no place for civil war."

Somehow these groups must see the light of reason and understand that the days of separate Afrikaner and African government are over. Democracy also has no room for autocracy. Peace will not be possible until everyone is ready to face reality: that peace requires unity for South Africa.

—Margret Graham, News editor

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China coddled on foreign trade when firm stance on human rights, missiles needed



By Brett Nickelson
staff reporter

just the dollar signs when dealing with trade with China. They didn't.

In fact, the Clinton administration just agreed to sell a high-tech supercomputer to China — despite human rights abuses and treaty violations that should have discouraged the United States from selling this technology.

The most obvious reason to avoid trade with China, or at the very least remove the country's Most Favored Trading Nation status, is China's horrible human

rights record. At the recent Asian Pacific Economic Conference, President Clinton and his aides should have looked at more than

rights record.

When people in the United States treat animals the way the Chinese government treats its people, they go to jail.

Yet, the U.S. government still gives the Chinese the best deal on trade and commerce and coddles the nation when a firm stance is needed.

A firmer trade stance with the Chinese is also needed to address their broken promises to our government.

The Chinese and U.S. governments have an agreement called the Missile Technology

American intelligence agencies recently produced conclusive proof that the Chinese had been breaking this pact with the United States. No matter, our government says.

Here's where the U.S. hypocrisy hits an almost record-high. The supercomputer we are now willing to sell to China will apparently provide new technology that will help its nuclear and ballistic missile development!

If the U.S. government is going to continue to trade with China, no matter what it does, why put up a facade with these treaties?

What the government needs to do is to stop thinking with its pocketbook and start thinking with its head and heart.

If we take the hard line, eventually China will back down, stop sending missiles around the world and start treating its people humanely — then, and only then, should commerce with China be liberalized.

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Control Regime. Under this accord, the United States made several concessions, which included letting China keep its favored trade status if the Chinese agreed to stop sending nuclear missiles and technology to Pakistan.

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Washington



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The European Community



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Seattle



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Casually dressed world leaders



Everyone gets into the Gap jacket act, including the Sultan of Brunei (personal wealth: \$37 billion). Bill looks good in boots, bomber jacket. World leader grunge?

The weather



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