### Freeing Fairhaven

Bellingham City Council lifts Fairhaven parking restrictions giving local businesses expansion freedom.

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Sunday, May 8 has been proclaimed National Outdoor Intercourse Day.

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## More than 180 pints drained in Old Main

By Beverly Crichfield Front reporter

Most didn't look excited about doing it, some even dreaded it, but something propelled them to lay down and bare their arms.

The Puget Sound Blood Center in association with the Whatcom County Medical Society Alliance set up shop in the Old Main Registration Center and invited students to donate blood May 3 and 4.

Volunteers from the Whatcom County Medical Society Alliance stood by to offer juice and cookies to the students and to assist students or faculty if they became nauseous.

Nearly 190 students donated a pint of blood a piece this quarter—as opposed to only 150 students winter quarter.

More than 10 beds were in use at times by donors for the

Puget Sound Blood Center.

No problems were reported with students fainting or becoming ill. Kristina Castro, sophmore, felt "a little tired" after donating her share, but said she felt it was important for her to do.

"When I was a baby, I was really sick one time, and I was at a hospital where I couldn't get any blood," she said. "I know about people who are in that position, and I'm just trying to help."

Blood from donations goes to the Puget Sound Blood Centerin downtown Seattle at Terry Avenue and Madison Avenue.

The blood is then tested for HIV and hepatitis; before being used in transfusions and other blood products, such as plasma.

The blood products and blood are then distributed to local hospitals in the Northwest



Front/Mary-Belton Scurry

Louisa Manson holds her arm up in an effort to not get a bruise from giving blood.

## Neon donated to the VRI

By Noah Walden

Front reporter

The sign standing just outside of Seattle reads "ZEV zone—next 10 miles." So drivers flip a switch on their dash and their car's engine switch to electric—making the car a zero-emissions vehicle that hums smoothly down the road.

This is the goal of the members of the Vehicle Research Institute (VRI), which will soon receive a new Chrysler Neon for the purpose of converting it into a viable consumer car with zero-emissions capability.

"It's flame red," said VRI

director and founder Michael Seal of the car. "That's about all we know about it so far."

Chrysler will give away 12 1995 Neons for use in a competition sponsored by the U.S. auto industry. The cars will be given to universities with alternative-fuel vehicle programs in the United States and Canada. The 12 schools will compete in about a year.

Western was the only U.S. West Coast school chosen, which could be a big advantage — it will allow VRI to tap into California's financial resources in the absence of any California competitor.

The focus of this project is different from other VRI projects such as the Viking 21 and 23.

Two Western students are responsible for getting the car.

"We want to prove to the general public and the automotive industry that a reliable hybrid-electric vehicle could be made and sold," said Richard Riels, who cowrote the proposal with Edward West. "We want to prove that our design is the best."

"We can't expect it (the Neon) to have quite the performance as our race cars," Seal said. Unlike the Viking race cars, the Neon will

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### Speaker to discuss health care reform

By Mary-Belton Scurry Front reporter

Health Care Reform and Health Promotion will be the subject of a talk by Dr. Richard P. Keeling, director of University Health Services and professor of medicine at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, from 1:30 to 2:45 p.m. Monday, May 9 in the Viking Union Main Lounge.

Keeling will also speak on "Students as Agents of Campus Change" from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m.

with campus and high-school youth.

As chair of the American College Health Association's Task Force on HIV Disease since 1985, Keeling is a consultant on health issues for a plethora of colleges, universities, public and independent schools, among other institutions.

"Dr. Keeling's speeches help people understand health from a broader, deeper perspective. He uses highly vivid, visual images from the everyday media to show how they affect our daily decisions," said Eric Engrstrom, Keeling's business manager.

"His focus goes beyond just knowing the facts about health problems into whether or not we know ourselves and have a true sense of community," Engrstrom said.

A popular speaker with adolescents and young adults, Keeling addresses the critical issues of health behaviors, self-

See **Keeling**, page 3

## **Changes may be** in store for RSVP

By Mary-Belton Scurry Front reporter

The change to touch-tone registration (RSVP) has been a successful way for students to register for classes — but it still has its problems.

The Dean's Advisory Council members heard suggestions for improving or eliminating RSVP

VP for activities

Linda Pierce

Alex Singer

problems at a meeting last month.

The current registration system records only one major, so students who have double majors can only get priority registration for one of their majors. Last quarter, access codes were given to double majors because a less complicated solution has yet to

See RSVP, page 3

#### The unofficial election results for the 1994-1995 AS board of directors VP for external affairs Missing percentages reflect write-in votes. Lauren Kelly Russell 35% **President** Susan Coppa 33% Tres Gallant 41% Shannon Garvin 20% Mark Velasco 39% VP for internal affairs Andrew Kildow 11% Stephen Collins 67% VP for academic affairs Secretary/Treasurer Zach DH Robinson 42% JoAnn Anderson 39% **Andrew Purvis David Bennett** 25%

47%

38%

VP for residence life

46%

40%

Cameron Wong

Michelle Cejka

1994 AS election results

# HOPE M

#### Campus Police

Monday, May 2, 7:15 p.m.: Two people were arrested for skate-boarding in the Nash turnaround. They had been warned by campus police on two prior occasions.

Monday, May 2, 4:40 p.m.: A vehicle was broken into in the Birnam Wood parking lot. A parking permit was stolen.

Monday, May 2, 6:25 p.m.: The left window of a parking-enforcement vehicle was shattered.

#### **Bellingham Police**

Monday, May 2, 5:00 p.m.: A woman on the 1100 block of Woodstock found two bottles of alcohol in her daughter's room. She gave the alcohol to police for disposal.

Monday, May 2, 3:05 p.m.: A woman reported to police that an unknown male had been leaving obscene phone messages at her residence in the 900 block of 22nd Street.

Wednesday, May 4, 3:54 p.m.: Police contacted a person in the 1000 block of Lakeway Drive who was very intoxicated and passed out in the bushes. The person was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital.

Wednesday, May 4,7:53 p.m.: An 18-year-old male was arrested in the 1000 block of Lakeway Drive for obstructing an officer following a shoplifting investigation.

Thursday, May 5, 12:32 a.m.: Officers contacted three people in the 1000 block of East Sunset Drive who were sleeping in their car. They were told they were trespassing and advised to leave.

Thursday, May 5, 4:21 a.m.: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance in the 2100 block of Franklin Street. Both parties said they were arguing and yelling. They said everything was OK and they were finished arguing. There were no signs of violence in the house.

Cops Box compiled by Front reporter Dana Goodwin

## National and regional news

### Limited fishing rights given to Native Americans

PORTLAND — The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission has agreed to allow Native Americans fishing rights for spring Chinook salmon at Willamette Falls in Oregon City.

Fishing with dip nets begins Monday and is slated to run through May 28.

The seven-member commission unanimously endorsed the plan Thursday morning during a three-hour meeting in Portland.

Two Yakima Indian fishermen were arrested for illegal fishing at Willamette Falls earlier this week.

Under the plan, Native Americans would be allowed to take up to 2,500 Willamette River fish.

#### Restraining order granted to Ivan the Gorilla's trustee

SEATTLE — A Seattle bankruptcy trustee with control over Ivan the Gorilla said she's been granted a restraining order against animal-rights activists.

Blanca Harrison said she's received threatening phone calls and been harrassed at her home and office.

Harrison is trustee for the B&I Shopping Mall in Tacoma, whose assets include Ivan. Animal-rights activists are pushing to have the gorilla moved to the Atlanta Zoo.

#### Firefighters suspects in last fall's Malibu wildfires

LOS ANGELES — The fire chief in Los Angeles said he's shocked.

Donald Manning said he can't believe that any firefighter could be a suspect in the deadly wildfires in Malibu last year

in Malibu last year.
But he confirms a grand jury is investigating firefighters as

suspects in the case.

Manning said one of the suspects is a Los Angeles firefighter who is now doing administrative

The other suspect is a part-time volunteer in Manhattan Beach and has been suspended.

Manning said the news is so shocking because firefighters performed so heroically fighting the fires, which killed three people and burned 350 homes.

News briefs compiled from the Associated Press news service by Front reporter John Payseno

## Western Briefs: Community news and notes

#### **Environmental concerns** addressed in seminar

A seminar series on Canada-U.S. relations in the post-NAFTA environment continues next week in Parks Hall 441.

The latest lecture, "Environmental Issues in the Bilateral Relationship," is scheduled for 4 p.m. Monday, May 9. Speakers at the event are Western economics professors Daniel Hagen, Steven Henson and David Merrifield.

#### French film festival begins

The week-long French film festival kicks off at 7:30 Sunday, May 8, in Lecture Hall 4.

Free films will be shown each night through Thursday "to help Americans develop a taste for French cinema," said an event organizer.

#### Symposium focuses on trade relations with China

"Business with China" is the topic of a symposium from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, May 6, at Parks Hall.

Open to everyone, the symposium costs \$5, which includes morning and afternoon refreshments.

The keynote speaker is Nicholas Lardy, director of the Henry M. Jackson School of Interna-

tional Studies at the University of Washington.

### Speaker examines lack of progress in local civil rights

Quintard Taylor, a University of Oregon professor who specializes in the history of African-Americans in the West and Pacific Northwest, will give a public talk at 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, in Lecture Hall 3.

Taylor will discuss the civil rights climate in Seattle between 1960 and 1970.

He has said the cause was hindered because of the state's relatively small African-American population.



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#### PLEASE POST

- SUMMER QUARTER DEGREE AND INITIAL CERTIFICATE CANDIDATES: All students expecting to graduate and/or receive a teaching certificate at the close of summer quarter must have a senior/certification evaluation on file in the Registrar's Office in OM 230 by June 3. Degree applications must be returned by June 3. To pick up an application, go to OM 230. Deadline for fall graduates is August 19. It is strongly recommended that fall graduates file their degree applications before summer quarter. Many advisers/departments will be unavailable during the summer due to closures and vacations. All student teacher candidates for fall 1994 through spring 1995 must have their senior/certification evaluation on file in the Registrar's Office by May 1.
- SUMMER REGISTRATION. Phase I registration for summer quarter is under way through May 13 on RSVP. Students will register in descending credit order. The registration schedule will be posted throughout campus. If you do not know how many credits you have earned, check in person with the Registrar's Office.
- COURSE RESERVATION FOR BIOLOGY. Course request forms are available outside HH 351 for students wishing to register for Biology 201, 202, 203, 322, 323, 325, 326, 403, 404, 406, 445a, 470, 479, 490 and teaching assistant. Students should complete the top portion of the "blue slip" and read and complete the request form. Completed forms must be returned to the appropriate instructor's mailbox in HH 351 before May 23. Permission codes will be available in HH 351 on May 31 and June 1-2.
- MATH PLACEMENT TEST will be held at 2 p.m. in OM 120 on the following dates. Mondays: May 9, 16 and 23. Wednesdays: May 11, 18 and 25. Fridays: May 13, 20 and 27. Preregistration is not required. Students must bring picture ID and #2 pencil. Fee of \$10 is payable in exact amount at time of testing. Test takes about 1½ hours.
- SUMMER TOUR GUIDES NEEDED. The Office of Admissions seeks three enthusiastic student employees to conduct campus tours, provide general information to prospective students and assist with general office duties. Requires excellent communication skills, strong, work ethic, knowledge of Western, professionalism, and sensitivity to multicultural issues. Computer experience, knowledge of Windows helpful. Full time June 20-Aug. 31. To apply, submit letter of interest and résumé by May 15 to OM 200.
- UNDERGRADUATE INTERNS are sought by the Office of Admissions. Applications, available in OM 200, must be submitted by 5 p.m. May 9. For more information, contact Sonia Arévalo-Hayes, X/3441.
- EXERCISE AND HEART DISEASE RISK STUDY: Opportunity for women ages 18-40 who consistently do aerobics or aerobics plus circuit weight training to participate in a study by a PEHR student in exchange for free diet and body fat analysis, blood lipid profile, and strength and cardiovascular testing. Call Evelyn, 734-2682, after 7 p.m.
   LOT RESERVATIONS. Lots 6G, 9V, 2C and 7G will be reserved starting at 5 tonight (May 6) for the LGBA conference. Drivers who park
- a vehicle in a reserved lot prior to an attendant's arrival and who leave it there during the lot reservation period without authorization will be considered illegally parked. Permit holders may leave vehicles in reserved lots for work-related purposes. Except for lots 10G and 8V Monday through Thursday, any G, V or C lot other than those listed may be used.
- SEVERAL JOB SEARCH AND CAREER WORKSHOPS are offered throughout the quarter in the Career Services Center. Due to space limitations, signups are required for workshops. Most workshops are 50 minutes in length. For a complete list of workshops, times and other career planning sessions, contact Career Services Center, OM 280, X/3240.

#### On-campus interviews

- Renton School District, Tuesday, May 10. Group information session at 3:30 p.m. followed by break-out into smaller groups with school district personnel. Signup required.
- Business Men's Assurance Co., Tuesday, May 10. Submit CIF when you sign up to interview.
   Home Depot, Wednesday, May 11. Submit CIF when you sign up to interview. Attend 45-minute information session at 8 a.m.
- Olde Discount Stockbrokers, Wednesday, May 11. Submit CIF when you sign up. Review information in signup folder and company file.
- Rent-A-Center, Wednesday, May 11. Submit CIF when you sign up. See company information in career library.
   Northshore School District, Thursday, May 12. Individual interviews and/or information session at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Signup required.

## **Changes suggested**

#### RSVP, Continued from page 1

be found.

Peter J. Elich, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said there is also a concern with students declaring more than one major just to get all the classes they want.

During the meeting, sociology chair Carl Simpson suggested a simplified pre-registration process. Currently, sections are opened for students who are undeclared after majors have registered. RSVP could be programmed to open non-major registration first to seniors, then juniors, etc.

Students who

have declared a certain major but have a required course in another department are also a concern for the committee. In the future, departments may get a list of all the majors that require any given course in that department, so students will not be denied priority Elich said.

Conditions for using add codes in-

stead of blue slips to increase the limit in classes is also a need that has not been clarified, Elich said.

Any suggestions or solutions to the problems associated with RSVP have not been implemented for fall quarter, said Steve Labree of the Registrar's Office.

Elich said a questionnaire for students regarding requirements they have

not yet filled and their majors, as well as why they chose the classes they have taken, is imperative before updates on RSVP are made.

"The intent is to get an idea of any changes users might recommend for the system to make it work for them. This will require a degree audit and that won't be here by this fall," Elich

said.

Perhaps RSVP problems aren't causing too many complications for students; the average number of calls per registrant was only 3.76.

"Overall, I don't think we've got a lot of problems. The ones we do have could be addressed rather easily," Elich said.

## VRI gets free Neon

RSVP.

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be a consumer car, complete with air conditioning and radio. The greatest distinction from other Chrysler Neons will be this one's effect on the environment.

Western's car will be a parallel hybrid using compressed natural gas and battery electric power. Western has long been touting the benefits of natural gas.

"We have experience stretching back 15 years with natural gas," Seal said.

Natural gas was not permitted in many alternative-fuel competitions until recently, Seal said, but Western stayed with the fuel. Now many competitions require it.

"They've (the auto industry) come to us," Seal said.

"Natural gas is an inherently lower"

emission fuel than gasoline," West said. He added that perfection of a computer-controlled engine management system will further help lower emissions and raise fuel efficiency.

For Riels and West, getting the Neon was a month's worth of hard work. They looked at requirements for the proposal and found it interesting enough to put a strong one together.

"We had a well-thought-out and technologically achievable design," West said. "We had to show we had financing, organization, a team base and a time frame to work within."

Financing could prove the most difficult part of the competition for the members of VRI. Even with a free car many expenses await the project.

"We can't expect to win without the money," Seal said.

## Free talks on health

Keeling,

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esteem and the surveillance and monitoring of HIV.

As director of Health Services at the University of Wisconsin, Dr. Keeling leads a program that incorporates traditional medical services with counseling and extensive prevention programs, including community and environmental health.

Keeling has been the primary

consultant for several agreements with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. He is also the author of numerous books, articles and videotapes concerning health issues.

In 1969, Keeling received his bachelor of arts with highest honors from the University of Virginia, and in 1973 he received his medical degree from Tufts University School of Medicine.

Both of his talks are sponsored by Counseling, Health and Wellness Services and are free.

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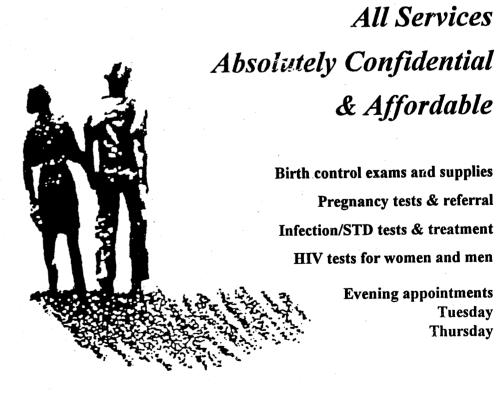
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## New AS board members look to next year

By Beth Demetrescu Front reporter

Tres Gallant won the position of Associated Students (AS) president with 41 percent of the votes. He edged out Mark Velasco by a mere 2 percent.

Gallant, finishing his first term on the AS board of directors, has a full agenda for the coming year.

"My first goal is to try to bring the board together as one cohesive unit. There are a lot of good people involved on the board and we are coming together as a team for the students," Gallant said.

He intends to streamline the AS by changing the administration and organizational structure. He said he hopes to make the election process more efficient, eliminate the middle-management cost and direct more of student money to student services.

Included in his plans are

changing professor evaluations, supporting a technology fee and establishing more feelings of community and tradition.

Stephen Collins was elected as vice president of internal affairs. Collins ran unopposed and received 67 percent of the vote.

Collins advocates a student senate, supports the used-book sale and wants a more efficient AS board.

"The AS board has to be willing to delegate decision-making power to a larger representative senate," Collins said.

Zach Harmon Robinson retained his position as vice president for academic affairs by winning 42 percent of the student vote. His opponent, Andrew Purvis received 39 percent.

Robinson said he plans to support a \$10 technology fee, work to change the faculty-evaluation process and get funding to recognize Veterans Day.

Robinson said he is concerned about making the election process more "environmentally friendly."

"(Next year's board) has potential to be a really good team," Robinson said.

Lauren Kelly Russell won the race for vice president for external affairs with 35 percent of the student vote. Susan Coppa was a close second with 33 percent. Russell said she's happy to win the position.

Her primary goal is to find a chairperson for the Washington Student Lobby.

"I love feeling I can get something accomplished for the students," Russell said.

Linda Pierce retained her seat as vice president of activities. She won 47 percent of the vote to Alex Singer's 38, though Singer formally withdrew from the election last week.

"My hope is next year's board will learn from the mistakes of this year's board and act in a mature, responsible, accountable way without losing touch with students' needs. I look forward to that challenge," Pierce said.

JoAnn Anderson won with 67 percent of the vote to win the position of secretary-treasurer, which is her first position on the AS board.

Anderson said she hopes to revise the election code. She feels the code is rather vague in many areas, including ethics of the election process.

"People are not sure when and where they can even put up signs," Anderson said.

"My number-one priority is getting more students involved. When they are asked about the student government, they know it is there, but they think it is not working," Anderson said.

Anderson's job includes overseeing the budget and the fees, but she said she hopes to do more.

Anderson will be facing some pressing AS financial problems, for example, the Ethnic Student Center is hoping to expand and the Outdoor Center is in debt.

"Overall, I want to work on good relations and try to work together and keep our focus," Anderson said.

Cameron Wong is next year's vice president of residence life. Although his agenda is not packed, he does have one specific prior-

"My largest goal is to re-establish the connection between the AS board and the residencehall system," Wong said.

Results are unofficial until ratified by the current AS board of directors at its meeting on Monday, May 9.

## City council frees 10 blocks in Fairhaven for parking

**By Charity Proctor** Front reporter

The Bellingham City Council paved the way for development in Fairhaven when it released, by unanimous vote, more than 10 neighborhood blocks from city parking restrictions on Monday, May 2.

"It's really a freedom," said architect John Armitstead, whose fight for the private-parking district has been fueled by frustration at construction hold-ups caused by parking restrictions. Now redevelopment and parking improvements that some have been waiting years to make can begin, he said.

McKenzie Avenue will be the first site of parking improvement. As early as this summer, angled spaces similar to those on Railroad Avenue downtown will be installed on McKenzie between 10th and 12th streets. Other streets will also be redesigned, with improved lighting, sidewalks and landscaping.

The Fairhaven Village Association, composed of merchants and property owners in the new district, will pay for the parking and street improvements. Armitstead said 80 percent of those in the district have agreed to participate. They will spend at least \$300,000 on the work, with the city contributing another \$150,000 specifically for parking work.

Fairhaven business owners in the new district were happy about the decision.

"Ithink it's just great," said Taimi Dunn, co-owner of the Colophon Cafe. Before, business expansion meant spending \$10,000 apiece for every new parking space needed, she said.

"We've had no way to expand because of this," Dunn said.

Thom Barnard, co-owner of The Landing Discs and Tapes, said he may be able to conduct renovation previously not possible. Barnard added that by creating the new district, the city is recognizing developers such as Ken Imus who have taken care to construct historic-looking buildings in the area. He called Imus' work "a gift to Bellingham that needs to be followed through

Imus owns many of the buildings in the area, including the one that houses the Cobblestone Cafe. This building typifies Imus' vision for the area, Armitstead said. Imus, who was not available for comment,

is Fairhaven's greatest asset, Armitstead

The area was previously zoned for neighborhood commercial use, and Fairhaven was in great danger of becoming a strip mall, Armitstead said. In his next move, Armitstead will push for historicaldistrict zoning to give developers creative freedom. He and other interested parties, "almost entirely" local citizens, envision streets full of architectural surprises on which one must walk — not drive — to see everything, he said.

Possible plans include a central park and several small hotels. The abandoned Waldron building on the corner of McKenzie Avenue and 12th Street is one target for conversion into a 25- to 30-room hotel, Armitstead said.

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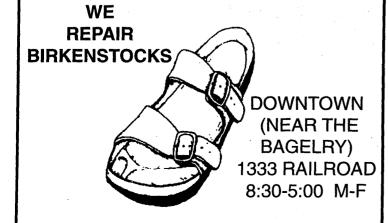
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## Film pays tribute to car hobbyists

#### 'The art of transportation'

**By Todd Kingston** Front reporter

For most of us, a car is just a motorized contraption with four wheels, designed solely for the purpose of transporting us from one point to another. However, for some, the automobile serves a much higher purpose — as a means of truly expressing interests and personalities.

The film "Wild Wheels," produced in 1992 by Highway Cinema and directed by Harrod Blank, is an hour-long tribute to the hobby of car customizing and decorating in the United States.

It takes a humorous look at examples of crazily decorated vehicles from California to Alabama, as well as the eccentric individuals who painstakingly created them. "Wild Wheels" is set to a soundtrack of reggae, iazz, blues and rock.

The film played last week at Western and will be shown at 8 p.m. Friday at Miracles Cafe, 800 Indian St.

"Wild Wheels" focuses on just how far people are willing to go in order to get attention through the automobiles they drive. The opening scene takes place in a California courtroom, in which a well-dressed young man contests a ticket for parking his Volkswagen Beetle illegally and impeding traffic flow.

What might usually be a typical case, this one becomes

more interesting when the audience learns the young man is not driving your everyday, ordinary Beetle. His Beetle is painted entirely with bright rainbow colors and flowers. On the hood perches a large revolving globe. The roof supports two plastic dandelion windmills, as well as an old television set covered with even more flowers.

The owner unsuccessfully attempted to prove the police were discriminating against his wild vehicle by issuing the ticket.

"I have received at least 60 tickets (in the past)," he said.

This man's experience was just one example of the attention such vehicles commonly arouse. Wherever these cars travel, They're always sure to draw a huge crowd. The owner of the Volkswagen Beetle calls his creation "Oh My God," because those are usually the first words out of onlookers' mouths when they view

"Wild Wheels" depicts the degree to which average, ordinary cars can be transformed into truly unique rolling works of art. The Volkswagen Beetle, a rather nondescript, but lovable economy car, is especially popular with customizers.

One car in California, dubbed the "Wrought Iron VW," is covered completely with wrought iron. crafted and shaped over a ninemonth period to fit the lines of the rounded car body.

A 1967 Beetle in New York City is a rolling Times Square, covered from roof to wheels with flashing neon lights. The owner of this eye-catcher claims he can't drive it far because his insurance company won't cover it.

"I value this vehicle at around \$80,000 to \$100,000, even though the "Blue Book" (a common usedcar pricing guide) values a 1967 Beetle at only \$750," the neon bug owner said. "The insurance company says I shouldn't be driving a \$100,000 vehicle on the streets of New York every day."

Large American cars of the 1960s and 1970s were also popular conversion pieces, as portrayed in the film. Perhaps this is true because many of the vehicles, in "normal" form, are standouts in today's era of small, aerodynamic vehicles. Thus, customizing enables them to look even more distinguished.

One woman completely decorated her 1965 Ford station wagon with fake fruit. Another woman proudly shows off her 1970 Oldsmobile Delta 88 sedan, covered with mirrors on the roof and sides, appropriately named the "Mirror Car."

A 1971 Ford Mustang convertible was dramatically altered by its owner to resemble a giant hippopotamus, using 600 pounds of copper sheeting in the process.

In an ultimate show of extravagance, one man took a 1960 Cadillac and adorned it with huge flamingoes on the rear tail fins. His vehicle, dubbed the "Mad Cad," is a real attention-getter in-

"This car represented the height of American (automotive) influence," he said. "It's like a jam session of art."

Another humorous example proves the creativity of car owners in California. One particular vehicle, a light green Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme of the late 1970s, is driven daily.

However, this vehicle has a rather unique history. Its trunk and much of the rear end were crushed by bricks in the 1989 San Francisco earthquake. Yet, it was purchased after the quake by an individual who has preserved it in the exact same condition. The license plates read "5:04 p.m." the exact time the quake struck.

"Wild Wheels" contrasts these vehicles with the more common, everyday types most of us drive. The camera frequently switches to long rows of new Buick sedans and Chrysler minivans parked in front of dealerships.

In doing so, it hints Americans are concerned with conformity, rather than individuality in our automobiles. Most of us just want to blend in with everyone else and drive "cookie-cutter" automobiles that vary only in color.

Why, then, do certain eccen-

tric individuals feel the need to set themselves apart from the crowd by altering their automobiles? Most agreed they do it for attention, but others said it makes them feel good to have a hobby to be devoted to. In many ways, it helps free them from the constraints of everyday life.

"I can get out of the role of wife and mother, and become the true artist that I am," said one woman who decorated her Toyota wagon.

"If I glorify Jesus, I glorify myself because there's nothing about me worth glorifying," said a man who painted a huge picture of Jesus on the hood of his truck.

Another individual summed it up best.

Once you put things on your car, it never stops," he said. "It keeps changing and evolving, just like a living thing."

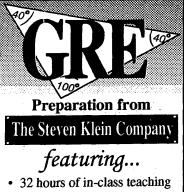
It gave true meaning to the phrase, "One person's trash is another person's treasure."

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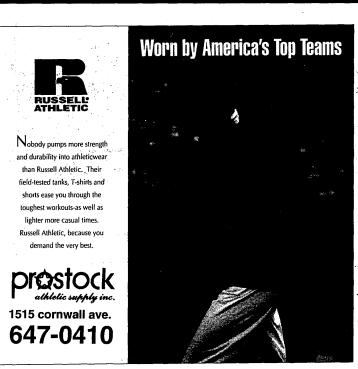
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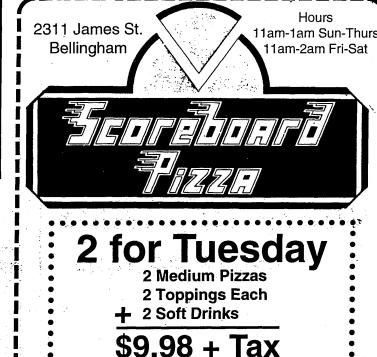
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## Crowds predict success in future of

By Jason Overstreet

Features editor

With minimally-distorted guitar, Uzi drumming, provocative lyrics and a crisp, yet phlegmy bass that won't quit, Seattlebased pop quartet Sister Psychic packed Moe's in Seattle Saturday night, April 30.

About 300 people flooded into the two-story restaurant, bar and smokily cancerous concert hall at 925 E. Pike St. on Capitol Hill to hear the band sling a killer jam and kick copious quantities of major-musical butt.

Perhaps Sister Psychic kicks so much butt because many of the members have been on the receiving end of a butt-kicking, Sister Psychic drummer Peter Lansdowne

"I got my ass kicked at this party. There was this huge, Hulk Hogan-looking guy ... picking on this girl," Lansdowne said.

When he tried to help the girl, Lansdowne said, "He (the huge man) picked me up and threw me. Then my friend Bob (Seaweed drummer Bob Bulgrien) was thrown. Then the huge guy ran away. What a wuss."

Sister Psychic frontman and guitarist Andy Davenhall also admitted to taking a beating here and there: "I got a tooth punched out. Oh yeah, I was elated. Cost me \$540 (to have it fixed)."

Beatings, especially emotional beatings, have impacted the songs Davenhall writes.



Front/Jason Overstreet

Sister Psychic played at Moe's in Seattle Saturday, April 30.

Davenhall explained the sentiment behind "Part of Love," the second track of Sister Psychic's second album "Surrender,

"I think I was in kind of a non-reciprocating relationship at the time. You know, how you kinda give and give and you're not gettin'?" Davenhall asked. "I mean, not in a sexual kind of way, I mean in an intellectual way --- somebody who's not willing to open up."

Despite what he considers the relative success of the new album and ongoing national tour, Davenhall said he's taking his good fortune in stride.

"I'm trying to do this for a living. I'm not declaring it yet," said Davenhall, who formed the band.

But he may as well, because the band is sure to meet with continued success if the show at the Moe was an indicator.

The band played well to a significant, but not crushed, crowd of T-shirt-anddenim, leather-and-velvet-clad revelers whose clapping, moving and cheering response to the tightly-played act was an unmistakable sign of universal approval.

Those up front were moved by heavybass, major-chord song introductions reminiscent of, but less chiseled than, those of Ted Nugent or Blue Oyster Cult. Sister Psychic plays hard music with a catchy, pop flavor. Those up front will likely be moved even further when Sister Psychic plays 9:30pm Saturday, May 7 at Speedy

Bellingham's own Sourmash, who has played several tour dates with Sister Psychic. will be opening the show. Sourmash singer and guitarist Bill Cory and drummer Mike VanBuskirk were at the Moe to see Sister Psychic and had nothing but compliments for the band.

"We played five shows with Sister Psychic, and we decided to come to their town (Seattle)," VanBuskirk said. "It'll be good to play with these guys in our hometown."

Sister Psychic bassist Christian Fulghum also expressed eagerness to play Bellingham.

"Bellingham audiences are more diverse. It's an interesting mix. Both bands (Sourmash and Sister Psychic) are really excited. Our last shows in Bellingham were nuts," Fulgham said.

Fulgham said he lived in Bellingham until he was four years old, but intimated, "I have a special fondness for Bellingham. I still cruise by my old house on Indian

KUGS' Paul Peterman will broadcast a live interview with Sister Psychic at 5 p.m. Saturday on 89.3 FM.

French film festival ———

## Origins of popular American films revealed

By Jennifer Hardison

Front reporter

In this land of sequels, cover songs and remakes, foreign films are gaining popularity - and not just for

A week of classic French films on Western's campus may help enlighten audiences as to how some of their favorite American flicks came about. Perhaps a film's original form is much different from the one many Americans are familiar with.

Western prepares to host its first French Film Festival May 8 to 12.

The festival is brought to campus through Associated Students Productions and Interama, Inc. and is jointly sponsored by The French Ministry of Culture and French Cultural Services.

The five films chosen for the festival are "La Femme Nikita," "Cyrano de Bergerac," "Madame Bovary," "Three Men and a Cradle" and "Too Beautiful For You," listed in the order they will be shown.

Each will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Lecture Hall 4. The films are free.

In past years, some of the films have been remade into American versions. Robert Balas, a Western French professor, describes many of the remakes as "absolute abominations."

When films are remade, he said, many American filmmakers just use well-known Hollywood stars and focus on the hype to sell their pictures. Sometimes, much of the original film content is left out also.

"Using the original French films and taking the necessary time to dub them is too much trouble for them (Hollywood). The difference between the American and the French versions is tremendous," he said.

"'Cyrano de Bergerac' and 'Madame Bovary' are two that every person should come into contact with in their life, simply for the story content.

"'Cyrano de Bergerac' is probably just about the most popular love story in French literature and 'Madame Bovary' is based on one of the most important novels written in the 19th Century," Balas said.

"I know that people aren't going to read them in the original French. They aren't even going to read them in translation. So the third best thing is to see the movie," he

Though most of the students in his department have seen the films, Balas anticipates many will return to see the films because of their high quality.

Trying to spread the word about the festival off campus, Balas has distributed fliers announcing it to other area

"I think this is a really neat thing that they are doing. I really hope it goes beyond the campus and we get a good turnout from everybody," Balas said.

Western learned of the event through Interama, Inc., a company specializing in distribution of classic French

Nicole Jouve, president of Interama, is excited to help bring the festival to Western.

Jouve is a French citizen who founded the company in 1981.

Since beginning the festivals in 1993 at 16 American universities, she has found that ,with more exposure, American interest in foreign films continues to grow.

As a result of last year's successful festival, 32 more festivals have been added throughout the United States.

Along with Western, the University of Notre Dame, University of Michigan and Portland State University have been added to this list.

Western is the first university in Washington state to ever host the festival.

Jouve's goal is to introduce French films to the United States and to a younger audience. She wants to show the

films are a high quality form of entertainment and can expose a different style and culture to the American audiences. "We want to show that French cinema can be different,

an alternative. They are entertaining to Americans as well as to the French," Jouve said. "The result has been really good. The young audiences

have liked the films and don't seem to suffer from the subtitles," she said. AS Films Coordinator Claire Crane said she felt the selection of films Jouve chose for the festival was some-

thing students would be very interested in. When deciding on films, Crane said she listens to student input to help make her choices. She said she likes

to choose some big-name blockbuster hits sprinkled with a good mix of alternative films. Whatever she decides on, Crane said she always strives for diversity.

"I would much rather bring movies to our campus that can't be found in the other movie theaters in town," she

Crane said her personal favorites are "La Femme Nikita" and "Cyrano de Bergerac," but she advises everyone to try them all.

"All of the films are excellent," she said. "Each is definitely worth seeing."

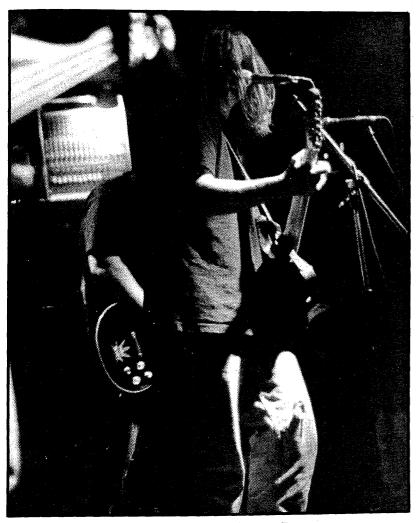
"Besides," she said, "the more support for alternative and independent films, the more we can show."

So far, many of the films she has chosen so far for the AS have been successful in drawing good crowds. Other popular films shown here have included "Philadelphia," "The Piano," and "Farewell My Concubine."

The French Film Festival will kick off at 7:30, May 8 with "La Femme Nikita."

Following the film, a reception in the foyer is planned to honor Nicole Jouve and Benoit Caron, audiovisual attaché at the French Cultural Services. Each will be making a special trip to Bellingham for the event.

## Sister Psychic



Front/Jason Overstreet

Sister Psychic guitarist and frontman Andy Davenhall - lost in his hair.

Commentary

## Jim Rose's modern-day freak show shocks, stuns

By James Lawson Front reporter

Imagine looking at a penis lifting heavy objects or jagged objects being stuck in and through the human body.

Jim Rose, founder of the "Jim Rose Circus Sideshow," brings such acts to Bellingham 8:00 p.m., Saturday, May 7 at the Mt. Baker

Rose and his gang of "highflying, bun-jarring" thrill-seekers will be presenting some of the most outlandish acts ever attempted, such as eating glass or blowing up hot water bottles.

This year's show includes some new athletic acts, along with the veteran acts many people are familiar with. One of the more famous acts is "Mr. Lifto."

With a ring attached at the end of his penis, "Mr. Lifto" lifts an anvil as his penis stretches to great

A new addition to Rose's circus sideshow is the outrageously titled act, "Chainsaw Football."

Although he wouldn't go in detail about this act, Rose was confident it would galvanize the audience.

"I don't think people have seen anything like this since the Christians were fed to the lions," Rose said.

Another newcomer is "Armenian Rubber Man." He stands sixfeet tall, is really hairy, and his finale is slithering through the head of a 1970s tennis racket.

"He's (Armenian Rubber Man) a human bar-snack," Rose said. "He's got hair in places where monkeys don't."

"B.B. the Circus Queen," who weighs less than 100 pounds and is from France, lies on a bed of sharpened nails and lets people walk on her.

"She's beautiful," Rose said. On the same level as B.B., "Marky Ray" lies on something just a little sharper than swords.

"He accepts the most severe of all martial arts challenges," Rose

"Marky Ray" lies on tips of swords as a concrete sledge is placed on his chest. He is then beaten by a sledgehammer until the piece of concrete breaks. Rose noted that people have died from this in Brazil.

"The Enigma" is tattooed from shaven head to toe. Among his

many tattoos is a puzzle on his face.

He also sticks his face into sparks until his cigarette is lit.

Performing the traditional strong man acts is "Bam Bam the Strong Man."

One of his skills is blowing up hot water bottles until they explode.

"It's going to go off like Mount Crackatola," Rose said.

An act which "Bam Bam" performs on occasion is one Rose himself is involved with.

"Bam Bam lets me shoot at him with a bullet-proof vest on," Rose said. "I'm a good shot, I'll never hurt him." Rose shoots a .38 caliber handgun at firing ranges when he's not working on the show.

Rose also lets people throw darts at his back, and lays his face in a bowl of broken glass while people step on his head.

And he eats light bulbs, when he's hungry.

Lately, the sideshow has been receiving some negative reviews and protests because of its taste and unique set of acts, yet this does not stop Rose from performing.

## Family fun drowns in Las Vegas sleaze

By Nancy Hazzard Front reporter

Las Vegas: the first thing that comes to mind is wholesome, family fun, right? Well ...

Las Vegas is a 24-hour party, regardless of the visitor's intentions.

The neon lights, billboards displaying "the best legs in town," exploitation and commercialization are inescapable in Las Vegas.

"The image of Las Vegas is definitely changing," said Greg Roix, assistant hotel manager at the Treasure Island resort.

"I think the resorts have all realized that, in order to fill up all these hotels, they definitely need to go after the family - just to bring people in," Roix said.

Many establishments might prefer that vacation planners not analyze the worded composition of promotional slogans too closely, Mike Donahue, media coordinator for the Las Vegas

Convention and Visitors Authority, explained.

"What has happened recently is that the resorts have built theme parks or attractions that all members of the family can enjoy," Donahue said.

"The resort owners don't call themselves a family destination, but a destination for adults to which they can bring their family."

All clear now?

Even with endless possibilities for vacations elsewhere, this glittering city consistently draws well-above-average numbers of

According to the Official Las Vegas Visitor's Guide, "the city's average occupancy rate (1992) was 83.9 percent, compared with other cities nationally, averaging just 61 percent. The 21.8 million tourists and conventioneers visiting Las Vegas that year spent \$14.7 billion, including gaming revenues."

While this desert city seems



Front/Nancy Hazzard

Las Vegas traffic strip tempts and taunts with neon and nudity.

to have something to offer all, it's not for everyone — 21 years old or not. Las Vegas may be pushing an image of family fun, but nothing can completely eliminate the underlying current of smut.

Vegas, like any other place, has its positive attributes; but unlike other places, the idea that skin and sex sell is still far more predominant in this flashy town.

A 5-year-old would need blinders to keep from witnessing the nudity so prominently displayed on Vegas billboards, buses and taxi cabs.

Like it or not, Las Vegas is far from the mecca of morality.

There's no side-stepping prostitution - reaching out and grabbing an innocentlooking pamphlet from a stranger, people find themselves looking at what should be the centerfold in an adultsonly publication.

Las Vegas advertising knows no bounds --- in print, on television or plastered on both moving and stationary objects.

Not many long-legged, redfaced women running around in ankle-length skirts can be found.

If you're looking for a wholesome, sunny, desert vacation, there's always Palm Springs or Arizona.

Even if you're one for the big city, the smut in Vegas, which was thick enough to give claustrophobia a new meaning, would make you want to move to Kan-

It's great to be back in the Northwest, even if it means getting back to work.

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SISTER PSYCHIC RADIO INTERVIEW, hosted by Paul Peterman; 89.3 FM; 5pm

THE ULTRAS; 3-B Tavern; 734-1881

## **FRONTLINE**

### Use bows on Bambi

Congress is right: citizens don't need assault rifles.

Banning military-style rifles is certainly a step in the right direction. Muzzle-stroking NRA whiners argue that hunters need such weapons to effectively shoot game. Other Rambos claim the Second Amendment is absolute. And others chant, "Guns don't kill people, people kill people."

First of all, deer, elk and ducks have not become faster or added body armor in the last 200 years. As Jesse Jackson is fond of saying, you don't need an AK-47 to shoot a bunny rabbit. What legitimate purpose — besides mowing down large crowds of people in the mall — would an assault rifle be used for? It takes more skill — and would therefore be more of a challenge — to shoot a deer with a less sophisticated weapon. After all, people have shot game with bows and arrows for eons. Ancient man depended on his bow to eat and survive. Are modern hunters so unskilled or lazy that they must spray the forest with lead to hit anything?

The Second Amendment dealt with allowing citizens to "keep and bear arms" in the context of a recently fought revolutionary war against the British in which all that was needed to form an army (a militia) was a bunch of citizens and their rifles. In those days, that was military conflict.

Today's wars are fought with \$20 million jet fighters, billion-dollar aircraft carriers and nuclear missiles. To argue that allowing citizens to own assault weapons because we need a citizen army is nonsensical. We have a standing army; the best in the world. The people arguing for a heavily armed citizenry have watched "Red Dawn" far too many times. Should this argument hold merit, we would have to arm citizens with adequate weaponry to make this an effective military strategy. Average Joes would need not just M-16's, but mortars, bazookas and Stinger antiaircraft missiles.

Home defense? Again, shotguns are more effective at close range. Assault weapons are perfect for military forces that want to kill many people. That's all.

And finally there are those who argue, "Guns don't kill people, people kill people." Wrong. People with guns kill people much more effectively than people without guns.

We must stop kidding ourselves. If we buy the extremist NRA-types' argument, why shouldn't their logic extend to allowing citizens access to grenade launchers, howitzers or homemade bazookas?

Instead, we should extend the logic in the other direction. The only two legitimate uses for any guns are hunting and home defense. Massive weaponry isn't needed to accomplish those goals. Rifles and shotguns have done the job adequately for centuries.

Let's get rid of the weapons that damage the animal most hunted by humans today — other humans. All assault weapons and handguns must go.

— Guy Bergstrom, Editor-in-Chief

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## **Extreme focus on diversity** leads to discrimination

T he city of Bellevue deserves our applause.

They decided not to honor the "take your daughter to work day" which is a blatant case of discrimination against men.

Unfortunately, actions like those demonstrated by our southern neighbors aren't seen enough. A walk around Western reveals an abundance of cases of discrimination against men — especially white men.

"Top consideration will be given to those representing minorities under-represented on campus," scholarship announcements hanging on the walls of Old Main read.

Who would offer a scholarship "for white men only" in the atmosphere of today's fervor for equality? "Brave" is too weak a word to describe the officials in Bellevue who made this decision.

Pat McCarrell Assistant News editor

sale punishment of white, male students solely on the basis of their race and sex. This is unfathomable in light of the fact that few are old enough to have committed the crimes of which they're accused.

It smacks of revenge. But the steamroller of diversity is not limited to students. It also seems to be prepared to level the hated white males who have hoarded jobs previously closed to minorities.

Western's administration is willing to go out of its way to locate teachers who represent "underrepresented groups" on campus, according to an article in last week's Society is condoning whole- Bellingham Herald. In Miller Hall, cause.

an advertisement for communitycollege-teacher training all but states that white males need not

This quota mentality can only drive up the bargaining power of qualified minority individuals in the competition for increasingly hard-to-find jobs.

Soon universities will have to pay minority teachers more than other teachers with the same credentials in order to draw them to their schools. That's simple economics: introduce artificial demand and pay the price in dollars.

It's been said that for real change in the diversity issue to occur, everyone will have to buy into the idea. But unlike those in Bellevue, proponents of diversity in higher education seem bent on driving the stake of discrimination into the hearts of those who would otherwise support their

## Moderation not starvation key to healthy eating habits

N othing is sacred anymore. Not

From the AP wire came a story of devastating proportions. One bucket of movie-theater popcorn (16-cup size) has 56 grams of saturated fat. That's enough to make even the healthiest heart consider a coronary.

The Center of Science in the Public Interest has gleefully brought us this warning, all in the name of our health. I, for one, just want the experts to leave my health and my eating habits alone.

Of course, this information may be important to those with serious concerns about their health, but it doesn't take a rocket scientist, or a scientist in the public interest, to figure out that movie popcorn isn't a healthy choice. Nothing as good as that has ever been healthy.



The perpetrator of this health hazard is coconut oil. For years this tropical oil has been making seemingly nutritious foods delicious and fattening. Nature Valley granola bars and Craklin' Oat Bran cereal are two examples. The cereal no longer uses coconut oil and its taste has suffered.

On another note, why should we be worried about ourselves when Gilligan and the rest of the castaways lived on coconuts for years? Not even the Skipper, with his hot temper and high blood pressure, seemed to have a problem.

The real problem is having to listen to folks like the Center of Science in the Public Interest tell us what is safe to put in our bodies this week. It's not just as simple as decadent cakes or yummy movie popcorn—it's beta carotene. New reports show beta carotene may be linked to causing cancer, not curing it.

What does this mean for me, the kid whose nose turned orange at 18 months because she ate too much strained carrots and squash? (According to Mom, they were my

We're all going to die of something. We're not immortal. So, why don't we just enjoy ourselves a little? The key to healthy living is moderation, not starva-

Go ahead, have that popcorn.

Alternative Athletic Activities -

## Love is in the air; Sunday marks **National Outdoor Intercourse Day**

By Greg Garrity Sports editor

It's not just pollen in the air. It's hormones. Pollen is, after all, plant sperm.

In addition to being Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8 is also National Outdoor Intercourse Day (NOID).

"It's a spring holiday --- nobody really knows why the word 'outdoor' is in there," said senior human services major Sonja Carlson, an intern at the Sexual Awareness Center, "We're certainly not encouraging outdoor intercourse."

Representatives from the center will have a table on Vendor's Row today (May 6) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., where they will be handing out free condoms and bits of information and trivia. They hope to inform the campus community on benefits of safer sex.

'The idea is more of looking at sexuality in a positive aspect. It's an attempt to view sexuality in a positive way," said Shannon Caray, a senior majoring in political science and the assistant coordinator of the center.

Caray said safer sex is the key. "Safe sex is abstinence," she said.

Among the interesting trivia offered is that male bicyclists are likely to think about sex while cycling. Female bicyclists, on the other hand, are more interested in bicycling when they are having

"I think it's great to be promoting safer sex," said Kelly Donovan, a junior anthropology major.

And students, don't worry ---Caray said out of 100 men and women, between the ages 60-91 surveyed, most are still interested in being sexually active and enjoy sexual activity more now than they

Caray said she believed NOID may have sprung out of the freelove generation of the '60s.

Why May 8? Not only is "love in the air" during springtime, but if you keep counting, it's also the 69th day of March. Enough said.

Caray and Carlson both agreed sex is a springtime ritual. A study conducted in 1992 by Joseph Lee

Rodgers, David F. Harris and Karen Bradley Vickers affirms their belief.

In a study published in Social Biology, the researchers found a peak rate of sexual activity in June and July, a minor peak in March and April and a valley in September.

The study suggests an increase in adult sexuality during the hot part of the year and a decrease during the cool periods.

The researchers also proposed a "summer vacation theory for American adolescents."

According to the study, "June, especially, and the summer months in general are a period during which loss of virginity is likely to occur among U.S. adolescents."

#### Track meet shifts to Ferndale HS

The site for the NAIA District 1 Championships, which will be hosted by Western on May 13 and 14, has been moved to Ferndale High School.

The meet was originally scheduled for Civic Field, but the surface there is being repaired.

A few of the events will take place on the Western track.

Western track coach Kelven 'Pee Wee" Halsell said the decision to move the meet to Ferndale was made because it has the closest competition field.

Otherschools, such as Sehome High School, have tracks, but they are not set up for competition.

Halsell said the one-time arrangement shouldn't effect the team too much. The track team hasn't run at Civic all year.





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Six schools are competing in the tournament, which began yesterday: Pacific Lutheran University, University of Puget Sound, St. Martin's, Simon Fraser University, Whitman College and Western.

The final round began at 8 a.m. this morning.

The men's team placed second at the Simon Fraser University Invitational on April 28 and 29.

#### **CREW:**

The men's and women's crew teams will travel to Seattle on Saturday, April 7 for the Opening Day Regatta at Montlake Cut. Races start at 9 a.m. The women's varsity-eight and men's lightweight-four shells are scheduled to compete.

Western competed on April 30 in a dual meet at the University of Washington against novice and junior varsity boats. Out of eight races, the women's varsity-eight boat came away with Western's only firstplace finish. The women's varsity-eight boat has won its last four races.

#### **TENNIS:**

Ellensburg is the site for the NAIA District 1 Championship today through Sunday, May 8. Seven men and six women will represent Western in the tournament.

Both Western teams won their last three matches. The men finished the regular season 8-4 overall and the women finished 6-5.

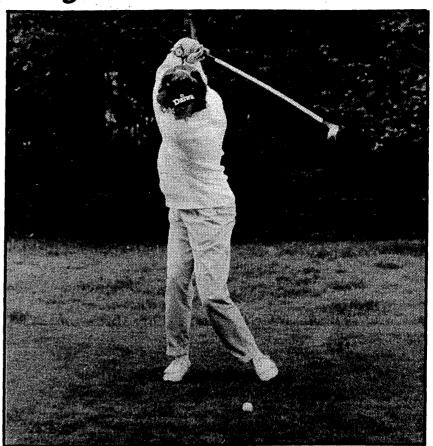
#### **FASTPITCH:**

The Vikings ended their second varsity fastpitch season on Monday, May 2 against Central Washington University. The Wildcats and Vikings swept a doubleheader. The Vikings' final record was 5-18 overall and 3-13 in district play.

#### TRACK AND FIELD:

The track teams will travel to Coquitlam, B.C. to participate in the Simon Fraser University Open, which begins at 4 p.m. today.

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