Snow's Coming



Well, maybe not. But in case it does, Western is getting prepared — Page 7.

bove is in the Air

Today is Valentine's Day. While some people feel the warmth of love, others are left in the cold — **Pages 10-13.**

Viking women send message

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Morse's code highlights technology

By Jamie Lawson

Front reporter

In an interview with *The Western Front* before the 1994-1995 school year, Western President Karen Morse said she wanted to work on promoting and strengthening Western's image.

What exactly does the president do to help the university?

"I spend time talking to community groups and clients," Morse said. "I spend quite a bit of time talking to groups in the Seattle area.

"We are working with a company in Seattle, and they're tying in with a number of different groups in the Seattle area. I've talked at the community roundtable, which is a group of business people who get together once a week," she said.

When Morse attends special meetings or community discussions, she doesn't mind promoting Western's higher education and fund-raising activities, she "We need the business community to support higher education," Morse said. "I attended a meeting of the Seattle-Olympia economic development conference and attended former senator Dan Evans' talk at the conference, in which he highlighted the vision for the next century. He pointed out things that need to be done and cited higher education as an area needing improvement.

"With those kinds of contacts, I always talk about Western. I talk about what we're doing, what kind of students that we have, fundraising activities and the direction that we're going," she said.

Morse frequently meets with high-profile CEOs and business people. The group includes such prominent members of the Western Washington community as the president of the Seattle Mariners and Boeing representatives.

Another area that tops Morse's list of things to do this school year is improving technology in classrooms and for faculty.

"We have allocated funds for a computer laboratory in geology and physics. It's a jointly shared laboratory," Morse said. "We have also allocated funds for computers for faculty so they can have better preparation and do things easier."

Peter Elich, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said he has been pleased with Morse's efforts.

"She's been enormously supportive in providing computers and special technology to the college," Elichsaid. "She has been responsive to technology and educational programs for students more than any other president."

This year the the College of Arts and Sciences has received 20 new computers for faculty and had a computer lab added to its facilities, said George Gerhold, associate dean for the college.

Marie Eaton, dean of Fairhaven College, said, "She has been providing opportunity for tech-

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Front/Jeremy Stiles

Western President Karen Morse speaks at Friday's groundbreaking ceremony for Science Facility Three.

Trips to Canada may not be a free ride

Western professors point out incongruities, problems of proposed border tax

By Suann Landis

Front reporter

As part of a budget initiative to boost enforcement of border laws, President Clinton proposed a tax for crossing the Canadian and Mexican borders into the United States.

This tax would apply to vehicles and pedestrians, according to a Feb.4 article in the *Seattle Times*. It will be the first fee of its kind in U.S. history.

The initiative will charge \$3 for cars and \$1.50 for pedestrians. This fee would raise about \$100 million a year.

According to the article, a similar tax is already in use.

Currently, international-airline passengers must pay a user fee for U.S. Customs included in ticket prices.

The North American Free Trade Agreement has also established similar fees for commercial train and truck traffic, said Don Alper, director of Canadian-American studies.

This fee will be used to increase enforcement along the borders to tackle illegal immigration, according to the article.

This would include adding more personnel at border posts, speeding up

deportation of illegal immigrants who have committed crimes here and implementing new means of detecting illegal immigrants in the work place.

"It appears to be designed to help pay for the increasing costs of border stations," Alper said. "One of the reasons these costs have gone up is because of the increased cross-border activity — particularly along the Mexico-U.S. border."

NAFTA is supposed to make crossing the border easier, not harder, Alper said.

He said he feels the United States should find ways to reduce the barriers at the border and make the flow of people and products across the border more accessible.

"In principle, it undermines the very concept of an open border between Canada and the United States," Alper said. "Something like this comes up and makes a mockery of this whole concept of open borders."

Vernon Johnson of the political science department agreed on the contradiction of an open border and the proposed policy.

"I think it flows against the grain of free trade," Johnson said. "It's remarkable to me that companies are able to move their

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Western graduate school attracts more students

Students want to take on tough courseloads

By Susan Eick Front reporter

Western students' growing interest in graduate school is obvious as more and more students are heading to the Career Services Center for information and advice.

The center hosts a quarterly presentation on graduate school admissions information.

"We expected about 20 students to attend the presentation last fall quarter, which was held in a small Wilson Library presentation room," said Christine Cress, Career Services Center advisor. "Nearly 80 students attended."

The same happened at the Jan. 13 presentation when nearly 60 students showed up.

Cress said the Career Services Center does not yet have a date set for the spring quarter presentation, but it contains plenty of information to help students find their way to graduate school.

Western's graduate studies program has approximately 400 students currently studying subjects from art to business administration.

Chemistry, sociology, speech pathology and secondary education majors feel the most competition in Western's graduate programs.

The program has stiff requirements — a 3.0 GPA, high GRE scores and three letters of recommendation from professors in the undergraduate major field.

Those who make it in have more hurdles ahead of them.

Current Western graduate students spend an average of eight hours a week in class. Students say they spend much of the rest of their time—early in the morning until late at night—pulling their hair out and rushing to meet assignment deadlines.

"Graduate school is difficult because (assignments take) a

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Campus Police

Feb. 9, 3:33 p.m.: A student reported a directional microphone was missing from Miller Hall. The wires were cut and the microphone was taken. There are no suspects at this time.

Feb. 9, 9:32 p.m.: A woman reported her radio antenna had been broken off her vehicle while it was parked in lot 3R. She stated she is not having problems with anyone.

Bellingham Police

Feb. 10, 5:25 p.m.: A woman became frightened when her husband started yelling and throwing furniture in their home in the 1300 block of East Maple Street. The husband packed some of his things and left for the night after police arrived.

Feb. 11, 5:16 p.m.: A 14-year-old girl in the 2500 block of Lynn Street became alarmed when a man knocked on her front door and proceeded to peer into windows. The girl thought the man was a prowler. Officers contacted the man who said he had come to the house to visit the girl's parents. He admitted he may have frightened the girl but was upset the police were called. The police suggested the man call ahead before he visits again.

Feb. 11, 8:16 p.m.: Three young males were contacted and detained for fighting at Bellis Fair Mall. All three males were issued trespass warnings.

Feb. 11, 8:45 p.m.: A 27-year-old female was arrested at Bellis Fair Mall for shoplifting. She was cited and released and was issued a two-year trespass warning.

Feb. 12, 3:10 p.m.: A man found a sawed-off rifle in his garage in the 3000 block of Edens Avenue. A neighbor boy had found it and stashed it there several months ago. The rifle was impounded. It is now in illegal condition because the boy had sawed off the barrel when he found it. No legal action was taken against the youth.

Cops Box compiled by Front reporter Greg Garrity.

Western Briefs

Concert choir performs before departure on tour

The Concert Choir, directed by Robert Overman, will perform at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Performing Arts Center Concert Hall before leaving on a tour around the Northwest.

The choir's performance will include Philipp Nicolai's "Wake, Awake," Malcolm Williamson's "Symphony for Voices," C.V. Stanford's "The Blue Bird," Richard Nanace's Magnificat" and Hugo Alfven's "Aftonen" and "A Maiden is in a Ring."

Anacrusis, a vocal jazz ensemble, will join the Concert Choir with "Ruby, Baby" and Duke Ellington's "Come Sunday."

Wednesday, the choir will travel to Tacoma to perform at the First Presbyterian Church, and then to Spokane on Friday to perform at the Music Educator's National Conference's all-Northwest convention.

The concert tonight is free. For more information, contact the department of music at 650-3130.

Find your roomie a date, Picadilly is approaching

"Midnight Masquerade," this year's Picadilly dance, will take place from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m., Feb. 25.

As always, students find a "dilly of a date for their roommate" to the semi-formal event.

Tickets will be sold during dinner at the Viking Commons, Ridgeway Commons and Fairhaven Commons for the next two

Tickets cost \$6 for singles and \$12 for couples if purchased early. Prices will be \$7 and \$14 at the

Student discusses carbon monoxide in Bellingham

Bob Collins, of Huxley College, will discuss "Carbon Monoxide in Bellingham, Wash." at noon Wednesday in Parks Hall

The presentation is free. For more information, contact Huxley College at 650-2844.

Fashion show displays 'Shades of Africa' culture

The African American Alliance is presenting a "Shades of Africa" fashion show at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday in the Viking Union Main Lounge.

The show will feature fashions from traditional Africa, the "funky" 1970s and the modern styles of hip-hop.

The event is free. For more information, contact the African American Alliance at 650-7277.

Progressive 'Green Plans' subject of discussion

Internationally-known environmental speaker Huey Johnson will speak about "Green Plans," at 7:15 p.m., Thursday in Lecture Hall 4.

Green plans are progressive national environmental policies that have been implemented by both New Zealand and Holland.

Johnson will discuss the possibility of these programs being implemented in the United States.

The lecture will follow a preview of the made-for-PBS television program "Green Plans." The producers of "Green Plans," John de Graff of KCTS-9 and Jack Hamann of CNN, will also be, present to answer questions.

The screening and lecture are free. For more information, call Tracie Sloper at 738-7584.

Final law workshop deals with Constitutional issues

The Legal Information Center presents Bellingham attorney Breean J. Beggs, who will speak about the issue of Constitutional Law and Civil Rights at 7 p.m., Thursday in the Wilson Library Reading Room.

The lecture is free to the public. For more information, contact the Legal Information Center at 650-6111.

UW scholar addresses reactive drug metabolites

Sidney Nelson, of the University of Washington, will speak on "The Chemistry and Biochemistry of Reactive Drug Metabolites," at 3:30 p.m., Wednesday in Chemistry 285.

Refreshments will be served at 3:15 p.m. in Chemistry 270.

The lecture is free. For more information, call the chemistry department at 650-3070.



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PLEASE POST

SPRING PHASE I REGISTRATION via RSVP will be Feb. 23-March 10 at the appointment time sent to you in early February. Read RSVP instructions in the *Timetable of Classes*, see your adviser, plan your schedule, then call RSVP after your appointment time.

SPRING QUARTER DEGREE APPLICANTS: All students who expect to graduate at the close of spring quarter must have a senior evaluation on file in the Registrar's Office, OM 230, by March 10. To pick up a degree application, go to OM 230.

ALL STUDENT TEACHER CANDIDATES must have their senior/certification evaluation on file in the Registrar's Office, OM 230, by SUMMER SESSION SCHEDULES are available in OM 235 and OM 230. Students enrolled spring quarter may register without an application. Phase I registration is May 1-12 via RSVP. Students not enrolled for spring quarter should fill out a Former Returning Student application, available from the Admissions Office, OM 200. If accepted by April 1, students may be eligible for Phase I registration. For

HIRING FOR SUMMERSTART AND FALL ORIENTATION. The Academic Advising Center seeks 15 Academic Student Advisers for new freshmen advising programs. Job descriptions/applications are available in OM 380. Application deadline is Friday, March 10. FINANCIAL AID PRIORITY DEADLINE FOR 1995-96. The deadline for mailing the 1995-96 FAFSA application to the federal processor to be considered for priority financial aid funding is Feb. 15. Contact Student Financial Resources, OM 240, for forms and assistance.

THE HEALTH SCIENCES CLUB will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16 in VA 464. Guest speaker will be a Peace Corps representative. NOW HIRING — STUDY SKILLS TUTOR position available starting spring quarter and continuing through the 1995-96 school year. Duties include group presentations and individual tutoring. Job description and application available at the Tutorial Center, OM 387.

THE TEACHER CURRICULA AND CERTIFICATION COUNCIL will meet at 9 a.m. Friday, Feb. 17, in MH 210. Agenda items include new course and program revisions for special education and a report on the Seattle Urban Teacher Pilot Program.

MATH PLACEMENT TEST DATES ARE Mondays: Feb. 27 and March 7 and Thursdays: Feb. 16, 23 and March 2 and 9. All tests are at

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS AND EXCHANGES will hold a mandatory meeting for all students enrolled to go on the Siena, Cologne, Avignon, London or Macerata programs this spring. The meeting will be in OM 355 from 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28.

NATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE DEADLINES are approaching. International Programs and Exchanges has extended the priority dead-line until March 1. For more information, stop by OM 530 or call X/3298 and talk with Art Kimmel or Patricia Bruland.

ALL STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE NATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE program in 1995-96 who may be going on Plan A must make arrangements for financial aid information to be sent to their host school by listing those schools on the FAFSA. Otherwise, you may not receive financial aid at your host school.

On-Campus Interviews

To participate in on-campus interviews, graduating seniors and alumni must be registered for cureer services. Ask for a registration packet at the front desk in OM 280. Establishing a placement file is optional for all but education candidates. There is no charge for current seniors (1994-95 graduates); alumni must pay a \$15 fee. For more information about interview procedures, contact CSC, OM 280.

- Olde Discount Stockbrokers, Wednesday, March 1. Submit résumé and CIF by Wednesday, Feb. 15.
- Fund for Public Interest Research, Wednesday, Feb. 15. Submit CIF when you sign up for interview.
- Four Winds*Westward Ho Camp, Thursday, Feb. 16. Signup required. Turn in a campus interview form when you sign up.
- YMCA Camp Orklia, Thursday and Friday, Feb. 16-17. VU Lobby only, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Representatives will provide information and application procedures for a variety of summer camp positions.
- The Prudential, Thursday, Feb. 23. Submit CIF when you sign up for interview.

News of the day from here and away

Regional

Running away common among refugee children

SEATTLE — Counselors said nearly a third of the southeast Asian refugee families in the Seattle area have had at least one child run away from home.

In many cases, teen rebellion is worsened by a sense of deep cultural alienation.

Kim Long of the Refugee Federation Center said refugee parents often don't report their children missing due to language difficulties and suspicions about police.

Four hundred runaways were reported to the center last year.

State senator has AIDS

OLYMPIA — State Sen. Cal Anderson, the only openly gay member of the Washington Legislature, has AIDS.

Anderson announced his condition in a letter to friends and political supporters. He said he is fighting the condition and intends to keep working.

Anderson, 46, said he has known for years that he is HIV positive.

National

Center says drugs add to government entitlements

WASHINGTON — Cigarettes,

drugs and alcohol are driving up the cost of government entitlement programs.

In a new report by Columbia University's Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse, Joseph Califano, the center's president, said medicare spends about 20 percent of its budget on substance abuse.

The study advocates making smokers pay higher medicare premiums. It also says welfare recipients with substance abuse problems should have to seek treatment, or they'll lose their benefits.

International

China reaches 2.5 billion

BEIJING — China's population

is reaching another milestone.

The communist government said the number of Chinese will pass 1.2 billion sometime this week.

Since 1979, China has had a national policy limiting most couples to one child.

The government claims the policy has been implemented through education and persuasion, but reports said many women are pressured or forced into abortions and sterilizations.

An estimated 21 million Chinese are born each year.

Memorial of bombing a call for rememberance

DRESDEN, Germany — Germany's president said the Nazi

regime brought suffering to the Germans as well as other people.

Roman Herzog spoke at a memorial today for the nearly 35,000 who died in the allied bombing of Dresden 50 years ago.

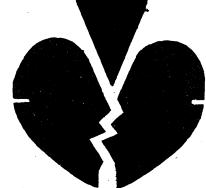
Herzog said the ceremony was one of "remembering and mourning, not of revenge and hate."

The ceremony was delayed briefly when three demonstrators pushed into the auditorium yelling, "Never again, Germany."

Military leaders of the United States, Britain and Germany laid wreaths at a cemetery where victims of the firebombing are buried

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Poster disruption dies down, sides restate positions

By Andrea Pratt Front Reporter

Despite recent controversy, Associated Student Productions will not change its policy to censor posters advertising special events. The current policy doesn't allow censorship of posters except in the most extreme cases.

"We are reserving the right to represent artists as they represent themselves," said Alison Gates, director of AS Productions.

In January, promotional posters advertising a Dan Savage lecture using the words, "Hey, Faggot!" were the center of controvresy after the dean of Fairhaven College, Marie Eaton, said she found the phrase offensive.

Eaton was the only person AS Productions heard from objecting to the advertisements, Gates said.

Then the Office of Residence Life rejected the 7 Year Bitch and Ässwipé (pronounced oss-weepay) flyers because both names were objectionable and the 7 Year Bitch logo was found inappropriate by some people.

"I get the feeling that (censors) are not really protecting the students," Gates said. "They are protecting the parents.

"If a parent happens to walk through Fairhaven College or a dorm and sees one of these posters, the administration is more likely to hear about it," she said.

Mike Bartosch, Residence

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— Mike Bartosch Director of Residence Life

Life director, said the 7 Year Bitch and Ässwipé poster bans were unfortunate and the decisions to ban those posters were made on gut instinct and not on any policy.

Bartosch said the Office of Residence Life doesn't have an interest in censoring any flyers.

"It is in everyone's best

interest, regardless of how offensive a flyer is, not to be censored," he said.

Bartosch said he would like a new policy that leaves Residence Life completely out of the posterapproving process.

Currently, if a flyer is posted in a residence hall, it first must be approved by the AS, then by Residence Life. The AS approval process is based on the amount of time a flyer can be posted and the number of flyers used — not neccessarily on their content.

Bartosch is reccomending that the AS be a "one-stop place" for flyer approval. He said if anyone has a complaint about a flyer, he or she should go directly to the source of the flyer to talk about it.

Gates said she agreed such a policy would work. If the AS had the final say on what posters were approved, it would be students deciding.

"If we hear (objection) from the students, then we know we are not doing what we're supposed to be doing," Gates said. "If students aren't happy with what we are doing, students need to tell us rather than the administration constantly step-

"AS Productions is going to continue doing things the way it has been. We cannot choose bands based on their name."

— Alison GatesDirector of AS Productions

ping in on behalf of these 'mystery students' we don't know, see or have contact with," she said.

Gates said AS Productions has not heard any objection from students, just administration and faculty.

"AS Productions is going to continue doing things the way it has been," Gates said. "We cannot choose bands based on their name."

If that were the case, AS Production might have to refuse bands if their names were offensive, Gates said.

In many cases, AS Productions couldn't alter posters even if they wanted to.

Contractually, many bands must be represented by Western the same way they represent themselves, Gates said.

Many bands have very specific guidelines about how they are represented, how their names are spelled and logos used to represent them. For example, "7 Year Bitch" must be spelled out exactly that way

Gates said although AS Productions has the right to advertise events using posters of questionable taste, "We have the responsibility to choose where the line is drawn. There are certain things that just won't appear in a poster even though we could (put it in) if we wanted to."

AS Productions chooses programs based on what it believes the students want, Gates said.

"Our attendance records have shown that we are really good at figuring out what people want," she said.

New science buildings add students, business to south campus

By Jennifer Schwantes
Front reporter

Now that the new chemistry and biology buildings are built and more space is available around south campus, more students seem to be hanging around the area.

Both Arntzen Atrium/Pizza Hut and the espresso cart outside have been getting

more business recently.

Fran Hoppman, lead cashier and retail supervisor at Arntzen Atrium/Pizza Hut, said this quarter has been really busy.

"It will be even busier when the Biology Building is in full swing," she said.

Yohanan Rempt, a student working at the espresso cart for two-and-a-half years, said his area has been getting more business. He agreed business will pick up even more after the new buildings open.

The espresso cart was moved from Carver Gym halfway through winter quarter last year because it was too close to the Haggard Hall cart, and it wasn't making money. Rempt said the cart at south campus still doesn't make as much as the one at Haggard, but they are doing better, especially with more people around.

The Miller Hall Coffee Shop still has

more sales than other eateries on campus, said Tanya Barrett, Viking Union Addition manager. She said the Arntzen Atrium is second in sales, followed by the Viking Addition Coffee Shop and Taco Bell outlet.

Barrett said Miller Hall had the most sales because it is located in the center of campus. However, she said she thinks Arntzen is becoming more popular as more students are around to create more sales.



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Police power, individual rights debated at civil rights forum

By Suann Landis
Front reporter

The Legal Information Center sponsored a public forum about police power versus individual rights yesterday in the Viking Union Main Lounge.

It was part of the center's civil rights debate series, titled "Know Your Rights." The resolved issue was "The exclusionary rule unjustifiably sacrifices the public good to individual rights."

Two Bellingham attorneys argued the issue. Royce Buckingham from the prosecutor's office argued the affirmative. Tom Fryer, a local private attorney, defended the other side.

Buckingham began the debate with a six-minute speech that concentrated on the rationality of the Exclusionary Rule as a deterrent for unlawful search and seizure provided by the Fourth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

The Exclusionary Rule throws out any evidence gathered illegally by law enforcement officials. This includes evidence gathered without a warrant. The Exclusionary Rule suspends this evidence from being used in court.

"The government must be deterred from unreasonable searches; however, that does not mean if you have something that's found that the evidence needs to be sacrificed and not used later on," Buckingham said. "The state is punished and the person who committed the wrong is not punished."

Buckingham also offered alternatives to the Exclusionary Rule. These alternatives included monetary penalties and the firing and suspending of law enforcement officers.

"These would be better rules because it would allow the prosecution to use that evidence," he said. Fryer gave a seven-minute speech after a twominute cross examination. He concentrated on the necessity of the Exclusionary Rule to protect and ensure a person's Fourth Amendment right.

"The Exclusionary Rule is the means in which the Fourth Amendment is enforced," Fryer said.

Fryer also pointed out a minute amount of prosecutions are actually dismissed because of the enforcement of the Exclusionary Rule.

"Two-point-three percent of all prosecutions are dismissed because evidence is not admissible," Fryer said.

Fryer's speech was followed by another twominute cross-examination and then a three-minute rebuttal by Buckingham.

Buckingham attacked Fryer's statistics of the number of prosecutions dismissed because the evidence is not admissible and said this number is still too high because it actually ends up to be thousands of cases.

A solution of two hearings was proposed by Buckingham. He said the first hearing would be to determine if the police had a lawful search, and punish them accordingly. The second hearing would be for the defendant with the admissable evidence.

"The evidence doesn't disappear if it was found illegally," Buckingham said.

Fryer provided a four-minute rebuttal. He referred to the extinguishment of the Exclusionary Rule as "eroding of a person's civil liberty."

Ending the debate, Buckingham referred to his philosophy of the Exclusionary Rule not serving as a good deterrent for law enforcement.

"It is not a deterrent for searches of innocent people because the government doesn't have anything to lose if they search the innocent," he said.

Many graduate students work 40 hour weeks in addition to school

According to a 1994 report

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lot longer to read, and everything is more in-depth," said Todd Lengacher, a graduate student in Western's math

Besides studying around the clock every day, Lengacher teaches a Graduate Record Exam course 20 hours per quarter.

The majority of graduate students work while taking classes, which can be difficult with the amount of homework they have.

Although many students work as teacher assistants or in work-study positions, most graduate students work off campus full-time.

According to a 1994 report from the Office of Institutional Assessment and Testing, 92.4 percent of students in Western's 1993 master's class were employed while taking classes.

Three-fourths reported working at least 40 hours per

These statistics should not be surprising as most graduate studies programs nationwide are considerably more expensive than undergraduate programs.

Lisa Matye, currently in the program of Student Personnel Administration in Higher Education, said she finds graduate school challenging and rewarding

Matye works as a graduate assistant and interns in her department, totaling 35 hours a week outside of class and homework. Matye said she enjoys her small classes of less than 15 students.

"Classmates make it or break it," she said.

Matye said the age range of her class varies from 20-somethings to those in their late 40s. According to the report, the 1993 master's class ages ranged from 23 to 63. One in four students were older than 40 years.

"People may have professional experience, but just want the degree behind their name," said Kirsti

Charlton, graduate studies program

Because of restrictions on the number of applicants accepted, Charlton said speech pathology and secondary education are Western's two most competitive graduate programs.

"Some jobs require a master's degree to practice, such

Grad school options

By Susan Eick

Front reporter

The Career Services Center in Old Main 280 has opportunities for grad school-bound students. Contact the center for more information.

- The Multi-Cultural Career Conference is March 4. A panel discussion for minority students will address how to get into grad school. Students can ask questions and receive information regarding which schools have which programs.
- A spring quarter presentation of grad schools is open to all students. The presentation will be followed by a question-and-answer session, date and place to be announced.
- · Advisors offer practice-interviews for potential grad school students — sign up for a specific time.
- · Tutors and classes are available each quarter to prepare for the GRE, as well as pamphlets filled with GRE and other test information.
- Videos and books contain advice on how to write entrance essays for grad school, and what the schools look for in a student.
- One hand-out contains information on what schools look for in letters of recommendation, and who you should ask to write them.
- · "The Peterson Guides" are books-listing nationwide graduate schools, their programs, tuition costs and other information.

Border tax proposal doesn't sit well with profs, Blaine mayor

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money and resources freely and people can't."

The proposal has also raised questions about whether it is ethical for the federal government to impose a tax to help pay for the upkeep of its borders.

Alper said he believes this raises the issue of the role of national government.

"It seems rather odd that a government which has its primary function to maintain and control its borders would have to look for some other source of revenue other than traditional government monies to pay for that function," Alper said.

"It's like saying, if a principle inction of the government is to provide for the national defense, you're not going to go out and have bake sales to raise money to pay for the military," he said.

The professors agree most of the money gained by a border tax will go toward efforts on the southern border, not the Canadian border.

However, a tax couldn't be placed just on the Mexican border, Johnson said.

"If it was imposed just on the southern border, it would look too much like a racist policy," he said.

Clearly, another issue at hand is the economic impact this tax may have on the border communities, like Blaine.

Mayor John Hobberlin of Blaine said in the Seattle Times article:

"Personally, I'm totally opposed to it. If you put any type of tax on it, it would certainly restrict the flow back and forth across the border."

Alper said he feels the same about the economic impacts.

"It will severely reduce the number of cross-border shoppers," Alper said.

"It is clearly a disincentive to travel across the border, especially when the Canadian dollar is already so low," he

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Work for Western monopolizes Morse's time

HEC board, budgeting are priorities

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nology improvements in all colleges.

"Her job is to create a climate for a good working environment, and I think she does an excellent job," she said.

Lawrence Marrs, dean of Woodring College of Education, said he is also pleased with Morse's interest in their activities.

Huxley college is another area on which Morse has worked.

"We've received funding from her and support for additional faculty," said Huxley Dean Brad Smith. "We've also received additional support for lab equipment."

Officials from the College of Business and Economics were unavailable for comment on department changes since this school year began.

Budgeting is always a constant topic of discussion for Morse because of recent cuts in education from the Legislature.

"We have been working very hard on the budget and made a presentation with the Higher Educational Board with respect to our budget," Morse said.

"We have the highest percentage increase recommended of any school in the state by the HEC board. But, unfortunately they don't give us the money; the Legislature gives us the money," she said.

"The fact that we got the endorsement from the HEC board is a real reflection of what we're doing in terms of putting together Western programs," Morse said:

Packed schedule has little time for students

By Mike Stiles

Front reporter

Karen Morse came to Western from Utah State University, where she was a provost, in September 1993.

She said being a president was not a goal, but when opportunities showed themselves, she took them.

"I worked for a wonderful president who involved me in a lot of different things, I learned a lot about how universities work and what is required of a president," she said.

Since her arrival at Western, Morse has been trying to change the way students view her as the president.

She would like people, particularly students, to see her as a person who works hard for the campus community. What makes this goal hard to accomplish is her work load.

On average, Morse said she works 12 hours a day. Meetings usually start around 7:30 a.m., and she leaves the office around 6:30 p.m.

If she is hosting or attending a dinner or other event, she will usually leave the office and go directly there.

Morse spends a lot of her time meeting with people in the community. She feels the campus should be a place where both students and the Bellingham community can congregate.

Morse encourages people to use Western's facilities as well as attend its diverse events. She said she wants to make the public aware of the many plays, exhibits and sporting events it has to offer.

Morse also spends a lot of time trying to make Western a better place for the students, faculty and staff.

The president has weekly meetings scheduled with provosts, vice presidents and other administrators to keep herself

informed about concerns they might have.

All this work doesn't leave much time to schmooze with students on campus, which leads many people to picture her as a figurehead of Western who isn't really dedicated to the job.

She said the truth is that she loves

"I stopped to offer a student a ride and talked with her about all different kinds of things with the university — classes, what she liked and what we can do better. She finally said to me, 'Do you work at the university?' And I said, 'Yes, I do.'"

— Karen Morse Western president

Western and is completely dedicated to it.

"My personal life is probably mostly Western. I believe the president belongs to the university."

Morse indicated it is sometimes difficult to enjoy her leisure time with this type of commitment.

"I went to Australia for three weeks this past summer and it took me between a week and 10 days to detach myself from the position," Morse said.

In order to be more intimately informed about the concerns on campus, she has started doing what she calls a "stroll on campus."

Her strolls take her to various buildings at random. Morse walks down the halls and talks to faculty, students, staff or anyone else she might run into.

She tries to spend an hour to an hourand-a-half "strolling" every week.

"It's something that I've chosen to do to try and make me a better president. If I can

get on campus and talk to some students, and talk with professors," Morse said, "I think it gives me some information that will help me be a better president."

Morse said she loves to talk with students. She will sometimes have lunch at Miller Hall or at the Viking Union.

She said some of the students find it odd the president wants to know how classes are going, and some don't know who she is. The response though, has been generally positive.

"I would love to just sit and chat with students, but the problem is fitting them into my schedule," she said.

"I want to be involved with the campus," Morse said. "I was coming back from visiting a board of trustrees chair who lives in Mount Vernon, and a student was walking (toward campus). And she hadn'thit Birnam Wood (apartments) yet."

"I stopped to offer her a ride and talked with her about all different kinds of things with the university — classes, what she liked and what we can do better. She finally said to me, 'Do you work at the university?' And I said, 'Yes, I do.'"

Morse said one of her favorite activities at Western is going to sporting events.

While attending the University of Michigan, she played field hockey and lacrosse

She said she has always loved sports and will attend any that fit into her schedule.

She can be seen at almost all home basketball and football games. She has the games put on her calendar as soon as the season schedules come out.

While attending sporting events, Morse said she must still be very professional.

Many people from the community attend the games. It is a way for her to introduce them to other things Western has to offer, and potentially donate to the university.

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Western's snow team battles the elements



The Kubota 2600 4WD tractor used by the Physical Plant is equipped with snow removal equipment. Dale Hamilton, head mechanic, also chains other vehicles used for snow removal.

Early starts make the difference

By Bill Urlevich Front reporter

Whatcom County may receive as much as seven inches of snow tonight and tomorrow. If snow covers Western's campus, the **Physical Plant Grounds Division** is ready with a specific snow removal plan.

With the new, updated snow removal plan, the Physical Plant has an extra set of eyes - the University Police and the Steam Plant keeping track of the weather.

The plan is designed for a heavy snow situation on and around campus, in which Physical Plant workers are called in during the night or early morning hours.

Light snow or icy conditions could allow more flexibility in the plan.

If heavy snow falls during the night and work is required, the university police and the Steam Plant will contact Gene Wright, grounds supervisor of the Physical Plant, between 3:30 a.m and 4:00 a.m. Depending on recommendations and phone discussion, callout procedures could commence.

The entire grounds crew would be phoned and asked to report to the grounds shop by 5 a.m. Peter Harris, director of the Physical Plant, could be contacted to inform him of the call-out.

Thirteen grounds division members will be put to work on campus completing jobs including operating sand trucks, spreading de-icer and clearing campus roads. Various de-icers are used on campus to melt the snow.

"All of the de-icers used in the snow removal are environmentally safe." Harris said.

Harris said one of the more successul de-icers used on Western's campus is urea. The locally produced product is dried urine from cattle.

Urea would be spread in areas at least 100 feet away from building entrances and may also be used with sand on exterior roadways.

Although urea had been used successfully for many years on campus, a smelly situation arose from its use about two years ago.

"We had some very cold weather with freezing, and then it thawed. And then it froze again — so there was a period of about three weeks where the snow didn't really melt," Harris said.

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"We put the urea down, and it was doing its job, but it didn't get washed away like it normally does with the melt," Harris said.

"We found out that it got on people's shoes, and they walked it into some of the classrooms and offices, and people could smell ammonia. Some people didn't mind the smell, while others found it very offensive and couldn't work with the strong smell of ammonia," he said.

"After some investigation, we realized (the smell) was coming from urea," Harris said. "So now we still use urea, but as the plan says, we don't use it within 100 feet of the buildings."

Other de-icers used on campus include potassium chloride and calcium chloride.

Calcium chloride is the most effective de-icer and would be used the most extensively. Potassium chloride will be used on snow less than 1.5 inches deep.

The key to battling the snow is being prepared and getting to campus early, Harris said.

"What we've learned through experience is it's so unpredictable here that if you're not ready, you can get caught short," he said.

Unfortunately, the Physical Plant was once caught short, and the results were very negative.

"We got here about the same time the traffic was arriving, and we were falling over one another," Harris said.

"Cars were getting stuck, so our plows couldn't get around. And it took us hours to get the roads in a good enough shape that we could have done in a fraction of that time had we been here earlier," he said.

Harris said the past mistake was due to a breakdown in communications and the fact that someone didn't get the message.

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States to benefit from federal deregulation

Whatcom County planning supervisor says states will regain independence

By Greg Friedman Front reporter

Both houses of Congress recently passed bills that are intended to scale back regulations mandated by the federal government that don't provide states with the funding to enforce them.

Sue Ellen Lowry, staff attorney with the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund, said the bills would require the federal government to provide funding for any mandates it orders.

"If Congress doesn't provide the funding for state and local governments to follow the mandate," Lowry said, "then (the states) don't have to do it."

She said the two bills are currently in conference, and the conference committee will work out a unified bill to present to Congress for a final vote.

Lowry said she is concerned the bill will end important advances federal mandates have made in creating uniform educational, environmental, and workrelated standards across the country.

"National laws were passed (in these areas) because those problems weren't being handled by state and local governments," Lowry said.

Thomas Sutbury, a supervisor with the Whatcom County Planning Department, said the unfunded federal mandates bill will help prevent the federal government from imposing costly programs on the states.

"It's a common problem where the politicians at one level of government can take credit for a good program, and then push off the costs on other jurisdictions," Sutbury said.

Lowry said federal mandates have allowed the government to improve the quality of life for people in the whole country.

"By having a federal role," Lowry said, "(the government) was able to both marshal the resources and also tackle problems that cross jurisdictional lines and are bigger than just one city or one state."

Some of the problems the government has addressed through federal mandates have resulted in "major environmental laws, like the Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act and major worker laws, like the Occupational Health and Safety Act," Lowry said.

She said these acts "have made positive differences in peoples' lives."

Sutbury said he sees the unfunded mandates legislation as a means for the states to regain some of their independence he says has been lost in recent decades.

"For a lot of good reasons," Sutbury said. "(For example), the Interstate Commerce Clause, and the Civil Rights Act, we've seen this erosion of state sovereignty over the years since the New Deal.

"Practically, we needed those things in the country," Sutbury

"What I think has happened recently is that the federal government has just gone overboard in its involvement in everyone's lives

"I think the unfunded federal mandates bill is an effort to scale back (that involvement)."

Lowry said the unfunded federal mandates bills could result in non-enforcement of many environmental laws, including the Endangered Species Act.

For example, she said, a town in New England recently wanted to install a sewer line through a bald eagle nesting area. This would have meant many of the eagles' nesting trees would have been cut down.

"The agencies that enforce the ESA at the state and federal level sat down with that city and said, 'you are subject to the Endangered Species Act, you have to follow that law.' Because the city knew that, legally, it had to talk to (the agencies), it did talk to them.

"What happened was, they were able to work out something where everybody was happy."

Lowry said the agencies were able to create a win-win situation because the ESA required the city and the enforcing agencies to work together on alternative plans for the sewer line.

However, Lowry said, if the unfunded mandates legislation had been in effect, the city could have cut down all the eagles' nesting trees.

"With 'no money, no mandates," Lowry said, "they could say 'you can't make us sit down at the table and change our plans, because the Endangered Species Act doesn't provide full funding for (the additional cost of moving the sewer line)."

Sutbury said he believes the unfunded mandates legislation

will have little effect on environmental regulations.

"I can't really see (Congress) scaling back the environmental mandates all that much as a result of this bill," Sutbury said.

"If Congress wants to change direction (on environmental regulations), I think they would do that in any event."

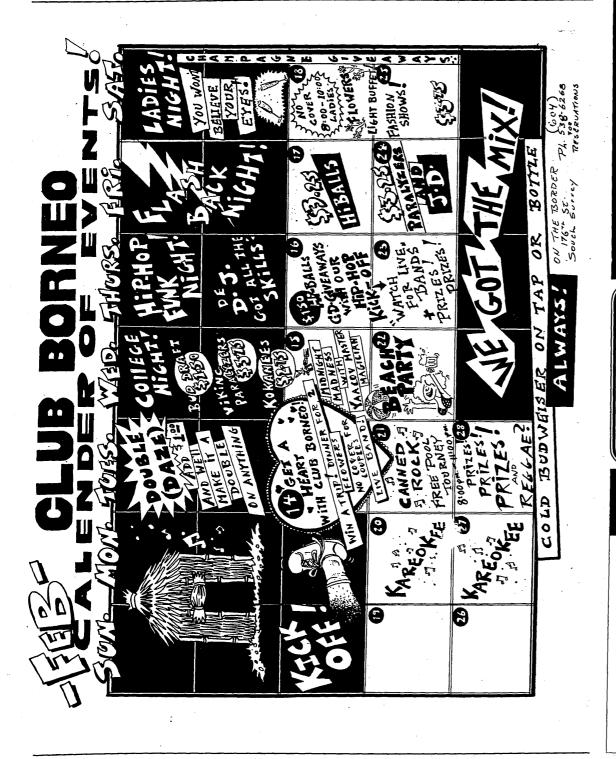
Lowry said in addition to environmental regulations, the unfunded mandates legislation could affect many other government regulations as well.

She said if Congress wanted to raise the minimum wage, for example, the bill to do that could be struck down if the federal government didn't provide full funding to cover the wage increase.

Lowry said federal regulations are necessary to ensure that people and the environment don't suffer.

"There are lots of laws that the (federal government) asks state and local governments to follow," Lowry said.

"If they don't have to follow them any more, then I think that protection of our environment is hurt and protection of our people is hurt."





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Healthy juices cure common ailments

By Tina Jo Koontz Front reporter

Winter is the prime time for the cold and flu bugs to bite. Many students can't afford to visit the doctor or buy expensive medicine every time they think they're coming down with something.

According to Prevention Magazine, Americans spend more than \$4 billion a year on aspirin and other over-the-counter drugs.

For common ailments such as colds and the flu and problems like hangovers and headaches, alternative remedies work just as well. Sometimes these alternatives are better than common medicines and less expensive.

Fruits and vegetables have amazing healing properties. Making fruits and vegetables into juice is a healthful alternative to many modern remedies.

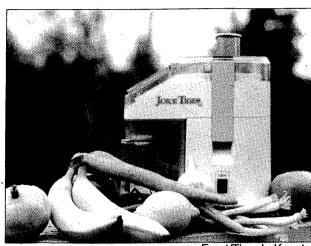
The "Doctor's Book of Home Remedies," Prevention Magazine, "The Book of Super Healing Foods" and "The Juice Book," offer healthful ways to cure some common ailments. Here are some of their suggestions:

Colds and Flu:

Vitamin C works as a scavenger in the body, picking up viruses. It can stifle a cold in two or three days. Consuming fruits and vegetables high in vitamin C or chewing vitamin C tablets four times a day can cut symptoms in half. Cranberry, orange and

grapefruit juices contain large amounts of vitamin C. Kale and cabbage help resist colds and are also sources of vitamin C, which builds tissues and removes toxins.

The long-time home remedy, chicken soup, can unclog nasal passages. But, water is the most natural remedy for kicking a



Front/Tina Jo Koontz

cold, flushing out impurities in the body and replacing important fluids. Six to eight glasses of water each day is recommended by doctors and nutritionists.

Headaches:

For this common ailment, avoid chewing gum. Repetitive chewing can cause muscles to tighten.

Caffeine can bring on a headache as well. Too much caffeine will result in a headache, but if you're used to having caffeine and don't get your daily fix, the

blood vessels in the head will dilate and bring on a headache from lack of caffeine - it's addictive. Try to limit caffeine intake to one or two cups a day.

Skipping or delaying meals can also cause headaches. Lack of food in the body results in blood-sugar levels dropping,

> causing a headache. Also, snacking several times a day instead of eating three large meals can be more healthful, helping to keep insulin at healthy blood levels.

Also, chocolate, nuts and salt may trigger headaches and migraines.

To prevent headaches, come out from under the covers while sleeping. Sleeping with your head under the covers can cut off your oxygen supply and build up carbon dioxide in your blood, resulting in a headache upon waking up.

Hangovers:

Choose light-colored alcoholic beverages over dark ones. The darker the color, the more likely the drink is

to produce a hangover or migraine. Brandy, red wine, dark rum, sherry and scotch tend to produce headaches more often than vodka, white wine and beer. The natural remedy for a headache: mix apples and celery into a juice for a soothing tonic.

When suffering from a pounding headache as the result of a hangover, don't drink coffee. Instead, drink a healthful mixture of cabbage, celery, spinach, carrots and apple juice for an invigorating tonic which is also high in calcium. The apples make it sweet.

Foods have many healing properties

"The Juice Book" lists some fruit and vegetable juices, the parts of the body they are good for and/or ailments they alleviate.

Apples: gall bladder, liver, appetite. Apricots: liver and pancreas.

Beets: nerves and anemia. Bell peppers: eyes and digestion.

Blueberries: blood-sugar problems. Cantaloupe: skin and digestion.

Carrots: eyes, blood, skin, digestion. Celery: colds, heart, indigestion.

Cherries: blood cleanser. Cranberries: kidneys and asthma. Cucumbers: skin, bladder, kidney.

Grapefruit: colds, flu, sleeplessness. Grapes: anemia and tumors.

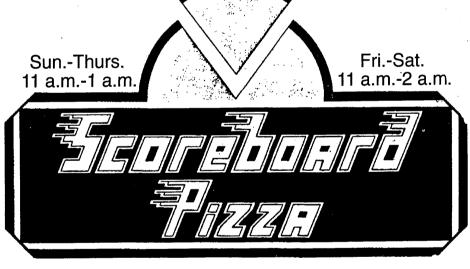
Lemons: kidney, high blood pressure. Lettuce: digestion, kidneys, lungs. Onions: colds and flu.

Oranges: flu, high in vitamin C. Parsley: anemia, detoxicant, diuretic. Peas: protein, weak stomachs.

Pears: sleeplessness, kidney, colon. Pineapple: protein, enzyme supplier. Potatoes: kidney (leave peel on). Romaine: asthma and bronchitis.

Spinach: anemia and infections. Strawberries: complexion, vitamin C. Tomatoes: anemia, infections of the liver and kidney. High in vitamin C. Watermelon: kidney, lungs, (with rind).

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The hits and miss

Where to go for not a lot of dough



By Angela Cassidy Front reporter

It's no secret most college students are short on dough. So what can one possibly do for a date that wouldn't cause serious financial hardship? Well, with the help of some friends who are self-proclaimed experts in the cheap dating arena, I have compiled a plethora of ideas that just might work for you.

First, and foremost, no dating law exists requiring a meal for each outing. Where the notion of candlelight dinners at posh restaurants came from, I'll never know. While it's not a bad idea, it's usually not feasible for us ramen-and-rice-eatin' students. Pizza is considered a luxury around here.

Micah Smith, a sophomore, said he is confident in his ability to invent cheap dating ideas.

"You know what gets chicks?" Smith said, "Nature — and it's free. A sunset and water, be it a bay or a river, combine for the perfect romantic setting, if you don't say something to screw it up."

Smith also said, when going to restaurants, he tries to take his dates to places that are a little different — places where everyone else won't be. He has a limit as to how much he's willing to spend, though.

"If you've been seein' a girl for a while, you can get away with bein' cheaper and cheaper," Smith said.

"If you're starting out early you gotta be careful. You don't want to look cheap, but you don't want to spend a lot of money on the girl 'cause she might not be worth it. You never spend more than \$10 on a date, maybe \$15 if she's good looking."



Front/Daniel McLeod

Couples dining at Miracles Cafe can take in a view of the bay and enjoy an inexpensive meal.

Sophomore Karen Gunther said she and her boyfriend like to take walks. One evening they walked from campus to Boulevard Park and watched the sun set over the ferry terminal. She recalled another date she had in high school.

"At home (in Centralia), I would take dates to the capitol," Gunther said.

"We'd walk around and look at the fountains and sculptures. I had a date once who picked me a bouquet of roses from the governor's rose garden."

Another Western student mentioned a date his friend went on. The couple went to a thrift store, bought each other outfits and

wore them around while they visited different parks in Seattle.

The Big Blue Bonus book, available at the bookstore, is filled with coupons that are perfect for an inexpensive date.

For instance, ice skating. The coupon is good for one free public skate admission, and skate rental is only \$2.

Maybe dinner for two at Fryday's restaurant is more your style with its '50s theme atmosphere.

Miracles Cafe is another inexpensive option. It has a view of the bay and is open from 7 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily. The menu features items from lasagna to burritos and

nothing is more than \$15.

Senior Steve Lassiter takes pride in his ability to squeeze by for a date. To him, he said sarcastically, a cheap date is one he doesn't have to pay for.

"With a half a tank of gas you can just drive around," he said. "All you really do is talk ... take random turns out in the boonies."

Lassiter also mentioned the romantic environment of Snoqualmie Falls, the laid-back atmosphere of Greenlake and the \$3 matinees at local theaters.

"Or go to the grocery store together and pick out things to make for dinner and rent a movie," Lassiter said. "My favorite thing to do that doesn't cost any money is to just sit on the couch, cuddle and watch TV."

Senior Nicole Weber said she likes the idea of a picnic in the park.

"Go on a picnic, whether it's raining or not," Weber said. "If it's raining it'll be fun. If you're worried about what you look like what are you doing dating the person? Besides, it would show more of who you really are."

Weber also likes to take advantage of activities here on campus.

"You can sometimes sneak past the ticket people. Or go to one of the PAC functions—a concert or a play. They're usually free and if they aren't, they usually aren't that expensive."

Nature seemed a recurring theme in my talks with the experts.

Other ideas included going to Lakewood, rollerblading, biking and hiking. Playing on the equipment at local parks is the best idea I heard. Who says you can't be a kid forever!

Silver Lake offers outdoor activities — even in winter

By Colleen Williams

Local Politics editor

Winter is rarely a time of year associated with camping. However, camping can be a great way to get out of town for a weekend and enjoy the outdoors.

Silver Lake, a Whatcom County park, is only about an hour northeast of Bellingham. It offers camping, boating and a relaxing atmosphere.

The lake is large and surrounded by the Cascade foothills. Most of the visible hills are forested and offer plenty of room for hiking and discovering nature.

After a long day of hiking, campers can relax beneath the open sky. If sleeping in a tent beneath the stars doesn't sound appealing, you can rent a cabin.

The cabins are located along the lake and have porches overlooking the water. They are surprisingly cushy, with a heater, refrigerator, sink and stovetop oven. Some cabins also have a fireplace.

Cabin sizes range from two people up to at least 10, with

three double beds and plenty of floor space for cots or sleeping bags.

Outhouses are nearby, and restrooms that include a shower are located a short distance away in the park office.

The park has canoe, row boat and paddle boat rentals, but not until April.

As boat rentals won't be available until later in the spring, it might be a good idea to rent from the Outdoor Center.

Western's Outdoor Center charges \$17 a day for a one-person kayak and \$25 a day for a two-person kayak.

If you can't bring a boat with you, plenty of grassland offers

space for kite flying and numerous other outdoor activities.

Silver Lake is also not too far away from the skiing and snow shoeing available at Mount Baker.

A campsite costs \$10 a night to stay in a tent, \$12 for a camper with a power source. Cabin rentals start at \$35 a night, \$40 for a cabin with a fireplace and \$45 for a cabin with three double beds and a fireplace.

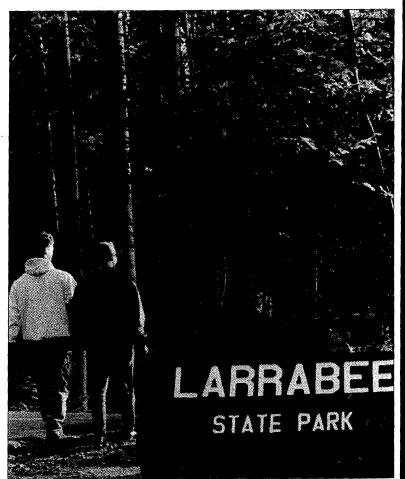
Kitchen equipment and bedding are not supplied by the park.

Campsites are not in hot demand at this time of year, so they don't need to be reserved very far in advance. However, cabins should be reserved at least two weeks in advance.

To get to Silver Lake, drive east along Mount Baker Highway (the street intersecting Interstate 5 at Sunset Square) to the town of Maple Falls. Take a left on Silver Lake Road, and follow that road for a few miles. The park entrance is on the right side of the road.

For information, call the park office between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. weekdays at 599-2776.

Romance ca



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For those who want to get in tune with nature and enjoy physical exercise, Larrabee State Park is the place for you. Larrabee is among dozens of Whatcom County parks.

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Holiday can be ugly for unhappy singles

Creativity helps ease the pain of non-couplehood

By Renee Pedranti Front reporter

For many singles, Valentine's Day may be a time for loneliness, despair or sadness.

It could also be a time to eat all of the chocolate one can handle while attempting to make sense out of those ugly, pastel conversation hearts.

However one chooses to spend his or her time, various Western students offer their views on the dating scene, along with some advice on how to cope if you're single and not lovin' it.

Diane, a sophomore at Western, preferring not to give her last name, said no one really asks people specifically out on dates anymore, that people seem to go out in big groups as friends and it isn't as if people are going on dates every weekend.

"It seems that when a person is single and available, that person doesn't get noticed,"

she said. "It seems you do get noticed when you're unavailable and attached."

Diane's coping advice for singles this Valentine's Day: hang

out with close friends in your same situation and avoid places where the couples are.

Peter Simpkins, a junior, thinks people in their early twenties are too young to be in a relationship. He thinks dating shouldn't be so serious.

"Dating should be fun," Simpkins said.

His advice to struggling singles this Valentine's Day: "Go out to a bar and have some fun. All you really need are friends; be with anyone you can be close to."

Kim Estes, a junior, finds it difficult to meet anyone her age.

Her advice to singles coping

"Rent a sappy, romantic movie, hang out with friends, or be a good student and study for your midterms."

> Kim Estes, Western junior

with the holiday: "Rent a sappy, romantic movie, hang out with friends or be a good student and study for your mid-terms."

Scott Jacka, also a junior, has

many questions concerning the dating scene.

"Wouldn't I have to have a date to know something about the dating scene?"

Lynn, another Western student who prefers not to give her last name, enjoys meeting people.

She said she thinks people assume a woman is single if she's not seen with a boyfriend.

She also thinks the dating scene today is more casual and "date" doesn't have a specific definition.

Her advice to singles this holiday is not to worry too much — Valentine's Day is overrated with all of its red

candy boxes.

She thinks love should be celebrated more often anyway and that Valentine's Day can be quite overwhelming.

Ten twisted tips for the torn at heart ...

Some singles may not be bothered about the holiday, but to all those singles who are, here are some helpful suggestions for coping:

1. Buy the biggest box of candy you can find, eat all of the edible pieces (both of them) and use the rest to peg unsuspecting couples in their love-sick oblivion as you walk past them on campus.

2. Rent the video "My Bloody Valentine."

3. Communicate with your friends through candy conversation hearts.

4. Steal the bouquet of roses your roommate received from her boyfriend. Cut off the buds and replace the bouquet as a newly formed "thorn bouquet."

5. Torch a Hallmark store (if you're prone to arson, please disregard this suggestion).

6. Get a bow and arrow,

and spend the whole day searching for Cupid. When you find him, shoot him in the ass and see how he likes it.

7. Change Forrest Gump's philosophy around when someone inquires about your single status. "Dating is like a box of chocolates, you always know what you're gonna get — a big stomach ache."

8. If you care enough to send the very best, send your ex-boyfriend's new girlfriend a sympathy card.

9. Belch the tune of "Unchained Melody."

10. "Love-cuff" your best friend to a chair and make him or her watch "Fatal Attraction." It's a loving act of friendship reminding him or her of the joys of being single.

Whatever all you singles do to make your Valentine's Day interesting, the most important thing to remember—it's just another day.

n be just another walk in the park



By Jamie Lawson

Front reporter

When the snow falls and frigid winds make their final appearance around Bellingham, a new beginning for many students will take place as the warm spring air takes its hold.

Today could be the unofficial start for romanticism as Valentine's Day has quickly caught up with us. Perhaps the best place to take the one you love (or the one you want to love) to set the perfect mood is to a park.

Dozens of parks are scattered throughout the Bellingham area, making it convenient for the romantic couples out there. You should be careful, however, in choosing a park, for many considerations must be accounted for.

First, does the park contain any secluded areas that involve no interruptions by joggers, dogs, cars, etc.? Second, do the surrounding areas add to the fireworks brewing between you and your partner? Third, and most important, will the park be good enough to make him/her want to go back a second time?

To answer these questions, I analyzed some community parks to see which one proved its superiority among the romantic hot spots.

Cornwall Park, 2800 Cornwall Ave.: At first glance, this park doesn't seem to offer anything necessary for a romantic setting. Because of its good-sized playground, kids are usually present — a major setback for those wanting to physically show their emotions. The roaring of cars on the Guide Meridian also hampers a potentially romantic mood. Besides a wooded shed area (a great place to hide), it would seem to be a mistake to take that someone special here.

Once past the playground, however, things start to look up. After walking over a small bridge, a whole new world is upon you. Trails leading into wooded areas and the sounds of little waterfalls rushing under the bridge add to the moment. Rarely would you run into an intruder on the trails leading off the main path. It's very clean and fairly wooded, but there is still enough room for sunlight to peek in. A bench is about a half-mile off the main path, but it's very tricky to find. On the way back to the main entrance of the park along the north side is a horse ranch if that does anything for your hormones. **Grade: C+**

Boulevard Park, South State Street and Bayview Drive: If it wasn't for the great view along the water and the beautiful sunsets, this would definitely not be the place to go.

Boulevard is probably the most populated park in Bellingham because of its great view, large playground and its close vicinity to Fairhaven and downtown Bellingham.

If sunsets do the right thing for you and your partner, this could be the place. Overlooking Bellingham Bay, Boulevard offers majestic sunsets almost every day. The park is very open so you'd have to watch where your hands go.

Boulevard is a great place to walk with your sister or brother, not your lover. **Grade: B-**

Fairhaven Park, 107 Chuckanut Drive: If you and your partner are into voyeurism, this is the place.

Fairhaven offers tennis courts, a huge playground, a baseball field and a shed to hold banquets — not the place to make out. If you and your partner were in that mood and couldn't wait to get home, the area by the creek near the tennis courts would be a great spot.

Overall, you're probably not going to score at Fairhaven Park. **Grade: D**

Marine Park, Port of Bellingham: Marine Park is relatively small but holds a couple of secrets. Located along the water by the San Juan ferry dock and the railroad, Marine is nice and quiet.

The place to go here is south along the railroad tracks. About a mile down the tracks are sand banks along the water — very secluded. On the right day, this could be the perfect place to go. You could spend all day down by the water and never be interrupted, a definite advantage.

This is a great place to take someone you haven't yet kissed. Only good things can happen here. **Grade: B**

Lake Padden Park, 4882 Samish Way: By far the largest park, covering more than 1000 acres, Lake Padden Park has its great moments, but its low spots as well.

A 2.6-mile path around the lake offers some attractive areas to brew some romance. Along the west side of the lake, there are many places to sit down where the view of rolling hills in Whatcom County is breathtaking.

On the south side of the lake, the most distant part from Samish Way, it's very quiet and heavily wooded. The combination of singing birds echoing along the path and the reflections of the lake are definite signs to give your partner the kiss of all-time.

On the east side of the lake are two baseball fields and eating areas. Afterwards, you approach more and more people as you walk along the north side of the lake toward open grass areas and tennis courts.

A big distraction at Lake Padden is the abundance of joggers along the path. But, imagine the things you and your partner can do on the 2.6-mile path. **Grade: B+**

Larrabee State Park, seven miles south of Bellingham on Highway 11: If you and your partner have the time and your hormones are running high, this is it.

Larrabee State Park is unique in many ways. It offers seashore cliffs and mountain lookout points with views of the San Juan Islands, Mount Baker, and the North Cascades. Dozens of trails lead you through rocky areas along the wooded coast line.

For those romantic couples, finding a little cubby hole among the rock cliffs in front of Puget Sound at sunset may be almost too much to handle.

At Larrabee, there are almost no distractions — it's just you, your partner and nature. **Grade:** A

Remember, your park selection can make all the difference — that is if you have someone to bring.

Lookin' for love in a coffee cup ...

By Renee Pedranti Front reporter

This Valentine's Day many singles may be grasping their guts in wrenching nausea from overexposure to cooing campus couples. Meanwhile, Sam may be patiently wondering if he'll be able to brew a romance over a nice cup o' joe.

It's doubtful many Western students perked up and noticed small personal ads posted on various campus bulletin boards with "COFFEE" printed in large letters at the top.

Sam, a 32-year-old architect and former Western student, created the ad in hopes of receiving a caffeinated response.

Preferring to keep his anonymity in the pot, Sam's passion for coffee filtered his idea.

He said posting the ads was mainly for fun, but he received a few decaffeinated responses from women who left their names, but no phone numbers.

A veteran bachelor, Sam said the dating scene is tiresome and requires a great deal of effort, but he thinks the more one dates,

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In hopes of finding a coffee mate, Sam placed ads like these in several places around campus.

the easier it gets.

He said if he receives a worthy response he will do just as the ad says — show his date his expertise at brewing coffee.

Age isn't an issue for Sam, who is willing to date women between the ages of 16 and 35.

Big-toothed smiles are a preference (minus the coffee stains), but large breasts are not eye-openers.

"Large breasts are not a bonus," Sam said. "Smiles are good and necks are cool too."

In the personality depart-

ment, Sam said he despises a weak sense of humor, but finds spontaneity and a natural curiosity special perks.

"I like women who are vivacious," Sam said. "I'm generally an optimist, so I tend to like people that way."

Sam finds women steamy in white blouses and Levis 501 jeans. A strong fashion sense is vital, as is a slender build, so make that one lump, not two!

"I like it when people, in general, know how to dress themselves, it's kinda like manners," he said.

"I notice people with really good manners since it is so rare these days."

He has a love for outdoor sports and prefers a woman who will share this love. Saucers may fly, however, if she can't accept Sam for who he is, which would strip him of his flavor.

Sam's biggest dating fear is smelling the aroma of rejection, a common fear among the singles of the world.

His biggest expectation from dating is finding someone with whom he can filter

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his feelings. The bonus, he said, would be falling in love with no beans about it.

Sam said he feels communication and straightforwardness are the cream and sugar of all relationships.

He is also open-minded about platonic relationships between males and females and won't roast the women he dates if they have male friends. He said he feels possessiveness leaves a bad aftertaste.

So, is it possible for that murky brown liquid responsible for thousands of burnt tongues and an increase in the gumchewing population to brew a steamy romance for "Mr. Coffee?" As soon as that special coffee drinker perks up and answers his ad, grinding curiosities will be left steamin'.





A meal made from the heart



By Kristine Donahoe Front reporter

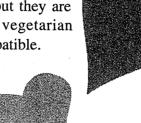
Valentine's Day is here once again, giving lovers a chance to romance each other, and all the rest of us an excuse to complain about our ex's or about being single.

What better way to show the apple of your eye your love than to cook him or her a special meal.

I've prepared a menu for two; however, you will probably have plenty of leftovers.

Unlike most of the recipes you

find in Kristine's Kuisine, these aren't as low in fat, but they are still vegetarian compatible.

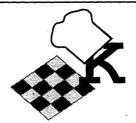


Mozzarella Tomato Basil Salad

1/2 lb mozzarella cheese 2 large tomatoes 1 packet fresh basil

1 lemon 1/4 cup olive oil and a dash of salt and pepper

Slice cheese and tomato in 1/4-inch slices. Clean the basil, removing stems. Arrange cheese, basil leaves and tomatoes in layers in a deep-dish platter or bowl until all materials are used. In a separate bowl, mix oil, the juice from one lemon and a dash of salt and pepper for taste. Pour mixture over salad and let marinate in refrigerator for at least two hours.



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Spicy Sausage Lasagna

1 lb Italian ground sausage*

2 3-oz. cans tomato paste

2 16-oz. cans tomato sauce

1 16-oz, can Italian stewed tomatoes 6 cloves garlic

2 tsp. basil

2 tsp. oregano

1 16-oz. pack ricotta cheese

1 lb lasagna noodles

1/2 lb mozzarella cheese

Brown sausage in a pan and drain excess fat. Add tomato paste, sauce and stewed tomatoes. Let simmer for 20 minutes. Add basil, oregano and crushed garlic, mixing thoroughly. Boil noodles until done; separate to avoid breaking. In a deep-dish pan, place two layers of noodles across the bottom. Scoop a layer of sausage mixture evenly over noodles. Spoon ricotta cheese over mixture and sprinkle heavily with salt and pepper. Cover ricotta with grated mozzarella cheese. Repeat layers until all ingredients are used. Place in oven at 375 degrees until cheese is browned and bubbling. Serve

*Vegetarians may substitute zucchini, spinach or squash for sausage.

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Caviezel spits out 29

... Western men still can't surpass Simon Fraser

By Stephanie Thomson Sports co-editor

Western guard Tim Caviezel scored a game-high 29-points, but his final 3-point attempt bounced off the rim as the Vikings lost a league contest to Simon Fraser University on Saturday at Chancellor Gym in Burnaby, B.C., 76-

Caviezel, who also grabbed eight rebounds, orchestrated Western's offensive attack in the second half in an attempt to overcome a 10-point (42-32) halftime deficit.

'We had at least 10 turnovers in the first half," Caviezel said, "and that was one of the reasons we were down by 10, and they had some wide-open threes where we didn't get in their face."

"We had confidence coming into the game because we had won four straight," center Brett Lundeen said. "But we didn't show up for the first half.'

Lundeen had 12 points and seven rebounds before he fouled out with 2:44 remaining in the game and the score tied at 67.

The Vikings also lost forward Harold Doyal in the final minute. He fouled out with a total of 12 points, six rebounds and three

steals for the evening.

With 44 seconds remaining, the Clan were up 73-67 after being sent to the free-throw line three times.

Guard Dan Legard hit two subsequent free throws to make it 73-69. Derric Croft, guard, had a steal on the next possession and dished it off to Caviezel, who made an easy layup.

With the score 73-71, Simon Fraser was sent back to the charity stripe, nailing both shots and giving them a four-point advantage with only 11 seconds left.

Guard Scott Sonntag scored with five seconds left, but the Clan went back to the free-throw line one final time, hitting one shot and giving them the threepoint lead.

Faced with no timeouts, Caviezel took an off-balance shot from just beyond the three-point line, but to no avail.

"The first half was a lapse," Caviezel said, "and in the second half we fought hard and got back into the game, but we just couldn't pull it out."

"Defensively, in the second half we did a much better job," Head Coach Brad Jackson said. "I think once it got close and as we got inside the last two minutes.

we missed a couple of shots and they hit a couple of shots and that was pretty much it.

"I was pleased — I felt our guys really battled hard," Jackson continued. "I thought Tim had a really nice game ... we did get back in the ball game and, I thought, got a couple of good shots off late and they just didn't go for

The Vikings have been playing the last five games without Ryan Gerrits. Gerrits, who was starting at forward and averaging 6.3 points and 4.5 rebounds a game, is out indefinitely with a foot injury.

The loss dropped Western to fourth place in conference standings (5-4). The Vikings will travel to Tacoma on Thursday to face the University of Puget Sound (2-6), who they have defeated twice this season.

"UPS is a tough, physical team," Jackson said, "We did a very good job of shutting them down the last time we played them. But I felt they didn't shoot it particularly well.

"We have to be aware of the fact that we're playing at their place, and they're stuggling for positioning in the playoff situation and so are we.'



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Vikings edge nemesis Clan, 63-61

By Jamie Lawson Front reporter

In a battle of two nationallyranked teams, the Western women's basketball team moved into a first-place tie in the Pacific Northwest Athletic Conference. Forward Shannon Anderson scored a game-high 22 points in a 63-61 victory against Simon Fraser University Friday night at Carver Gym.

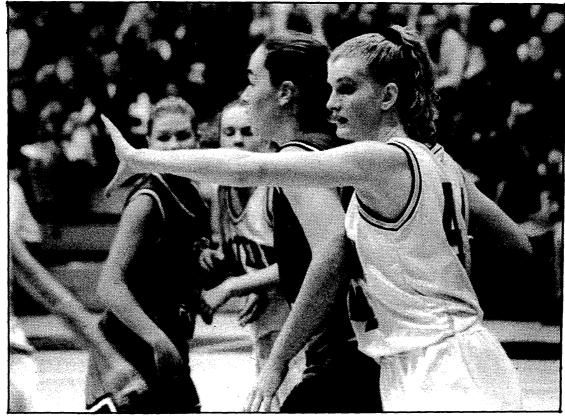
The Vikings, ranked No. 21 in this week's NAIA Division I National Poll, improved their record to 18-6 overall, 7-2 in conference play. Simon Fraser, ranked No. 14 nationally, dropped to 17-6 overall, 7-2 in the con-

"It's a big win for us," Western Head Coach Carmen Dolfo said. "We just kept putting the pressure on them. This win puts us in a great position for the playoffs. Now we need to keep on rolling."

"The attitude of the team is very positive," Dolfo added.

It was Western's first victory against Simon Fraser since Jan. 23, 1990 — a span of 15 games.

"This really boosts our confidence and that's something we've been having a hard time with the past couple of games," center Gina



Front/Daniel McLeod

Gina Sampson shuts down the post pass in Western's 63-61 win over Simon Fraser University.

Sampson said. "We know we can beat them and now we're over the

"We're looking at nationals right now and I think the confidence is a big thing," Sampson added. "We knew we were going to beat them and we just had to

come out with the attitude."

Sampson, who fouled out with 4:48 left in the game, finished with 11 points and eight rebounds.

The rest of the Vikings' squad picked up the slack in Sampson's absence.

"It made me nervous because

(Sampson) is such a great player, but Kari (Gruendell) did a great job. Her height just intimidates them," guard Heidi Van Brocklin

"Anyone who comes off the bench is a strong player and I think everyone stepped it up,"

Anderson said.

Both teams started the game slow offensively. Western used a 13-4 run midway through the first half to take a 33-26 advantage on a 3-pointer from guard Debbie Drake. The Vikings led at halftime

The Vikings' largest lead was eight points, five minutes into the second half, but it was short-lived as the Clan countered with an 8-2

Western held a slim 63-61 advantage as both teams turned the ball over in the final minute. After Van Brocklin missed a free throw with 14 seconds left, the Clan called a timeout to set up their play.

The Viking defense shut down any shot opportunity the Clan had, resulting in a short, desperation 3point attempt at the buzzer.

"I thought definitely they were going for the win," Anderson said. "They're readable and they kept doing the same offensive things."

Guards Allison Hull and Addy Johnson also contributed 11 points and seven points respectively.

The Vikings travel to Seattle University on Wednesday. Their final home game of the regular season is against Central Washington University at 7 p.m., Feb. 21 in Carver Gym.

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French for 'the guard,' Viking lives up to his name

Viking Dan Legard adjusts to role as college freshman and starting point guard

By Sean Baratt

Front reporter

College freshmen are supposed to go through a growing period. Sometimes, however, the responsibilities can be overwhelming. This can be magnified when the student, who is still getting used to the college atmosphere, is trying to balance studies while competing in the athletic arena.

Freshman Dan Legard has worked his way into becoming a key member of the Western men's basketball team. As starting point guard, his role is to run the offense and take care of the ball. He has an excellent 2:1 assist to turnover ratio.

However, there have been the usual freshman adjusting periods.

"It seems I'm always trying to catch up (on studying)," Legard said.

Legard attended Kamiakin High School, which was nationally ranked during the 92-93 season, and placed in the state tournament every year since his sophomore year. He said, at college, "the competition is a step better. Everyone's stronger and everyone's good out there."

As of Feb. 8, Legard ranked

second on the team in assists with 57, fifth in field goal percentage, shooting 8-16 from three-point range and seventh on the team in steals. Overall, he is netting 30-64, a47 percent clip. He has started in nine of 22 games, including the last six.

His minutes have increased dramatically as the season has progressed. In the last six games in which he has started, Legard has averaged 32 minutes a game, including playing 37 minutes during the Vikings' victory against then-undefeated (in league play) Lewis-Clark State.

"Coach (Brad) Jackson wants me to look for my shot when it's there but we have enough good players capable of scoring without me, "Legard said.

Legard is only shooting the ball about three times a game, averaging 3.5 points per game. Even though he doesn't shoot a lot, he will take the crucial shots at the end of the game. Twice, against Seattle Pacific University and arch-rival Central Washington University, he has hit clutch three-pointers in the closing minutes.

Legard was recruited fairly heavily out of high school by NCAA Division I schools Portland State University and Gonzaga University, as well as NAIA schools University of Puget Sound, Eastern Washington University and Seattle University.

"The main thing that made me come to Western was Coach Jackson," Legard said. "When he came to visit my home, he seemed like a good coach to play for. He earned my respect. I'm glad I came to Western."

"He's doing a great job," guard Dave McNicol said. "It's pretty unusual for a freshman to come in and be as confident and collected as Dan is."

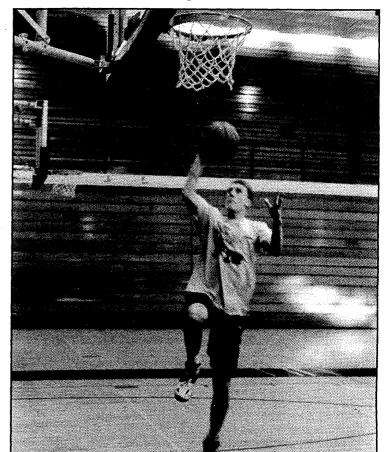
Western has an experienced team, with veteran upper classmen, including Harold Doyal, Brett Lundeen and transfers Tim Caviezel and Derric Croft.

But, in the future, after the seniors have moved on, the Vikings will need another leader to follow. Legard hopes he will become that leader.

"The point guard naturally becomes a leader. If the team needs that from me in the future, I'll be happy to do it," Legard said.

He believes the team is ready for the upcoming playoffs.

"We're coming together right now. If we get some momentum into the playoffs, we'll be tough to beat," Legard said.



Front/Simon Fishler

Dan Legard is second for the Vikings in assists and is quickly developing into one of the team's floor leaders.

Legard faces the unique responsibility of being a freshman point guard starting in playoff games, a scenario which does not intimidate him.

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Students worth the cost

For many, paying the way through isn't a party

F'erndale's own Gene Goldsmith, bastion of education in the Washington State House of Representatives, has his foot pressed firmly on the pulse of college students.

Goldsmith and several other Republicans are spon-

soring bills that would eliminate financial aid for students after they have completed 115 percent of the credits required for graduation (210 for Western).

In an interview with The Bellingham Herald, Goldsmith said, "They go to school for the parties. Education is not a party."

Goldsmith's confused colleague Don Carlson of Vancouver added, "They (yep, us again) continue to remain (in college) because they enjoy the atmosphere and camaraderie." Carlson's bill would not only cut aid, but would require them to pay the same rates as out-of-state students.

Where does Goldsmith get this idea? Even at Wazzu (party on, Wayne), most of the heavy-duty partiers have flunked out or dropped out long before they could dream about hitting 200 credits.

Goldsmith doesn't have a leg to stand on. His daughter gets federal funding in her eighth year at the University of Nevada.

Most Western students are not riding through college on government wheels. Federal aid picks up some of the expenses, but the student usually has to kick in the rest. Add the money lost from not working and it becomes apparent that staying in college is unprofitable.



Most of the students who receive aid are required to maintain a 2.5 cumulative grade point average to keep receiving funds. If a student is capable of keeping a

2.5 GPA while partying every night, how do Goldsmith and Co. justify their claim that this student is a waste of taxpayer

So, if the delayed are not delinquent, what's slowing them down? Students who have climbed to the 210-credit level usually have done so because their major requires a high number of credits. Maybe they didn't decide on a 110-credit major until their junior year, which would require at least five-and-a-half years.

Junior-college transfer "party animals" would be cut off, too. Western will accept a maximum of 90 credits, so those who come with 120-plus credits will have their aid cut before they reach Western's 180credit graduation requirement.

Some of the people affected by a 210credit cut-off will be forced out of school one or two quarters short of graduation.

Goldsmith should remember the justification for spending taxpayer funds to support education. A college graduate commands a higher paying job than someone without a degree, and therefore pays more taxes. The investment pays for itself.

Washington needs to begin thinking about its future instead of mortgaging it.

Proposed ban rekindles Old Glory's burning controversy

Well, here we go again; it's time to defend what a national symbol represents by defending the right to desecrate the symbol itself the U.S. flag.

In January, the Washington House of Representatives

approved House Joint Memorial 4000, joining 44 other state legislatures in asking Congress for a constitutional amendment banning physical desecration of the flag, according to an article in The Bellingham Herald on Jan. 26.

Nine-tenths of the nation's state legislatures support such a measure — a frightening fraction in a country that holds dear the First Amendment, which states, "Congress shall make no law ... abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably ... to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

Flag desecration isn't directly mentioned in this document. However, the amendment champions the spirit of free expression, which includes flag burning.

Courts have repeatedly upheld flag burning. When Congress passed the Flag Protection Act of 1989, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned it in 1990. In 1992, the Supreme Court refused to review the issue.

Though flag desecrators may seem unpatriotic, they should still have the right to express themselves. A flag is just a piece of cloth. The nation it represents isn't



threatened by the destruction of its symbol. It will take more than a charred banner to destroy the United States.

Much protest against flag desecra-

tion has come from veterans and their supporters. In the Herald article, Rep. John Pennington, R-Battleground, called flag burning a "slap in the face to every veteran who has served their country."

This is true, but isn't every striker a slap in the face to his or her company? Isn't every public protest of an issue a slap in the face to its supporters? If we are going to enjoy the luxurious privilege of freedom of expression, we'll have to accept some faceslapping now and then.

Veterans should be applauded for the huge sacrifices they have made for this country. However, flag desecrators and war protesters don't necessarily love their homeland any less. They may simply have a different way of expressing that love; they protest when they see the United States making harmful decisions.

Flag burning may be a distasteful, unorthodox way of expressing frustration, but free expression must embrace the dishonorable with the honorable.

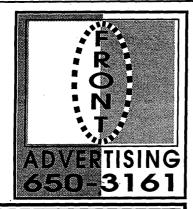
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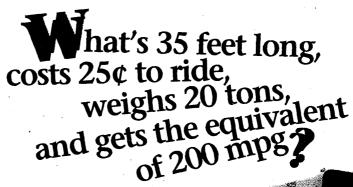
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Latest buildings harken new age

We may as well get right to the business of changing Western's name to "The Western School for the Sciences."

A look at the newest buildings around campus — as well as those in its near future — shows the vision that the university's Board of Trustees has for the future.

Maybe it's not a bad vision, but it should be right out there in bold print so no one thinks this school still leans toward the liberal arts. Changing the name of the school would serve that purpose.

And it wouldn't be without precedent. Today's liberal arts emphasis (if it can be said to exist still) didn't come along until the '60s. Many students may not realize Western began in 1899 as the New Whatcom State Normal School — a teacher training facility.

The '60s brought expansion and the move away from education toward a generalized liberal arts curriculum. The late Arthur Hicks, professor emeritus of English, labeled 1959 as "The Great Divide," when Western ended its education-only emphasis.

The Woodring College of Education remained a dominant college, but departments such as history, English, etc., began to find their places on Western's campus.

Historians will surely look back and say the emphasis changed again some time in the '90s.

In summer 1993, Western hired a new president with a chemistry background. This, in itself, is no problem. University presidents' duties don't require any particular discipline for success.

Long before that hiring, plans were set in motion that will culminate in the building of the third science facility.

Building number one is impressive; and who can help but admire the elevated hallway connecting it to number two. The artists' drawings didn't do the structures justice.

One can only imagine what science facility three will look like. It also boggles the imagination to wonder what will go on in those buildings. They're massive; and they're dedicated almost entirely to the sciences.

It's time to change the name and admit a new era has begun.

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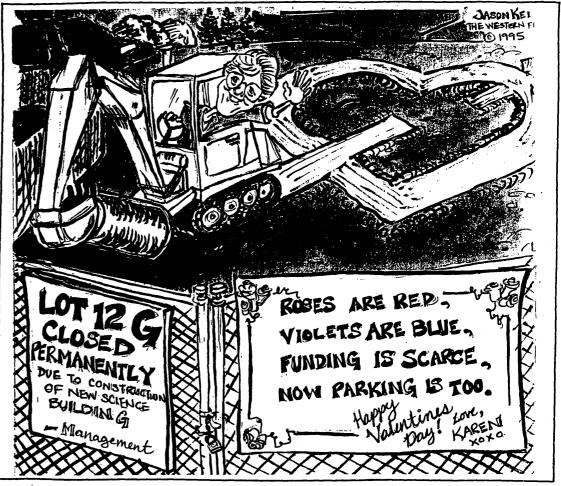
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Letters to the editor

The earth and its annual celebration need helpers

Dear Editor,

Student involvement has traditionally played a big part in creating national awareness of political and environmental issues. Twenty-five years have passed since students around the nation recognized the need for environmental protection.

Their concern and action created the first Earth Day, an annual event promoting responsible, efficient and sustainable societies.

Since that time there have been great gains in environmental protection, but evidence exists that much more protection is needed.

Continued and new threats to the natural world and the natural systems that sustain us demand our immediate and constant action. Despite national polls showing overwhelming support for environmental protection measures, many national and state leaders are turning a deaf ear to ecologically concerned citizens.

These officials advocate the extinction of species, abolishment of environmental legislation and the auctioning of public parks and lands to private industry.

Western students have just as much stake in a healthy environment, and just as much responsibility to protect it, as anyone. Many Western students are already taking action.

Several Western students spent a weekend at a recent conference to learn how to protect the Endangered Species Act. They have formed the Western Endangered Species Coalition and are organizing publicity and letterwriting campaigns.

Science students from Huxley College and the biology department saw a need for a sciencestudent activist group and started the Ecology Club.

The Environmental Center is coordinating a two-day Earth event with Western students and organizations.

Earth Day 1995 will be the largest in many years and will be a true student grassroots event. We invite everyone to join us. There is plenty to be done and people are needed to do it. If you can spell your own name you are qualified to participate. So don't be shy.

The earth works everyday; what have you done for her lately?

Sean Cosgrove

Students should support themselves, protect their futures by supporting environmental legislation

Dear Editor,

Our society continues in its failure to recognize what must be true: If we wish to enjoy any level of prosperity in the future we must establish a more respectful relationship with the hand that feeds us — this planet, this region and this land.

We refuse to learn, however, insisting that our primary goal should be short-term economic gain and the maintenance, at all costs, of the American myth of boundless economic growth.

The economic mandate assumed by the Republican majority represents a legislative threat to the respect for Nature that we should be aspiring to.

The plan for the economic revitalization of this country includes weakened Endangered Species and Clean Water acts, the removal of funding from the Environmental Protection Agency, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and National Marine Fisheries Service, the continuation of exorbitant subsidies to the mining, ranching and agricultural industries and the rewriting of toxic clean-up requirements.

These actions, according to the dominant logic, will increase wages, create new jobs, protect the God-given property rights of good Americans and make us all healthier and happier.

It seems obvious, however, that a healthy and vital economic system is inextricably linked to healthy and vital natural "resources," and that we cannot expect a healthy economy to emerge out of wasted land, silted streams,

filled wetlands and toxic air and water.

The gutting of legislation designed to protect us by protecting our habitat will not help us. It will, eventually, haunt us.

We can follow the lead of those who would sacrifice their own habitat for economic gain and continue this destruction, but I wouldn't wish upon anyone the kind of land that will then be passed on to the children.

It takes only a sane and sensible human being to realize the flawed logic behind the American industrial dream and react to it, rejecting short-term gain for long-term stability. We need to protect our natural habitat and, ultimately, ourselves, by supporting environmental legislation.

Ian Miller

Community Voice agles require peaceful mealume

We have all enjoyed watchng the liberating flight of the bald eagle. Its seven-foot wing span and streamlined body structure give it an ability to glide at speeds reaching 100 miles an hour. The bald eagle has five times the vision of a human, and its talons are the size of a man's fist.

Needless to say, this bird has the power to make legends, and the ability to inspire nations.

The bald eagle has been the emblem of our national heritage for more than 200 years.

Its near extinction made it one of the first animals to be granted protection under the Federal Endangered Species Act of 1973. Today there are still fewer than 2,000 breeding pairs of bald eagles in the lower forty-eight states.

Even though Washington state has now moved the bald eagle from endangered to threatened status, many experts still fear this incredible bird could easily fall back into serious decline.

The upper Skagit River is one of the biggest bald eagle wintering sites in the lower forty-eight states. The Washington State Nature Conservancy has established a preserve for the some 300



to 400 bald eagles that winter in this area. The preserve is between Rockport and Marblemount on the Skagit River.

January and February are the months when multitudes of bald eagles can be seen feeding on dead chum salmon carcasses that wash up on sandbars after the chum are finished spawning in this area. In spite of the fact this amazing phenomenon brings great revenues to the area from tourist development, many locals still scorn restriction of recreational activity on the river.

Recently, a proposal was made by the U.S. Forest Service to restrict boating between Rockport and Marblemount during bald. eagle feeding hours, 5 to 11 a.m. in January and February. The Skagit County commissioners and the Skagit River Wildcat Steelhead Fishing Club have appealed. It looks as though a court battle is

certain. The Wildcat Steelhead Fishing Club boasts it has already consulted a Seattle law firm.

The bald eagle loves its privacy, as do many birds of prey. It is a bird of ceremony and ritual, including what some believe to be a feeding ritual. Development is probably the biggest enemy to the cycle of this bird. We all know that development can only be controlled not stopped.

But shouldn't we allow for the creatures of nature to replenish themselves? Shouldn't a bird like the bald eagle be allowed a few morning hours of privacy, so it can feed in peace?

The U.S. Forest Service conducted a five-year study in the later 1980s which determined the bald eagles need these restrictions on recreation between Rockport and Marblemont. However, it will be at least another year before the U.S. Forest Service can get proper legislation to enforce the new regulations.

Will Hutto recently has focused on the controversy surrounding the upper Skagit River bald eagle habitat as part of his independent study project at Fairhaven College.

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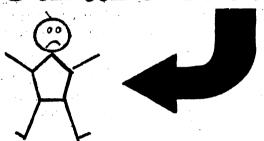
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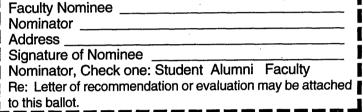
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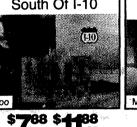
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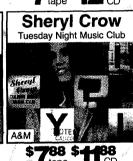
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