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'Raven' team aims high

Western crew joins multi-school project; group hopes to set 4 world records

By Rachel Morrow
Front reporter

A world record might be broken in 1997 — and Western will be a part of the effort to break it.

Western is one of six schools participating in the Raven Project. The Raven is a human-powered aircraft. The project is the brainchild of Boeing engineer Paul Illian, who spent about seven years designing the Raven. He turned to Washington schools last year for help in constructing it.

Raven comes from a northwest Native American legend. The raven is a trickster, an off-the-wall character.

Heather Costantino, a Boeing research engineer who met Illian not at work, but at an Ultimate Frisbee game, contacted the schools. The schools

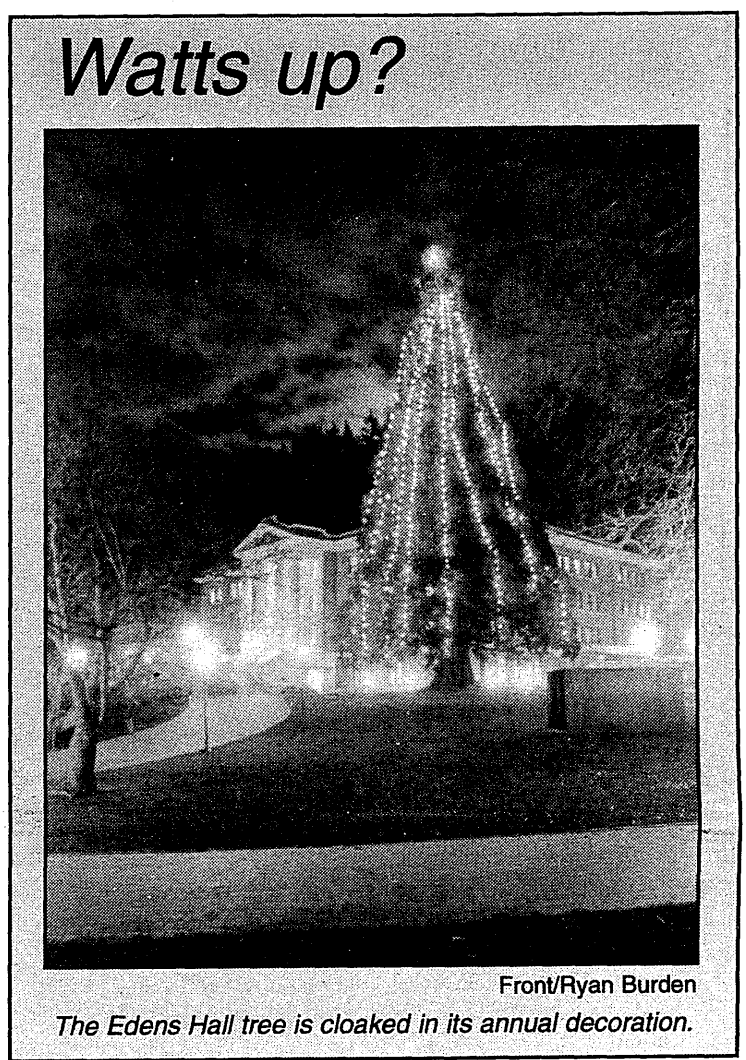
were picked based on their areas of expertise, she said.

Western is building the plane's wings, tail and fuselage; University of Washington is designing the control system for the plane; Renton Technical College is building the propellers; Lake Washington Technical College is using AutoCad, a computer drawing simulation to judge how the plane will perform in flight; Seattle University is designing the pedals; Seattle Pacific University will decide the pilot and the British Columbia Institute of Technology will be tracking the weather to determine the best days for flight.

Other schools are also involved in the project. The Art Institute of Seattle will design the logo of the plane and have a display of the completed project. Currently, the school is filming the process of the project from construction to flight.

Three planes will be built. The first will be more of a test plane to work out the problems and improve modifications. The second flight is to establish a new world record for longest human-powered flight. If the second flight is piloted by a woman, it could break four world records (see pull-out, page 4).

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Watts up?

Front/Ryan Burden

The Edens Hall tree is cloaked in its annual decoration.

Safe sex or save sex?

Teens encouraged to abstain until marriage

By Jody Lindstrom
Assistant News editor

Not everyone is doing it. That became nationally visible during the summer of 1994 when 22,000 "sexually pure" teenagers planted 200,000 cards on Washington D.C.'s mall pledging True Love Waits.

Since that gathering of self-proclaimed virgins, abstinence has continued to shed its negative social stigma and has begun to become an accepted lifestyle for

today's teens.

Perhaps "Newsweek" wrote it best: "virgin geek is giving way to virgin chic," even in our own neighborhood.

"I think there is a misconception of what abstinence means," said Greg Raymond, 24, and volunteer for the Whatcom County Pregnancy Center's abstinence education division, called RELATE.

"Teens hear 'Oh abstinence — just say no and that is it.' But RELATE does a lot more dealing

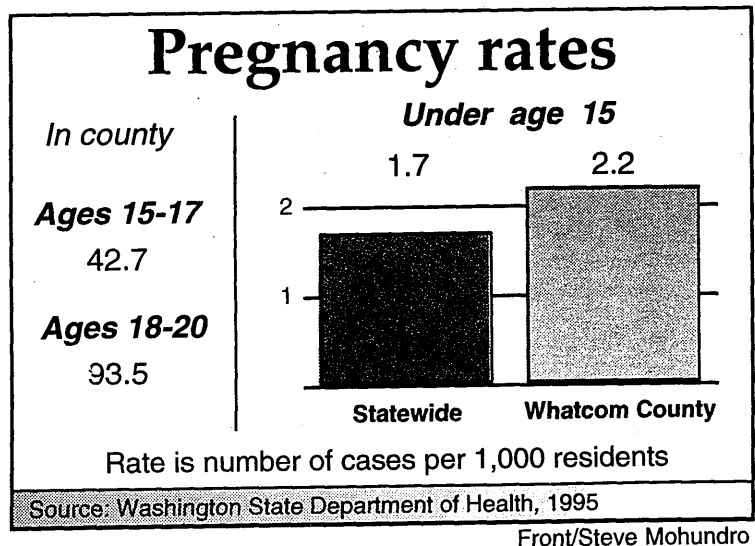
with intimacy, (teaching) how to get to know someone, building healthy relationships and finding other ways to love than through physical sex," Raymond added.

Both national and local statistics reflect a message to teens and society that abstinence may no longer be a moral luxury, but a must for personal and public health.

The National Center for Disease Control reported 6,000 teenagers contracted an STD in 1993. Twenty years ago there were four types of STDs among teens; by 1993, that number had risen to more than 30. AIDS among 14-23-year-olds rose 72 percent and continues to be the leading cause of death for women between the ages of 20 and 29.

RELATE was formed five years ago to give teens a supportive alternative of abstinence from sexual activity in order to avoid becoming a statistic. The non-profit, health-based organization does a lot of work in area schools.

"Our program and presentations are publicized mainly by



Front/Steve Mohundro

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Dead Week not test-free

By Helen Buller
Managing editor

Dead week — no exams, no assignments, no quizzes. It's the policy.

Well, maybe not.

Even though a quick run through some of Western's academic departments showed no formal complaints of finals preparation week violations, whispered complaints may be heard.

But in most cases, last minute "pop" quizzes fall within the guidelines — established to avoid dead week surprises — listed on page 32 of Western's 1995-1996 general catalog.

Ronald Kleinknecht, psychology department chair for six years, said no complaints had been filed with him, and the long-standing policy is simply common sense.

"It doesn't make sense to give students an exam right before the final exam," he said.

Even so, Western students will be taking quizzes, taking on new assignments and, yes, even taking final exams this week.

Under policy provisions, final exams can be rescheduled

for dead week if all the class members, the instructor and the appropriate department head (chair and or dean) agree.

Jim Talbot, geology department chair and Academic Coordinating Commission chair, said the policy is about 15 years old.

He said provisions such as altering exam times were probably added for more flexibility — for those who wanted, and as a group approved, final exam time changes.

"It's there for the protection of students," he said.

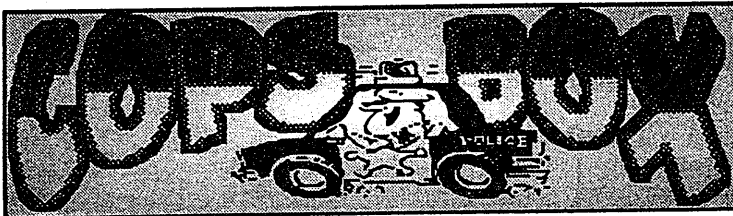
Even so, and despite the fact he sits on the committee that proposed the policy, Talbot pointed out it might not be working all the time in every student's favor.

"I personally don't like it, but it's university policy," he said.

"It puts pressure on a few people who really don't want (the final exam) to be in (finals preparation) week. They want it to be in finals week, but they're too afraid to speak up."

Students must submit dead week violations complaints to the department chair no later than the second day of finals week.

Western Briefs



Campus Police

Nov. 30, 7:42 p.m.: A victim stated she had received threatening and harassing phone calls on her computer bulletin board.

Dec. 1, 3:24 p.m.: Suspects used an unknown instrument to "jimmie" the driver's door lock of a vehicle parked in Parking Lot 27R. A stereo was reported stolen from the car.

Dec. 2, 4 p.m.: A victim said some unknown person(s) stole his wallet and shirt while he was working out at Parberry Fitness Center. The victim said he had placed his wallet in his shirt pocket and hung the shirt on a weight rack. When he returned about one hour later, the shirt and wallet were gone, he said. Victim said that the Fitness Center was very busy during at the time.

Dec. 3, 2:35 a.m.: A woman in Fairhaven Residence Hall reported an attempted rape. The victim and alleged rapist, both Western students, were acquaintances, said University Police Chief Doug Gill.

Bellingham Police

Nov. 3, 7:22 p.m.: Officers responded to a call of a fight in the 200 block of N. Samish Way. They contacted the victim, who said he was assaulted and the suspects took his wallet and fled on foot. A search of the area did not locate the suspects.

Nov. 3, 8:05 p.m.: A victim reported her car and house were egged. She said she suspects neighborhood juveniles, but did not actually see who did the egging.

Nov. 3, 9:58 p.m.: A victim reported that while leaving a business located in the 4100 block of Meridian Street, she was approached from behind by two suspects who attempted to grab her purse. They were unsuccessful and left the area in a vehicle driven by a third suspect.

Nov. 3, 10:13 p.m.: A victim reported suspects pointed a gun at him while in traffic along Sunset Avenue at Woburn Street.

Nov. 3, 10:38 p.m.: Police responded to a report of a drug overdose in the 1600 block of Texas Street.

Cops Box, which is selected from recent incident reports, was compiled by reporter Bill Urlevich.

Choirs set holiday mood; sing 'A Feast of Lights'

Western choirs will present a free holiday choral concert, "A Feast of Lights," at 8 tonight in the Performing Arts Center Concert Hall. The Concert Choir, Western Voices Chamber Ensemble, University Choir and Vocal Jazz Ensemble will perform carols from around the world as well as newly composed music for the holiday season. Admission is free.

All campus holiday celebration needs volunteers

Western's annual holiday celebration will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Dec. 12, in the Viking Union Lounge.

Forms requesting food items and monetary contributions have been distributed through campus mail, and volunteers also are needed to help with decorations, food, beverages and cleanup.

To volunteer or for additional information, contact Jayne Norton at 650-3629.

Don't forget the children; donate to Toys for Tots

Toys for Tots boxes are located in Wilson Library, Students' Cop Store, Physical Plant, Parks Hall, Old Main 110, Carver Gym, and the Printing and Publications area of the Commissary Building.

All members of Western's community are urged to donate new, unwrapped gifts for needy children.

The campus drive is being sponsored by the Staff Employees Council in conjunc-

tion with the Marine Corps Reserve and the Salvation Army.

Volleyball tournament set to raise more than points

Entry deadline for the seventh annual Willis L. Ball Memorial Scholarship CO-REC Volleyball Tournament is Dec. 12. The tournament is set for 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 17 in Western's Carver Gym.

A \$100 per team entry fee is required to cover tournament expenses. Net proceeds will be donated to the scholarship fund.

There will be round robin pool play in the morning and match play in the afternoon. All teams are guaranteed a minimum of four matches.

No admission fee will be charged to spectators.

Last year, 20 teams from Whatcom and Skagit counties raised more than \$900 for an annual scholarship awarded to students majoring in physical education or health recreation at Western.

For registration information, contact Jerry Warren at (360) 398-8042.

Scholarship established to honor faculty member

A memorial scholarship has been established in the name of Mary McIntyre Gorrell, professor of art and head of the fibers/fabrics program, who died Nov. 11.

McIntyre Gorrell joined Western's faculty in 1968 to develop the Department of Art's fibers/fabrics area and to contribute to the foundations area

serving all majors.

Contributions may be made to the Mary McIntyre Gorrell Memorial Scholarship in care of the Western Foundation.

Western to host speakers on Asia-Pacific economy

Gov. Mike Lowry's special trade representative, Robert C. Randolph, is set to open the third annual Western series on the Asia-Pacific economy at 4 p.m. Jan. 22 in Parks Hall 146.

Speakers from the business, government and academic communities will discuss what's affecting the current high growth rates in Southeast Asian economies.

All speaker presentations are free and open to the public. For more information, contact Catherine Pease at Western's Center for International Business at 650-7444.

Clarification

In the Dec. 1 issue of the Western Front in references where Western Endangered Species Alliance members' or Ben Kizer's sentiments were expressed as beliefs, they should have been expressed as statements. WESA contends the language of Public Law 104-19, the "Logging without Laws" rider, contradicts and replaces environmental protections established under the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Water Act, and the other environmental laws.

WWU Official Announcements

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

PLEASE POST

WINTER QUARTER CLASSES begin Tuesday, January 9.

STUDENTS WHO INTERRUPT THEIR STUDIES AT WESTERN, other than for a summer quarter, must complete an application for readmission by the appropriate deadline. Applications are available from the Office of Admissions, OM 200, X/3440.

PHASE I REGISTRATION FOR WINTER QUARTER ends Dec. 8. You can continue to make schedule adjustments on RSVP through Phase II and Phase III, Dec. 11 through Jan. 16.

WINTER QUARTER DEGREE APPLICANTS: All students expecting to graduate at the close of winter quarter must have a senior evaluation on file in the Registrar's Office in OM 230 by Dec. 8. To pick up a degree application, go to OM 230.

ALL STUDENT TEACHER CANDIDATES for fall, 1995, through spring, 1996, should have had their senior/certification evaluation on file in the Registrar's Office by May 1, 1995.

QUARTERLY PARKING PERMIT RENEWALS may be made at the Parking Services office on 21st Street from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday through December 8. Unrenewed permits will go on sale on a first-come, first-served basis beginning Dec. 11.

SPECIAL HOURS AT WILSON LIBRARY FOR THE WEEK PRECEDING FINALS will be 7:45 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, and 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 9 and 10.

WILSON LIBRARY HOURS DURING THE INTERSESSION BREAK from Dec. 16 through Jan. 8 will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The library will be closed weekends during this time. The library also will be closed on Friday, Dec. 22; Monday, Dec. 25; and Monday, Jan. 1, in observance of the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

WESTERN STORMLINE: To learn if Western is open during stormy weather, call 650-6500 after 6:15 a.m. for up-to-the-minute announcements. Or tune to KGMI, KBFW, KPUG, KISM or KAFE between 6:15 and 6:30 a.m. Stormline cards for posting in the office or at home are available through the Public Information Office, X/3350.

THE MATH PLACEMENT TEST will be offered at 9 a.m. Monday, Dec. 11. Thursday test dates are at 9 a.m. on Dec. 7 and 14. Testing is in OM 120. Allow 90 minutes. Preregistration is not required. Bring photo ID and a number 2 pencil. A \$10 fee is payable in the exact amount at time of testing.

CSC OFFERS NUMEROUS JOB SEARCH AND CAREER WORKSHOPS. Remaining fall quarter workshops include cover letters, interview techniques, mock interviews, effective résumés for educators, and effective interviews for educators. For more information on these or other workshops, stop by OM 280 or call X/3240.

Recruiting activities

To participate in on-campus interviews, graduating seniors and alumni must be registered for career 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 (1995-96 graduates); alumni must pay a \$15 fee. For more information about interview procedures contact CSC, OM 280, X/3240.

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AP news of the day from here and away

Regional

Storm winds knock out electricity for thousands in Puget Sound

BELLEVUE — As a result of the overnight wind storm on Sunday, about 38,000 utility customers in the Puget Sound area were left without power the Monday. Thousands were also without power in Eastern Washington and the inland Northwest.

Puget Power spokeswoman Betty Werblun said the worst area hit was the south end of Whidbey Island, where roads were blocked by fallen trees. She said that, unlike most Puget Power customers without power, those Whidbey Island residents will be without power until Monday night.

Boeing president defends negotiations of striking workers

SEATTLE — Boeing President Phil Condit said striking assembly workers will not face massive job losses, but must lower their demands in the face of world competition.

Condit said Boeing's work force is not a disposable commodity. People are crucial to us, he said. He also said that Boeing can only hire cheaper workers for low-skilled jobs.

Union members rejected a second contract offer Nov. 21. No talks have been conducted or scheduled since Nov. 19. Top issues are medical insurance costs, subcontracting and pay.

Spokane hostage situation ends peacefully despite gunshots

SPOKANE — A six hour hostage crisis in Spokane ended peacefully on Monday when the suspect surrendered to police and released his teen-age hostage.

Mark Newton Kelley of Spokane was arrested on suspicion of raping a female hostage and for multiple counts of kidnapping. No motive was established for the incident.

Police Chief Terry Mangan said Kelley was also wanted on two previous felony warrants for alleged rape of a child and armed robbery.

Witnesses told police the subject fired several shots from a handgun inside the house, but no one was injured.

Minnesota bans 'misleading' Crazy Horse Malt Liquor label

ROSEBUD, S.D. — Crazy Horse Malt Liquor has been banned in Minnesota because the state public safety commissioner said the name is "false and misleading."

The estate of Crazy Horse, represented by Seth Big Crow Senior in Rosebud, South Dakota, has opposed using the Crazy Horse label since 1992.

In their decision, Minnesota officials said the Crazy Horse Malt Liquor brand states or implies in a false and misleading manner a connection to the Indian leader by the same name, who actually opposed the consumption of alcohol.

Crazy Horse Malt Liquor is available in about 40 states. It is not sold in South Dakota.

International

Kentucky Fried Chicken wins international court dispute

NEW DELHI, India — Kentucky Fried Chicken is open again in New Delhi, India, after winning a court battle Monday against city hall.

The restaurant was closed after inspectors claimed finding two flies in the kitchen and garbage outside the back door. The city's government then voted to revoke KFC's license.

Kentucky Fried Chicken, owned by Pepsico Incorporated, said it plans to open more outlets in major Indian cities and invest \$80 million over the next seven years.

France hires 1,700 buses for strike-weary Paris commuters

PARIS — The government has hired 1,700 buses and ten boats to get people to work in Paris, as a strike by transport and public service workers entered into its twelfth day on Monday.

The strike has idled trains, buses and subways all over the country, and it intensified as two major unions urged private-sector workers to join the walkout.

Regional governments across France also are hiring private bus companies to get around during the strike.

AP Wire briefs compiled by reporter Traci Edge.

National

Freight train cars derail east of The Dalles, closing highway

THE DALLES, Ore. — Interstate 84 near The Dalles Dam has been closed in the wake of a freight train derailment.

Authorities said the freeway will remain closed until hazardous material cleanup teams ensure there is no danger.

No injuries occurred in the derailment that occurred 4:45 a.m. Monday. Flatbed and container cars were sent off the tracks on the mainline railroad running along the Columbia River.

Simpson prosecutor in spotlight during trial; now seeks films

NEW YORK — Former prosecutor in the O.J. Simpson trial, Christopher Darden, reportedly has signed a deal to have a movie made of his life and experience in the trial.

The show business newspaper "Variety" said Darden will get \$75,000 up-front and as much as \$1 million if the film is actually made.

Darden will co-write the script and co-produce the film with producer Steve Tisch. "Variety" said Denzel Washington, Laurence Fishburne and Andre Braugher are being considered for the lead role.

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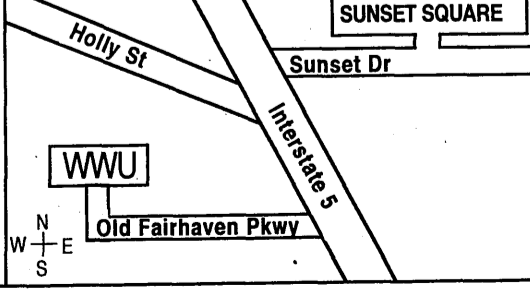
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For the flight, the perfect weather conditions have to exist, said Steve Dillman of Western's plastics engineering technology department.

He oversees the dozen or so student volunteers assembling Western's part of the plane. The students are primarily plastics engineering technology students, but at least one physics student works on the project, Dillman said.

The perfect conditions are "cold, clear, crisp, calm, cool days," Dillman said.

Only about five such days in the year fit this description, mostly during winter.

Four-mile-per-hour wind gusts would probably break the plane, Dillman said, so very little — if any — wind may be tolerated during the flight.

The plane is made of composites — combinations of two or more materials to create a new, "substantially improved overall balance of properties," Dillman said.

The composite of the plane is Styrofoam-like insulation and carbon fibers bound together with epoxy, a glue-like substance that acts as an adhesive.

The insulation, carbon fibers and epoxy are then sealed in plas-

tic in vacuum conditions, which forces them to fasten to one another and become stiff. Dillman termed it a sandwich structure.

On the day of the flight, the plane will be assembled around the pilot, who sits in the fuselage. The Raven has no doors because they would add extra weight, Dillman said. Thus, the only way to get the pilot inside the plane is to build it around him or her.

Costantino said the plane will be fastened together with strong tape, which is similar to Scotch tape, but lighter. Scotch tape is too heavy, she said.

The Raven will take off from Boundary Bay, British Columbia, and soar 100 miles south over

"It will take a very unusual person (to pilot the Raven)."

— Steve Dillman
Raven project

water, traveling at about 20 miles per hour. It might crash-land in either Elliot Bay or on the beach near Elliot Bay.

The plane has landing gear, Dillman said, but the gear is designed for take-off.

Since it is more vital to take-

off than to land, and the landing gear takes up weight and space the plane can't afford, the plane can't make a smooth landing. A boat will follow the plane as a safety precaution.

The flight must be over water, Dillman said, because of topography. It will be very hard for the pilot to pedal up and down over mountains.

The physical condition of the pilot is very important, and has very strict requirements.

He or she cannot weigh more than 140 pounds, must be in extremely good shape, cannot be claustrophobic and must be able to pedal non-stop for five hours. Dillman said the most qualified person, whether man or woman, will be picked.

"Women have traditionally performed well in endurance activities," he said. There is no guarantee the pilot will be a woman, but Dillman said he won't be surprised if it is.

"Several people who are outstanding athletes have expressed interest," he said.

Costantino said data is being collected on cyclists, but any athlete with a high endurance can try out. The decision for a pilot will probably not be made until next summer, added Costantino.

"It will take a very unusual person (to pilot the Raven)," Dillman said.

Currently, the student volunteers are working on the fuselage.

The Raven

It weighs 75 pounds, is 30 feet long from propeller to tail, has a wingspan of 115 feet.

The Raven's wingspan is equal to that of a 737 jet and will have to support a pilot almost twice the plane's weight, said Steve Dillman of Western's plastics engineering technology department.

Four world records will be attempted: Longest duration of a human-powered flight, longest distance of a human-powered flight, longest duration of a human-powered flight by a female pilot and longest distance of a human-powered flight by a female pilot.

They should have the tool, or mold done this quarter, said Todd Simmons, a senior majoring in plastics engineering technology. He is also the fuselage team leader.

Simmons has been working on the project since last winter. When he first heard of the project, he thought "How can I get involved?"

As Simmons worked more

and more on the project, he liked it, and began relating it to other projects he was working on for other classes.

Working with others has also taught Simmons about team communication. When members are in separate places at different times, work isn't easy, he said. "As students, it's tough to communicate," he said.

Simmons looks at the project as a learning experience, and hopes to bring that experience to a job when he graduates this spring. He would like to continue with the project — if time allows him.

The first plane will be donated to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. The plane that breaks the record will be displayed at The Museum of Flight, Costantino said.

The first plane should be done next year, Dillman said.

Then they have to wait for the right day to test it. The current human-powered aircraft record is 72.4 miles, set in 1988. Expectations for this flight are high.

"We're just not going to break the record, we're going to smash it," Dillman said.

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Experience emphasis of writing class

By Traci Edge
Front reporter

For Huxley College of Environmental Studies students interested in journalism, a favored class, environmental journalism (ES 481), is a scarce resource this year and may get even more scarce.

Until this year, Michael Frome taught the class. But Frome led his last Huxley class spring quarter. As a result, ES 481, usually offered each quarter, is offered only once this year.

Even so, those at Huxley are hopeful the class will continue, and in a new way.

Scott Brennan, a Huxley College graduate student will instruct the course winter quarter. Brennan said journalism can be learned by writing or from those who experience it firsthand, an approach he favors.

"The class has been revised — it is all new," Brennan said. "Students will be exposed to a wide variety of environmental writing." He said he plans to devote the first two weeks to reading the works of people who will speak in class.

"At the end of each class, there will be a question and answer period, where students can ask the speakers (about their jobs)," Brennan said.

Frome, who lead the class for eight years, approves of the new approach.

"I think it's great to have people come in and speak," Frome said.

Frome taught the class by having stu-

dents write, edit and rewrite pieces for the Huxley Hotline, Huxley College's weekly environmental newsletter, and having speakers visit the class periodically.

Confirmed speakers for ES 481 include William Dietrich, Pulitzer Prize winning reporter and writer; Jennifer Schmidt, National Public Radio correspondent and producer of NPR's national program, "Living On Earth"; and Karen Dorn-Steele, award-winning environmental reporter for the (Spokane) Spokesman Review.

"There will be many opportunities to write," Brennan said, "including a term paper and option to write for the Huxley Hotline."

ES 481, a four-credit course, is offered Monday and Wednesday from 7-9 p.m., winter quarter.

However, because Brennan is only available to teach during winter quarter, future environmental journalism classes have not been scheduled.

"Dean (of Huxley College) (Brad) Smith is supportive of the new course," Brennan said. "We both hope it will continue."

Smith said Huxley will continue to offer environmental journalism after Brennan leaves, which may require hiring a new instructor.

"It was a little different this year and it will be a little different next year," Smith said. "Don't worry — (environmental journalism) will not be dropped."

Multicultural hall impact being evaluated

By Naomi Dillon
Front reporter

After publicity at its inception, the multicultural hall, now in its second year, is hardly heard from. How's it doing?

The hall, located in the Fairhaven's stack 12, was created in response to a growing need expressed by students of a diverse background — whether it be race, religion, or mentality.

University Residences, former Resident Advisors and student leaders sensitive to this need worked together to make the hall into a reality — a hall especially dedicated to planning programs and building a community that would facilitate and encourage discussion on issues of diversity.

It took several months of meetings before the plan came to fruition.

So how did the hall turn out?

Sophomore education major, David Smith was a resident of the hall last year. He said that overall it was a good experience.

"I thought it was pretty cool."

Smith said it helped him overcome homesickness by having people around him he could relate to.

Smith, who is half black/half white, said there was a good racial mix of people in the hall. About half of the students were of European descent and the other half a conglomeration of Asian, Black

and Hispanic backgrounds.

"Everyone was really open and willing to learn about other people. I feel we had an advantage over other halls. Residents in other halls really missed out," Smith said.

With a new RA and Resident Director, the hall has undergone many changes.

Brett Omri, who was an RA at Alpha hall last year, returned to take a position at the multicultural hall.

"It's a lot more responsibility," Omri said of the move. "It's hard enough being an RA, but when you are RAing with a purpose it's more difficult."

Omri estimates he has done more than three times the work expected of an RA, even though there are no special requirements for the multicultural hall.


"I think the one thing this hall is lacking is definition," Omri said, "People don't understand what the objectives are and I think that's one thing I need to do this year is define those objectives."

Assistant Director of Resident Life Peter Rosenberg said he is very pleased with the multicultural hall.

"The hall was evaluated, as all programs are, to see how things were going and if any changes needed to be made."

Rosenberg added he was a little concerned none of the past residents were returning to the hall and hopes that a few will decide to stay on this year.

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Teens, from page 1

word of mouth. Especially by educators," Cindi Tice, coordinator of RELATE, said.

Raymond said abstinence is defined as not engaging in vaginal intercourse.

"Now sometimes we have students ask us if they have had oral sex — does it mean they aren't a virgin. Technically, I say no, but that is a judgement call they have to make in their mind," he said.

Whereas, Tice said she doesn't initially address the sexual acts with teens, rather, "I talk to teens about drawing the line of arousal. Because that is really the point where couples lose control and give into their hormones."

Tice said RELATE is in seven of the eight area high schools through their health/wellness classes.

Statistics compiled by RELATE show 66 percent of high school teens the organization works with at least "desire to wait for sex until marriage." That does not mean that all do. Reaching out to these teens is what keeps RELATE members motivated.

"We are here to help them deal with the negative peer pressure — let them know that not everyone is doing it," Tice said.

Tice said kids in the seventh grade (around age 12) are her favorite group to talk with.

"It is real interesting to see how sometimes they need to start hearing about sex at this age," she said.

"You can tell by their body language that girls are much more attuned to the message. Whereas some of the boys are ready for it, but sometimes they just want to go out and play with their buddies and don't even know girls exist," Tice said.

"We don't want this to be a trend, we want this to be a lifestyle — not a choice to do

until something else sounds better. Sexual abstinence is the only sure way to prevent sexually transmitted diseases and unplanned pregnancies," Tice emphasized.

Raymond joined RELATE two years ago as a college-age volunteer speaker.

"RELATE is not a preachy program. We just share our ideas. We tell teens 'here is what we believe and why, now it is up to you to make a choice,'" Raymond said.

The instruction of sexual abstinence as the traditional fact-based, safer sex message raises the question that the traditional instruction is just like giving teens permission to have sex before marriage.

"I think it clouds the issue. Abstinence gives a lot of healthy reasons why it is best to wait until marriage, but then if you say, 'well if you are really going to have sex, use a condom,' it discredits information about why abstinence is good," Raymond said.

One mother agreed, and so she, along with approximately 40 other parents of students attending Mt. Baker High School, challenged the school's sex education policy and successfully fought to have an abstinence-based curriculum established.

It all started when Audrey McKeever became a member of the Mt. Baker School District's Sex Education Committee. In trying to decide on the proper curriculum, McKeever and others discovered the fact-based, safe-sex education the school district wanted to implement supplied information and conveyed messages that conflicted with the moral values the parents had for their children.

She said she believes sex education is a personal, sensitive sub-

ject and parents should have a voice in the matter.

"When we realized we were outnumbered by the rest of the parents on the committee who did not agree with the abstinence-only education, and the school district would not take our concerns seriously, we took the issue out to the community," McKeever said.

McKeever said she believes the health and safety of children is



Front/Kelly Jackson

being compromised if they are taught safe sex in addition to abstinence.

"There will still be some kids who rebel and do not abstain, but our message should still be clear to teens that they should wait until marriage," McKeever added.

"Even though we did not agree with the traditional sex-education based curriculum, we were being tolerant of it. And we weren't being censors either. Instead of insisting on our curriculum only, we just wanted a choice so everyone could be satisfied," McKeever said.

The curriculum at Mt. Baker High School took two years to develop. The parents chose the Teen-aid abstinence-only curriculum created by the Teen-aid organization based out of Spokane, Wash.

McKeever said Teen-Aid parallels another nationally known

abstinence-only sex education curriculum known as Sex Respect.

McKeever identified an issue underneath the controversy of what kind of sex education America's youth should be receiving, "The ultimate question is who really has the authority over the children — the parents or the state. ... It should be the parents."

Former State Legislator and now Whatcom County Executive-elect Pete Kremen (D-Bellingham) tried a few years ago to get a bill passed calling for the state superintendent of public instruction to provide educational materials emphasizing abstinence as the most effective way to prevent pregnancy and not contract sexually transmitted diseases.

Kremen's bill passed the state House of Representatives, but was killed in the state Senate by the committee chair. The effects of his efforts did not die with the bill.

"I was still able to sell the concept to the Legislature," Kremen said.

About a year-and-a-half ago, the state appropriated \$500,000 to be spent specifically on sexual abstinence curriculum.

Thinking back to when his push began for teen abstinence curriculum to be a requirement in schools, Kremen said he had just a handful of supporters.

"People were so concerned about where the message was coming from, like the far right, they didn't hear the message.

"Whereas now lawmakers were forced to relook at abstinence-based education because of the current increase of youth being infected with STDs and high teen pregnancy rates," Kremen said.

Ninety percent of sex education courses taught in U.S. classes now include abstinence. Only about one percent teach abstinence only. As of 1993, there are 15 abstinence-only curricula in U.S. schools. The two largest, Sex Respect and Teen-Aid, are used in more 2,000 schools nationwide and receive orders from all 50 states.

Linda McCarthy from Mt. Baker Planned Parenthood said she feels affirmed the traditional reality/safer-sex message is most effective, but abstinence is the best.

"I don't think there is any good reason for teenagers to be sexually active, but some aren't asking permission," she said.

Influence of religious groups key in growing abstinence movement

By Jody Lindstrom
Assistant News editor

It is no secret abstinence and abstinence-only curricula are strongly supported by Christians. Abstinence critics even go so far as to label the movement the result of the religious right fundamentalists working their religious ideologies under the concern for teens and public health.

It was Richard Ross, a Baptist youth minister from Nashville, Tenn., who helped launch the national True Love Waits campaign two years ago.

Either because of teenagers' fear of the risks from sex, parents' persuasion, or religious pressure, the True Love Waits pledge for abstinence until marriage unified 22,000 virgins across the country.

Bellingham has its own version of True Love Waits through the RELATE program. It is called "I'm Worth Waiting For." Mainly sought by area youth groups, the affirmation encourages local youth to abstain.

During an "I'm Worth Waiting For" rally in September, approximately 100 teens shared stories, talked and sang about remaining abstinent

and "pure" for God until marriage. Like True Love Waits, the teens signed staked pledge cards in the front lawn of the church.

The signs read, "Believing that I am worth waiting for, I make a commitment to God, myself, my family, those I date, my future mate, and my future children, to be sexually pure until the day I enter a covenant marriage relationship."

Jennifer Melton spoke before the group at the rally and said, "I wish I would have had 'I'm Worth Waiting For' in high school."

She said it was very difficult to remain abstinent, but she is glad she did.

"My boyfriend is a born-again Christian, experiencing his secondary virginity," Melton said.

"He said that since we have continued our commitment to abstain, he said even though he has had sex, when he kissed me it was (like) the first time he ever kissed somebody," she said.

She continued to say how she feels she is speaking through God when she encourages her peers to abstain.

"Not having sex really shows how much you care about someone and your relationship," Melton said.

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Truant meter feeder fights system

Don't take the law into your own hands, take it to court

By Lisa L. Diaz
Front reporter

I ran down Cornwall Avenue in the dark of night as high winds whipped around me. I was desperately trying to reach the car before the meter ran out.

I vowed revenge to the

because a small yellow envelope was safely tucked beneath the car's windshield — wiper mocking me along with the unsuspecting people who were flashed when the wind tore my kimono open.

I was issued a parking violation by an over-zealous parking

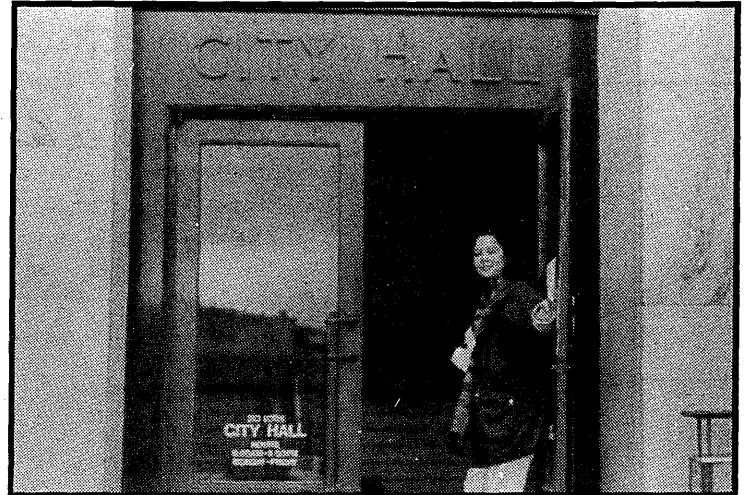
box, which said I committed the crime but wished to explain myself, on the envelope and mailed the \$5 ticket off.

Three weeks later I received my court date: 9:30 a.m., Nov. 22 in Bellingham City Hall. This would be my first court experience.

Ironically, as I entered the court room I sat in the press box with the rest of the suspects and nervously waited for the honorable Judge Lewis to call my name.

I figured I wouldn't have to wait long, since my last name is fourth in the alphabet, but I was wrong. Court cases aren't necessarily handled in alphabetical order. Out of 50 people, I was number 40.

I had plenty of time to admire the polished wood running from the floor to the ceiling,



Front/Jesse Hamilton

Parking perpetrator Lisa L. Diaz waits for her court appearance.

the many strategically placed microphones and to wonder what cruelties awaited me.

Of course, I listened to many of the cases before mine.

One particularly amusing case, since the person wasn't me, took place between Judge Lewis and a young man who had repeatedly been issued speeding and insurance violations.

The judge told the man that with his \$1,400 in fines he could

have had liability insurance with money to spare.

Finally, my name was called. I proceeded to the bench and told the graying Judge Lewis my story, hoping he wouldn't charge me for indecent exposure when I finished. The judge only laughed and reduced my fine to \$3.

Although the fine wasn't waived, I still felt as if I had accomplished something, however small.

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tyrannical co-worker who waited until the last minute to send me out to feed the meter.

The Japanese kimono I was wearing did not want to stay closed, making the journey difficult.

Upon reaching the car, I realized my efforts were futile

enforcement official and there was nothing left to do but scowl, vow revenge and fight the system.

That is exactly what I did when I returned home from my first night working at a Japanese restaurant, hence the kimono.

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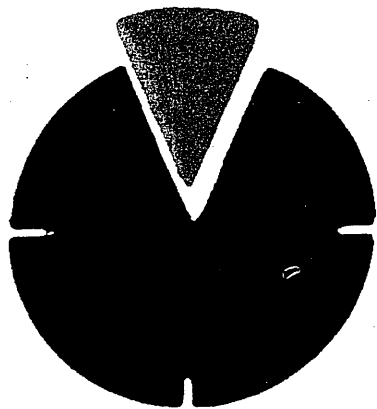
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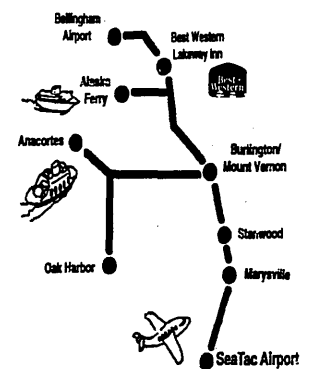


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Time to spare? Bo

By Naomi Dillon
Front reporter

Bowling. It's one of those words that just sits there — no class, no pomp, no sophistication. It doesn't pretend to be anything it's not. It's got balls — and pins. It's an honorable sport; yet, for some reason, it hasn't received as much coverage as some of the high profile sports such as baseball, football and tennis.

Unfair, yet soon rectified. Without further ado, I give you bowling and the people who bowl.

Tonight is college night, Wednesday 10:35 p.m., at the 20th Century Lanes. As can be expected, a lot of college students fill the alley.

What makes this night so popular for those who

seek a higher plane of learning? It's cheap. At a buck and quarter per game, it doesn't take a genius to figure this is the best deal since McDonald's two for \$2 special.

The place is packed. With 16 lanes, every single one of them is filled with couples.

Alternately switching from Grunge to Techno to Reggae, music blares from speakers plastered on the walls.

Andy Carl, part-owner of the bowling alley, acts as DJ, cashier and insightful philosopher.

"You see there's no social interaction a n y -

more," says Carl, who bears an uncanny resemblance to George Costanza on Seinfeld.

"People go to the movies and they don't talk. People rent a movie and they don't talk. And the bar scene is so expectation-oriented.

"Here, you don't feel obligated. You can come with friends or you can make friends. It's an up-and-coming date scene," Carl says.

After looking around, I had to admit there's no other place I'd rather go for a date than right here.

This outing proved bowling can be an exciting and even romantic experience.

The air is shrouded in perfumed clouds of cigarette smoke. Exceptional spirits like Budweiser and Miller Light are served.

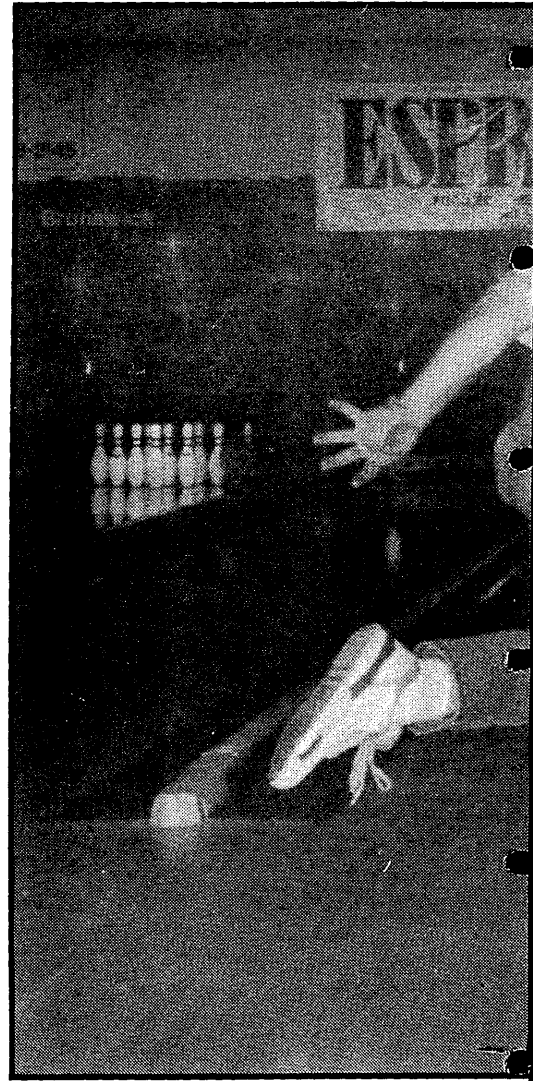
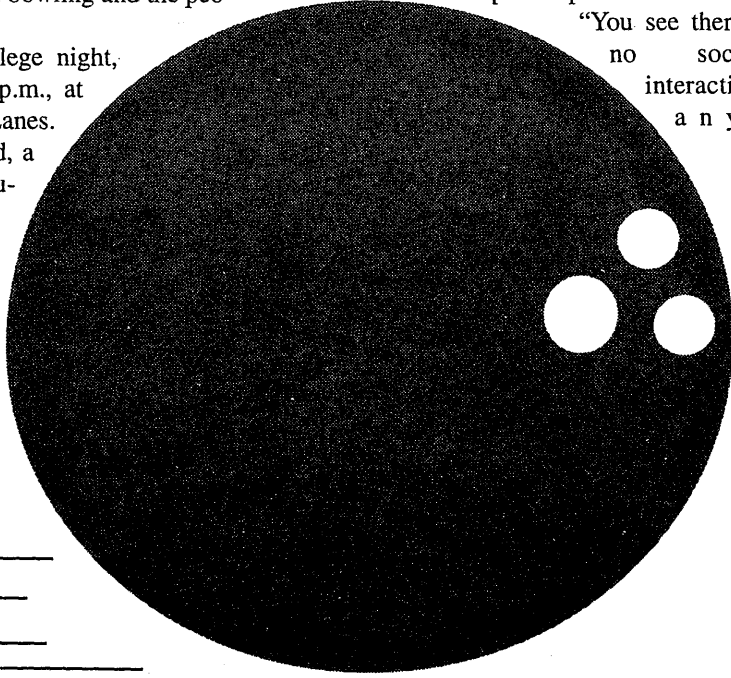
Besides an idyllic atmosphere, the alley also provides intellectual stimulation and colorful language.

"Fuck, man. What the fuck is this shit," one woman melodically calls out.

A little different ambiance exists at Park Bowl, Friday at 10:15 p.m. Friday is the night the leagues meet and, consequently, an air of competition fills the smoky room.

Almost twice the size of 20th Century Lanes, Park Bowl has 28 lanes, several pool tables and video games.

At the far left end of the alley, Sixteen-year bowling league veteran, Mike R



Going Greyhound this winter?

Helpful hints for the holiday traveler

By Jamie Kline
Front reporter

Note: all details taken from the author's 20-hour Thanksgiving odyssey to Bozeman, Mont.

The driver shuts the door, cuts the interior lights and steps on the gas. In the back a man begins a monotonous lecture: "Did you know there are 100 different kinds of arthritis? What it comes down to is unrelenting pain. Let me tell you about lupus..."

A young man seated nearby pounds vigorously on the seat in front of him. When the girl sitting there turns, he asks, "You like metal?" as he jams a pair of headphones into her unsuspecting ears.

A two-year-old girl up front launches into what will be an hour-long rendition of "Old MacDonald Had a Farm," with some artistic license: "With ... an ... oink oink here and oink oink here and oink oink here and oink oink here ..."

It's not a bad dream, it's Greyhound.

As the holidays near and students flee Bellingham like lemmings, those without cars must make alternate plans.

Taking a bus has some definite advantages. It's cheap, at least compared to plane or train travel. It's convenient — even the tiniest of towns usually has a depot attached

to the local post office, general store, church or tavern. While it may not be the quickest way, it is faster than walking or riding a tractor.

On top of all that, taking the bus offers a better-than-average chance of rubbing shoulders with a celebrity.

The man sitting behind you might be the one who installed faux marble at Bette Midler's house. The woman to your left could be the cousin of the man who managed that legendary rock duo Hall and Oates. If you're lucky, they may spend most of the trip sharing their star-studded tales.

Yet bus travel isn't all happiness and light, especially when it comes to long-distance trips.

Given the space allotted to each seat, relaxation options are limited. Restful sleep is a rarity, since at any point in time one portion of your body will most likely be engulfed in a cramp.

Also, something about buses compels people to talk to strangers. Seconds after leaving the station the interrogation begins: "Where are you from? Where are you going? Why? What do you do for a living? Do you have children?" For the more introverted, this can cause some discomfort.



Front/Kelly Jackson

To ensure a pleasant voyage, the following tips may come in handy:

- Learn a phrase or two in some foreign language. Delivered with a vacant stare, this should detract any unwanted conversation.
- Practice yoga for a few months before the trip. The resulting flexibility should enable you to get relatively comfortable.
- Pack a lunch. Bus drivers seem to have a strange internal radar that causes them to stop at the greasiest of greasy-spoon restaurants, where an acorn-sized blueberry

ry muffin costs \$2.75 and tastes like wet cardboard.

- Try to cultivate a cold or some other sinus problem. Losing your sense of smell will benefit you greatly, especially when you're forced to confront the Greyhound restroom.
- Stock up on aspirin.

So if you are planning to leave the driving to them, keep these tips in mind, kick back and enjoy yourself. By the time you get where you're going, you might even wrangle yourself an invite to a Hall and Oates reunion tour.

Mis

By Lisa L. Diaz
Front reporter

Sharks. These awe-inspiring, blood-thirsty man-eaters have the ability to take a chunk out of you.

What would people think of the thought of sharks as being killed, at a safe distance?

Sandy Cato is one of those people. A major at Western, believed for being what they are, she has survived more than 400 million years before dinosaurs.

Cato admits being fascinated by her fascination with the shark. Her fascination with the shark has not faded.

"Most people pick up on it. I chose to study them. I know we know virtually nothing about them."

"To me, sharks are beautiful. I'm not saying that, though," she added.

For Cato, the definition of a shark is the age of 17 with the date of August 1991.

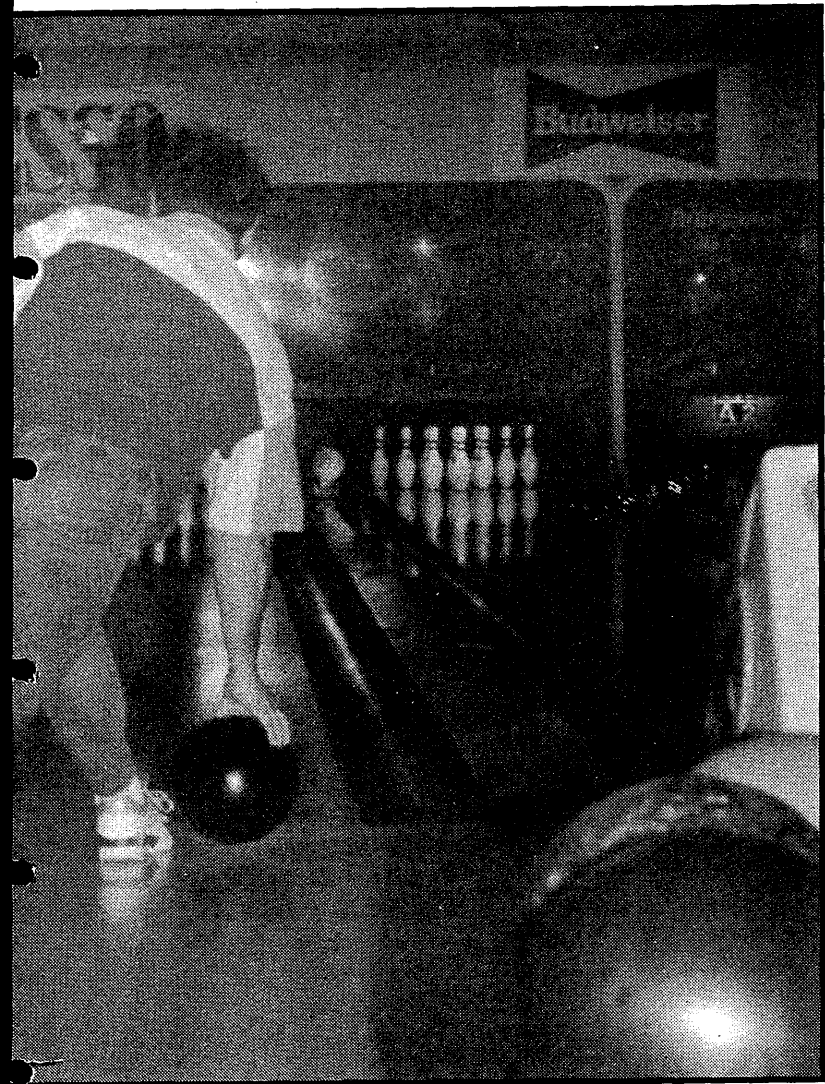
She was taken to a place where she placed recording devices on the shark. After seven years and seven attacks and a shark that horrified her, she resulted in shark fatalities.

"Sharks have survived for millions of years. They don't seem able to survive. I don't know more about them."

Cato said a bill was introduced to have nine species of sharks listed under the Species Act, but not more.

"I suppose sharks are

Bowl in Bellingham



Front/Craig Stephens

aims for a strike Friday at Park Bowl. His wife is also in the league.

sits Ernie John. John, who has been on a league for two years, explains how he got involved.

"I like it 'cause it's something to do indoors. I (bowled) a little before on my own free time and then some friends asked if we wanted to give it a try and now it's our second year," John says.

To join a mixed league, John says, a group must have four members, one being opposite sex of the other. The season runs about six months and costs about \$9 every three games.

John's wife, Terry, joined the league this year.

"I used to come with him every Friday night and watch.

"He used to try and get me to play but I never did. And then one day I was like, why I am just sitting here. And now I'm bowling," she says.

Terry admits she didn't like bowling at first, but has grown to like it.

Diane Weisenburger, the league secretary, bowls a few lanes down.

Responsible for keeping track of all the scores and handling the money, Weisenburger has been a member of the league for 14 years.

Not all, but most of the members, she said, are couples.

Mike and Sharon Roof have been on the league together since 1979.

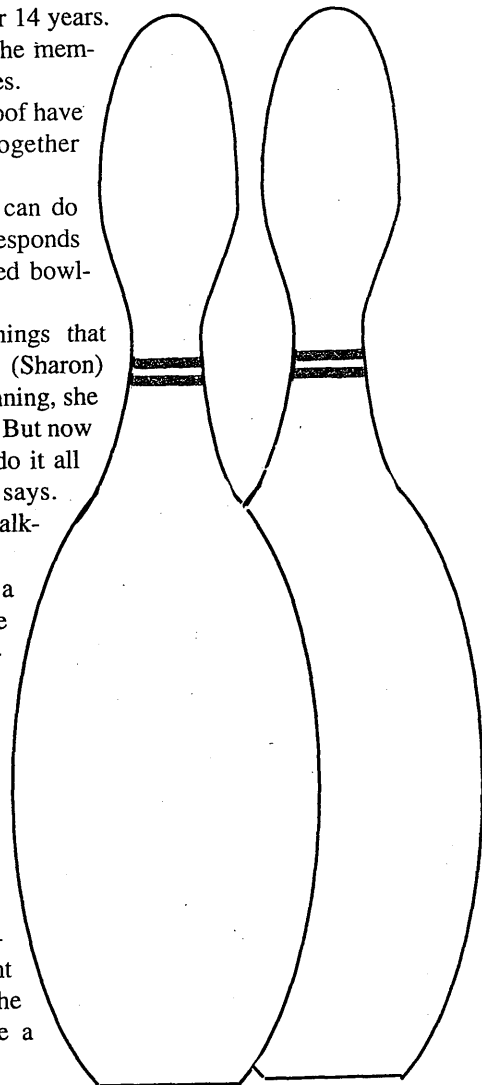
"It's something we can do with our wives," Roof responds when asked why he liked bowling so much.

"You gotta find things that you can do as couples. (Sharon) didn't like it in the beginning, she didn't ever want to do it. But now she can't stop, and we do it all the time," he says. (Remember, we were talking about bowling.)

So besides being a great place to make friends and meet a significant other, the bowling alley can also be hailed for saving marriages!

Will wonders never cease?

The next time you complain about having nothing to do in Bellingham, although your point is valid, check out the bowling alley and have a ball.



Understood sharks intrigue Cato

predators summon thoughts of that lie in wait for the first opportunity some unsuspecting water enthusi-

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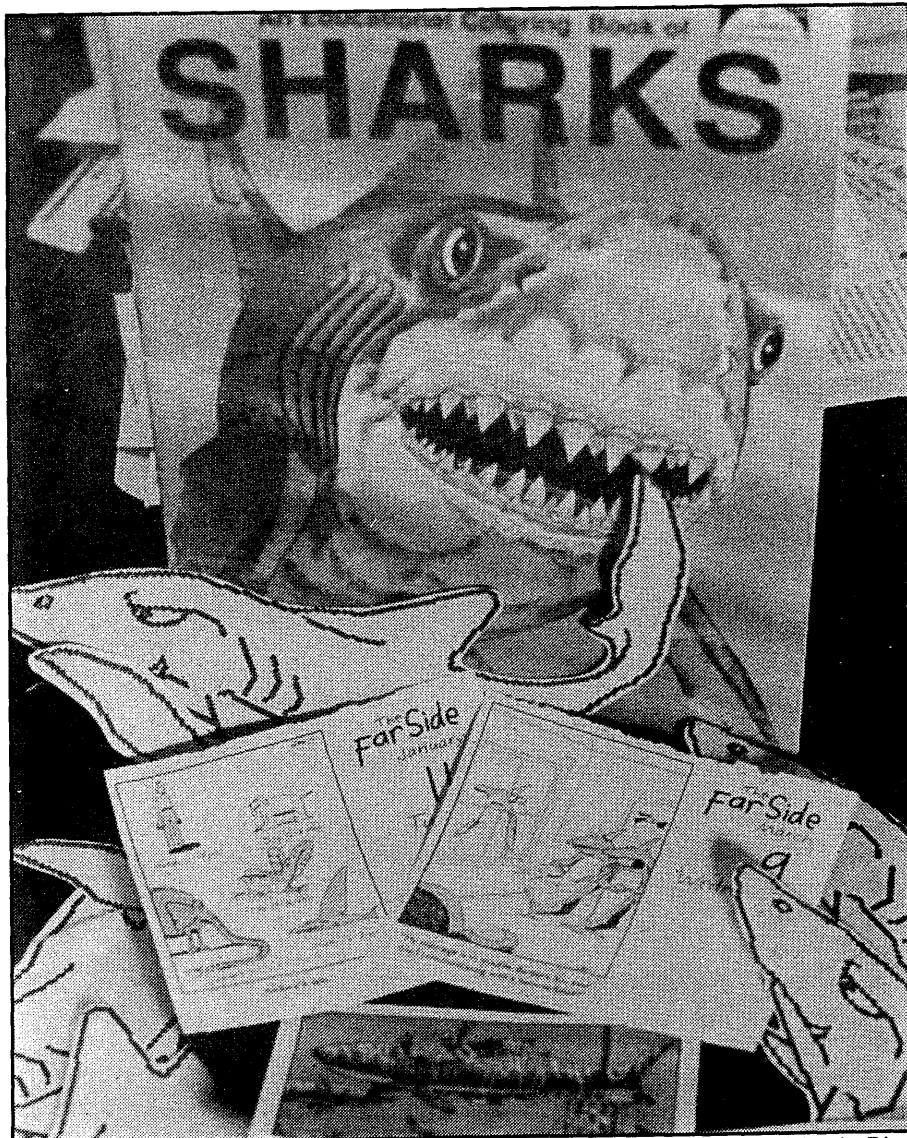
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Front/Lisa L. Diaz

Sandy Cato, avid shark fan, displays her collection of shark paraphernalia. Cato fell in love with sharks while on a trip to Sydney, Australia in 1991.

rance breeds prejudice," Cato said.

"People are prejudiced against those with AIDS because they don't understand the disease. The same case is with sharks," she said.

The Sept. 6, 1994 Seattle Times reported the disappearance of the marine world's top predator would ripple down the food chain, triggering catastrophic fluctuations from bait fish to mammals.

"I don't think most people understand what happens when you drastically reduce an apex predator population from the environment," said shark expert Steve Branstetter.

He noted the numbers of some heavily fished shark species have declined 75 percent in the last two decades.

Cato referred to the movie Jaws for most people's innate fear of being attacked by a shark.

"You say 'shark,' and people immediately picture jaws and that big dorsal fin cutting through the water. Of the 350 or so known species, only 23 are known to attack humans," she said.

Although Cato said shark attacks seldom occur, she admits when they do the scars and wounds are pretty gruesome, and it's not the greatest way to go. For Cato, knowledge is power, and before anyone goes into the water, they should educate themselves.

"Like most anything, if you know what to do, you're not going to be attacked by a shark," she said.

"You have to use common sense. Don't get into the water if you're bleeding or wearing metal. Think first. I mean, you think first before you do almost everything else. You don't take the hairdryer into the bath tub with you," Cato added.

Cato said she does not really know what she wants to do with her shark hobby, but she hopes to move to Australia and teach American and women's literature.

"I don't know. For a long time I wanted to be a marine biologist," she said.

"To me, for a while, being attacked and killed by a shark would have been a noble way to go. It would have been a fitting end.

"In fact, when I was in high school I was voted most likely to be eaten by a shark," Cato said.

Vikings seniors dominate in women's home debut

Johnson on target as Sampson crashes boards in wins against Whitworth, Victoria

By Bryan Woodward
Front reporter
and Jason Willis Hickman
Accent co-editor

Head Coach Carmen Dolfo earned her 100th career victory Friday night, and her 101st Saturday as the Western women's basketball team beat Whitworth College and the University of Victoria in its first home games of the season.

Senior forward Addy Johnson shot 8-10 from the field Friday and scored 18 points as the Vikings defeated Whitworth 80-57.

Senior center Gina Sampson and junior guard Heidi Van Brocklin scored 16 points apiece. Sampson added 11 rebounds and 6 steals against Whitworth.

"Our strength is running," Sampson said. "If teams are going to try running on us, we are going to be able to stop them."

Western scored the first 12 points of the contest, but after a Whitworth timeout, the Pirates closed the gap to 16-13.

The Vikings then went on a 10-0 run, aided by a technical foul on Whitworth

Head Coach Helen Higgs.

After a 36-25 halftime lead, the Vikings used their transition game to set up an 18-5 run and grabbed their largest lead of the contest at 63-39.

"We ran the ball well, and it created a lot of options," Johnson said.

"The win was special for us," she continued. "It was Carmen's 100th victory and our first home game."

Dolfo is in the early part of her sixth season as the women's head coach, and has a career record of 101-53.

Forward Jennifer Tissue led the Pirates (1-5) with 19 points.

Saturday night the Vikings continued their winning ways, notching a 56-49 victory over Victoria.

Sampson crashed the boards for her third 20-rebound performance of the young season, finishing with 23 to accompany her 13 points.

Johnson led Western with 14 points. April Saunders and Kristy Eggen added 10 each.

While Western's offense struggled, shooting only 38 percent from the field, its defense dominated, improving the Vikings' record to 5-2 for the year.

The Vikings continue action this week-end with a game at 7 p.m. Friday at the University of British Columbia, and at 6 p.m. Saturday against Western Oregon State College at Carver Gym.

"If teams are going to try running on us, we are going to be able to stop them."

— Gina Sampson, Vikings center



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Senior forward Addy Johnson reaches for a rebound Friday against Whitworth College. Johnson led the Vikings with 18 points. Western won 80-57.

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Western men edge Victoria, Malaspina showdown on hold

Despite shooting a mediocre 37 percent from the field, Western's men's basketball team defeated the University of Victoria Vikes 70-64 Friday night in Carver Gymnasium.

The Vikings led Victoria by 11 points with 13 minutes, 52 seconds left in the game, but the Vikes went on a 19-8 run to tie the game with 3:37 remaining.

Ryan Gerrits broke the tie with one of his two 3-point field goals, and Western never looked back.

Gerrits finished the game with 13 points.

Senior guard Chris Morrison led the Vikings with 22 points, including two 3-pointers.

Victoria out-rebounded Western 40-35, but the Vikings took better care of the ball, as they had just nine turnovers to the Vikes' 20.

With the win over Victoria, who was ranked No. 7 in Canada, Western improved to 4-2.

The Vikings were scheduled to play Malaspina College Saturday night in Carver Gym, but the game has been postponed indefinitely after a member of Malaspina's women's volleyball team was killed Friday in a car accident.

She was the girlfriend of a Malaspina men's basketball player.

This Friday, the Falcons of Seattle Pacific University visit Carver Gym.

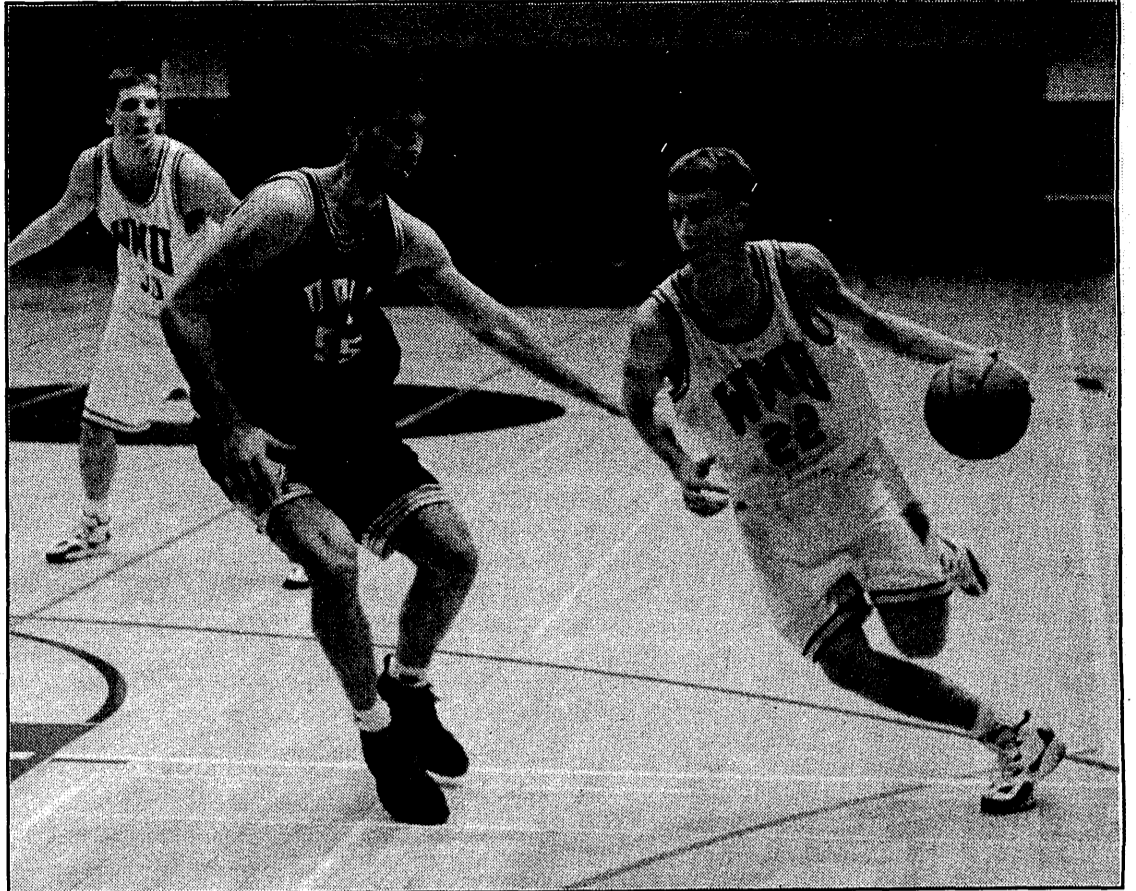
The Falcons and Vikings have a long history of competition.

Seattle Pacific, an NCAA Division II team, has won 50 of 86 meetings with Western.

Last season, Western split a pair of games with the Falcons.

In the teams' first meeting of the 1994-95 season, the Vikings won 74-68, and Seattle Pacific won the rematch, 81-77.

Tipoff is at 8 p.m., and KUGS-FM will broadcast play-by-play.



Front/Craig Stephens

Sophomore point guard Dan Legard makes a break inside during Friday night's game with the University of Victoria. Legard scored seven points in Western's 70-64 win.

Steinauer named first-team All-American

The American Football Coaches Association named Orlando Steinauer to its All-American first team on Monday.

Steinauer, a senior cornerback, is the first Western player ever to be selected to the squad, which is composed of players from NAIA Division II and NCAA Division III schools.

Steinauer, who graduated from Lynnwood High School, led the NAIA in pass interceptions this season and set a new Columbia Football Association record with 10 during the 1995 campaign and was

eighth nationally in punt return yards, averaging 11.6 per return. He is the first Viking to ever return an interception and a punt return for touchdowns in the same season.

Steinauer set school records by making interceptions in eight games, and intercepting passes in five consecutive contests this season. Steinauer's 20 career interceptions put him second among Western's all-time leaders, and third in the CFA.

Earlier this season, the association named Vikings' coach Rob Smith as Coach of the Year.

Commentary

Is constant cheering necessary to show Vikings spirit at games?

I was reading through the Nov. 28 issue of the Front and the article about Western's cheerleaders jumped out at me. Several thoughts occurred to me as I read it and, probably none of them will make me any more popular. But even in the face of my roommate's argument that my name (and address) are in the phone book, I decided to write this commentary.

My first thoughts were: Why do you do what you do? Are you doing it for school credits or for tuition waivers or a locker in the varsity locker room? Will any of this make you any better?

I compete in a varsity sport at Western, but I don't do it for any of those reasons or for any misplaced desire for recognition from students or the university.

I was under the impression cheerleaders were at the games to support Western's teams, not to demand support of their own.

And guess what — my access to the training room isn't free. I pay \$60 every year whether I use it or not. That is in addition to the \$40 a year that everyone pays to use the Health Center (who will, by the way, refer a student to the training room if necessary).

Do you know what else? Not all varsity sports programs have trainers at every competition and practice. Do you really think that if a cheerleader was injured during a game a trainer wouldn't help her?

But that is not the point of competition.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not

Christine Troyke
Front reporter



saying Western's cheerleaders aren't athletic. I'm saying there is a fine line between being athletic and being an athlete.

Part of being an athlete is an attitude of competition — knowing that whether you, or a teammate, make or miss a play it can mean the difference between the playoffs and the end of a season.

As an athlete, you don't notice how many hours you devote because you do what you must to be the best that you can. It can't be broken down into hours.

An athlete does not command or demand respect, an athlete earns it.

Just as a side note — it's not that I don't know what to do at games, it's that I'd rather watch the plays than jump around screaming.

I show my support by coming to watch and when a good play is made, I cheer.

You can't expect every game to be treated like the national championship. That just isn't Western.

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Al Reid: 20 years of sports began in 'broom closet'

By Eric Francis
Front reporter

Western's sport scene has changed a lot since the 1970s. Players, coaches and even sports have come and gone. Al Reid has seen it all.

"Big Al," as the 5-foot Reid is called, has worked in the Sports Information Office at Western for most of the past 20 years. Reid has unconventional qualifications for the position: a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in anthropology from Western.

When he's not patrolling the sidelines, he runs an environmental assessment firm, doing research on various sites in the area for government agencies. His job allows him to learn about the history of a particular area, both by survey and research.

"As human beings, it gives us something to remember and think about our past. I see archaeology as an incredible investigation of what my ancestors did," Reid said.

Reid began working in the Western Sports Information Office in 1976, keeping score for football, basketball and, until the sport was cancelled, baseball.

"Al's very detail oriented, very conscientious," Sports Information Director Paul Madison said. "He's a good person to have in

the department. He'll go the extra miles for you."

"I started out with Paul (Madison)" Reid said. "That's when Paul was in a little broom closet of an office. We started from there. He's built quite a program in the Sports Information Office."

Twenty years later, Madison and Reid still can be found at most Western athletic events, keeping track of statistics for players, coaches and media.

"Paul is a really dedicated guy," Reid said. "He's really into what he's doing. Sometimes it's a little tough. You have to let his intensity go over your head a little bit. I've worked with him for 20 years now and I've watched him calm down a lot. He's the type of guy who is very much a straight shooter. He knows his job extremely well."

Reid's role in the athletic department has changed as technology reduced his role as statistician. He moved down to the sidelines for football games.

"Four or five years ago we started computerizing and also getting more media. We were trying to think of a new job for me, as I was being moved out by the computer world. One of things we thought of was on the sidelines, where I could catch (players') numbers on forced fumbles

and blocked kicks that they might not catch from (the press box)."

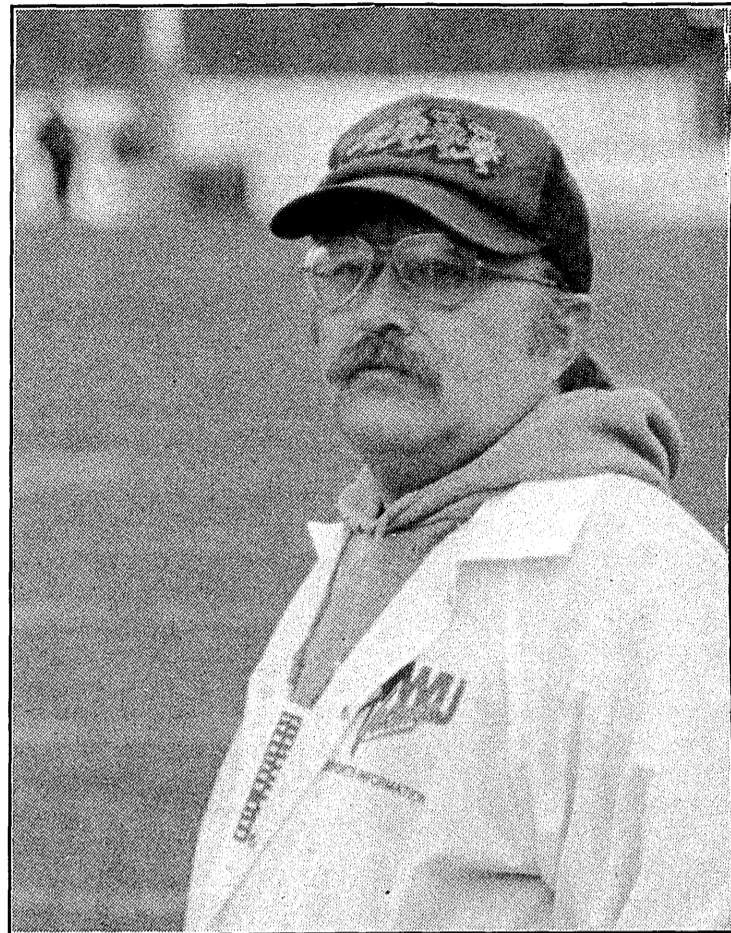
Reid's official duties include being a liaison between field official and timer. Being close to the action has given Reid a unique perspective on the feel of football games.

"Football is different on the sidelines. You can feel this tension. Each player there has such energy involved in the game. You can feel it. It's something you can't describe, but you can feel it. I've been involved with some good teams in the past, but nothing that has the energy of 40 or 50 players on a sideline. This year it was particularly satisfying."

The sidelines can also be a very dangerous place, as Reid found out during the 1994 season.

"(Running back John) Frazier was coming around right end and he had a pulling guard with him. There was a defensive end and a linebacker coming and they all seemed to meet right at my chest. The football players behind me, having gear on, didn't move. I was caught between all of this. That was the first time I was ever run over. I've got some scars off of that one."

Reid said he enjoys having two diverse careers, and balancing them is not difficult because he can choose his hours as an anthropologist. If forced to



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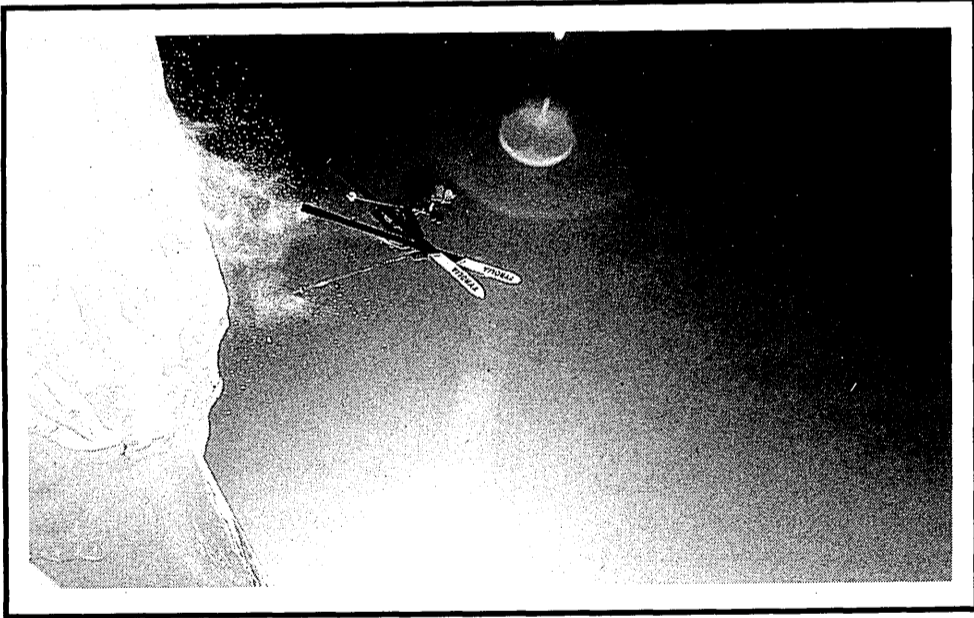
'Big Al' Reid follows a recent Western football game from the sidelines. Reid has been with Western for two decades.

choose, however, Reid said he'd give up sports before he gave up anthropology.

"Sports have given me a lot of valuable lessons in meeting people. Without a doubt, sports have

opened my world up to a lot of variations of people that I probably wouldn't have met. Some attitudes I wouldn't really want to be around sometimes. The aggressiveness is not my thing."

Snow driftin'



Courtesy of Mark Gallup/RAP Films

Andrew Sheppard is one of the skiers featured in "Snow Drifters."

Ski film provides insanity-laced tour of world's most spectacular ski terrain

Ski and snowboard enthusiasts can find out what they mean by "Don't try this at home" when "Snow Drifters" blows onto Western's campus Thursday evening.

In "Snow Drifters," the Real Action Pictures film crew, from Calgary, Alberta, follows skiers and snowboarders from British Columbia to the Alps and back to Utah and Alaska in search of untracked powder and the adrenaline rush of a lifetime.

The film features Kirk Jensen, Trevor Peterson, Eric Pehota and Kevin Andrews, as well as assorted other skiers and snowboarders flying off cliffs and ravaging previously

unspoiled hills of powder snow while displaying their athleticism.

Beautiful People, Face to Face, Guns and Wankers and several artists from Instinct Records provide a potent soundtrack of punk and trip-hop music for the film.

The skiing-set-to-music scenes are punctuated by home video of skiers talking about their experiences and doing dangerous things on snowmobiles.

KUGS-FM and the Associated Students Outdoor Center are sponsoring the film.

Showtime is at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Fraser Hall 2. Admission is \$3.

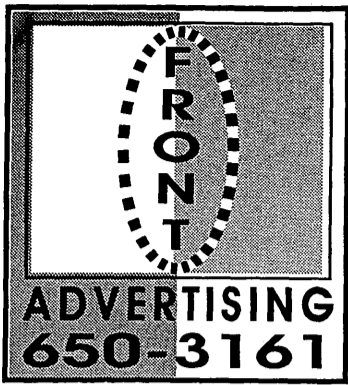
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- Western vs. Northwest Nazarene College at 7 p.m. Dec. 29 in Carver Gym.
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Women's basketball

- Western at University of British Columbia at 7 p.m. Friday, in Vancouver, British Columbia.
- Western vs. Western Oregon State College at 6 p.m. Saturday, in Carver Gym.
- Western vs. University of British Columbia at 7 p.m. on Dec. 15 at Skagit Valley College in Mount Vernon.
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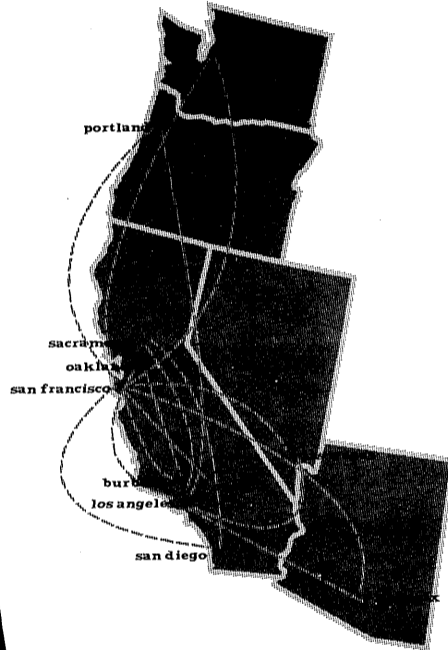
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Frontline

Tomorrow on Oprah: victims of extensive flood coverage speak out

Most of the news media are giving entirely too much coverage to Washington state's flood crisis. I can't believe the nerve of these people. What about other pressing issues such as O.J.'s future and Princess Diana's heated love affair?

The Bellingham Herald had a total of eight articles in the news and community sections and a news brief in Thursday's paper. It even had local news in the main section of the paper. What will it think of next? All this coverage for a little rain.

I tried walking the three-fourths of a mile home during one of last week's rainstorms. My soggy wool sweater smelled like wet dog by the time I got there. My jeans were so soaked, water was dripping down my leg. All I wanted to do was crash in front of the tube and watch a good talk show.

But those damn television reporters took over my quiet time. KING 5 started its Wednesday night flood news half an hour early. This caused some serious scheduling problems. The extra flood coverage cut into Oprah's holiday etiquette show. Luckily, the Canadians didn't let me down. They knew not to let news take priority over Oprah.

The extra news wasn't even worth the additional half hour slot it received. KING 5 showed the exact same footage again at five. Why have an extra 30 minutes of news if the same clips will be aired half an hour later?

It seems the media are obsessed with "top stories" such as the flood. All other news is put on the back burner so they can find every possible angle to report on the "bigger" news of the day. The rest of the world doesn't wait patiently on hold while every side of the flood is rammed down our throats. What about Bosnia? Next thing you know, the news media have a story on the proper rain coats and duck shoes to wear under these weather conditions.

I understand the importance and newsworthiness of floods. But I also think people deserve to know more about what else is going on around the world and throughout the community.

Where are O.J. and his white Bronco?

— Nina Boswell, Copy editor

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Psychics' success rate not good enough to cut a federal paycheck

Psychics, \$20 million and the U.S. government. These words do not often go together — but they do in this case. In the last 20 years, our government has paid \$20 million to a bunch of self-proclaimed psychics who have offered little more than a success rate of about 15 percent, said Jessica Utts, a University of California-Davis statistics professor.

What's wrong with this picture? How about 20 million answers: \$20 million. The Nov. 29 Seattle Post-Intelligencer reported the U.S. government hired psychics to track Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, to find plutonium in North Korea and to locate Brig. Gen. James Dozier in Italy.

What qualifies psychics to get a government paycheck from our pockets? Don't get me wrong; I know I don't understand many things pertaining to the psychic world. Some people may have gifts of talent related to psychic phenomena. But when they



April Metcalf
Front reporter

take eligibility tests and pick the right answer only a third of the time, I wonder who decides they are true psychics with actual abilities. Shouldn't psychics be able to sense what the test is going to be about before it's even given?

If I put my hard-earned 50 cents in the vending machine, I damn well better get my candy bar! If I were to hire a passel of psychics for \$20 million, I think I would want — no, expect — hard-core results for my money. I would expect to find that plutonium, that missing person or the guy I was trying to assassinate.

I guess our government just doesn't expect results for services purchased.

For \$20 million, the U.S. government could hire me, and I would guarantee a success rate greater than 15 percent. How hard could it be to pull a missing person out of my ass? I think I could do it for \$20 million.

Calvin and Hobbes come to final blows

Dear Bill Watterson,

Please, please, please don't kill "Calvin and Hobbes" on Dec. 31! What are you trying to do, wreck my New Year?

Do you know how much "Calvin and Hobbes" means to me and millions of other loyal readers? Do you know how much we enjoy the sarcasm and wit of a 6-year-old boy and his faithful tiger companion?

Obviously you do, because of the numerous anthologies you've compiled of "Calvin and Hobbes" strips over the years. But after only a decade of writing, you decide to quit?

OK, I can definitely understand deadline pressure, but do you realize you were the last of three great comic strip artists? It's hard enough living without "Bloom County" and "The Far Side" on a regular basis, but no "Calvin and Hobbes?" I simply



Rachel Morrow
Front reporter

won't stand for it!

Alas, you've given me no choice but to rely solely on television for my daily dose of satire. "The Simpsons" fit the bill for satirizing all things American, while "Beavis and Butthead" will satisfy my need to laugh at the academic world of school, papers and tests.

But life just won't be the same without "Calvin and Hobbes." No longer will I be able to laugh at Calvin's smart-aleck comments to his parents, his constant teasing of Susie (and her revenge) and his fantasies about his teacher, aptly named Miss

Wormwood, being a giant reptile.

Well, I guess I can if I buy your new cartoon anthologies.

I suppose I could protest, gather petitions and storm your residence, but I won't do that. I understand the burn-out — that you want to quit while you're ahead. But I don't have to like it.

So as the last month of the year rolls forward, I'll only have a precious amount of time to enjoy the carefree imagination of a precocious boy named Calvin and his sensible, lovable, yet only a-stuffed-tiger-to-anyone-but-Calvin best friend Hobbes.

I know you've made up your mind, and this writer's opinion won't change it. But I thought it was necessary to share my view, a view I know many others share.

The best I can do is enjoy the last month of "Calvin and Hobbes." Just make sure they never grow up.

Letters

Editor,

The Nov. 17 Western Front had a disturbing, inaccurate article on the front page. Annie Pierce began stating the Ethnic Student Center receives \$25,150 more than other clubs. This is not true. First, beyond the \$50 basic funding Associated Students clubs receive, they have access to funds totaling more than \$20,000 — hardly "inequitable." Second, the ESC cannot be compared to AS clubs; it's a programming organization, commissioned to provide activities. Like the Outdoor Center, AS Productions and Human Resources programs, the ESC has a "contract" determined by annual spring budget allocations, which it must fulfill as a precondition to its funding and, unlike other organizations, the ESC is staffed by *unpaid* volunteers.

"Exclusion" of a Jewish organization is another inaccuracy. Hillel asked for access to ESC funding; to gain access, one has to be part of the ESC. Any ethnic club can become part of the ESC, however, the Jewish club chose not to follow up. Previous to and since then, more than 10 new clubs have joined the ESC and gained access to funding.

Finally, there's the allegation from Jennifer Boespflug, vice president of activities, that the ESC

doesn't allow access to new groups. She disagrees with clubs needing to "prove themselves" without written policy. Obviously Pierce isn't the only one not doing her research. The ESC has been struggling with creation of club criterion since its inception nearly six years ago. Throughout these years, clubs have started with the best intentions, spent AS funds, then lost momentum. The ESC then set criteria that new clubs remain active for one year before they could be eligible for funding. Trial periods for new clubs is only financially prudent.

As a Front reporter, Pierce should research responsibly. As a board member, Boespflug should think before making uninformed statements about one of the only places on campus where ethnic students can go to feel safe. It's no coincidence this article was written immediately after the press conference addressing racism in Bellingham. These two need to think about the underlying implications of why this article was written, when it was written, and interrogate their own positions of power on this campus.

Linda M. Pierce

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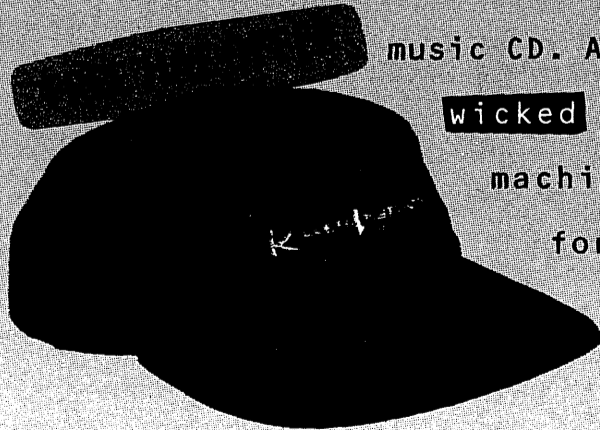
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