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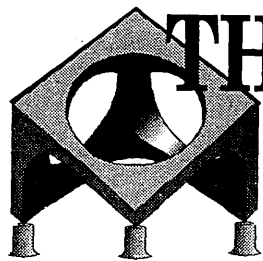
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Out-of-state students add diversity

By Amy Stering
The Western Front

Though only a small percentage of Western's students come from out of Washington state, they help provide a diverse student body.

Director of Admissions Karen Copetas said admission decisions are made by looking at various categories: incoming freshmen, transfer students, graduate students and former Western students.

Because Western receives a relatively small percentage of out-of-state freshman applicants, standards for all freshman admissions do not differ.

Copetas said Admissions received about 5,300 freshman applicants this fall from Washington state compared to only 700 out-of-state freshman applicants.

"We don't have to take residency into consideration for freshman admission," Copetas said. "We want to produce a fairly well-rounded class and would like to have some out-of-state representation. We feel like that enhances everybody's education."

The admission process becomes more selective with transfer students from out of state, Copetas added. She explained that higher education in Washington has an agreement between the community colleges and baccalaureate institutions.

The agreement provides access to students who go through a community college, earn an asso-

ciate degree and then transfer to a public university.

Transfer students have priority if they are a Washington resident, coming from a Washington community college with a completed associate of arts degree or 90 transferable credits.



August Wegener

"Historically, we have been able to admit over 95 percent of our associate's holders in that group," Copetas said.

Space for out-of-state students is limited because 75 to 80 transfer spaces are taken by Washington state students.

Once out-of-state students are admitted, the shock of non-resident tuition kicks in. Non-residents pay \$2,763 per quarter compared to Washington resident's tuition of \$841 (assuming 10-18 credits are taken and including all mandatory fees).

Senior August Wegener, from Portland, Ore., said out-of-state students endure not only costly tuition, but also expensive phone bills and expenses associated with traveling to and from home.

Wegener said coming to Western was the "best investment I could have made. This experience is worth it and I wouldn't change it for the world."

A few activities this summer and in the fall helped these students adjust, said Anna Carey, assistant director of New Student Programs/Family Outreach.

A mailing in July gave students information about arriving early to residence halls, shipping packages and offered advice about different ways to travel to Bellingham.

Carey said some aren't aware that Bellingham has an airport, or that they could arrive by Amtrak.

New Student Programs/Family Outreach also provided a dinner for out-of-state students. The dinner served as an opportunity to meet other students in the same situation.

Although these students don't have a sense about familiar places and things, Carey said, "They have the advantage of seeing Washington with new eyes. We live in a beautiful area. It's a great opportunity to locate in the Northwest."

Kristin Rehmann, a sophomore from Anchorage, Alaska, said she's had a positive experience, especially with the residence and admissions staff members.

Both Rehmann and Wegener agreed that although their entire support systems are out of Washington, the experience of going to Western is well worth it.

"Out-of-state students help to provide a diverse educational experience," Copetas said.

Problem election has AS concerned

By Alisha Holdener
The Western Front

John Herd's no-show, a nearly biased review board and an emotional response to negative campaigning procedures made for an exciting Associated Students Board of Directors meeting Monday night.

Herd, who is appealing the ban on his campaigning in the north end of campus, did not show up for the hearing.

President Lauren Russell commented that Herd has been informed of the meeting's importance and that they should continue without him.

The board determined that only two of the seven board members were unbiased with regards to Herd's appeal.

A subcommittee to hear the appeal was comprised of the uninvolved members, Naomi Dillon, AS Secretary/Treasurer and Cameron Wong, VP for

Student Life.

Dillon said she wasn't sure what a vote for Herd's appeal would mean.

"The elections are over. A new election is about as likely as a clean one," Dillon said in a phone interview.

If they vote against Herd, no further action will be taken.

"It's a moot point now because the elections are over," Liz Smith, VP for External Affairs, said.

"The system is such where everyone has the opportunity to bring up grievances. It's up to the system to find validity and act upon them," said Jack Smith, Director of Viking Union and board advisor.

The AS Review will print an apology for running names and photos in the wrong order. Future issues involving AS elections will be under control of the election coordinator to avoid similar

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KIRO's Taylor visits sister mentor program

By Erica Christensen
The Western Front

Joyce Taylor, Western alumna and co-host of KIRO-TV's 7 Live, spoke to students from the campus Sister to Sister mentor program Friday, sharing her stories and experiences as an African American woman at Western and in the work force.

Taylor, a broadcast communications major who graduated in 1984, said there were probably only 10 to 15 African Americans on campus when she was here.

"There were so few students of color that I don't really view my experience as being different because of my color," Taylor said. "There weren't really enough students of color to be that organized and separate."

Taylor said she was lucky her twin sister attended Western at the same time.

She said she was pleased to see so many faces of color, and the African-American women here are fortunate to have this kind of sisterhood.

Taylor said while she was here, broadcast communication professor Alden Smith was "almost like my dad away from home — a white man in the broadcast department who probably had maybe three black students the whole time I was here."

Smith said Taylor had a per-

sonality that bubbled.

"She had a fine voice, enthusiasm and a wish to get involved," Smith said.

Naomi Dillon, a senior journalism major, introduced Taylor.

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Front/Aaron Dahl

Joyce Taylor addresses the Sister to Sister program.

Western Briefs

Parking services office extends business hours

Sales and cash receipt transactions in the Parking and Transportation Services Administrative Office will extend the hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday.

The Visitor Information Center operates from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays.

For more information and assistance, please contact Parking Services at 650-2945 or 653-3424.

ESC host Cinco de Mayo moviethon

The Ethnic Student Center presents the celebration of Cinco de Mayo moviethon, featuring "Mi Familia," at 7 p.m. on Wednesday in Miller Hall 163.

Violist concert set for PAC Wednesday night

The Department of Music presents Carolyn Canfield Cole, a violist who will perform at 8 p.m. on Wednesday in the Performing Arts Center Concert Hall.

Geography professor receives service award

On April 12 Debnath Mookherjee received the Association of American Geographers (AAG) Outstanding Service Award.

By contributing regional development and planning and services to the AAG during his 1986-1988 chairman position, Mookherjee was honored in North Carolina.

Summer Stock 1996 tickets on sale May 1

Package tickets for Western's Summer Stock '96 will go on sale Wednesday. Individual-show tickets go on sale June 1.

Theatergoers can choose from two packages. Package A includes tickets to: "Secret Garden," "The Insatiable Cabaret," "The Rise and Rise of Daniel Rocket" and "Guys and Dolls." Package B includes: "The Kids Kavalcade," "The Secret Garden," "The Rise and Rise of Daniel Rocket," "James and the Giant Peach" and "Guys and Dolls." Performances are geared for younger audiences. Package prices for these shows are \$45 general, \$40 seniors and \$35 students.

Tickets are available at the Plaza Cashier Box Office weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by phone at 650-6146.

For more information call the Department of Theatre Arts at 650-3876.

Deadline nears for Ski-to-Sea participants

The deadline for the 76th annual Junior Ski-to-Sea Race has been set for Friday. Festivities will take place on Saturday, May

18 at Lake Padden

Three divisions are available — elementary, middle school and community. Elementary and middle school racers are competing with each other, and the winning teams will receive trophies. The community division is non-competitive, but prizes will be randomly drawn after the final races. All Junior Ski-to-Sea Race participants will receive T-shirts.

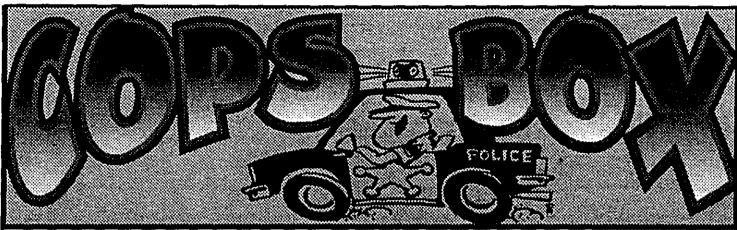
The event consists of five legs with six participants per team. The race begins with a 1.5-mile run, followed by a 0.4-mile three-legged race, a 2.7-mile bike ride, a half-mile soccer dribble and an obstacle course. Participants are responsible for completing one leg of the race, with two team members pairing up for the three-legged part of the race.

The Junior Ski-to-Sea race is sponsored by TCI Cablevision, Tosco Refining Company, Kulshan Cycles, KAFE Radio and Bellingham Parks and Recreation Department.

Applications are distributed to Whatcom County public schools and Bellingham Parks and Recreation. A \$36 entry fee must be sent to the Bellingham/Whatcom Chamber of Commerce at 1801 Roeder Ave. #140, Bellingham, WA 98225.

For more information, please call 734-1330.

Briefs compiled by Front reporter Michelle Caballero.



Campus Police

April 25, 11:11 p.m.: A bulletin board in the East College pedestrian underpass was found on fire by a public safety officer. The officer brushed out the last of the fire. No suspects were seen in the area.

April 27, 5:47 p.m.: A woman reported her car was keyed while it was in campus parking lot 25G. The car was scratched on the passenger side from the front to back end.

April 28, 6:05 p.m.: Public safety officers reported finding graffiti on the west side of Old Main near room 337. Written in black marker, the message said, "Collin Coyne glorifies violence." The message was also found written on the 200 level of the Viking Union the same night.

April 29, 5:48 a.m.: Public safety officers found graffiti on the windows of the west doors of Old Main. Western's maintenance was notified to remove the permanent ink. Damages to the building totaled \$50.

Bellingham Police

April 28, 12:19 p.m.: Bellis Fair Mall security escorted a woman off the property after she was fired by a business and caused a disturbance. She threatened to drink a bottle of perm solution, but another employee said the woman was just trying everything she could to keep her job. The woman was contacted later and did not appear suicidal.

April 28, 6:25 p.m.: A man was cited for glue sniffing after inhaling paint fumes in the 600 block of West Holly.

April 28, 7:13 p.m.: Police responded to an anonymous report of suspicious matter in a plastic bag at the corner of 24th Street and Old Fairhaven Parkway. The plastic bag was tied off and found to contain a small amount of an unknown white powder. The plastic bag and its suspicious contents were impounded at the Bellingham Police Department.

April 28, 11:07 p.m.: Police responded to the report of a man damaging property and possessing a machete in the 100 block of N. Samish Way. The police found the man had damaged windows and broken other property within a trailer he rents. The machete was impounded for safe keeping.

Cops box was compiled by Front reporter Jordana Joseph.

Correction

In the April 19, 1996 edition of The Western Front, Tom Schultz's letter, "Bikes and skates not culprits of brick damage," contained the sentence "I'm not opposing a ban on winter, high heels or gravel ..." It should have read, "I'm not proposing a ban on winter ..." The Front apologizes for the error.

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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

ATTENTION NDSL/FEDERAL, PERKINS/FEDERAL DIRECT AND GSL/STAFFORD/FFELP LOAN BORROWERS: If you are not returning to Western fall quarter or if you are graduating spring quarter you are required to schedule an exit interview. Interviews will be in the Library Presentation Room May 14, 15 and 16. Stop by Student Fiscal Services, OM 265, or call X/2943 no later than Friday, May 10, to schedule your interview. School records may be withheld if you do not appear for the mandatory interview.

SEVERAL SUMMER AND FALL BIOLOGY COURSES REQUIRE ADD CODES. Forms, available outside BI 315 May 6-17, must be returned by May 17. Codes may be picked up May 29-31. The process is for all students, not just biology majors. Check BI 315 for courses requiring add codes.

THE MATH PLACEMENT TEST will be in OM 120 at 9 a.m. Mondays on May 6, 13, 20 and June 3. Thursday test dates are May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. Preregistration is not required. Students must bring picture ID and a No. 2 pencil. Allow 90 minutes. A \$10 fee is payable in the exact amount at time of testing. Allow 90 minutes.

CAREER SERVICES CENTER IS NOW HIRING for paid, internship, and volunteer paraprofessional positions for the 1996-97 academic year. Applications are available in OM 280. Deadline is Friday, May 3.

PATRICIA SWENSON SCHOLARSHIP. One \$450 scholarship will be awarded to a Western student who demonstrates academic merit and financial need. Application deadline is May 1. For more information, contact the Scholarship Center, OM 260, X/3471.

CAMPUS DIRECTORY AD SALESPERSON needed. Duties include ad sales/layout, production, office support. Working knowledge of Access preferred; Excel, PageMaker and Word or WordPerfect a plus. Must have transportation and be available through October 1, including summer break. Salary \$6-\$8/hour plus mileage. Contact Margaret Loudon, X/3914 for appointment.

TETEP — THE TEST FOR ENTRANCE INTO TEACHER EDUCATION will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 15, in FR 3. A \$20 fee is payable at time of preregistration in OM 120. Allow 2 hours. TETEP is not administered on an individual basis.

BOOK OF THE QUARTER PANEL will meet from noon to 1:30 p.m. Friday, May 31, to discuss Neil Postman's *Amusing Ourselves to Death*. Copies of the book are available at the Student Co-op Bookstore.

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEST will be on Tuesday, May 7. Register in OM 120 by Friday, May 26.

FRESHMEN AND SOPHOMORES WILL RECEIVE PRIORITY when enrolling in first-year Spanish (101, 102, 103) beginning fall quarter 1996. Juniors and seniors will only be allowed to enroll if space permits and therefore should consider taking intensive Spanish 101, 102, 103 during Summer Session. Students with previous Spanish are encouraged to enroll in Spanish 104 before taking second-year courses.

LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIPS: Selections are being made this quarter for Washington State legislative interns for winter quarter, 1997. Qualified undergraduate majors in all disciplines who have at least junior standing and a minimum 2.75 GPA are eligible. Applications, due May 13, are available in AH 415.

CAREER WORKSHOPS: Spring quarter workshops scheduled through the Career Services Center include career connection strategies, résumé writing, cover letters, interview techniques, mock interviews, developing an internship, making effective use of a career fair and several workshops for educators. Due to space limitations, signups are required. Contact CSC, OM 280, or call X/3240 for workshop dates, times and locations.

On Campus Interviews

To participate in on-campus interviews, graduating seniors and alumni must be registered for career services. Registration packets are available at the front desk in OM 280. Establishing a placement file is optional for all but education candidates. There is no charge for 1995-96 graduates; alumni must pay a \$20 fee, which makes them eligible for services through September, 1996.

- Lake Chelan School District, Wednesday, May 1. Sign up in OM 280.
- U.S. Marine Corps, Wednesday, May 1. Officers available in VU Lobby to provide information and answer questions from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- The Boeing Company, Wednesday, May 1. Submit CIF when you sign up for interview in OM 280.
- Highline School District, Wednesday, May 1. Signup is required in OM 280. Information session, 1 p.m., followed by individual interviews throughout the afternoon.
- Campaign to Save the Environment, VU Lobby.
- Career Fair, Thursday, May 2, Viking Union.

AP news from around the globe

Regional

Logging of disputed cultural protested, none arrested

PORTLAND — About 250 people violated a U.S. Forest Service closure at Enola Hill in a weekend protest. No arrests were made.

A 253-acre timber sale, about 35 miles east of Portland, has been the target of protests and lawsuits since 1987. Environmentalists and American Indians say the area is an important cultural site. The forest service says it found nothing significant in the area.

Young and Morgan Company is logging the area with helicopters. The harvest is expected to take about two months.

13-year-old boy to be tried as an adult for Lynden murder

BELLINGHAM—A 13-year-old who told police he was trying to be a tough guy for

his friends when he shot a 17-year-old could be tried as an adult for murder.

The boy is accused of killing Denton Hendricks of Lynden in a gang-related dispute near Lynden City Park on March 6. The Whatcom County Prosecutor's office says it wants to try the boy in adult court. He would be the youngest person in the county to face a murder charge.

The night before Hendricks was slain, prosecutors say the 13-year-old was shooting at cars, pointing a rifle at other youths and threatening to kill anyone who told on him.

Instead of three and a half years, the teenager could face 20 years in prison if convicted.

National

Average gas price up 14 cents per gallon from last year

LOS ANGELES—Gas prices continue to soar, but the end may be near.

Oil analyst Trilby Lundberg said gas

prices jumped nearly five cents over the past two weeks. The good news is gas prices may be leveling off after a wave of hikes caused by rising demand and crude oil costs.

Lundberg said in some midwestern cities, prices are unchanged or are already falling.

The average price of gas as of Friday, according to the Lundberg survey, is just over \$1.36 a gallon. That compares to \$1.39 on April 12, and is 14 cents higher than a year ago.

California is the state taking the worst hit. Self-serve gas prices increased in the Golden State by 18 cents per gallon over the past two weeks.

Man who watched Jordan murdered may face death

LUMBERTON, N.C.—The death penalty could still be in Larry Demery's future.

He pleaded guilty in the killing of Michael Jordan's father, but Monday, a judge refused to strike capital punishment as a possible sentence.

Demery admitted he watched as James Jordan was shot to death on a North Carolina roadside. He testified that his

life-long friend Daniel Green pulled the trigger.

That testimony helped convict Green, who was sentenced to life in prison.

Demery's lawyers argue their client should not suffer more than Green. The judge says the state Supreme Court will have to decide that issue.

International

31 dead after passenger bus in Peru flies off cliff

LIMA, PERU—Thirty-one people are dead and 20 more are injured after a crowded passenger bus plunged off a cliff.

The bus reportedly left the city of Tacna, in southern Peru, Saturday afternoon. It was carrying merchants northeast toward the Andes mountains, and crashed about two hours later. The cause was not immediately apparent. Such crashes are common on Peru's winding mountain roads, and are usually blamed on negligent driving.

Compiled from the Associated Press by Front reporter Amy Scribner

Taylor, from page 1

"I consider Ms. Taylor a role model in a field where so few women of color, let alone people of color, are present, and she inspires me as well as others, I'm sure, to not just survive, but succeed," Dillon said.

After Taylor graduated from Western she moved to Spokane, where she was a weather forecaster and a news reporter. While she was there a television station in North Carolina called and offered her a job anchoring the news and doing the weather.

She packed her bags for the better-paying job and said it was the best experience of her life.

"[It] was the first time in my whole life I had a black doctor. I didn't know there were black

lawyers and doctors and politicians ... I'd never seen that here."

After two-and-a-half years she moved back to Seattle, where she worked at KING-TV for five years before moving to KIRO, where she has been since 1993.

Taylor said she got into the television business because of affirmative action, but it was used against her when people said the only reason she got in was because of her color.

"Affirmative action gets you in the door, but it doesn't keep you your job," Taylor said.

Taylor has interviewed big names, including Newt Gingrich, Hilary Clinton, Christopher Darden, Vice President Al Gore and her favorite, Michael Jordan.

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problems.

"The board recognized there was a problem, but there was no material impact on the campaigns," Liz Smith said.

Several grievances were dismissed on technicalities because the election code did not address specific issues.

"It's a very metamorphic document (the election code)," Smith said. "It's changing constantly, but if we didn't have one, elections would be chaotic."

Unfortunately, mishaps in the election code are unforeseeable.

"As things come up, the best we can do is make changes for next year," Smith said.

Prior to the meeting, Jennifer Boespflug, VP for Activities,

made reference to crossing out Herd's face on the AS Review.

She said, "I realized that was a pretty dumb thing to do, but it wasn't against election codes."

Boespflug commented that it wasn't malicious and the Review was only up for two hours.

Emotions roared at the end of the meeting when Dillon asked Boespflug if she had vandalized photos of Dillon.

"It wasn't something I planned on doing," Boespflug said. "I just had a lot of nervous energy."

Dillon said she could have filed a grievance but until confirmed the allegations with Boespflug, the claims were only hearsay.

"I would like a formal apology," Dillon said.

Her request was followed by an uncomfortable silence.

"It was a stupid thing to do. I'm honestly sorry," Boespflug responded on the verge of tears.

Tensions rose as other members claimed unprofessionalism of the entire election process.

"I feel like a volcano ready to blow," Jo Anderson, VP for Academics, said. "I don't think we're reflecting what the board should reflect."

"Instead of sitting here and bitching about it, we need to fix it," Leslie Keller, VP for Internal Affairs, said assertively.

Keller then hollered, "There are about 20 million things that are going to be changed next year if I have anything to say about it."

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Pesticides linked to rise in cancer rates

Labor leader blasts apathy about farmworkers' plight

By Scott Menghini
The Western Front

In celebration of Earth Day early last week, Western's Environmental Center, the Diversity Fund, and CeSAR sponsored "Pesticides and the People Poisoned by Them," an informative lecture about the ill effects of government-sanctioned pesticide use presented by David Martinez, Secretary-Treasurer of the United Farm Workers of America, AFL-CIO.

About 60 people came to the Viking Union Main Lounge on April 23 to hear him list the grim statistics concerning the chemicals U.S. farmers use to kill insects, weeds, and crop-destroying fungi.

"As a journalist I can't help but notice that there are gaps in the coverage of 'environmental racism,'" said Britney Bartlett, a Western journalism student with a concentration in environmental studies.

Bartlett defines "environmental racism" as the exposure of ethnic

minority communities to harmful pollutants.

This exposure often goes unnoticed because, as a group, their voices often remain unheard.

According to "No Grapes," a video produced by the United Farm Workers of America about the dangers of the heavy pesticides used on the grape fields of California, 300 million pounds of pesticides are released from the air in that state every year.

A third of these are known to cause cancer.

Most of the pesticide residue clinging to the crops is oil-based, cannot be easily washed off and can easily be absorbed through the skin of the migrant farm workers who tend the fields.

It's no wonder that the rate of job-related illness among these workers is the highest in the state.

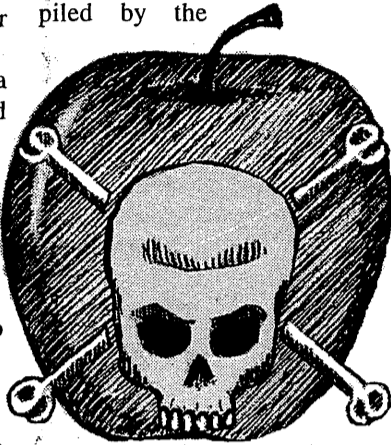
One might assume that pesticide use is a problem limited to workers directly exposed to them but, according to "No Grapes," everyone can be affected.

When pesticides are sprayed from the air, only a small portion

actually lands on the crops and may remain there in the oily residue.

The rest is carried off by the wind to contaminate neighboring communities and seep into underground water supplies.

According to research compiled by the



Front/Jesse Hamilton

Environmental Working Group, millions of children in the United States receive 35 percent of a lifetime's dose of carcinogens by the age of five.

Martinez said such research supports the idea of the increasing rate of cancer among Americans as being directly related to the increase of pesticide use by our country's farmers.

Prior to World War II, only one out of every 25 Americans was

diagnosed with cancer.

In the late 1940's, when widespread use of heavy pesticides became the norm, the cancer rate increased to one out every eight. This rate increased again in the '80's to one out of every five.

"Cancer is not normal," said an infuriated Martinez. "Why are we not up in arms about this?"

When it comes to testing for safe chemical tolerance levels, he said, the government doesn't seem to make an effort to study the long-term effects of chronic exposure (the continual exposure to a chemical over time or the exposure to many chemicals during a lifetime).

"If you're diagnosed with cancer 10 years from now, you're on your own," said Martinez about governmental apathy toward the millions of Americans chronically exposed to pesticides.

According to an August 1995 article in Ms. Magazine, evidence supports a link between the use of some pesticides and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, leukemia, soft tissue sarcoma, and cancers of the brain, lung, breast, skin, stomach, and prostate.

The risk of pesticide exposure is especially dangerous for children and infants.

Because they're smaller, they

ingest more contaminants pound for pound than an adult and their underdeveloped detoxifying systems aren't strong enough to combat them.

Cancer isn't the only threat to them, however. Some pesticides contain neurotoxins that can poison their underdeveloped brains and central nervous systems.

"The levels of chemical tolerance are not based in science but in politics," said Martinez when he explained why the research data needed to cause widespread concern and to motivate the government in decreasing the levels of chemical tolerance is often missing or unavailable.

The United States is not only the biggest user of pesticides; it's also the biggest exporter. According to the Ms. Magazine article, the sales generated from exporting pesticides last year totaled 2.4 billion dollars-and a third of these had been banned or restricted to limited use for surpassing even our lenient chemical tolerance levels.

These illegal pesticides may find their way back to the United States, however. In the winter-time almost half of the produce sold in this country is imported

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May is Asian-Pacific Islander Month Pests, from p. 4

Ethnic Student Center sponsors activities, including dance, luau

By Erica Christensen
The Western Front

Traditional dancing, a fashion show and a luau are just a few of the festivities Western's Asian Pacific Islander Student Union and the Ethnic Student Center have planned for their May celebration of Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

The event, titled Past, Present and Future Coming Full Circle, is sponsored by the 12 clubs that make up APSU.

All of the groups are very excited about sharing their cultures with the Bellingham and Western communities.

The month kicks off with APSU's annual fashion show where they will model traditional as well as modern dress.

Western's Hui O Hawaii club has been busy planning a luau and hula show, featuring the Seattle Hula Dance Troop.

Shane Bunda, a junior and recently elected Associated Students vice president of diversity, is a member of Western's Hui O Hawaii club. He said the group has been working all quarter to put the event together.

"I'm excited to share some of my culture with my Bellingham peers," Bunda said.

Fred Chung, a Western sophomore, is a member of the Korean American Student Association. One event he has helped organize is Kid's Day.

Chung said their goal is to teach the children of non-Korean families a little about their culture through fables, Tae Kwon Do, folk and fan dancing and traditional cuisine.

"Many of them don't get exposed to it because of the people they live with," Chung said.

Several of the members of KASA are adopted and, in the past, club members have continued their relationships with local children long after Kid's Day.

API Month will also feature many guest lecturers, including Ronald Takaki, an author and a professor of Ethnic Studies at the University of California at Berkeley.

In his book, "A Different Mirror: A History of Multicultural America," Takaki says that "by sometime in the 21st century, most Americans will trace their descent to Africa, Asia, the Hispanic world, the Pacific Islands, Arabia — almost anywhere but white Europe."

For more information on upcoming API Month events call the Ethnic Student Center at 650-7271.

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Fred Korematsu

7 p.m. Monday, May 13
VU Main Lounge

API Dance Celebration

7 p.m. Saturday, May 18
VU Main Lounge

Food Fair

10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday
May 22
VU Main Lounge

Kid's Day

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 22
Fairhaven Park

Diversity Dance Workshop

Front/Jesse Hamilton

from these same overseas countries.

The "banned" chemicals could be clinging to the wax-laden fruits and vegetables so often accepted into this country and inspected on the basis of aesthetics rather than chemical levels.

Martinez insists that consumers have the power to make the government regulate pesticide use.

"Public action has to precede public policy," he said as he urged the audience to cease buying non-organic produce.

"Boycotting is so powerful. It really has an impact," said the late Cesar Chavez, former President of the United Farm Workers of America.

"(By boycotting) you can cast a vote for what you believe in. You can cast this vote as many times as you want, and the polls never close."

As a child, Martinez began working in the fields with his parents at the age of six.

After 15 years of fieldwork that took him to different parts of the country — depending on the season, he was accepted into Pan-America University in Texas, where he graduated with honors in chemistry.

Martinez has been a board member of the United Farm Workers for 19 years.

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Students shake up Republican agenda

By **Bobbie Egan**
The Western Front

With an eye on the November election, more than 30 Western students joined thousands of women, men and children on April 14 in San Francisco to "Fight the Right" and send a message to policy makers.

"This ripple effect of the wings of one butterfly can change the tide in even the smallest ways," author Gloria Steinem said.

People demanded support of affirmative action, immigrant worker rights, women's reproductive freedom, civil rights for people of color and support for lesbian/gay and bisexual rights.

"Call it bold political strategy; call it risky; but definitely call it historic," said Patricia Ireland, president of the National Organization for Women. "Participants are pioneers of political change, staking out new horizons in this decade the same way the 4,000 people who first marched on behalf of the Equal Rights Amendment in 1977 and the 50,000 people who first rallied in support of abortion rights in 1986."

Speakers at the march included actor Danny Glover, Dolores Huerta of the United Farm Workers of America, and the Rev. Jesse Jackson of the Rainbow Coalition.

"This is one hell of a butterfly today," Steinem said.

The story goes that when a butterfly moves its wings, the breeze that is created from that butterfly will change the tide of the ocean.

Leaders of NOW, who organized the march, estimate about 50,000 people the 1.7-mile march along the San Francisco Bay waterfront to Crissy Field.

As is the case in crowd counts, discrepancies exist — the U.S. Park Police estimated 13,000.

Western's Lesbian/Gay and Bisexual Alliance and the Women's Center helped to sponsor 24 students to attend the march.

For LGBA coordinator Juanita Juchau, being around thousands of like-minded people gave hope for the future.

"I have lots of personal issues that are anti-right," Juchau said. "I'm gay. I'm a single mom. I'm on welfare. I have all these issues that are related specifically to the march, so to be around a lot of people who feel the same way I do felt good, especially when I am constantly bombarded by the right."

"The right is everywhere I go. There are all these people telling me what I am is wrong. To be around thousands of people who feel the same way I do was just so empowering, so perfect. To think there are all these people who think like me ... you just don't get that here," she said.

The event's key purpose, according to NOW officials, was to create momentum for the defeat of anti-affirmative action initiatives headed for the November ballot.

Similar ballot measures are circulating in six states, with California paving the way by already eliminating programs that support racial diversity and women in state education, employment and contracting.

The actual phrase, "affirmative action," was first used in President Lyndon Johnson's 1965 Executive Order, which requires federal contractors to "take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, creed, color or origin."

California policy makers are pushing to put the California Civil Rights Initiative on the ballots for voter approval in November.

The initiative states that "the state shall not discriminate against or grant preferential treatment to any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin in the operation of public employment, public education or contracting."

Doug Honig, Public Education Director for the American Civil Liberties Union, said Washington has no current initiatives to end affirmative action.

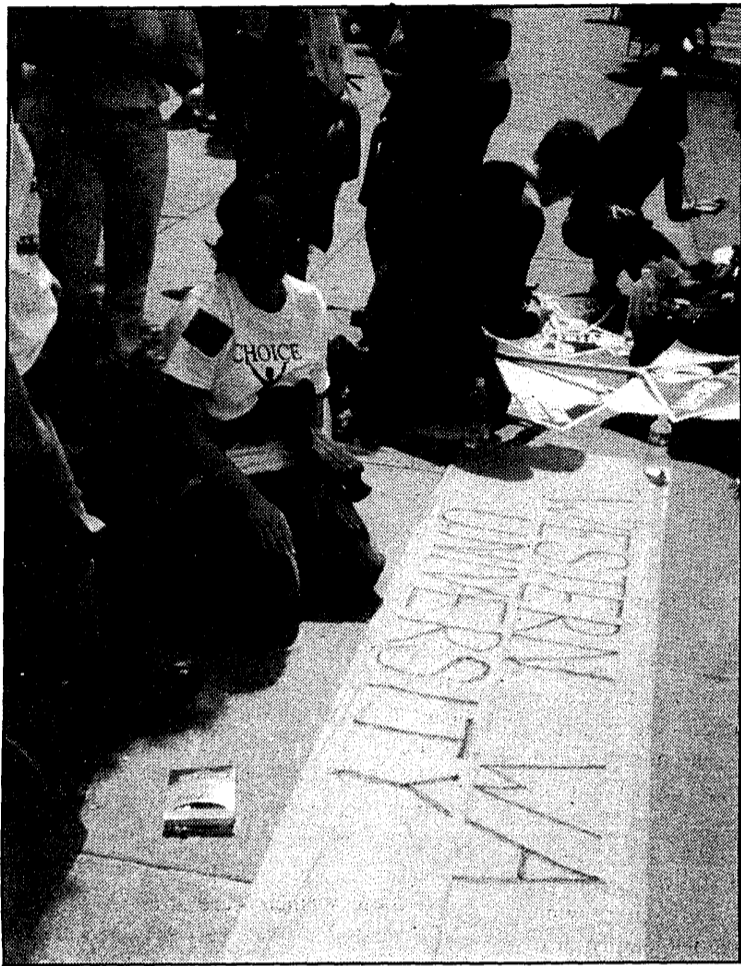
"Political activists may pick this up if it passes in California, but currently there is no threat to our state," Honig said.

Opponents of the CCRI charge that the initiative would apply even in cases where applicants are equally qualified and there has been ongoing discrimination against women or people of color.

Clause C, could allow for discrimination in employment, admittance, contracting, wages and promotion for any reason, depending on the interpretation of "reasonably necessary."

"For the first time in this country, an extremist, ultra-right wing has taken control of one of the two major centrist political parties," Steinem said.

"The entire country is focused on California ... because you will determine the fate of affirmative action for this whole country by your vote."



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Gina Cumbo makes a banner representing Western students.

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Camp shows true 'spirit' by helping others

By **Bobbie Egan**
The Western Front

While many Western students basked in the sun during spring break, nine left for the Deep South to help build the foundations of a feminist camp and to protect the dreams of two women, Brenda and Wanda Henson.

The Hensons, who are lesbians, took the same last name.

"(Camp Sister Spirit) serves as a crossroads, a nexus where people can go when they're wishing to leave something behind," said Tara Herivel, of the Lesbian/Gay and Bisexual Alliance, and co-organizer of the trip.

Camp Sister Spirit, founded by the Hensons, lies in the small southern Mississippi town of Ovett.

The Hensons' mission is to bring feminist education and women's culture to the South and to help their neighbors and women seek shelter from violence.

Coordinators for the delegation, Robin Sponseller of the Legal Information Center and Herivel met the Hensons last April when the Hensons spoke of their lives and terrors at Western's Take Back the Night. The Hensons invited Western students to visit the camp during spring break.

"I'll never forget (the Hensons') speech. They were the most honest, loving women I had ever heard," Herivel said.

Despite their endless efforts to help their community, the Hensons have been terrorized since the camp opened its doors three years ago.

The grassroots camp has been the target of homophobic hatred led by the religious right and Mississippi for Family Values.



Photo courtesy of Robin Sponseller

Camp Sister Spirit delegates are: back row (left to right) Mara Eaton, Robin Sponseller, Tara Herivel, Aimee Wiseman, Jane Hinton,

Brenda Henson, Wanda Henson; front row (left to right) Ruth Holbrook, Pam Spangler, Marci Larsson and Michelle Morrissey.

The violence against the Hensons has ranged from a dog shot and slung over their mailbox to bomb threats. On Valentine's Day, someone rolled an unidentified car into a ditch outside the camp and set the car on fire.

Although the crime was obviously directed toward the camp, local authorities dragged their feet when it came to protecting the camp.

"What the (delegation) is doing is coming from around the country to protect these women and let the townies know that they are being monitored," Herivel said.

"These assholes know exactly how far to go with intimidation and how far they can go with the police."

Herivel said the reason CSS has survived and the Hensons are alive is the way they have networked. Networking began on a small scale between community members and allies, and has now grown across the country.

Over 2,000 volunteers have visited the camp and helped rebuild the former 120-acre pig farm into a safe haven for women.

Herivel said the lessons learned at CSS are powerful and teach women crafts and

handiwork that break the stereotype of "man's work."

"On the third day I was wondering what type of feminist education I was receiving. All I was doing was building a workshop ... then it hit me and I realized I was actually building a workshop," Herivel said.

"I came away with a new sense of philosophy. We didn't have a lot to work with, but what we had was enough. It is the strength and will that is within us that are the real tools," said delegate Ruth Holbrook, a Western alumna.

For Sponseller, the lone male delegate, the camp was the first time he had questioned male stereotypes.

"I prayed we would pick another man. It was the first time in a long time I was very aware of my maleness. It forced me to redefine my gender role. Seeing how efficient the women were was a new thing for me. These women were doing all of it," Sponseller said.

Although the Hensons have defeated the ongoing efforts of opponents to shut down the camp, their victory hasn't been without a long battle — a battle that has left the non-profit camp in dire financial need.

"What the Hensons need is money; money, money, money," Herivel said. "The project didn't end when we got back; it's just the first step to what we plan to do for them."

The delegation is selling T-shirts and bumper stickers to help raise funds for the Hensons. Donations can be made through the Legal Information Center.

"If these women were straight, they'd get awards for what they're doing. But because they're lesbians they don't," Herivel said.

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Campus police not just 'stone-face' law enforcers

By Michele Ramirez
The Western Front

Through a door posted with "AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY," men with blue-gray uniforms and shiny metal buttons type at their report desks. Flashbacks of being sent to the principal's office overwhelm people confronted by Western's university police officers. But they want to do more than enforce laws, they are trying to build bridges between officers and students in a less intimidating way.

"Anyone with a gun could be intimidating," said Jennifer Gregor, university police dispatcher.

A uniformed leader at the head and green jackets at the other end of the table resemble a television cop series. The atmosphere changes slightly as the meeting for the new shift ends.

Laughter echoes through the once quiet room as the green coats huddle around a fellow officer impersonating Van Damme.

"I'm the ringmaster," Sergeant John Browne said with a serious face, leaving a unperceptive newcomer off-guard.

As a Western graduate, Browne explains that the laid-back atmosphere students in the office have is why he enjoys his job of 24 years.

"Students using this opportunity as a stepping stone makes me feel like a part of the education system," Browne said.

A night of educating begins for Officer John Kildall during his 4 p.m. to 12 a.m. shift with Gregor's voice on the radio.

"Fire alarm in the Viking Addition!" Gregor yells.

With a quick response to his radio and press of the gas pedal, the sounds of ringing soon thunder over his vehicle. Kildall walks through the building with a fellow officer in search of a flame and finds, unsurprisingly, a false alarm.

With the excitement of police enforcement comes grave moments. The attitude of leniency is

possessed by all the officers, but every situation contains a serious lesson to be learned.

This environment is not just academic, but also gives second chances to correct bad habits that may lead to severe punishments in later years, Kildall said.

"Law enforcement is more than just traffic control," Kildall said. He also sees it as a chance to help students on to the right path of life with humor and seriousness at the same time.

Requiring a little more than a quick look for a potential flame, the next call taken by Kildall needed the attention of a written report. Kildall enters the men's bathroom of the fifth floor, where a novice vandal left a number of where to have a "good time."

"It must be a freshman just learning the ropes," Kildall said.

Joking around with students is also a learning experience. Building good relations and letting students know what the consequences could be in a particular situation, officers hope to impact students' lives. One Western student explains his experience and how one officer helped to change his ways.

Rowland Santos had trouble with Fairhaven furniture being found in his room over winter break, he awaited the consequences of his crime one day. Santos remembers Kildall knocked on his dorm door, came in and told him to put his hands behind his head.

"My heart started beating really fast and even though it was a joke, it's a moment I will always remember," Santos said.

"I like to tease students and I don't mind to be teased as long as it's in good nature," Kildall

said.

Western student Auston said that one aspect of being able to teach a relationship between officers and students is that through his dark shoulders, students react to the officers' approach to them.

"What makes a good cop is the power trip," Rivers said.

Giving students the chance to have a sense of humor and respect for an enforcer is what Kildall accomplishes in a college setting. Through wisecracks, officers want to have a job to do.

"We're like the referee in a game field of life ... students are not a personal thing," Brown



Front/Michele Ramirez

Officer Kildall and Rowland Santos say goodbye in Santos' room in Alpha Tuesday, Kildall's last day as an officer. Santos and Kildall met when Santos borrowed Fairhaven furniture.

Theft: it could happen to you

By Allison Gregg
The Western Front

You are in a rush. Without even thinking about it, you leave your purse or wallet sitting out or tucked in your locker. But you don't give it a second thought — you will be right back.

When you do return, it is gone. It vanished. You pause and think, "Did I really bring it in and leave it there?"

Things are thrown around in an effort to find it. Maybe it fell or slipped between something. It is nowhere in sight. It suddenly hits you, "I've been robbed."

As violating and disturbing as it is, the facts are simple: someone took your possessions and now you, the victim, have to spend your time canceling credit cards, closing bank accounts and getting new identification.

Two weeks ago, my purse was stolen from World Gym and Fitness Center in Bellingham. I have had to do something about it everyday since then.

Bellingham Police Lt. Rick Sucee said that most purses stolen are the responsibility of the owner.

"They get stolen when they are left unattended," Sucee said.

Leaving a purse in a shopping cart or on a table in a restaurant are perfect examples of how items get stolen.

The first thing to do if a cash card, checks or withdrawal slips are stolen is to call the bank. A stop payment is placed on the stolen checks. It makes those checks impossible to clear your account, if the thieves attempt to use them.

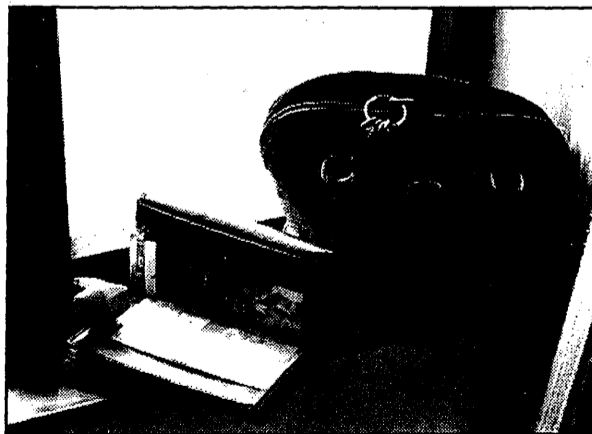
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Bank, recommends closing the account and opening a new one.

If the account is not closed right away, but a stop-payment is placed on the checks, a business might accept the check. You will be notified that the checks will not clear your account.

Once the stop payment is placed on the checks, you are no longer held liable for purchases made by the stolen checks.

The people who stole my purse have written



Front/Sarah Spiegelberg

Purses and wallets are primary targets for thieves.

four checks to Haggen. Their corporate office has sent me a letter. I was told to sign an affidavit of forgery and send it to them.

Second, cancel all your credit cards. This is time-consuming, but knowing you won't have to deal with any charges made by the thieves is somewhat comforting.

Most credit card companies print the number of

where to call to report a stolen or lost credit card on the back of the monthly statement. New credit cards are usually mailed within two weeks.

Next, you need to get a new driver's license, which is not easy to do. A form of picture identification is needed. An expired driver's license is the best form of identification.

When you bring in a student I.D. card, or another form of picture I.D., you need your social security card, birth certificate or high school yearbook.

While there, getting an identification card is recommended. Keep one at home and another in a new purse or wallet, which will never be left again.

Here are a few other tips I have learned from this experience:

Do not, under any circumstances, keep your social security card or number in your purse or wallet.

When a person has access to your social security number, they can get into your bank account. This allows people to transfer money out of your account and into their account, if they have one at the same bank.

Be quick. Get to a phone and contact your financial institutions right away.

Keep an expired license tucked away in a draw-



er at home.

Do not put your keys in your car. This did not happen to me, but it would happen if these people had your insurance cards and keys.

able to get home or into my car.

On the back of your credit card, put a signature strip, write your name.

Cashiers will ask for the card. It might also decrease the chance they would use the cards.

Do not put any valuable items in your wallet. Once they are stolen, they are gone now.

"The best thing is prevent it. Find a way to get along with it. Tie it to yourself."

Campus escorts only a phone call away

By Jerry Weatherhogg
The Western Front

After a long, industrious evening spent studying at Wilson Library, its time to go home and crash.

The car has been parked all day in some far-off commuter parking lot. It's late. It's dark. The cold Bellingham wind whispers thoughts of discomfort into the ear. It's not the best night to be walking alone.

What to do? Call the University Police. They offer Personal Safety Escorts to anyone from anywhere on campus.

These escorts will walk or provide transportation to any place on campus at no cost.

The service is very simple to use, University Police Lt. Dave Doughty said.

"A person just calls or comes to the office

calling in advance."

Sophomore Nathalie Oravetz does exactly that when she uses the service.

"I usually just plan ahead," Oravetz said. "I'll call from a friend's house and say that I'll be at (commuter lot) 16CR in 10 minutes. One time, I called from Haggen's."

"Call boxes are found in most of the main parking lots," security officer Jamie Ivanich said. "People can also use car phones and dorm boxes."

No reason is required for using an escort, and security won't ask any questions.

"We certainly don't refuse too many people because we'd much rather err on the obsessive side than say no to someone who actually needs an escort," Proctor said. "So we don't usually ask questions."

Oravetz used the escort because she finds the parking terrible on campus.

She felt especially uncomfortable walking around the track and the aerobics shack, where it does not feel safe, she said.

Freshman Tonni Blaisdell offered a straightforward reason why she called for an escort.

"I was scared because it was nighttime and I'm a girl and I didn't want to be attacked," Blaisdell said.

After receiving an escort request, University Police will either dispatch the rover who drives a Ford Ranger truck, or send an officer by foot to the person.

It usually takes less than 10 minutes for the security officer to arrive. However, in some instances, the wait is longer.

"If someone calls for an escort and security officers are not readily available, the person might have to wait," Doughty said.

"We will direct people into someplace safe like the Viking Commons or Wilson Library, but it's not too often that people have to wait," he said.

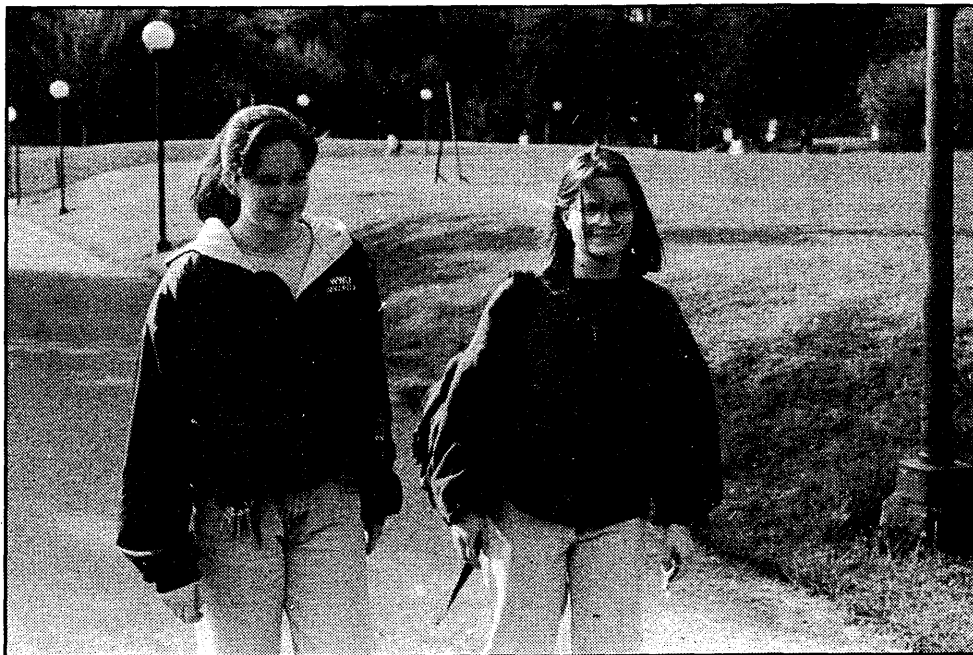
Blaisdell said it took about five to 10 minutes for her escort to arrive the three times she's used the service.

"The service area is traditionally all of campus and includes Birnam Wood," Proctor said.

"But being the nice guys we are, we'll take people a little ways off campus. It's usually the driver's discretion," he said. "But we certainly won't take people across town," Proctor added.

"We try not to let people use it as a taxi service," security officer and rover Collin Rutherford added.

The service began in the middle of the 1970s, and has increased since. In 1995, security gave 928 escorts, and through the end of February of this year, 261 escorts have been given.



Front/Chris Butterfield

Security officer Nicole Spears escorts a Western student from campus Monday.

The weather usually influences the demand for escorts. During poor weather, the demand doubles.

The service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, all year round. However, most escorts are given at night, and after 4 p.m., the rover is available.

After a long night of writing, I decided to give the escort service a try.

The University Police receptionist was very nice as she asked me for my name, student number, where I was and where I was going.

I think she was oblivious to the fact that my destination, Kappa, was less than a stone's throw away from College Hall.

I wasn't waiting longer than two minutes before I saw headlights coming toward me from Bond Hall. The "University Police" decal in the window let me know that my escort had arrived.

It was a relief stepping inside. The truck was much warmer than the cold night. And Rutherford was just as pleasant.

"You're my first action all day," he said as he drove up the street.

Since the trip to the Ridge took only a few seconds, he parked the truck as he told me about his job.

Weekends are the most popular nights for escorts, Rutherford said. Thursday nights are especially big, because all the business majors get loaded, he said.

The College of Business and Economics doesn't have Friday classes.

Most security officers are gen-

uinely nice people. Many are appreciative of the company.

Rutherford enjoys being an escort because he sees a variety of campus life and meets many interesting people, business majors included.

"I enjoy meeting people, so it's nice to get a break," Proctor said. "It's nice to get a chance to talk to people. There's a certain amount of satisfaction that comes with doing a public service, even if it is something as minor as walking someone home."

"I like to see people at one o'clock in the morning," Ivanich said.

"It's the loneliest shift," she said of her 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. schedule.

Users of the service are just as appreciative as they are satisfied.

Oravetz said that she has been treated very well by security escorts.

"They're totally understanding to the fact that I have a shitty parking spot and I don't want to walk at night," Oravetz said. "All of them (the escorts) have been really friendly."

The service is quite popular, but isn't as effective as it could be.

Rutherford and Proctor agree that the biggest problem facing the escort system is lack of use.

"It's probably not as popular as it should be," Proctor added. "I don't think nearly enough people use the escort system and not enough people know about it for it to work as efficiently as it should."

"Most people are intimidated by calling University Police, which they shouldn't be because that's what we're here for," Proctor said.

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"Anybody on campus (can use the service)," Doughty said. "You don't have to be a student. Visitors, staff and faculty can also use the escorts. Our concern is personal safety."

Security officer Gray Proctor said it's very easy to get ahold of an escort.

"Call the University Police at 650-3555 and say, 'this is where I am, I would like an escort,'" Proctor said.

"They'll ask you for your vital statistics for legal reasons, and within a couple minutes the rover or an officer will be there. You can also designate a certain time (for an escort) by



Front/Chris Butterfield

Security officer escorts Western student off campus.

Lake Padden to host state championship

First of three rounds in mountain bike races

By Jesse Nolte
The Western Front

Blood, sweat, tears and mud will be flying at the fourth-annual Padden Mountain Pedal mountain bike race Sunday at Padden, which is expected to bring amateur bikers from across Washington. The race will kick off a three-race series that the National Off-Road Bicycle Association has sanctioned as the state championship.

In addition to Sunday's race, there will be races on May 19 and June 9, with the overall points winner from all three races being named the state champion.

Bikers will hurtle through the same tight trails that have brought more than 500 racers and 2,000 spectators to the race each year it's been run.

"It's brutal," said race co-founder Mark Peterson of the race course. "Actually it's a good, fun course. We'll see that the caliber of racer will be as good as it ever was."

Pro/expert and sport-class racers will race multiple laps around a 3.4 mile loop, while beginner-class racers will race around a shorter and flatter 2.9 mile loop. Each course features agonizing climbs, fast drop-offs and stomach-churning switch-backs.

"It's really a very deceiving course," Kulshan Cycle's John Roy said. "The locals who have ridden it will think 'gosh, that's not a very hard course.' But when you have to do it four, five or six times, and

there's never really any place to rest, then it's tough."

The "Muddy Mile" is one of the most grueling obstacles that the course features. Although this section, which ranges from 50 to 200 yards long depending upon the annual rainfall, is not to the waist-high and 250-yards-long extreme that it was in 1993, spectators will still get the opportunity to see many racers dismount and slog their way through the mud.

"It's a very challenging course overall," said Rich Archberger, president of Western's Treadhead mountain bike club. "The key to the race is to be able to climb."

The course is not only exciting for racers, but it is one of the best in the Northwest for spectators to see just what it is that mountain bikers do in the woods, Peterson said. Although the course is tight, spectators can easily walk it backward to see every jump, crash and grimace the riders make.

Spectators can also browse through the bike expo or watch bikers try to ride over logs and stumps in the trials course.

Racing will start at 8 a.m. with the begin-



File Photo

Mountain bikers such as Western student Mike Haselman will participate Sunday.

ner classes, the sport class will race at 11, the women's classes will race at 1 p.m. and the expert/pro class will start at 3:30 p.m.

Participants can register for the race at Kulshan Cycles for \$20. Day-of-race registration costs slightly more, and the lines

can be extremely long.

The race still needs volunteers to help control the racing, Peterson said. Volunteers will receive a free T-shirt, lunch and a ticket to a free end-of-the-series party.

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Crew teams headed to UW

By Melissa Leslie
The Western Front

Western men's top novice eight boat showed an ability to compete as varsity rowers when they defeated the competition Saturday at the Cascade Sprints on American Lake in Tacoma. The women's team also placed first in the varsity-eight race and three other races.

Assistant men's coach Andrew Stephens said the novice men showed their depth when they won the varsity-eight race, beating the second-place University of Puget Sound varsity boat by 9.77 seconds and three-and-a-half boat lengths.

Stephens said the novice-eight boat beating varsity boats "has to be the highlight of the year so far."

"To be a novice team and to win a varsity race shows a lot about our coach," said Jason Moorehead, who sat in the seventh seat for the winning boat. "All week long he said he wanted us to win. Both the boats dedicated the races to him."

The biggest challenge for both the women's and men's teams will be at next week's Opening Day Regatta at the Montlake Cut in Seattle. The regatta is the most attended race in the world, with a crowd of around 100,000 people.

The University of Washington invited the men to the race after their showings in races in San Diego and Spokane.

Stephens called the university and asked if his team could compete, and a week later they were invited. The race will be their biggest one since San Diego.

Last Saturday's race was their best race of the season to this point.

"It was very encouraging to see that and fun to see the team respond to that," Stephens said. "I think they showed confidence, but they weren't cocky."

The women also showed their ability and confidence by winning the most races of the nine schools that competed on Saturday. Their biggest victory was the 2,000-meter varsity-eight race which they completed in 7:08.00, beating Pacific Lutheran University by 16.7 seconds.

A combination of the return of the team's regular stroke for the boat, Emily Bauer, and the team's new boats attributed to the varsity win.

"Having Emily Bauer back at stroke helped our rhythm a lot, and we cruised to a pretty easy victory," women's coach Ron Goodman said in a press release. "We'll probably be 10 to 15 seconds faster next week just from what we learned about the rigging on our new boats."

Assistant women's coach Annette Collins said hard work was another key factor in the women's dominance at Saturday's regatta. "They've been working hard, and their efforts paid off for them. They were confident going into it

and sure about themselves."

The women also took first in the novice eight, lightweight eight and the novice four. They placed second in the junior varsity four and lightweight novice eight.

Stephens said the race in Seattle will be a test of how much the novice men's team has improved and he expects to at least take second when up against competitors such as the University of Washington and Washington State University's freshmen novice boats.

"We had a strong race at American Lake, but we have a lot of work to do to beat UW," Moorehead said. "I think we'll gain recognition for Western as a strong team and I think we'll surprise some people down there."

The women's team is "hoping to break (its) curse and do better," Collins said of this Saturday's race. She expects the women to do well against some good competition, including UW and Yale for the varsity teams and UW and Washington State University for the novice.

New equipment will be a factor in doing well because more power can be applied to the water, making the boat move faster.

"Opening Day has always been a hard race for us," Bauer said. "We're looking to get WSU and UW. We have the capabilities of winning the race. We just have to get out and do it."

Mount Baker season comes to a close

By Dennis Pasco
The Western Front

Mount Baker's ski season ended last weekend with two days of sun and a final day of haze.

Discounted lift-ticket prices were offered for the last two weekends of the season, though only the Heather Meadows was open.

The last weekend started Friday with two feet of fresh snow and gray skies, which eventually gave way to blue skies later in the day.

"(Friday) ruled because it had been untracked all week, and there was like 20 inches of new (snow) at least," said Josh Steward, who had gone snowboarding all three days.

He added it was not crowded, had snowed about eight inches during the day and that Friday was "worth me getting a black eye" from going off cliffs.

"We just stayed out of bounds on Saturday," snowboarder Pieter VanZanden said. Saturday was the climax of the weekend with sunshine and warm temperatures in the afternoon.

Sunday's increasingly matte-gray skies were somewhat of a letdown to some at Mount Baker. Hard-packed conditions during the first half of the day caused the snow enthusiasts to be cautious on the bumps, moguls and jumps.

"The season was sick," snowboarder Rich Caporiccio said. "The last day was bogus. I was hoping it was going to be a sunny jam."

Mount Baker regular Ryan Davis said it was a day for hiking out of bounds. "Yesterday was better," he added.

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Golfers perform well despite rain

By Jerry Weatherhogg
The Western Front

The Western men's and women's golf teams performed strongly at the rain-shortened Pacific Northwest Athletic Conference Championships that concluded Friday in Tacoma.

The Vikings captured the inaugural women's crown handily, with four players breaking 100 at the Fircrest Golf Course. The men, the defending league champions, finished second, seven strokes behind Simon Fraser University.

Junior Sherri Lockner earned women's medalist honors with a

round of 91. Junior Deena Worden, sophomore Leslie Keller and freshman Anna Hiffman finished second, third and fourth behind Lockner. All four earned all-conference honors.

"It was miserable playing out there," Lockner said. "It was a shame that we didn't play two rounds." She felt that a full tournament would have provided a more worthy champion and a better gauge of the field.

The tournament was shortened from 54 to 36 holes for the men because Thursday's action was canceled due to rain. The men had to play two 18-hole rounds on Friday, and the women completed only 18 holes.

Western junior Kevin Cannon and junior Ryan Yurina earned all-conference honors, finishing second and third, respectively. Cannon shot a 9-over-par 151, and Yurina followed one stroke behind.

Yurina finished the season as the team's stroke average leader at 77.5 per round. He is representing Western at the NAIA Pacific Northwest/Far West Regional tournament in San Diego Monday and Tuesday.

SFU's Trevor Goetz took first-place medalist honors with a six-over-par 148. He made several clutch shots during his round, chipping the ball in twice and nailing some long putts.

THE MAIN EVENT

Fastpitch

April 30, 2 p.m. vs. University of Puget Sound at Frank Geri Field (regular season finale)

Fastpitch in first-place tie

By D. Eric Jones
The Western Front

Western women's fastpitch ripped through the south Puget Sound Saturday and Sunday and came home with a five-game winning streak.

After sweeping twinbills at both St. Martin's College and University of Puget Sound over the weekend, the Vikings skyrocketed into first place in the Pacific Northwest Athletic Conference alongside Simon Fraser University. Western (19-19) improved to 9-5 in the PNWAC.

The Vikings clobbered SMC 5-0 and 6-1 on Saturday.

The momentum carried them into Sunday's big wins. Western outlasted UPS for a 6-5 victory in the opener. Diana Joy blanked the powerful Loggers in the nightcap en route to a 5-0 shutout.

Freshman Alison Haukaas and Joy worked perfectly on the mound as both women picked up two wins last weekend.

Haukaas nabbed her ninth victory of the season, going the distance for the 18th time in 19 starts.

"We really kept the intensity up," Haukaas said. "We started following

through with two outs to keep the scoring going."

Western displayed its mental toughness, rallying for four runs in the fifth inning against UPS after trailing 3-2.

"We always stayed in it. We battled through because we knew we wanted to win," Haukaas said.

It was Brenda Blancas' two-run double in the fifth that stopped the Loggers in their tracks.

"We really started hitting together as a team. We got more consecutive hits and we're not stranding runners as much any more," Blancas said.

The Vikings clash with UPS again at 2 p.m. today at Frank Geri Field.

The PNWAC playoffs will be hosted by the league champion Friday and Saturday.

Western can clinch sole possession of first place with one more league victory than SFU in this final week.

The Clan would lock up first place if its league record ties Western. SFU won the season series with Western 3-1.

"We're really getting excited," Blancas said. "We definitely have good attitudes and we know we've got potential."

Kelley, Stevenson qualify

By Chris Butterfield
The Western Front

Sophomore Karla Kelley qualified for nationals, and senior Jen Campbell and sophomore Kathy Law improved their qualifying times last Saturday in Abbotsford, B.C. at the Simon Fraser Invitational.

Kelley qualified by placing sixth (4:42.0) in the women's 1,500 meters. Campbell finished fourth in the 3,000 (10:11.72) and Law finished fourth in the 3,000 racewalk (15:17.16).

"I was amazed (about qualifying)" Kelley said. "Actually, the race that I ran in, the woman that I ran against had a 4:19, and everybody was way out in front of me. I didn't realize I was going as fast as I was."

Posting regional qualifying times were sophomore Erik Meyer in the men's 5,000 (15:17.19) and freshman Sarah Tenace in the women's 800 (2:19.67). Also qualifying for regionals was sophomore Jeff Yoder in the men's 10,000 (33:23.66) at the Pacific Lutheran Invitational on Saturday.

In addition to the Simon Fraser and PLU invitationals, four Western athletes, junior Kurt Grichel, sophomore Lewis McCulloch, junior Oscar Myre IV and junior Mike

Ogliore competed at the Penn Relays.

The Vikings have already qualified more people (nine) for nationals than last year. They advance to the PNWAC Championships Saturday in Ellensburg on a roll.

"We have a really good team this year," Campbell said. "It's a lot better than last year."

"I think we're going to do well because we have a lot of depth and a lot of really talented athletes," senior Brandi Stevenson said. Stevenson qualified for nationals in the April 21-22 PNWAC Multi-Events Championships by breaking Western's 13-year-old heptathlon mark (4,557 points) set in 1983 by Jennifer Schwartz. She took six of seven events over the two-day championship and compiled a point total of 4,641.

"I think toward the end of the season our team's starting to come together," Stevenson added.

"I hope to place first or second in every one of (the events)," said Stevenson, who will be competing in five events during the conference championships.

The regional championships are May 10-11 in Monmouth, Ore., and the NAIA National Championships will be May 23-25 in Marietta, Ga.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

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Legal Info. Center hosts *Law Day*, 10am, VU 300

APSU *Fashion Show*, 7pm, VU Lounge

MAY 1-29

Outdoor Center offers *Sunset Sea Kayaking*, 4pm, VU 104, \$10

MAY 2

Career Fair, 10am, VU Lounge
Accounting Society hosts *Charity Auction*, 6pm, VU Lounge

Peace Resource Center presents *Peace Fund*, 7pm, LPR

MAY 4-5

Outdoor Center offers *Squamish Rock Climbing*, VU 104, \$55

MAY 4

MECHA hosts *Cinco De Mayo Dance*, 9pm, VU Lounge, \$5

MAY 5

AS Films, "*Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert*" 7&9pm, AH 100, \$2

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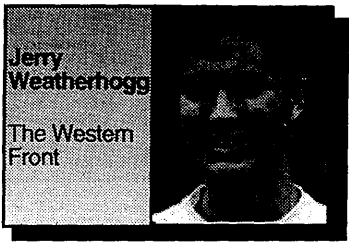
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dirt. This cannot be blamed on poor bus maintenance, but on the fact that downtown Seattle isn't the cleanest place on Earth.

No amount of dirt, however, can hide the ugly brown and yellow paint job of the Metro buses.

Friendliness also ranks high on the list. Most WTA drivers are simply nice people. Nowhere else but Bellingham do drivers announce that the bus is passing 31 Flavors.

Also, in Bellingham, it is safe to ride the bus late at night. In Seattle, riding the bus past 11 p.m. is uncomfortable, to say the least.

Finally, WTA bus routes are

simple and easy-to-use. The colorful maps and schedules make getting from point A to point B easy.

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Granted, WTA is not perfect. A major inconvenience is not having Sunday service.

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Frontline

Vandals shouldn't take article so seriously

Various signs and graffiti postings screamed "Collin Coyne glorifies violence" to Western students returning from the week-end.

First off, Accent Editor Grant Clark is pissed because he wasn't mentioned.

"I glorify violence — what about me?" he whined. "More death and destruction are dealt out in one Godzilla flick than in all the Sonny Chiba movies combined. And, hell, it was my 'Streetfighter' video that he watched to write the article."

Imagine, if you will, a world devoid of televised violence. Bob Saget would host 14 shows, pay channel options would include "24 Hours of Blossom," and "The Saved By The Bell Channel" (minus, of course, "The College Years," since Screech got the occasional hazing, which would be considered gratuitous, and the mere sight of "Showgirls" star Jesse Spano is arousing enough to promote impure thoughts and "self-induced" blindness).

I must, however begrudgingly, admit the influential power of television. Because of "Miami Vice," Grant didn't wear socks for two years. Yet, never once did he get in a fiery speedboat chase, join a drug cartel in Colombia or put out a violently lame album (remember "Heartbeat" by Don Johnson? Try playing that song in the Up&Up on a non-business-major night without getting your ass kicked).

Television can also incite some destructive activities. After he pay-per-viewed "Wrestlemania IIXVIIMCM," Grant put a sleeper-hold/suplex combination on his cat that brought the ire of animal rights activist Ricki Lake within minutes.

Ricki, who, by the way, looks great in neon tights, a cape and a red, white and blue leather hood, piped down after a forearm shiver and the dreaded figure-four leglock.

"If she's gonna talk the talk, she'd better walk the walk," Grant screamed at the camera, index finger shaking.

Now then, back to the brow-beaten Collin Coyne.

TV violence: fine.

TV buddy-cop shows and bogus talk-shows: bad.

Writing about Sonny Chiba (who, by the way, taps a keg of whoop-ass on anyone who thinks otherwise or puts up signs about Collin): Good.

Now, if you want to wax intellectual about the subject at hand (TV violence, not Jesse Spano), consider the results of watering down entertainment media so as not to offend the squeamish or influence the less mature.

Reduction of available information to the level of the lowest common intellectual denominator amounts to a brand of censorship.

Collin may glorify violence, but he doesn't promote vandalism (or tooth decay)!

—Jason Hickman, Copy editor
—Grant Clark, Accent editor

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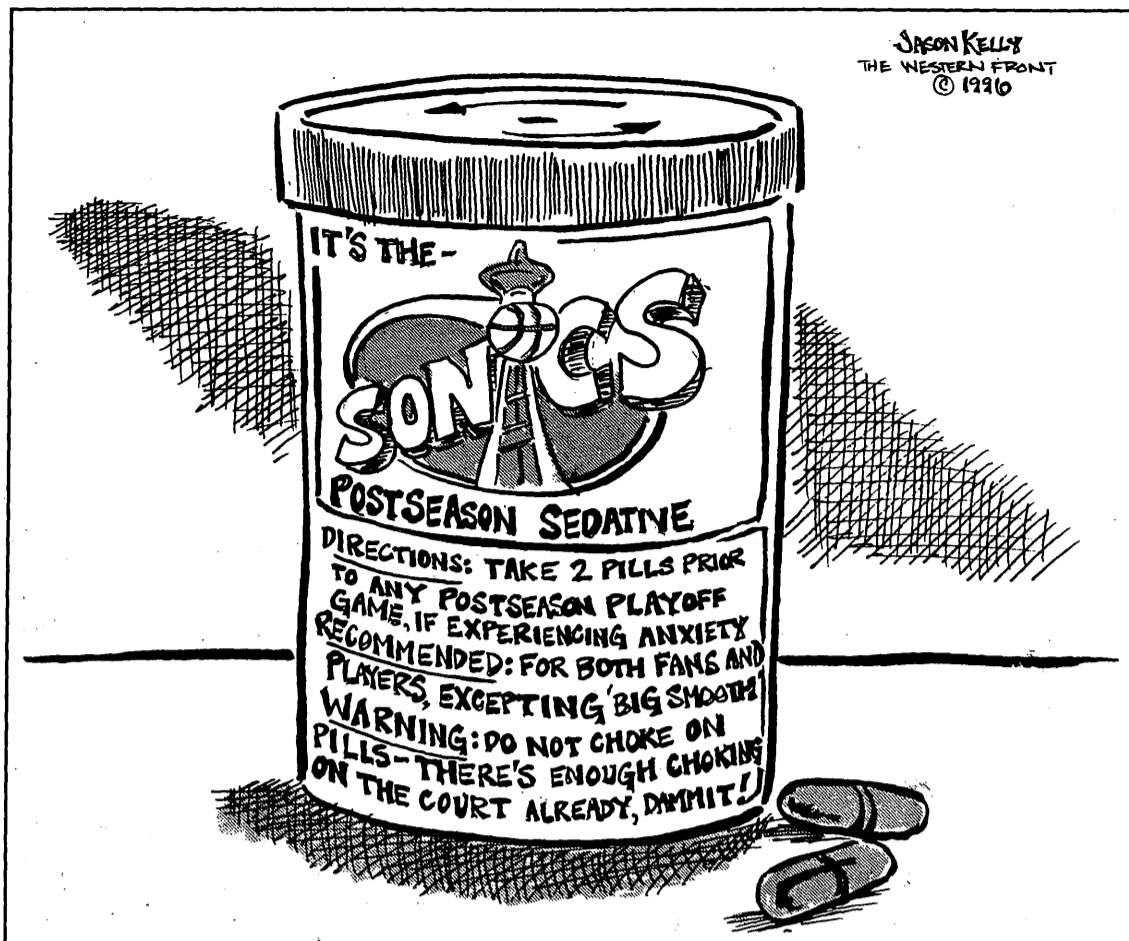
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One student's border trouble: northern exposure no good

I am 20 years old, and I have lived my whole life in a place where I didn't have to deal with discrimination because of my ethnicity, values or the color of my skin.

However, I recently saw the hard, cold face of racism and learned that discrimination doesn't just happen to African-Americans.

Discrimination can happen to everyone, but especially minorities.

After finals week, I was finished with all my classes, so my friends and I decided to go dancing in Canada.

We thought we would have a good time.

We stopped at the duty free store before passing through the United States-Canadian border in Blaine. The Canadian Customs officer began asking us questions.

"Have you ever been to Canada before?" the officer asked.

"Yes, we have," we replied.

"How long are you going to be here?" she asked.

"Three to four hours," we said.

"Did you go into the duty free?" she asked.

"Yes, to exchange money," the driver of the car, Robert Mattin, said.

I was beginning to become suspicious of the persistent questioning.

All we wanted to do was to go dancing.

Following the last question, the officer directed us to the Customs and Immigration Building.

My friends and I entered the building and were told to see the immigration officer.

As we walked through the door, the officers assumed we would create a disturbance or commit some kind of criminal act, and wouldn't allow my boyfriend to



use the restroom, refusing to explain why.

"I felt racially discriminated against and stereotyped as carrying illegal contraband," Mattin said.

We stood in line for 30 minutes just to find a reason why we were sent there.

The Canadian supervisor took our driver's licenses and student identification cards while asking unimportant questions: Are you sure you were born in the United States? Do you go to school and where? What are you majoring in? How much money are you all carrying?

We responded with various amounts of money, but it wasn't enough to get us past the supervisor.

"Hey, how come we're here?" student Andy Waterman asked. "How come you get to ask my friends questions and not me, and how come we have to have \$40 each?"

Waterman asked too many questions of the officer, who became so upset with the remarks that he put Waterman into an isolated containment cell.

He wasn't let out until we left. "Sit down!" the officer shouted. "Now if you don't shut up, you're gonna see parts of Canada that you've never seen before."

Waterman said nothing to the officer, but when he asked for the officer's name he didn't give it to him.

He also asked for a comment card, but received a piece of

paper.

Despite our cooperation, customs denied us entrance into Canada. They justified their action by citing a Canadian immigration law.

They said the law requires each person to carry \$40 to enter Canada, although they showed no verification of the law.

Still disturbed by the incident, I called the nearest Canadian customs building, and asked if any law existed requiring each person to bring \$40 to cross the border.

The officer told me there are seven superintendents, and they have the discretion to turn anyone away if they don't have "sufficient funds" to enter Canada.

The Canadian official said they expect visitors to have a "certain amount of money to pass the border."

Despite the fact we may or may not have had enough money, it was none of their business and, their aggressive manner appalled me.

I didn't know what they wanted from us and I was deeply upset.

These remarks made me feel as though I were an illegal immigrant, even though I was born in the United States.

I felt this was a form of discrimination, because three or four Canadian agents circled around us like hawks as if we were meat to dine on.

I sometimes think about what would happen if I had just gone back and showed them my \$40.

I wondered if they still would have let me and my friends cross the border. What if I was with a bunch of friends who weren't minorities?

The outcome probably would have been different.

Maybe I should go back to the border and find out.

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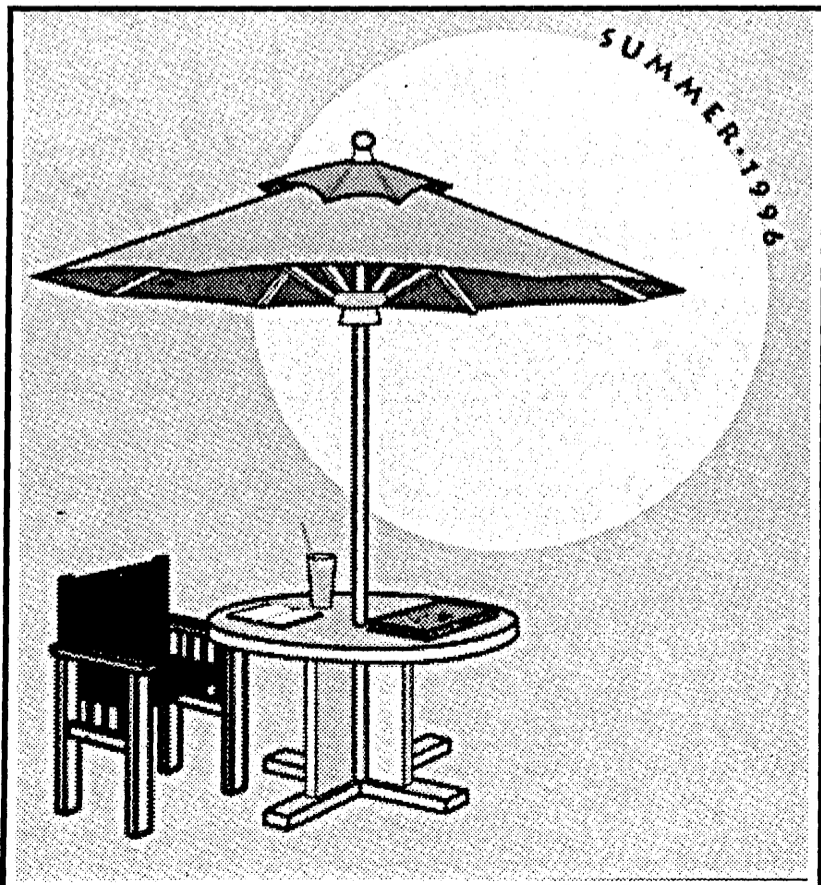
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