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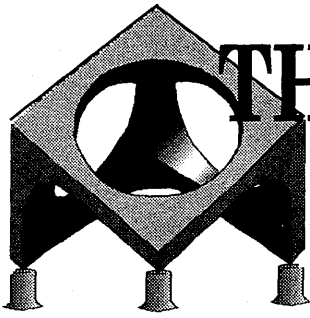
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## Mixed mood marks Vets Day

 By Katherine Schiffner  
The Western Front

Veterans contribute through volunteer service to the "enrichment of the nation," Lt. Col. Gary Phillips said in a speech commemorating Veterans Day Monday.

A ceremony, coordinated by the Veterans Outreach Center, was in the Viking Union lounge in honor of Veterans Day.

Phillips cited the 26 million Americans who have veterans status and the 80 million dependents of veteran as a potential force for a tremendous amount of service to communities.

"I believe we have a life-long responsibility to present the brotherhood and sisterhood of veterans status in a positive manner," he said.

As a result of a declining number of veterans, who are only 10 percent of today's population, it is more important than ever for veterans to get involved in service, Phillips said.

"Traditional concepts of patriotism and sacrifice are at stake if our continuing service is not seen," he said.

Improving the "dismal" voter turnout and helping sick and homeless veterans are areas where veterans can get involved, Phillips suggested.

"Contribute is what veterans do best," Phillips said, noting that many veterans already participate in community service.

Phillips thanked veterans for their service to their community and their country. He thanked Western's Veterans Outreach Center for the services it provides to veterans.

Mayor Mark Asmundson, also at the meeting, called for a recognition of the attributes of veterans and thanked veterans for their impact on his life.

He described veterans as having "commitment, dedication, sacrifice, perseverance, courage and honor."

Asmundson noted the "mixed mood" Veterans Day recalls, describing it as a time of remembrance for those who died in military conflicts and the feelings of joy at the ending of battles.

"I believe all of us have much to learn from our military veterans," Asmundson said. "Whether it was a time of war or a time of peace, there is major sacrifice, there is a major commitment and major dedication to the principals that this country and all countries that seek the betterment of mankind are



Front/Gunther Frank

Lt. Col. Gary Phillips praised volunteer efforts of veterans at a ceremony on Monday in the Viking Union lounge in honor of Veterans Day.

based."

The VOC, as part of the observance of Veterans Day, created the Veterans Gallery in VU 300. The gallery is an interactive display and students are invited to leave comments on the "wall."

One gallery observer wrote, "It's numbing to know that the thing that we can enjoy today came at such a huge price to those who came before us and procured those luxuries for us. How can an American not be thankful?"

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## King urges students to fight apathy

 By Gene Metrick  
The Western Front

Coretta Scott King challenged Western students Monday night to "pick up the torch of freedom" and work to build a better America of justice and opportunity for all.

"Let us move forward into the future with Martin Luther King's dream burning in our hearts," the widow of the slain civil rights leader told the huge crowd of students, faculty and community members who filled Carver Gym to near capacity.

"We must craft a vision for the kind of nation and world we want to see in the future, and then develop a road map for getting there," she said.

During a speech that was interrupted many times by fervent applause, King shared her thoughts on the November elections, education, affirmative action and the building of a more egalitarian society.

"We have to insist on a militant optimism about the future," she said. "God didn't put us here to dream small dreams and to settle for mediocrity."

King told the crowd that the '96 elections offered reasons for hope as well as causes for concern, such as the low voter turnout, especially among young people, and the increased bitterness and divisiveness of political campaigns.

"When incivility, name-calling and negativity dominate the dialogue on the critical issues of our times, as they did this year, we all lose," she said.

"There must be a way to have vigorous debates on the issues without personal attacks," she said, adding that the demand for an end to negative campaigning by voters was a cause for hope.

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## Football clamps down on Clansmen

 By Matt Finlirson  
The Western Front

Western's defense smothered Simon Fraser University's offensive attack in a 22-0 mauling Saturday at Civic Field.

The No. 8 ranked Vikings dominated the Clansmen (5-4, 2-2 in league) to push their record to 7-1, 3-1 in the Columbia Football Association standings.

Because Central Washington University and Eastern Oregon State College both lost Saturday, the Vikings are now alone atop the CFA standings.

The Vikings' defensive unit dismantled

the Clansmen offense, allowing minus seven yards rushing and causing four turnovers. The Clansmen penetrated Western's 20-yard line three times but were stopped twice on the 2-yard line by huge defensive plays by cornerback Michael Johnson and strong safety Randy Carter.

"As a unit, our defensive performance was outstanding," defensive coordinator Tom Missel said. "Big plays and key turnovers are what kept our team going."

Defensive linemen Mark Bone and Chad Rorabaugh terrorized the Clansmen quarterbacks all afternoon, recording six sacks.

Bone dominated with four sacks and seven total tackles. Rorabaugh tallied two sacks and five tackles.

"Mark Bone was in their backfield more than their quarterback today," Head Coach Rob Smith said.

"Bone is a very quick kid," Missel said. "Nobody could block him today."

Strong safety Carter and linebacker Mark Spencer led Western's defensive onslaught with nine tackles each. Carter, a senior playing in his final regular season game at Civic Field, also intercepted a pass on the 2-yard line, extinguishing one of the Clansmen's few scoring chances.

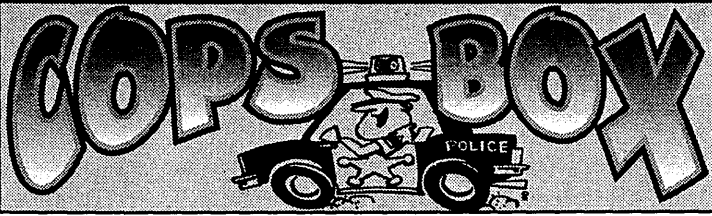
"This may be the last time I play here at Civic," Carter said. "The defensive performance was great today, and the seniors most definitely went out in style."

Western's offense struggled for consistency but still managed to post solid numbers.

The Vikings' ground attack was stopped most of the afternoon by Simon Fraser's league leading rushing defense.

Scott Noteboom led all backs with 55 yards on 13 carries. Ryan Wiggins, the

See Football, page 10



## Campus Police

**Nov. 8, 1:18 p.m.:** A man was transported by ambulance from Buchanan Towers to St. Joseph Hospital's emergency room at his own request. He suffers from chronic back pain and was unable to walk on his own that day.

**Nov. 8, 6:00 p.m.:** A woman who lives off campus reported receiving unwanted phone calls of a sexual nature. She said she believes the suspect is a male Western student. Since the calls are taking place off-campus, the woman was encouraged to report the calls to the Bellingham Police Department.

**Nov. 9, 8:55 p.m.:** Person(s) unknown set fire to the papers on the billboard in the Fairhaven tunnel. The papers were burned, but no damage to the billboard was seen.

## Bellingham Police

**Nov. 10, 5:52 p.m.:** In the 2500 block of Fim Street, a man called to report an argument he had with his neighbor. The argument was about current problems with parking at the location. No assault occurred. The neighbor went back onto his own property and yelled obscenities from his back yard. He was warned for disorderly conduct. He said he understood the warning and the arguing would not continue. Alcohol appeared to be a factor.

**Nov. 10, 9:53 p.m.:** In the 2900 block of Northwest Avenue, a man was having a smoke on his back porch when he saw the dome light to his car turn on. He saw someone inside his car and attempted to apprehend him. However, the suspect fled on foot. His vehicle was accessed through an unlocked door. Nothing was taken from the car or damaged. The man gave police a description of the suspect and the officers attempted a K-9 track but were unsuccessful in locating the suspect.

**Nov. 10, 10:39 p.m.:** In the 2200 block of Valencia Street, officers contacted a man on a report of a fight. The man told officers that his wife had told him to leave, and now he wanted to kill himself. The man was taken into protective custody and transported to the hospital for an involuntary mental health evaluation.

**Nov. 11, 12:35 a.m.:** In the 1300 block of Humboldt Street, officers responded to the report of a loud party. Officers contacted the resident who had a couple of friends over and didn't realize the music was too loud. The resident turned the music off and sent everyone to bed.

**Nov. 11, 2:17 a.m.:** In the 2400 block of Alabama Street, officers contacted a man regarding a juvenile problem. The man turned over a marijuana bong-type pipe he said belonged to a friend. He agreed the pipe should be impounded for destruction.

*Cops Box compiled by Jen Nikolaisen*

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# WESTERN BRIEFS

## Needle-free flu shots available on campus

Needle-free flu shots will be available from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Nov. 14 in Viking Union 300. The cost is \$10, and university identification is not required to receive immunization.

Dr. Emily Gibson, director of the Student Health Center, said Group Health nurses will administer the shots by Bioinjector which uses compressed gas instead of a needle.

"We hope people who shy away from injections will find this a more acceptable method of getting protection from the flu virus," Gibson said.

According to Group Health, a person who gets the flu can expect to be ill for a week or more with a sore throat, high fever, chills, cough, body aches and weakness. Sinus infection, bronchitis or pneumonia are also complications associated with the flu. The Health Center urges people to get immunized by early December prior to the onset of the main flu season.

## Women's studies to announce ecofeminism forum

The Women's Studies Program will announce the Fall 1996 Faculty Colloquium from 1 to 5 p.m. on Nov. 15 in Science Lecture Hall 120.

Keynote speaker Noel Sturgeon from Washington State University will speak on Ecofeminism. A forum and discussion with Women's Studies Faculty from Western and WSU will take place at 2:30 p.m. on the 4th floor of Viking Addition.

Refreshments will be provided, and all are encouraged to attend. Call Women's Studies at 650-3534 for more information.

## WTA hosts transit fair

The Whatcom Transportation Authority will host a Transit Fair from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 15 at the Bellingham Transit Center. The public is invited and refreshments will be served courtesy of area merchants. The purpose of the fair is to give personal assistance to bus riders in understanding the changes in the bus system. Effective Nov. 18, every route name will change along with new services and some discontinued routes. The fair will have WTA staff members wearing bright yellow sweatshirts to help answer questions. Information stations will also be set up at the transit station from Nov. 13-23 (excluding Sunday) to distribute information and answer rider questions. For further information, please contact WTA at 676-6843.

## YWCA breast cancer programs offered

The YWCA will be offering "A Low-Cost Mammogram Screening Evening" from 5 to 8 p.m. on Nov. 26 at the SeaMar Clinic. Services will be provided by Northwest Radiologists and mammograms must be scheduled by appointment only. Medical coupons will be accepted. To register for the support group or make an appointment for the mammogram screening call the YWCA at 734-4821.

The YWCA Encore Program will be offering "Support Groups for Breast Cancer Survivors and their Family Members" every Wednesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Clover Building on West Holly or from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at the Bellingham YWCA. The support group will provide a safe setting to share and express feelings and experiences associated with personal and family issues surrounding a breast cancer diagnosis. This program is free.

*Western Briefs compiled by Joanne Fry*

## 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

**NDSL/FEDERAL PERKINS, GSL/STAFFORD/FFELP AND WILLIAM D. FORD BORROWERS:** If you aren't returning to Western winter quarter or are graduating fall quarter, *an exit interview is required.* Interviews are Nov. 19-20 in Wilson Library. Stop by OM 265 or call X/2943 by Monday, Nov. 18, for an appointment. *School records may be withheld if you miss your interview.*

**PHASE I REGISTRATION FOR WINTER QUARTER** will be Nov. 19 through Dec. 6. Appointments were mailed in early November. If you have not received yours, call the Registrar's Office, X/3430.

**ALL STUDENTS WHO EXPECT TO GRADUATE AT THE CLOSE OF WINTER QUARTER** must have a degree application on file in the Registrar's Office, OM 230, by Nov. 15. • **Students expecting to graduate at the close of spring quarter** must have an application on file by Jan. 31. Applications are available in OM 230.

**WINTER QUARTER BIOLOGY COURSE ADD CODES** must be picked up in BI 315 Nov. 13-14.

**THE MATH PLACEMENT TEST** will be given at 9 a.m. Mondays in OM 120 on Nov. 18, 25, Dec. 9 and 16. Thursday test dates are Nov. 14, 21, Dec. 5, 12 and 19. Allow 90 minutes. Registration is not required. Students must bring picture ID and a No. 2 pencil. A \$10 fee must be paid in the exact amount at time of testing.

**AN INTEREST MEETING FOR NCSA JOURNAL PROGRAMS** in Western Europe and Asia will be held at 3 p.m. today (Tuesday, Nov. 12), in OM 530B.

**INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS OFFICE IS LOOKING FOR STUDENTS** who have apartments or rooms to rent out for winter or spring quarter. Send information to OM 530B or call X/3298.

**THE TEACHER CURRICULA AND CERTIFICATION COUNCIL** meets in MH 210 at 1 p.m. on Nov. 15 and Dec. 5. Submit materials to be considered at least one week prior. Materials to be considered Dec. 5 must be submitted by Nov. 21.

**MILLER ANALOGIES TEST:** Test dates are Nov. 25 and Dec. 9 at 3 p.m. Registration is required in OM 120. A \$35 fee is payable at time of testing, which takes about 1½ hours.

**WINTER DEADLINE** is Nov. 15 for study programs for programs in France, Italy, England, and Austria. For information and applications, contact International Programs & Exchanges, OM 530B, X/3298 or X/7627.

**HELEN PREJEAN'S DEAD MAN WALKING** will be discussed by the Book-of-the-Quarter Panel at noon Friday, Nov. 22, Library Presentation Room.

**CAREER SERVICES CENTER, OM 280,** offers a full spectrum of career development and job search workshops throughout the academic year. Stop by OM 280 or call X/3240 for current offerings and find out how the workshops can help with a job search.

### On-campus recruiting

*Signups for on-campus interviews are required in OM 280. Additional information on many positions is available in the career library and/or signup folders. For more information, contact the Career Services Center, OM 280, X/3240.*

- Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Wednesday, Nov. 13. Submit résumé at signup for interview.
- Payless Shoe Source, Thursday, Nov. 14. Submit a résumé at signup.
- American National Insurance, Thursday, Nov. 14. See job description in signup folder.
- Fortis Investors, Thursday, Nov. 14. Graduation by December required.
- Andersen Consulting. Submit to Career Services Center by Friday, Nov. 15: résumé, cover letter, company data sheet and unofficial transcript. **No campus interviews scheduled.**
- Penn Mutual, Tuesday, Nov. 19. Submit résumé at signup.
- Friday, Nov. 22, Safeco Insurance. Attend information session at 7 p.m. Nov. 21 in Career Services Center, OM 280. Enter building using the front door on the north end of Old Main. Submit résumé at signup.



# AP news from around the globe

## REGIONAL

### Decision expected on Pang charges

SEATTLE — A judge in Seattle is expected to decide Tuesday whether accused arsonist Martin Pang will face murder charges.

The question is whether the charges are permitted under the agreement with Brazil that returned Pang after he was arrested. Pang's lawyer, John Henry Browne, says Pang cannot be tried for murder. Brazilian law does not permit a murder charge in an arson death unless it was intentional.

King County prosecutors have received help from the Justice Department in seeking a waiver from Brazil. They received a letter from Brazil's Minister of State Justice that was unclear. It says the U.S. justice system should decide the suitable punishment.

Pang is accused of starting the January 1995 fire that destroyed his parents' frozen food business and killed four Seattle firefighters. His trial is set for Feb. 4.

### Bank robbers repeat crimes, more likely to be caught

KENT — One hundred thirty-four robberies were recorded in Seattle last year plus 54 more bank holdups in King County outside the city.

The 188 holdups rank the Seattle area fifth nationally in the number of bank jobs. Los Angeles County is number one, according to FBI figures. Seattle Agent Shawn Johnson says as many as two-thirds of bank robbers are heroin addicts, and two-thirds of the robbers give tellers notes

or make threatening statements without displaying a weapon. Bank robbers tend to repeat their crimes, which increases their chances of being caught.

Washington had 289 bank robberies in 1994 and arrests were made in about 75 percent of them. Bank robbery is a federal crime that carries with it a 10- to 15-year sentence.

### Sexless in Seattle

SEATTLE — A Bremerton woman who says she found sexual encounters unrewarding has started "Born-again Virgins."

Laurakate Van Hollebeke, 26, says she enjoyed sex and was pretty promiscuous, but about a year ago she felt she wasn't getting anywhere. Now she's sold on celibacy and selling "Sexless in Seattle" T-shirts.

She's telling dates "no" — no sex until marriage. She says her "Born-again Virgins" group has been attracting attention — much of it from parents asking for information for their daughters.

## NATIONAL

### Five Maryland soldiers charged with rape

WASHINGTON — America's top man in uniform says it's too early to determine the depth of alleged sexual abuse at a Maryland training center. Five soldiers at the Army Ordinance Center have been charged with raping and harassing female trainees. Fifteen other soldiers have been suspended. General John Shalikashvili said on NBC's "Today" that the military will use all its energy to bring the responsible

parties to justice. On ABC's "Good Morning America," the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff acknowledged the military still has a problem with sexual harassment, but he said the services have tried to combat it by ensuring women are represented at all levels of command.

### Deer finds way to school bathroom

RAVENNA, Ohio — Oh deer! That's how an Ohio high school student reacted when she found a deer in a school bathroom Monday morning.

The school principal in Ravenna says the doe must have gotten in the school Saturday night during a police fund-raiser. She had to walk a ways to get to the restroom. The deer was found lying inside a stall. The floor tiles made it too slippery for her to stand.

A Portage County Humane Officer tranquilized the deer and took her to a more suitable home. The deer was not badly hurt.

## INTERNATIONAL

### Moscow says U.S. entrapped KGB agent

MOSCOW — Moscow says no fair. Russia's Foreign Intelligence Service says the U.S. broke the "unwritten rules of the game" of espionage in the arrest of an ex-spy.

The FBI had accused Vladimir Galkin of spying on the "Star Wars" defense system when he was a KGB agent. The United States granted Galkin a visa — then arrested him when he arrived in New York. Russian officials say he was entrapped

since the United States knew his background in espionage when it gave him an entry visa.

### Saudis keeping quiet about June bombing

MUSCAT, Oman — Saudi Arabia is keeping the lid on information about the June bombing that killed 19 American airmen.

The Saudi Interior Minister said only the Kingdom's security sources will be allowed to comment on the investigation, and he says there won't be any information released until the probe is completed.

Saudi security forces and FBI agents are jointly conducting the probe, but FBI sources have said the Saudis aren't giving the U.S. agents much information.

The Washington Post has reported the Saudis have made arrests in the case.

### China rebels against hefty trade fine

BEIJING — China said if it will ban imports of American fruit, beverages and other goods in retaliation for a fine for alleged trade violations.

The United States levied a \$19 million penalty on China last September for attempting to ship garments to the United States through other countries in violation of a 1994 trade pact.

China's retaliation comes less than two weeks before a planned visit by Secretary of State Warren Christopher. A spokesman for the U.S. Trade Representative's office in Washington says it's "probably no coincidence" that the bans comes at a time when the two countries are preparing to renegotiate their textile trade agreement.

AP Wire compiled by Nicky Loi

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# Take five

every Thursday!

In this Thursday's Take Five leisure guide, get a preview of the Jumbalassy show Friday at the Cosmos in Vancouver. We'll find out the latest from Bikini Kill before their show Friday at the VU and check out what Western's Outdoor Center has to offer for outings and rentals. Plus always included is a comprehensive guide to movies and events.

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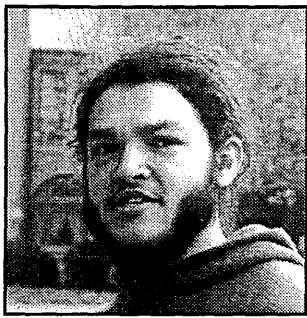
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"I am full, 100 percent against the bike and skateboard ban because it's another form of transportation, and I'm not going to run anyone over. We're just trying to get to class faster than anyone else so we can be studious kids."

Dave Torres  
Sophomore



"I think it's kind of silly. I use the bike not only to get to campus but to go back and forth across campus. I just see it as a means of transportation. I've never had any bikes run into me. I've had more trouble with joggers. I think they should ban athletic shoes, myself."

Joe Chilcote  
Junior



"Personally, I don't ride a bike, but I guess it's fair because there've been incidents where I've just literally been knocked over by bicyclists."

Silvia Gonzalez  
Sophomore

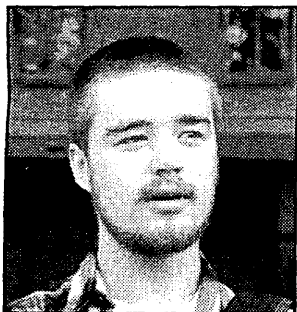
## What do you think of the proposed 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. bike ban?

Interviews and photos compiled by Alisha Holdener



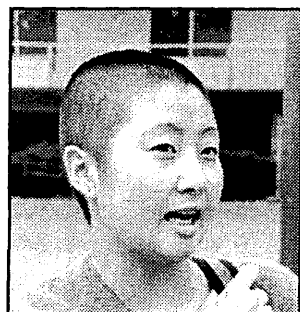
"I don't think it's fair. It's a form of transportation, and if you need to ride it, you need to ride it."

Alisha Bright  
Sophomore



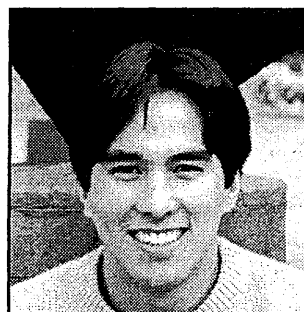
"I have a really big problem with the bike ban, especially since there is already a ban 10 minutes before the hour that's not even enforced. I think if that was enforced, it would make a really big difference."

Jeff Bowlin  
Sophomore



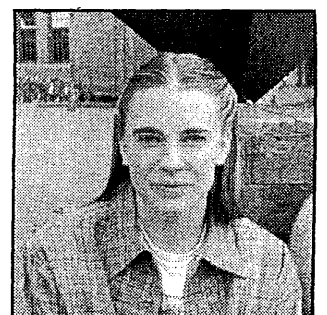
"It sounds like it's a good idea. If people can come and ride their bikes close to campus and find a parking space and then walk to class, I don't think it's that big of a deal if they can't ride on the red brick areas."

Narai Park  
Senior



"I think the bike ban is ridiculous. The 10-minute dismount thing is a good idea if they would just enforce that. If they can't even enforce the dismount rule, how are they going to keep them from riding bikes on campus? I'll ride my bike with or without a ban. It's ecologically friendly."

Ryan Akiyama  
Junior



"I don't think the bike ban is any good at all. I think the way that it is set up now, with the 10-minute limit, is much better."

Dana Morse  
Junior

# Everything Changes.

November 18, 1996

### A Change For The Better.

Based largely on your input, WTA is expanding many of its services. Because of this, all WTA routes, names and numbers are changing. Be prepared for these changes by picking up your copy of the new Transit Guide early—it's now available. For more information, call WTA at 676-RIDE or 354-RIDE.

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**New Directions**—a better bus system for Whatcom County.





# No change in sight for Vets Day policy

By Katherine Schiffner  
The Western Front

Western is the only public university in Washington State that does not give a day off for Veterans Day due to input from the Staff Employees' Council. The SEC prefers to take Dec. 24 off instead.

According to the 1994 minutes from the meetings of the Staff Employees' Council, under President Robyn Adcox, Zach Robinson, the former Associated Students vice president of academic affairs, attempted to change how Western observes Veterans Day and asked the Staff Employees' Council to support the change.

Current Staff Employees' Council President Donna Zender said the staff decided to keep taking Christmas Eve off.

"We have quite a few veterans on the staff itself, and they felt if people were going to celebrate it, they would," Zender said.

Western President Karen Morse stated the benefits to having classes on Veterans Day, including the ceremony to observe

the holiday which was presented. She does not expect the policy to change.

"I suspect our students may be more aware of Veterans Day because of not having the day off," Morse said. "I don't know if people would take the time if they had the day off."

The Academic Coordinating Commission voted in 1992 to take a day off on Veterans Day. Their decision was approved by the Faculty Senate and then relayed to former Western President Kenneth Mortimer.

The SEC is composed of non-faculty staff. Both students and faculty already have Dec. 24 off so the decision to take Veterans Day off would impact the staff the most, Mortimer decided.

Lynne Masland, the director of Public Information, explained Western did not have classes on Veterans Day at one time, but, the policy changed in the late 1960s or early 1970s. To change the current policy it would take the majority of students, faculty and staff's approval.

"It would really be quite an undertak-

ing," Masland said.

Public institutions can only take a certain number of holidays, which are set by the state and vary by institution, Board of Trustees member Wayne Ehlers said.

Ehlers does not recall approving or disapproving a schedule for this year and says the board has never had a discussion of holidays that he can remember.

"If someone brought it up, we would consider it," Ehlers said.

Valerie McNulty, director of the Veterans' Outreach Program, said the choice between taking Veterans Day off or the day before Christmas is, "no kind of choice at all."

"A good reason has not been explained to me," she said. "If it's a financial burden they should get funding from somewhere else."

McNulty served in the military from 1979 to 1984 on active duty for the army and in the Air Force Reserves.

Jim Weller, Coordinator of the Veterans Outreach Center, noted he has encountered a number of veterans who would have

liked to have the day off to remember and visit grandparents or monuments like the Vietnam Memorial.

According to VOC records, 353 veterans attend Western this quarter.

"I can understand that decision, but I think it's sad," Weller said. Weller is a veteran of the Persian Gulf War.

Some veterans agree with Weller. "I think they should have closed, all the other schools are," said Foster Courtney, the 1996-1997 Commander of District 15 Washington Veterans of Foreign Wars. Courtney served in the Korean War.

Although he sees the staff point of view, Western student Curtis Jones, a Marine who is in the reserves, said, "It is kind of a slap in the face."

Veterans' Education Outreach Program assistant Andrew Estrada, who served in the Navy for three years, disagrees.

"I think it would be nice to get recognized, but it doesn't really affect me," he said.

"I am not going to lose any sleep over not having a day off," Estrada said.

# Committee to hear appeal on professor's firing

By Jacob Henifin  
The Western Front

The faculty grievance committee will hear an appeal today of President Karen Morse's decision to terminate English professor Omar Castañeda and to the appropriateness of the university taking issue with the extracurricular conduct of faculty.

The dismissal followed Castañeda's October 1995 arrest in Ferndale for possession of heroin and methamphetamines. Castañeda conceded to using drugs that evening, however charges were dropped following conflicting police testimony. The court determined that police unconstitutionally stopped Castañeda and the subsequent search and seizure was illegal.

The president's decision was contrary to an ad-hoc select faculty committee recommendation that Castañeda lose pay for a quarter and have a letter of censure put into his faculty file.

"The consequences of dismissal are serious," said Castañeda about his decision to appeal, "and can affect how other faculty members are treated with charges for all sorts of offenses."

The question should be raised if Western has authority or jurisdiction over the

behavior of a faculty member on sabbatical, away from campus and not involving a student, said Richard Berg, American Association of University Professors board member.

"Nothing has come forward that would suggest an event far off campus gives the university any authority over something of that nature," he said.

The AAUP is a national organization concerned with faculty issues — chiefly academic freedom, faculty governance and due process through termination.

The serious issue that the committee must address is to what extent Western is able to consider the behaviors of an employee outside of the university, said Assistant Attorney General Wendy Bohlke.

The faculty grievance committee will hear arguments from Bohlke, representing Western, and attorney Robert Butler, for Castañeda. Both parties may have testimony from outside witnesses.

The committee acts like a grand jury and may ask questions of the parties or witnesses. A hearing officer, who acts like a judge by mediating questions, rebuttles and other procedural matters will preside over the hearing. The hearing is closed at

the request of Butler and Castañeda.

"I have no sense of how any members are leaning on this," said Faculty Grievance Committee Chairman Leroy Plumlee. "We have not discussed this at all."

"I would hope that a liberal arts-based school would have tolerance and a more humanistic approach to human error," Castañeda said.

Faculty handbook guidelines require the committee to come to a decision within five working days.

The committee will then deliver the recommendation to the Board of Trustees at its Dec. 6 meeting in Redmond at the Microsoft campus.

"The grievance committee cannot divulge anything beyond the Board of Trustees," Plumlee said.

If the board upholds a contested recommendation, the losing party may seek remedies either in Superior Courts of Whatcom County, where the incident occurred, or Thurston County, the seat of the state capitol. If a federal claim exists, an appeal may be sought in the Western District of Washington Courts.

Butler presumes the board will follow

the recommendation of the grievance committee, but it is not obligatory.

"We can recommend, and the board can overturn. It is not final," Plumlee said.

"I am not speaking for the AAUP, but I don't think the case has been made for the university's position, unless it has eluded me," Berg said.

"The employee/employer relationship is nothing democratic," Board of Trustees Chairwoman Charlotte Chalker said. "There are rules of conduct that cause some decisions to be made that are not democratic."

Proper procedure is not considered in the impression that former Director of Public Safety, equivalent to today's chief of university police, Russ Martin has about the administration. He has "deep regrets of how Western dealt with (him)," he said.

Martin was charged with suspicion of shoplifting in 1991. He was given the option to resign or be fired; he chose the former. Martin claims he inadvertently put a pack of cigarettes in his pocket, bought some other items and failed to pay for the cigarettes. The charges were later dropped.

"Western has not been particularly supportive of their employees," he said.

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## King, from page 1

"Candidates must understand that attacking an adversary's character does nothing to ennoble one's own," she said.

King's most pronounced appeal was for students to become more involved as a force for social change.

"Throughout history, students and young people have filled in the front ranks of social change movements in America and around the world," she said.

King said this generation has access to much more information than any previous one.

"What will you do with all of this information?" she asked. "How will you use it to create a better world?"

"Thirty-six years ago, another generation of students, inspired by Martin Luther King, Jr., answered the call of history by rising up to lead a non-violent movement that revolutionized American society.

"Never doubt that you also have the power to provide leadership for social change," she said, reminding them that student protests played a decisive role in ending the Vietnam War.

"Now we need you to lead us once again to a higher and more noble destiny," she said, urging them to reject the "easy road of apathy and indifference" and materialism to become "non-violent revolutionaries" leading their generation to a better America.

"A good career is a critical part of personal fulfillment. Yet, as you build your career skills, you are also challenged to a higher calling: a call to serve humanity.

"I believe it is you, the young people, who have been chosen to lead this, shall I say, revolution, because that's what I think it's going to require," she said. "No matter what major or career path you choose, commit yourself to the world-wide struggle against poverty, racism and violence.

"It will make you a more fulfilled person. It will make America a greater nation and create a better world for all of human kind," she said.

King stressed the need for greater educational opportunity for all Americans.

"Budget cuts and tuition increases have already put the cost of a college education out of reach for too many young people," she said. "It is your generation that must provide ... the kind of determined, student leadership ... to demand that education be made a leading priority.

"Without raising taxes significantly, we could provide needed funding for education by cutting the military budget by 25 percent," she said. "This would not diminish, but enhance our true national security."

King also told the crowd that she was concerned about the passage of California's Proposition 209 and other campaigns to destroy affirmative action programs.

"Affirmative action is one of the few remedies that has been effective in correcting discrimination, pro-actively, and now we are taking it away," she said.

"Opponents of affirmative action rarely base their arguments upon the facts," she said. "For the factual evidence of racial discrimination in virtually every sector of society is so prevalent and clear that it can not be obscured by statistical manipulations."

"It is not about guilt, or blame, or shaming the current generation for sins of the past," she said. "It is about doing something real to help reduce continuing racial discrimination."

King listed expanding educational and employment opportunities, providing decent medical care for all citizens, eliminating poverty, creating a culture of non-violence and protecting the environment as the critical challenges facing the country today.

"How well we meet these challenges will have a decisive impact on our efforts to unify America," she said.

"We are all members of the same family because we are all children of the same



Front/Tom Degan

Coretta Scott King, widow of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., listens to questions from the audience after lecturing Monday evening to a packed crowd.

God," she said.

"Ultimately, the struggle for multicultural unity must begin in the human heart," King said.

"It is a formidable challenge to create a

cooperative, thriving multicultural democracy, which celebrates both unity and diversity," King said.

"But if it can be done, it must be done in America," she said.

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Could you tell me who sang "Bye, bye, Miss American Pie ..."?

# Campus Operators

## Faithful public employees or bearers of infinite wisdom?

By Jennifer O'Brien  
The Western Front

"Western Washington University, how may I direct your call?"

Have you ever wondered who the nice voice at the other end of the line belongs to when you call the campus directory for assistance?

"The voice of Western" belongs to Molly Fury, the main campus operator, and several other telecommunications specialists who indulge the students, faculty, the Bellingham community and visitors with their wealth of knowledge.

They've been asked every question under the sun, and most of the time, they have the answers. They're convinced that, as the full moon grows closer, the questions get stranger.

"The last full moon, I got a call from a guy who said, 'I want to talk to someone who can tell me if I went to school here,'" Fury said.

Senior recreation major Amanda Knutson said she's been asked some random questions during her four years as a student operator: "How many bricks are in Red Square? How many lights are in Carver Gym? Where are the parties this Friday night? What exactly is a country-fried steak?"

The light-hearted atmosphere of the

telecommunications department lends a hand to the goodwill of the operators. They joke, banter and could probably write a book a mile thick about all of the bizarre conversations they've had.

"The prerequisite to work in this office is to be crazy and act crazy," telecommunications supervisor Linda Calkins said.

"We're a small city," Calkins said, indicating the number of people who depend on them for information. The campus operator gets an average of 1,200 to 1,500 calls per day. In one day of the first week of fall quarter, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. the operators were swamped with close to 3,000 calls.

One problem with calling the directory while on campus is the calls don't backlog to the recorded message when all of the operators are busy with other calls.

"People probably think we're sitting around drinking mochas or something," Fury said. The truth is the operators have 15 lines flashing at them to be answered ... and those are just the calls they can see on their switchboard.

So, if you're exasperated that the operator is "just letting the phone ring," think again. Campus operators deal with 3,300 residence hall users, 2,200 academic departments and anyone else who has a telephone within reach.

Most people are polite and understanding when they call, Fury said. Once, Fury

was so helpful, the art department proposed to her on Valentine's Day.

When it comes to proposals for unidentified people, the operators sadly admit they can only look people up by their last names, telecommunications analyst and software technician Valerie Klein said. So for all you guys out there who were hoping to get the phone number of "that girl you met at a party this weekend," the operators will not be able to come to your rescue.

They are helpful for all you students who are late on your tuition payment, or call the operator in a panic asking for the number of the "Caza Plashier," or the "Paza Clashier." They're smart enough to decipher your garble and get you through to the "Plaza Cashier."

One student looking for Dr. Purdy called campus directory and asked, "Can I have Purdy please?" At least he was polite!

Another student called the operator to find out who sang "Bye, Bye, Miss American Pie." (The operators looked it up and called him back. How nice!)

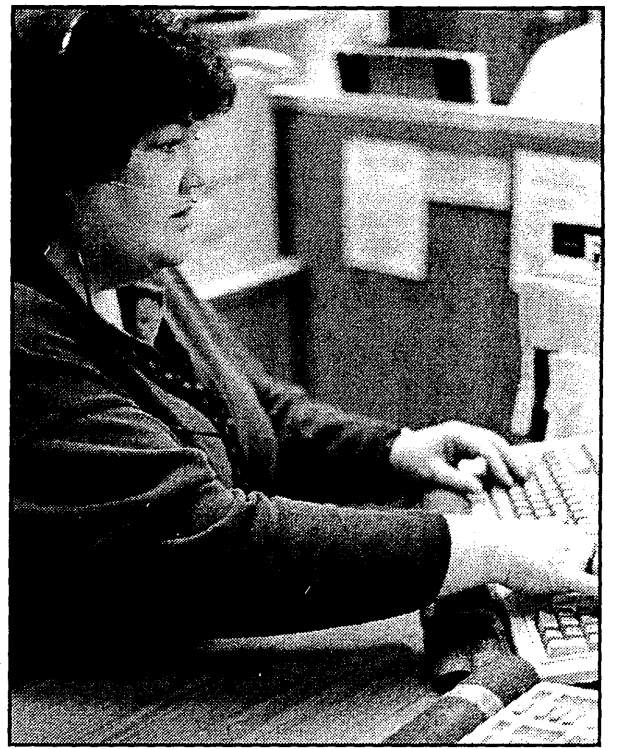
And for all the students who call the operators from the call boxes in front of the residence halls, they are not able to buzz you in. They are more than willing to give

you the number of the person you're visiting, so they can buzz you in.

The motto for the telecommunications department reads, "The student is not an interruption of our work, but the purpose of it. We are not doing them a favor by serving them. They are doing us a favor by giving us the opportunity to do so."

So, the next time you can't remember where you forwarded your calls, or you aren't getting along with your voice mail, or you're desperate for the phone number of a classmate to copy some notes, remember the nice voice on the end of the line at the campus directory.

They deserve your respect and courtesy, because they're only trying to make your life easier. On top of that, your number comes up on their screen when you call, so they know who you are and where you live.



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Molly Fury, the familiar voice behind Western's campus directory, connects a caller.



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
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## Two Worlds Half a World Away



By Riley Morton  
The Western Front

All I had to do was sit down in the local park. Within seconds, a mob of young boys inevitably surrounded me. "Nerelesin?" they asked, anxious to discover from which corner of the universe this tall white guy had come. "Adin Ne?"

"Adim Riley," I responded, thankful for the little Turkish I learned before leaving the sprawling metropolis of Istanbul. All those days spent wading through the sweltering heat just to get to Turkish class finally became worth it.

"Futbal seviyorsun?" they asked, holding up a soccer ball.

"Evet!" I grabbed the ball and started running, chased by 20 screaming boys through the streets of Sungurlu in North central Turkey. We ran to the town square, past the statue of Attatürk, the man who reunited Turkey, and played a fantastic game of soccer until the sun set.

When it became too dark to play, my stomach started to protest. I asked them for a cheap restaurant, "Buralarda ucuz bir lokanta var mi?"

The boys pointed me to a hole in the wall where I had "pide" (Turkish pizza) and a Coke for 120,000 Turkish Lira, or about \$1.40. I felt lucky to have communicated as much as we did in my broken Turkish and their broken English. I was the first American they had ever seen outside of a movie screen.

After dinner, I retreated to my hotel room to ponder the day. I woke up that morning in Ankara, the capital of modern Turkey. Upbeat and forward-looking,

Ankara symbolizes all that the Republic of Turkey wants to be: a fully-modern city on a Western European scale.

If I wanted Western Europe, I would have gone to Paris or Frankfurt. I was here to look for the real Turkey. All I had to do was hop on a bus in Ankara and drive for an hour to a town like Sungurlu to discover the real Turkey.

The other Turkey is not modern. The real Turkey is 98 percent Muslim. In the real Turkey, every man wears a fez, a felt or cloth cap that was formerly the national headdress of Turkey, and their wives are covered head to toe in heavy cloth.

Still, the real Turkey remains upbeat. Everywhere I went, I was encountered with open arms — into homes, mosques, even police stations.

The hospitality made traveling by myself, 7,000 miles from home, more than bearable; it made the trip great. I developed



Front/Riley Morton

Riley Morton and his new-found friends in the city of Sungurlu.

friendships everywhere I went. The experience was unlike anything I've encountered in a western country.

As I drifted off to sleep that night, I reflected on my path to Turkey. I remember strolling into Western's Study

Abroad Office, just poking around and looking for ideas. "Live and Study in Istanbul!" yelled the brochure, and it captured my attention immediately. Here was a chance to live in a place a million miles from any-

thing like my Bellingham life.

Literally the bridge between Europe and Asia, Istanbul represents a cultural hub of epic proportions to me. Istanbul is a place that has been a cultural center for at least 6,000 years and probably since the dawn of

humanity. For \$2,300 tuition, room and board, I couldn't pass it up.

I attended Bogaziçi Universitesi in Istanbul for seven weeks, taking classes in Turkish, third-world film-making and

Buralarda ucuz bir lokanta var mi?

- Riley Morton  
Turkish visitor

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anthropology of music. Bogaziçi, like the other top public universities in Turkey, taught entirely in English.

By living in Istanbul, I experienced a Middle-Eastern culture without having to learn another language. These factors made my decision to go all too easy.

I lived in the university's dormitory for the duration of my stay, enjoying Istanbul's rich history contrasted with startling modernity.

Istanbul has rapidly become one of the world's largest cities. With a population approaching 15 million (10 times the population of Seattle/King County), space within the city is at a minimum.

The city sprawls for miles through the hills surrounding the major waterway, the Bosphorus Strait. Miles of cheaply-built apartment complexes cover horizons where

once there only stood forests.

Where apartments are not, Gecekondu are ("built in a night"). Gecekondu are squatter settlements that look like they wouldn't survive the earthquake of rush-hour traffic.

Turkey, like most developing countries, is experiencing massive migration to the big cities. Peasants come to the cities under the illusion numerous jobs are available for the taking.

Unfortunately, most migrants end up bunking with obscure relatives and shining shoes or selling simit (bagel-like sesame rolls) on the street.

After World War I, Turkey was divided into pieces by the Allied powers. Following the devastation of World War I, the power vacuum created by the Balkanization of southeastern Europe was filled by an inspired and charismatic leader, Mustafa Kemal.

Kemal established the Republic of Turkey with its capital in Ankara. Kemal was loved by all Turks and given the title, Attatürk, or "father of the Turks."

His vision was a Turkey that would leave the Ottoman and Byzantine empires behind. Attatürk visualized Turkey as a vital component of the 21st Century. Even today, that is still the direction Turkey is heading, and quickly.

Today's Turks clearly have retained their respect for their founding father. "I love him," was the simple statement made by a young Turk named Mustafa who I met in Istanbul.

Invariably, Attatürk's statue stands in the squares of even the smallest towns in Turkey.

Prosperity is still a very real dream for even the most rural Turks. People's faces lit up when I told them I was, "Amerikaliyim."

They were amazed I would leave the streets of America, which are surely paved with gold, just to visit their country.

Every Turk quickly wanted to make sure I thought that Turkey and America were on good terms. When I responded in the

affirmative, a big smile crept across their faces.

I was treated extremely well, not just because I am an American, but because the Turks are the kindest people I have ever met.

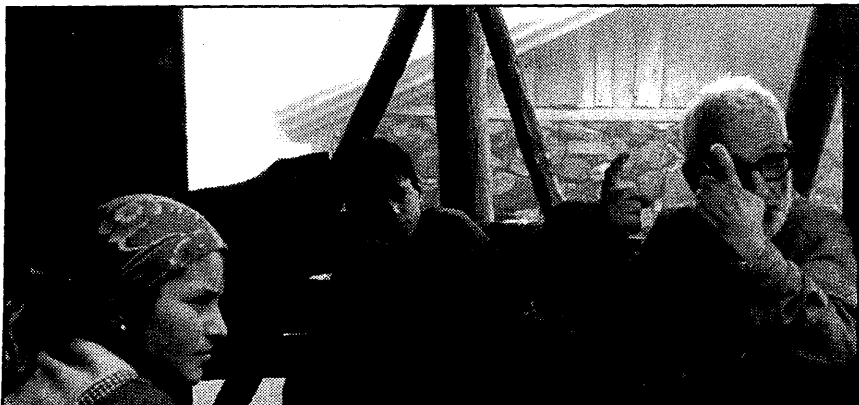
A week after that life-affirming soccer match, I found myself hiking in the Kaçkar mountains near the Armenian border in northeastern Turkey. Two hours after beginning an ascent of a steep mountainside, I came upon a nomadic village called Yayla that was not marked on my map.

Strolling through the trails in the Yayla, I was invited by one of the nomad families into a semi-permanent dwelling typical of these nomadic towns.

Served Ayran (yogurt, water and salt) and local çay (tea) to drink, I felt loved even after a five-hour walk from civilization. I was drinking tea with people who lived their lives exactly like their ancestors did 2,000 years before them.

I can't get over the people of Turkey. I have so little in common with most of them, and yet I was treated like family wherever I went.

Turkey has so much to offer: better Greek ruins than those found in Greece, a thousand miles of Mediterranean coastline and incredibly stunning geology. But for me, the reason to go is the people.



Front/Riley Morton

A Turkish nomad describes his way of life to travelers 7,000 feet high in the Kaçkar Mountains.

## Western Life Photo Contest

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## Football, from page 1

CFA's leading rusher, had his 100-yard rushing streak snapped at six games during Saturday's 52-yard performance.

He suffered an ankle injury in the third quarter and never returned to action. The severity of the ankle injury is unclear, Smith said.

Wide receiver Chris Nicholl continued to sparkle with 114 yards on eight receptions.

He became the first Western player in history to have back-to-back 1,000-yard receiving seasons. Nicholl also extended his school and CFA record for consecutive 100-yard receiving games to 11.

Darren Erath racked up 204 yards on 16-of-32 passing. Erath's day included an 11-yard touchdown strike to tight end Erik Morin in the third quarter.

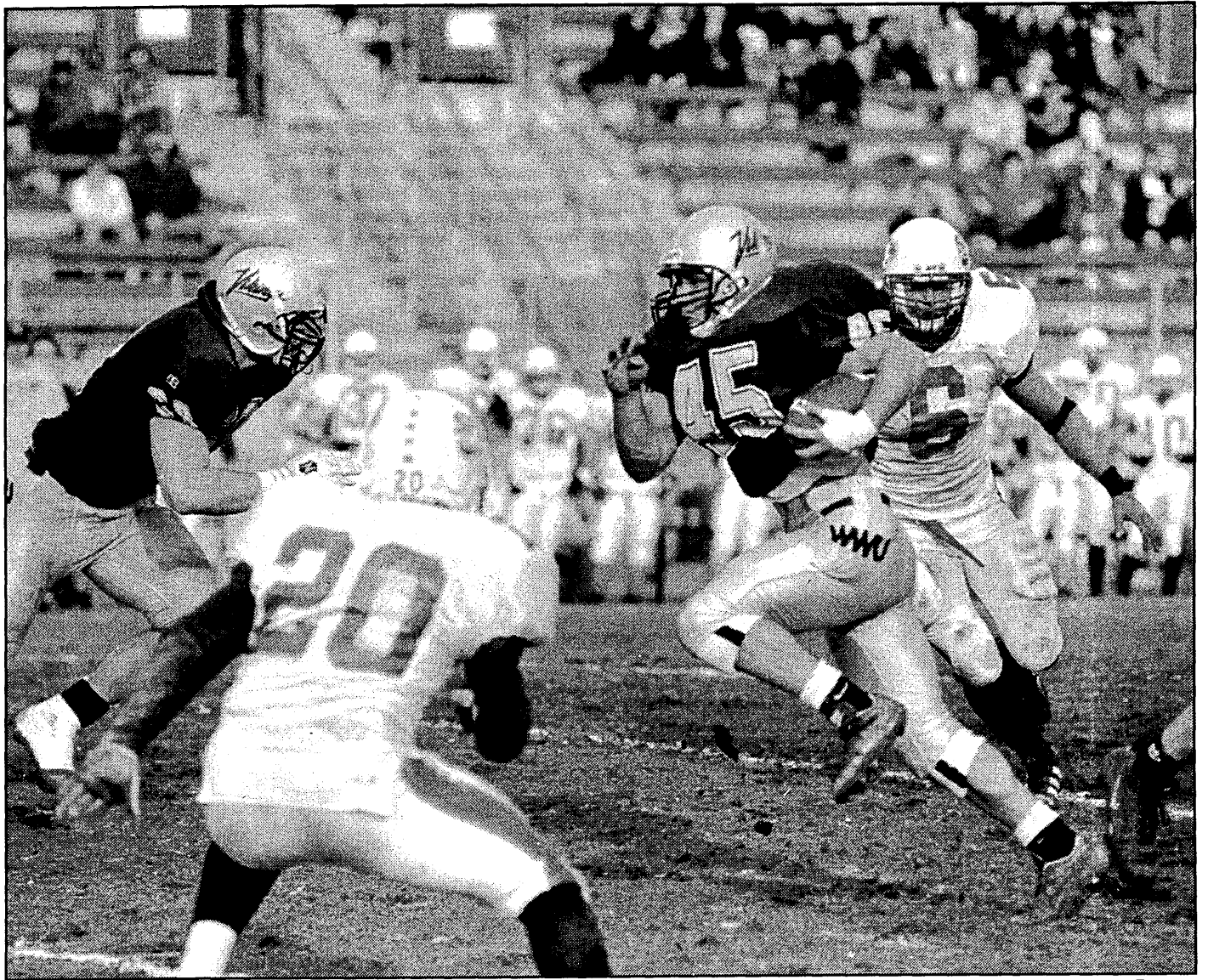
Morin finished the day with four receptions for 72 yards.

For the second straight week, place-kicker Wade Gebers shined. Gebers kicked field goals of 31, 44 and 34 yards.

Saturday's kicks left Gebers with 43 career field goals, one short of the Western and CFA career records.

The Vikings' shutout sets up a showdown with Western Oregon State College on Nov. 16 at Monmouth, Ore. The outcome will determine the Vikings' regular-season fate.

"We get a chance to go to Western Oregon and compete for the league championship," Smith said. "We control our own destiny. If we win, we take the title, which has been our goal all season long."



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Running back Scott Noteboom rushes for a 25-yard gain in the first quarter of Saturday's game. The run set up a 1-yard touchdown carry by Ryan Wiggins.

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# SU ends men's soccer season

By Jonathan Vann  
The Western Front

No. 2-seeded Western men's soccer ended their season with a 1-0 loss to No. 3-seed Seattle University in a semifinal game of the Pacific Northwest Athletic Conference playoffs Friday at Wolfson Field at the University of British Columbia.

Western coach Brad Swanson, the PNWAC's Coach of the Year, was disappointed with the result of the game.

"To end your season on something like this is a huge tragedy," Swanson said. "We controlled play for most of the game, and we deserved better. But this doesn't detract on the fantastic season that this team had."

Seattle midfielder Zack Pittis

scored the only goal of the match in the fourth minute. Western goalie Kelly Grayum slipped trying to save Pittis' shot, and the ball went by him into the net.

Western had its chances with five shots on goal and three corner kicks. Western forward Josiah Johnson had a good opportunity to tie the game in the second half.

"It was a strong cross that I laid out for, and it just hit the post," Johnson said.

The Vikings finished their season with an impressive 11-8-1 record and made the post season playoffs for the first time since 1992.

"It was a really positive season. We had some young players, but we all came together," Johnson said.

# Baker starts cookin'

By Dennis Pasco  
The Western Front

The climactic opening day at Mount Baker Ski Area Saturday rewarded skiers and snow boarders with partially cloudy skies and warm, spring-like conditions.

Mount Baker opened Nov. 9 to long lines of snow sliders waiting at the White Salmon Day Lodge ticket windows.

"I had a buddy come stand in line for me (and) bought about eight tickets," said snow-boarder Jay Detera of Seattle.

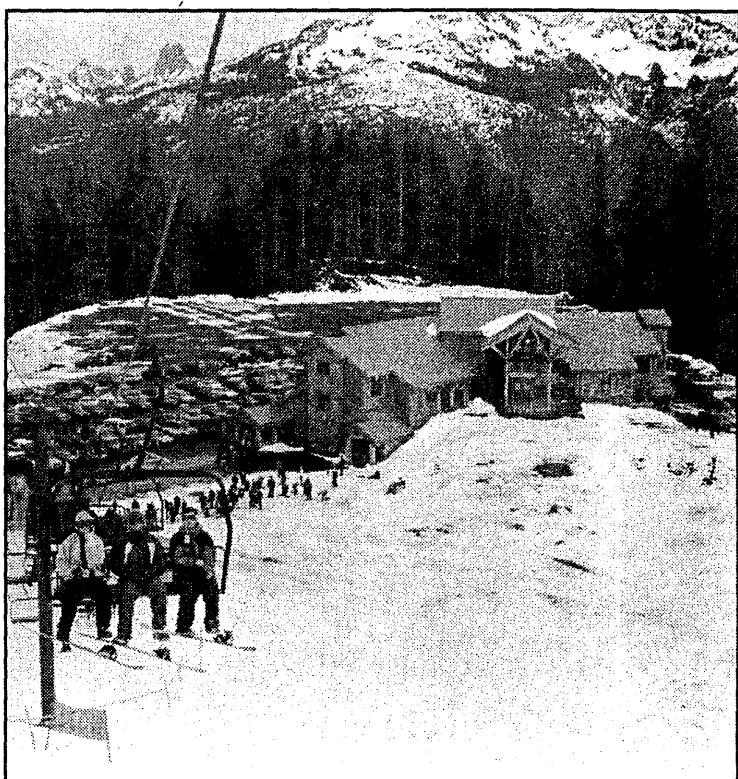
With 30 inches of snow at the base, rocks poked through the snow, and people continued to ski until closing Saturday.

The first half of the day was crowded, but by noon the numbers died down.

"Saturday went pretty well," said first-time lift operator Matt Fredricks. "We haven't had any emergency stops or anything like that considering there's a lot of people."

"Its been pretty decent — hopefully the snow holds out."

"We were obviously pleased with being open that early," said Marketing Assistant Amy Howat. She added that Mount Baker would be closed until more snow



Front/Dennis Pasco

Snow enthusiasts finally head up the mountain on Chair 7.

comes.

The snow level will drop to 4,500 feet by Wednesday and will fall to 4,000 feet Thursday with isolated rain at sea level.

Unfortunately, Friday and Saturday's weather will be warmer with midday rain on both

days, thereby raising the freezing level.

The lift ticket prices for November are \$29 for adults on the weekends and \$17.50 for weekdays.

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# Young hoopsters look for success

By Adam Edinger  
The Western Front

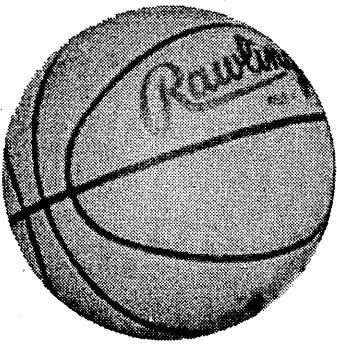
The leaves have changed color, fallen and are now clogging our storm drains. But who cares? It is time once again for the Vikings to take to the hard court, rip up the nets and show everyone how to play a game called basketball.

Western's men's coach Brad Jackson (218-127) is heading into his 12th year at Western. This year's team has two seniors and is returning only six letter winners from last year's squad.

"It is a very young and unproven team," Jackson said. "So much of what we will be able to accomplish is how some players step forward and how quickly we can play at a higher level. But even though we are young, we have several players who have been with the program for some time. I feel that they are ready to step forward and do well."

The team added a number of new faces this year, including a handful of transfers and a trio of freshman from Bellingham's state champion Sehome High School team. Senior center Mike Chapman transferred from

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NCAA Division I Northern Arizona University where he averaged 10.7 points and 5.4 rebounds in 14 games. The Vikings also added junior forward/center Sean Muilenburg who averaged 12.5 points per game at Olympic Community College, and a former member of the Nigerian National Team, forward Idris Orughu, who transferred from Eastern Wyoming Junior College.

The trio from Sehome; point guard Jared Stevenson, forward/center Ryan Kettman and guard Jeff Chapman; won the Class AAA title by going 30-0 last winter.

Jackson said three things he would like his team to develop are consistency, concentration and confidence. The players need to develop consistency from both an individual and a team standpoint. Along with consistency is

concentration. To focus on the task at hand, minimize the distractions that you might have and to really focus in and play with a sense of purpose. Out of that comes confidence that is developed through consistent practice and success.

Jackson said the team will only be as successful as the players make it.

"If we are fundamentally sound, in great condition, and

play together as a team, then I think we will begin to see the results on the score board," he said.

Junior team captain David McNicol said if this team plays up to its potential, it could go a long way.

"If we get together (as a team), we could be a very hard team to contend with in this league," McNicol said.

"If we can all play with some emotion, intensity and work together as a team, I think it could be scary. I feel that we have a lot of weapons at every position, that we are very deep, very strong and very solid. The main thing is to definitely concentrate on playing as a team. If we can do that, I see us being real successful come March."

"This time of year is always exciting," Jackson said. "Our goal, as always, is to be a team that people can be proud of and a team that people will enjoy watching. We also have the capability of being a very good defensive team as well. Our boys are ready to go and we are looking forward to the start of the season."

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## COMMUNITY VOICE

## Eco-freakos — stop fighting and grow up

Jason Corning  
Graduate Student

A new religion is sweeping the lily-white suburbs of America that believes nature is sacred and holy. Its followers perform the typical rituals of atonement (i.e. curb-side recycling), prayer (i.e. communing with nature) and charity (donations to Greenpeace and the Sierra Club). Unfortunately for these eco-freakos, many people just are not that interested.

In general, blacks, Asians and Mexicans, not to mention Orthodox Jews and Christians, really don't care that much about nature. They are, in the words of the eco-witches and warlocks, "anthropocentric" rather than "biocentric." Meaning they still insist on believing that humans

are more important than rocks and trees.

A case in point comes from Gregg Easterbrook, a Washington Post reporter and author of "A Moment on the Earth," a must-read of half-way rational people. While addressing the Harvard Divinity School, he stated that one must accept the idea that human beings are more important than plants and animals. The response from the audience? He was literally hissed off the stage. The eco-freakos strike again.

Noted historian Paul Johnson warns that "environment politics can degenerate into a new form of pantheism, indeed of paganism, in which notions like Mother Earth assume spiritual and mystic significance, and we are in danger — rather like the Nazis, themselves notable Greens in their ori-

gins — of reverting to primitive patterns and, like our distant ancestors, worshipping woods and rocks and rivers and animals."

Luckily for this country, we have enlightened politicians who oppose such antics. Rep. Helen Chenoweth (R-Idaho) defiantly states, "environmentalism, the religion, is driving the nation's regulatory scheme. This is a violation of the establishment clause of the constitution." Amen.

It should come as no surprise that most eco-freakos are pro-abortion, pro-euthanasia, pro-sexual "freedom" and fierce advocates of population control. In fact, these traditions are the exact same as the pagan Canaanites, the ancient Hebrews' sworn enemy. Among other things, they practiced infanticide (abortion), ritual

prostitution (sexual "freedom") and child-sacrifice (population control). They worshiped both an earth goddess (Isis) and a sky-god (Moloch).

To please Isis, they set up "temples" where a man could go to have "holy" sex with a priestess — for a small donation to the temple, of course. While with Moloch, they built two-horned idols with a burning furnace at its base where live children were tossed in to appease his wrath. It doesn't take a genius to figure out that those children were probably the unwanted offspring of the ritual prostitutes of Isis. But hey, at least they worshiped nature.

When I was a boy, about 10 or 11, I dreamed of a world where the trees could talk telepathically and were wiser than any man. For a while, I even refused to help my

dad chop firewood because I thought it was evil. I eventually outgrew this "phase" because I realized that "when I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away these childish things." (I Corinthians 13:12).

The various Peter Pans and Dorotheys of "biocentrism" need to grow up, fast. Because behind the giant, roaring face of "scientific" environmentalism stands a curtain. And behind this curtain stands two self-hating old men. One is Nelson Rockefeller, who reaches greedily for your wallet, while the other, Karl Marx, shoves his hand down your throat to tear out your soul. It is no coincidence that Earth Day is on the exact same day as Lenin's birthday. No coincidence at all.

## LETTERS

## Campus visitor doesn't show true Christianity

Dear Editor,

Why are we giving this guy press? I was surprised to see a photo of Jed Smock on the front page of The Western Front Friday, Nov. 1.

I feel this photo and the article on page seven were offensive. I listened to some of what Jed had to say, and found he seemed only interested in his truths and not in what others had to say.

There are more than nine different Christian campus ministries at Western that teach of Christ's love for us.

I have not seen articles in the pages of The Western Front about the programs these ministries provide.

Many of these ministries help care for those in need and provide guidance and counseling during a time that for many is confusing.

I hope this newspaper is not only interested in controversy, but can also print about the good things happening on campus.

Jacky Schnarre  
Junior

## Gulf veteran responds; thoughts of friends fill day

Dear Editor,

After reading Kristin Darland's commentary in the Nov. 8 issue of The Western Front, I would like to say thank you.

Having served with the U.S. Marines, I lost friends to combat in the Persian Gulf and in Bosnia.

I do not agree with Western's policy excluding Veterans Day as a holiday, and I will attend my classes in accordance to university policy.

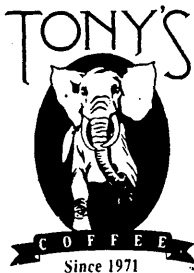
I just hope my instructors will be more understanding than the policy makers and know that

even though I will be in the classroom Monday, my thoughts will be of Cpl. A. Pack, U.S. Marine, killed in the deserts of Kuwait and of Pfc. R. Aroyo, U.S. Marine, killed in the streets of Bosnia.

Eric Zandell  
Senior

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## Networks: regulate violence

As we were growing up, we would always hear those older folk talk about how blatantly graphic television was getting.

We didn't think we would have that same view point.

That was back in the '70s. Now, in the '90s, we have seen the light.

Sunday night, we witnessed something that disturbed our consciences. On "The X-Files," a character took a scalpel and proceeded to cut and peel the flesh from his face.

Neither of us had seen such a graphic flesh peeling since Arnold Schwarzenegger cut his eyeball out in Terminator.

When this film was shown on television just one year ago, that scene was omitted.

Television has no rating system and it seems networks such as Fox continue to push the envelope on what is decent. If we had children, we would not want them to be able to view a man peeling his face off on a seemingly unviolent medium.

Television is in 60 percent of American homes today (according to Shirley Biagi's "Media/Impact: third edition") and is easily accessible to children. We are not advocating more regulation but more responsibility by the networks on what they show, or at least a warning for people on the content of the show.

Come on, the last few times we watched television, the network placed warnings as to the graphic content in the programs.

Not only are television shows becoming graphic, they are also getting a bit repetitive. This could be one of the reasons for the changes in content. Shows are competitive and two aspects that draw controversy and an audience are violence and sexual themes.

With people seeing the increase in violence, adult language, sexual themes and wanting to censor what is on, we would much rather see television become more responsible, wake up and regulate itself.

Maybe we are the ones behind the times and society is ready to ingest what television is feeding us. Or, maybe American society is denying that they have reached a point of being immune to these scenes.

It seems all these adult themes are getting more extreme exponentially; this growth is like a cancer. We don't want to see the government try to solve this problem; it would ruin "The X-Files."

— Thomas Degan and Dennis Pasco,  
Photo Editors

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## The Rules: don't follow them

### COMMENTARY

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Anna Shaffer

OK, ladies. Do you find yourselves spending countless nights lying in bed, wishing the man of your dreams was holding you tight? Do you get tired of listening about how great your friend's husband or fiance or long-term boyfriend is, wishing you had one of your own? Does listening to sappy love songs make you dream about the day when you finally meet Mr. Right? Ellen Fein and Sherrie Schneider think they have a solution for you.

Love-hungry women all over the country are rushing to buy these authors' remedy for loneliness, a small paperback entitled "The Rules: Time-Tested Secrets for Capturing the Heart of Mr. Right." Thirty-five rules basically tell women what their grandmothers told them: play hard to get.

The authors suggest women use rule number one: be a "creature unlike any other," as their mentor. This means they must keep telling themselves they are beautiful. They must radiate confidence at all times.

But they also tell them to "do everything you possibly can to

put your best face forward. If you have a bad nose, get a nose job; color gray hair; grow your hair long." They also suggest that women wear makeup at all times and read fashion magazines such as Cosmopolitan and Glamour.

How does telling women to change the way they look by conforming to societal norms of beauty promote self-esteem?

Too many women hurt their self-image and health by trying to look like the skinny blonde women in those magazines. It's not healthy at all. Women need to learn to love themselves for who they are.

Of course, women should stay busy and make an effort to look and feel good; this is common sense. No one wants to look or feel bad. But exercising and eating right should be a part of a woman's daily regimen FOR HERSELF, to make HERSELF feel good.

As the saying goes: you must love yourself first before you can love another.

Don't talk to a man first, don't call him and rarely return his calls, always end phone calls first and don't accept a Saturday night date after Wednesday. These rules basically tell women one thing: don't be too eager.

Of course, not many respectable men like desperate women chasing them around like a dog in heat. But come on now, how

many guys are willing to keep pursuing women who don't say much, stay mostly passive, don't return phone calls and let a little paperback written by two women who think they know it all guide their dating behavior?

The authors emphasize that even if you're engaged or married, you still need the rules.

I concede that game-playing can be fun at first. It is fun to be noticed and pursued by a man.

But once two people begin to feel serious about each other and want a deep, meaningful relationship, the game playing has to stop. A solid relationship involves effort from both the man and the woman. It must also be built on trust and two-way communication. How can this take place when the woman sits back and does not actively involve herself in the relationship?

The authors would tell someone like me that yes, I might feel offended by their suggestions. I might argue that following "the rules" will suppress my intelligence and personality. I might find I won't be able to be myself, but supposedly men will love it.

This is why following all "the rules" would not work for me. I would rather stay single than be with a man who likes me for someone that I'm not.

The man of my dreams will want to be with me BECAUSE of my intelligence and personality,

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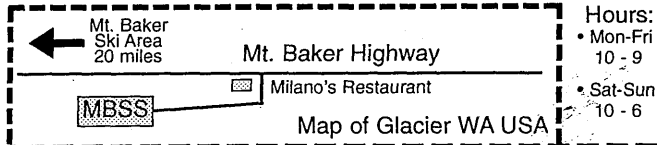
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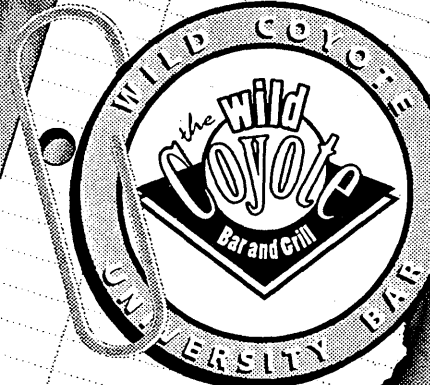
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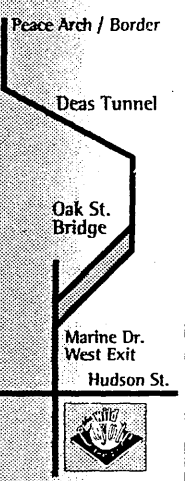
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