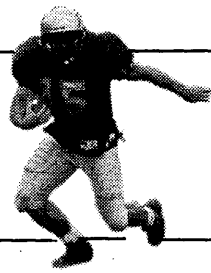
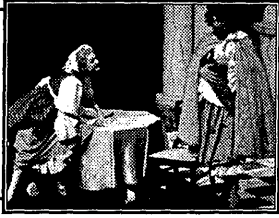


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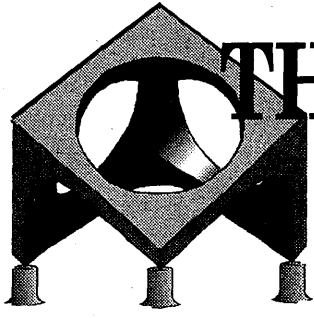
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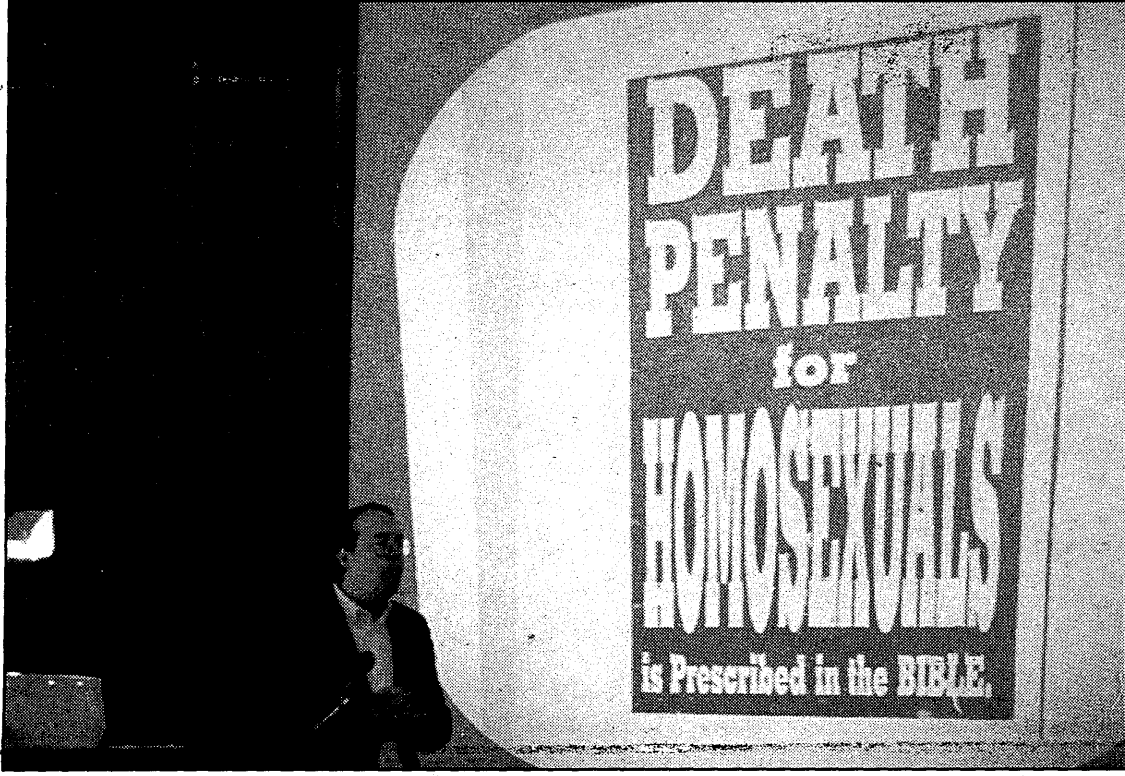
Militias ride political backlashBy Kari Thorene
The Western Front

Militias use political savvy to rally grassroots contempt for homosexuals and environmentalists, said Ken Toole of the Montana Human Rights Network.

Toole, the program director for the MHRN, spoke Thursday at the Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship church as part of the "Fighting the Politics of Fear" presentation series.

The MHRN was founded in 1990 to battle the rising militias in Montana. They train and support 12 affiliate groups in Montana.

Toole said the Montana militias grew out of three large social movements: the "racist right," which argues whites are biologically and genetically superior to other races (and often that whites are the only race with souls); the "patriots," which says the Constitution allows differing status as citizens for whites and minorities; and the "religious right," which believes the United States is a Christian nation and claims God's advocacy for its politics.



Front/Tom Degan

In a speech about militia groups, Ken Toole tells the audience about a Montana Deviant Sexual Conduct Law, which bans homosexual contact and gives quiet support to gay bashing.

Racism has always been here and will continue to be, Toole said, but other factors make the cleaned-up jargon of the militias appealing to mainstream Americans. Backlash to the

advances of women and minorities from the '60s and '70s, economic insecurity and changing demographics, or the "browning of America" play a part, he said.

Militias also target environ-

mentalists, federal employees, abortion providers and homosexuals, Toole said.

He said militias demonized environmentalists and federal employees because of their roots

in the property-rights movement distrust of government.

Homosexuals are targeted because of militia ties to conservative religious groups, Toole said.

Most people don't think abortion providers would be attacked by militias, he said, but every clinic in Montana has been bombed.

Radio talk show hosts like Rush Limbaugh and G. Gordon Liddy served as examples to local radio commentators who "have no sense of boundaries," Toole said. He used as an example Helena talkshow host who cited "Gone with the Wind" to say slavery wasn't so bad.

The militias usually suggest conspiracy theories, such as Jews controlling the banks, because the theories effectively isolate the believers, he said. "Anything that disputes the theory becomes part of the conspiracy."

Toole said the MHRN focuses more on preventing people from joining militias than on converting those already in them. "It is the conspiracy theories that begin to move this from what is legiti-

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WSL: student voice in OlympiaBy Jen Nikolaisen
The Western Front

During this hectic time of registration, each of us will be faced with many tough decisions about classes, class times, instructors and of course, whether or not we want to donate \$2 to the Washington Student Lobby.

When you hear this prompt on RSVP, do you know what and who this money is for? If not, you aren't alone.

Sophomore Lisa Dietrich usually skips over that part of the registration process, not donating.

"I have no idea what it is," she said.

According to WSL history and description, it was founded in 1982 "for coordinated statewide representation of students enrolled in Washington's four-year public universities." WSL "provides a collective voice for students at the Legislature, meetings of the Higher Education Coordinating Board and other state boards and committees."

WSL consists of the student body president, the chapter chair and one representative from all five public universities. The two graduate student associations in

Washington also provide one representative. WSL hires only one full-time position — an executive director. All of these people make up the Board of Directors which rents an office in Olympia.

Tres Gallant, legislative liaison for WSL, defined its position: "We believe in low tuition, lots of financial aid and lots of state support." It works to pass its agenda and to track legislation on behalf of higher education and the students it represents.

The \$2 charge is the only source of funding for Western's chapter of WSL. It takes care of all expenses, including payroll, printing and postage, office supplies and travel.

Until last spring, the charge was just \$1. Western's student body voted to increase the charge, in order to keep up with inflation. As Gallant explained it, \$1 just wasn't cutting it.

"We needed more money to be effective in Olympia and on campus," he said.

The money specifically went to an increase in pay for the executive director to prevent losing that person to other organizations.

The money increase also helped to purchase a photocopier for the Olympia office.

Faculty rules for Castañeda; Morse to appeal to trusteesBy Jacob Henifin
The Western Front

The Faculty Grievance Committee ruled in opposition to President Karen Morse's decision to terminate English professor Omar Castañeda.

The 3-2 decision was based on a lack of specific language about faculty conduct in the Faculty Handbook and other documents, resulting in insufficient cause for termination.

The Code of Faculty Ethics says very little in the way an employee conducts oneself away from the University or its properties.

"The president maintains her position and will appeal the decision to the Board (of Trustees)," said Assistant Attorney General Wendy Bohlke.

The president originally contended her high respect for Western's faculty compelled her to fire Castañeda. Morse was unavailable for comment.

The Board will review the transcript of the grievance, hearing no new testimony, but may choose to accept either written or oral arguments at its discre-

tion, ultimately ruling on the status of Castañeda's employment. The meeting is closed, but may be open by either Castañeda or his attorney, Robert Butler.

Any further action, if pursued, shall occur in a court of law.

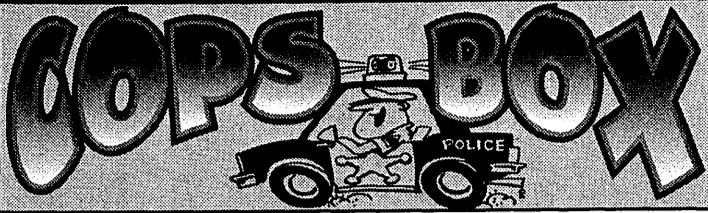
"The (committee's) vote does not necessarily mean there is an acceptance of this kind of behavior by a faculty member of the university," said Faculty Grievance Committee Chairman Leroy Plumlee.

"The committee looked into a lot of factors ... played a lot of what-ifs," he said.

Other committee members either refused or were unavailable for comment.

"The committee was very thorough in their approach," Bohlke said. "And I am confident that the record includes all the information both sides presented."

"Until there is a final decision, I don't want to comment. It's unfair to hope for someone," English professor Nancy Johnson said.



Campus Police

Nov. 16, 4:48 a.m.: A Birnam Wood resident reported a suspicious male pounding on two Birnam Wood apartment doors. The male was intoxicated and at the wrong apartment.

Nov. 17, 11:20 p.m.: A campus shuttle bus driver reported that while he stopped to drop off passengers in the 700 block of South College Drive, a burgundy Mustang drove up onto the median in order to pass him on the left. The vehicle turned left onto Bill McDonald Parkway and sped away. The shuttle driver was able to get the license plate number and pass it on to University police.

Nov. 20, 9:15 a.m.: A student found his combination lock for his locker in Carver Gym unsecured. Two clothing items had been stolen. The student said he had secured the locker two weeks earlier. He was given a new lock by gym personnel.

Bellingham Police

Nov. 19, 6:03 p.m.: A juvenile was arrested at Bellis Fair Mall for third degree theft after stealing a pair of athletic shoes. The juvenile was released to an adult guardian.

Nov. 20, 3:44 a.m.: Officers responded to a call to assist the fire department with a vehicle fire in the 800 block of Lakeway Drive. Officers talked to the driver of the car who stated that he was driving around in circles in the snow when the engine caught on fire. The fire department put out the flames but the vehicle was a total loss.

Nov. 20, 6:59 a.m.: Officers were contacted in regard to a house alarm that went off in the 800 block of Lakeway Drive. The woman stated that her child had pushed the button by mistake. The woman was given a false alarm sheet.

Nov. 20, 5:00 p.m.: A man reported that car detail parts had been stolen off his car in the 1000 block of 15th Street. Unknown suspects removed the front hood ornament and a side ornament when his car was parked in the rear driveway at his home.

Nov. 20, 5:57 p.m.: A man left his truck unobserved in the 1200 block of State Street for about 15 minutes. The man returned to find his driver's side window broken. Police were unable to find what may have been used to break the window. The man did not know of anyone who would do this type of thing. Nothing appeared to be stolen and the door was still locked. The man said he would call police if he found anything was missing.

Nov. 20, 10:21 p.m.: A woman in the 2300 block of Valencia Street reported a man knocking on her door. When she didn't answer he started knocking on her windows. She thought it might be related to him passing out on her floor the night before. The man was not located and the woman said she would call if he showed up again.

Nov. 20, 10:58 p.m.: A person in the 3500 block of Connelly Street reported loud banging noises on the house. Evidence showed that several snowballs had hit the house from the street.

Cops Bos compiled by Kami Drovdahl

WESTERN BRIEFS

Donations needed for bus leaving for Chiapas

The Peace Resource Center will be accepting donations of clothing, blankets, boots, medical supplies and school supplies through Dec. 5 for a bus leaving for Chiapas, Mexico on Dec. 10.

The supplies will be given to a school in Chiapas which educates young indigenous men and women.

For more information, contact the PRC at 650-6125 or stop by VU 107.

National AIDS Hotline prepares for World AIDS Day

The National AIDS Hotline is scheduling additional telephone counselors for World AIDS Day, Dec. 1, to prepare for the expected surge in calls.

Nearly 24,000 people called the hotline on Dec. 1, 1995 — more than five times the number of callers on an average day.

The hotline provides information about how people can volunteer with their local AIDS service organizations, information about HIV/AIDS, and referrals to local testing sites and other resources.

The National AIDS Hotline is operated by the American Social Health Association under contract with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. All calls to the hotline are free and confidential.

The hotline's English service, (800) 342-2437, operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The Spanish language service, (800) 344-7432, operates from 8 to 2 a.m. (EST) seven days a week.

The hotline also serves deaf callers through its TTY service, (800) 243-7889, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. (EST) Monday through Friday.

Book and Record Sale

KZAZ's 6th Big Book and Record Sale will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 6 and 7 on the ground level of the Bellingham Towers, 119 North Commercial St.

Bellingham's public radio station will be selling books, records, CDs, cassettes, and videos at bargain prices. Books cost between 50 cents and \$7. Records cost \$1.

KZAZ will be accepting donations of books, records, CDs, cassettes, and videos until Dec. 5. Anyone who would like to make a donation, may drop off their gifts at the station, located at 119 North Commercial St., Suite 270 in the Bellingham Towers during regular business hours.

For more information, contact Cate O'Neal at 738-9170.

Snow brings skiing film

The Outdoor Center will be screening Steve Winter's latest ski film, "Fetish" 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 25 in Fraser Hall 4.

For the past three years, Winter, Seattle-native-gone-big, has been producing real films about real skiers with unreal soundtracks.

"Fetish" is his latest effort and features skiers like Seth Morrison and Kent Kreidler ripping up locations on three continents.

The cost is \$3 at the door. Proceeds go to the Outdoor Center.

Western Briefs compiled by Lisa Lindjord

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

LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW FROM THE UNIVERSITY is Monday, December 2.

PHASE I REGISTRATION FOR WINTER QUARTER ends Dec. 6. You can continue to make schedule adjustments on RSVP through Phase II and III (December 9 to January 13). **Winter classes begin on Tues., Jan. 7.**

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

ALL STUDENTS WHO EXPECT TO GRADUATE AT THE CLOSE OF SPRING QUARTER must have an application on file by Jan. 31. Applications are available in OM 230.

ATTN: WOODRING EDUCATION STUDENTS. Deadline for spring, 1997, applications is Jan. 15. An extra TETEP test has been scheduled for 3 p.m. Wed., Dec. 4, in FR 4. Register in OM 120 for the TETEP. A fee of \$20 (exact amount) is payable at time of registration. Test takes approximately 2½ hours.

STUDENT TEACHER INTERNSHIPS. Those wishing to student teach during the 1997-98 academic year should plan to attend one of the following meetings: Tues., Dec. 3, 10 a.m.; Thurs., Dec. 5, 8 a.m.; or Fri., Dec. 6, 4 p.m. At that time you will be given information about the student teaching procedures and timeline.

THE MATH PLACEMENT TEST will be given at 9 a.m. Mondays in OM 120 on Nov. 25, Dec. 9 and 16. Thursday test dates are Nov. 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.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS OFFICE IS LOOKING FOR STUDENTS WHO HAVE APARTMENTS OR ROOMS TO RENT 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 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.

HELEN PREJEAN'S DEAD MAN WALKING will be discussed by the Book-of-the-Quarter Panel at noon today (Nov. 22) in the 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 the sign-up folders. For more information, contact the Career Services Center, OM 280, X/3240.

• Cops Box, Tuesday, Nov. 20. Submit material at sign-up.

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AP news from around the globe

REGIONAL

Seattle ends forced busing next year

SEATTLE — After two decades, forced busing will end next year in the Seattle School District. The school board voted unanimously Wednesday to replace rigid desegregation rules with voluntary goals for racial integration. The school district says busing has not helped children academically. The policy goes into effect next school year.

American Airlines ups order from Boeing

SEATTLE — Boeing officials are happy about a \$6.6 billion order from American Airlines. The Texas airline has placed firm orders for 103 Boeing jets with options for 527 more planes.

Boeing spokesman Craig Martin says American's decision is wonderful news. The company is already in the process of doubling production to 36 planes per month by the end of next year.

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mate political work into a extremist behavior pattern."

Militias gained mainstream appeal through property rights debates in Montana, Toole said.

The property-rights proponents argued the same anti-federal conspiracy theories as the supremacists groups and came to share members, he said.

Toole said some militia tactics are "pure and simple terrorism" and are used to shut down community involvement in politics. It only takes a few harrasing phone calls

Parachutist injured after jump

SEATTLE — A parachutist who landed hard after jumping from The Space Needle is in stable condition at Harborview Medical Center after landing too hard while BASE jumping. The BASE (Building, Antena, Span, Earth) jumper was one of four who jumped from the 520-foot Space Needle. The stunt was being filmed for the television show "American Journal."

NATIONAL

Cisneros resigns

WASHINGTON D.C. — Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros has become the latest cabinet member to quit.

Cisneros submitted his resignation in a letter to President Clinton. He did not say why he was leaving, although he has said he wants to make more money.

The resignation came right before a

meeting with Seattle Mayor Norm Rice and Vice President Al Gore to talk about welfare issues. Rice says that nobody talked to him about offering him the housing job when Cisneros leaves.

Man accuses M&M of negligence

ELYRIA, Ohio — Andrew Daniels is suing the M&M Candy Corporation because he unexpectedly got a plain M&M in his peanut bag.

Daniels says he bit his lip and cut right through the skin and had to be treated at the hospital. He is accusing M&M and the family dollar store where he bought the package, of negligence for not inspecting the candy, then selling what he calls "defective and mislabeled" merchandise.

Dinosaur suspect in robbery attempt

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. — Police are on the lookout for Barney the dinosaur in an attempted robbery.

Police say that someone wearing a "Barney the dinosaur" costume and armed with a gun confronted a woman at her door

on Wednesday.

The woman slammed the door and Barney sprinted to a car and drove away.

INTERNATIONAL

Tunnel reopened for freight trains

PARIS — Trains are running through the channel tunnel again after it was closed due to a fire Monday night in which eight people were injured.

The tunnel was opened to freight trains Thursday morning, but authorities have no word on when passenger service will resume.

The blaze followed a two-and-a-half-hour strike by Eurotunnel workers upset by planned job cuts.

AP compiled by Riley Morton

at midnight to discourage people from volunteering and local governments from taking chances on controversial issues, Toole said.

"Anybody who it doesn't intimidate isn't paying attention," Toole said.

"I thought it was very good how he was able to make all the connections between the land-use people and the supremacists," Western's Catholic campus minister, Shirley Osterhaus, said.

Western Political Science Professor Vernon Johnson said the emergence of the

militias out of the Montana property-rights debate relates to Whatcom County. "Property rights are the real sort of flash point here." He said the smaller the government body, the harder it is for them to "fend off" large corporations.

What we're beginning to experience here is the salience of the anti-Indian problem," Johnson said.

Because there are two large reservations here, attacks on Indians in this part of the country are higher than anywhere else, he said.

"The folks who have been here a long time are virulently anti-Indian," Johnson said. "And the rest of us tend to not know much about Indian sovereignty ..."

Toole agreed and said attacks on Indians are a big part of the Montana militia behavior.

Militias formed in Montana in the mid-1980s after Aryan Nation members from the Idaho panhandle moved there, he said.

Toole will conduct a workshop on understanding militias at 5 p.m. in Viking Addition 464 Friday.

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Debate team argues its way to the top

By Katherine Schiffner
The Western Front

Western's debate team opened its season with several regional tournament wins and plans to succeed at the national level.

Tim Allen, director of forensics, estimated the team's CEDA (policy debate) points are enough to give Western the coveted first place in the Northwest position in national standings. A school's CEDA points are from the total number of ballots won at the six most successful tournaments by the two most successful teams.

Western has many successful tournaments to count. Recently, Jen Kleven and Susan Turner won the open division at the Linfield tournament without any judge deciding against them — a rare accomplishment.

Junior Division team Jen Yogi and Dillon Johnson got second place in their division. Kleven also received the top speaker award at the Linfield tournament.

Jason Foss and Jeff Van Horn won the University of Oregon tournament, the second time Van Horn has taken home the trophy for this tournament.

The CEDA debaters have a year-long resolution: "The U.S. federal government should increase regulation requiring industries to decrease substantial-

tournaments has not been just the teams that are debating. It is the teams that are helping them," Sullivan added, noting debaters Kleven and Yogi went to the library to help teammates at the University of Oregon Tournament after their teams were eliminated.

At an afternoon meeting, the debaters agreed to spend up to 20 hours per week on research to prepare for tournament competition. Tournament weeks can be even more demanding, with practice rounds and argument strategy sessions.

A typical tournament will run from Friday to Sunday, with the team usually leaving Thursday evenings.

So far, Western has not been as successful nationally as it has been regionally. At the Central Oklahoma University tournament, Kleven and Julie Pittlost in their first elimination round. Foss and Van Horn did not make it past their preliminary rounds.

"We just went to Oklahoma and it kind of illustrated the differ-



Front/Dennis Pasco

These stacks of evidence accompany debate teams to each tournament. Teams spend hours researching for competitions.

ences between Northwest debate and Midwest debate," Van Horn said.

Allen said the team plans to develop strategies to deal with the different positions the team heard in Oklahoma.

Sullivan said the team intentionally started on the national circuit later than in previous years in order to avoid burnout, and to

have it hit its stride by nationals.

The team has added Michelle Sarruf and Kerri Sullivan this quarter, as well as Pitt.

Debaters have Western's high school tournament on Nov. 22-23. The "Cal swing" tournaments will be Dec. 29-31 at the University of Southern California and Jan. 1-3 at California State, Long Beach.

Fuel up for maximum performance speaker says

By Lisa Lindjord
The Western Front

Debra Vinci, the athletic program's nutritionist for the University of Washington, spoke Monday to an audience of 50 to 60 on how to maximize physical and mental performance through nutritional intake.

"Your performance begins at the plate," Vinci said.

"We all are exercising and moving," she said. "Whether you're a runner, football player, crew member or a student, you need to fuel your body."

"The concept of eating three meals a day, athlete or not, doesn't make sense," Vinci said. She emphasized the importance of listening to and studying your body in order to plan a diet that will work best to put you at your peak performance level.

"Sometimes the information that our bodies give us is reflective of what our bodies store," Vinci said.



Nutritionist Debra Vinci

The number one error people make, Vinci said, is skipping breakfast. She explains the tired, drowsy feeling most students cope with in their lectures is due to lack of fuel that would have otherwise been supplied by a healthy breakfast.

Vinci said "eat anything (left-over pizza, fruit, granola) before you go off in the morning."

Body fueling requires a combination of carbohydrates, proteins, fats, and alcohol.

Carbohydrates create glucose (sugar), which is a human body's principle energy source.

"The brain will only use carbohydrates as fuel. That is why you get tired and sleepy when you haven't eaten," Vinci said.

Carbohydrates minimize conditions, such as hypoglycemia, dizziness, headaches and fatigue. Carbohydrates also help maximize athletic performance by maintaining the blood's glucose level and providing glycogen (carbohydrate storage) for muscles, she said.

Some foods that contain carbohydrates are breads, pasta, fruits and sweets.

Vinci also emphasized the importance of protein and fat in diets.

"We do need fat for performance," Vinci said.

"You can only eat so many bagels," Vinci said as the audience laughed. "You simply don't get enough energy."

Fats are a concentrated source of energy and fat utilization improves endurance.

When people use non-fat products, "instead of eating less calories, they end up substituting for other caloric foods and usually end up eating more calories than if they had just stuck with the original food source," she said.

Protein, also used for energy, helps to repair and create tissue growth.

"As you exercise, you do need more protein," Vinci said.

Some common foods that are high in protein are meats, fish, poultry, beans, grains and nuts.

Alcohol is also a concentrated source of energy but it does not contribute to the formation of glycogens. The dehydrating effect of alcohol impairs performance.

Vinci said, "alcohol is a depressant, and it will reduce coordination."

The best way to recover from the negative fueling effects of alcohol is to rehydrate yourself. Hydration is the key to keeping

fuel up to maximize performance, she said.

Vinci suggests everybody drink at least two liters of water per day. If exercising for over 90 minutes, she also suggests adding eight ounces of a rehydrating drink to the suggested two liters.

Vitamins and minerals are important to a person's diet. Vinci suggested people should take a look at what they are eating first, and utilize those food sources before spending money on expensive supplements.

"It does take time to figure out what kind of a diet will work best for your body's fueling needs — do a little planning," Vinci said. "Pack portable foods and eat them throughout the day when your body is telling you that you are hungry."

"It is OK to eat fattening protein products," she said. "Our bodies aren't designed to go without food ... we will get negative feedback."

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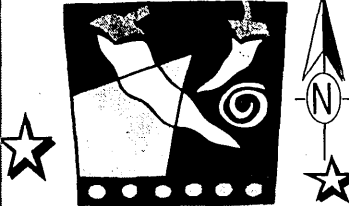
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One country; two nations

Bolivian indigenous people struggle to survive

By Jana Alexander
The Western Front

Bolivia's economic development has been hindered by a combination of World Bank loan conditions and help from other organizations in Bolivia.

"We can't have human rights if other kinds of systems are damaged," said Juan Félix Arias, who spoke at 7 p.m. Nov. 14 in the Wilson Library Presentation Room.

Arias holds a degree in sociology from the University of San Andes, and is executive director of Ketchaymara, an organization based in La Paz, Bolivia that works with more than 100 indigenous communities in the Andes Highlands, "to make their lives better." The name of the organization was derived from two Andes communities, Quechua and Aymara. The indigenous people of Bolivia want to improve their standard of living while still solving local problems and practicing "Indigenous Democracy," Arias said.

Loans that aid developing countries have often hurt pastoral communities. Economic development in Bolivia has caused a social division, Arias said.

Bolivia is two countries: the official and the indigenous, Arias said. The attitude over the last fifty

years has been that indigenous Bolivia (65 percent of the population) is disconnected from official Bolivia, he said.

Arias said official Bolivians believe indigenous people should have been killed, because the presence of indigenous people makes the developing nation weaker in the eyes of official Bolivia.

The changes that came from economic development were pleasing to official Bolivia and damaging to indigenous Bolivia, he said.

The World Bank, an international institution that the United States is a member of, loans money to developing nations with conditions that the country cut government spending, privatize institutions, lay off workers, cut services and subsidies and increase export of raw materials.

Peasant farmers in Bolivia struggle to grow crops for export. The pastoral com-

munités would prefer to raise the livestock and grow the crops that have lived naturally in the Andes Highlands for generations: llama, guinea pig, wheat, rice and beans. Instead, the communities had to switch to export crops, Arias said.

Sustainable development requires working with the natural environment, instead of against it, he said. Maintaining traditional cultures of indigenous people is parallel to sustainable development, Arias said. The reason is indigenous people consider animals to be as important as people, he said. Changing the ways of the people, to make them see natural resources as commodities, disrupts sustainable development as a whole, Arias said.

British mining industries in Bolivia use acids to extract gold, tin and other precious metals from the earth, he said. The practice contaminates the rivers, and damages the environment. The lack of clean water makes subsistence and export crops and livestock unhealthy, if not impossible, Arias said.

Decisions to change an environment, or a culture, need to be based on knowledge, he said.

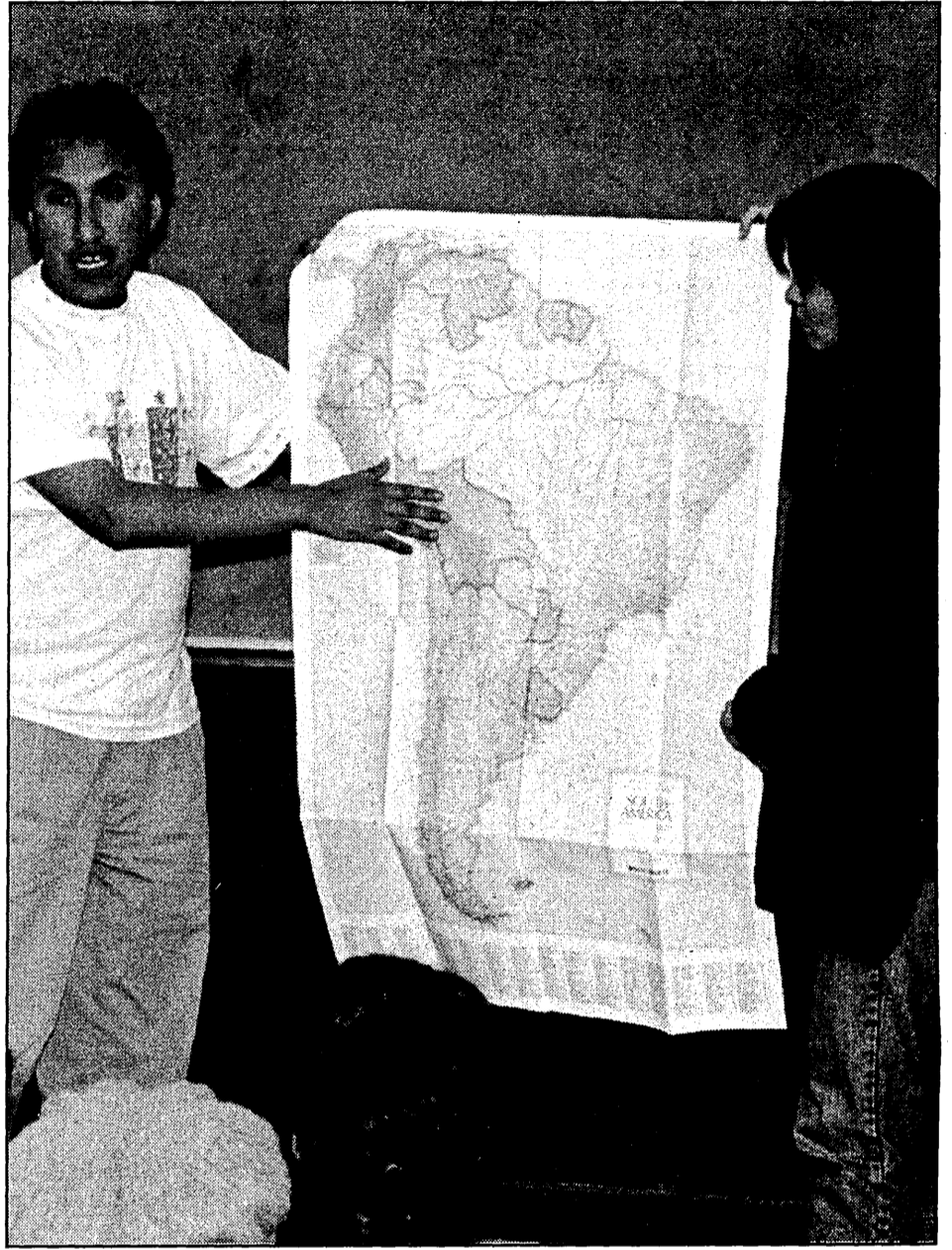
World Bank policies, industrial damage and helpful organizations all have

effects on the traditional ways of indigenous Bolivian communities.

Some people think it is wrong to eat meat, Arias said. The traditional indigenous Bolivian diet includes llama and guinea pig. Even international foods are made with the two animals.

Arias said Ketchaymara works with indigenous Andes communities to "make their lives better." The people are working to preserve their traditional languages, dialects and foods. "Indigenous Democracy" requires lengthy meetings to discuss local problems. The communities discuss until a consensus is reached, "no matter how long it takes."

One problem Arias helped solve was a parasite problem in llamas for a local community. A "llama bath" was built to kill external parasites, and a mixture made of leaves was effective in killing the internal



Front/Dennis Pasco

Juan Félix Arias describes the topography of Bolivia and how industrial practices have damaged the environment in a speech Nov. 14 in Wilson Library.

ones.

The indigenous people do not have money to buy solutions to their problems. Community solutions that use local resources and the labor of the people strengthens the community and increases confidence, Arias said.

Sustainable development is directly linked to understanding, he said. The U.S. involvement in the World Bank and the negative effects it is having on indigenous communities are problems students need to understand.

Carmen Durney, Fairhaven student,

lived in Bolivia. Durney spoke to Arias in Spanish during the question and answer period.

After the speech, Durney translated the question. She told Arias that the real problem is racism.

The United States is an assimilating culture, Durney said.

The idea that cultures need to change to be acceptable is wrong, Durney said. Until the differences of people and communities are revered, equality is impossible.

"Differences in people provide the checks and balances," Durney said.

We can't have human rights if other kinds of systems are damaged.

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Journalist says election was set in 1995

By Jennifer O'Brien
The Western Front

"About a year ago, (America) had a collective gut check. We asked ourselves 'What do we want in a government?'"

Tim Egan, the Seattle Correspondent for The New York Times and the author of "The Good Rain" presented "What the press missed in the '96 election" at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Fraser Hall 4.

"How has power changed in America? I don't think there was any great change in the American election," Egan said. He explained that exit polls showed that liberals, conservatives and moderates have essentially stayed the same.

This year's election was set in

the middle of 1995 when people decided on the issues they were looking for. Focus-tested items such as environmental regulations, Medicare, Medicaid, education and endangered species interested the American public, Egan said.

Polls showed Bob Dole with 38 to 40 percent in January through 40.2 percent in November. President Clinton fluctuated around 50 percent.

Egan said, "Dole was flat-lined the whole year, which tells you he was a horrible candidate." Clinton, on the other hand, concentrated on "the big four — M2E2: Medicare, Medicaid, environment and education." Clinton's campaign centered around issues that interested the general public.

"Dole was reduced to saying, 'Where's the outrage? Where are we going?'" This insulted the voters, he said.

"Simply, the public made up their minds a year ago," Egan said. "I'm not electing a man because a man has faults."

"I'm electing a branch of government," he said. "I'll take the man, flaws and all because he's the embodiment of the government we want."

He said Dole kept hoping for the silver bullet — one character flaw to bring Clinton down.

Instead, The Washington Post found out about an affair Dole had during his first marriage.

Dole was petrified that the story would come out and refused to grant an interview for five weeks.

He was scared it would be another "How-do-you-feel-about-the-tobacco-issue" type of question that would take him by surprise, he said.

The Washington Post never published the story, but Dole crippled his campaign by refusing the press, Egan said. Candidates need to utilize the press.

"It was a big nothing," Egan said. "He was in his cocoon with his advisory, and he thought this was the thing that would bring him down."

Egan said public journalism also played a major role in the '96 election.

Journalism changed this year in that the media set the agenda for the breaking stories.

The great paradox, Egan said, is that the majority of the journal-

ists voted democratic this year. The public worried that this would create biased reporting.

"Show me the evidence," Egan said. "(Democratic journalists) seem to beat up on the Democrats more than the Republicans — guilt syndrome?"

"(Political reporters) should not be hand-holders," Egan said.

In his view, public journalism should not take the place of investigative reporting.

"There's no substitute for the old-fashioned, gum-shoe tactics that reporters have always used," Egan said.

"My advice is to have a little bit of both," he said.

"Sharp, blood hound reporters to investigate and issue forums to incorporate community concerns," he said.

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Tartuffe

a satirical treasure

By Melissa Leslie
The Western Front

REVIEW

Elaborate stage design, costumes, music and action amplify the satire and deception in Moliere's "Tartuffe," directed by Maureen O'Reilly.

Tartuffe, played by Chad Jennings, is an evangelist who has made Orgon, a wealthy businessman, played by Carl Turner, one of his devout followers.

Tartuffe is a guest in Orgon's home, and his family does not approve of him because they believe him to be a hypocrite. He spouts off Biblical phrases and falls to his knees often to show his "true" piety.

The family's maid, Dorine, played by Gabrielle Tracy, sees through his act and is the most outspoken, opinionated character, especially when talking about Tartuffe.

Dorine was my favorite character because she saw through Tartuffe from the very beginning and wasn't afraid to speak her thoughts.

Dorine seems like a small role, but she helps the other characters not to be deceived and encourages them to think for themselves.

Tracy played the witty part of Dorine humorously and flawlessly.

Tartuffe doesn't enter the play until the end of the first act, and by his appearance, it is apparent right away he is a slimy character.

Jennings' performance as the deceptive Tartuffe was believable and amusing. He didn't hold back when playing this weasel of a man, and each of the scenes involving his character proved to be audience favorites.

It was evident by their laughter.

The play mixes sexuality, religion, deception and trust in showing the mask of religion Tartuffe hides behind.

In the wildly hilarious second act, Tartuffe's true greedy, swarthy self is revealed. He proves he's not as pious as he portrays himself.

Tartuffe takes place in 1670 France during Louis XIV's reign.

"Even though this comic masterpiece was written over 300 years ago, its characters and themes are still fresh and relevant to today's world," O'Reilly said in a press release.

Tartuffe uses religious hypocrisy to control other people, she said.

"Tartuffe" is a satirical play, which O'Reilly said uses comedy to uncover wickedness and folly.

"It exposes those people who are oppressors," she said. "It also makes general satirical comments about all manner of ridiculous people. True satire is against the hypocrite."

"Satirists try to make an audience believe this is how people shouldn't act," O'Reilly added.

Besides the talented student acting, the set and costumes were also exceptional. The set was designed by student Darryl Strasser, and costumes were designed by Victor Leverett.

Costumes included corsets and full-length gowns for the women while the men wore wigs, knickers or skirts.

The front row of the balcony is a great place to view the elaborate set.

During the second act, of Thursday's performance, Turner's skirt fell down, but he handled the situation well, holding onto it and then exiting the stage and returning



Front/Dennis Pasco

Orgon refuses to believe arguments that Tartuffe is a religious hypocrite. "Tartuffe" will play through Sunday on the Performing Arts Center Mainstage.

just in time for his next line. The audience thought it was funny — even if it wasn't part of the script.

The lighting and sound, designed by student Beth Hamrick, were key to the production.

Orgon music was used between scenes and during Tartuffe's vehement speech to Orgon to emphasize the evilness and hypocrisy of the evangelist.

"It's an attractive-looking production because of these students," O'Reilly said.

The production is attractive, wildly funny and worth sitting in the uncomfortable mainstage seats of the Performing Arts Center for two-and-a-half hours. The first scene is a little slow and less funny, but the story picks up once you get past it and

keeps you laughing until the end.

"I expect them (the audience) to be amused and entertained. I expect them to be a little more shaken up, a little more aware of how attitudes can be manipulated," O'Reilly said.

"Moliere is one of the world's greatest comic writers — comedy used to change people, make people better," she said.

"Moliere is to France like Shakespeare is to the English-speaking world," she said.

"Tartuffe" opened Wednesday and runs until Sunday. Friday and Saturday's performances are at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday's is at 2 p.m. on the PAC Mainstage.

Tickets are \$10 for the general public, \$8 for seniors and \$6 for students. Tickets are available through the Plaza Cashier, by calling 650-6146, or at the door. Seating is festival.



Front/Dennis Pasco

Carl Turner as Orgon and Katy Brown as his daughter, Marianne.

Documentary creating 'Hype!'

By Alisha Holdener
The Western Front

Seattle music documentary "Hype!" will be bursting into Bellingham.

The film will be showed daily at 7 p.m. Nov. 22 through Dec. 4 (excluding Nov. 26 and Dec. 3) at the Mount Baker Theatre. Tickets are \$5.

The 84-minute documentary mixes music and the arts with a variety of concert footage and interviews.

Pearl Jam and Soundgarden grace the film with its fame; however, director Doug Pray and producer Steven Helvey made a considerable

effort to avoid documenting just the big names.

In an article in The Village Voice, Helvey said, "We wanted to do something that would get below the hysteria."

The two students started the "grunge music" documentary in the early '90s.

The goal was to produce a historical record of the crazed media music scene in Seattle.

The film won the Best Documentary prize at the 1996 Sundance Film Festival.

Pray said, "If you are the type of person who is repulsed by the idea of a Seattle film in 1996, this film is for you."

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L.A. quartet strums up visions of sugar plums

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Dale Hearth, of the Cultural Affairs office, said the quartet is considered by both critics and audiences to be the best in the world. Hearth feels having the quartet perform at Western is a privilege best not missed.

Other master works the quartet will

play are by Bach and Bizet. An example of another intended work is Bizet's suite from "Carmen."

The quartet will also play selections from member Andrew York.

Guitar soloists William Kanengiser and Scott Tennant and seven-string virtuoso John Dearnman make up the rest of the quartet.

The quartet should put on a spectacular show. Perhaps it is the inventive readings of the master works it performs. Maybe it is the way in which it thinks and plays together.

According to Soundboard magazine, "Only superlatives can describe this unforgettable performance ... The quartet possesses a dazzling facility and solid musicianship second to none."

The quartet has played at numerous prestigious music festivals around the world and have toured both Europe and Japan. It has performed live on both the BBC radio and telecast shows and will now add Western as a place fortunate enough to have a visit.

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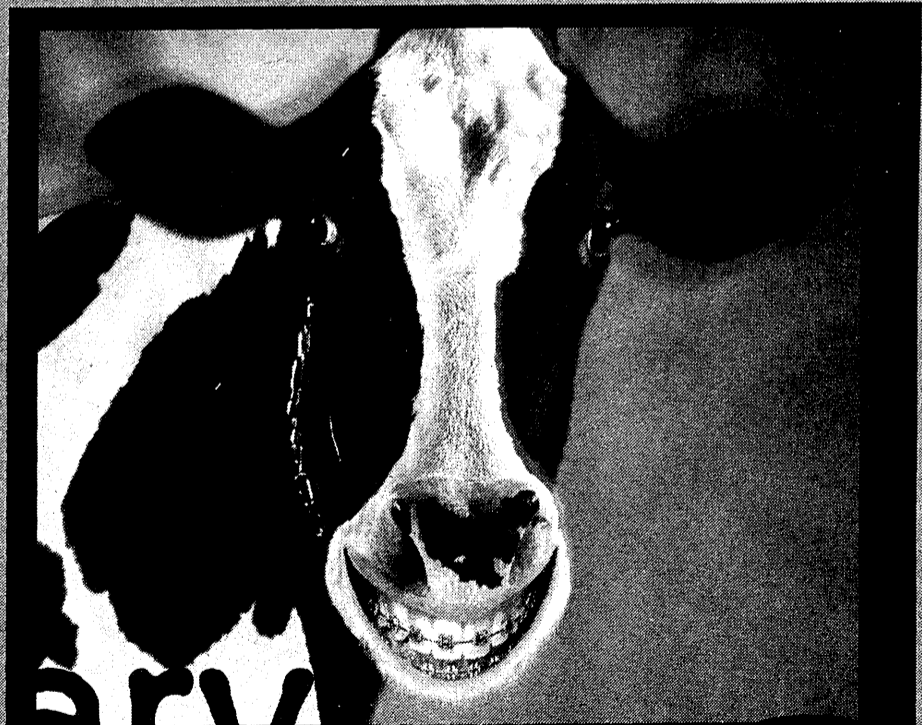


Los Angeles Guitar Quartet

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Student art graces Stuart's Coffee House

By Arlene Frazier
The Western Front

REVIEW

Take a peek at the "New Works" art exhibit, and you'll find it peeking back. Striking child-like faces with alert eyes, painted by Western art student Liam Everett, adorn several walls of Stuart's Coffee House on Bay Street.

Everett, one of four featured artists, covers large canvases with charcoal, acrylics and crayon.

He combines lively shapes and smudges with colors "outside the lines" reminiscent of youthful innocence.

A New York native, Everett's

art is inspired by his studies and travels through Ireland, Israel and Hungary, then back to New York. Most recently, Bellingham has become his latest utopia, he said.

"Bellingham is more personal than the city," Everett said. "I find it safer, somehow."

The paintings on display at Stuart's through Dec. 15 are part of Everett's 17-piece reflective series on "departure." They follow the theme of leaving family, which he said he hopes will invoke viewer emotions.

"It is such a desensitized place we live in," Everett said. "Laughter, anger, anxiety or anything that re-sensitizes" is a contribution.

Northwest artist Ben Mann introduces humor, kinship and

vibrant color as themes in the 10 acrylic clocks on display.

"The joyous kid with a crayon is ever-present," Mann said in his artist statement.

Western civil engineering junior Jill Seager enjoyed Mann's art and her first cup of chai tea, more commonly called "liquid Christmas" at Stuart's.

"I like the brush strokes and colors of the purple clock with stars," she said.

Western theater and English major Mari Peterson sipped her almond roca latte and praised Mann for inventiveness, joining a working clock with a jazz motif.

"They are functional, and they are art," Peterson exclaimed.

Another artist, Patricia Zahorsky, continues with the theme of breakthrough artistry in her muted-color monotypes created from a print of a picture and painted on a metal or glass plate.

While not as large as Everett's paintings, the Monotype series has an organic quality, which is also life-affirming. "Nocturna #2" could be interpreted as the seeds of thought breaking through new, fertile ground.

Guest artist and Stuart's art curator Sylvia Kuban Griffin's pieces blend well the other "New Works" and with the cozy atmosphere of the coffee house.

Three tiers of Griffin's delicate, copper-framed watercolors hang by clothesline pins over a single, stuffed corduroy chair.

Autumn leaves, succulent pears



Front/Tom Degan

Ben Mann's clocks and painting, "Precinct Break Time."



Front/Dennis Pasco

"Untitled 11," by Liam Everett

and bending hearts remind one of changing seasons, warm food-scented kitchens and the subtle goodness of home.

Bonnie Thomas, co-owner of Stuart's Coffee House, said she was excited when Griffin volunteered to organize the art shows.

Thomas said with all the wall

space they had to cover it turned out to be more than a practical financial move.

"We provide any opportunity for artists to display their work," Thomas said. "In the process, we not only add color to the walls, but we have something unique that sets us apart."

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Brian Brandli

Last year, the American Football Conference playoff picture was decided in the final game of the regular season. This year looks to have another fist-clenching ending.

The Denver Broncos have stolen the spotlight this year around the NFL with their dazzling, league-leading 10-1 record. The Broncos lead the NFL in total offense, rush offense, and rush defense. Quarterback John Elway is approaching another 3,000-yard passing season, with a 60.4 percent completion rate. Unlike previous years, the Broncos have a solid rushing game. They showcase the AFC's leading rusher, Terrell Davis, who has already racked up a whopping 1,209 yards. Shannon Sharpe, the AFC's leading yardage and reception receiver, has compiled 915 yards while catching 67 passes. A tenacious defense complements a potent

offense. Broncos' defensive end Alfred Williams has a league-leading 11 sacks. With a 50.3 percent third-down conversion rate and a 66.7 percent fourth-down conversion rate, the Broncos look to get back to the Super Bowl. The only other contender in the West is Kansas City with an 8-3 record. The last time the Chiefs faced off against the Broncos, they were blown out 34-7. If the Chiefs secure the wildcard, you can count on a grudge match between these two teams.

The only AFC Central contenders are the Oilers and the Steelers. Pittsburgh (8-3) is having another successful season. The Steelers' secondary has already picked off 21 passes, just four shy of the league lead. But, how will quarterback Mike Tomczak perform come crunch time? The Steelers' passing attack is currently worst in the NFL. Despite lack of enthusiasm in Houston, the Oilers are still battling with some flashy prospects.

While working the Seahawks versus Oilers game during week 10, possession line judge, Tom Brandli said enthusiastically, "this Eddie George is the complete package."

George, the 1995 Heisman

Trophy Winner, has proved himself this year. He has 959 yards, and four touchdowns.

Former University of Washington quarterback Chris Chandler has had a marvelous year. He has thrown for nearly 2,000 yards and 16 touchdowns. In the last month the Oilers have lost three games by a total of 11 points. Last season, seven of their nine losses were by seven or fewer points. With a 6-5 record, the Oilers are in good position.

The AFC East, on the other hand, is gridlocked. Anyone can take it. The Bills lead with an 8-3 record. The Patriots are a close second at 7-4. The Colts and the Dolphins are both 6-5. All of these teams are in playoff contention. Buffalo still has to play the Colts and Dolphins. Rookie running back, Karim Abdul-Jabbar has been a pleasant surprise scoring 10 touchdowns. With a healthy Dan Marino, and creative playcalling from Coach Jimmy Johnson, the Dolphins can take this division.

Predictions for AFC playoffs:

West Division: Broncos

Central Division: Steelers

East Division: Dolphins

Wildcards: Chiefs, Oilers

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Runners on track to merit award

Western junior cross country runners Erik Meyer and Liam Chinn have been named NAIA National Scholar-Athletes.

Meyer, who placed 60th at the NAIA National Championships last weekend, is a business administration major with a 3.62 grade point average.

He earned NAIA All-American honors last year by placing 19th at nationals.

It is the second time that Meyer has been awarded the national scholar-athlete honor, having also received the distinction in track last spring.

Chinn is a history major with a 3.58 GPA.

The Western women's team placed 18th among 22 teams at the national championships that qualified for scholar team recognition.

They had a combined GPA of 3.17.

Western's cross country team has had a national scholar-athlete 11 years running.

Dawgs drooling over bowl

Apple Cup: Cotton-bound UW too much for Cougs

COMMENTARY

THE WESTERN FRONT

Scott Noteboom

If you're looking for some excitement this weekend, look no further than Pullman.

The Washington State University Cougars (5-5) play host to the University of Washington Huskies (9-2), ranked No. 12 in the AP college football poll, on Saturday.

This is more than just a game, it's the Apple Cup.

If you think anyone on either team is taking this game lightly, think again. I know firsthand how heated this rivalry can be.

Former Coug star and teammate of mine, Chad Eaton, summed it up by saying, "There are four major points in a Cougar

football player's life. You're born, you play the Huskies, you get married, you die."

This year's matchup has the makings of all-out ground war, pitting the PAC-10's two best running backs against each other.

For the Dawgs is Corey Dillon, a 6-foot, 225-pound junior who last week set an NCAA record, gaining 222 yards in one quarter.

Running behind offensive linemen like Tony Coats and Benji Olson, Dillon could make a long and painful day for the Cougs.

"You've got stop Corey Dillon to stop the Husky attack," said Cougar Head Coach Mike Price.

"I'm planning on putting 13 or 14 guys (on the field) to stop him."

On the other side is Washington State running back Michael Black, a 5-foot-11-inch, 196-pound junior receiver who has gained 884 yards in nine games this season.

Don't let his numbers fool you, he is nowhere near the run-

ning back Dillon is. He does have some help, however. Ryan Leaf sparked against the Huskies in last year's contest and the 6-foot-6-inch, 238-pound sophomore could do the same this year.

"All we need to do is slow down Dillon and let our offense execute, and I really think we can beat these guys," Leaf said, giving me the inside scoop Wednesday night.

"Our offense is a lot better when you were here, Noteboom," he said, commenting on the 1994 season.

For the first time in quite a while, I feel that the frozen turf of Martin Stadium, usually covered by a layer of snow, will play to the Huskies advantage.

Take each team's offensive scheme into consideration: unlike the two seasons that I participated in the Cup, this year's battle is one where the team with the most power wins.

This will be the Washington Huskies.

Dillon will be too much for Coug defenders James Darling

and Leon Bender to handle. They are good, but behind such a big, powerful offensive line.

The Dawgs will simply wear down the Cougs as the game goes on.

If Washington State wants any chance at survival, they must depend on the arm of Leaf. Black is a good running back, don't get me wrong, but he relies on quick cuts to gain yardage. This will not work on Martin Stadium's field.

Just ask Napoleon Kaufman, who failed to break a run longer than 10 yards on the frozen turf in '94 after plowing over the Cougars the year before. The Huskies have too much power for the Cougars to stop. Dillon is a power runner playing for a power team.

The strong Husky defense will be pitted against a so-so Cougar offense.

If it sounds like I have no faith in the Wazzu offense, quite frankly, I don't.

Huskies — 37, Cougars — 14.



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Football grudge match vs. PLU

By Matt Finlinson
The Western Front

Saturday marks only the second time in Western history that a postseason playoff game will be played at Civic Field.

Pacific Lutheran University (7-2), ranked No. 15, is looking to knock off the No. 6-ranked Vikings in the first round of the NAIA Division II national playoffs. The Lutes are seeking redemption after suffering a 34-17 defeat at the hands of the Vikings Sept. 21 in Puyallup.

The heated rivalry and the playoff venue will only heighten the game's intensity.

"People can't wait until Saturday," Head Coach Rob Smith said. "There is an atmosphere unmatched in the regular season. The combination of our rivalry with PLU and the intense, playoff atmosphere is going to be special."

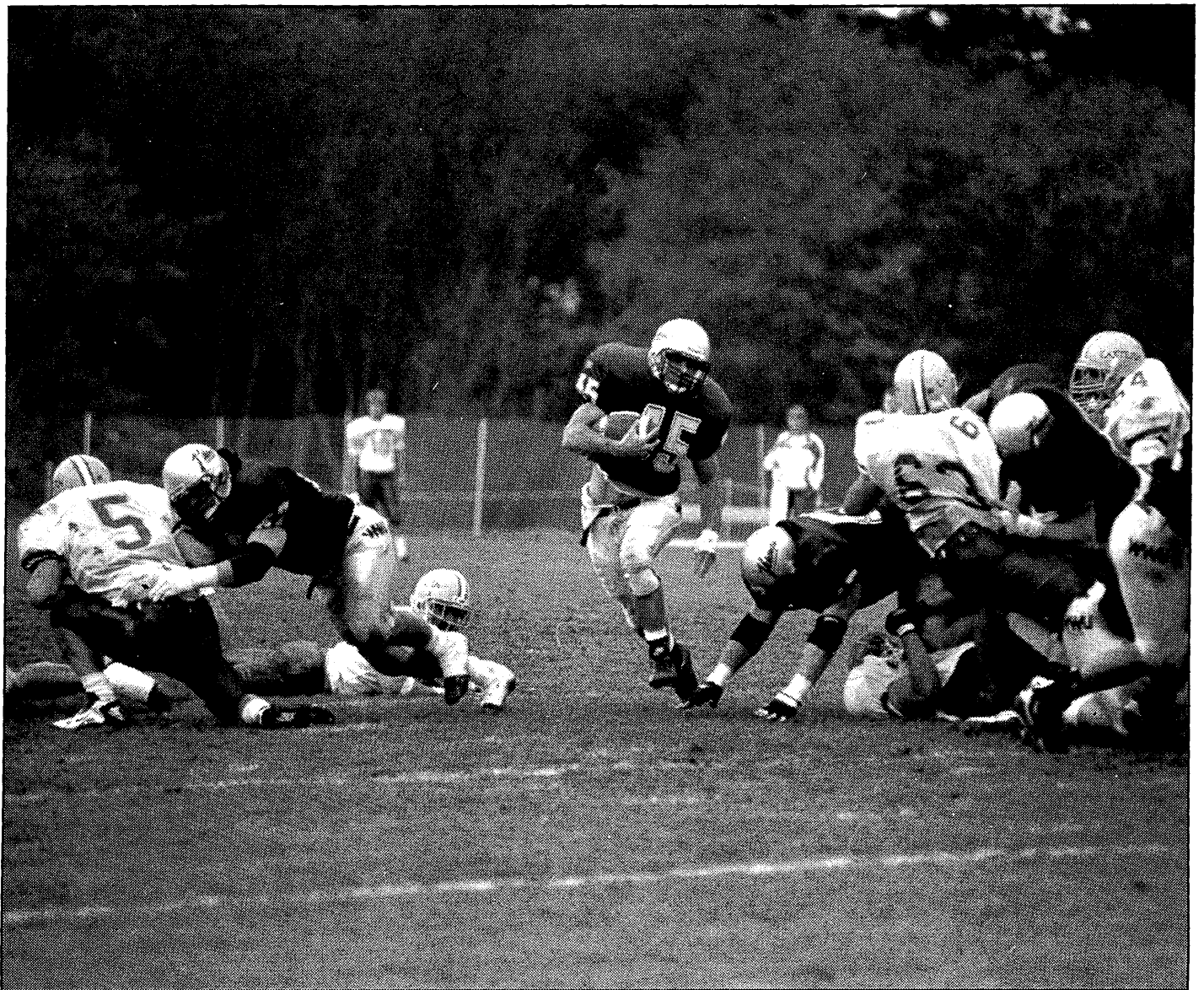
Western is making its third-straight postseason appearance and fourth in the last five years. Beating PLU earlier surely gives the Vikings a psychological edge.

"We beat PLU handily earlier in the year, and we are a very confident football team right now," Smith said.

PLU is a perfect 5-0 on the road this season, and its only other loss was a heart-breaker to No. 8 Willamette University 28-27 in overtime. The Lutes' formidable passing offense is sixth in the nation averaging 247 yards a game. Western's secondary will have to be on its toes.

"Come out and make noise for three hours and back our team. A big crowd will make a tremendous difference," Smith said.

Kickoff is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Saturday.



Sophomore running back Scott Noteboom dodges the Eastern Oregon defense during Western's win Nov. 11.

File photo

Vikings complement all-conference team

By Matt Finlinson
The Western Front

If the latest Columbia Football Association All-Conference selections are any evidence, Western is loaded.

Nine Western starters received first-team all CFA honors. Five players from the offense and four from the defensive unit fill out the all-conference team.

Wide receiver Chris Nicholl, running back Ryan Wiggins, offensive guard Todd Walcker, center Matt Cross and kicker Wade Gebers represent the

Vikings on the offensive side of the ball.

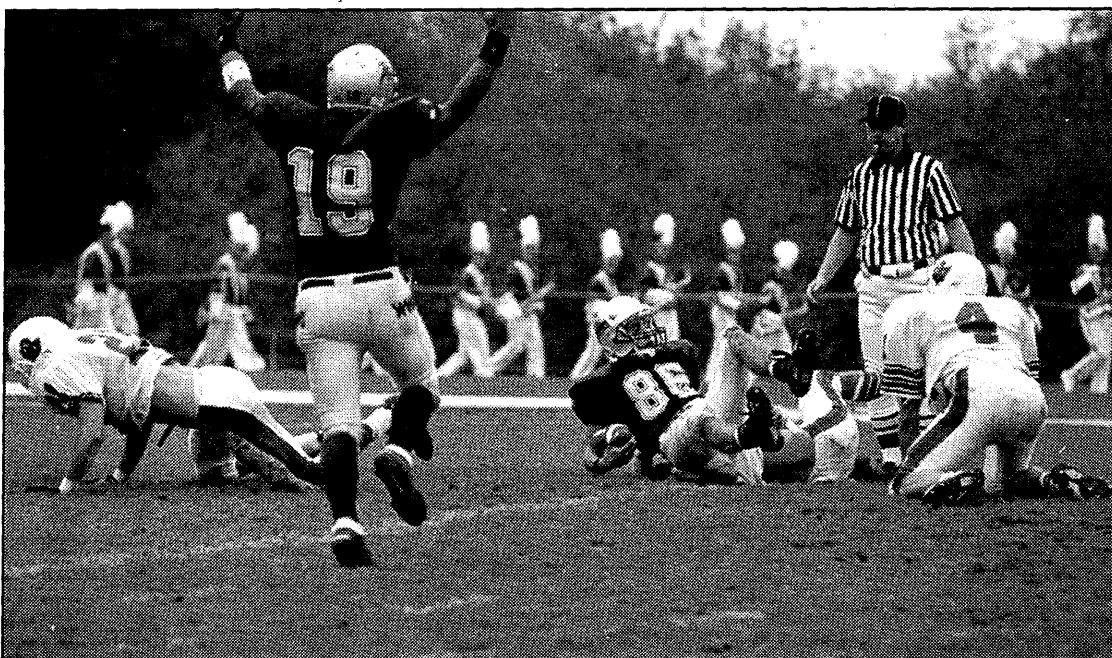
Nicholl and Walcker, selected to the first-team last season, were unanimous selections.

The defensive unit, ranked seventh nationally, allowing just 13.7 points per game, stacked the CFA first team with four selections. Defensive ends Chad Rorabaugh and Coley Beaman joined linebacker Mark Spencer as repeat unanimous choices to the team. Strong safety Randy Carter was unanimously chosen as well.

Six Vikings made the second-

team. Tight end Erik Morin, wide receiver Mario Casello, offensive tackle Doug Mirkovich, quarterback Darren Erath, linebacker Tim Hanson and cornerback Michael Johnson bring the total Viking selections on the first and second teams to 15.

"When you have a successful team, players are going to be recognized," Head Coach Rob Smith said. "The players have done so much considering all the injuries we've had. Players have stepped up all year long despite the injuries."



File photo

Senior wide receiver Chris Nicholl scores a touchdown in Western's Oct. 12 win over Linfield.

Smith, Nicholl receive CFA honors of the year

By Matt Finlinson
The Western Front

After Western's sparkling 8-1 regular season ended with its second consecutive Columbia Football Association title, the individual accolades and awards are starting to pile up.

Wide receiver Chris Nicholl was named the 1996 CFA Offensive Player of the Year and Head Coach Rob Smith received CFA Coach of the Year for the second-straight year.

Nicholl is the third-straight Western player to earn CFA Player of the Year honors, but he is the first player to receive the award on the offensive side of the ball. Cornerback Orlando Steinauer earned the defensive honor in 1995.

Nicholl had a school-record tying 53 receptions for a school record 1,129 yards and nine touchdowns this season. He became the first wide receiver to put together back-to-back 1,000-yard receiving seasons. Nicholl broke his own record of six-straight 100-yard receiving games by accumulating eight consecutive 100-yard games during this campaign.

Nicholl's finest day had to be his three-reception, 191-yard

performance in the season opener at Pacific Lutheran University. The 63.7 yards per catch in that contest set a CFA record. The three touchdowns he scored tied a Western record for touchdowns in a game.

"Guys like Chris Nicholl make you a better coach," said Head Coach Rob Smith. "The extra year of eligibility has helped him tremendously. This season he has showed great confidence, and he knows his capabilities as a player who can dominate."

The 1996 CFA Coach of the Year award is Rob Smith's third in eight years as the Vikings head man. His record of 53-22-1 ranks ninth nationally among active NAIA coaches in winning percentage at 70.7. Smith is already the second winningest coach in school history.

"This award is a reflection of the efforts of many people," Smith said. "I share this honor with all of the coaches and the players."

Smith has led the Vikings to all four national playoff berths from 1992 to 1996. He guided Western to the No. 1 ranking nationally in 1995.

Nicholl and Smith join nine other players on the CFA's All-Conference team.

Castañeda decision: a reflection on Western

COMMENTARY

THE WESTERN FRONT



Jana Alexander

Young adults are controlled by their mentors and, because of that, mentors need to be perfect, even in their spare time.

The majority of Western students, 10,653 out of 11,039, are over 18 and are capable of making their own decisions.

Drug users are all incompetent throw-aways and are dangerous to all of society's youth. We should separate ourselves from "them" (just in case).

Western Professor Omar Castañeda was dismissed after his

October 1995 arrest in Ferndale for possession of methamphetamines and heroin. Charges were dropped because of lack of probable cause.

Castañeda awaits a decision on Dec. 6 that will determine whether or not he will continue his position as English professor at Western.

Castañeda chose two drugs that are highly dangerous to his health, but this decision was more harmful to his career. However, Castañeda honestly admitted his mistake in media statements and apologized to Western.

Castañeda has contributed a lot to Western and to the community with his writing and his dedication to this University.

He showed a great deal of respect to the university by immediately admitting to his mistake

and apologizing publicly.

He has proven himself dangerous only to himself. His risk-taking decision did not hint that he is capable of endangering anyone's children or the adults at Western.

The "us" versus "them" message is common during wartime. Its motivation is fear and speculation mixed with some facts. The zero-tolerance attitude as it relates to drug use does nothing but make the drug problem worse.

Zero-tolerance says that one mistake is unforgivable. For some actions, (murder, rape and pedophilia) this plan is not only valid, it is under-used. For drug use, a highly understudied health problem, it is ill-chosen and ineffective — it has never worked.

Society's appetite for drugs will never be curbed by current

legislation. According to a June 1993 Rolling Stone article, "Can Janet Reno bust the war on drugs?" the Bush administration spent \$45 million on the war on drugs. We've yet to see a sweeping decrease in drug use.

According to a May Seattle Times article, a recent study by The American University found non-violent offenders directed through special drug court, where offenders received treatment rather than prison, only 4 percent returned to crime.

The war on drugs has created a stereotype for users that is broadly defined and overly speculated. This hysteria needs to stop. The ineffective policies that aim and miss at stopping drug abuse foster misinformed attitudes by placing drug offenders in a category with a variety of victimizing crimes.

Now is time the public needs to start thinking about how drug abuse problems can actually be solved and begin forming consequences based on the intent of the action.

Karen Morse overruled the faculty committee recommendation to discipline Castañeda by withholding a quarter's pay and placing a letter in his faculty file. Her decision was correct in its intentions: Western does have a reputation to protect.

The public will watch the actions of universities and judge the wisdom of its decisions.

Western should "just say no" to the ineffective war on drugs and the zero-tolerance babble it has created and set an example by presenting drug use as a health problem, and Castañeda as one of "us."

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Got milk? What kind?

The Federal Food and Drug Administration is unnecessarily confusing consumers. Milk labels will soon sport the names of "low-fat," "reduced fat" and "non-fat."

These designations are nothing new to consumers inundated by products like low-fat Twinkies, but the FDA is actually creating guidelines of what can be called what.

Containers of 2 percent milk will now be known only as "low-fat" milk — the product is currently also known as "reduced-fat" and just plain "2 percent." The name seems to depend on the whims of the manufacturer.

At a glance, the uniformity of labels appears helpful. But until the designations extend beyond milk — into trim meat and diet soda — the FDA will do little but confuse a nation obsessed with the obliteration of fat.

A few things to consider:

- The caloric difference between the three mentioned milks is negligible. Though the calorie count varies among brands of milk, the difference is roughly 10 calories per serving — one-two-hundredths of the FDA's recommended 2,000 calorie diet.

- The bane of dieters everywhere, 2 percent milk, has a pretty low fat content. A simple equation explains the difference: 2 percent fat = 98 percent fat-free.

- Persons obsessed with the fat content of their milk already have an easy means of determining which product is healthier for them — it's a label on the product called "nutrition facts." Spinning products around to read the label requires minimal effort.

Fat is essential for living, a point somewhat buried by the new labels. Education of the food pyramid is necessary for the new labeling system to be effective.

At the same time, the protein and carbohydrate content of the products are overlooked. Few products, if any, are labeled "reduced-protein" or "carbohydrate-free." But are most consumers aware that excessive amounts of carbohydrates are stored in the body as fat?

If the FDA wants to relabel its labels, it needs to educate consumers on what the labels really mean. The FDA should also stretch the qualifications of the terms beyond milk. Consumer confusion and ignorance will only persist if "low-fat" and "reduced-fat" have different meanings to different products.

— Craig Scott, Online editor

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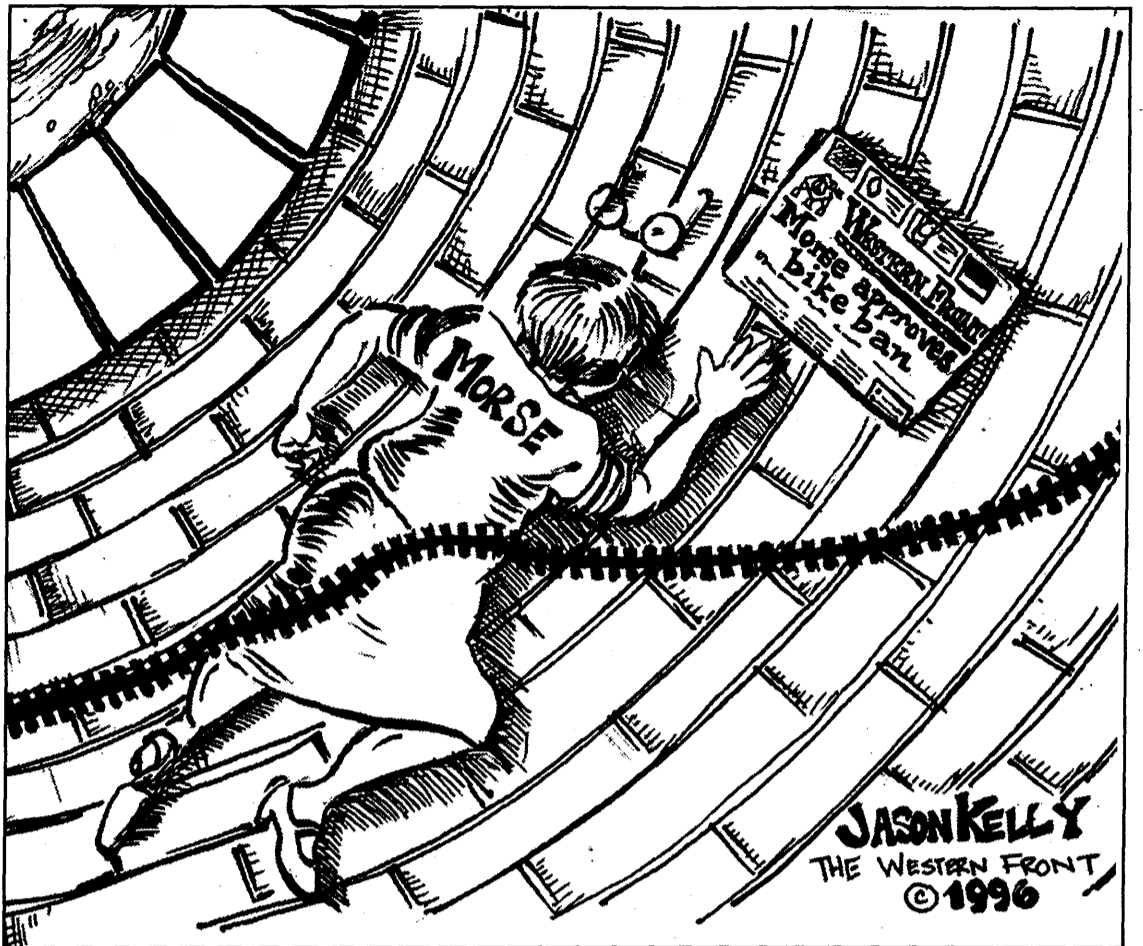
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Military rape: time for change

COMMENTARY

THE WESTERN FRONT



Kari Thorene

Don't be surprised if the accusations of rape by three women at the Aberdeen Proving Ground leads to a lot of discussion and very little action.

Rape is tolerated in the military because it is the perfect tool of war, and it will be a warm day in Bellingham before it takes real steps to discourage it.

Rape is more political in a military situation than anywhere else because it dehumanizes, humiliates and physically hurts the victims and their communities.

It bolsters the macho-soldier stereotype and creates a clear victor/victim relationship. Militaries worldwide clued into this function of rape, and ours is no exception.

Men who rape in the military and during times of war wouldn't necessarily rape as civilians because they are tapping into the "tool of war" function of rape.

However, the excuses the military uses to avoid prosecuting soldiers for rape and to justify rape exist in civilian society. Military rape is just magnified and politicized.

The military skirts prosecuting soldiers for rape (which can be a life sentence or capital offense) by calling it things like "forcible sodomy," which carries a sentence of up to only 10 years. The

military also can take forever to finish an investigation, and when they do, men are the ones investigating and sitting on juries.

Ms. magazine reported, "There is a widespread belief that soldiers' sexuality is determined by uncontrollable 'drives.' Any military's fighting effectiveness, this theory holds, is jeopardized if those soldierly sex drives are not accommodated."

The belief that soldiers have out-of-control sperm was held by General George S. Patton, who wanted brothels on bases during World War II.

An example from another military proves he's wrong. The Japanese had brothels in World War II and populated them with kidnapped women from China, the Philippines, Okinawa and Korea.

Some of these women were raped by 40 men per day, but their suffering failed to deter the Japanese soldiers from raping over 20,000 Chinese women in the first month of occupation in Nanking. The Japanese may have been successful with their invasion, but the brothels did nothing to stop the raping.

But we don't have to look into the Japanese military to prove Patton's all wet. The drill sergeant's alleged rapes at the Aberdeen Proving Ground shows that even married men rape. The rape of the 12-year-old in Okinawa two summers ago proves soldiers rape even when prostitutes are readily available.

Clearly, military rape is not about men having to release their

natural energies.

This "horny soldier" theory should be rejected for three reasons: first, men can control their own bodies, and the military does an injustice to them and to the rest of society by suggesting they can't. All men should reject this indignity.

Second, it excuses rape as normal behavior. Susan Brownmiller, in her book *Against Our Will*, reported there is "... the unspoken military theory of women's bodies as not only a reward of war but as a necessary provision like soda pop and ice cream, to keep our boys healthy and happy, turned into routine practice."

Blaming it on nature makes rape seem inevitable, which may be a fine perspective for Patton but sure sucks if you have a vagina. If we teach our soldiers this, they will never respect women's bodily autonomy, and they will never take responsibility for rape. No wonder rape carries over into peacetime if the military thinks it's normal.

Third, it suggests rape is about horny guys "gettin' some," and it absolutely is not. This is so insidious because it glorifies the military rapist — it transforms him from the popular caricature of a depraved individual to the happy-go-lucky soldier looking for love.

The military has spent so much time excusing rape that it's no wonder the women in Aberdeen took so long to come forward. For the sake of all women, let's ditch these excuses and treat rape seriously.

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LETTERS

AIDS, HIV information outdated, untrue

Dear Editor,
In a time when HIV and AIDS is threatening our age group and the global population more than ever before, it would be comforting to believe that "AIDS is the greatest medical fraud" the view presented by Chris Luczyk in the Nov. 19 issue of The Front. However, only by choosing a very narrow and ethnocentric perspective can one allow him or herself to believe this as the whole story.
Let us begin by clarifying terms: HIV is a retro virus that attacks and weakens the human immune system. AIDS is a definition established by the Centers

for Disease Control. In order to be diagnosed as an AIDS patient, a person with HIV must have two opportunistic infections and a T-Cell count less than 200. As the article stated, AIDS is not a disease, it is a syndrome. Indeed, the link between HIV and AIDS is not crystal clear, and there is room for scrutiny. Regardless, there is a medical crisis concerning HIV and people with AIDS that must be addressed.
The author cites outdated statistics about people contracting HIV. "... 60 percent are fast-track, promiscuous male homosexuals using drugs for increased sexual pleasure," states Luczyk. This

statistic presents a biased view of the American experience with HIV. However, seeing how HIV is undoubtedly a global issue, we would like to present a global perspective. United States cases of people living with HIV comprise between 650,000 and 900,000 of the 18 million cases worldwide. Globally, heterosexual intercourse is the primary role of HIV transmission.
Young women and children make up the fastest growing population of people contracting HIV. It is important to note that instances of HIV infection are declining in the gay community and sky-rocketing amongst het-

erosexuals in the United States.
Constantly examining the portrayal of HIV and AIDS by the media and government is essential to gain an accurate and complete story of the virus and its epidemiology. However, it is more important that we focus our attention and effort on the people living and dying with HIV and/or AIDS. By arguing the semantics of the definitions of HIV and AIDS, we ignore the human aspect of the virus and our own susceptibility.
The Associated Students Lesbian Gay Bisexual Alliance, Drug Information Center and Sexual Awareness Center

Boxing article misleading: competitor's health vital

Dear Editor,
I found the article "Boxing politics, not HIV, kills fight" to be very misleading. Tommy Morrison would not be making the kind of money that other heavyweights make, even if he was not infected with the HIV virus. Morrison has never been respected as a great fighter for many reasons. First, the WBO championship is not respected as a "true" championship. Second, most people realized that he was not a real contender when he got knocked out by Lennox Lewis. This is a major reason why Morrison will not get decent opponents.

Boxing is not trying to single out Morrison from competing due to his health. Most people are not aware of the health limitations that all boxers must face. Boxing is very strict in this area and is concerned with boxers' health.
For example, in the Tyson-Holyfield fight, Evander had one of the toughest series of physical examinations ever (due to his heart condition). If a fighter is knocked out in any match, he is banned from boxing for three months. What kind of fight would it be if the referee was more concerned with looking for cuts than with what is going on?

It disturbed me that the article said "On the average, the public shells out \$40-\$50 to watch a fight ..." Even the new heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield wouldn't get this much. Mike Tyson is the only man who can get \$30 million out of a fight. Even so, he only takes a third because a third goes to the promoter and a third goes to the trainer. No promoter wants to put out the financial support because nobody wants to see him fight, HIV positive or not.
My point is that Morrison will not make significant money in his "comeback" for AIDS because he

is not a respected fighter.
He just can't leave the sport he loves, just like Magic Johnson has "retired" how many times now? Morrison is just using the AIDS donation as an excuse to keep boxing, and he should just leave quietly and go back to making Rocky films.
Morrison led a lifestyle that he now regrets, and it is his fault. Boxing is a great sport and should not be criticized for Morrison's mistakes.
Michael Pearce
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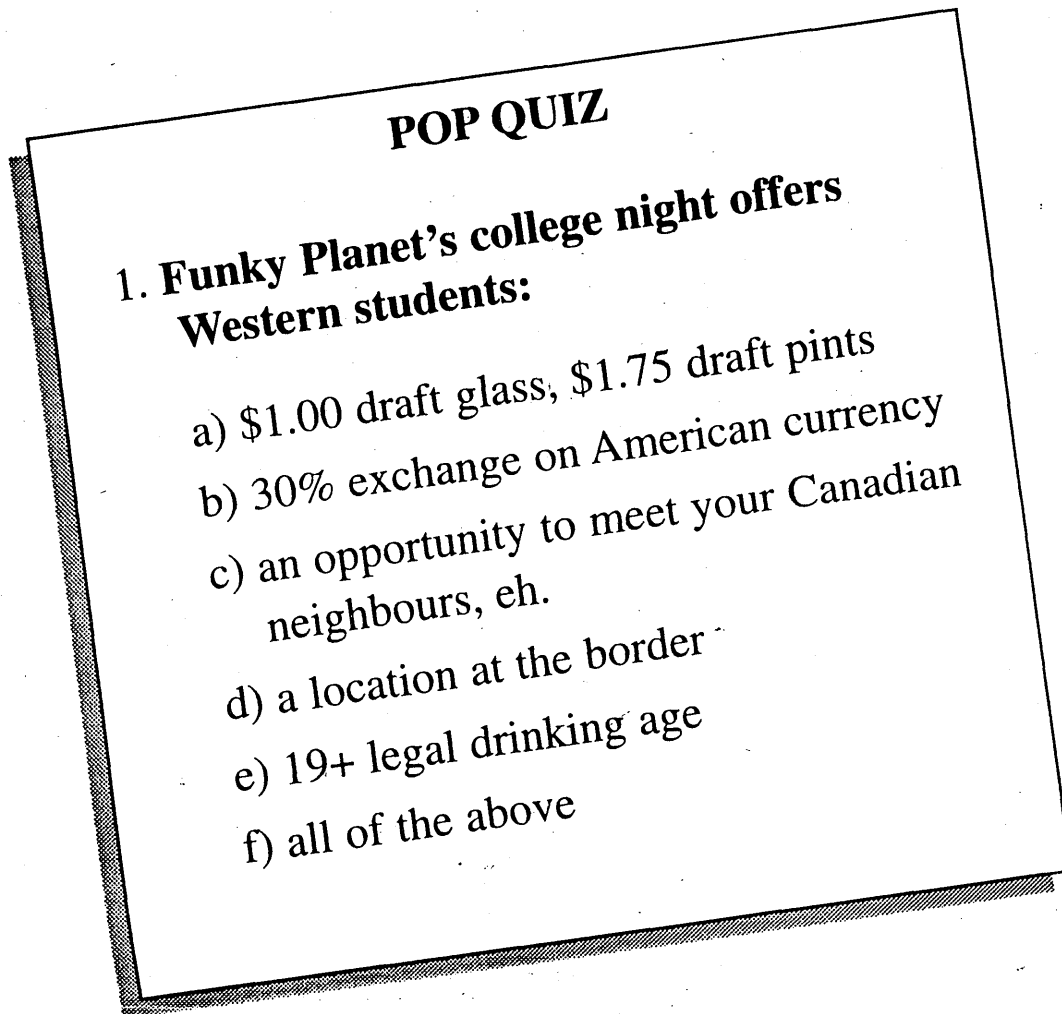
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