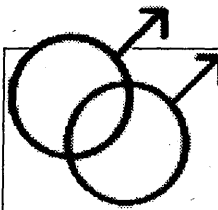
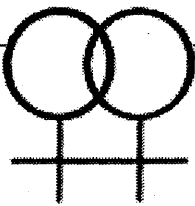


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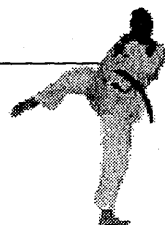


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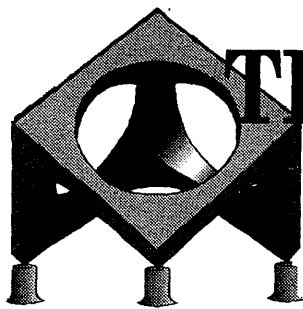


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Caravan sends supplies to Cuba

By Ryan Hooser
The Western Front

About 75 sign-toting American and Canadian supporters of the Pastors For Peace Caravan gathered Saturday at the Peace Arch voicing their disapproval of the U.S. trade embargo against Cuba.

Almost 50 vehicles, which were thoroughly inspected by border guards, carried 500 tons of food, school supplies and medicine through U.S. customs on their way to Cuba making this the largest caravan to date.

People drove by waving and honking to offer support, while a few called out challenges to the group. One Canadian yelled, "Tell them about when Cuba was going to incinerate America, back before you were born." Another shrieked, "When are they going to have free elections in Cuba?"

Despite the negative feedback, the group held their signs proudly and spoke out against the resistance of humanitarian efforts by the United States. Not only were people speaking out, some were singing.

A group of seven vivacious elderly ladies called "The Raging Grannies" dressed in knitted shawls, frilly archaic dresses and colorful hats sang songs condemning the U.S. embargo.

They used a megaphone and a portable microphone to amplify their message and even did a chorus-line dance at the Peace Arch. While they kicked up their feet in unison they sang, "Were just a gaggle of grannies, but we've gotten off of our fannies. Were telling you now! Were angry and how! No more blockade!"

Ages of the rally's participants ranged from the grannies to young students and children.

Most of the people at the rally had been to Cuba to see the effects of the embargo first hand. Melanie Mayock, a Western student and member of Bellingham Friends of Cuba, said, "After going there I wanted to get involved. People are having a hard time getting by."

Everyone there disagreed with the way the United States is using basic necessities as a tool of power. Jerry Swan, co-founder of Bellingham Friends of Cuba, said "They're using food and medicine as weapons. They're interfering with a purely humanitarian effort. It's not like we're shipping guns down there."

In spite of the embargo the island nation is resilient. "Not only has Cuba survived, their infant mortality rate has gone down," said representative for Pastors for Peace Gloria LaRiva.

Rick Fellows of Olympia, the mechanic for the caravan, has made all seven trips with the caravan to Cuba. Last year, 300 computers for Cuban hospitals were seized at the Mexican border, which instigated a 94-day hunger strike by Pastors for Peace's leader Lucious Walker, Fellows said.

This prompted a European group to donate 1,400 computers to the cause.

"It seems the U.S. government can do nothing but shoot itself in the foot," Fellows said.



Front/Ryan Hooser

This group of seven Raging Grannies from Seattle and British Columbia are singing against the U.S. Cuban embargo. They were part of Saturday's Cuba Caravan.

Randy Caravaggio, a member of Goods For Cuba from Victoria, spoke angrily about the Helms-Burton law that is making this embargo possible.

"As far as I'm concerned Jesse Helms can go to hell! The Cuban people don't even have a pencil to write with or pills when they have to go to the hospital," he said.

The lively group entered the customs office in Blaine still clutching signs and shouting protests as the caravan was

inspected. Border officials in the customs office wouldn't let people take pictures, but a government official who refused to divulge his identity videotaped the crowd.

The caravan received a goodwill send-off after the rally at the Garden Street United Methodist Church, which was sponsored by Bellingham Friends of Cuba, Western's Peace Resource Center, Bellingham-El Salvador Sister Organization and the Social Justice Committee of the Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship.

Grievances decided with Salomon fined

By Meredith Lofberg
The Western Front

In the only action taken by the Election Board against candidates for VP for External Affairs, it was decided that Jesse Salomon will pay any damages to Delta Residence Hall exceeding his \$25 damage deposit.

On Friday, the grievance committee made their final decision in the complaints candidates made against each other.

Salomon said the decision of the board in the first set of grievances also prompted him to file this time. "In the original grievance filed against myself, the Election Board came down pretty hard, and therefore I felt this fiasco would result in serious consequences. Therefore, I took it seriously."

The first grievance filed by Salomon claimed Alfonso Marsh III and Genevieve Panush had entered a pact to support each

other in the event of a runoff with Salomon. The Election Board found this to be heresy, and in no violation of the election code.

We went through the democratic process... I wish him the best of luck in representing Western and its students.

— Alfonso Marsh III
former candidate

Salomon's second grievance claimed Marsh bribed voters by passing out candy with his campaign fliers and using work time at the Viking Union candy counter to campaign. The Election Board said they felt fairness was in question and Salomon's complaint was valid.

The third grievance filed by Salomon stated that Marsh exceeded the limit of campaign posters allowed in section G-6 of

the election code. The board recognized this violation.

Salomon said he regrets the turn that the election has taken.

"First and foremost, I want to apologize to the students for the grievances," However, he says that he filed the grievances in his defense.

"They were petty, but I filed them to counter the grievances I knew my

opponent would file after losing the election," Salomon said.

Marsh's first grievance alleged Salomon broke an agreement to stop campaigning at 6 p.m. The Election Board found the evidence to be insubstantial.

"The board has made their decisions, c'est la vie," Marsh said.

The second grievance filed by

Marsh claimed Salomon misrepresented himself by giving an incorrect title of Jim Hammond, an endorser. After contacting Hammond, the Election Board did not find Salomon in violation of the code.

Hammond sent Marsh an e-mail stating "Your efforts to take this information and distort it to further your own political ambitions is underhanded, mean-spirited and unfair. Shame on you."

"An endorsement is a letter of recommendation that an official

I would love to get on with the real work and leave all this B.S. behind.

— Jesse Salomon
vice president-elect of external affairs

has vouched for the character and integrity of the candidate," Marsh said. "I was within my right as a

candidate and voter to follow up on that."

Panush's filed a grievance against Salomon for illegally posting campaign materials in Delta. The Election Board decided that this was in violation of the code. The sign peeled some paint from the building, causing the committee to fine Salomon.

After hearing the committee's findings and rulings, Committee member Joe Moshnik said, "The board discussed each grievance and tried to treat them as separate cases."

After the news of Salomon's victory, Marsh said "We went through the democratic process, and he did win by nine votes. I wish him the best of luck in representing Western and its students."

Salomon said that he now wants to forget the grievances completely. "I would love to get on with the real work and leave all this B.S. behind."

COPS BOX

Campus Police

April 30, 4:17 p.m.: A man parked his car for the day in main lot 21C and returned seven hours later to discover his passenger side front window had been broken out.

April 30, 8:20 p.m.: A man returned to the Viking Union Info Desk after he had been asked to leave at 5:30 p.m. The officer told the man he was trespassing and that he had to leave campus.

Bellingham Police

May 4, 2:24 a.m.: A man called police to Railroad Avenue and Holly Street, saying his wife had slapped him several times during an argument. She left the scene before the police officer was able to contact her.

May 4, 8:15 p.m.: At the 700 block of 10th Street, an adult and a juvenile were arrested for marijuana and drug paraphernalia possession. The adult was cited and released while the juvenile was released to parents.

May 5, 2:07 a.m.: A man was arrested in the 300 block of Ferry Avenue and booked for assault.

May 5, 4:41 a.m.: Police responded to a vehicle prowler in the 1300 block of Lakeway Drive but were unable to contact the registered owner. The passenger side rear window was shattered, and the glove box was left open.

May 5, 8:07 a.m.: A person was advised to move their car from Astor Street and Broadway as soon as possible or it would be towed because it was blocking a sidewalk. They understood the request.

May 5, 8:35 a.m.: Police contacted a man during a traffic stop in the 2900 block of W. Maplewood Avenue. He was arrested on a Mount Vernon warrant for a misdemeanor. He was taken to jail and immediately transported to Mount Vernon.

May 5, 9:08 a.m.: A person reported finding a bicycle in the woods in the 400 block of Irving Street. The bike was impounded until an owner could be contacted.

May 5, 9:15 a.m.: A person said that between May 4 11:30 a.m. and May 5 9 a.m., an unknown person broke into a building in the 1700 block of North State Street. Several items were taken.

May 5, 12:28 p.m.: A witness reported seeing a person brandishing a handgun at the intersection of Samish Way and Byron Street. Police checked the area thoroughly for the suspect but could not find them.

Cops Box compiled by Molly Hernandez

Western Briefs

St. Joseph Hospital screens for anxiety disorder signs

St. Joseph Hospital mental health professionals offer local residents the opportunity to learn about the signs and symptoms of anxiety disorders and to participate in a free screening as part of the National Anxiety Disorders Screening Day at 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, May 7 in St. Joseph Hospital's South Campus Cafeteria, 809 E. Chestnut St.

Psychology department toasts to raise money

The psychology department is hosting a wine tasting fundraiser from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. May 18 at Lakewood. Pre-registration is required May 6. The event costs \$5.

This fee includes an introduction to wine tasting by a wine specialist, appetizers, non-alcoholic beverages and two samples of fine wine with additional wine at \$2 per sample.

Participants must be 21 by May 18 and bring proper identification. Registration forms can be picked up outside the psychology department office in Miller Hall 220. For more information, call Karen at 714-8244.

Last call for staff show

The deadline for submission of entry forms for the Third Annual Staff Arts and Crafts show is 5 p.m. Wednesday May 7. Only two entries per person accepted. Mail or fax your entry form to Nancy Phillips, Business &

Financial Affairs, Old Main 310E, MS 9011, fax number 650-3037. For more information, call 650-3407.

Upcoming Presentations:

* The Music Department presents the Western Symphony Orchestra and Choir performing Brahms' Requiem at 8 p.m. Friday May 9 and Saturday May 10 at the Concert Hall. Tickets cost \$8 for general audience and \$5 for students and seniors.

* Japanese High Culture and Popular Culture Symposium at 3 p.m. Wednesday May 7 at the Wilson Library Presentation Room. Japanese movies will be shown at 7 p.m. Tuesday May 6 to Friday May 9 in Fraser Hall 2. Cultural presentations will be at 8 p.m. Thursday May 8 in the Viking Union fifth floor coffee shop. For more information, contact Ohsuka at 650-3339.

* The Peace Resource Center hosts three speakers in a presentation entitled, "Cultural Survival in Tibet: the History of the Chinese Occupation, the effects of World Trade on Human Rights and Tibetan Non-Violent Conflict Resolution," at 7 p.m. Thursday May 8 in the Wilson Library Presentation Room.

* The AS Productions Social Issues Committee and Jobs with Justice present the film, Salt of the Earth, at 7 p.m. Thursday May 8 in Miller Hall room 163. For more information call 647-8080 or 650-6804.

* The Equal Opportunity Center presents a workshop on equal opportunity issues for supervisors

and managers at 2 p.m. Friday May 9 at Parks Hall 244. This event is free. For registration, call 650-3306.

* The International Film Series presents "Pathfinder," a 1994 film produced in Norway, at 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday May 8 at Science Lecture Hall 120.

* Jewelweed, a local poetry reading group, will read at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday May 7 in Fairhaven College 340.

* The Shalom Center hosts Debnath Mookherjee at 12:15 p.m. Friday May 9 at the Shalom Center. Mookherjee will discuss "Population Trends, Global Resource Use and Availability."

* Center for Canadian-American Studies speaker series first lecturer, wildlife biologist Neal Wilkins discusses "Wildlife Conservation of Private Lands: Habitat Planning and Regulatory Constraints" at 3 p.m. Wednesday May 7 in Environmental Science 100. For more information, call 650-3728.

* Professor and author, Barbara Epstein, lectures on "The Marginality of the Left in the United States: The Legacy of the 1960s" at 2 p.m. Friday May 9 in Parks Hall 104. For more information, contact the political science department at 650-3469.

* The Associated Students Outdoor Center hosts big wall climber Warren Hollinger at 8 p.m. Tuesday May 6 at the Viking Union Main Lounge.

The event costs \$2 and supports the Outdoor Center.

Briefs compiled by Jenny Zappala

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

PHASE I REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER will be May 12-16. Pick up a summer bulletin in OM 230 to get your registration time.

LOT RESERVATIONS: Lots 11G, 14G and 25G will be reserved starting at 5 p.m. today (Tuesday, May 6), for those attending the Robert W. Keiper Turning Points lecture. Lots 6G, 9V and 19G will be held for students, staff and faculty who are not attending this event. A shuttle will run from lot 26C.

STUDENT PARKING PERMIT APPLICATIONS for 1997-98 are available at the Parking and Transportation Services office on 21st Street. Students who are out of town may contact the parking office, 650-2945, to request that an application be mailed. Applications are due by July 31.

REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED FOR THE MATH PLACEMENT TEST. A \$10 fee must be paid in exact amount at time of testing. Photo ID and No. 2 pencil required. Allow 90 minutes. Testing is in OM 120 at 9 a.m. Monday test dates are May 12, 19, June 2 and 9. Thursday test dates are May 8, 15, 22, 29 and June 12.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED IN OM 120 OR BY CALLING X/3080 FOR THE MILLER ANALOGIES TEST (MAT). The test is scheduled for 3 p.m. on May 12 in FR 4. A \$35 fee is payable at time of testing. Allow 1½ hours.

LEGISLATIVE INTERNS WILL HOLD AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. May 13 in AH 419 for interested faculty and students. Students spend winter quarter in Olympia. Qualified undergraduates in all disciplines are eligible with at least junior standing and a minimum GPA of 2.75. For an application, due by May 16, stop by AH 415.

DIRECTORY ADVERTISING SALESPERSON NEEDED. Sell ads to businesses for the 1997-98 *Campus Directory*. Must be available through fall quarter, including summer break. Must have own transportation and telephone. Voice mail or answering machine access preferred. Salary: \$6 to \$8 per hour plus mileage. Contact Margaret Loudon, X/3914, for appointment.

SEVERAL JOB SEARCH AND CAREER WORKSHOPS ARE SCHEDULED throughout spring quarter at the Career Services Center. Due to space limitations, signups for workshops are required. For complete information on workshop descriptions, dates and times, contact the Career Services Center, X/3240, OM 280.

On-campus recruiting

Signups for on-campus interviews are required in Old Main 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.

- **Federal Way School District,** Wednesday, May 7. Interested in all areas and levels, especially special education. Submit résumé in OM 280 at signup for interview.
- **Northwest Arctic Borough School District,** Wednesday, May 7. Seeks primary/elementary, secondary music/band teachers, home economics and science teachers as well as counselors and principals. Review district information in Career Services, OM 280. Submit résumé at signup. Applications available, OM 280.
- **Northshore School District,** Thursday, May 8, 3:30 p.m., OM 280. Submit résumé at signup. The district has asked for placement files also, and applications will be available.
- **Penn Mutual,** Tuesday, May 13. Requires BA in finance or accounting and graduating by August. Company brochures available in Career Services Center, OM 280. Submit résumé at signup for interview in OM 280.
- **The Boeing Company,** Tuesday, May 13. Submit résumé when you sign up for interview in OM 280.
- **Lake Chelan School District,** Wednesday, May 14. Submit résumé when you sign up.
- **Wells Fargo,** Thursday, May 15. Submit résumé in OM 280 when you sign up for interview.

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AP news from around the globe

Regional

Seattle police sergeant accused of arson, murder

SEATTLE - A King County police sergeant is charged with murder in the trial that began with opening arguments Monday in Seattle.

Prosecutors say Sgt. Mathias Bachmeier killed James Wren last summer as part of a plot to cover up an arson at Bachmeier's Renton home.

Defense lawyers say no other suspects exist, including Wren's roommate. The former mental patient said he killed Wren and cut up his body with a chainsaw.

Wren lives in Preston, and his family is from the Wenatchee area.

He was last seen alive in Bachmeier's patrol car where his blood was found.

King County to expand sewer system once again

SEATTLE - It's been only two years since King County completed a 10-year expansion of the sewer plant at West Point in Seattle.

Now the county is making plans for another big project. It is expected to cost more than \$1 billion to either expand treatment plants at West Point or Renton or to build a new plant.

A possible location for a new plant is on Puget Sound in north King or Snohomish Counties. Plans could include digging a large pipeline in the Kenmore area along the north shore of Lake Washington.

Another proposal would add a treatment plant in Seattle's Interbay area that would further clean water from West Point so that it could be dumped in the Lake Washington Ship Canal near the Ballard Locks. The treated water would reduce the amount of fresh water the locks used to move boats.

After hearings and a public comment period, the King County executive may recommend one plan by the end of the year.

Appeals court to decide private shellfish question

SEATTLE - Do Indians have the right to harvest shellfish from privately owned beaches?

That's the question a federal appeals court panel will try to decide.

The judges heard arguments Monday in the courthouse in Seattle.

The state and private landowners are appealing a 1994 decision that gives tribes the right to half of all shellfish in Puget Sound.

Some property owners, especially those on Hat Island near Everett, say they own the land and pay taxes and have a right to all the clams.

Tulip Indians say Hat Island is part of their cultural heritage. Islanders drove off Indians who

tried to dig clams on Hat Island in February.

Love sells her Seattle home

SEATTLE - Singer Courtney Love is selling her Seattle mansion and moving to Los Angeles to pursue her movie career.

The five-bedroom home on three-quarters of an acre of land is listed for \$3 million. Real Estate Agent Bob Bennion says its comparable to other homes in the neighborhood with views of Lake Washington and the Cascades.

Love's husband, singer Kurt Cobain, shot himself to death at the home three years ago.

National

Smokeless nicotine made for those trying to quit

WASHINGTON - New help for smokers — smokeless nicotine inhaler.

The Food and Drug Administration approved the Nicatrol Inhaler to be sold by prescription only Monday. It lets smokers suck nicotine through a plastic tube, and the chemical is absorbed through membranes in the mouth.

Pharmacia and Upjohn developed the inhaler, which McNeil Consumer Products is marketing. It will be on pharmacy shelves later this year.

As it is, would-be quitters can buy nicotine patches or chewing gum over the counter, or a nicotine nasal spray with a doctor's prescription.

The FDA says the inhaler works about as well as the other products.

Oklahoma bombers used Yellow Pages, phone card

DENVER - The Oklahoma City bombers took a trip through the Yellow Pages.

That's what the jury in the Timothy McVeigh trial heard. An FBI agent says investigators found a pre-paid phone card in the home of McVeigh's co-defendant, Terry Nichols.

Prosecutors said the card was used to make dozens of calls in the hunt for bomb components.

The FBI agent testified Monday that the phone card bore the name Darryl Bridges and was ordered from the "Spotlight," a right-wing newspaper.

International

At least 10 dead in Polish passenger train derailment

WARSAW, Poland - At least 10 people are dead after a passenger train in northwestern Poland derailed and crashed into a parked freight train.

Police say at least a dozen other people were injured in the crash.

Authorities don't know how many other people were traveling on the passenger train. The train was moving at about 74 mph.

United States attempting to avoid Zairan bloodbath

LUBUMBASHI, Zaire - The White House isn't taking sides in Zaire's civil war - but it is trying to prevent a climactic blood bath.

U.S. Diplomat Bill Richardson spent Monday shuttling across Africa, hoping to achieve a peaceful transition of power.

Richardson says he's encouraged that rebel leader Laurent Kabila is being a little more conciliatory. Earlier, Kabila said President Mobutu Sese Seko would perish if he didn't give up power within a few days.

Kabila's rebel army already controls three-quarters of Zaire, Africa's third largest country, and the rebels are nearing the capital city.

The Clinton administration says its not backing Kabila or Mobutu. Instead, American officials say they want a transitional government and free elections.

Replica of Cabot's ship follows his famous path

BRISTOL, England - Five hundred years after explorer John Cabot tried to sail from Britain to China, a replica of his ship, the "Matthew" is following the same path.

Cabot made it only as far as Newfoundland in 1497, and that is where the modern-day replica is headed. The \$1.6 million, three-masted sailing vessel is expected to make it to Newfoundland on June 24.

The "Matthew" left Bristol Channel in southwestern England Sunday as onlookers cheered.

The number of Japanese children is falling steadily

TOKYO - The population in Japan is looking older these days.

The Japanese government has announced the number of children 14 or younger has fallen for the 16th straight year.

Tokyo says children below 14 now account for only about 15 percent of the population. Only Italy has a smaller number of youngsters in that age bracket.

Japan is known for its costly and cramped housing and demanding school system. As a result, many Japanese couples have only one child in order to keep costs low.

Although now there is concern about how a shrinking work force will care for a the growing number of elderly.

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No privacy in e-mail

By Jacob Henifin
The Western Front

Everyday, administrative computer services copies and saves everything on Western's computer system. This includes all sent and received e-mail messages.

"E-mail is not private," said George Cvetkovich, faculty senate chairman. "This has been known a long time."

"It is not private like a telephone conversation, but classified as a document," he said. "The university must keep a copy of everything. This is routine to prevent losing data, research or other important information."

The system saves everything on the central administrative servers to 8mm and 4mm digital audio tape.

This includes any administrative tasks, such as financing, grades, scheduling and registration and e-mail.

"Most people know the central system as Henson and muppets," said Fred Marchand of administrative computer services.

The copies are backups that take a snapshot of a certain point in time. That picture will not show changes that occurred

before or after that snapshot.

It is similar to saving a document, then continuing to work on it before the computer crashes and loses the additions.

Monthly, a full backup is made from the daily backups. This full backup is then saved in the archives at the State Archive Repository for 18 months.

... it is important to understand that you are potentially exposing any information sent to complete strangers.

— Chip Holcomb
senior counselor for the state attorney general

"The full gist is the ability to recover data," Marchand said. "We're not archiving messages, we're simply archiving pictures. We don't go browsing; it is considered inappropriate."

"At the state, the position is (computers and the servers that make e-mail possible) is a government facility and is to only be used for governmental purposes," said Senior Counselor for the State Attorney General Chip Holcomb.

"Students are provided this facility, and frankly, I don't know what notice has been given to students about their personal uses," he said.

"It is important for anyone to understand that system administrators have real time online access to view messages," he said.

"The short of it is that it is important to understand that you are potentially exposing any information sent to complete strangers," Holcomb said. "These systems can be encrypted."

An encryption program mixes up information in a way that it cannot be translated without a key to the crypt.

With the advent of two-key encryption, known as Public Key Cryptology, messages can be encrypted that current technology cannot decipher them.

Pretty Good Privacy, a two-key encryption "doesn't cost anything and is relatively easy to use. It empowers the individual to take control over their concern for privacy," Holcomb said.

The PGP link is <http://web.mit.edu/network/pgp.html>.

Positive images on No Diet Day

By Jill Frewing
The Western Front

The message of the anti-diet activist group Enough! is to be healthy and have a positive self-image — no matter what you look like.

In honor of International No Diet Day, Enough! Body Pride Action Network is staging an eat-in at 4 p.m. Tuesday May 6 at Boulevard Park. The day is set aside for everyone to eat comfortably in public and share their views on the diet industry.

"By eating together we will be raising our collective voices to say enough to the diet industry, sizism and the idea that we should feel bad about our bodies," Enough! member Sara McCallum said.

Enough!, founded in 1996, is an activist group that works on raising discussion of body issues, eating disorders, sizism, issues of access for larger people and a positive body image.

"Eating in public is a sticky issue for larger people," McCallum said.

McCallum said she wants the

eat-in to be a place where people of all sizes can enjoy food in public without getting looked at in a negative way.

Enough! also works in conjunction with the Counseling Center and has worked with classes at Fairhaven College and sponsored an eat-in last quarter.

International No Diet Day was started in 1992 by Mary Evans Young, the director of the British anti-diet campaign Diet Breakers, according to Largesse, the Network for Size Esteem.

"I started INDD in the spring of '92 following two things. The first was seeing a television program where women were having their stomachs stapled. One woman had split her staples and was in for her third op, and then a young girl of 15 committed suicide because 'she couldn't cope with being fat,'" Young said.

Enough! invites everyone to bring their favorite food and come celebrate International No Diet Day.

For more information contact Aral Griffen at 592-5587 or McCallum at 671-3067.



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Youth Hostel provides temporary home

By Scott Castle and Arvid Hokanson
The Western Front

It was a dark and stormy night, and the inn had no vacancies, yet Bellingham's Youth Hostel was a beacon of hope; a light at the end of the tunnel.

The youth hostel, part of Hostelling International, opened in the Fairhaven Rose Garden, just off Chuckanut Drive, in 1990. The mission of hostels around the world states "To help all, especially the young, gain a greater understanding of the world and its people through hostelling ... This youth hostel is part of a worldwide network, open to all travelers, regardless of age, sex, disability, color, race, religion, political opinion or nationality."

Some think of youth hostels as stops along a backpacking trip through Europe, but hostels are located throughout the world.

Bellingham's youth hostel is small compared to most, with just two rooms and 10 beds. The house resembles one occupied by many Western students, but the house's tenants change nightly.

It's hardly like a hotel with single and bunk beds fit snugly into basement rooms, modestly decorated with mini bookshelves. Maps and framed photographs decorate the walls. The downstairs is for necessities: beds, toilets and showers the size of phone booths. The upstairs is for

living; a spacious living room complete with maps and brochures for planning further travels, a dining room and a full kitchen — made more convenient with the grocery store a few blocks away.

The privacy a hotel sells is expensive, hostels are a house for the night. Communal living with temporary roommates provides travelers with the unique opportunity to interact with other travelers, giving them the chance to exchange travel information or to travel together.

A bed per night costs \$12 for members and \$15 for non-members. Membership is \$25 per year.

Bellingham's hostel has a washer and dryer and a fully furnished kitchen, including some spices, condiments and shared foods. Tenants of hostels share food and other necessities, knowing that helping each other out is part of the hostelling experience.

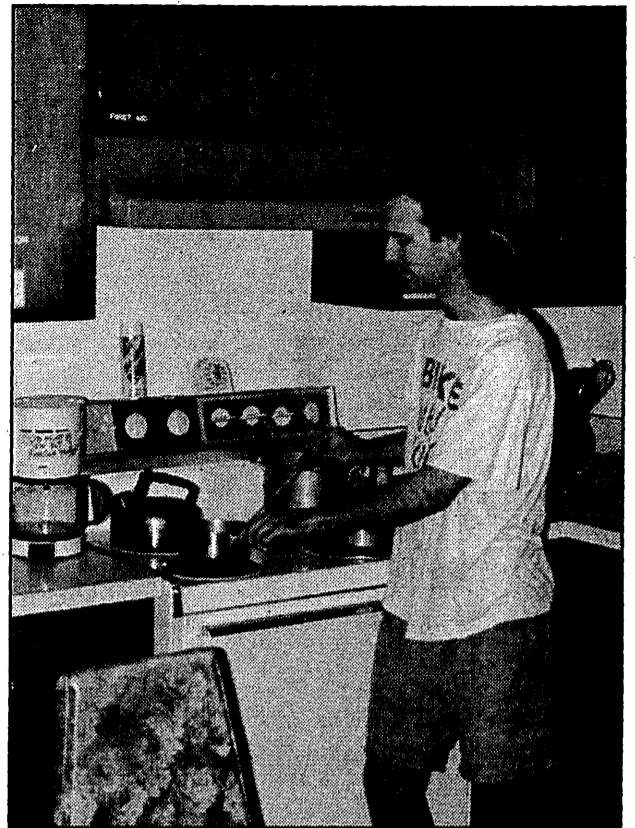
Acting Manager Susan Zimmerman said "The best thing about hostels to me is fixing my own food ... I can stay here for a low price, and spend my money in town," she said.

Even though it is a youth hostel, people of all ages are welcome to spend the night. Tim Schaefer, 28, spent the night in Bellingham while waiting for the Alaskan ferry to leave.

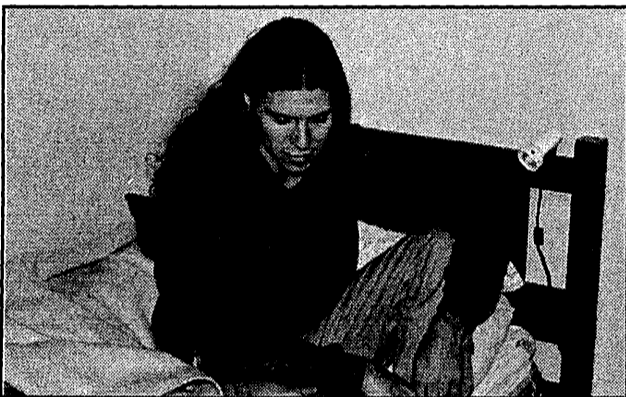
Schaefer, who at 21, went to Europe to follow the Grateful Dead on just \$350, knows the value of a youth hostel. From looking at his worn khaki pants, cotton long-john shirt and shoulder-blade length hair, you would never guess he had just quit his job as a gourmet chef in one of Maui's finest restaurants to head for Skagway, Alaska.

"I love to travel and meet a variety of interesting people ... I love the idea of having my whole house on my back," Schaefer said.

The term 'youth hostel' gets thrown around when describing these places, but 'hostel' is more appropriate because older travelers frequent them too. Carolyn McLeod of Brisbane, Australia is staying at Bellingham's hostel while waiting to travel up to Alaska as well. Having just celebrated her 53rd birthday, McLeod's family remains in Australia while she explores the world for five-and-a-half months. "I'll miss my family and get homesick but nothing's forever, I'll be home soon enough," she said.



Front/Arvid Hokanson
Hostel employee Paul Cookson cooks up some tasty food for himself.



Front/Arvid Hokanson
Tim Schaefer, 28, rests at the Bellingham Youth Hostel while he awaits the next day's Alaskan ferry.

McLeod says she stays in hostels because, "You meet people you wouldn't meet at a hotel. You can cook, find out information where you are and where you're going and compare notes with other travelers."

Bellingham's hostel serves mainly as a resting point on the search for faraway places. The hostel gets partial funding from other hostels throughout Washington, which work on a revenue-sharing program. Seattle and Port Townsend are two of the busiest in the state.

Even though youth hostels work on the same fundamental principles, each one has its own character, created by the many individuals looking for a home for a night.

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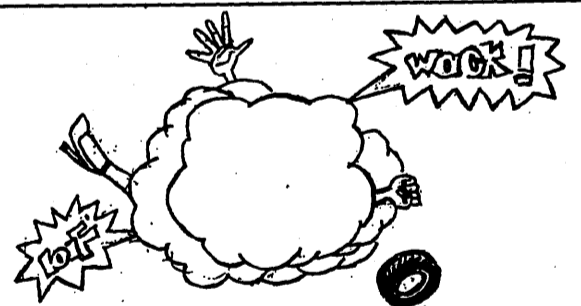
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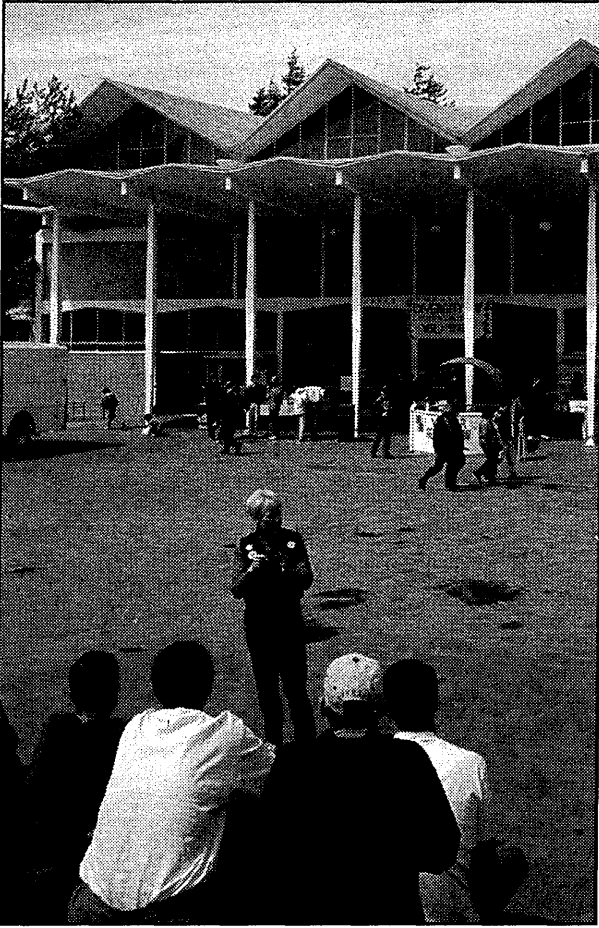
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Pick on one minority, pick on them all

By Fred Sheffield
The Western Front

This Saturday about 20 people left the Diversity Day celebration in Carver Gym to gather on the front steps of the Art Annex. These people had come out to support homosexuals and bisexuals and had concerns about homo-



Front/Katie Johnson

Janice Van Cleve speaks to Western students.

sexuals' rights to marry.

The individuals gathered to hear the words of Janice Van Cleve, a longtime political activist in town this weekend celebrating Diversity Day. As State Director of the Washington State Legal Marriage Alliance, Van Cleve has been one of the area's largest and strongest voices in support of lesbian/gay marriages.

This past year alone, 55 anti-gay bills were brought to the state legislature. Due to extensive lobbying on the part of the Legal Marriage Alliance and several cooperative groups, not one of these bills passed. "It's a victory for social injustice everywhere," Van Cleve said. "When you pick on one minority, you pick on them all."

Yet Van Cleve was not always the vocal leader she is today. About 10 years ago, Van Cleve was married with two kids and working in Seattle. "I was wrapped up in suburbia, the Catholic Church, the whole thing," she said.

In March of 1987, Van Cleve was rushed to the hospital with what she thought was a heart attack but instead turned out to be extreme stress. "I was frustrated because I felt like I couldn't get my voice heard," Van Cleve said. "I was completely wrapped around the tree (of society)."

After leaving the hospital, Van Cleve took some time off to relax and treat herself well. After really looking hard at her life and "appreciating the goodness" in herself, Van Cleve found something that explained why she had long felt uncomfortable trying to fit in. She found she was gay.

Over the course of about two years, Van Cleve began to let her friends, family and co-workers know she is a lesbian. After her husband and children got over the initial surprise, they were very supportive and remain some of her closest friends.

At the time, Van Cleve was working at Microsoft. Though coming out at work was not an easy thing to do, Microsoft was not a bad place to do it. Van Cleve said Microsoft, though very intense, doesn't place a lot of value on hierarchy and thus is more open to new ideas. With a lot of Van Cleve's support, Microsoft adopted domestic partner benefits in 1992.

"In domestic partner issues, business is ahead of government. Especially, technology companies realize talents are so specialized that no corporation can afford to miss someone because of their sexual preference," Van Cleve said.

Today, Van Cleve likens her political experience to business. "You can look at the whole civil rights movement as a business. You can only offer people three things: fear, hope and greed." Van Cleve said because the right wing can't sell greed and hope, they must rely on fear as their lone product. In the past, the right wing has supported racism and anti-communism. Van Cleve said the same fear tactics are now being used to heighten opposition to gay marriages.

Van Cleve said one of the more important things facing the gay community today is the issue of integration versus assimilation. "Integration means you bring the best of what you have and you share it. And you also take what everyone else offers and accept it," Van Cleve said. "We do not lose our identity if we integrate and accept the best of what America has to offer."

Van Cleve's fight is far from over. Van Cleve and the gay/lesbian community continue to fight for community education and the right to marry whomever they please.

Coverage in the classroom

By Molly Hernandez
The Western Front

Homosexuality as an issue has been evolving for quite some time, and its place in Western's classroom curriculum is no exception.

Sociology professor Vega Subramaniam said that since she began teaching at Western in 1991, the issue of homosexuality has changed in courses, textbooks and people's attitudes. She said that in sociology, more of an assumption exists today that gays, lesbians and bisexuals are a "legitimate" minority group; more recognition of diversity in family life exists also. The words spouse and partner have replaced husband and wife in textbooks and curriculum.

From the psychology department, Barbara Collamer said, "I have to admit my course material is extremely heterosexist." In her class, Psychology of Sex Roles, she said a lot of the material is talking in

terms of the domestic role of the husband and wife.

Collamer is concerned about the issue, and she makes efforts to integrate issues of homosexuality into the course. Every quarter she brings in members of the Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Alliance to talk about their gender roles in relationships. She also puts in what she calls a "disclaimer," saying to students that she realizes the material is heterosexist, but to please make the adjustments in your mind from husband or wife to partner if you are not heterosexual.

"I think we're still dealing with a heterosexual society, and that a lot of people who are not heterosexual assume that they're going to live in a society that is biased toward heterosexuals," Collamer said. This is why she said she assumes that homosexuals are accustomed to making the adjustment to "partner" when the curriculum discusses husbands or wives.

In the sociology department, Subramaniam said she still had one concern about the integration of homosexuality into courses. In a course on sociology of the family, there will be one section, two days worth of material, on sexual orientation. Since gay and lesbian life is part of the entire family life, she said it shouldn't just be segregated into a two-day section.

The women studies program is the most responsive to the issue of integration. Rosanne Kanhai said women studies courses are set up so homosexual issues are imbedded throughout the course; even

the textbooks are set up this way, unlike many other departments.

Kanhai also teaches a class that she introduced when she came to Western, called Minority Women Writers. In the past, she focused this class on women of color, but this quarter she decided to focus it on lesbian writers.

Are students more open to issues of homosexuality now than they have been in the past? Subramaniam said that she still finds opposition to teaching issues of homosexuality by some students. She often assigns response papers in which some students show their disapproval. "It comes out a lot in terms of religious beliefs," Subramaniam said.

On the other hand, there seems to be virtually no opposition to issues of homosexuality in Collamer's psychology classes and in Kanhai's women studies classes. Kanhai said, "Not in women studies, no, because they do come in expecting that, and if they don't expect it they are told very early in the course."

In Kanhai's English course, Minority Women Writers, students sometimes ask why the whole course is devoted to teaching the works of lesbian writers. Kanhai responds, "They have a perception of what goes on in the mainstream that people in the mainstream don't always see."

Since segregation of the issue of homosexuality still exists in some classes and still opposition by some students concerning teaching these issues, some feel that a drastic change needs to be made. Should the issue of homosexuality be taught at an earlier age, perhaps in elementary school? "Yes, absolutely," Subramaniam said. "I

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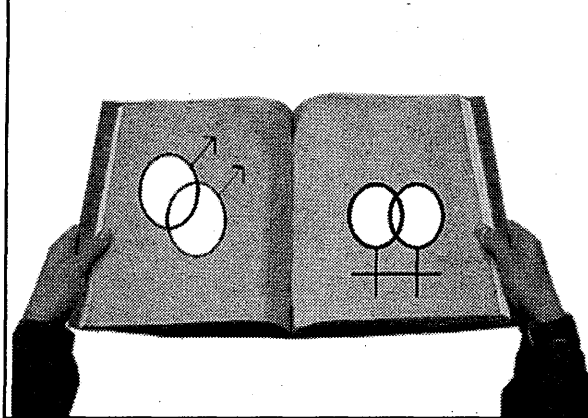
think not talking about it in grade school is just a way of hiding your head in the sand. It's a way of pretending that gays and lesbians don't exist — but they do, and they exist all through grade school, all through high school, and all through college and the rest of our lives."

From a psychological point of view, Collamer said homosexuality shouldn't be part of grade-school curriculum. "If you know adolescent development, you know what they're struggling with at that point." Collamer said kids go through a period in high school called "gender intensification" when they begin to think about dating and intensify their biological sex. Because of the socialization of masculinity and femininity that goes along with it, she said no support system exists in high schools for students who are gay to come out.

Homosexuals are a minority. LGBA coordinator Jason Siperly said that if the percentage of homosexuals on campus follows the rest of society, it is 6-7 percent. The percentage on campus could be higher because students leave home and come to campus to get away from their small towns. "It's a perfect out for gay and lesbian students," Siperly added.

The issue of homosexuality is not being avoided in classrooms on Western's campus, although it is constantly changing. "I can see it 50 years down; we'll step back and say, 'What was the big deal?'" Collamer said.

How is homosexuality covered in the classroom?



Front Photo Illustration/Tom Degan

Homosexuality coming out in Hollywood

By Lucy Kiem Kee
The Western Front

"OK. You were right. Susan, I'm ... I can't. I can't even say the word. What's wrong with me? There's nothing to be ashamed of. Why am I so afraid to tell people ... I'm 35 years old. Why can't I just come out and say ... Susan, I'm gay."

In the 24th episode of "Ellen," "The Puppy Episode," which aired April 30, actress Ellen DeGeneres' TV character, Ellen Morgan, came out to Susan, a lesbian she had just met, an airport full of people, her friends and her therapist.

In a recent interview Oprah Winfrey asked DeGeneres why she chose to come out. DeGeneres answered, "Because it's OK."

In addition to being the star of the ABC sitcom, "Ellen," DeGeneres is also the first openly gay leading star of a television series.

According to the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, currently 32 gay and lesbian characters are on television.

is not a requirement. However, if you have the support group and prominence she obviously has, it sure is a good thing."

The series "Friends" has the first lesbian couple on TV to become parents.

Incidentally, the TV couple, Susan and Carol, ex-wife of Ross, have the most stable relationship on the show and were wed in a commitment ceremony.

In the series, "Spin City," Carter, the gay rights activist on the show, was once TV's only African American gay character.

Rickie from the now-canceled show, "My So-Called Life," was the nation's first continuing gay teen character on network television.

The drama "Melrose Place" has featured eight gay and lesbian characters in the show, all of them surround Matt, a leading gay character and social worker who runs a shelter for runaways.

On March 1, 1994, Roseanne broke the TV taboo of engaging in a lesbian kiss on her series "Roseanne."

In the episode, Roseanne and her sister Jackie go dancing with Nancy and her new girlfriend Sharon at a lesbian club. After dancing, Roseanne and Sharon sit down to talk and eventually Sharon kisses Roseanne. The rest of the episode is devoted to Roseanne's reaction to this kiss.

At one point she confides in her bisexual friend Sandra. For the fear of being labeled gay, Roseanne blurts out, "I am not gay! I didn't mean for it to sound like it was bad or anything, you know, because if I was gay, that would be just fine, but I'm not gay. So I don't like people calling me things that I am not, like a hypocrite or gay, you know, because I'm not. And I wouldn't like anybody calling like ... um ... like an astronaut, but see I am not an astronaut."

"ER," "In Living Color," "Seinfeld," "Frasier," "NYPD Blue," "Mad About You," "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," "All in the Family," "Three's Company," "Cheers," "The Golden Girls" and "Party of Five" are just a sampling of shows which addressed the topic of homosexuality.

Those opposed to this growing emergence of gay and lesbian characters on television feel it promotes homosexuality and may encourage children to "become" homosexuals.



Photo courtesy of Touchtone/Michael Ansell
Ellen Morgan (Ellen DeGeneres) makes a rather personal revelation to new acquaintance, Susan (Laura Dern) over the loud speaker at the airport.

In the April 27 showing of Town Meeting, Chastity Bono, gay rights activist and daughter of singers Sonny and Cher, asserted that, "This [gays and lesbians on TV] isn't about promoting something. This is about reflecting somebody's life that exists in our society in this century."

In the same show, Pastor Don Shorter of Pacific Christian Center, reminded viewers that "... this is prime-time television; children are watching."

The recent movie, "Chasing Amy," is based upon a straight man, Holden's, attraction to, and fight to win the love of the lesbian, Alyssa.

Hollywood actress Sandra Bernhard is a lesbian. Actor Wilson Cruz, David Geffen, the late actor Rock Hudson and horror-novelist writer-director of "Hellraiser" and "Lord of Illusions," Clive Barker, are all gay.

"I discovered the kiss of death is not to be gay but to say you're gay," claims gay actor Craig Chester in Entertainment Weekly.

Singer Melissa Etheridge didn't know from an early age she was gay. She told Chicago News Tribune, "It wasn't until my 17th birthday that I kissed a girl and went 'Whoa!'" Being out has had minimal effect on Etheridge.

Among the other most notable gays in the music industry include k.d. lang, Boy George and Sophie B. Hawkins. According to Entertainment Weekly both Erasure and the Pet Shop Boys feature gay vocalists.

"Being labeled as a bisexual can be a drag though" Ani DiFranco told reporter Emily Lloyd, "because you're never quite part of the inner circle. But I'd rather suffer the consequences of truth than silence. Still, ultimately I would prefer to live in a world where who I slept with wasn't quite as important as what I have to say, what I have to offer the world."

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Western philosophy professor Hud Hudson said "I like (Ellen coming out). It may benefit people, yet it might cost her something, cause unpleasant situations [for her], but it

'It's Elementary' educates, stirs up emotions

By Molly Hernandez
The Western Front

Whatever you do, don't expect to leave after watching the film "It's Elementary" without some strong feelings surfacing.

"It's Elementary" is a documentary released in 1996 exploring whether gay issues should be talked about in school. It is one of three movies that ASP Films and the Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Alliance will show for Gay Pride Month.

The film starts out showing a clip of a Republican senator speaking about how that "trash" shouldn't be allowed in our schools. The scene is periodically interrupted with clips of grade school students talking what they think gay means. One boy said, "No one really cares if you're gay. It's like, what's the big whoop?" The distinction between the senator and the children is clear: one of the two is much more accepting of gay and lesbian issues.

Director and co-producer Debra Chasnoff along with co-producer Helen S. Cohen traveled to six elementary and mid-

dle schools across the country. They found a cross-section of educators who each had their own personal views and concerns about teaching homosexuality. These educators came to find out through their class discussions with students that a lot of reasons exist why schools should find ways to address gay issues.

The amazing aspect of the film is the level of awareness that is so evident in children. They seem to have no, or very little, prejudice in grade school. Because the media had been the main educator of homosexual issues to these kids, some of their ideas were a bit distorted. But their curiosity caused the students to pursue answers to their many questions.

Clips from talk shows and movies, such as Ricki Lake, "Beverly Hills Cop" and "Ace Ventura: Pet Detective" are included in "It's Elementary." They illustrate that this is where kids are learning about homosexuality.

When the issue was discussed in middle school classes, the change in attitude of the students was very clear. They are, as a

whole, more prejudiced at this point in their lives than the grade school kids. It seems the only time middle school students discuss the word gay is when they're calling each other derogatory names in the hallway.

It is also obvious that kids in middle school are more established about their ideas. They form more of a wall when it comes to opening their minds about homosexuality, where the grade school students were very open to the issue.

Of the three movies the LGBA has chosen to show for Gay Pride Month, "It's Elementary" was chosen to serve as an educational tool.

The second movie showing is "Boyfriends," a comedy exploring gay relationships in the 90's when three gay friends and their partners spend the weekend together at a country cottage for Easter weekend.

"The Watermelon Woman" is the story of a twenty-something black lesbian named Cheryl who is making a documentary about a 1930s black film actress

known as "The Watermelon Woman." While discovering more about the Watermelon Woman's life, Cheryl's personal life is turned sheer chaos.

"We just think that it's about time that people understand what it really entails, talking to students about gay and lesbian issues," LGBA Coordinator Jason Siperly said.

One issue that is brought up in "It's Elementary" is the general public's inability to distinguish between sexuality and sex. "That's a real common misconception about talking about gay and lesbian issues ... they think that we're trying to push sex, and it couldn't be further from the truth. It's more about heightening people's awareness about diversity issues, discrimination issues, and stereotyping, and how detrimental and dangerous that can be in society," Siperly said.

"It's Elementary" will be playing at both 7 and 9 p.m. May 6 in Fraser Hall 4. "Boyfriends" will be playing May 8 and "The Watermelon Woman" will be playing May 11, both at 7 and 9 p.m. in FH 4.

NBA dynasties will falter in future

COMMENTARY



Jim Morrell III

Watch out Jordan, Malone and Olajuwon, your days are numbered.

The future of professional basketball is about to blow up.

The teams currently ruling the NBA, the Bulls, Jazz and Rockets have all been doing so for quite some time. But things are about to change.

The Rockets are just plain old, the Bulls won't be much when Jordan retires and the Jazz only have a couple more years with Malone and Stockton.

Some new teams and faces in the league are ready to shine.

Who are going to be the next shining stars of professional basketball? Well, a lot of young people are already making names for themselves.

The team of the future without a doubt is the Lakers. With a destructive inside tandem in Shaq and Elden Campbell, perimeter threats Eddie Jones and Robert Horry and Nick Van Exel running the point, Los Angeles is already dominating the West and will for quite some time.

Kobe Bryant is next. This kid is scary. He will be a huge factor for the Lakers. Look for him to take over Van Exel's position.

A big question with the Lakers is their maturity level. If they can continue to gel as a team, they should easily bring more championships back to Los Angeles within the next five years.

Another team in the West to watch is the Minnesota

Timberwolves. Kevin Garnett will dominate teams inside and out. Coming straight out of high school, Garnett still has time to grow, put on weight and learn to destroy people in the paint.

He has incredibly long arms, which enable him to block shots, to have easy put-back dunks, and to outstretch almost anyone for a rebound.

The Timberwolves also have an all-around solid performer in Tom Gugliotta (20.6 points, 8.7 rebounds and had 130 steals in the 1996-97 season).

Youngster Stephen Marbury, a point guard with great ball-handling skills, can dunk, bomb the three, pass and rebound. The team has chemistry and a very bright future.

Another team to watch in the West are the Portland Trailblazers. They have a very young squad led by point guard Kenny Anderson. Look for Rasheed Wallace and J.R. Ryder to help fuel the Blazer's surge.

Lastly for the West, watch out for Antonio McDyess, if he can ever get out of Denver. If McDyess can escape from Denver, this second-year pro from Alabama will be an influential player.

His jumpshot is coming along, and he can flat out jump out of the gym, which makes for tough rebounds and some very exciting dunks. Keep your eyes and ears open for McDyess.

In the East, a lot of teams are on the rise. Look for teams like Chicago, Atlanta, New York and Miami to hold their top spots for awhile, but watch for some teams that you might not have heard of this season, like the Toronto Raptors.

They have four strong players in Marcus Camby, Doug Christie, Walt Williams and Damon Stoudamire. Stoudamire averaged 20.2 points and 8.8 assists. Camby averaged 14.8 points and also had 130 blocks, Christie is

a contributor in points and steals, and Williams added 16.4 points per game. This is another group of youngsters that will do well if they stick together.

Next is the Washington Bullets. They beat the Bulls once this season, and although they lost to them in the playoffs, they kept up with the Bulls, giving them a run in every game.

Face it, how many games are you going to win when MJ scores 55 points? The trio of Webber, Howard and Strickland make for a deadly combination that can pound you inside and hit from long range.

Detroit is another team on the brink. Grant Hill can do it all. Once he gains more confidence, nobody in the league will be able to guard him.

One thing they need to be a strong contender is a strong center. Lindsey Hunter is another big supporter for the Pistons as is streak shooter Terry Mills.

A few more names in the East that you should, if not already, be aware of come from the Hornets.

Glenn Rice is the purest shooter in the NBA. If on, Rice can defeat teams single-handedly.

He can drive the lane, hit three pointers while open or with a hand in his face.

Lastly, watch out for Allen Iverson. He won the 1997 Rookie of the Year, scored 40 or more points on five consecutive nights, averaged 23.7 points, 7.5 assists and had 207 steals in his debut season.

He needs a few years to work on his turnover problem, but Iverson is definitely going to make a big impact.

One thing to keep in mind is that Michael Jordan, Karl Malone, and Charles Barkley all started on bad teams. But, as we have seen, times change.

The NBA is in a transitional period, so listen up before you get dunked on, Sir Charles.

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Tae Kwon Do club is alive and kicking

By Meredith Lofberg
The Western Front

Tae Kwon Do, an official club sport at Western, has approximately 40 students. The club had to undergo a two-year trial period before it was awarded club status.

The president and club instructor, Sang Rowand, 24, has been studying Tae Kwon Do for nearly 15 years and is currently a first-degree black belt. Four years ago, he began teaching Tae Kwon Do as a physical education class. Two years later, he began to teach it in the evenings.

Rowand is quick to downplay the physical aspect of the sport. To him it is more than people learning to defend themselves and attack others. "Tae Kwon Do teaches discipline and perseverance. Martial arts are more mental exercises than physical, where the mind precedes the action," Rowand said.

Kiet Ngo, 23, is also a first-degree black belt. He has been studying Tae Kwon Do for nine years and joined the club when he transferred to Western from Bellevue Community College last year.

"It was close to my house, and I had a friend who was already taking lessons. It was convenient. But once you get into Tae Kwon Do it's addictive, and it's a good way to stay healthy," Ngo said.

Ngo enjoys the camaraderie the club brings. "One thing about martial arts is they are individual sports, but there is a lot of support from teammates. It is something that you can do with a friend," he said.

At the end of each quarter, members are allowed to test for the next belt. "I will try for my next belt when I think I am worthy of this one," Ngo said.

Nicole Spears, 21, has also earned the title of first-

degree black belt. She has been studying Tae Kwon Do for five years. "It is a different atmosphere here at the Western club than at most Tae Kwon Do studios because here everyone is around the same age, and the ratio of men to women is much more equal," she said.

At Western, the number of women is nearly 50 percent in the club. She also believes that women may shy away from martial arts because they may feel they are male activities. "I think that people usually expect only boys to be involved in sports that they believe are about fighting and aggression," Spears said.

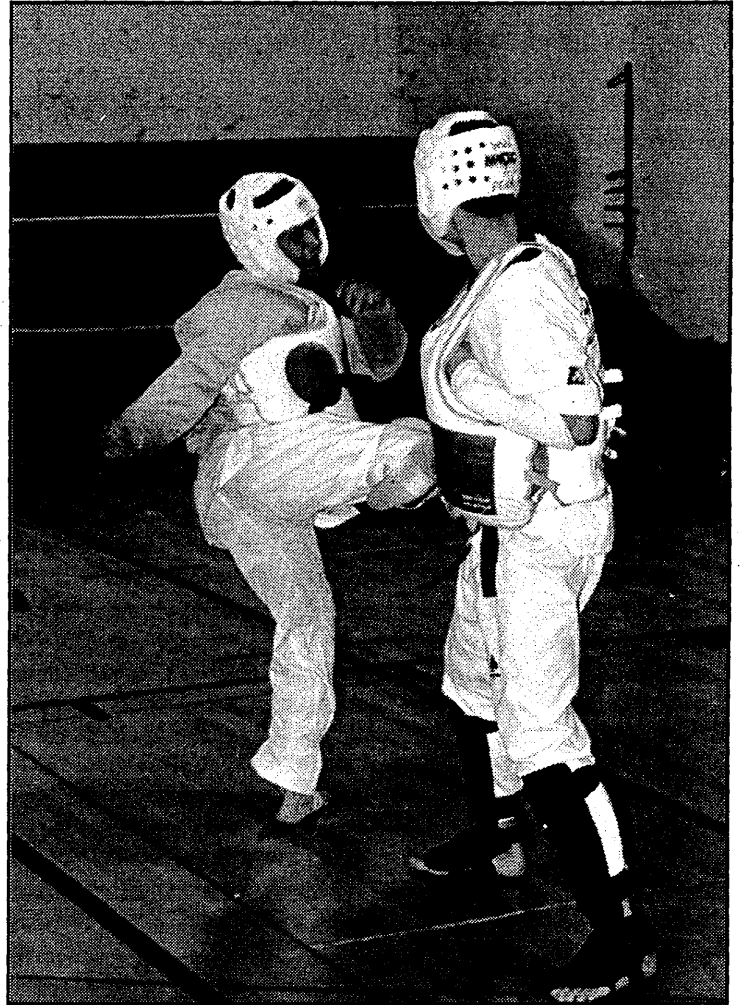
Many members of the club compete in various tournaments. Rowand traveled to California this summer to compete in the Pan American Open and made it to the second round at the U.S. Open, which was held at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. Rowand will attend U.S. Nationals on Wednesday May 7-11 as part of the Washington State team.

Ngo has also entered several competitions throughout the years, including the state tournament in 1989 and 1991, and the Abbotsford Championship in Abbotsford, B.C. in November.

Spears is also no stranger to tournaments. She entered several when she was younger, but she has yet to compete as a black belt.

Rowand, Ngo and Spears are concerned about the misconceptions people have about Tae Kwon Do.

"A lot of people think that martial arts are all about fighting. This is where they get the idea that everyone who practices them is a tough guy. But there is a whole different side to martial arts. There is a zen," Ngo said.



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Michael Covey absorbs a powerful sidekick from Tae Kwon Do club instructor and president Sang Rowand.

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Anti-Palestinian ad hampers Middle East peace process

As soon as I saw the names Ralph Reed and Rev. Jerry Falwell, I knew it couldn't be good. But then I saw the rest, and my jaw dropped. Taking the name Christians for a United Jerusalem, Reed, Falwell and the usual suspects from the Christian right took out a \$69,000 full-page advertisement in the April 18 issue of The New York Times to declare that Jerusalem should be "the eternal capital of the Jewish people" — no exceptions.

As if Netanyahu isn't doing enough to ruin the Middle East peace process, Ralph and the gang are announcing their complete support for making sure the Palestinians stay the hell out of Jerusalem.

To justify its actions, CUJ is using the Jerusalem Embassy Relocation Act, passed by Congress in 1995. This act moves the U.S. embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem and officially recognizes Jerusalem as Israel's sole capital.

Jerusalem has pretty much always been seen as Israel's capital; Tel Aviv was just a formality because it was considered a less dangerous city. Having Jerusalem as a formal capital is fine, but to have it completely Jewish-dominated is not. Jerusalem is not a holy site for only Jewish people. Dome of the Rock, in the city's old quarter, is the second holiest site for Muslims.

"Join us in our holy mission to ensure that Jerusalem will remain the undivided, eternal capital of Israel. The battle for Jerusalem has begun, and it is time for believers in Christ to support our Jewish brethren and the State of Israel. The time for unity with the Jewish people is **now**" (emphasis in original advertisement).

Pardon me, but why the hell does the Christian Coalition want to ally itself with those who don't traditionally believe in Jesus Christ?

What is their interest in this? Either big money is being exchanged, or they're afraid Palestinians won't allow access to Jerusalem. Granted, CUJ is on the other side of the world from the action and probably won't have much influence as to what happens in the Middle East.

But they're very influential with the U.S. Congress, who will exert their interests in the process. Five days after this ad was run, Ralph Reed stepped down from heading the Christian Coalition, sighting that the organization was restricting his efforts to elect right-wing candidates to Congress. What's he really up to?

The most dangerous aspect of this advertisement is that it is promoting war when so many are trying to promote peace. It is why former Prime Minister Yitzak Rabin was gunned down while leaving a peace rally.

So Ralph, what freedoms, if any, will the Palestinians have? As a Jewish person, this so-called plea to help offends me. If any peace is to be reached, we certainly don't need to be subjected to material such as this.

— Rachel Morrow, News editor

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Flex plans should be flexible

COMMENTARY



Kim Vincent

Day after day, the students who live in university housing drearily trudge over to the dining hall with less and less hope of getting a delicious, satisfying meal.

Anyone who has ever lived in university housing knows this experience well.

After hitting your favorite spot — the salad bar — you suddenly experience *deja vu* in front of the soup pots when you discover the *arroz con pollo* you had for dinner the night before has now been converted to liquid form to become chicken soup with rice.

The dining halls seem to enjoy subjecting us to one of two things every other day: either creating a new dish from old leftovers, or inventing something totally creative and unique. For example, pepperoni pizza soup, which I'm not sure anyone has ever had the guts to try.

But the quality of the food isn't my biggest complaint.

Once winter quarter rolled

around, I reduced my 15-flex meal plan to a 10-flex plan. I have access to an apartment kitchen now, and my visits to the dining hall have dwindled to four or five per week. I realized this was a huge waste of my money and decided to try to do something about it.

After being transferred from Dining Services, to the housing coordinator, to the housing cashier and what seemed to be every other office on campus, I finally reached someone who could answer my questions.

Yes, she said, I am required to have a meal plan while living in a dorm and no exceptions could be made.

Residents of Birnam Wood are the only people allowed this option, which doesn't make sense to me. They have kitchens — why would they want to eat in the dining halls anyway?

The office of University Residences should do something to accommodate students in dorms who can never eat their designated meals per week.

Every week, five or more of the meals I paid for are wasted because I don't eat there every day. Once the week is over, so are the week's meals — they don't carry over to the next week, and I can't treat an off-campus friend

to a meal using one of my extra meals.

I thought I might drop my meal plan and buy \$150 in Munch Money for the times I do want to eat in the cafeteria.

I am planning to live in an apartment next year, and I understand new food options will be offered for next year. However, none of the new plans offer fewer than 10 meals per week — unless you live in the Birnam Wood or Buchanan Towers.

In the meantime, it would be nice to have an option to reduce my plan. One alternative they could have offered this year is a five-flex plan — five meals per week and lots of flex points.

I know I'm not the only one with this problem; my roommate eats at Marriott about as much as I do. One of the people I talked to on my quest for information said that when she lived in a dorm, she had the same problem.

The university needs to make their dining plans convenient to more types of people. Living in a dorm has been a great experience, except for this aspect.

It would be nice to enjoy living in the dorms and eating five or so meals a week at Marriott without feeling guilty ridden for not getting your money's worth by eating all 10.

Letters

AS elections show influence of corporate culture

It appears that our recent AS elections served as a not so subtle reminder of the degree to which corporate culture and ideology have affected young adults.

Given the opportunity to express themselves through political advertisements on campus, numerous candidates could

do no better than co-opting the ubiquitous symbols and slogans of corporate giants for their signs.

As if these images were not prevalent enough on campus already, students were subjected to them for nearly a week on the public areas surrounding Red Square.

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Sincerely,

Kevin Scullin
graduate student

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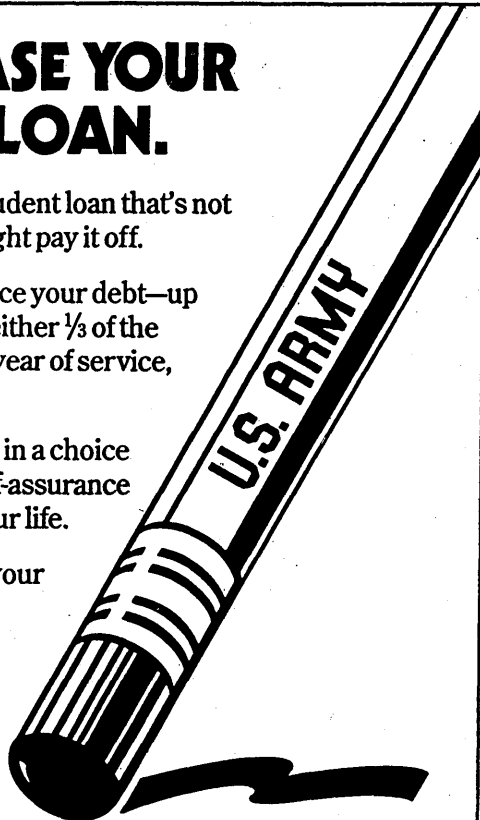
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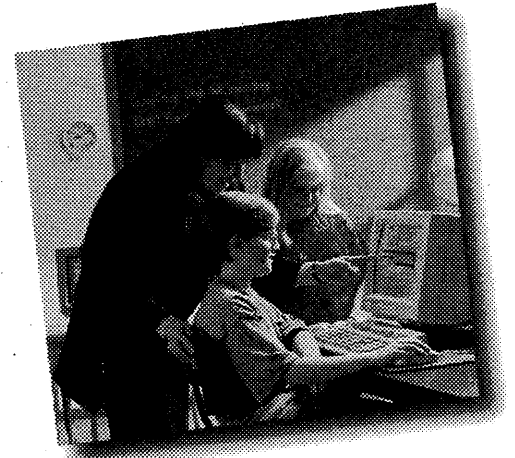
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