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## Students march, drum up support



Front/Jesse Kinsman

Corina Schaedler, Sage Cara and Mimi Juarez (above) rally in the rain Monday at the loud demonstration in opposition to Initiative 200, in favor of Initiative 688 and in opposition of Initiative 694. (Right) Peace Resource Center coordinator Jenni Martin speaks at the rally in Red Square.

By Matt Williams  
The Western Front

Be loud. Be heard. That was the idea behind Monday's rain-soaked march from Red Square to the Federal Building in Downtown Bellingham.

The rally and march called for people to vote yes on Initiative 688, the initiative to raise the minimum wage, no on Initiative 200, the initiative to eliminate Affirmative Action, and no on Initiative 694, the initiative to make late-term abortions illegal in Washington state.

Despite the heavy midday downpour, the marchers' spirits were high. Fueled by a lead banjo played by Robert Blake, participants joined in with any noise-maker; they could find: a bullhorn, a drum, an upside-down bucket used as a drum, kazoos and, most commonly, a voice.

"(Our main goal) is to get people out to vote and to let the people of Bellingham know that we really care," said Jenny Martin, coordinator of the Peace Resource Center.

The march and rally were part of an extended camp-out in Red Square. Tents first appeared Sunday evening, and campers will be packing up Wednesday once the election results are in, camper Tele Aadson said.

Linda McCarthy, director of Planned Parenthood, was the first of three speakers who opened the activities shortly after 12:30 p.m. Monday.

"Sponsors of (I-694) say it's about 'preventing partial-birth infanticide' ... It is interesting that those words don't appear a single

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## E-mail threats target Initiative-200 activists

By Tyler Watson  
The Western Front

A group of Western students met with University Police Chief James Shaw and other Western administrators late last week to discuss safety concerns after a threatening e-mail was sent to two students who are active in opposing Initiative 200.

The e-mail, which was received by two students last Tuesday, warned the recipients that they were being watched and said, "Get the rope, let's hang this pitiful minority lover." The message was signed "KKK."

Shaw read the e-mail to a group of about 40 students at the meeting. Shaw and University Judicial Officer Michael Schardein then answered questions about what police and administrators were going to do to protect I-200 demonstrators as they prepared for this week's camp-out.

"We do have an (e-mail) account that it came from, and we hope to talk to that person who signed for the account," Shaw said. "We are taking this very seriously from the standpoint that it is absolutely inappropriate behavior. We will be watching things very closely."

Shaw said University Police are investigating the e-mail threat as a crime, but he said he is unsure if the incident could be prosecuted as such.

"It may or may not come down to a

criminal complaint," Shaw said. "By the time we're done, we are going to have to show some intent to go further with it. When we get to a final position, we can make contact with this individual to find out what in fact they were intending to do, or even if the person had said (the threat).

"We will have to make a decision whether to take it further through the criminal justice process or turn it over to (the Judicial Office)," he said. "It may not fit the box of a crime, but that doesn't mean the university isn't going to take it on."

If University Police decide the case does not fit the definition of a crime, Western's Judicial Office could still take disciplinary action because of a violation of student conduct codes.

Schardein said this quarter his office receives about one complaint of harassment e-mail per week. He said this recent e-mail has been the worst.

"What we want on this campus is for everybody to treat each other in a civil and respectful way," Schardein said at the meeting last week. "We want (Western) to be a campus where people can express their views — that's our goal."

When asked if the e-mail could be prosecuted as a hate crime, Shaw said, "It doesn't look like it. It's a technicality."

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## Locke gives Democrats a lift

By Brooke Hagara  
The Western Front

The appearance and orations of Gov. Gary Locke, Sen. Patty Murray and five local electoral candidates drew a large crowd to Sehome High School Auditorium Sunday afternoon.

More than 120 people gathered at this last Democratic rally before today's election. Local candidates in attendance included Grethe Cammermeyer, Kelli Linville, Al Jensen, Georgia Gardner, and Jeff Morris.

Signs proclaiming "No! Initiative 200," "Make

Work Pay! Yes on I-688" and "Border to Border Democrats Working for Our Families" lined the walls and addressed some of the key issues of today's election, including adequate education, smaller class size, minimum wage, environmental preservation and Social Security's future.

"We need to think about the legacy we are leaving for our children," Locke said.

"Are we going to be proud when we look back at the end of the 20th century and the beginning of the 21st? Are we going to be remembered well?" he asked.

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## Western may require laptops

By Colin E. Howser  
The Western Front

Western's Academic Technology Committee is investigating the possibility of advancing the university to the next strata of the computer age — requiring students to own laptop computers in order to be admitted to Western.

Les Blackwell, chair of the Department of Instructional Technology for Woodring College of Education and ATC member, said the investigation is an inquiry into the feasibility of students owning their own laptops before being admitted to Western or proving to the university that they have easy access to a computer.

"We have been given a request from Larry Delorme, the old provost, to investigate whether laptops would provide a better means of instructing the students

on campus, and would it make it easier for them to get the material that they need to know?" Blackwell said.

The committee is presented with many issues, good and bad, when discussing the possibility, he said.

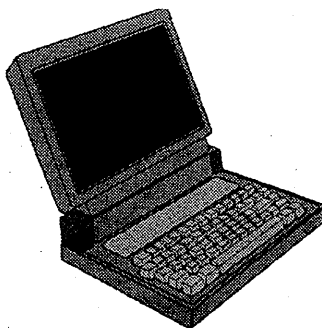
The benefits are being able to connect to a system without waiting in line at the computer labs, instant access to computers, eco-

nomics benefits for the university and competitive computer prices for students.

"On the other hand, I worry about the student who doesn't have a lot of money. How do we get the same software to everybody?" Blackwell explained. "We haven't checked thoroughly with student financial aid. It would probably change how students get student loans. Our networking system — could it handle all these laptops hooked on?"

The problems with students damaging their laptops must play a part in the decision. "I can't turn in my homework, because my computer broke or my dog ate it," Blackwell said with a laugh.

Some universities, and first and secondary schools, throughout the country are attempting to



Front/Ben Stabler

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Today is Election Day. If you would like to vote on campus, a voting station is located in the Viking Union TV lounge, open until 7 p.m.

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## Campus Police:

**Oct. 28, 8:33 p.m.:** A Highland Hall resident reported he heard a couple of pings against his window. He looked and noticed a BB-shaped mark on his window. No suspects were seen.

**Oct. 28, 9:30 p.m.:** Another resident of Highland Hall reported a BB-sized hole in his dorm window.

**Oct. 29, 8:30 p.m.:** Two people reported receiving six harassing phone calls within two days. The caller asked the victims' names, what they were wearing and whether they wanted to have phone sex.

**Oct. 29, 8:40 p.m.:** A Birnam Wood resident reported a phone call from a caller requesting phone sex. The victim hung up.

## Bellingham Police:

**Oct. 30, 10:22 p.m.:** In the 3600 block of West Rusley Drive, a woman reported a plastic pumpkin stolen from her house. She observed a teenage male flee in a light-colored hatchback vehicle.

**Oct. 31, 2:32 p.m.:** A man reported his tires slashed while his car was parked in front of his residence in the 2400 block of J Street. He said he did not see who did it.

**Oct. 31, 5:39 p.m.:** An egg thrown by an unknown person in the 100 block of Carolina Street struck someone in the head was reported.

**Oct. 31, 7:06 p.m.:** Officers responded to a report of armed robbery in the 2000 block of Cornwall Avenue. The case is under investigation.

**Oct. 31, 8:13 p.m.:** Officers responded to a report of armed robbery in the 3100 block of Old Fairhaven Parkway. The case is under investigation.

**Oct. 31, 8:51 p.m.:** A man asked two individuals to leave his property in the 2400 Block of G Street. He claims the two males came to his door trick-or-treating while intoxicated. The two did not leave the property. Officers gave them a trespass warning for that property.

**Oct. 31, 10:14 p.m.:** The house of a Sehome High School teacher in the 2700 block of Peabody Street was egged. The victim said it was the third time something like this had happened.

**Oct. 31, 11:35 p.m.:** A woman reported her vehicle was egged in the 4300 block of G Street by unknown suspect(s). She discovered paint chips on the passenger side door, but the car was otherwise undamaged.

**Nov. 1, 1 a.m.:** A woman reported that an unknown person dumped an orange paint-like substance on her car while it was parked in the 2500 block of Kentucky Street.

Compiled by Erin Frederichs

## Correction

In the Oct. 30 issue of the Front, on page 1, Gershwin was misspelled.

Also in the Oct. 30 issue, on page 4, the race between Grethe Cammermeyer and Jack Metcalf was incorrectly identified as the 9th district of the U.S. Congress. Cammermeyer and Metcalf are running for the 2nd congressional district.

The Front apologizes for these errors.

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# Western Briefs

## Jewish memories honored

The Northwest Center for Holocaust Education has organized a memorial of the 60th anniversary of Kristallnacht from 7 to 8 p.m. Nov. 9 in the Viking Union Main Lounge. It will honor the first night of violence aimed at the Jews in Germany and Austria. Survivors of the Holocaust living in Whatcom County will honor the memories of family and friends who perished. Refreshments will be provided during the discussion following the memorial.

## Ethnic Student Center offers annual retreat

The Ethnic Student Center Retreat is scheduled for Nov. 13-14 at Camp Casey, located approximately 80 miles southwest of Western. All participants need to register by 4 p.m. Nov. 5. The \$17.50 registration fee includes food, lodging, T-shirt and workshops. Participants must bring a sleeping bag or blankets. For more information call 650-7271.

## Geologist to discuss floods, salmon runs

Geologist John Field will discuss floods and declining salmon runs in "Salmon, Floods and Earth-Science Education — Geology Isn't Just About Rocks Anymore," at 6 p.m. Nov. 10 in Fraser Hall 4. Admission is free.

## Tickets for birdwatching cruise still available

Twenty tickets are still available for the Fall Family Open House's Nature and Birdwatching Cruise on Nov. 7. Tickets are sold out for Nov. 8.

The idea for "Take a Closer Look," the theme for the Open House, was inspired by the new

electron microscope donated to Western this summer by Georgia Pacific. Parents will be able to take a closer look at the new microscope at one of many open houses from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Nov. 7.

## Official language debated

The proposed bill to make English the official American language will be debated at 7 p.m. Nov. 10 in the Viking Union Main Lounge. Associated Students will present Sen. Rosemary McAuliffe.

For more information call 650-6804.

## Self-defense class offered

The Women's Center will offer a free four-session "Common Sense" self-defense workshop with Joan Pollack from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Nov. 4, 5, 11 and 12.

The workshop will be funded by a bake sale at Vendors' Row Tuesday and Wednesday. To sign up for the workshop, call the Women's Center at 650-6114 or visit the bake sale.

## Choir serenades Western

The concert choir will perform under the direction of Leslie Guelker-Cone at 8 p.m. Nov. 10 in the Performing Arts Center Concert Hall. Admission is free.

## Minority students may train in foreign nations

An informational meeting about the Minority International Research Training program will be from 4 to 5 p.m. Nov. 4 in the Old Main 110 Conference Room. The MIRT program offers opportunities for African American, Hispanic American and Pacific Islander students to engage in health-related research in the developing world during sum-

mer 1999. Fellows receive a full monthly stipend, air fare, living expenses and academic credit. During summer 1998, the program at Western was successful in placing one student in Zimbabwe. For more information call 650-6580.

## Competitors needed for Barkley Village Fun Run

The second annual Barkley Village Fun Run will be at 10 a.m. Nov. 7 at Barkley Village, on the corner of Barkley and Woburn streets. The race concludes at 11:30 a.m., with an awards ceremony in Newmarket Park. First-place overall male and female finishers will receive \$100 gift certificates redeemable at any Barkley Village store. Entry fees range from \$12 to \$16 depending on age.

## New diabetes support group formed on campus

A meeting to establish a support group for people with diabetes is scheduled for 7 to 9 p.m. Nov. 4 in Bond Hall 108. Kristen Elde, a junior at Western, and Jan Rystrom, a registered dietician at St. Joseph Hospital, are putting together the project, targeted at people ages 14 to 30 with diabetes. Contact Elde at 734-4933 or Rystrom at 738-6300, extension 4161, for more information.

Compiled by Kevin Westrick

## Western Briefs Policy

To include an event in Western Briefs, send a news release two weeks before the event to The Western Front, College Hall 09, Bellingham, WA 98225, via fax, 650-7775, or e-mail, wfront@cc.wvu.edu. Due to space and time limitations, we cannot guarantee the publication of all submissions and reserve the right to edit any news release.

## 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, via fax to X/7287, or brought in person to Commissary 113A. DO NOT SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS DIRECTLY TO THE WESTERN FRONT. Phoned announcements will not be accepted. All announcements should be signed by originator.

PLEASE POST

**BIOLOGY ADD CODES** must be picked up in BI 315 Nov. 12-13 and used by the date on the add code slip or the add code may be given to someone on the class waiting list.

**INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS AND EXCHANGES WILL** host a session on the International Student Exchange Program at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4, in VU 408 and a National Student Exchange session at 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, in VA 461. Questions may be directed to X/3298 or stop by OM 530E.

**MATH PLACEMENT TEST.** Registration is not required. Students must bring picture ID and a No. 2 pencil. A \$10 fee is payable in the exact amount at time of testing. Testing will be at 9 a.m. in Old Main 120 as follows: Mondays — Nov. 9, 16, 23, 30, and Dec. 7; Thursdays — Nov. 5, 12, 19, Dec. 3 and 10.

**AUAP IS LOOKING FOR PEOPLE** who want to spend time with students from Tokyo University's Asian University. As "community friends," volunteers invite exchange students into their homes once a month for four months to experience different American lifestyles. For more information, call X/3297.

**BIKE SHOP CLINICS** will be held at the Outdoor Center Nov. 5, 9 and 17. For more information, call X/7533.

**AUAP SEEKS INTERNATIONAL PEER ADVISERS.** Part-time paid positions are available for spring-summer 1999 and fall-winter 1999-2000. Information sessions are set for 7 p.m. Nov. 11 and 12 in BH 227. Applications, available in OM 530, are due Nov. 19.

**THE MILLER ANALOGIES TEST (MAT)** will be given at 2 p.m. in FR 4 on Nov. 17 and Dec. 15. Registration is required in OM 120 or by calling X/3080. A fee of \$35 is payable at the time of the test. Testing takes approximately 1½ hours.

**NEW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS.** Those eligible are displaced homemakers, dislocated workers, students who have been out of school at least five years, students with dependents, and students with disability. Application deadline is Nov. 16. For more details, see the Scholarship Center, OM 260, or call X/3471.

**TETEP (TEST FOR ENTRANCE INTO TEACHER EDUCATION)** will be given at 9 a.m. Monday, Jan. 4, in FR 4. Registration is required in OM 120. A \$25 fee must be paid in the exact amount at time of registration. Testing takes approximately 2½ hours.

## On-campus recruiting

**Consolidated Electrical Distributors,** Wednesday, Nov. 4. See description and company information in signup folder and Career Services Center library, OM 280. Submit résumé and signup in OM 280.

**Office Depot,** Wednesday, Nov. 4. Submit résumé and signup in OM 280.

**USWest,** Wednesday, Nov. 4. Submit résumé and signup in OM 280.

**Cerner Corp.,** Thursday, Nov. 5. See signup folder for job description and employer file in career library, OM 280, for information about the company. Attend information session at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4, in OM 280. Submit résumé and signup in OM 280.

**Weyerhaeuser Information Technology.** Information sessions at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. for juniors and non-graduating seniors interested in internships. Interviews will be in January. Stop by OM 280 or call X/3240 for more information.

**Weyerhaeuser,** Friday, Nov. 6. Attend information session at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, in the Library Presentation Room.

**Safeco.** Preselect deadline for submitting résumé and transcript to Career Services is Wednesday, Nov. 4. Preselect interviews scheduled Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 18 and 19.

**Mervyn's,** Friday, Nov. 6. See employer file in career library, OM 280, for more information and the signup folder for specifics about positions. Submit résumé and signup in OM 280.



# Newsmakers

PEOPLE MAKING AN IMPACT ON CAMPUS

By Becky Christopherson  
The Western Front

Sarah Steves has come a long way since falling off the balance beam at a Sammamish High School gymnastics meet in front of several senior guys who were watching their not-so-awkward girlfriends. She has also gotten over the awkwardness of a late, rapid-growth rate between ninth and 12th grades, when she grew nearly nine inches and had to buy a new pair of jeans every month. And Steves is finally able to say she has a voice that truly represents all students — a voice that in high school was only heard from the playing fields or bleachers, where she was a cheerleader for two years.

Steves is Western's 1998-99 Associated Students president, a role she has enjoyed getting to know.

"I really care about the school," Steves said. "I love the school and the A.S."

Steves may often be found in her office working on pet projects that were part of her campaign last year, such as better student access to campus leaders, more student representation through the student-trustee position and governance commission, an online syllabus and more diversity on campus.

Last year Steves wanted to make herself and the administration more accessible to students by setting up a booth in Red Square once a month so students could stop by and ask questions and make comments.

She is still working toward this goal but has been met with a huge list of projects and jobs, which makes getting out on campus difficult. Although she hasn't made it out so far this quarter, she said she

has not forgotten her goal and plans to be out in Red Square at least once this quarter interacting with students.

"I am trying to find a balance between making myself available and accessible, and lately I am finding myself here (in the office) more than I should, could or want to," Steves said.

Steves' desire for more student representation leads her to take on the task of appointing a student trustee to represent the students. Five students were chosen by a student and faculty committee through an interview process and then appointed by the governor.

Steves also helped form the A.S. Governance Commission, which allows students to help establish policies and keep communication flowing throughout campus by acting as a liaison between the college and the governance commission.

The commission consists of Vice President for Legislative and Community Affairs David Toyer, V.P. for Academic Affairs Victor Cox, a secretary, an adviser, commissioners from each college and four at-large commissioners appointed by the A.S. Board of Directors.

Steves still plans to provide students with an online syllabus consisting of General University Requirements by registration time for next year, but she is not sure which organization on campus will support it, who will maintain it or which page it will be connected to on the web.

As part of her commitment to diversity, Steves is working on bringing a Filipino professor to campus to teach a class. The idea came to her last year when she was approached by students at a multi-

cultural conference who expressed an interest in the Filipino culture.

Steves first became involved with student government when she joined the Residence Hall Association for Nash Hall when she was a freshman. In her sophomore year she ran for the job of Residence Hall Secretary and won. As a junior, Steves decided to run for vice president for Academic Affairs and, much to her surprise, won.

"I had been taking baby steps, and this just seemed like the next logical baby step," Steves said.

Steves said she likes to challenge herself. She ran for vice president partly because she wanted to stay in the A.S., but mostly because she wanted to put herself on the line by running against a more experienced and more popular opponent.

"It less stems from my career aspirations and more (from) my aspirations for the A.S. and Western," Steves said.

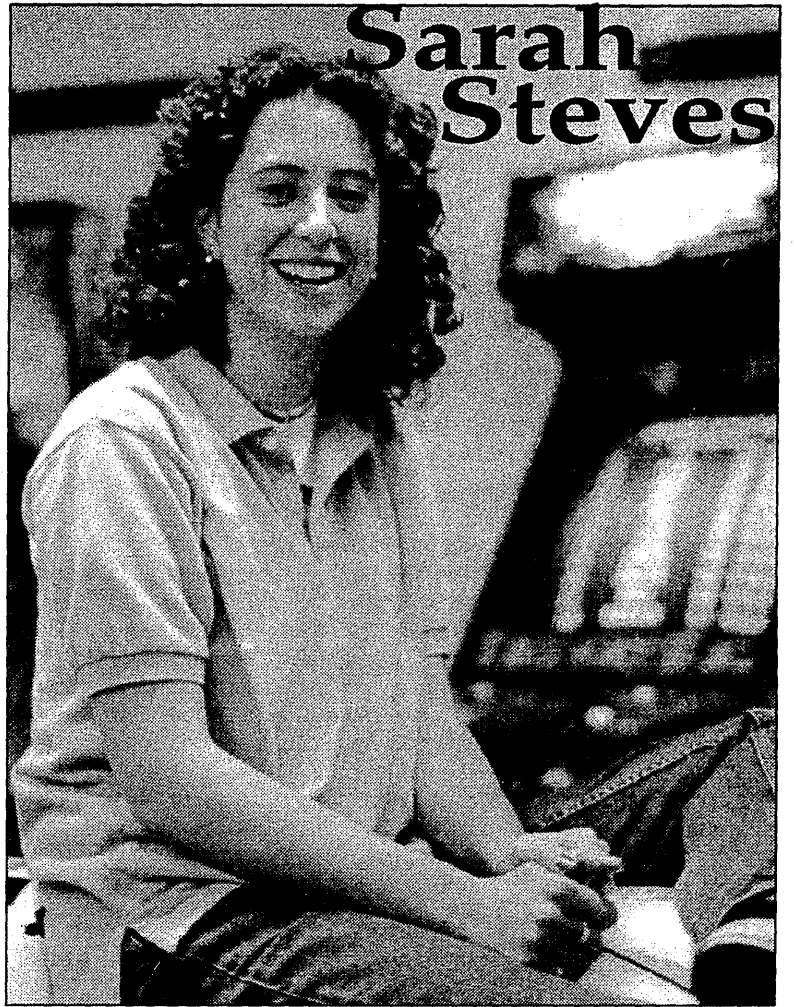
Steves is majoring in communications and minoring in Internet Resource Management, a program she designed herself through the computer science and communications departments.

Steves hopes the skills she is acquiring as a web-page designer and good communicator can be used in a human resources job that uses computer web sites as a large part of its communications.

"I feel like there's an obligation for me to stay in touch with people," Steves said.

Steves' desire to stay in touch with people has also been valuable to her as A.S. president, a job that keeps her interacting with people every day and usually requires nearly 35 hours of her time per week.

One of the ways she has been able to keep in touch with students is on the A.S. web page, through a weekly question posed to the campus that students can reply to. It usually



Front/Caroline Deck

Associated Students President Sarah Steves took office last May.

involves an issue pertinent to the entire campus, such as last week's question which asked students what they thought of the possibility of the school requiring laptop computers for incoming students.

By reading the answers, Steves knows what students think about important issues. After she receives the comments, they are forwarded to all of the vice presidents on the A.S. Board and then to the appropriate departmental people on campus.

Steves' many aspirations for Western cannot be accomplished overnight. She is aware of this and

hopes that, when she leaves her position in June, she will be able to look back on the year and be proud of becoming a better person — through learning everything she could, utilizing the experience to the fullest and being given the opportunity to become president.

She would also like to see a 75-percent voter turnout, influenced by the work she and the board have put forth this year, but Steves also knows that number is a dream.

Dream or not, Steves has demonstrated each and every year the guts to putting herself out on the line, regardless of the odds.

## Attention Independent Learning Students!

For your convenience, a new drop box for lessons and videos is located to the right of the elevator on the first floor of Old Main.

Lessons may also be dropped off in person at our office in the Chestnut Professional Building. From campus take N. Garden or Indian St. north to Chestnut, turn right and proceed to 800 E. Chestnut.

Independent Learning



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## Threatening e-mail on the rise, from page 1



Shaw

"The fact of the matter is that they're not targeting a person based on race or gender; they're targeting based on their political belief," Shaw said.

"It would have to be more specifically worded or something that would make it more definitive of a racial or gender discrimination," he said. "We are treating it with the seriousness of a hate crime, but it

may not be classified as a hate crime when we get done with it; we're using federal guidelines."

Sherman Buck, one of the e-mail recipients, said he is frustrated with the lack of protection that federal and state laws give people in these type of harassing and threatening situations.

"What I would like to see is that the law stops being ambiguous," Buck said. "It's pretty sad that we have to see somebody doing something before we are willing to do something in regards to the words that are spoken."

Buck said he is now much more aware of his surroundings after receiving the threatening e-mail.

"I have noticed myself looking around and thinking, 'Is it that person?'" Buck said.

"It was kind of disturbing that within a matter of minutes (after receiving the e-mail) I didn't trust anybody again," he said.

Buck said he was involved with the original I-200 opposition camp-out in Red Square, but he doesn't know why he was singled out.

"I'm pretty vocal about a lot of things, but we were wondering how we got singled out and how they got our names," Buck said.

"... It was just kind of puzzling. It has really made me wonder — if we're going to have community, we have to have trust. How are we going to build trust if we have people running around being dishonest and having no integrity. That is the crux of the problem; we need to have faith in other people," he said.

The Front was not able to contact the other recipient of the e-mail before press time.

Nils Rye, who did not receive the threat but was one of the original I-200 opposition campers, said the e-mail threats will not deter him from participating in I-200 opposition activities.

"I think we have strength in numbers," Rye said. "(Future I-200 activities) are going to be larger because more people know about it. We're going to go out there and show our presence and not be intimidated. It just opens up your eyes and gives you something to think about."

Shaw said he will increase a police presence around the area when I-200 demonstrations are happening, but he stressed that those concerned with safety must take steps to ensure their own safety when on their own.

Shaw said concerned students should travel in pairs or groups, tell friends and family where they are going and when they plan to be back and report any incidents of harassment or crime to University Police.

# Vote '98

## Candidates' forum

As a prelude to Election Day, Nov. 3, The Western Front contacted candidates by e-mail, fax and phone. This final part of a three-part series addresses some issues of importance to the Western community.

### 42nd district representative, position 2



**Kelli  
Linville (D)**



**Wayne  
Tomlinson (R)**

**Western Front:** The cost of public higher education is rising at a rate more than two times the rate of inflation. If elected, would you work to keep college education accessible, and if so, how?

**Kelli Linville:** Yes, I would work to keep college tuition affordable.

Through the Appropriations Committee and the state budget, the legislature allocated dollars to the institutions of higher education. While we don't directly set tuition, we do set the parameters and policies about access and can work with the Council of Presidents and the Student Lobby to keep access available.

**Wayne Tomlinson:** had no comment.

**WF:** Many college students worry about their job prospects after they graduate. What will you do to increase job opportunities in Whatcom County and Washington state?

**Linville:** I have consistently supported tax incentives, reductions and regulatory policies that would result in job creation for both large and small businesses —

specifically, businesses that create jobs, train workers and provide benefits (and) infrastructure support (water, roads, utilities).

**Tomlinson:** We need to try to get industries to work with each other and bring in new industries and more jobs. More industries need to help each other out rather than competing so heavily against each other.

**WF:** Do you believe the state's public colleges are overfunded or underfunded, and what do you think needs to be done in respect to the school's budget and operation?

**Linville:** I believe higher education is underfunded. I support the Endowment Bill (that was) passed last session but was underfunded, which would provide seed money that could be matched by private donations in order to create additional funding.

**Tomlinson:** I can't answer either way on this question. The money that is there in the school system needs to be used more wisely than it is today.

**WF:** Some may say that young people are apathetic in regard to

politics. How would you propose increasing young adults' involvement in the political process and ensuring their voices are heard?

**Linville:** I have always supported the student lobbying efforts and the Young Democrats on campus. I speak to student groups and classes whenever I have the opportunity at the K-12 and the college level. I have requested student interns and involved students in my campaign. I would consider having a student advisory group made up of students from all the higher education institutions in the district to formalize the opportunity to be involved.

**Tomlinson:** The young are not the only ones who are apathetic in government and political issues. We hear years of promises every election year, and the outcome is usually not the same as promised in the campaign. We need good quality people with good moral values. I will speak to the youth and assure them that there are good politicians out there. They need to vote; it is the only way that their voices can be heard.

**WF:** One might argue that col-

lege students are among the poorest segments of the population. Would you propose any solutions to help alleviate students' financial burdens?

**Linville:** I have supported increased grants and student assistance in the past. I also support the increase in the minimum wage, so that if students have to work, they can increase their earnings.

**Tomlinson:** Young people have a more spendable income. They have more money than a lot of the working-class people.

**WF:** Students often have problems getting classes they need to graduate on time. How would you address this problem?

**Linville:** Ensuring that the institutions are adequately funded should allow more class offerings for students. I support Rep. Quall's bill, which said students should be able to get the classes they need in order to graduate in four years.

**Tomlinson:** had no comment.

**WF:** Many students make minimum wage. Do you support Initiative 688, which would

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## Morse goes to Israeli conference

By Mia Penta  
The Western Front

It's going to be difficult to get a hold of Western President Karen Morse from Oct. 31 to Nov. 10, considering she will be clear across the globe.

Morse is in Israel for the first University President's Mission, an event co-sponsored by the State of Israel's Office of Academic Affairs in the United States and the American-Israel Friendship League. Participants will visit Israel's universities and examine educational approaches to resolving different problems, Morse explained via e-mail.

"I am looking forward to discussions about how the (Israeli) government views higher education and how university leaders view their role in society," she wrote.

Morse wrote she plans to establish contacts with (Israeli) university leaders to explore the possibility of future collaboration and exchanges for both faculty and students. She will also have the opportunity to meet Israeli public figures such as President Ezer Weizmann, former Prime Minister Shimon Peres and representatives of the Palestinian Authority. These opportunities will expand Western's reputation abroad, Morse noted.

### After Thanksgiving Sale

Nov. 27, 28, & 29

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One Prize Drawing Each Day of Sale

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## Election, from page 4

increase the state's minimum wage to \$5.70 from \$5.15 in 1999 and to \$6.50 in 2000?

Linville: Yes.

Tomlinson: To a lot of people, this bill can give them a good feeling — people make more money — but taxes are increased as well. Increased taxes means government growth. We need job growth, not government growth. I would vote no on this bill.

WF: What is your position on Initiative 692, which would allow for the medical use of marijuana for certain conditions?

Linville: If the initiative is limited to marijuana and is regulated as any other prescription drug for medical use, then I could support it.

Tomlinson: I have not seen medical proof that marijuana has done anybody any help. It is more harmful than helpful. The drug kills brain cells; I don't think young people need it. I would not promote it.

WF: College faculty is a big issue. Do you think that the increased use of part-time faculty is having an adverse effect on the quality of education? What, if anything, should be done?

Linville: I believe faculty should be hired to teach full-time loads. We should make sure that there are not incentives to hire part-time faculty where full-time jobs are available. Faculty should be compensated for preparation time and time to consult and advise students.

Tomlinson had no comment.

Compiled by Nick Haney

## Locke shows support for local elections, from page 1

Locke addressed several of Tuesday's election issues in his speech.

"We need to save our environment by restoring the salmon and ensuring a clean water supply," he said. "We don't want to become another Los Angeles."

Locke also discussed implementing tax policies that take care of working men and women and the importance of adequate funding for education — including higher education — and the impact of smaller class sizes.

"We want to make sure teachers get adequate training," Murray said. "All people should get an education, no matter who they are or where

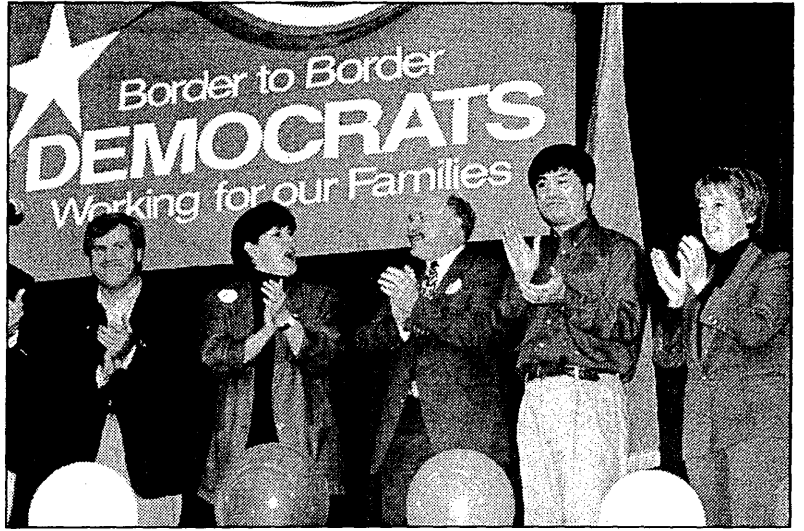
they come from."

Murray also discussed this year's Democratic agenda and stressed the importance of everyone getting to the polls and voting.

Several Western students also attended the rally.

"I believe the government has an obligation to look out for the poor," Western junior Morgan Hepfer said. "The Democrats tend to support the majority of people over the minority."

"Everyone has a vote, and it is really important that you use it," Western student and member of the Voter Registration Alliance Ellen Hutchinson said. "That's what democracy is all about."



Front/ Erin Frederichs  
Jeff Morris, Kelly Linville, Al Jensen, Gary Locke and Patty Murray visited Sehome High School at the Democratic rally Sunday.

## Safety concerns limit lab hours

By Brooke Hagara  
The Western Front

The completion of Haggard Hall will solve a long-time problem for students who work late and lack access to computers in their own homes.

Academic Technology and User Services runs eight 24-hour computer labs on campus, which are located in Miller, Arntzen and Fraser Halls and the Engineering and Technology Building. The buildings, however, are locked from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Students who do not enter the lab before 11 p.m. do not get in at all. ATUS's goal is to have labs students can use any time of the day or night, ATUS Help Desk Coordinator Laurie Yeager said.

Haggard Hall will solve the problem by hav-

ing four true 24-hour labs on the bottom floor, Yeager said. Unlike other buildings, in Haggard Hall, the ground floor can be locked separately from upper floors, addressing security concerns of the departments.

Students are also not allowed to let other students in after 11 p.m., University Police Sgt. John Browne said. The buildings are secure, and security doesn't want to run the risk of people entering who do not intend to use the computer labs.

"It doesn't make sense because some people work late," Western student Kim Pirestani said. "I think it is a huge inconvenience. We are all here for the same purpose — to get our work done and go home. I think it is a total pain in the ass."

Either the custodial staff or the University Police lock the doors at 11 p.m. for security rea-

sons and to respect the requests of department chairs, University Police Sgt. John Browne said. In the past, minor security problems, such as vending machines being broken into, have occurred.

One of the labs, located in the Engineering and Technology Building, is locked 24 hours per day because of security concerns regarding high-tech and expensive equipment, Browne said. Only authorized people are allowed inside.

"The dorms have all-night computer labs that on-campus residents have access to," Jenni Cannon, a Western student, said. "You'd think that upperclassmen would have the same option."

"I kind of like the idea that the labs are locked after 11 (p.m.)," Western student Shelley Severson said. "That way, it makes it safer."



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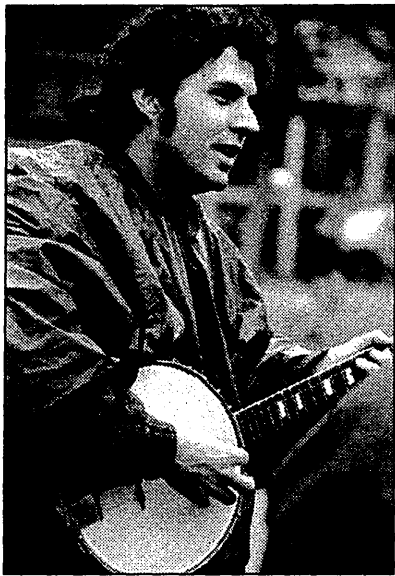
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# Students get political, from page 1



Front/Jesse Kinsman Robert Blake led the marchers Monday to the strum of his banjo.

time in the initiative," McCarthy said. "In reality, it's designed — in the way it's worded — to outlaw all abortions."

I-694 will give Washington state its own unique definition of the term "pregnancy" that does not match any medical dictionary, McCarthy said.

Pregnancy will be redefined as beginning with conception, thus possibly leading to a ban on contraception, McCarthy said.

Western junior Becky Statzel spoke about I-200. "Why are people who are standing up against Initiative 200 getting death threats from the KKK? Why are people who are taking a stand getting racial slurs thrown at them every day?" Statzel asked the crowd.

She also spoke against Referendum 49. According to the Student Voter Alliance

Voter Guide, R-49 aims to reduce vehicle taxes and cut funds for public transportation by \$30 million.

"Instead of having vehicle owners paying for the upkeep of our roads and highways, (funding) would actually be diverted from education, environmental (programs) and social programs," Statzel said.

Ricardo Valdez, coordinator of the Cesar Chavez Student Organization for Labor Solidarity, took the floor following Statzel to say a few words about I-688.

"I-688 has a lot of support... Even some members of the business community, like the Puget Sound Business Journal, have come out in support of 688," Valdez said.

I-688 would increase the Washington state minimum wage to \$5.70 from \$4.90 in 1999 and again to \$6.50 in 200. I-688 also provides for the minimum wage to be adjusted annually for inflation.

"We all deserve a standard of living where we can eat," Martin said.

After the three speakers had been heard, the thoroughly drenched marchers gathered their signs and noisemakers and headed for the downtown area led by Blake and his banjo.

"Like a tree standing in the water, we shall not be moved," the marchers sang in unison.

Blake lead the troupe in versions of "We Shall Not Be Moved," "When The Saints Go Marching In" and "This Train is Bound For Glory."

An open-mic session in support of diversity was planned for Monday night but was postponed until 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday night due to rain.

Also appearing on this year's ballot, but not addressed in Monday's activities, is I-692, the initiative to allow the medical use of marijuana for patients with terminal illness.

# Laptop requirement, from page 1

computerize their educational systems, but Blackwell said the committee must investigate if the schools are successful.

"It appears as if most of those schools are private," Blackwell said.

"I was just informed that both Central and Eastern are looking into this, so it's not an idea that is taking fruition here by itself," Blackwell said.

The idea of computerized education is something students must learn to cope with eventually, he said.

"Bill Gates is correct that the digitized world is right around the corner," Blackwell said.

Western's Vice Provost for Information and Telecommunication Services and ATC member Jerry Boles agreed that many problems need to be solved before a time frame for required student ownership of computers will even be discussed, and the approach will most likely be different than that of the private schools.

"There's another flavor of the program that's more prevalent to the public sector," Boles said. "It is establishing a series of requirements that the student must have access to a computer with the proper programs."

"What if you're a two-year transfer student? You don't have to take any more GURs and the rest of your classes involve playing the cello," Boles said.

"What some of the other institutions have done for that is say we will make sure there are some computer-intensive courses in music," he said.

If Western adopts one of the programs, either ownership or access, Boles said the university would investigate whether it could work with computer companies to get good prices.

"But we, as a public institution, have to be very careful, because there are state laws against public entities competing with private entities," Boles said.

Blackwell said the computer situation would not be decided without giving everyone on campus a chance to give their viewpoints.

"Once we make our recommendation to the provost, then he would probably approach other committees and groups like the student body and say, 'Tell me what you think,'" Blackwell explained.

A.S. President Sarah Steves said she hasn't heard any positive student support for laptop requirements, and she doesn't foresee the computer requirement being instituted at Western because it's a public institution.

"I cannot feasibly see this because more people who are less wealthy are going to higher education, and I just don't see that working," Steves said.

With the laptop debate still being discussed, Boles said, students shouldn't worry that change is in the immediate future.

"It certainly won't happen next year," Boles said. "If we're going to have any kind of requirement, it's got to go in the catalog, because what students need to graduate is based upon the catalog they get when they (enter Western). The catalog for next year is coming out in a month or so — this is not going to make that."

Blackwell said the ATC is requested to report on the issue by the end of fall quarter, but a lot of issues must be discussed. "I don't know if we'll make it," he said. Boles also said that if computer access were required, students already attending Western would be spared by a grandfather-clause system.

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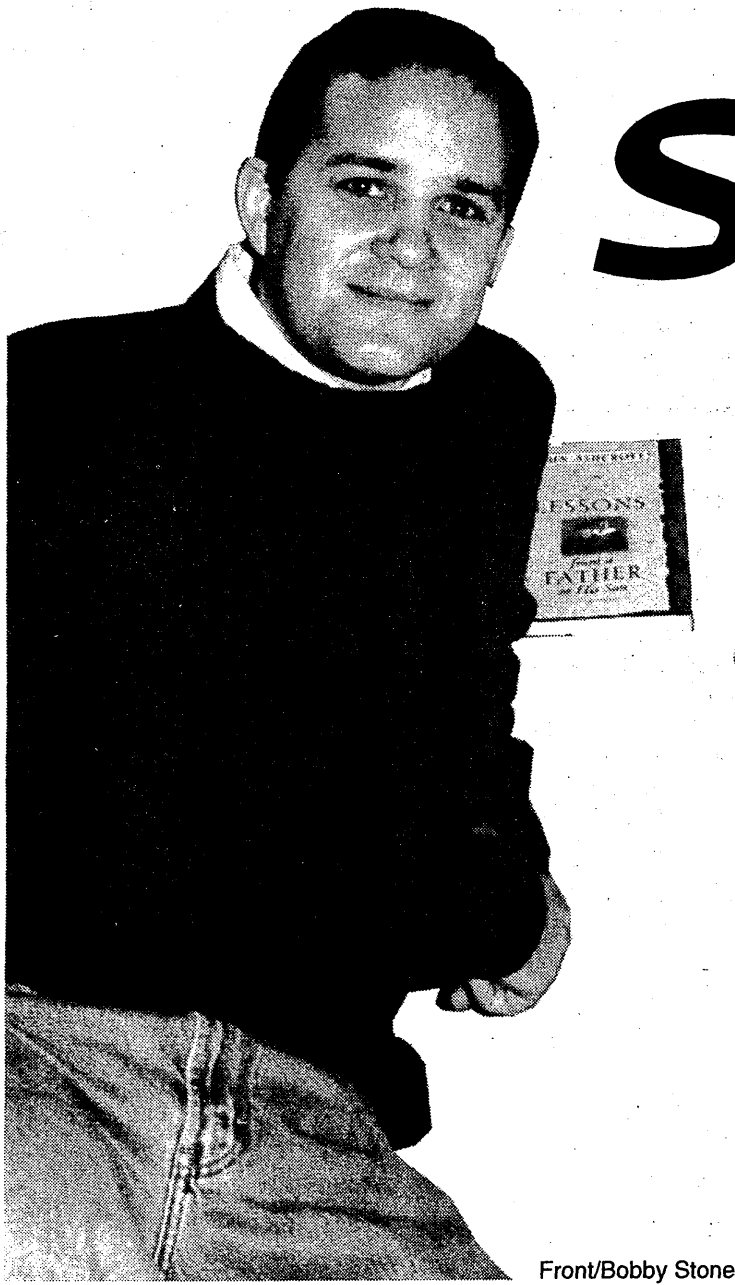
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# Soul Man

Western alumnus and author Gary Thomas shares his experiences across United States

By Derrick Scheid  
The Western Front

If Western graduate Gary Thomas had been told five years ago that he would write books with

Evander Holyfield, Norma McCorvey (known as Jane Roe of Roe vs. Wade), presidential hopeful Sen. John Ashcroft and a book about NASCAR champion Jeff Gordon, he would have said, "Not me!"

But it was about that time in his life that Thomas "broke into the field" of being a nationally known author. After eight years of writing and getting nothing published, Thomas

came out with his first book, "Seeking the Face of God" in 1994, and within six weeks had three articles in national magazines. In less than a year he was in Atlanta talking to Holyfield, even though he knew nothing about boxing.

"Most publishers approach me," said Thomas, who graduated from Western with a degree in English literature in 1984.

But it has not always been that way, he said. It took determination and perseverance for Thomas to get nine books published under a total of five different publishers.

"I just wouldn't quit," Thomas said. "You just have to be persistent until your break comes. A lot of people don't fail; they just quit before they succeed."

"It's hard to make a living as a writer," Thomas said. He was writing for the Pierce County Herald and trying to start his career as an author but, "\$20 a column wasn't cutting it," Thomas said. After he spent a year as the Associate Director of The Inn at Western, Thomas and his wife Lisa moved to Vancouver where he completed his masters in theology.

Shortly after Thomas received his MA from Regent Seminary, his family moved to Falls Church, Va., where he worked for eight years as a writer for Care-Net, the largest pro-life organization in the United States. While in Virginia, Thomas met Paula Jones' personal adviser, Susan Carpenter McMillan, who approached him about writing Jones' story, when Jones first made allegations against President Clinton.

"It had all the drama you could ask for — an anonymous person taking on the most powerful man in the world," Thomas said.

Thomas wrote the proposal and nearly got the deal, but the book idea got lost in the midst of the case and was never written.

"If she had been attacking a conservative, the story would have been written in a heartbeat," Thomas said.

Thomas was later subpoenaed for the Paula Jones suit against Clinton because excerpts from Thomas's proposal found their way into The New Yorker. McMillan had been issued a gag order at the time, and Clinton's lawyers were trying to get something from Thomas they could use against Jones, Thomas said.

"They never got anything from me," Thomas

said. "They just wasted their money."

Another story— one that has affected our nation drastically, is the story of McCorvey (Jane Roe) and how she went to the supreme court and helped initiate the legalization of abortion in the United States. The story Thomas wrote — a story that has been all but lost in the abortion debate — tells about how McCorvey became a born-again Christian in 1995 and "renounced her pro-abortion advocacy."

"She considers herself 100 percent pro-life, no compromise," Thomas said.

The book, "Won by Love," which "is written as a testimony, not an argument," was published last year.

Thomas also made the spotlight a few years ago when he uncovered the story that Holyfield and Tyson had fought a round before they ever officially met in the ring. He drew the story out of the boxer in an interview for the book Thomas ghostwrote in 1996, "Holyfield, The Humble Warrior." The story about the unofficial round was published in USA Today and was the center of all the hype surrounding the match Holyfield went on to win, Thomas said.

Writers think they are just one big break away from making it, but "what's more realistic is that an author has to slowly build a career," Thomas explained. "That's where I'm at right now."

"Most English majors think they have to write Hemingway-level novels, but you can make a living with commercial writing and be a good writer if you meet deadlines," Thomas said. Thomas has made most of his money from ghostwriting until his most recent book, "The Glorious Pursuit."

Thomas also has a book in the works about discipleship that will be written in conjunction with Western graduate and long-time campus pastor of Campus Christian Fellowship Brady Bobbink.

"I would like to publish fiction someday, but it's hard to break in," Thomas said.

Thomas speaks nationally all year around, but he still likes to return to the college environment every once in a while.

Last Tuesday Thomas spoke at Western about Jesus and Women's Liberation, where he talked about what Jesus and the New Testament have to say about the role of women in society. Thomas said, "(In God's view) women are more than wombs and breasts; they are moral followers, a key to God's kingdom."

"I like the college environment, and, as a Christian, I think it's important to give others the chance to hear about something that has impacted my own life so much," Thomas said.

Thomas said he has enjoyed talking in front of people ever since he was a student at Western. A classmate and fellow CCF attendee, Kris DeBruine, said Thomas always had something to say when they were in school together.

When the fellowship met, "(Thomas would) always get up and say something profound," DeBruine said.

She knew Thomas mostly through his roommate but she remembers hearing about how he would stay up late at night reading his Bible with a flashlight under his covers so as not to disturb his roommate.

"Gary was always really intense," DeBruine said.

In addition to the over 60 articles Thomas has had published in national magazines, he has written articles in The Communication Thing, a local quarterly publication put out by CCF.

The Thomas family moved back to Bellingham a year and a half ago. Thomas started and runs the Center for Evangelical Spirituality out of his home and he can be contacted at glt3@aol.com. He also has a web page, www.garythomas.com.

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# Pocket full of Rainbows



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Patients find solace in Bellingham's Rainbow Center, a meeting place for people with mental illnesses in need of support. Above: Alex Johnson hangs out at the center's art room.

By Cole Cosgrove  
The Western Front



When a person with a mental illness is said to be committed, the thought of forced hospitalization comes to mind. At the Rainbow Center, however, the only thing members like Alex Johnson are committed to is helping each other cope; they are all there by choice.

"The ability to help people that aren't helped by mainstream society, either from lack of interest or lack of knowledge," is the strength of the center, Johnson said. "As a helper, it's helped me with my own problems, too."

The Rainbow Center is a drop-in activity center for people with mental illnesses such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and depression. It is free to members in that it doesn't cost any money to be there, and they may come and go as they please. The only thing a person has to do in order to be at the center is to say they have a mental illness.

"We don't check on that," Lyle Stork, director of the Rainbow Center, said. "They're able to come here and not have to tell their story."

The key to the center's non-institutional feel is that the members, not doctors, do nearly all of the counseling and peer-support work. Only two full-time employees help direct activities for the 100 or so members.

"The Rainbow Center is based on a clubhouse model of treatment that has a lot of consumer involvement. The members have to get involved and run the program in order for it to succeed," Stork said. "It's not a professional person doing something for a client; it's encouraging the client to do something for themselves, and so that whole thing empowers the person."

Laundry equipment, shower facilities, lunch and snacks are items that draw people to the center. But the center is more than just a place to clean up and get a meal. People chat as they lounge on couches, converse at tables over coffee or relax with a

cigarette on the back porch, an area that used to be a loading dock at the converted warehouse. It is a group of people who are welcoming and understanding — a warm and dry place to be amid the cement sidewalks of downtown Bellingham.

Members at the center use the knowledge they have acquired through their own experiences with mental illness to understand and help others who are experiencing problems.

Recently a person came into the center feeling suicidal.

"By the end of the day he was settled down and no longer feeling suicidal. But this was a safe place for him to be. I would have gotten him hospitalized if necessary, but through this program, we didn't have to," Stork said.

Nancy Scheibel, a receptionist at the center, does more than just clerical work. She helps homeless members find shelter for the night and talks with people about what they are feeling.

"The best part is helping somebody who is having a little bit of difficulty," Scheibel said.

In addition to peer support, the center is a place where members can work, learn job-related skills or get help finding employment outside the center. Work is the main idea behind the programming at the center. Lunch is free to those who sign up for and perform a work task; otherwise it costs \$1. Everyone who visits the center is encouraged to participate in some kind of task in order to contribute to the life of the community.

"That in itself really encourages the increase of self esteem, the increase of skills in order that they can be available to the work force, and I think it decreases symptoms," Stork said. "If one is having serious mental health symptoms, it kind of takes the person's mind off from if they're hearing voices or having delu-

sions; it can be they're less likely to focus on those."

With the help of the center, Anthony Jackson got a job at a downtown coffee shop. In addition to the work opportunities, Jackson, who has been coming to the center for about two months, makes use of the laid-back recreational activities the center offers.

"I come here, drink coffee, play the piano," Jackson said.

Wesley Lucas, relaxing on the back smoking porch, comes to the center because of a lack of other things to do in Bellingham.

"There's a lot of people like me who are disabled, except we don't drink or anything. And when you don't drink or anything the only thing you can do in Bellingham is go bowl. I can't bowl because I'm disabled, and a lot of people don't do that game anyway, and so that's what makes this place," Lucas said.

People like Jackson and Lucas are fortu-

nate the center even exists today. Since its March opening, the center has faced the resignation of two directors and an arson fire. These obstacles, which might have destroyed lesser programs, only brought the Rainbow Center family closer together.

"The obstacles have really strengthened the community in some ways, because members and advocates for the program — we call them friends of the Rainbow Center — have such a strong commitment to this that they just tried harder; they made it go," Stork said.

"It's the level of commitment on the part of members; it's the level of commitment on the part of the mental health system in Whatcom County," Stork said. "There's a very strong commitment on the part of mental health advocates who have worked for many years to get this center going."

This kind of dedication by people involved with the Rainbow Center makes commitment a thing these people with mental illnesses can be proud of.



Front/Erin Fredrichs  
Terry Bishop spends time at the Rainbow Center, located at 213 E. Champion.



# Program empowers local youth

## Outdoor Discovery builds confidence in kids during nature outings

By Sara Stephens  
The Western Front

Childhood is all about navigating a maze. Through wrong turns that often provide learning opportunities, children realize their capacity to grasp what seems out of reach; they find answers via the environment and people around them.

As some local children take this journey, a program called Outdoor Discovery helps them through the maze by providing a chance for Western students to lend a helping hand and a voice of encouragement.

Outdoor Discovery takes children in grades three through seven outdoors for a day of learning and fun. The program was started by the local Camp Fire Boys and Girls Samish Council. A few years ago, the council recognized the need to help children realize that a connection with young adults and with nature can be helpful in making future life choices.

"Outdoor Discovery's volunteer objective is to supervise and work with youth members to help them plan, implement and evaluate outdoor living activities," Andrea Walters, Camp Fire's program developer, said. "Outdoor Discovery is a way for children to learn that they have strengths they might have never noticed in the classroom."

In January of 1998, the first Outdoor Discovery opportunity took place. Western student volunteers met with Bellingham children, and instead of having adults choose the destination and activities, kids developed a plan and voted on the best idea.

The concept most stressed by Camp Fire is that children are able to make their own wise and informed decisions with a bit of supervision and a lot of nurturing. Camp Fire coined the term "youth empowerment" for this process, which led to a day-long Saturday trip at Mount Baker a few weeks later.

The children built snow forts and snowmen, explored snow caves, went inner-tubing down the slopes and enjoyed sipping hot cocoa. The results were promising and, due to the overwhelming reaction by both volunteers and youngsters, Outdoor Discovery took the first steps out of the starting gate.

"Youth empowerment takes place when adults share with young people by providing opportunities for them to take on reasonable challenges," Walters said.

"Adults listen, respond to ideas and suggestions and share responsibility for achieving desired goals," she said.

"There is just as much that you can learn from (children) as you can teach them," freshman Brian Wokich, a new addition to the Outdoor Discovery team, said. "A lot of people don't realize that, too, so that's why I got involved."

Wokich is only one of two male volunteers on the staff. "I chose to participate because I knew there were boys out there who need good male role models," he said. Walters has the same views. "We are in desperate need of guys for the program since many of the participants are boys," she said.

The main tool Camp Fire developed in order to guide leaders and children through their decision-making processes is called the Cycle of Learning.

The Cycle of Learning has seven steps: find, choose, plan, do, share, reflect and celebrate. This is used as a guide each month for kids to develop their day-long trip.



Courtesy of Campfire Boys and Girls  
Fourth-grader Indy Leenders speeds down the side of Mt. Baker with Western Student Sarah Mason in tow.

The first step deals with researching interesting ideas for projects and activities. The next few steps detail the process by which the children come to an agreement about what will best benefit the group as a whole, which sometimes means sacrificing their individual desires. The last few steps involve rating the experience with criteria such as what they would change if they had to do it over. Through this process, children learn about improving things and reflecting on what the experience meant to them.

"The Cycle of Learning teaches youth members how to take leadership roles and how to get things done," Walters said. "As youth learn how to follow the cycle, they are able to make more and more decisions about what they want to do, and, as a result, they become more self-reliant individuals."

"Everything we do is based on the Cycle of Learning," freshman and new volunteer Virginia Prest said. "We are supposed to know it inside and out."

Wokich is also new to the Outdoor Discovery staff. "I worked at the Camp Sealth this summer, which is personally why I chose to do this program," Wokich, an aspiring psychology and parks and recreation major, said. "I really enjoyed working there with the kids; learning a lot about them."

Prest, an elementary education major, is also fond of children. "I have been baby-sitting practically since I was a baby," she said. "I love working with children, and hopefully this program

will help teach me more about them for my future career."

Students commit two Tuesday nights per month for planning meetings and one Saturday for the day-long excursion. Volunteers are also encouraged to attend the monthly Camp Fire Teens-In-Action meeting, which is geared toward teens who have formed task groups and take action to improve their communities. By attending TIA meetings, college volunteers learn about the community through teenage eyes, which ultimately aids them in their roles for the Outdoor Discovery program.

Outdoor Discovery is currently just a local program; if these first few years go well, Camp Fire Samish Council will be looking at sending the program plans to the national Camp Fire community, Walters said.

"Being a strong role model does not happen by chance," Walters said. "Your job is not to change children but to provide a climate in which their interests and potential can be explored and developed."

"It is also important to recognize how important the contact you have with Outdoor Discovery members is to them," she said. "Consistency helps build a sense of security and trust in the relationship."

Volunteers are asked to lead by example. "Often times, the best way for a child to learn an appropriate behavior is to see someone else exhibiting it," Walters said. She reminds the volunteers that they are constantly being watched.

"I hope to get some good experience from this program," Wokich said. "I am really looking to gain personal satisfaction from it."

Prest also thinks she has much to gain from her Outdoor Discovery experience. "I hope I learn more about kids by teaching them and also by sitting back and learning from them," she said. "I might already have good leadership skills, but this program will hopefully make them stronger."

All training for Outdoor Discovery leaders and assistant leaders is provided.

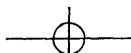
"We know the volunteers are eager to do a good job," Walters said.

Outdoor Discovery is just beginning to get underway for the year and will need dedicated students to guarantee the program's success. For more information, people interested in volunteering may contact Andrea Walters in the Camp Fire Boys and Girls office at 733-5710.



Courtesy of Campfire Boys and Girls

Third-grader Lisa Causey nestles inside a snow cave beside sixth-grader Grace King at Campfire Boys and Girls' Outdoor Discovery trip to Mt. Baker last winter.



# New look, new league, new challenges for Vikings

## Preview: Western Men's Basketball

By Timothy Wyse  
The Western Front

The Western Washington University men's basketball team is sporting a new look this year.

With only four returning lettermen this season, the fewest during Head Coach Brad Jackson's 14-year tenure, the Vikings enter the Pacific West League of the NCAA Division II.

"We have an extremely young team, but we do have a core of experienced players," Jackson said. "We also, on paper, had a good recruiting year."

Jackson is excited about opportunities provided by entering the PacWest and NCAA II, stressing that this has already been shown in recruiting.

"Physically, the team is very good. The real question is our maturity level and how quickly we mesh together on the floor," Jackson said.

The four returning lettermen returning are 6-foot-1 junior guard Jared Stevenson, 6-foot-3 sophomore guard-forward Ryan Kettman, 6-foot-8 senior forward Dave Mott, and 6-foot-3 sophomore guard Jeff Chapman.

Stevenson averaged 16.6 points per game (the best mark for a non-senior at Western since 1978-79), led the PNWAC in assists (4.4 average) and was second in the league in steals and in three-point and free-throw percentages (40.9 and 83.6, respectively).

He set a school record by hitting 37 free-throws in a row.

"(Stevenson) is an outstanding player," Jackson said. "He's tough, he can score and he's at his best in big games. Plus, he's going to continue to get better because he works so hard."

Kettman averaged nine points and nearly five rebounds per game last season.

He averaged 10.3 points and

6.6 rebounds per game as a starter for the last 15 games.

He is a rare inside-outside threat; he finished second on the team in three-pointers, and he had 17 rebounds in one game.

"(Kettman) is only a sophomore, but he's very mature as both a person and a player," Jackson said.

Mott, who will play opposite Kettman, averaged seven points and 3.5 rebounds per game.

"Mott came on very strong in the second half of the season," Jackson said.

Transfer student Mike Sims, from Eastern Washington University, will likely start at forward-center. Sims is a 6-foot-8, three-year letterman.

Western welcomes 11 new players to the team this season.

Heading the list is 6-foot-7 red-shirt freshman A.J. Giesa.

Giesa averaged nearly 18 points and 10.5 rebounds per game.

"(Giesa) is probably the fastest guy on our team," Jackson said.

Chris Stevens and Shelton Diggs are two more freshmen who come from California. Diggs averaged 15 points and five assists per game last season; Stevens was limited to only four games last season but averaged 10 points and five rebounds per game the previous season.

The team also welcomes 6-foot-7, 300-pound freshman Brian Dennis. He is the largest player in school history, but he has much more than just power.

"(Dennis) is really tough to move, but he is also very quick," Jackson said.

The Vikings, who are usually smaller than most teams, are all of a sudden big. They have five players who are 6-foot-8 or taller, including a 6-foot-10 center, and two who are 6-foot-7.

"We've probably got more size on the roster than at any time

since I've been here," Jackson said. "That will help us, particularly in practice."

Two other redshirt candidates are 6-foot-11 Kyle Dalvitt and 6-foot-2 Jacob Stevenson.

Rounding out the active roster are three guards — 6-foot Robert Harvie, 6-foot-2 Vincent Smith and 6-foot-3 Ryan Deyak.

"We have to prove it on the floor, but we go into the season with everyone having well-defined roles and everyone knowing their fit and function on the team," Jackson said.

"We play a lot of home games before Christmas, including two important conference games with Saint Martin's and Seattle Pacific," Jackson said. "If we can gain confidence and play well, then January and February can be positive for us."

Check out the Western women's basketball preview in this Friday's issue.



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The Vikings prepare in a scrimmage game earlier this week.

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Western is young, but big, and it's hoping for a slam-dunk season.



# Viking football all alone in first place

Western wins wild shootout at Western Oregon, remains unbeaten in league play

By Curt Woodward  
The Western Front

More record-setting performances on offense and some timely defense helped the Western football team take a step toward postseason contention with a 41-36 victory over Columbia Football Association opponent Western Oregon on Saturday.

Western (5-3 overall) moved to 3-0 in league play, and is the only unbeaten team remaining in the CFA. Losses by Central Washington (28-35 to Eastern Oregon) and Southern Oregon (37-43 to Simon Fraser) put the Vikings in control of their own destiny.

A win this Saturday over archrival Central would clinch the Vikings' third CFA championship in four years.

As they have done all season, Western used a potent air attack to claim victory. Quarterback Sam Hanson had one of the best outings in his stellar season, tying his own school record with five touchdowns on 26-of-31 passing for 331 yards and no interceptions.

"This was my best completion percent-

age of the season," Hanson said. "I thought it was my best performance in college."

Wide receiver Ben Clampitt, the NCAA Division II leader in receiving yards (139.1 average), caught a school-record 12 passes for 122 yards, and tight end Ben Fairbanks caught five passes for 130 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Vikings.

On the ground, an improved Western running game continued to get the job done.

Scott Noteboom bulled his way to 65 yards and a touchdown on 14 carries, and Donovan Dashiell added 10 carries for 36 yards in his first game back from an injury.

"Getting Donovan Dashiell back has helped us out a lot," Hanson said. "He hits those holes really quick. He and Noteboom

compliment each other really well with their running styles."

The Vikings used a 21-point first quarter to spring to a lead they never relinquished. Oregon was able to threaten late, but to no avail, as the Viking defense came up with two huge plays on third and fourth downs to seal the victory.

With 33 seconds to go, Oregon had pulled to 41-36 and got the ball on Western's 36 yard line after a Western punt attempt by the Vikings resulted in a turnover on downs.

On the ensuing third down, Western defensive end Nate Spitzer broke loose and dropped Oregon quarterback Kevin Bickler for a loss.

"It was third and 10, so I knew they were

going to pass," Spitzer said, "so I just pinned my ears back and tried to get to him. I spun off a guy and he was just standing there. I was actually kind of surprised."

On fourth-and-11 from the 37, safety Andy Linscott intercepted a pass in the end zone to preserve the win. It was Linscott's second interception of Bickler, who threw four picks on the day.

"It must be Halloween," Western coach Rob Smith said following the game. "I saw a lot of strange things going on out there today. It's never easy."

"Defensively, we gave up a lot of ground," he added, "and Oregon turned us in a number of different directions, but we came up with the big play at the end."

The possibility of a CFA title next week puts even more emphasis on what is usually the season's biggest game anyway.

"Everyone always looks to the Central game. It's exciting; I think there are going to be a lot of people there," Hanson said. "That's when you throw all the records and numbers aside and just go play football."

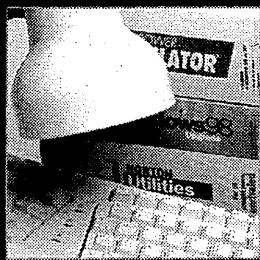
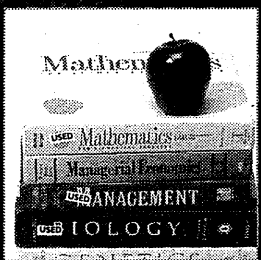
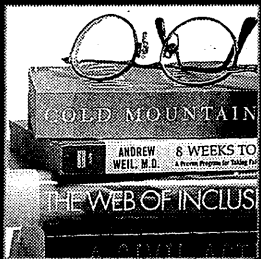
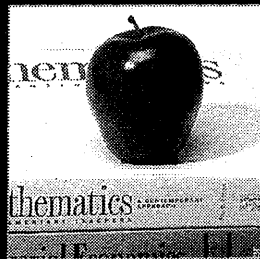
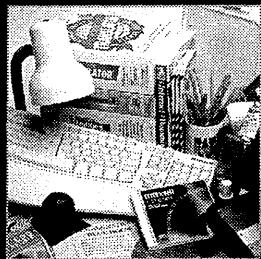
Western plays Central at 1 p.m. this Saturday at Civic Field.

"It must be Halloween ... I saw a lot of strange things going on out there today ... but we came up with the big play at the end."

Rob Smith  
Western head coach

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# Western hockey routs University of Washington

Motyka scores five goals as Viking pucksters avenge 4-1 loss with 7-4 blowout at home

By Soren Hughes  
The Western Front

A great team effort helped Jason Motyka put on a one-man show as Western's Ice Hockey Club won its home opener with authority last Sunday, defeating the University of Washington 7-4.

Motyka, a forward, scored five goals to lead the Vikings, but teamwork is what allowed Western to bounce back from a 4-1 loss at Washington last Friday to

beat the Huskies in the teams' second of eight meetings this season.

"We're coming together as a team," forward Chris Holst said. "We worked on the little things — less little mistakes, less turnovers, less goals against."

"On Friday we weren't playing as a team," Motyka said.

The team was highly motivated by the game being the home opener, but Motyka suggested that this game may have been a little more personal for him.

"I really hate UW," Motyka said.

Forwards Jeff Welch and Grant Dalglish scored a goal each for Western, and five other Vikings contributed at least one assist.

"We had a lot of fun out there," Holst said.

Motyka scored the game's first goal in the opening minutes to give Western the lead, but

Washington countered with a goal in the first period, and the teams went into the locker rooms tied 1-1.

Motyka scored three of his goals during the second period, and the Vikings outscored the Huskies 5-1 that period to take a 6-2 lead.

Washington's lone goal that period came with 0.8 seconds left.

"Did you ever hear that Michael Jordan quote, where he said the basket just got real big and everything was going in?" Motyka asked. "That's how I felt out there. After I got the first one, we just got a bunch of momentum and just kept getting 'em in and

getting 'em in."

Motyka scored the first goal of the third period, giving the Vikings a 7-2 lead, their largest of the game.

Washington added two goals that period, but it was too little, too late for the Huskies.

"That guy's awesome," Holst said of Motyka. "The guy's a good player, a good goal scorer."

Western boosted its record to 2-3-1 overall and 2-2-1 in American Collegiate Hockey Association competition with the win.

"We feel like we can take any team in our region on," Motyka said.

Motyka leads the team in goals

and points with 13 and 14, respectively. Forward/defenseman Mike Bahn had two assists to increase his team-leading assist total to seven.

This season is Western's first as a member of the ACHA, which means the Vikings will now play teams from other American schools instead of the Canadian teams they have played in the past.

"It's bringing Western hockey to a new level," Motyka said. "Our goal is to get good fan support. It's pretty neat to be a part of. Right now, the ACHA team is the highest level of hockey Bellingham has."



Front/Bobby Stone

A Western stickster, surrounded by Huskies, blocks the puck last Sunday.



Front/Bobby Stone

Western senior forward Rob Yee shows off his stick skills against UW.

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# Microsoft's monopoly is American dream

Microsoft's success is an example of the American dream, and if luck falls in all directions, someday we too will achieve the dream.

Microsoft donates thousands of dollars to Western in computer software every year.

If Microsoft loses its trial and is deemed a monopoly, we could feel the consequences here at Western.

The money Microsoft once donated to Western may now have to be used to pay fines to the government.



Brooke Hagara  
COMMENTARY

The overall quality of technology would decrease if the government forced inferior products onto the market.

The government's goals in suing Microsoft are unclear and pointless.

The computer industry changes more quickly than almost any other industry in the world.

In the '80s, Apple and IBM topped the markets, and the lifetime of Microsoft barely spans 20 years.

Just as other companies' better products upstaged Apple and IBM, someday better products

will upstage Microsoft.

Microsoft has done nothing but prove it markets the best products with the best techniques.

**"The overall quality of technology would decrease if the government forced inferior products onto the market."**

The government's suit insults the American dream of successful entrepreneurship, an element of the ideal.

Capitalism encourages competition so the best product with the best price will be available to consumers.

A downfall is inevitable when one company has the best products and surpasses the

competition. The downfall is part of the system, however, and interfering with it is pointless.

Take the good with the bad.

Monopolization is an essential aspect of capitalism.

For the government to suggest Microsoft must add the Netscape browser, or any other Internet package, to its software package is tantamount to forcing Coca-Cola to put Pepsi in its Coke cans.

Regardless of whether or not Microsoft has a monopoly now, it is pointless to worry about what may happen as a result of it.

Western benefits from Microsoft's donations, as do many other schools. Let's not bite the hand that feeds us.

# Fountain needs serious make-over

The fountain has been drained — the fountain that serves as a gathering place for students.

The barren cylinder left behind is an embarrassment for those who take pride in the many attributes Western has to offer.

This ritual draining process symbolizes the passing of lazy summer days and crisp, cool autumn days to the driving forces of the winter season.

No longer will groups of students stop to chat or play Frisbee in Red Square. From



Kayley Mendenhall  
COMMENTARY

now until April, hooded bodies, faceless in the rain, will sprint from class to class.

The fountain is drained every year but it is nevertheless shocking and somewhat disturbing as the waters part and the naked truth of what lies beneath them is brought into the limelight for all to see.

The fountain needs a make-over.

Once the water is gone, all that remains is a giant concrete hole, with a fading greenish luster and some decrepit looking fish detailing on the side.

Metal grates haphazardly deposited in

the middle create the appearance of a garbage dump in the midst of Red Square.

Since the fountain is in this state for a majority of the school year, it seems logical that fixing it up should be a priority.

**"It could be a project for the art department or maybe even a fund-raiser."**

Numerous things could be done to eliminate this aesthetic problem.

A bright tile mosaic would be a wonderful solution, adding color and culture to campus. It could be a project for the art department or maybe even a fund-raiser.

Tiles could be sold to students at a cheap rate, giving them the chance to have their

names engraved into the bricks and leave a legacy forever.

If nothing else, we could just line the thing with bricks — at least it would match its surroundings.

Many important events at Western take place near or around the fountain. For a place with such power to be such an eyesore is a shame.

Take a step back and see campus again for the first time, through the eyes of a stranger. Old Main with its ivy-covered walls, the view from the Performing Arts Center terrace, Wilson Library's renovation, and the incredible collection of sculptures.

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## Car pollution must be controlled now

On days when the wind isn't too forceful, a slight haze can be seen stretching across Bellingham's sky. The same can be said for the skies above Seattle, Tacoma and many other cities. This phenomenon is not natural in the traditional sense. It is a result of humans and their unhealthy lifestyles.

Washington cities are quickly becoming like many other cities in this nation — laden with pollution problems. Los Angeles is the prime example; recognizing its smog problem requires nothing more than tilting back the head.

Some local cities — Spokane for example — are beginning to rival their metropolitan siblings. Pollution has gotten to the point that many regions in Washington are taking matters into their own hands, mirroring what California has been doing for years — they are requiring emissions tests on automobiles.

Automotive emissions are one of the leading causes of pollution in the United States, and the problem isn't getting any better. According to Department of Transportation statistics, 210,236,393 vehicles were registered to traverse our country's highways in 1996. In 1991, only 192,313,834 were registered. In five years, the number grew by almost 18 million automobiles — nearly 11 percent.

Ideally, when a car burns fuel and air, it will give off only water and carbon dioxide as by-products. But anyone who has spent time behind a diesel 1982 Volkswagen Rabbit knows that water and carbon dioxide aren't the only things coming out of those tailpipes.

With alternative-energy cars still several years away from replacing fossil-fuel-powered autos and mass-transit not meeting everyone's needs, we will remain dependent on traditional cars for years to come. This means something must be done about our current pollution problems, and California's law is a practical solution.

The state of California has had for some time the California Air Resources Board, an agency set up to regulate and limit the amount of pollution released into the state's atmosphere. One of the board's most important duties is to regulate auto emissions. The board sets standards so strict that if a car passes inspection in the state, that car will pass emissions tests anywhere in the world. Each car goes through a "sniff test" twice per year, and if it fails, the state requires the car's owner to bring the car into compliance or take it off the road.

Other cities, even Washington's own Spokane, have similar regulations, but not as strict as California's. Although these cities have been taking steps in the right direction, the steps need to be bigger.

Other cities have also dropped the ball thus far, especially Washington's more populated areas, such as King and Pierce counties. Both Seattle and Tacoma are getting worse by the day, but the regulations in place aren't strong enough.

What every state in this country needs is comprehensive, strict legislation that will keep automotive pollution down in problem areas and hopefully prevent non-affected areas from becoming as bad as many cities currently are, because a hazy, gray Bellingham skyline doesn't have the same beauty as a clear, blue one.

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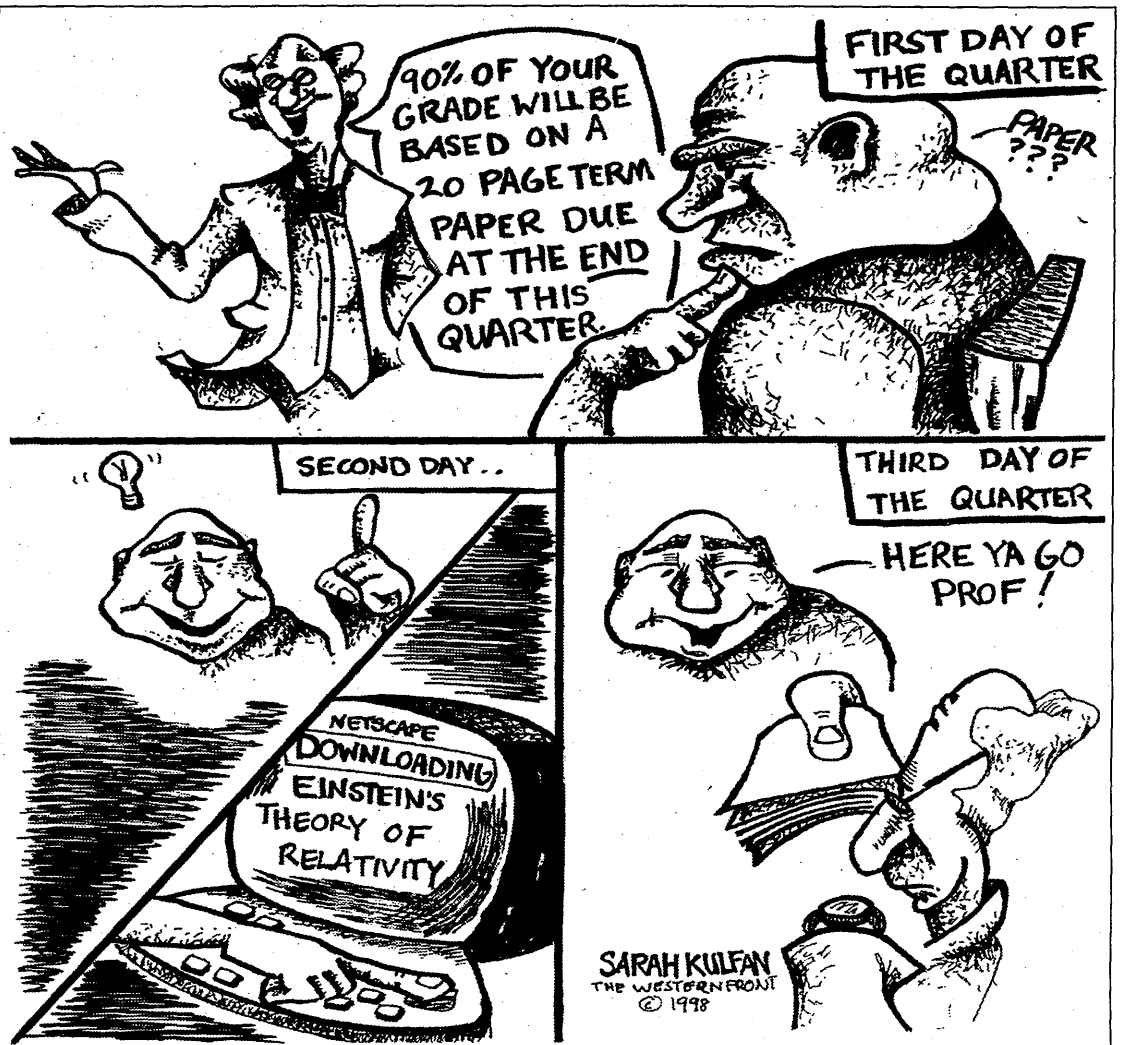
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Bryta Alvensleben  
COMMENTARY

Western's Academic Technology Committee is currently researching the feasibility of requiring would-be students to provide proof of laptop ownership, as well as proof of academic abilities, before being admitted to the university.

By requiring students to purchase these portable computers, which range from \$2,000 to \$6,000, Western would be evaluating students for admission not based upon their academic performance, but instead upon which social class they come from.

With tuition constantly on the rise already, adding a couple thousand dollars for these computers would further prevent low-income people from obtaining an education.

Some private schools already require laptops for their students, but Western is a public institution. As such, Western has the responsibility to provide as many students as possible with a quality, affordable education. Requiring laptops does not do this.

Robert Gailbraith, interim director of Academic Technology User services at Western, said he had doubts about the laptop requirement.

"I'm not sure how successful this has been," he said. "Do the laptops accomplish what they set out to accomplish? I don't think it's been proven yet; it hasn't been proven to me yet."

"I'm not sure this really works well for a public institution that needs to have its doors open to all walks of life and income levels," he said.

A benefit for students who own a laptop would be the end of computer lab overcrowding on campus.

While it is true that the computer labs on campus can be crowded, it is much less of an inconvenience to students to bide their time in the lab than to be refused admission to Western until they can afford to buy a petite personal computer of their own.

The requirement could also affect students who rely on financial aid in the pursuit of their educations. With the increase in tuition costs posed by the laptop requirement, each student receiving on financial aid would need more money.

Unless more financial aid was made available to cover the increase, fewer students would be able to receive enough financial aid to attend Western.

The requirement would also affect students who aren't eligible for financial aid but still struggle to pay their own way at Western.

To earn the money to buy a laptop, a student would have to work full-time for a whole summer at a job that paid \$7 to \$8 per hour.

Laptops are undoubtedly gems of technology. Unfortunately, the price tag reflects its soon-to-be-outdated technology.

It may be cute and convenient to envision Western's campus populated by students all carrying diminutive computers to their classes. Before adding a laptop requirement, though, Western first has a responsibility as a public university to ensure that admission does not become based on social class instead of academic ability.

**"Some private schools already require laptops for their students, but Western is a public institution."**

## letters

### White privilege benefits some

To the editor:

Since the founding of Jamestown in 1619 up until the late 1960s, white men have had an advantage over black Americans, Asian Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans and women. Is it fair to have left them out and then not allow them

to play catch-up?

Affirmative action is not quotas. It is about addressing a system that discriminated against groups of people and persistently held them back from developing stable economic communities.

Today, many people say that class is more important than race. That is not at all true.

For example, take two men, one black and one white. Both men graduated from Harvard University with a masters degree in electrical engineering and earned identical GPAs. When both

go looking for jobs and both disclose that they have neither work experience nor community involvement, but the white interviewer realizes his son knows the white interviewee and he gets the job. Is that fair?

That is called white privilege. And it happens all the time. Some people say their dad worked hard, and they're probably right. But if he's white, you can bet he got some help from his privilege along the way.

Not to slam animal rights  
Continued...



letters

activists, but, instead of concentrating all your energy on guarding animal rights, you could travel America and fight for human rights. Many people get brutally beat by police and assumed criminals because of the way they dress and talk. Maybe you think the minority population in Washington state is so small and you don't think racism happens here, so you don't worry about it. Well think again.

Charles Malone  
Western student

Pueblo de Libertad promotes discourse

To the editor:

The establishment of "Pueblo de Libertad" in Red Square by students represents both a commitment to democratic values and a willingness to engage others in social and political discourse. These are the traits and values that founded our society.

In spite of real sacrifices related to their social and domestic lives,

missed classes, cold weather, hate mail and even scorn from some of their fellow students, they have engaged all of us in considering the unfulfilled expectations and notions of social justice and equity.

Can we ask anything more of an informed, active and compassionate citizenry?

The action of these students echoes the actions of students and citizens who in the late '60s and '70s took similar stands on social issues and societal injustices.

Within this time of social and political transformation, affirmative action was conceived of and implemented.

The application of affirmative action to employment and its extension to accessibility within higher education and other areas was intended to quell the seeds of revolution and resistance stemming from the social and historical aftermath of institutional racism and sexism. Its primary purpose was to safeguard political and economic institutions of the United States by offering limited accessibility to women and ethnic minorities.

At Western, we are fortunate to have a group of students who by their own sacrifice are willing to dialogue, inform and educate.

Their example and fervor are further reinforced by campus programs and debate, intended to shed light on Initiative 200.

The challenge is for each of us to engage in that discourse and ultimately be informed when we vote on Tuesday.

Dr. Larry Estrada, director Western's American Cultural Studies Program

Protect right to safe abortions

To the editor:

Robin Skillings' article titled "Election issues discussed" included misinformation on my comments on Initiative 694.

For the record, I-694 is a bad policy and should be defeated. Why? Because it is so vaguely worded that it could be used to stop any abortion. I-694 would also change the state's definition of pregnancy from beginning at the embryo's implantation to beginning at conception: that could lead to a ban on contraceptives such as IUDs.

According to the State Department of Health, late-term abortions are a rare occurrence. In 1996, the most recent year for which figures are available, there

were three abortions in this state after the 26th week of gestation. All were performed because of severe fetal abnormalities. None was conducted on the healthy, bouncing babies the initiative's backers would have you envision.

In 1991, Washington state voters approved Initiative 120, which made it a class "C" felony to perform an abortion on a viable fetus in the last trimester of pregnancy. The only exception is to protect the life or health of the woman.

That's good medicine and sound public policy.

There is simply no need for I-694. To protect a woman's right to a safe, early abortion, vote NO on I-694.

Linda McCarthy, assistant director Mt. Baker Planned Parenthood

Windows cost too much, still leak

To the editor:

The decision that Western made to put new windows on the Environmental Studies building was one of the poorest decisions I have seen Western make for the following reasons:

1) Cost! The university spent \$100,000 to replace the windows, and the building still leaks

because of structural problems. To fix the leaking they will probably have to take the windows out again.

2) Timing! Western should have foreseen that they were going to spend \$100,000+ prior to this summer and have gotten the bids in, and work should have started, so students wouldn't be disturbed during lectures.

Answer me this: was this one of those situations where Western had to spend the money by the end of the year or it would be lost back to the state and the windows just seemed like a good idea? Just wondering.

Why not get another monkey on your crew to help with these great decisions. Maybe someday Western will decide to finish the Environmental Studies building.

Mike Hutchinson  
Western student

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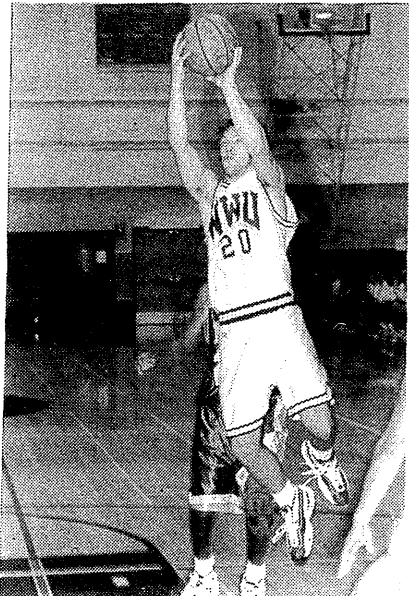
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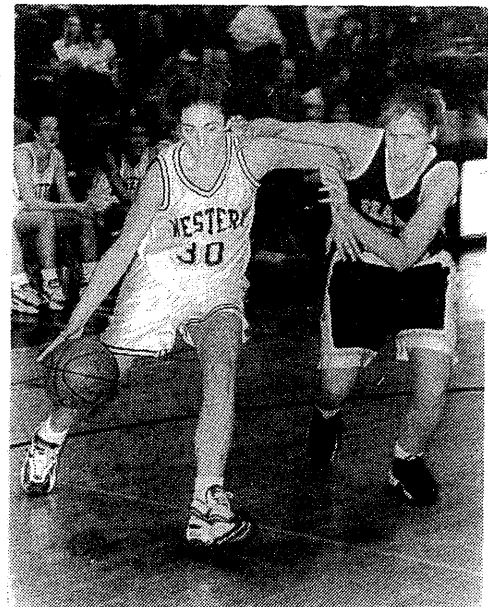
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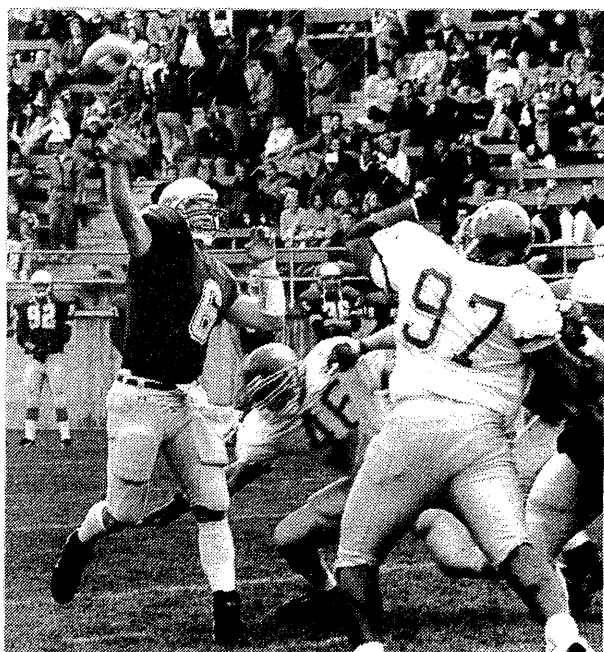
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