

# The Western Front

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## Students protest over-enrollment

*Protesters surprise Board of Trustees with overcrowding concerns*

By Remy Kissel  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Amidst a sea of recent protests about animal rights and tuition hikes, a gathering of frustrated students blindsided the administration noon Friday with a pressing dilemma: overcrowded classrooms.

"Pick up the pace, we need more space" and "I'm more than just a student number" adorned the placards of approximately 50 students in attendance.

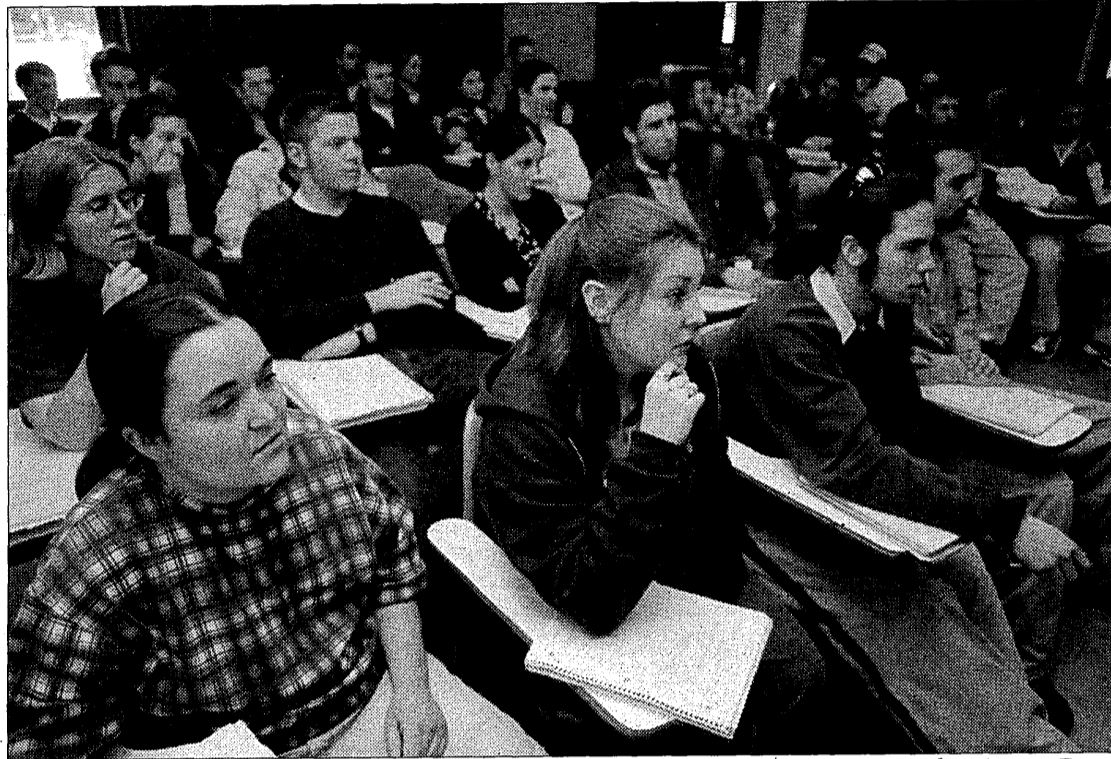
Associated Students Vice President for Academic Affairs Victor Cox organized the half-hour demonstration, which included a walk-out and a march through Old Main. The purpose of the protest, Cox said, was to demand that the Board of Trustees and the state legislature hear students' pleas.

"This sounds like a lot of ranting and raving, and that's exactly what it is," Cox said. "The state wants Western to grow by 1,000 more students. Before that occurs, we must ensure quality education for the students already here."

"Students shouldn't have to decide between sitting on the floor or not being in a class," he said.

David Toyer, AS vice president for Legislative and Community Affairs, encouraged fellow protesters to be active in defending their rights.

"You're the customers and the consumers," Toyer said. "Make sure you're getting what you pay for."



Chris Goodenow/The Western Front

Students in Philosophy 114 sit in a classroom with nearly every seat filled.

"My anthropology class this quarter is always crowded," freshman protester Virginia Prest said. "Close to 10 people are always sitting on the floor. It shouldn't be like that."

Protester Chris Zeller said he felt the problem must be addressed.

"We need to take power away from the state and entrust it to the school," he said. "I think we should limit the admittance of incoming students and demand more funding from the legislature."

During the board of trustees meeting later that afternoon, Cox presented 33 cards with overcrowding complaints to the chair and reiterated the students'

cause. "We needed them to take us seriously and because we were respectful during the protest, they did just that," Cox said. "I was expecting a higher turnout for the rally, but those students that did turn out were very passionate about the issue."

Board of Trustees Chair Grace Yuan said the state legislature is focusing on tuition control in response to student lobbying rather than enrollment issues, and the board has not heard any response to the overcrowding problem.

Trustee Mary Swenson said students need to broaden their dialogue by being willing to take their appeals to the legislature.

"I encourage parents and stu-

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Cox

## Room and board raised 1.75 percent

By Julie Graham  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Friday, Western's Board of Trustees approved raising housing and dining rates by 1.75 percent for the 1999-2000 school year.

The increase will raise monthly payments by \$9 in residence halls and \$4 — the same amount as it did for the 1998-99 school year — in Birnam Wood.

The yearly cost for a shared room in the residence halls will

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## House budget looking good for Western

By Wendy Giroux  
THE WESTERN FRONT

The legislative sun has been shining on Western.

Last Wednesday, the House of Representatives Republican and Democratic caucuses each released a first draft of the Washington state budget for the 1999-01 biennium.

"Both the two House budgets have good support for Western, (and its) staff and faculty," said Judy McNickle, assistant to the president for state governmental affairs. "What we're doing now is saying thank you, thank you, thank you — and encouraging them to keep it up," she

See Budget, page 6

## Disclosure of apparel manufacturers not an issue

By Matt Williams  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Despite massive media attention to the issue of labor practices regarding collegiate licensed apparel, Western, like many other schools, has no policy to

guard against abuses.

"It used to be the only concern was price," said David MacAuley, general manager of the Students' Co-op Store. "Now there's a whole new factor to consider."

Jack Smith, director of the Viking Union and Student

Activities, said, to the best of his knowledge, the issue never arose at Western.

If complaints arise at Western, the Associated Students Facilities and Services committee will handle the situation. The committee handles all matters of policy for the store, MacAuley

said.

Currently, Western is only bound by state regulations of discrimination and procurement, Smith said.

Another organization that could institute a policy to guard

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## Provost candidate says position requires faculty trust

Kari McGinnis  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Dr. Aaron Podolefsky, one of the four finalists for Western's provost/vice president for academic affairs position, emphasized the importance of integrity, trust, open communication and collaboration in the position he is applying for during the campus forum Monday.

Only a few students were in the audience of nearly 30 people who attended the forum.

"They [faculty] must trust that the provost has the integri-

ty to carry the weight of the academic division and to argue for those things that are important to the faculty," Podolefsky said.

Podolefsky's qualifications and experience are in strategic planning, budgeting, curriculum and special program assessment.

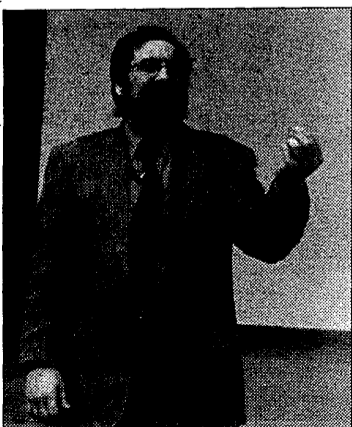
A professor of anthropology at the University of Northern Iowa, Podolefsky has been serving as interim provost.

Podolefsky said he believes administrators, faculty, staff and others are all at the university for the same purpose — "to

advance the institution, to do well by students, to create advances in our disciplines and to serve the professions in our communities."

Tom Reeves of the math department asked Podolefsky to state his views about writing across the curriculum and how he would prioritize creating more small classes.

Podolefsky said no easy solution exists because the best way to improve quality is to offer smaller classes, and it is impossible to increase access and quality while decreasing cost.



Kari McGinnis/The Western Front  
Aaron Podolefsky.

### IN THIS ISSUE

#### Western track dominates at home

Men and women combine for 20 first-place finishes in the 18th Annual Viking Quadrangular.  
Story page 10.

#### Clowning around on campus

Western junior Emily Durr brings a smile to people's faces by putting on the red nose and make up. See how this self-described "clown-in-training" has made her dream of being a clown a reality.  
Story page 9.

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## COPS BOX

Campus  
Police

**March 31, 1:35 a.m.:** A woman was exhibiting irrational behavior toward a male professor in the 100 block of East College Way. Police issued a criminal trespass warning to the woman.

**April 2, 9:06 a.m.:** A woman was cited and released for a criminal trespass in the 100 block of East College Way. Later she returned and was cited again.

**April 4, 1:35 a.m.:** University Police contacted two students in the 200 block of Highland Drive to advise them about throwing a loud party after quiet hours. An officer saw a bottle of vodka. The officer asked the students to pour out the alcohol. They complied. The issue was referred to Residence Life staff.

Bellingham  
Police

**April 1, 7:56 a.m.:** A regional manager at a business in the 1700 block of Birchwood Avenue informed police of an internal theft believed to be occurring at the business. He said nearly \$500 had been taken during three occurrences. The manager will collect more evidence before pursuing a case.

**April 3, 12:31 a.m.:** Police observed a man taking flowers in the 1200 block of Railroad Avenue. He was arrested for third-degree theft.

Compiled by Joe Wiederhold

## A P WIRE NEWS BRIEFS

## STATE NEWS

State measure may  
allow use of hounds  
to hunt cougars

A legislative committee has approved a measure to allow state game agents to use hounds for hunting problem cougars.

The House Appropriations Committee removed a requirement for the public to vote on the change.

Rural lawmakers wanted the committee to take out the vote requirement added earlier by another House committee.

Some lawmakers say cougar populations are growing, but others say the risk of cougar attacks is very slight. One person has been killed by a cougar in Washington, that was in 1924.

Engineering student  
gets four-year prison  
term for child porn

A former engineering student has been sentenced to four years

and three months in prison for child pornography.

U.S. District Judge Barbara Rothstein imposed the term on 25-year-old Alexander Montagu Hay of Seattle.

A jury convicted him of possessing and transmitting child pornography. Testimony showed he operated a Website with thousands of images of children.

Hay was an electrical engineering student at the University of Washington and lived in student housing there.

## NATIONAL NEWS

Clinton to endorse  
hate-crime laws

President Clinton plans to endorse a bill tomorrow that would expand federal hate-crime laws to include offenses based on sexual orientation.

Congress failed to act on similar legislation last year. This year's bill is sponsored by a group of bipartisan lawmakers.

Clinton will also require colleges to report hate crimes annually, and he'll announce a public/private partnership designed to educate middle

school students against intolerance.

White House officials say Clinton will announce the initiatives with religious, education and law enforcement leaders at a ceremony tomorrow.

The announcement will come just a day after one of two men charged in Matthew Shepard's death pleaded guilty. Shepard was the gay Wyoming college student beaten to death last year.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Pan Am terrorists to  
be tried soon

The two Libyan suspects accused in the Pan Am 103 bombing are now jailed in an underground bunker about 30 miles from Amsterdam in the Netherlands.

They are to be arraigned later in the week on charges of planting the suitcase bomb that blew apart the jumbo jet in 1988, killing 270 people.

The suspects were finally turned in by Tripoli today after intense mediation by South African President Nelson Mandela.

They face charges of murder, conspiracy to commit murder and violations of international aviation laws. According to the deal with Libya, they'll be tried under Scottish law.

The trial is expected to begin in about four months.

American groups  
give aid to Iraqis

Two American groups trying to draw attention to the plight of Iraqis living under U.N. sanctions have donated \$50,000 worth of medicines and books to Baghdad.

The American members of the groups are violating U.S. Treasury regulations by traveling to Iraq to make the donation.

The items were donated by the Chicago-based "Voices in the Wilderness" and the Seattle-based "Physicians for Social Responsibility."

The U.N. Children's Fund estimates that 500,000 children have died of malnutrition and a shortage of medicine since sanctions were imposed after Iraqi forces invaded Kuwait in 1990.

Compiled by Jenni Long

## BELLINGHAM WEATHER: APRIL 6 - 8

## Today



Cloudy with  
sun breaks.  
Highs 50 to 55.  
Lows near 38.

## Wednesday



A few showers.  
Highs near 50.  
Lows near 36.

## Thursday



Morning showers  
that will taper  
by afternoon.  
Lows near 35.  
Highs 45 to 50.

Weather courtesy of wunderground.com

## Corrections and Clarifications

On page 4 of the April 2 issue of The Western Front, an article stated Greencoats carded students in computer labs. Only University Police officers have the power to card students.

On the same page an article incorrectly referred to Hebrew bible text as scripture. Only Jesus' words are referred to as scripture. Additionally, in Jewish tradition matzo is not referred to as the "Mahtza of Hope" as it was in the article; it is the symbol of freedom from slavery.

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PLEASE POST

READMISSION: Students who interrupt studies at Western other than for a summer quarter must complete an application for readmission, available in OM 200, by the appropriate deadline. Call X/3440 for more information.

UNIVERSITY WRITING CENTER PROGRAM RECRUITING: The Writing Center and the Writing Fellows Program are recruiting qualified students for 1999-2000. Applications are available in WL 482.

MATH PLACEMENT TEST. Registration is not required. Students must bring picture identification and a No. 2 pencil. A \$10 fee must be paid in the exact amount at the time of testing. Allow 90 minutes. The test will be in OM 120 at 9 a.m. April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, and June 17, and at 3 p.m. April 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27, June 3 and 10. Sample problems may be found at <http://www.washington.edu/oea/aptp.htm>.

TEST DATES FOR THE MILLER ANALOGIES TEST (MAT) are 3 p.m. today, April 6, in FR 3, 3 p.m. May 11 in FR 3, and 3 p.m. June 16 in FR 4. Registration is required in OM 120 or by calling X/3080. A \$35 fee is payable at time of test.

HOUSING EXPO '99, "Life Out of the Ordinary," will be from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 7 in the VU Lounge. Information will be available about the on-campus living community, and there will be free food and prize drawings.

THERE WILL BE A TEACHING AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (TESL) at noon April 8 in BH 104. Information will be presented on expanding employment opportunities domestically and internationally with certification/endorsement. Priority application deadline for fall is May 15. For more information, call Trish Skillman, X/4949.

THE TEST FOR TEACHER EDUCATION (TETEP) will be given at 3 p.m. April 21 in FR 3 (fall admission deadline is April 30) and at 3 p.m. May 18 in FR 2. Registration is required in OM 120. A \$25 fee is payable in the exact amount at time of registration.

FALL QUARTER DEGREE APPLICANTS: Students who plan to graduate at the end of fall quarter must have degree applications on file by June 4. Degree applications and instructions are available in the Registrar's Office, OM 230.

SELL ADS FOR THE 1999-2000 CAMPUS DIRECTORY. Interviews are being scheduled now. Applicants must have own telephone and transportation; access to voice mail or answering machine preferred. Must be available through fall quarter, including summer break. Salary range \$6 to \$8 an hour plus mileage. Call Margaret Loudon, X/3914, to arrange an appointment.

FACULTY-STAFF AEROBICS will meet 12:15 to 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Cost is \$25 for the quarter. Pick up an entry form in CV 101 to sign up. For more information, call X/3766.

SPRING GROUP OFFERINGS AT THE COUNSELING CENTER include: • Art Therapy, 4:30 to 6 p.m. Thursdays starting April 15; • Attention Deficit Disorder and Learning Disability, 12:15 to 1:45 p.m. Tuesdays beginning April 13, drop-ins welcome; • Eliminating Your Self-Defeating Behavior, 3 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays starting April 20, pregroup interview required; • Healing from the Effects of Childhood Sexual Abuse, 2 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays starting April 14; • Loss and Transitions: Working Your Way through Grief, 3 p.m. Mondays beginning April 12; and • Take Back Your Body, 2 p.m. Mondays starting April 12, drop-ins welcome. For more information or to register, stop by OM 540 or call X/3164.

## On-campus recruiting

Ocean Beauty Seafoods, Monday, April 12, for summer jobs in fish processing. Information session 1 to 1:30 p.m., OM 280, followed by interviews.

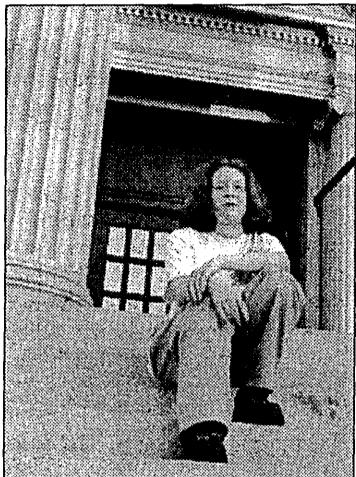
Kent School District, Tuesday, April 13. Submit résumé and sign up in OM 280. To interview, placement file must be turned in.

Camp Kirby, Tuesday, April 13. Interviews for summer jobs in Skagit County. Submit résumé and sign up in OM 280.

# Newsmakers

PEOPLE MAKING AN IMPACT ON CAMPUS

By Kelly Ferguson  
THE WESTERN FRONT



Chris Goodenow/The Western Front  
**Nova Gattman is vice president/national communications coordinator for the Residence Hall Association.**

It's an exciting time for Western sophomore Nova Gattman. Last month she was elected to the position of vice president/national communications coordinator of the Residence Hall Association for the 1999/2000 school year.

"I am very honored to have been elected to this position, and I am really looking forward to serving Western and the region next year," Gattman said.

Currently the RHA secretary, Gattman's duties for the new position include serving as a liaison between Western and the Pacific region, and at times, the nation. She will be acting as the voice of Western at all conferences, communicating with the region regarding the status of Western's programs and activities.

Presently, this position is held by Western junior Jefri Peters.

To be elected to this position, Gattman went through a rigorous election process.

RHA introduced a new form of elections to the council this year. Interested candidates are required to write a five-page bid for their candidacy, which outlines their goals for the year and discusses their qualifications. Candidates are then required to present their bid to the RHA council and answer any questions.

"I ran against another very qualified candidate and the election could have gone either way," she said. "I was thrilled to hear the results."

The position of national communications coordinator involves a large amount of travelling during the school year. Gattman will be travelling as Western's representative to all regional and national conferences.

She will start the transition into the position in May at a national conference in La Crosse,

Wis. Though this position involves a lot of travelling to Fairbanks, Eugene and British Columbia, the NCCs will rarely have time to see much of the area they visit.

"Even though it will be a lot of hard work next year, especially academically, I know I'm up to the challenge," Gattman said.

A political science major, Gattman was very interested in the opportunity to serve as Western's representative to the nation, she said.

"I was really drawn to the political aspect of this position," Gattman said. "I am really excited for the opportunity to make a positive impact on not only the Western campus, but to the region as well."

National Residence Hall Honorary Vice President Dave Akana, who was recently inducted into the organization, said he feels that Gattman's leadership ability will serve Western well.

"Nova brings a lot of enthusiasm to RHA," Akana said. "Her personality really puts people at ease."

"I will put every effort forth to serve and represent Western's student body and our community well," Gattman said.

# CAMPUS CALENDAR

**April 6:**

• Student admissions representatives will lead campus tours weekdays beginning Monday, April 5.

Tours leave at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. from the first floor of Haggard Hall at the entrance west of Red Square.

For more information, contact admissions counselor Carolyn McCarthy at 650-7616.

• Western Animal Rights Network and the psychology department will host a public forum on animal experimentation 7 p.m. in Fraser Hall 4.

For more information, contact the psychology department at 650-3515.

• Western's Associated Students Productions-Social

Issues will present a free lecture by Gerald LeMelle about the death penalty 7 p.m. in the Viking Union Main Lounge. LeMelle, deputy executive director of action for Amnesty International, advocates human rights and the abolition of the death penalty.

For more information, contact Navin Moul at 650-6804.

**April 8:**

• Happy Valley Elementary School will conduct a used book sale 3:30 to 7 p.m. at 1041 24th St.

• A workshop for undergraduates interested in applying for summer research experience and/or research funding is from noon to 1 p.m. in Science Lecture Hall 120.

• Provost finalist, Dr. Suzanne Shipley will be on campus for a forum at 4 p.m. in Arntzen Hall 100. The forum is intended to give Western's community an impression of the candidates.

**April 14:**

• Western's Career Services Center is sponsoring its Spring Career Expo from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the VU Main Lounge. Representatives from 60 private and public companies and agencies will be present to answer questions about career and internship opportunities.

For more information, contact Susan Anderson in the Career Services Center at 650-7973, or online at <http://www.careers.wvu.edu>.

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# Class gives students voice in Western's expansion

*Need for IMP class stemmed from Growth Management Act*

**By Holly Hinterberger**  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Students have a voice in the ecological future at Western through an Institutional Master Plan independent study class.

"(The class) attracts motivated students," IMP professor Gene Myers said. "The opportunity to have student input is going to continue as long as we have students who want to participate."

In 1991, Washington state's Growth Management Act required state agencies to comply with local zoning requirements. Western's Master Plan developed shortly after and a need for an IMP arose because of added amendments to the act.

Western drafted a comprehensive master plan in 1997, which, in part identified a future property acquisition zone of 56 acres of private property, Myers said.

Also included in the plan was the Ridgeway expansion, new buildings south of Parks Hall, a quad and a rearranged parking system.

Because most of the proposed land acquisition is south of campus, Happy Valley residents were in jeopardy of losing part of their neighborhood to Western's campus, Myers said.

Amendments added to the Growth Management Act allow Bellingham to require an IMP from Western, which has to be approved by the city, Myers said.

The IMP students periodically report their findings to the IMP advisory committee.

The committee, formed in December 1998, is comprised of



Chris Fuller/The Western Front

The spring Institutional Master Plan independent study class focuses on achieving environmental stability on campus.

representatives from Happy Valley, Sehome and South Hill neighborhoods, as well as Western Associated Students board members David Toyer and Sarah Steves.

The committee is revising the original master plan to be approved by the city and President Karen Morse.

The spring quarter IMP class will research sustainability at Western and report its findings to the IMP committee at the end of the quarter, Myers said.

The class, still open to interested students, is divided into three groups, which will research the outdoor experimental learning site, transportation and watershed analy-

sis.

The class focuses on achieving environmental stability on campus, which involves maintaining today's systems without compromising the needs of the future, said Summer Groff, Western junior and IMP class member.

The winter quarter IMP class — the first ever — was composed of 15 students divided into four groups that researched transportation and parking, exterior spaces, building resources and general resource allocation on campus, Myers said.

These four groups spend a lot of time outside of class researching their topics, Myers said.

*Environmental sustainability now on IMP advising committee agenda partly because of student efforts*

**By Holly Hinterberger**  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Students in Western's Institutional Master Plan independent-study class spent winter quarter researching sustainable environmental practices at Western as they apply to future university planning. They presented their findings to the Institutional Master Plan Advising Committee March 16.

The students in the class divided into four research groups and gave four 10-minute presentations based on their research, IMP professor Gene Myers said.

Each presentation began with the principles of environmental sustainability applied to their topic and their analysis of each area. The information presented regarded transportation and parking, building practices, resource allocation and exterior spaces.

"They have some wonderful findings," Myers said about his students' research.

The presentation included a recommendation of how Western can avoid a proposed plan to build a multi-million dollar parking garage. A proposed bike route through campus with centrally placed covered bike parking spots was discussed. The path would reduce

conflict between pedestrians and bicyclists.

Included in the presentation on building practices was the groups' research about low-impact building practice technology, Myers said.

Resource allocation is how Western uses its natural resources, Myers said. The group presented its research on compost systems and their efficiency at Western.

The exterior-space researchers looked at ways Western can blend better with its surroundings using native vegetation and low chemical input, Myers said.

The committee meets every three weeks to discuss and draft the IMP, Myers said. The independent-study class completes its research and presents it at advisory committee meetings at the conclusion of each quarter.

Class member Summer Groff said she thought it was exciting to be a part of the class because she got to learn what is going on at Western and other universities and apply that research toward the environment at Western.

"The existence of the class has had an impact on the (advisory) committee's outlook," Myers said. "Sustainability is now on the agenda."

**“The existence of the class has had an impact on the (advisory) committee's outlook; sustainability is now on the agenda.”**

**Gene Myers**  
IMP professor

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# Add codes regulate class enrollment

By Matt Jaffe  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Add codes regulate by controlling enrollment and allowing students into full classes.

**Focus**  
**Overcrowding**

Registrar Joseph St. Hilaire said several departments are experiencing problems with overcrowding.

"Some of the worst are in business, art, English and psychology. Those are probably the most highly-impacted areas," St. Hilaire said, adding computer science has suddenly had a big increase in majors:

St. Hilaire said some areas, such as environmental science, are improving.

In terms of faculty-to-student ratio, St. Hilaire said, "I think if anything, we've improved there."

The faculty-to-student ratio is 21 to 1, now, versus 23 to 1 three or four years ago, he said.

For departments facing problems with overcrowding, or restricting enrollment in certain classes, add codes provide something of a solution.

Add-code distribution procedures vary from department to department, and even from professor to professor within a department.

Computer science department Chair Debra Jusak said overcrowding has not been a

problem in the computer science program.

"We're able to handle all the majors right now; the classes are right at capacity," she said.

Jusak said in most cases no standards exist for add-code distribution.

"Mostly we're dealing with first-come, first-serve. The upper-division classes are only open to majors," Jusak said.

Biology program coordinator Nancy Kirchgatter said the biology department uses add codes to allow declared majors into classes.

Art secretary Pat Eley said that due to the demand for classes in the art department, add codes are necessary.

"We've just gone to a portfolio review to restrict the number of majors we have. That

should help," Eley said.

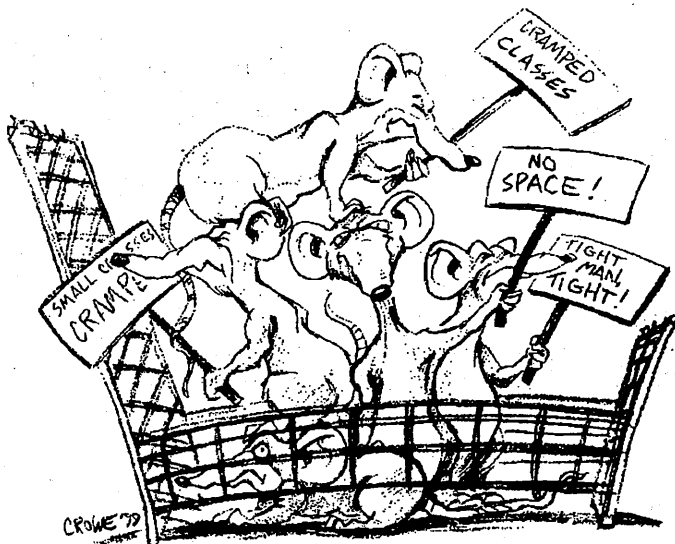
Art student James Eisenhart said overcrowding in studio space has forced him to rent a private studio.

"During a day when there's a class, there's students in there and there is no space," Eisenhart said.

In the communications department, more majors are accepted in the program than the program can handle.

Some communications majors say they have not had any trouble getting into classes.

"I haven't (had any problems) personally," said senior communications major Tina Church, adding professors are pretty flexible about getting communications majors the classes they need.



# Registration rat race frustrates students

By Aaron Snel  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Overcrowded and unavailable classes are concerns of Registrar Joe St. Hilaire and many Western students.

**Focus**  
**Overcrowding**

St. Hilaire said these problems are the result of a shortage in classroom space and high student demand for classes between 9 a.m. and noon.

"There are plans to build more classrooms by the year 2004, but in the meantime we are hurting for space," St. Hilaire said.

For fall quarter 1998, St. Hilaire had the task of overseeing the scheduling of 993 class sections in 95 classrooms. While

St. Hilaire said he thinks building more classrooms will help ease overcrowding, students will have to be willing to expand their schedule to include

classes in the late afternoon and evenings.

"Offering more GUR class sections and more sections of popular classes later in the day may be accommodating to more students, but I also understand that students have jobs and other responsibilities in the afternoon," St. Hilaire said. "It's just

an unpopular time for classes."

As of April 1, 42 percent of all spring quarter classes were considered full.

"It's awful that I have to blue slip my way into classes every quarter," sophomore Jayme Jensen said.

Junior Andy Swinburnson said he wanted to be a graphic design major until he realized it was nearly impossible to get into the classes.

Swinburnson said he felt it was necessary to switch his major to computer science.

"My freshman and sophomore years were tough getting the classes I wanted," Swinburnson said. "I was always on my third or fourth choice of classes every quarter."

Swinburnson's registration experiences are not unique.



Many students experience similar problems. Full classes and classroom overcrowding are problems that don't have simple answers.

St. Hilaire said the university needs to spread the schedule out so that students don't feel "the classroom crunch" every quarter.

"Most of all I would hope that students will be more patient and understanding when it comes to getting into a class," St. Hilaire said.

Protest, from page 1

## Board of Trustees caught off-guard by student concern about classroom overcrowding

dents to write to their representatives and senators in the state legislature," Swenson said.

Registrar Joseph St. Hilaire said he is sympathetic to the plight of the students, and said he

believes the state will have to fund further growth of Western's facilities if the state wants

increased enrollment.

"Students come here expecting nice, spacious classrooms," Hilaire said. "It's disappointing when you're packed in like sardines."

Hilaire said overcrowding is just a part of a larger problem, which includes disproportionate hiring of faculty.

"It seems that now we have too many professors in some departments, and too few in others," he said. "(But) we are unable to respond right away when student

interest in a field fluctuates."

A big part of the problem, Hilaire said, is inefficient use of campus space. The 95 general university classrooms, assigned quarterly by the registrar, are available for academic use and are overcrowded because they are used during peak hours.

"Few students want to take classes at 8 a.m. or late in the afternoon," he said. "There simply isn't room for another GUR class to be offered at 10 a.m.. If the students want more sections offered, perhaps they'll have to be willing to take evening classes."

Hilaire added that the administration is considering moving some offices off campus to free up space for academic use.

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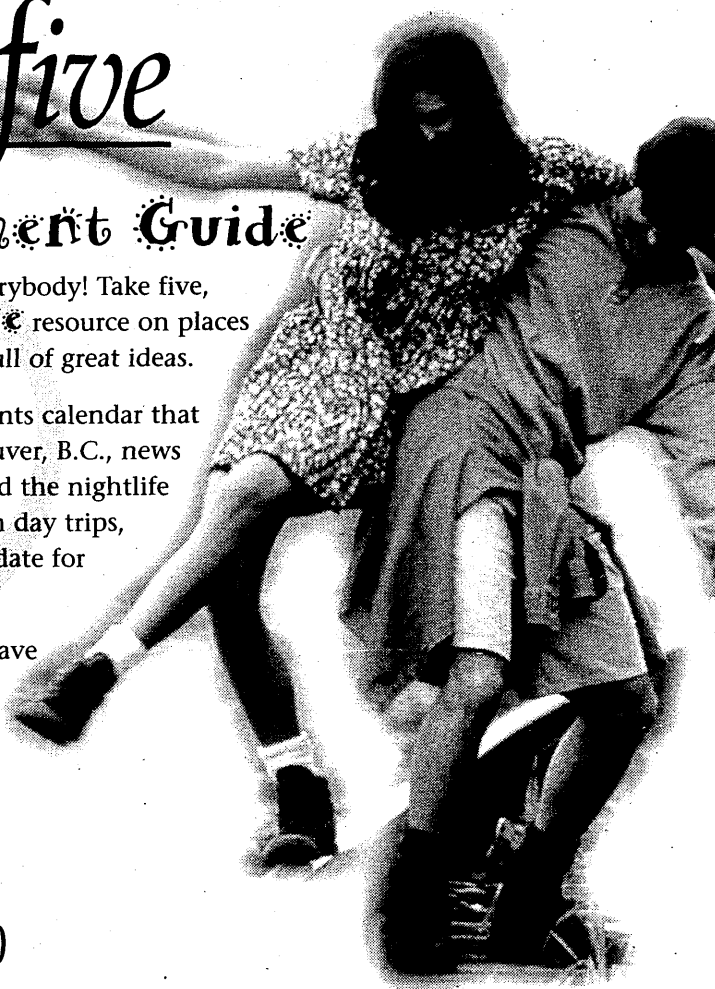
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**Budget, from page 1**  
**House budget far from final**

said. First-draft proposals such as these will go through an extensive process before the budget is finalized in July. The process will likely exceed the end of this legislative session on April 25, McNickle said.

The two budget proposals achieve several of the education goals Gov. Locke released earlier this year, including an increase in scholarships to assist middle-class students, local control of tuition and increased teacher and employee benefits.

Vice President for External Affairs Al Froderberg explained that although the House caucuses didn't allocate the requested 4.5-percent teacher-salary increase, the proposed 3-percent-plus increase is accompanied by additional health-care money.

"The health-insurance money for the employees is nice — it kind of helps out with the lack of increase in salaries," Froderberg said.

Before the budget proposals came out, Froderberg said there had been questions about the money allotted to recruiting and retaining of faculty. The proposal by the House Democrats provides an increase in both those funds, but it's hard to predict what will happen to the budget with an equal number of democrats and republicans in the House, he said.

"I'm glad that they really increased the size of the recruitment-retention allotment," Froderberg said. This will be the first biennium with a noticeable increase in those funds.

Students may be more interested to hear that both budget proposals include 2-percent local tuition leeway. In addition to the already-legislated 4-percent increase in 1999-00 and 3-percent increases in 2000-01 at all state universities, each institution would be able to raise tuition 2 percent more, Legislative Liaison Jesse Salomon said.

He speculated Western and the University of Washington would take advantage of the tuition hike if it passed, but said that Eastern Washington University has been talking about lowering its tuition; Washington State University and Central Washington University would likely maintain fairly stable tuition levels.

Salomon and the Washington Student Lobby members are pushing to get the 2-percent tuition leeway dropped from the budget.

"My main concern is that it opens a policy door for them to grant more and more local control," he said.

Local control should cause some concern in the student body, Salomon said.

"We're becoming privatized in the sense that students are paying for more and more of a percentage of their educations," he said.

**Rates, from page 1**  
**Room and board increase at low rate**

increase from \$4,728 to \$4,811. Housing and dining payments vary from quarter to quarter in the residence halls.

Birnam Wood residents will pay \$1,836 instead of \$1,800 per year in rent to share a room.

The exact increase for meal plans that students buy separately has not been decided, but will be in that percent range, said Kay Rich, university residences director.

The average percent change in residence rates since 1990-91 is 4.51 percent, said Eileen Coughlin, vice president for student affairs.

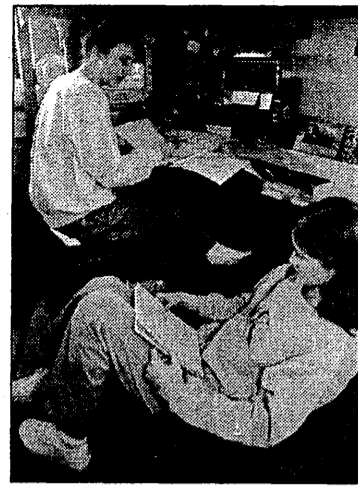
"I expected something similar; they raise it every year," said Samantha Voegelé, a Birnam Wood resident.

"Sometimes I don't think it's fair, because we only have so much money. Expenses can get out of control with books and tuition and housing and all the other stuff you need to get by," said Omega resident Andrea Miller.

Rich said they strove to keep the increase as low as possible — especially with the talk of a tuition raise — while bringing in enough funds to keep the halls maintained.

Students see advantages such as stable food prices, convenience of location, utilities-included rent, state-regulated health and safety standards and provided furniture in living on campus, she said.

"We are actually up in resi-



Chris Goodenow/The Front Carley Landerholm and Monica Frank will pay more to live in the doms next year.

dency at a time when there's a lot of open space in the community," she said.

**Apparel, from page 1**  
**Monitoring apparel too expensive, administrator says**

against abuses is the Western College Bookstore Association, Smith added.

Stacy Waymire of the WCBA expressed reluctance in implementing such a policy.

"We want to follow the issue, but policies as represented by our 115 (members) are too diverse," Waymire said. He added it would be nearly impossible to create a policy that suited all the members' needs and wants.

The WCBA is a purchasing co-op of universities throughout the western United States, which provides 115 universities, includ-

ing Western, with a pool of vendors from which they can purchase merchandise.

In this case, however, there is no policy, Smith said. Western simply can't afford an extensive monitoring program such as Notre Dame has implemented.

According to an article in The Chronicle of Higher Education, Notre Dame will spend \$75,000 on monitoring this year alone.

Other schools active in this debate have demanded their licensing agents require full disclosure of factory locations from all garment manufacturers.

Students at Duke, in particular, have pushed for a full-disclosure policy at their school.

Tico Almeida, president of Duke Students Against Sweatshops, argued full disclosure is an affordable solution to the problem because schools don't necessarily have to pay for monitoring.

Everything the university buys from paper to pens to sweatshirts could be questioned on ethical or environmental grounds, Smith said, adding that apparel may just be a starting point.

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A Hamilton, Ontario life-guard ordered Shannon Wray, 25, out of a municipal pool in February when she began to breastfeed her 9-month-old daughter. Wray assumed it was because she was offending swimmers, but the life-guard pointed to the "no food in the pool" rule.

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## Western student ices competition

By Meredith Lofberg  
THE WESTERN FRONT

A Viking warrior barrels down the ice. Armed with a stick and wearing a helmet, this gladiator seeks not land, but a round piece of rubber.

The spectators in the arena watch in awe as the noble hero homes in on the target, and with a powerful swing launches the rubber projectile into the net.

The buzzer sounds, signaling the end of the contest. The crusader glides to the edge of the rink, ready to bask in the glory of victory. The helmet is pulled off. The crowd lets out a collective gasp. The arena grows quiet. Then an onlooker cries out, "It's a girl!"

Yes, our hero is indeed a heroine. Standing 5 feet 5 inches tall and weighing a mere 100 pounds, 19-year-old Western sophomore Lorna MacDonald may not be the typical hockey player, but she's never allowed her gender to stand in the way of playing the game she loves.

"Hockey has always just been inside me," MacDonald said. "When I was 13 or 14, I started going to Seattle Thunderbirds' games, and I began to think that it was something I would like to do," she said.

MacDonald started playing roller hockey as a teenager, but had no intention of continuing her hockey career when she came to Western. She changed her mind, however, when a visit to the Info Fair in Red Square led to a challenge to try out for Western's team.

"I went to the hockey table to see if there was anything I could do to help out," MacDonald said. "They told me, 'Why don't you sign up to play?'"

That simple invitation led to the start of MacDonald's career on Western's junior varsity team. As one of only two females on the team, she said the toughest part was "just learning to fit in with the guys."

MacDonald is used to being the only girl in a squad full of guys. She was the lone female on her roller-hockey team.

"Guys would look at me and say, 'Girls play hockey?'" she said.

Yes, girls do play hockey.

Some players are still a little uncomfortable sitting next to a girl on the bench, MacDonald said, but added that she's become friends with several guys on the team.

MacDonald said she no longer feels strange about sharing the ice with guys.

"It used to intimidate me, but not anymore," she said. "I can usually just skate around them."

MacDonald's determination may have earned her the respect of her teammates, but she said that some guys are still shocked by her success.

"There's not a day that goes by that I don't run into people who say, 'You play hockey?'" she said. "I swear, sometimes I tell guys that I play hockey and they go into shock."

Although some men tend to make insensitive comments about female hockey players, MacDonald said no one has been intentionally rude since she was a kid playing roller hockey.

"There was this one team that harassed me all the time," she said. "One time I scored a goal against them and a player came by, grabbed my ponytail and yanked it really hard."

MacDonald said some of the boys would yell at her, "Why are you playing hockey? Girls can't play hockey! You're never going to be any good."

MacDonald said she has never understood what the fuss is all about, but she understands why people are shocked to see a girl in pads and a helmet.

"I don't think it's a big deal at all," she said. "When I tell people



Jay Tarpinian/The Western Front  
Padded up and ready to skate, Lorna MacDonald takes to the ice at Sportsplex skating rink.

I play hockey I don't expect a reaction, but people seem to think it's some huge deal."

MacDonald said she won't

stop playing hockey soon. "I want to play my whole life," she said. "I want to be a 90-year-old grandma out on the ice."

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# Children's museum; a world of wonder

By Natalie Quick  
THE WESTERN FRONT

His eyes are immovably focused on the animated computer screen in front of him. Small shrieks of amazement escape Chris LeComptes' mouth as the still swamp critters come to life with a mere click of the mouse. He clicks on a lizard, and watches it quickly scamper across the glassy surface of the small pond.

"That's a basilisk lizard," he states matter-of-factly, without taking his eyes off the screen.

When asked how a 4-year-old knows that basilisk lizards are characterized by their ability to run across the surface of water, his reply is simply, "I just know."

The Whatcom Children's Museum's interactive computer stations help children like Chris discover the excitement in learning.

It creates a unique educational atmosphere for the young and the young at heart.

Whatcom Children's Museum education coordinator Susie Burnett says the museum was

established in 1989 and became a part of the Whatcom Museum of History and Art in 1992.

Burnett explains the focus of the Children's Museum is "to make young children a high priority in the community. This is something going on both nationally and locally."

Burnett says when it comes to making learning fun, "kids have traditionally been given the short end of the stick."

Burnett says the Children's Museum runs interactive and hands-on floor exhibits that coincide with the current themes at the Whatcom Museum of History and Art.

The Children's Museum's floor exhibits focus on activities for children between the ages of 2 and 8.

"The challenge is to create exhibits where kids can discover and explore, and also find answers to how things work," Burnett says.

Along with the floor exhibit, the Children's Museum also has a creative medley of learning tools to entice children.

Children and their parents can check out Wonder Boxes and explore learning together through the various themes within the boxes. Pre-schoolers can attend the Pre-School Treasure Chest on Friday mornings, where they learn about art and science through theme-

related activities and can take home a craft.

Admission for the Children's Museum is \$2, and it is open Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday from noon to 5 p.m. and Thursday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Children's Museum not only creates an educational environment for children, but also for many Western students.

Burnett says the museum employs about five Western students per quarter for volunteer, intern and staff positions.

Clara Cheeves, an undeclared environmental studies major at Western, is assisting the museum with its Earth Week celebration April 10 to 17.

Earth Week is one of the many Wonder Workshops the museum sponsors on Saturdays, Cheeves said. Earth Week, which corresponds with the Whatcom Museum of History and Art's current themes, gives kids the opportunity to create crafts using recycled material.

"It's really great that they are starting environmental education at such a young age," Cheeves said.

The focus of the April 3 Wonder Workshop was discovering, hands-on, the joy of Easter. Before the Workshop, Western senior and anthropology and education major Elizabeth Grader attempted to coax the

star of the show out from under a child-sized table. The large white rabbit covered quietly between two of the miniature chairs that surrounded the table. Grader smiled as she periodically popped her head under the table to check on the timid bunny.

Grader has interned with the Children's Museum for three quarters, and was hired as a staff member in June 1998. Grader's focal point has been the International Celebrations, which are a part of the Wonder Workshops.

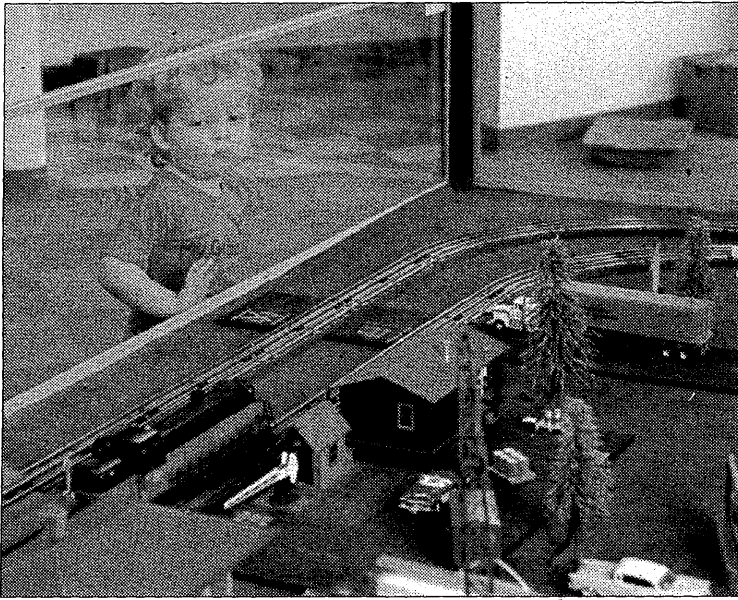
The International Celebrations are free admission days, and use authentic food, crafts, music and musical instruments to teach children about other countries.

A third-grade student-teacher at Happy Valley Elementary, Grader said working at the Children's Museum has helped prepare her for teaching.

"I think that parent involvement is really important and I use that in my classroom," Grader says.

Bellingham resident Gretchen Hess brings Zachary Johansen, the 5-year-old boy she baby-sits, to the Children's Museum two or more times a month.

"There is more learning things here than anywhere else for him to do," she said.



Chris Fuller/The Western Front

A tiny world prospers under the gaze of David Shapiro.

## Trash or treasure ?

By Siobhan Millhouse  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Every inch of the room is filled with antiques, ranging from old metal signs to dishes and clothes. Several people mill about in the antique stores of Bellingham's Old Town. This is a place where items are reborn as someone else's treasure.

Crowds come and go through these stores. Some leave with nothing, while others leave with a tea cup or an arm load of items. Several ladies sit at a table covered with books, coffee cups and snacks. The air is filled with laughter and talk of the daily gossip or the latest find. It's a place to come to relax, lessen the load of everyday life or lose oneself in the past.

Bellingham's antique district has nearly everything. Located on Central, Holly and Prospect streets, the mall's hours are Monday through Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday noon

to 5 p.m.

Each store has its own image and odd characteristics. The Pink Flamingo Buy and Sell is a quaint little store, while the Old Town Antique Mall houses 35 dealers. Paces has tools and furniture and Aladdin's Antique Mall holds rows of old records.

In 1979, Carol Jenkins shared a little space and made a start in the antique business. A long-standing love of treasure hunting has led Jenkins to be the owner of Pink Flamingo.

Jenkins' store boasts an eclectic inventory. She does most of her shopping at garage and estate sales. She says she prides herself on the fact she can offer a good variety of items and just about everyone can find something they like.

"The market is always changing as things are becoming harder to find," Jenkins says.

She won't be found simply sitting around waiting for a customer to walk in. Instead, she is polishing a new-found silver spoon or unwrapping a recently arrived tea cup and saucer.

Western students have been known to walk through the doors of her shop in the hopes of finding some vintage clothes, old albums or trunks. New items become antiques at an almost amazing rate.

"Things like Star Wars memorabilia is now being collected, as generations are growing up," Jenkins explains.

A few stores down sits the Old Town Antique Mall.

Mall owner Claudette Job has had her current store for seven years. Her previous store was located on Birchwood Avenue.

Customer and friend Cathy Leahy stops in quite often.

"It's like 'Cheers' without the alcohol," Leahy says.

No matter what the reason for coming into the store, customers may end up enjoying a cup of coffee with Job and others before leaving. It's not uncommon for customers to do this, Leahy says. She herself comes in to look up the age of various antiques and simply to talk.

The atmosphere is relaxing and inviting. Customers sit and discuss the latest dilemma or bit of gossip, with a gold-colored bust of Winston Churchill watching from a large cabinet.

"It's kind of like a therapy session," Leahy explains.

As customers walk around, they are surrounded by glass display cases filled with everything from children's toys to old fishing lures. Quilts and books are stacked on shelves and each booth offers a new take on the past. Some appear to be parts of rooms lifted from an old home.

Hawaiian and vintage head-noddors, salt and pepper shakers and glass pop bottles hardly scratch the surface of the available items. One dealer has a World War I wheelchair for sale.

"I bought a Teddy Bear at an auction for \$3 and I sold it for \$1,200," said customer and dealer Edith Ankney.

"Even when you buy something, sometimes you get it home and it's broken and you have a loss," Job says.

Job collects tin-litho sand pails and has about 150 in her kitchen at home.

"I don't really have a favorite thing," Job says. "I would probably say a bowl from my grandmother, just because it was hers."

As customers walk out of Old Town Antique Mall — although a few dollars poorer — they perhaps feel considerably richer than when they walked in.



Sara Ballenger/The Western Front

One of the Castle Bed and Breakfast's treasures, the Buddha of Prosperity, is now an item for sale at Atlantis Antiques, located in Bellingham's antique district.



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By Erin Becker

THE WESTERN FRONT

"I've always wanted to be a clown and never knew how to get started," Emily Durr says. "I looked up 'clowns' in the phone book, and there was Boppy The Clown and Bonzo. I called them both and left messages that said, 'Um ... I really want to be a clown, but I don't know what to do. Can you help me?' and then I hung up."

Durr, 20, is a junior studying physical education and health at Western. She moved to Bellingham three years ago from Spokane, where she was born and raised. She describes herself as a "C.I.T." — a clown in training.

Durr sits with one leg bent to her chest and says, "I feel natural, like, huh? Whatever ... Put me in Red Square with a bunch of my peers, and I might feel a bit different." Durr sits at a table in the middle of Plaza Pizza, wearing an outfit that screams louder than the red-and-white checkered tablecloth.

Six inches above her head, two golf-ball-sized, silver-glittered balls are connected to headband by two antenna-like springs. The balls move around her head in a crazy, bouncing orbit as she talks. The headband sits on top of her yellow fishing hat. Two brown pigtails stick out from below the hat's brim. The end of her nose is painted the same color of red she used to paint her big red smile.

"Once I get the clown make-up, I'll be okay," she says as she winks and gives a thumbs-up.

Her eyes are magnified 10 times by the fish-bowl-like lenses of her black-framed glasses. The shirt she is wearing displays every color in the rainbow in amazing swirls that look as if a 3-year-old finger-painted them. Blue, silver, purple and white stripes from her undershirt cover the rest of her arms. The denim overalls are cut above her knees, revealing her purple tights, rainbow-pat-

terned socks and green Converse low-top sneakers.

Another colorful shirt is tied around her waist and a Crayola crayon-green scarf hangs from her side pocket. Tucked in the top of her bib overalls is a yellow kazoo and a couple sheets of stickers. A green plastic whistle hangs around her neck and matches the green plastic bracelets that clang on her wrists.

"I just feel happy," she says. "In a way, I become another person because I'm not afraid or inhibited to be goofy. At the same time, it's the real me that shines through."

Durr looks as if she has been hit by a sticker storm. She is covered head to knees with smiley faces, stars and other stickers.

"Stickers are my thing," she says "I'm going to give them to kids, so I stick them in my pouch."

As a kid, Durr says she was the family ham, trying to make people laugh.

"I remember one time, I stuck a brown towel down my pants so it could still hang out, and said, 'Look Mom! I'm a monkey!' Or one time I stuck toilet paper in my nose and ears and said, 'Look Mom! I'm a robot!'"

Another time Durr went to the IMAX theater in Spokane for her 11th birthday, and the film reel wasn't working.

"I got up on the stage and began dancing and doing cartwheels. I looked up and my Mom had a look on her face of 'OH GOD! That's not my daughter!'"

Durr was exposed to clowning through her church in Spokane. She says a clown performed once for her youth group, and she spent a week at her church's summer camp learning to be a clown and how to use clowning as a ministry.

Her latest influence — her mentor — is Boppy The Clown. Boppy is one of the two clowns Durr called.

Alan Short (Boppy) showed Durr how to make different bal-



Bobby Stone/The Western Front

(Above) Emily Durr practices her craft under the 'orange mosquito.'

(Below) Durr demonstrates her ability to fashion animals out of oxygen and latex.



loon animals. Durr says she learned how to make 15 different balloon creations, including hats and a sword.

"I can make a dog, French poodle and a humming bird, which also serves as a butterfly."

"I'm off to a pretty good start," she says. "We talked about image and names. I need to come up with my own image and

find something that fits my personality."

Sunny the Super Clown, Sunny the Clown, Happy the Clown and Gerdy the Clown are some of the names Durr is considering.

"I'm kinda leaning toward Sunny because it's happy," Durr says. "Maybe Sunny the Super Cool Clown!"

"I've gotten my fingers wet, and now I'm ready to jump in," she says, wiggling her fingers in the air.

The most important thing Durr says she's learned from Short was that, "Even though he's made thousands and thousands of balloon animals, each child is different, and with each new child comes a new creation."

Durr hasn't performed for anyone yet but hopes to soon test her act soon.

"My only audience has been my suitemates and stuffed animals," she says. "I'd really like to go to children's hospitals or even nursing homes and perform for them."

"I've never worked with sick children before, which I think would be a real challenge; it's something I want to do." She adds that she would like to visit organizations such as the YMCA and the Big Brothers/Big Sisters to perform.

Before she begins performing, Durr says she wants to learn more "clown stuff," like juggling

and some simple magic tricks.

"I know silly songs; maybe I'll sing while making balloons or juggling."

"SUNNY THE SILLY-SONG-SINGING CLOWN!" Durr blurts out as she raises her arms and jumps forward in her chair with her eyes open wide.

Durr says her family thinks being a clown compliments her personality and is not surprised she is finally making her dream come true.

Western student Megan Gurver, 19, has known Durr two years and admires her talent for making people laugh.

"She always likes to make people smile. One of her gifts is to really touch people," Gurver says. "She really can make people feel good about themselves and laugh."

Gurver says Durr will be a great clown because this is something she has always wanted to do and now she is finally doing it.

"I think it's really cool ... How many people really want to be a clown?" she says.

Durr begins using her hand pump to blow up a yellow balloon. Her face remains in a painted smile as she concentrates on making a balloon animal.

"Look! It's a giraffe!" She continues to work and says, "How can you look at me and not smile?"

## Track team dominates at home

By Chris Christian  
THE WESTERN FRONT

The Western track and field team finished first in the 18th Annual Viking Quadrangular, taking first in 20 events against teams from Simon Fraser, University of Puget Sound and Pacific Lutheran.

"We had great performances from everyone," coach Pee Wee Halsell said.

The Vikings were led by juniors Devin Kemper and Shannon Anderson, who placed first in each of their three events.

Kemper set a new school record in the men's mile (4:11.50), and also made the provisional qualifying time in the 800 meters with a time of 1:51.89.

Kemper later won the 4x400 meter relay with Nick Little, Tore Nelsen and Ryan Leavengood. Little and Nelsen also won the 400-meter hurdles and the 400-meter dash, respectively.

Anderson and Kate Herber captured wins in the 4x100 and 4x400 meter relays, accompanied by Laura Ellingson and Lyndsy Kline in the 4x100, and Christine Rose and Sarah Tenace in the 4x400.

Anderson, Tenace and Rose also took the top three spaces in

the 400-meter dash.

Jane Wallace and Sarah Hiss finished one and two in the triple jump, with Hiss also winning the women's long jump.

With these wins and others by Megan Clancy (800-meters), and Erin Schauer mann (pole vault), and a good showing by Briana Abrahamsen, Megan Wright and Celeste Hill, who finished 1,2,3 in the women's discus, respectively, the women were victorious.

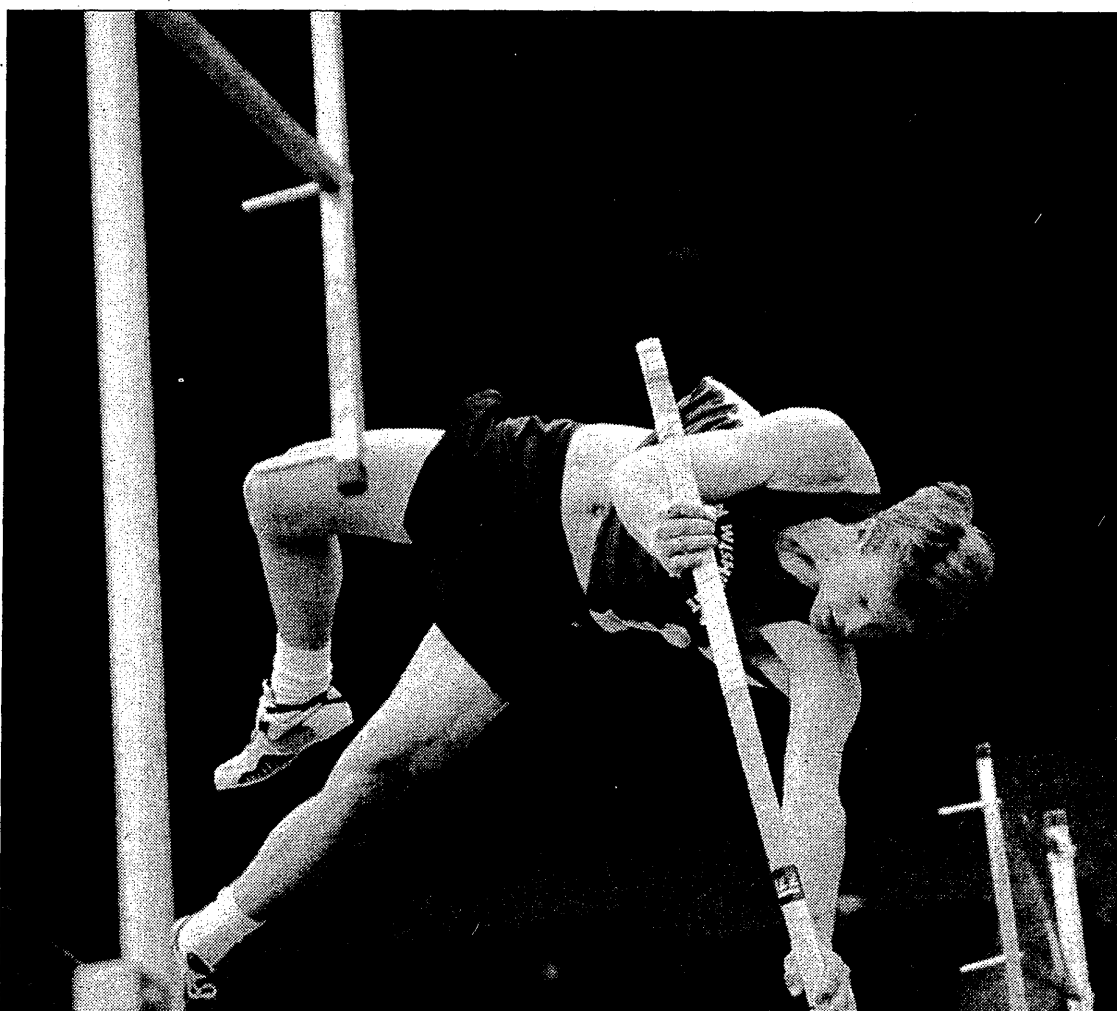
For the men, other wins were by Kyle Wallace in the 110-meter hurdles, Zach Boteilho running the 3,000 meter steeplechase, Nathan Lindeman, who was followed by Eric Green and Mike Tully in the men's high jump, and John Colony and Kegan Smith in the long jump.

Steve Bernardy put the shot 46-4 1/4 and threw the discus 158-8 to set new personal records; Bernardy placed second in both events.

With records being broken and improvements being made, the track team looks ready for its next challenge.

"It's always fun to win at home," Halsell said. "Hopefully we can do it again next week."

The Ralph Vernacchia Meet is the Vikings' next home meet, noon, April 10 at Civic Field.



Erin Fredrichs/The Western Front

Western pole vaulter Steve Robinson misses on one of his three attempts at a height during the 18th Annual Viking Quadrangular Saturday. Robinson finished second in the event, clearing 12 feet, 6 inches. The Vikings defeated three other local teams.

### What's on tap

#### Today

Men's and women's golf: Day two of Saint Martin's Invite

Co-rec softball begins

#### Thursday

Fastpitch: Doubleheader at Saint Martin's

#### Friday

Team captain meetings, Carver Gym 109:

Floor hockey 4 p.m.

Volleyball 4:30 p.m.

Soccer 5 p.m.

#### Saturday

Track and field: Ralph Vernacchia Invitational; 10 a.m. Civic Field

Crew: OSU dual regatta, Vancouver Lake, Vancouver, WA

Fastpitch: Doubleheader vs. CWU; 2 p.m. Viking field

## Spring intramural season kicks off

By Aaron Snel  
THE WESTERN FRONT

The intramural sports season for spring quarter starts today with its most popular spring activity — softball. Other intramural sports this quarter include volleyball, floor hockey and 11-a-side soccer.

Intramural Coordinator and Sport Club Adviser P.J. McGuire said she is expecting a good turnout this quarter for the intramural sports, especially for

the special tournaments taking place throughout the quarter.

Tournaments for this quarter include tennis, table tennis (a new tournament started this year with a huge student response), flag football, bowling, badminton, pickleball, 2-on-2 outdoor volleyball and a golf tournament at the Lake Padden Golf Course.

"The tournaments give students the option of when they want to participate," McGuire said. "They can sign up at spec-

ific times throughout the quarter."

Last spring, the intramural program had 220 teams with 2,588 participants. Co-ed recreational softball had the greatest turnout with 946 people.

"Softball is just a blast," McGuire said. "It's fun to get out and play in the sun. It's an excellent outdoor recreation."

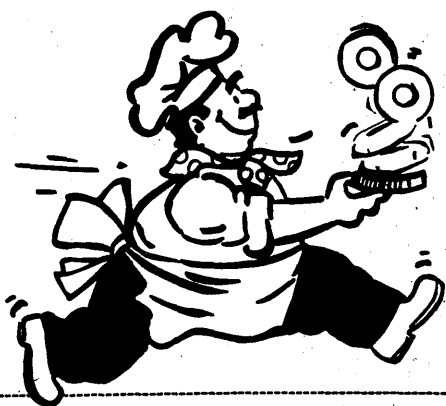
Co-rec soccer is also a popular spring sport. Last spring 480 students participated, and more are expected this quarter.

McGuire said she would like

to see more students sign up for the intramural tournaments this quarter.

"The tournaments are great. Students can get involved and enjoy a good time with their friends," McGuire said. "You don't have to be good at sports. It's just a great way to socialize and an excellent alternative to going to the bars."

Sign-up dates and forms for this quarter's sports tournaments are available in Carver Gym 101.



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# Air Bears ski club hosts competition

## Baker ski area site of 15th annual event

By Kari McGinnis  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Like the grand finale of a Fourth of July fireworks show, the Mount Baker Air Bears Freestyle Club ended its ski season with a bang. The club added a big-air competition to its 15th annual dual-mogul ski contest Saturday at Mount Baker.

Whatcom Community College student Brett Milewski said the big-air competition was unique because it was the first time Mount Baker had done anything like it. Skiers who tackled the jump in front of the White Salmon Day Lodge were judged on form, amount of air, takeoff and landing. Their scores were multiplied by the degree of difficulty.

Milewski said he thinks the big-air contest will continue to be a part of the annual ski competition because it was high action and drew a large crowd.

"The hardest trick we saw was a mistyflip," Milewski said, describing it as "a kind of horizontal 360-degree twist that was taken from snowboarding."

Skiers from Eastern Washington and British Columbia challenged locals in the dual-mogul competition.

The face of Baker's Honkers run placed two mogul competitors side-by-side with five judges flagging from the bottom of the slope. Skiers competed in divisions according to age and gender. Judging included speed, turns, air and overall

performance. Competitors were guaranteed two runs, and the skier with the most flags continued on.

Air Bears founder and coach Dean Collins said he and fellow-coach Lane Barrett thought it would be good to pass on some of the things they learned on the slopes.

**"The Air Bears is a group of skiers who want to learn how to ski the whole mountain."**

**Brett Milewski**  
Air Bears Coach

"We broke a lot of skis," Collins said. "We didn't break any bones, but we probably should have."

This year more than 20 local businesses sponsored the competition. Milewski, who started out in the club four years ago and became a coach after two years, said he believes Johnny Moseley winning the gold medal in the moguls at the Olympics last year "really put a spark into the U.S. ski team," and created local interest.

Sponsors donated skis, poles, goggles and other ski-related prizes for winners.

Fifteen years ago, with the support of the Howats, who manage the Mount Baker Ski Area, Collins and Barrett formed the ski club.

"We have coaches beyond belief," Collins said. The club brochure outlines the coaches' qualifications; Milewski, Paul Nelson, Jon Granar and Tyler McCoy each have experience as international competitors. Barrett placed 17th in the 1994 Olympics.

Collins has 10 years of experience as an international competitor in moguls and inverted aerials. He also has four years as an inverted aerialist stunt man, including two years with Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus. He also competed at the 1993 World Extreme Contest.

"The whole idea is to have fun," Collins said, adding that they're proud that two members went on to the first Olympic mogul competition and two went to the World Extreme Contest.

"The Air Bears is a group of skiers who want to learn how to ski the whole mountain — to take advantage of all the terrain that Mount Baker has to offer," Milewski said. "What we try to do is teach them in a safe way — safer than having them just go out and huck themselves off a jump."

Collins said the club is open to anyone with a good attitude and intermediate ski experience. Members are split into groups according to ability. For 10 weeks they traverse the mountain, concentrating on jumping, moguls and powder skiing.



Kari McGinnis/The Western Front  
A competitor catches some air at Saturday's dual mogul. The Air Bears have taught freestyle skiing for 15 years.

### Dual-Mogul Winners:

13 and under male  
Shawn McIsaac

13 and under female  
Mareija Eskelin

14-15 male  
Tomas Eskelin

14-15 female  
Stephanie Wall

16-18 male  
Jon Granara

16-18 female  
Heather Shepard

19-34 male  
Myles Ricketts

19-34 female  
Kate Harrington

35 and older male  
Jon Butterwick

### Big-Air Winners:

1st — Tyler Ricketts  
2nd — Jon Granara  
3rd — Myles Ricketts  
4th — Tyler Forman  
5th — Brett Milewski

## Record snows extend spring season

By Sara Magnuson  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Five years ago, in a study conducted by Powder magazine, Mount Baker wowed researchers with an annual snowfall average of 615 inches. This year, 1,078 inches have blanketed Mount Baker's slopes.

"It's the powder year of a lifetime for skiers," said Gwen Howat, a spokesperson for Mount Baker.

Season ticket sales have

increased, and daily ticket sales have risen 5 percent, she said.

The 1,000-plus inches include total snow fall, some of which packs to form a snow base, which is 311 inches.

"It surpasses an all-time record in history at Mount Baker that goes back to 1946," Howat said, recalling the 53-year-old record to be 300 inches.

"(This year) we had to close the ski area for two days to dig out the chair lifts so people could ride them," Howat said. "If we weren't continually digging, the (ski lift)

towers would be buried."

Snow removal technicians have been laboring overtime, digging snow from the lifts. The office was forced to increase the staff to lighten the work load, Howat said.

Avalanche controls have been continual, and avalanches haven't claimed any skiers since the fatality in February. Two people are still missing from the back country wilderness outside designated ski areas.

Mount Baker is scheduled to close May 2, Howat said.

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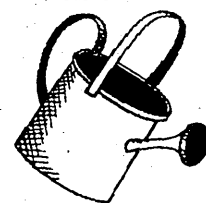
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# Golf team places fifth

THE WESTERN FRONT

Western's men's golf team finished fifth at the NCAA Division II District Eight Qualifying Tournament last Tuesday in Woodland, Calif.

Western shot a final round 303 to finish with a 914 total for the three-round tournament. The third-round performance was Western's strongest of the tournament. Western had previous rounds of 307 and 304.

Western finished two strokes behind California State University-San Bernardino, and finished 22 strokes behind tournament host and winner University California-Davis.

Western coach Steve Card said the team hasn't been playing up to its potential for the past month.

"We've got to get better production from the bottom part of

our lineup," Card said.

Western was led by senior Joel Skarbo, who was second place overall going into the final round. He ended the tournament with a 2-over-par 74, finishing in third place.

Junior Craig Welty shot a final round 73 to finish with a 222 and sixth place.

Redshirt freshman Jamie Kim, in his first tournament since recovering from a broken wrist, finished with a 236 after his final round 78.

Junior John Stehlik and sophomore A.J. Moul filled out Western's lineup; both finishing with 237.

Western has a chance to redeem itself in the final qualifying tournament. Western will host the event April 19 and 20 at the Bellingham Golf and Country Club.

"Obviously, we'll have to play

better golf, and we can't take it for granted because we're on our home course," Card said.

Western must improve in order to secure a berth in the West Regional Tournament this May in Phoenix.

To claim a tournament berth, teams earn points for each school they finish ahead of during tournament play. The top four schools advance.

Current leaders are UC-Davis, Cal State-Bakersfield, Cal State-Stanislaus and Cal State-San Bernardino. Western is ahead of Chico State University, St. Martin's College, University of Hawaii-Hilo and Cal State-Dominguez Hills.

"We're in good position," Card said. "We have to beat all the teams that we did down here and beat Cal State-San Bernardino by three strokes."

# Front office deals are Sonic setbacks



Duane Dales

COMMENTARY

Hawkins and Dale Ellis are not contributing to the offense. The 3-point bombers are expected to provide lethal doses of scoring and transition offense the Sonics lack this season. Age could be the reason for their decline.

On the positive side, Gary Payton is in MVP shape. He still dominates games in scoring, steals and assists. Exhaustion is the reason Payton's performance suffers in the second half, since the team could not find a strong back-up.

The rest of the Sonic bench, consisting of Stepania, Jelani McCoy and Rashard Lewis, can't sustain attacks from the second units of the Blazers and Lakers.

Seattle's playoff chances are slipping away. Is it the coaching staff or the players that are to blame? The answer is both.

Westphal has been experimenting a lot with set plays and scrambling players' roles. Examples are the demotions of Detlef Schrempf and Hawkins to the bench during parts of the season.

Veteran players such as Payton and Schrempf must show leadership and maturity to the team.

If the team brings the same approach to the playoffs it has utilized this season, the Sonics won't make the second round of the playoffs. If the team only gets to the first round or doesn't even appear in the playoffs, expect some Sonic personnel to be searching for employment.

The Seattle Sonics made a lot of changes this season. New faces were acquired to rebuild the team to playoff caliber. George Karl, who coached the Sonics to five consecutive playoff appearances this decade, was fired because of a .500 playoff record that included two first-round exits.

General manager Wally Walker's next step was to hire head coach Paul Westphal. Veteran players such as Billy Owens and Olden Polynice, who showed mediocre stats last season, were added. The Sonics also picked 7-footer Vladimir Stepania in last year's draft.

Polynice was acquired from Sacramento to stop opponents from scoring in the frontcourt. Polynice can guard centers who rely on strength. When it comes to big men who are quick in the low post, he has a difficult time stopping them. Offensively, Polynice is not a threat.

Forward Vin Baker is not giving an all-star performance this year. Baker's free throws are poor, and he needs to take more immediate shots in the paint. Baker is still the key, but he may be lost for the regular season because of injury.

In the backcourt, Hersey

# Viking crew encounters harsh weather; manages split with Gonzaga rowers

By Craig Yantis  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Western's crew competed against Gonzaga University in adverse weather conditions Saturday with the varsity men and junior varsity women earning wins.

The dual regatta at the Lakewood site at Lake Whatcom took place in snow, rain, wind and cold weather — conditions that came just short of canceling the event.

Western's varsity men took the win against Gonzaga with a time of 6:28.92, in a race coach John Fuchs described as phenomenal.

Last weekend in San Diego, the varsity men were beaten by

a boat length, and Saturday they responded by leading most of the race by a few boat lengths.

Western's junior varsity women rowed to victory with a time of 7:53.29, defeating Gonzaga, who finished at 8:06.17. The coach described the victory as a scrappy performance.

"It was rough, but they powered down the course with no fear," Fuchs said.

Western's varsity women lost to Gonzaga, which had a time of 7:33.86.

"Gonzaga rode an excellent race; we did not perform, and we just got outpulled," Fuchs said. "We have some work ahead of us with varsity women, but the potential is there with that

group."

The junior varsity men also lost to Gonzaga, which had a time of 6:54.97. Fuchs said Gonzaga was the better crew, and Western did OK for having less experience.

"As a team, the split with the regatta was a good achievement," Fuchs said. "Gonzaga is a Division-I school with a budget about four times that of Western, so we are on the right track."

Western's crew has its next regatta 10 a.m. April 10, at Vancouver Lake against top-ranked Oregon State University. Fuchs said he looks forward to next week's event, calling it a "real test to compete against a Pac-10 powerhouse."

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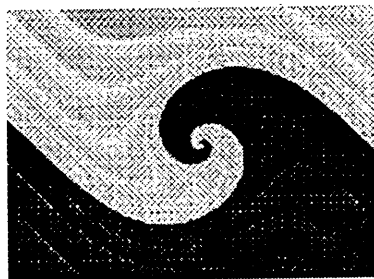
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## Frontline

### Pretty good, for a corporation

Marriott Corporation's 10-year contract for food service monopoly with Western will be up for grabs next year. Marriott, which has been tied to Western since 1959, signed its current contract in 1990.

Jim Schuster of Western said the bid will be open to all parties. "We're pretty much opening the bid up to the whole country," he said yesterday. Marriott will compete with all other bidders in an even heat.

While it is hard to say whether or not Marriott should be invited back to serve the students for another 10-year stint, one thing is for sure: This is a great opportunity for concerned students to make requests and recommendations to the university concerning food-service quality.

Many of us have sustained ourselves on a strictly Marriott diet over long periods of time. We have managed to put up with less than mom's home cooking, and we have lived to tell about it.

But let's be honest. Can we really expect anything better than what Marriott offers us now?

When the current 10-year contract comes up for renewal, a request for proposal will be issued by the university. "An RFP is an outline for bids," said Viking Union Marriott Head Manager Nori Yamashita.

Schuster said the university is looking for a company that can provide more than 65,000 meals per week with the appropriate expertise and manpower at the lowest cost. The lowest bid wins as long as the requirements are met.

Is there a company out there that could beat Marriott's efficiency and price? A company that could adjust to the surroundings that Marriott has been entrenched in since 1959? If so, could we survive on that food? What grade meat would they serve — mostly circus meat with some filler? My guess is there is no company that can topple Marriott's supremacy.

In an effort to prepare for 10 more years of Marriott, I stopped by the Miller Hall coffee shop yesterday afternoon. I was appalled by some of the prices. A little Dolma La Tibetan Style spicy potato burrito is \$3.25 before tax and an Odwalla C-Monster juice is \$1.99. Just the same, I was glad to know that I could find Tibetan-style potatoes and fresh fruit juices among the salty chips and sodas.

I was also happy to find comment cards, cheap bagels, nutritional analysis of all foods served and even vegan cookies.

No one will be able to compete with Marriott. Get used to it and make the most of those comment cards.

Even though a puny Cup-O-Noodles is a dollar and the shrimp and crab (not crab) salads are \$3, Marriott has mastered this campus and is a lasting establishment, so we may as well open our eyes. At least give them credit for their endurance and maybe consider starting a student-run, student-owned bagel shop.

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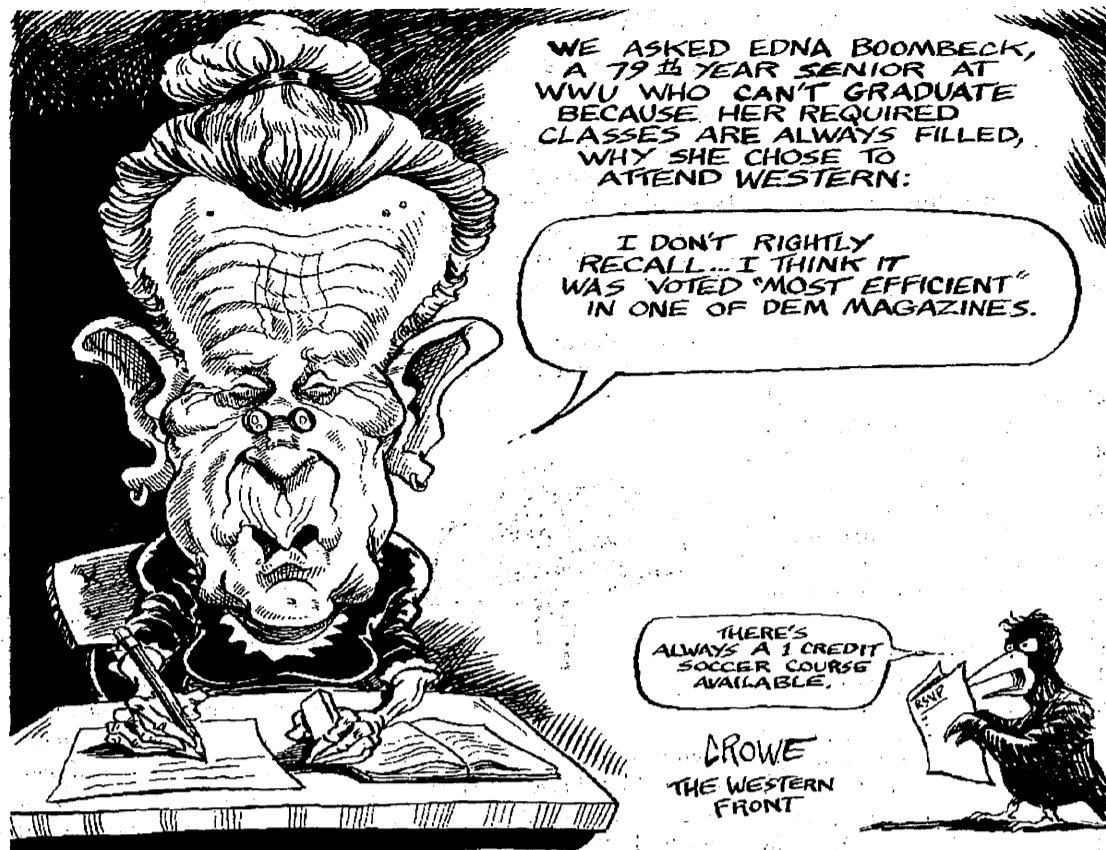
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### And we quote:

"When I'm working as hard as I can to prepare other parents' kids for college, and I can't afford college for my own kids, something is wrong with the equation."

- Kjell Rye, Garfield H.S. teacher  
Source: The Seattle P.I.  
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## Teachers deserve raises

### Good education is worth higher pay



Andy Faubion

COMMENTARY

Recently, elementary, middle and high schoolers in this state have been subject to unexpected holidays. The explanation for this is not some state or federal observance, but the days without school are actually a gift from students' teachers.

The teachers' gift to the students does not come from any type generosity; it stems from a resentment they feel they are subject to by the state, and the voters who, for various reasons, have decided not to increase teachers' salaries over the past few years. The one-day strikes are used by the state teachers' union as an attention getter, to let the legislators know the teachers are fed up with being continuously shoved to the back of the proverbial income bus.

We, as voters and taxpayers should, even at the expense of increased taxes, give the teachers their pay raises, which are only pennies on the dollars of our assessed property values.

Although we may moan and groan that our taxes are too high, we should think of it as an investment in the education of future generations. As cliché as that statement may be, it is a fact that the demand for teachers in this state and in this country is only going to increase as the number of kids entering our schools continues to rise.

It is said that if you take a doctor or a lawyer and place them in a room with 30 of his or

rationalize the time and effort they expend for their services.

Some might say the above comparison is skewed because we pay professional practitioners out of pocket, but I would ask whether state employees, who mold our future leaders of America, are any less valuable?

Some students spend more time during a typical week with their teachers than with their parents. In some cases, the teacher has instilled the only real set of values a student might have. The role of a teacher is so multifaceted — he or she has to act as a counselor, psychologist, babysitter, mentor, disciplinarian, friend and, in some cases, a parent.

I think we owe it to our state's teachers to show them some type of gratitude, and in this case, they're only asking to have their annual salaries adjusted for inflation. I think that's incredibly modest, when you factor in all the things their profession does for our society.

We need to give those in the teaching profession an incentive to continue their important jobs, and we need to give those considering teaching as a profession some incentive to pursue that goal.

“We should think of (the strike) as an investment in the education of future generations.”

her clients or patients, each needing individual attention, having completely different ailments, needing specialized advice and demanding immediate attention, then you might begin to understand what a single teacher might deal with during any given day.

We pay doctors and lawyers considerable amounts of money and some of them make obscene annual salaries, but we don't begrudge them, because we can

## letters

A sample of readers' letters and e-mails

### Western students give poor showing

To the editor:

Last Friday's "walk out" was a pathetic event at best. The hope of attracting attention to the overcrowding at Western was lost in the poor showing at "high noon" in Red Square. What's hard to tell is whether the cause was poor planning, lack of inter-

est, or both. One thing's for sure, if the administration was concerned at noon on Friday, by 12:09 p.m. when the event was over, they were probably cracking champagne and trying to figure out if the designers of bunk beds could design "bunk chairs" for the class rooms.

Before whoever was in charge of this fiasco attempts this type of public humiliation again, he might wish to get some help from the journalism department on how to promote such an event. Instead of a show of force, it was a farce played out in front of the media including KIRO television, which I'm sure will think twice before driving from

Seattle to watch the ravings of two students in front of a "crowd" of 20 people.

Of course, some of the problem may be the topic, which didn't include discussions on East Timor, fur, or gay rights. It seems these days that if it's not a special interest event but just something for the good of all, most students aren't interested in taking part.

I hope the students will try to run this again — the right way — and hopefully a large portion of the student body will attend.

Dave Chesson, Western student

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**Georgia Pacific and community should act more responsibly in toxic waste cleanup**

To the editor:

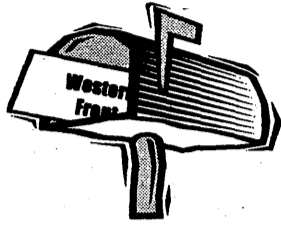
I read the article entitled "Bill to Clean up Bellingham Bay..." It is good to see media attention regarding the mess we've created out there. I hope the Linville bill passes.

However, the method described for implementing the bill seems very questionable. If I understand the explanation offered by our own Dr. Herbert Walker, the plan is to dig up the toxic sludge, then dig a deep hole and bury the sludge in the hole beneath a 'cap' layer of sediment. I am no expert on Bellingham Bay contamination, but I do smell a rat. It seems that this solution is not really a solution at all, but a postponement. How does it benefit the environment to have the toxins more deeply imbedded? Is this simply a time-release solution that our children will have to deal with?

Why don't we, the citizens of Bellingham, each take a bucket of this stuff and keep it on our front porch as a reminder of

what we allow to occur in our superficially beautiful bay? Or maybe we could put barrels of this stuff inside the GP building — wedge it in between the vats of deadly chlorine that are already there. Just a thought.

Jackson Millikan  
Western Student



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**Bottled or tap: is there really a difference?**

One-third of bottled water found to be municipal drinking water



Scott LaMont

COMMENTARY

Don't judge water by its label. That so-called "pure" bottled water that you have been spending your hard-earned college funds on might be contaminated with just as many chemicals and bacteria as regular tap water.

A recent report funded by the Natural Resources Defense Council, an environmental agency based in New York, tested different brands of bottled water to find out if the advertising is truthful. Is that water you're carrying around campus really as clear and natural as a mountain spring? Or is it just another industry trying to con-

vince you to buy its product at inflated prices?

In the report, the NRDC tested 103 brands of bottled water, finding more than one-third exceeds bacterial and chemical contamination standards set by the government and the bottled-water industry. The report claims an estimated 25 to 40 percent of bottled water sold in the United States is taken from our public water systems. Some companies are just bottling tap water!

So what is the benefit of paying large amounts of money for bottled water when the product doesn't live up to the standard the label promises? Some brands of water passed the tests and are considered quality, but even those brands may lack certain chemicals such as fluoride, which has intentionally been put in tap water to promote stronger teeth for children.

The water isn't regulated any better either. According to the NRDC, a city's public water system is required to test its water more than 100 times per month for germs such as coliform bacteria. Bottling plants are only required to test for coliform bacteria once per week.

We pay for an estimated 3.4 billion gallons of bottled water a year instead of using that money to make the public water cleaner. I just don't understand this frequent obsession with germs. I've been drinking from the tap all my life, but the bottled-water industry advertisers would like me to believe that I am basically drinking from the toilet. Germs

are everywhere. There is no way to destroy all these microscopic organisms. But alas, we still try in vain to be cleaner than possible.

Sure, the water in Bellingham tastes a little funny, and if you want to pay the price for water without that taste, fine; other than taste, is the tap water really that bad for your health?

I don't believe that it is. Sure, I'm not a science major, and I don't know the specifics about certain contaminants in the water. If a sample of Bellingham water were put under an electron microscope, I would probably pass out.

Yet, if you look at a sample from any toilet seat on campus in comparison, it would make the water look like it was blessed by the pope. That doesn't mean you shouldn't use the bathroom between classes. So why do we make special considerations with water?

All of these germ findings are nothing new. The fact that bacteria was still found in "purified" water is not the biggest shock. We simply should not be deathly afraid of germs and we shouldn't have to pay \$1.25 every time we need a drink of water. If you like the taste, fine. If you like using the bottle as a container — great — keep filling it up at the nearest drinking fountain. But, if the bottled water aisle at Haggens is a place you frequent, ask yourself why you need to buy this water. If you can't think of a good reason, don't buy it, there's always a faucet marked "C" waiting at home.

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