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RATS!

Animal research lab vandalized — \$5,000 in damages, animals stolen

By Kristen Moored
THE WESTERN FRONT

Miller Hall's animal research laboratory was broken into and vandalized sometime between 10:30 p.m. Saturday and 10:25 a.m. Sunday.

Four research rabbits and 37 rats were stolen from the basement and several offices were ransacked.

A group known as the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) claimed responsibility.

The ALF is an organization of animal rights activists who target science labs, slaughterhouses, fur farms and retail fur stores.

The FBI has considered classifying the ALF as a terrorist organization.

According to a press release from the ALF, the group entered the building shortly after midnight, first destroying psychology professor Merle Prim's office.

All contents of Prim's office, including large volumes of research and books about surgical technique, were soaked in two gallons of muriatic acid.

The initial estimate of the damage is \$5,000, said Dave Doughty, assistant campus police chief.

Even though the animals can be replaced and the rooms put back together, the months of research done by students cannot be reclaimed, said Ronald Kleinknecht, psychology department chair.



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(Above) Vandals spray painted the bulletin board in the office of Troy Morin, Western animal care technician.



(Left) A couch contaminated with muriatic acid is covered in plastic and marked by caution tape.

(Right) Komo News 4 cameraman Steve Ramaley shoots footage of empty rat cages that remained.



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Western parking manager leaves without warning, questions remain

By Ken Brierly
THE WESTERN FRONT

Greg Lawrence vacated his position as Western's parking manager Oct. 18.

Vice President of Business and Financial Affairs George Pierce and University Police Chief Jim Shaw requested his resignation during a meeting with Lawrence the previous week.

"Greg and I finally agreed he should look at other endeavors," Shaw said. "He did a wonderful job while he was here, but we thought we should reorganize parking and public safety."

Lawrence's sudden and unexpected departure came as a surprise to Parking and Transportation employees. The swift and silent way he

resigned was intentional, Shaw said.

"Without encroaching on Greg's privacy, we felt it was best to make a quiet and quick change," Shaw said, declining to elaborate further on the move except to say that Lawrence's dismissal wasn't necessarily or solely due to job-performance issues.

"This is not a one-dimensional problem," Shaw said. "Sometimes performance is based on a lot of different areas. To say it's just performance would be too big — I don't want to go there. It is just that Western's unique and some things change over time."

Lawrence's stint at Western lasted just 22 months. During that time, his department nurtured the growth in usership of

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Chris Goodenow / The Western Front
Parking lots crowd during week.

New student login, password required Jan. 1

By Terrill Simecki
THE WESTERN FRONT

Starting Jan. 1, all Western students will be required to use new computer lab login passwords to get into the campus network, and they will have access to new and improved computer capabilities.

Joseph Pham, Academic Technology & User Service Help Desk head consultant, said students have been able to create passwords since the beginning of fall quarter and that about 25 percent of students have already created passwords.

The new passwords are

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Viking football victorious, again

Viking football keeps its winning streak alive with a victory against Chadron State 26-14.

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Terrifyingly terrific



Eschewing the standard one pumpkin and a paper ghost formula, a local household takes holiday

decorating to the extreme.

See story, page 9.

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COPS BOX

Campus Police

Oct. 23, 5:21 p.m.: The residence staff of Ridgeway Kappa requested an aid car for a resident needing medical attention. The Bellingham Fire Department Paramedics responded and checked the resident. The paramedics were able to assist the resident, who was a diabetic.

Oct. 21, 10:03 a.m.: United States Customs phoned University Police Dispatch confirming Western's Municipal Court warrants for a man's arrest. A university officer transported the man to Whatcom County Jail where a warrant was served.

Oct. 21, 2:36 p.m.: The Bellingham Fire Department and University Police responded to a medical aid call in College Hall. A female student fainted in the hallway.

Bellingham Police

Oct. 23, 12:18 a.m.: Bellingham Police responded to gun shots fired in the 2800 block of Verona Street. Officers checked the area but were unable to locate where the sound originated from.

Oct. 22, 5:28 p.m.: A man was arrested for shoplifting at Bellis Fair Mall.

Oct. 21, 1:13 p.m.: A burglary was reported in the 1800 block of Williamsburg Court. No suspects were identified.

Oct. 21, 10:21 p.m.: An officer responded to the 2900 block of Alvarado Drive concerning malicious mischief. Upon arrival, the officer found the owners of the vehicle that had been vandalized with eggs. The car did not appear to be damaged. No suspects were identified.

Compiled by Kristen Moored

STATE NEWS

Lawsuit filed in Seattle against parking meters

A class action lawsuit has been filed against the city of Seattle about parking meters. The suit was filed by attorney Steve Berman after he was contacted by a person who had seen reports of parking meter problems on KOMO-TV.

An investigation by the station found that as many as 40 percent of the city's meters short-time drivers. The meters expire too soon.

The city has more than 8,700 parking meters.

Berman's suit seeks unspecified damages. He's also asking for a court order that could force the city to stop using parking meters until they all are fixed.

Aberdeen man who ordered bombing of probation officer sent to prison

The Aberdeen man who ordered the bombing of his probation officer has been sentenced to 62 years in prison.

Steven Edward Pink apologized Monday in Grays Harbor County Superior Court. He said there was no excuse for what happened.

Pink was convicted of conspiracy to commit murder for the

attack last January at Montesano on Corrections Officer Tom Perrine.

He was severely injured when a bomb went off as he climbed in his car. Perrine lost a finger and doctors had to rebuild his right leg. His eye and face were also injured.

Pink is a convicted drug dealer who was supervised by Perrine.

The man who set the bomb, Gary Davis, pleaded guilty to attempted murder and is serving a 40-year sentence.

NATIONAL NEWS

Golfer dies in jet crash

One of the world's most recognizable pro golfers, Payne Stewart, is among five people dead after the mysterious crash of a Learjet. It flew uncontrolled for hours over the nation's heartland before coming down in rural South Dakota.

Officials said there may have been a pressurization failure.

Stewart was known for his knickers and tamoshanter hat. He won the U.S. Open this year, his second.

Buchanan switched parties

As several hundred supporters cheered him on, Pat Buchanan turned away from the

Republican Party and joined the Reform Party. He said the next election is the last chance to save the republic from what he calls a "godless world order."

Liberty Tree comes down

The nation's last surviving Liberty Tree is being cut down. Several hundred people gathered in a solemn ceremony Monday in Maryland. The tree, which like other gathering spots in the original colonies was a powerful symbol of the American Revolution, was seriously damaged by Hurricane Floyd.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Israel detains foreign Christian group members

Israel plans to deport 21 foreign Christians, most of them Americans.

Israel radio reports that police arrested the foreigners Monday — fearing they were planning a mass suicide or other dangerous acts in anticipation of Christ's return.

The group's leader is a New York state native. He said he moved to Israel because he believes Jesus will return very soon. He says he and his followers were arrested because they speak the truth.

This isn't the first time Israel has detained Christian groups. In January, Israel expelled 12 followers of a Denver-based cult. And earlier this month, it barred Irish and Romanian pilgrims from entering the country.

Olympic committee admitted residents had almost no chance of getting tickets

Sydney Olympic organizers admit the Australian public stood almost no chance of getting tickets to some events at next year's Games.

But Olympic officials defend their decision to try to sell 350,000 of the best seats to the rich for inflated prices.

The head of the Sydney Olympic ticketing subcommittee said the board's big mistake was not making the high-priced ticket program public.

Australians have expressed outrage at the ticket program. The committee has stressed that 52 percent of the nearly 10 million tickets would be offered to the public, but the percentage was much lower for popular events.

Even so, officials said the amount of tickets being sold to the Australian public is still considerably higher than for the 1996 Games in Atlanta.

Compiled by Devin Finco

Bellingham Weather

Tuesday



Partly sunny with isolated morning showers. Highs 50.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday



Increasing clouds with rain developing late. Highs 55 to 60



Mostly cloudy with showers. Lows 40 to 45. Highs 55.



Increasing clouds. Rain late. Lows 40 to 45. Highs 55.

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THE MATH PLACEMENT TEST is offered at 9 a.m. Mondays on Oct. 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and Dec. 6 and at 3 p.m. Thursdays on Oct. 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18 and Dec. 2 and 9. Sample problems: <http://www.washington.edu/oea/aptp.htm>. Registration is not required but photo ID and a No. 2 pencil are. A \$10 fee is payable in exact amount at time of test.

STUDY SKILLS PRESENTATION. The Tutorial Center offers the following free sessions: • "Reading for Meaning," 3 p.m. Oct. 26, BH 109; • "Note Taking," 4 p.m. Oct. 28, BH 112; • "Time Management," 3 p.m. Nov. 2, BH 109; • "Test Taking," 4 p.m. Nov. 4, BH 112. Contact the Tutorial Center, X/7915, for more information.

A HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSION will be held at 1 p.m. Nov. 4 in MH 114. Find out about the bachelor of arts degree in Human Services offered through Woodring College of Education. For more information, call X/7759.

WWU SURPLUS AUCTION 9 a.m. Nov. 6, Armory Building motor shed, lower level. Items may be inspected from 9 a.m. to noon Nov. 5. Payment is required within one hour of sale's conclusion by cash, money order, cashier's check or certified check. Personal or business checks accepted with proper identification.

THE TEST FOR ENTRANCE INTO TEACHER PREPARATION (TETEP) may be taken at 2 p.m. Nov. 16 in FR 4 or Dec. 1 in OM 587. Registration is required in OM 120. A \$25 fee is payable in exact amount at time of registration. TETEP is not administered on an individual basis. Admission deadline is Oct. 31 for winter quarter and Jan. 31 for spring quarter.

MILLER ANALOGIES TEST: Registration is required in OM 120 or by calling X/3080. A \$35 fee is payable at time of testing. Testing takes approximately 1½ hours. Testing will be at 2 p.m. on Nov. 19, OM 482 and 2 p.m. Dec. 13, OM 482.

On-campus recruiting

Hogan, Meham, Richardson & Co., Tuesday, Oct. 26. Submit résumé and sign up for interview in OM 280.

Frito-Lay, Wednesday, Oct. 27. Submit résumé and sign up for interview in OM 280.

Pacific Capital Resource Group, Wednesday, Oct. 27. Submit résumé and sign up for interview in OM 280.

Mervyn's, Thursday, Oct. 28. Submit résumé and sign up for interview in OM 280.

Novellus Systems, Inc., Thursday, Oct. 28. See company binder and employer file in career library, OM 280.

Clark Nuber, Monday, Nov. 1. Submit résumé and cover letter by Oct. 19 pre-select deadline.

Codesic, Inc., Monday, Nov. 1. See information in signup folder. Submit résumé and sign up for interview in OM 280.

Farmer's Life Insurance, Wednesday, Nov. 3. Submit résumé by Oct. 27 to Career Services, OM 280.

Consolidated Electrical Distributor, Pre-select interviews Tuesday, Nov. 9. Submit résumé only to OM 280 by Oct. 26.

Consolidated Graphics, Pre-select interviews Tuesday, Nov. 9. Submit résumé only to OM 280 by Oct. 26.

Mervyn's (assets protection), Wednesday, Nov. 3. Submit résumé and sign up for interview in OM 280.

American President Lines (APL Limited), Thursday, Nov. 4. Submit résumé and sign up for interview in OM 280.

Target Stores, Friday, Nov. 5. See company binder in career library, OM 280. Attend one-hour information session in OM 280 at 4 p.m. Nov. 4. Submit résumé and sign up for interview in OM 280.

SSC San Diego, Tuesday, Nov. 9. Submit résumé and sign up for interview in OM 280. Bring unofficial transcript to interview.

Sherwin-Williams Co., Wednesday, Nov. 10. Submit résumé and sign up for interview in OM 280.

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Newsmakers

PEOPLE MAKING AN IMPACT ON CAMPUS



Chris Goodenow/The Western Front

Johnson teaches a wide range of classes — his favorite class examines the relationship between race and public policy.

By Kristen Hawley
THE WESTERN FRONT

Vernon Johnson's first taste of activism as a high school student in Cincinnati got him hooked.

He took part in a city-wide boycott of classes in 1968 to protest the lack of an African-American student union for high school students in the city, and his discovery of the power of protesting is why he is still an activist today.

"It gives you a sense of empowerment when you have all those people together," said Johnson, a political science Western professor. "It gives you a sense that you could make a difference."

In 1994, Johnson joined several community members in founding the Whatcom Human Rights Task Force, which is designed to raise community awareness of human rights violations.

"We were interested in doing a community program to increase tolerance for social diversity as the community became more diverse," he explained.

The task force founders came together after a cross burning at a migrant farmers camp in Lynden in August 1994.

"During a period when other events like that were happening, there were concerns that law enforcement was not taking it seriously enough," he said. "That

led to the interest in having some oversight of the law enforcement procedures when racial harassment occurs. There were several generations here that saw the community changing in ways they didn't like, producing social tensions."

The tension hit even closer to home in 1995 when a group of anti-Semites attacked two Western students. This prompted the WHRTF to implement the "Not in Our Town" campaign.

"It was a teachable moment of the growth of the far-right and anti-Semitic movement (in Bellingham)," Johnson said.

"Not in Our Town" began in Billings, Mont., in 1993 as a community response to a brick thrown through the window of a Jewish family displaying a menorah during Hanukkah.

Concurrently, the task force gained permission to use the "Joining Hands Against Hate" logo, which a group of local women designed to counter the emergence of the "far right" in Bellingham, Johnson said.

"We postered the community with 'Hands Against Hate,' replicating the show of solidarity in Billings," Johnson said. "It kept us going for so long."

He said his involvement as a self-described anti-war activist and black militant in college sparked an interest in politics.

"I wanted to understand the political system better," he said. "I gravitated toward (political science) because that's the discipline that explained it."

As an activist leader of a black

student union at Akron University in Ohio, Johnson helped found an African-American student center, which still exists. The sense of accomplishment he said he felt prompted him toward educating others.

"When you're an activist, especially in a position as a speaker, you're an educator," he said. "Teaching and research activism are all very intimately involved."

Johnson teaches a wide range of classes, from introductory level to specialized graduate student classes, but his favorite is one examining the relationship between race and public policy.

"It's outside my training, but very much in my field of experience," he said. "A lot of my own stuff comes out in that class. People appreciate that authenticity."

Johnson's extensive knowledge make his classes enjoyable, said David Toyer, a senior political science major.

"He'll give you more information in one class than most professors will give you in a week," Toyer said. "He's a down to earth guy that can convey education in a way that a lot of people can grasp."

Johnson said he encourages students to get involved in community organizations.

"Being an educator gives you a nice position in the community to be effective and reach a larger audience," he said. "Teaching in the university is also very dear to me because you guys are going to go out in the years to come and hopefully make a difference."

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CAMPUS CALENDAR

Oct 25-27:

A blood drive for the Puget Sound Blood Center is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Viking Union Main Lounge. For more information contact Catharine Vader, RN at 650-2961. For donation eligibility, contact the blood center at 1-800-DONATE-1, ext. 2543.

Nov. 1-30:

The Women's Center is sponsoring three free women's self-defense classes during November. Classes vary from one night to a whole month. For dates, times and to register call 650-6114.

Nov. 5:

Artis Spoonman and Jim Page will perform at 8 p.m. as part of the fall concert series sponsored by the Underground Coffee House. The concert will be in the 5th floor of the Viking Addition. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$6 for general admission. For more information, call 650-3263.

Compiled by Jacob Horn

Animals stolen used to special diet; temperature, acid destroys four months of research

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"This particular incident has wiped out the quarter's work for a number of students in several courses and senior seminars," Kleinknecht said.

"It will take me at least four months working seven days a week to get back to the point I was at," said Kristine Bennington, senior psychology major who works with rats.

The destroyed rooms had books thrown on the floor, paperwork strewn about.

In the labs themselves, cages were spread out and opened.

All paperwork and experiment research was stolen.

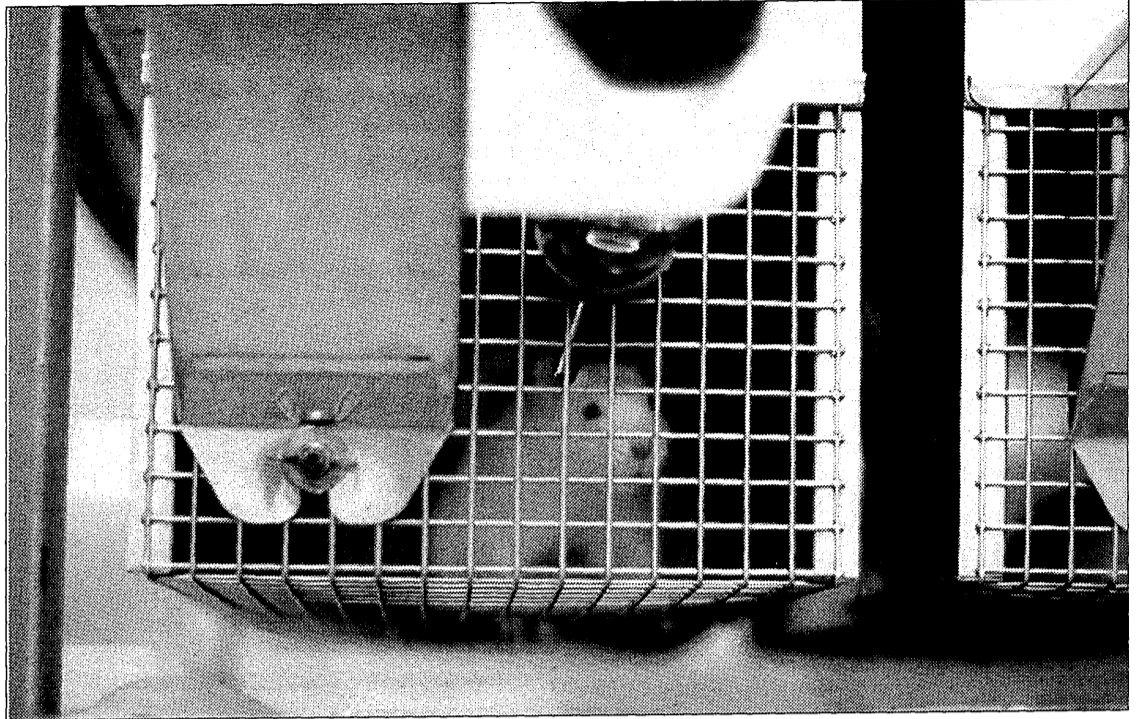
Graffiti was spray painted on many of the walls with slogans such as "Vegan Power."

Additionally, six one-gallon jugs of muriatic acid were spread throughout several rooms.

Many protests on campus have targeted animal research; however, this is the first act of vandalism.

The Psychology Department has conducted both behavioral and psychological research on animals, which has lasted for more than 40 years.

"Last March we made it quite clear that the only thing we were doing was studying behavior," Kleinknecht said. "The research done here is an integral part of scientific training in psychology and other scientific



The Western Front archives

One of the many cages in the matrix of Miller Hall's rat housing during last winter.

disciplines at Western and at most institutions of higher education."

Primates, rabbits, rats and lizards are kept in the basement of Miller Hall, but they are not harmed, Kleinknecht said.

The animals in Miller Hall can't survive outside the lab.

They are kept on a specific diet and at a constant temperature.

Kleinknecht said that none of

the primates have ever or will ever see daylight, however, he emphasized that the animals have never been tortured or killed.

"I am not a murderer," Bennington said. "I love my rats."

"These animals are healthier than the average household pet," Doughty said.

"Animal research is an integral part of the research process, and we at Western

comply completely with all oversight regulations," Western President Karen Morse said.

Western is not the only school raided by the ALF; the group has also raided one university in Minnesota and one in California.

The ALF has promised future attacks, but Doughty said he does not believe the group would strike Western again.

The FBI was informally contacted regarding the incident.

On-Campus Interviewing:

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International exchange programs offered in Old Main

By April Uskoski
THE WESTERN FRONT

Imagine having the opportunity to visit a foreign country while enrolled at Western or to study abroad surrounded by Hawaiian traditions.

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MIRT is a nationally designed program for underrepresented students interested in pursuing careers in biomedical and behavioral research. The program focuses on population-based health research in countries such as Zimbabwe, Argentina, South Africa, Ecuador, Peru and the Dominican Republic.

"It is an incredible opportunity for students to make a real contribution for a struggling community," said Liz Partolan-Fray, director of IPE.

Examples of previous research topics developed through MIRT are "The Practice of 'Curanderismo' (Natural Healing) in Peru" or the "Case-Control Study of Lung Cancer" in Argentina.

Western student Sophey Hun traveled to Ecuador through the MIRT program this summer to research the general health of the disabled and elderly.

"I would definitely recommend going through the MIRT program or any exchange at that," Hun said.

Western's MIRT program, developed in partnership with the University of Washington and Dillard University, accepts approximately 30 students between the three schools.

The biggest problem for Western is receiving applications for this fully-funded educational



Courtesy of International Programs and Exchanges

MIRT students study access to health care in Ecuador at Centro de Investigaciones En Medio Ambiente y Salud.

opportunity. Students accepted into the program receive round-trip airfare to the foreign research training institution, stipends based on educational background, foreign living expenses and health insurance.

"Only an average of four or five applications are turned into the IPE for this program a year,"

Partolan-Fray said.

An International Opportunities Fair is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 28 in the Viking Union Main Lounge to answer questions about MIRT and other educational programs.

Application materials for MIRT are available in the IPE office or the Multicultural Services Center in Old Main 285.

A MIRT information session will be at 4 p.m. Nov. 2 in Viking Addition 455.

The MIRT deadline for undergraduate students is Dec. 15.

International fair offers travelling tips, opportunity

By Christian Knight
THE WESTERN FRONT

Students contemplating life after school and who have a yearning to travel may find the answer to both of those issues at 11 a.m. on Oct. 28 at the 10th annual International Opportunities Fair in the Viking Union Main Lounge.

The fair, orchestrated by Donald Gorman of the Career Services Center, will host 30 international exhibits ranging from the Peace Corps to Bellingham Travel.

"It is the student's opportunity to get international information he/she could not get otherwise," Gorman said.

The fair hopes to serve students seeking careers and adventures abroad. For example, one of the programs that will attend, the American Youth Hostels, is designed to provide discounted shelter.

Since its inception, the International Opportunities Fair has attracted various international program.

For example, the Peace Corps has a part-time employee working at Western as a recruiter.

Western has one of the highest recruitments of Peace Corps volunteers, Gorman said.

"We try to assist people in seeing the world," he said.

For additional information about the upcoming fair, call the Public Information Office at 650-3350.

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Liz Partolan-Fray

Director of International Programs and Exchanges

Program, offered by the IPE, allows students to help others while conducting research that will be used to help improve the conditions of a Third World com-

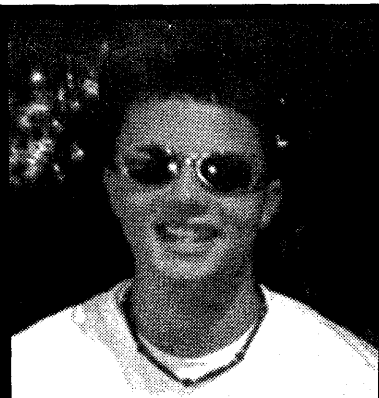
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Western to welcome families, memories

By Kim Lincoln
THE WESTERN FRONT

Students and their families are invited to explore Western's past and discover its future at the Fall Family Open House Nov. 5 through the 7.

"The purpose of the open house is to provide families with the opportunity to see the campus and the environment of their student's classes," said Anna Carey, director of New Student Programs and Family Outreach.

Along with giving parents an opportunity to explore campus and the Bellingham area, Carey said she believes the highlight of the weekend is the time parents and students have together.

"Parents really use this weekend as an opportunity to visit their student," she said. "The most important event of the weekend is the interaction parents have with their student and vice versa."

The festivities begin with an award-winning play, *The House of Blue Leaves*, written by John Guare and directed by senior Melissa Brown.

Parents and students are invited to enjoy the play in Performing Arts Center room 199.

Tickets are \$4 and can be purchased at the PAC box office.

Saturday, football parents are invited to join their sons at a Football Parents Breakfast.

"It's a get-together where we invite parents up for breakfast on Saturday to spend time with their team member," said John Ely, assistant football coach.

Following the breakfast,

President Karen Morse and Eileen Coughlin, vice president for Student Affairs, will begin the day's festivities with a reception in the Western Gallery from 10 to 11 a.m.

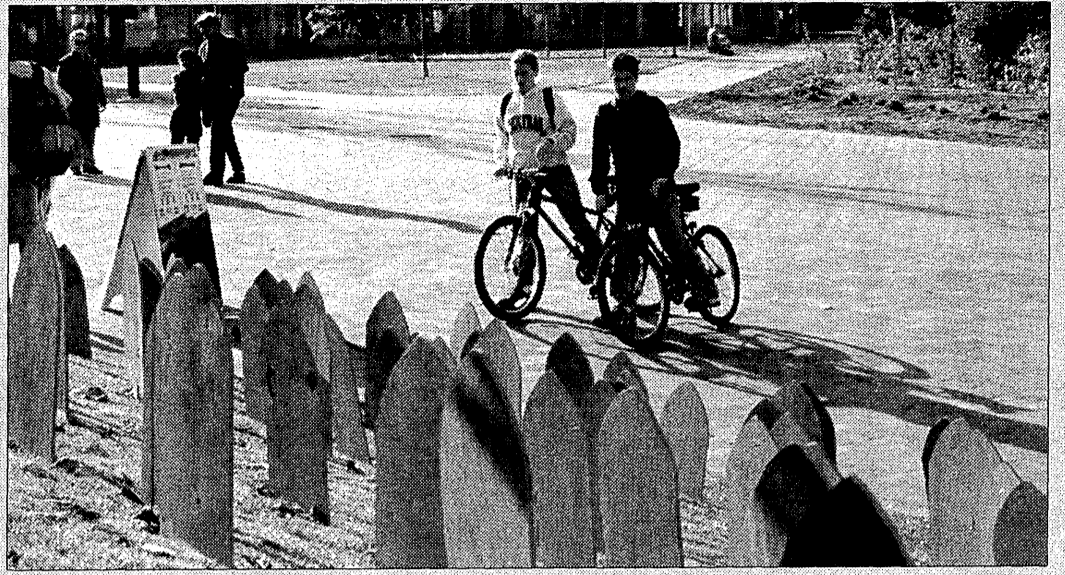
During the reception, parents will have a chance to browse the gallery's most recent exhibition, *Point of Origin: Western's Art Alumni*. The show honors graduates from the past 50 years who have succeeded in the visual arts beyond their graduation from Western.

From this point, parents have a variety of options to choose from, Carey said. They can tour the campus and various departments, attend faculty lectures, go on a nature and bird-watching cruise from Squalicum Harbor or attend the 1 p.m. football game at Civic Field, she said.

With Western celebrating its centennial, parents will also have a unique opportunity to learn about the school's history by visiting the Whatcom Museum of History and Art's free photo exhibition, *Western Views*, a photo retrospective of Western's first century.

Carey said parents and students interested in attending the open house can find a complete schedule of events for the weekend on Western's Web page at www.ac.wvu.edu/~nsp-fowwu/ or by calling the New Student Programs and Family Outreach office at 650-3846.

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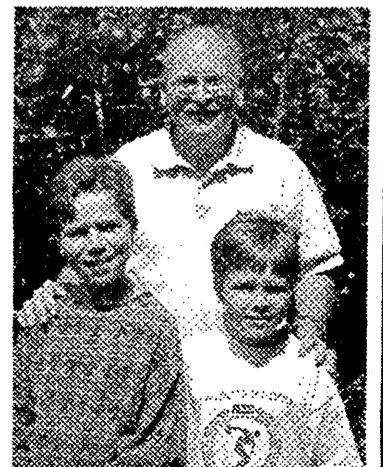
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Increased cell phone usage has focused attention on phone etiquette.

Cellular revolution attracts many collegiate consumers

By Kristin Bigsby
THE WESTERN FRONT

It's become a habit for Jennifer Gorski, a junior at Western, to switch off her cellular phone before entering a public building. She's quite aware that the sound emitted from the quick click of a tiny black power button is relatively inoffensive when compared with the shrill rings that resound from her phone and the chatter that commences after. But she's not so sure about the others.

Gorski claims to be one of the few cell phone owners who acknowledges the impact of her private phone conversations in public.

Many people today do not consider cellular phone etiquette a priority, said David Alles, Western biology professor.

"I think technology is causing people to forget themselves," Alles said.

The ringing of a cellular phone is a sound no longer restricted to the privacy of vehicles. It's now commonly heard at the movie theater, in the grocery store and on college campuses.

"I think that many people find it uncomfortable when you're having a personal conversation in a public place," Gorski said. "I think that most of those conversations probably could just wait."

Gorski cannot recall seeing cell phones on Western's campus in past years. This year, she said she sees them gripped in the hands of students as they walk between classes and pressed to the ears of many in Red Square. Gorski has noticed that some people slip their phones into class, stowing them in

bags or blatantly setting them on desktops. It isn't often she hears them ringing in the classroom, but the occasional interruption from a noisy cellular phone shifts the focus of Gorski and other students away from the professor.

Western does not have any rules that govern cell phone use on campus, but there is a clause which outlines disruptive behavior in the Western bulletin, said Connie Copeland, assistant to the vice president of Student Affairs.

"A cellular phone can be disruptive," Copeland said. "Western doesn't have a policy against them, because our experience is that students want to maintain an environment in which they can learn."

The frequency of in-class calls hasn't yet called for discipline, but it could be the case that the cell-phone rage hasn't hit Western as hard as other universities.

At the University College Dublin in Ireland, interruptions from cellular phones are almost to the point of appalling, said Western senior Dana Luthy, who spent a semester studying abroad last year.

"It was so different from Western," Luthy said. "I think if I saw people talking on cell phones here as often as I did over there, it would be a strange thing. In Dublin, it was just common — especially in the computer labs."

Cell phone companies haven't traditionally targeted college students as potential buyers, said Aaron Askew, manager of Sound Advice in Bellingham.

Sixteen years ago, Sound Advice began selling mobile phones to the business community. The customer base has grown to include people who buy cell phones for emergencies and convenience, Askew said.

"No matter where they are or what they're doing, people want to be accessible," he said.

Pocket-size communication has become trendy, which may account for a lack of manners associated with cell phone owners, Askew said.

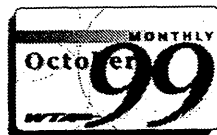
Rules of etiquette aren't sold with cell phones as they were with telephones, University Judicial Officer Michael Schardein said.

"One of the things that the whole technology age has created are some problems with the etiquette of how to use these devices," he said. "When the telephone was invented, I was there. They actually had in the telephone books etiquette of how to use the telephone. Etiquette does need to be made more clear. Students need to understand that they need to be cognizant of how their behavior may impact others."

"The way we judge manners hasn't changed," Alles said. "The introduction of cellular phones, you could say, has caused people to forget what they're doing."

But Gorski hasn't forgotten. She learned at an early age to be considerate of others.

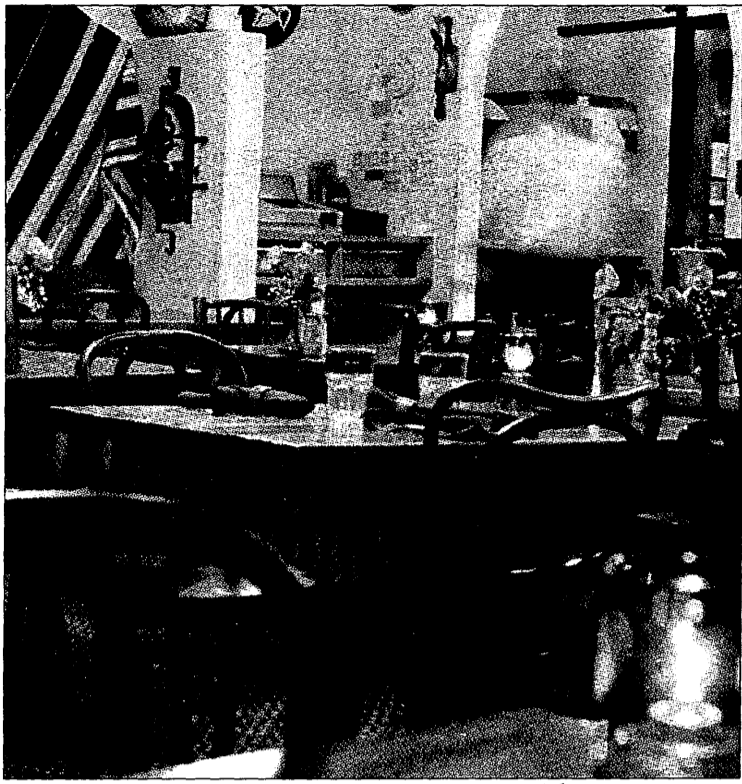
It only takes a split second before a quiet click tells her the phone is off. She doesn't want to sting the ears of innocent people around her with the ring of her cell phone — its audible poison, she says, can wait.



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A restless spirit is rumored to walk among customers at local restaurant Dos Padres.

GUACAMOLE GHOSTS

By Bill Bennion
THE WESTERN FRONT

Walking into Dos Padres Mexican Restaurant in Fairhaven, patrons often notice the walls of wood and brick or the antiques hanging from the walls. But the antiques are not the only remnants of the past — some of the building's past visitors are rumored to remain.

The building, which was built in 1929, has an old, comfortable feel and an interesting history of its occupants, living or otherwise. Employees of Dos Padres say the building is haunted.

"According to rumor, it used to be a brothel, and I guess one of the female ghosts might have been one of those people," said Skyla McLean, assistant manager of Dos Padres.

"I've also heard that there is a male," she added.

The building used to house a barbershop, where according to rumor, a man was shot. Sitting in the bar, patrons can see pictures of the alleged ghosts.

Two of these pictures are of a young girl named Stella, and one is of the original owner.

Striking up a conversation with a bartender could yield stories of these ghosts.

One story says a girl standing outside waiting for one of the servers saw a man and a woman standing in the dark, closed restaurant, who then just faded away, McLean said.

"She won't come in the building," she added.

McLean said she remembers once while looking for a key, she went through a drawer about four times, pulling everything completely out, then looking elsewhere and coming back to find the key was in the drawer.

Another time, while closing up, she heard a crash from one of the basements. She had a customer accompany her downstairs and found only a mysterious bucket.

"You see shadows a lot when you're working by yourself at night; you'll see something go by

"There are certain parts of our building that most of us won't go into at night."

Skyla McLean

Dos Padres assistant manager

in your peripheral vision, and when you go to look, there's nothing there," McLean said.

"There are certain parts of our building that most of us won't go into at night ... and unless I am absolutely forced to, I won't go into either of our basements at night," she said.

Some parts of the building seem more haunted than others, said Dos Padres owner Jim Altman, who doesn't like to close up the restaurant by himself.

One of the restaurant's doors, which now has a latch, used to open and close by itself, he said.

On Friday night, the women's bathroom door shut on someone, waitstaff manager Ann Latta said.

"It's no reason not to come here," Altman said. "Generally they're friendly ghosts."

Dos Padres consists of two buildings combined into one with two basements. Altman calls these basements "the catacombs" for good reason. The narrow halls and low ceilings seem like a perfect atmosphere for ghosts. Getting lost in these small basements would not be difficult, despite their size.

In the basements are standard restaurant rooms: food storage, beer coolers, a banquet room, offices and restrooms. There are also several ramps that lead into walls. Altman said he thinks most of them are coal chutes, but McLean said she thinks they are entrances to old passages that run throughout Fairhaven.

Whatever the case, many of the employees are spooked. Many won't go into the basements at night, and some avoid entire rooms altogether. Ghosts or no ghosts, the building definitely has a past and a presence.

AT PLAY IN FIELDS OF Jack

By Cory Chagami
THE WESTERN FRONT

Every Halloween homes are decorated with jack-o'-lanterns to greet trick-or-treaters. Most people usually go to a supermarket and pick out a nice round pumpkin to carve either a scary or friendly face into. An alternative to buying grocery store pumpkins would be to pick pumpkins right off the vine in a pumpkin patch.

The jack-o'-lantern was introduced to America from Ireland. The story goes that a man named Stingy Jack was too mean to get into heaven and played too many tricks on the devil to get into hell. So when he died, he had to walk the earth carrying a lantern made of a turnip with a burning coal inside. Jack became known as Jack-of-the-Lantern or jack-o'-lantern.

Based on this legend, people began a tradition of putting jack-o'-lanterns made of turnips, potatoes and rutabagas on windows and porches. They were meant to scare away Jack and all other spirits who walk the earth at night.

Why are they now made of pumpkins? When immigrants came to America they found a shortage of potatoes and turnips but an abundance of pumpkin patches.

The traditional pumpkin patch, however, seems to be a thing of the past because of muddy grounds and protruding vines, said Dick Fraas, a Delta Farms worker.

"Most people get dirty and trip on the vines," he said.

Instead of having customers come to the farm, Delta Farms rents small fields to sell harvested pumpkins.

For three years Delta Farms has used a small field, south of Mount Vernon and visible from Interstate Highway 5 to sell pumpkins.

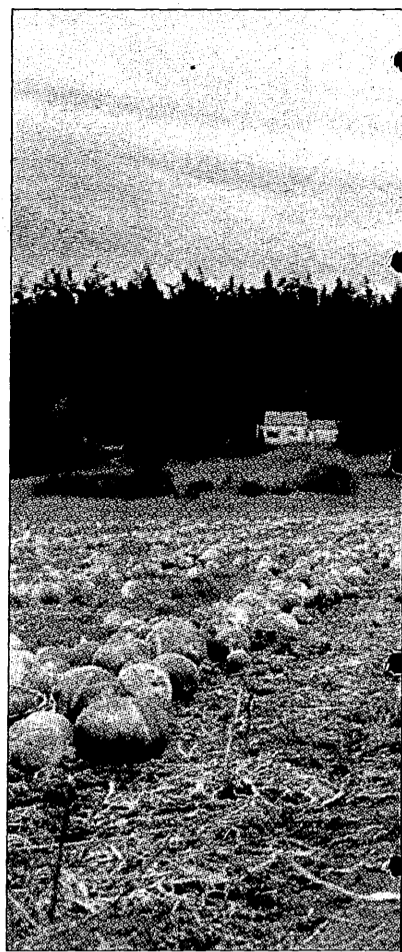
"It is easy to see from the freeway and the orange balls catch your eye," Kent resident Rob Howard said. "My wife and I were on our way to meet up with friends for a camping trip and stopped to pick up some pumpkins."

During this time of year, Fraas said people looking for fresh pumpkins for Halloween flood the small, 18-row field.

"Saturday is usually the big day here," Fraas said. "We go through hundreds every Saturday."

One drawback of having the open field is its vulnerability to vandals.

"I drive past every night hoping to catch them," Fraas said. "The worst was when they drug a rake down the middle of one of



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the rows, cutting them open and making (the pumpkins) inappropriate for sale."

While Delta Farms goes through hundreds of pumpkins every Saturday, Stoney Ridge Farm in Everson goes through thousands.

"We had about 2,000 people come here last Saturday," said Derek Gavette, co-owner of Stoney Ridge Farm.

The family-owned farm is home to the only pumpkin patch in the area. On Thursdays and Fridays the family has tours for grade-school children led by Derek's wife, Debbie.

Here they learn about the farm and take a wagon ride into the three-acre pumpkin patch where each child is able to take a mini or "munchkin" pumpkin home with them.



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Nick Leist, in full costume, snaps his whip in the Halloween shop at the intersection of North State and Forest streets.

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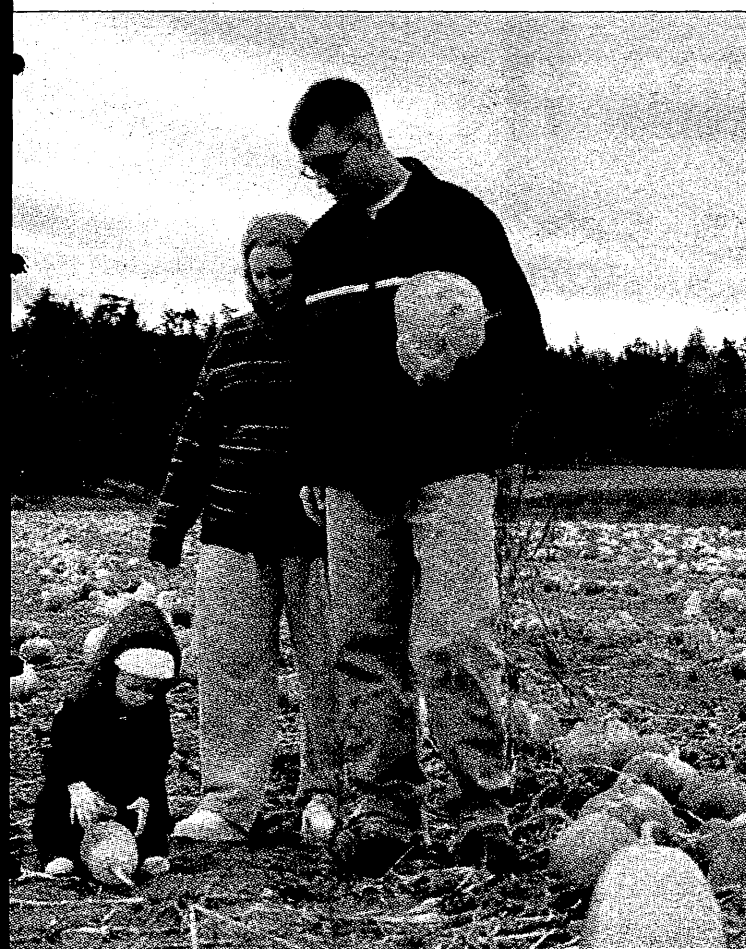
By Jennae Phillippe
THE WESTERN FRONT

A quarter moon will hang in the sky. Leaves will crinkle under the hurried steps of small feet. Doorbells will ring the arrival of demons, princesses and bumblebees. And Western students will transform themselves into creatures from other worlds — or maybe just from Hollywood.

Traditional costumes set aside, the newest thing to be for Halloween is someone famous. The green witches and sheet-ghosts of old have been replaced with the glamorous attire of the rich and famous.

MTV is the newest place to find ideas for Halloween costumes, with scores of Western students dressing up as their favorite celebrities.

Kid Rock made his mark on sophomore Alicia Wayne with his song "Cowboy." She plans to break out a pair of chaps, a cowboy-hat and a gun for her Halloween costume. She said the inspiration for it came from the video.



Terril Simecki/The Western Front

the perfect pumkin with his parents Angi and Chris Fink.

"The children like coming here, and we like having them here," Debbie Gavette said. "We've been booked since the first of September."

Screaming children chased by their parents through the rows are a common site. Many of the children are repeat visitors — having earlier visited with their grade school classes.

The Gavettes' two young daughters, Abigale and Elizabeth, have chores and man the refreshment stand. When told the story of Stingy Jack and the jack-o'-lantern, Elizabeth responded, "I don't believe that."

Along with the school children, customers can come and purchase pumpkins right off the vine.

They ride into the patch by wagon and each customer picks

out a pumpkin that is the perfect size and shape, they cut it off the vine and take it home.

"It's done right in front of them; they choose it," Derek said. "They just walk right out into the patch, look at a few and that's it."

Large groups often come to the patch to do the whole pumpkin hunting ordeal together. They pick out their pumpkins, take a group picture with them and leave until next October.

"It's sort of a tradition for some people," he said. "You see a lot of them come back year after year."

For Stoney Ridge Farm, vandalism isn't a problem.

"We're pretty far off the main road here," Gavette said. "It doesn't happen very often."

Many pumpkin traditions go along with Halloween, and carving is just one of them.

Home for the Holidays

By Natalie Quick
THE WESTERN FRONT

A black cat perches atop a mischievously grinning cardboard pumpkin cutout reading "Trick-or-Treat! Stop!"

Most people don't need to read this sign to know to stop by eight-year Bellingham resident Rita Smith's apartment.

Smith's deck, which faces Northwest Avenue, is elaborately decorated for not only Halloween, but Christmas, Valentine's Day, Easter, Thanksgiving and St. Patrick's Day.

"I keep adding things all the time," Smith, 67, said. "I see more and more things that I know I really don't need."

For this Halloween, Smith has arranged more than 20 pumpkins of all sizes amidst a most festive setting. Pumpkin-heads with pin-wheeling bat wings are staked into the yard and a scarecrow sits slightly askew on a tightly bound bale of hay. Ghosts climb on orange-painted letters spelling BOO under orange lights wrapped carefully around two posts on Smith's deck.

Wally, 53, Rita's husband of 21 years and lifetime Bellingham resident, finds humor in his wife's hobby.

"I think she got stung by a pumpkin this year," he said. "There's a million of them out there on the deck."

Of the six holidays Rita decorates for, she says Easter is her favorite.

"I got these a few years ago," Rita said, pointing to a photograph of two three-foot-tall plastic husband and wife rabbits. "They're my favorite. Easter is so fun to decorate for because everything is just so cute."

Rita's holiday hobby began five years ago and has evolved into a community tradition.

"Sunday morning, a man rode up to my yard on his bicycle and



Nick Haney/The Western Front

The porch at Rita Smith's apartment boasts more than 20 pumpkins.

told me that he rides over to my apartment from south Bellingham every holiday to see what I've done," she said. "I started out doing this just for myself, but now everyone expects it."

The holiday bug has even bitten Wally and Rita's daughter, Cindy, 41. Cindy and her husband built a home in Concrete, putting aside a room specifically to store her mother's decorations.

"When I started the collecting, everything I had could be blown up," Rita said. "This made storage pretty easy. Then my collection got kind of out of hand, and I had nowhere to store all of my stuff until Cindy built that room."

Rita said as she started buying more and more decorations, she bought for Cindy as well.

"I started buying things for her when I bought stuff, and now she's hooked, too," Rita said.

The festive spirit Rita creates inspires not only family and friends, but total strangers as well.

Wally said about three years ago, he came home to find an enve-

“I think she got stung by a pumpkin this year; there's a million of them out there on the deck.”

Wally Smith
Rita's husband

lope taped to their front door.

"I opened it and there was a note and a \$5 bill inside," Wally said. "The note was from this lady who said she liked the decorations so much she felt she needed to contribute to the cost."

Wally and Rita are used to the attention their apartment attracts.

"You'd be surprised," Rita said. "People come to the door all year long."

Rita said she decorates for Thanksgiving about two weeks after Halloween, and will start displaying her Christmas collection the first week of December.

ING HALLOWEEN DRESS-UP

Freshman Travis Nueman is living la vida loca this year as Ricky Martin — if he can find the leather pants.

"There are no guarantees though," he said.

Sophomore Dustin Delamare and junior Scott Lau discussed dressing up as singers as well.

"Kid Rock would be cool," Lau said. "But if you're going to be Ricky Martin, be Ricky Martin from Menudo."

Some friends of Lau's are going as the Backstreet Boys. Delamare thought it might be better to be N Sync because their clothing styles are more unique.

Not all Western students dressing up this year found their inspiration in music videos. Some are sticking to old costume ideas that worked.

Lau said he thinks he'll probably spend All Hallows Eve cross-dressing as a Hawaiian hooker as he did freshman year. The complete costume, including stuffed bra, stockings and make-up even fooled a couple of guys, he said.

Of course, they were pretty drunk.

“I've got this great pink dress with pink fringe all over it and a huge ostrich feather for my hair. It's completely obnoxious!”

Azita Bodaghi-Birks
Western freshman

"I like cross-dressing," he said. "It's different. Masks are too hot and being a doctor or a lawyer is boring."

The traditional villains from familiar stories also make great costume ideas. At least that's what freshman Jessica Parsons thinks. She'll need black and white hair and a puppy-fur coat for her costume.

"I'm going to a costume party as Cruella De Ville," she said.

From the big-band 40s to the big-hair 80s, period-style costumes are also popular. The clothing is as distinct to an era as the music. Freshman Azita Bodaghi-Birks has been planning her 20s

flapper costume for a long time.

"I've got this great pink dress with pink fringe all over it," she said. "And a huge ostrich feather for my hair. It's completely obnoxious!"

Certain events dictate their own costumes. Bodaghi-Birks is wearing her pink dress to a showing of the "Rocky Horror Picture Show." The movie will inevitably attract its usual crowd of transvestites.

With Halloween less than a week away, some people are still undecided.

"I haven't really thought about it yet," sophomore Mariana Gonzalez said. "Maybe I'll go as a cop."

Freshman Katie Koch is looking for a costume at second-hand clothing stores such as Value Village and the Goodwill. She is looking for old-fashion clothing for her costume, she said.

"I don't have Halloween clothes up here," Koch said.

Some Western students think people should dress for the occasion. They prefer only getting into costume when others are in cos-



Chris Goodenow/The Western Front

A host of latex ghouls and goblins.

tume.

"I would dress up if I was going to a costume party," junior Maia Berg said.

Still others have decided the time for dressing up for Halloween ended when they were too big to trick-or-treat.

"I'm carving pumpkins," freshman Chanelle Loftness said. "I'm not getting dressed up. I've never

been big on costumes."

Either way, most Western students are finding something to do for Halloween, even if it is only handing out candy. At the very least, they want to feed the hungry demons, princesses and bumbees.

"I bought some candy just in case kids come by," freshman Katie Auve said.

October 26, 1999

Red-hot Vikes cruise to sixth straight win

By Bradey Day
THE WESTERN FRONT

After being held to just one catch and virtually taken out of the offense one week ago, Western wide receiver Ben Clampitt was frustrated.

"It was tough all week long," Clampitt said of his performance against Central Washington University Oct. 16. "It makes it kind of hard to get through the week."

Rest assured, Clampitt will have no trouble getting through this week.

The Vikings beat the Chadron State (Neb.) Eagles, ranked No. 16 nationally and No. 3 in the West Region, 26-14 in a game that put Western on the Division II football map, coach Rob Smith said following the victory.

The 6-1 Vikings, who entered the game ranked No. 8 in the region, are assured of a higher ranking.

Clampitt helped Western by catching six passes for 169 yards and two touchdowns, including a full-extension grab in the back of the end zone to put the game out of reach at 23-7 on the first play of the fourth quarter.

The Vikings got on the board early as quarterback Scott Mitchell found Clampitt open down the sideline after Mitchell was flushed from the pocket. Mitchell connected with the

wide receiver for an 80-yard score just 27 seconds into the contest, giving the Vikings a 7-0 lead.

Mitchell, who finished the day 16-of-25 for 351 yards and three touchdowns, showed he could do more than run after rushing for 106 yards against Central.

"He is just a special receiver," Mitchell said of Clampitt. "I know that if I throw it anywhere near him, he will make the catch."

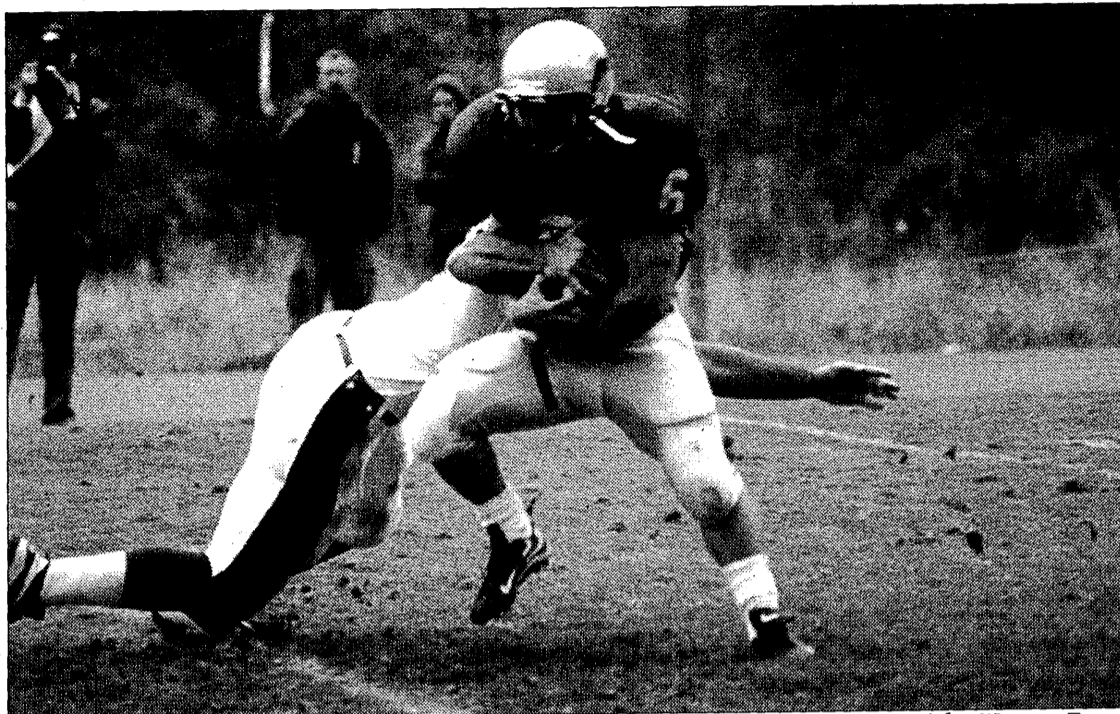
After trading punts, Chadron State drove the ball and attempted a 23-yard field goal. Safety Mike Perez broke through the Eagle line and blocked the attempt, the first of two for Perez.

Viking running back Giorgio Usai took the ball on third down and one yard to go, and went 71 yards, to the 13-yard line of Chadron State. Usai finished the game with 113 yards on 16 carries.

The Vikings, however, were not able to punch it in and kicker Josh Bailey's field goal attempt sailed wide.

Bailey later got even, however, knocking a 36-yarder through the goal posts on Western's last possession of the first half, giving it a 10-0 lead at halftime.

Chadron State took the opening kickoff of the second half and marched 80 yards in 15 plays, finishing the drive on a



Western tailback Giorgio Usai evades the grasp of a Chadron State defender on Saturday.

Casey Beron 1-yard plunge to make it 10-7.

After a punt from each team, Mitchell used Clampitt as a decoy and found Sean O'Brien on a 63-yard catch and run on third and 22. Mitchell then checked at the line and threw a slant pattern to Greg Dykstra for a 9-yard touchdown, making it 17-7.

The Viking defense continued to baffle Chadron State, which had just 253 yards of total

offense, almost 200 yards shy of its 442-yard average in six previous games.

Then, it was Mitchell to Clampitt time — again. A 29-yard pass gave the Vikings the ball at the Chadron State 17-yard line.

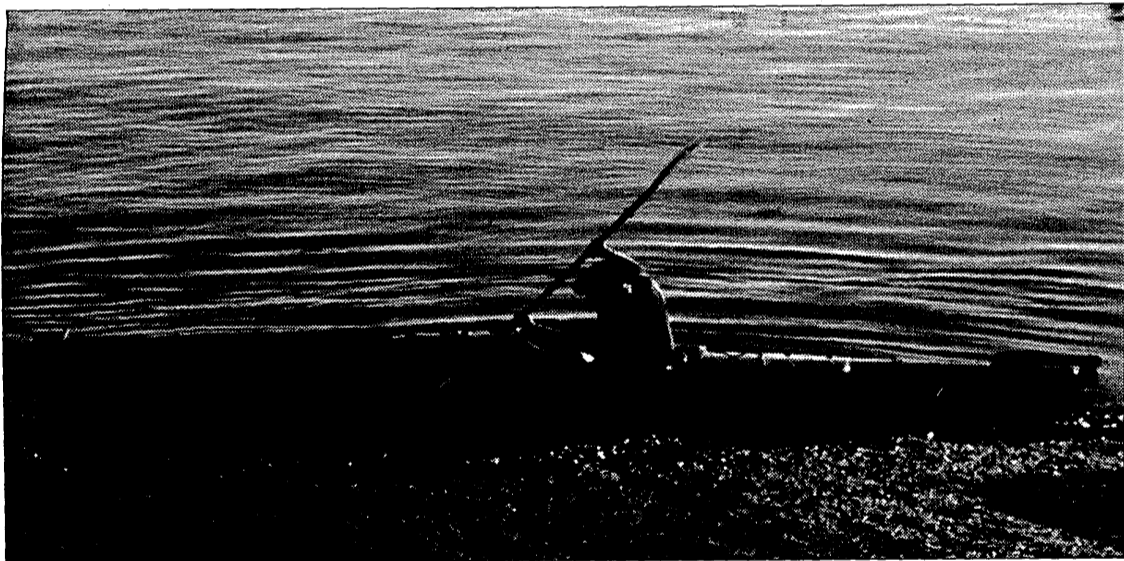
Three plays later, Mitchell threw a ball into the back corner of the end zone, slightly overthrowing Clampitt, who hauled in the 9-yard touchdown pass, giving Western an insurmount-

able 23-7 lead after the extra point was blocked.

"Big players step up in big games," Smith said. "Ben showed that today."

Bailey added a 32-yard field goal, and Chadron State a touchdown in the fourth quarter to make it 26-14.

For Western, the game moves the team even closer to the Division II playoffs. For Clampitt, the performance assures he will sleep better this week.



Jenni Odekirk/The Western Front

Western sophomore Amelia Midkiff shoves off from shore during the sunset kayaking trip.

Sundance kids

Jenni Odekirk

THE WESTERN FRONT

Blue herons, sandpipers, a huge white starfish and a shy seal made appearances during a sea kayaking excursion at Chuckanut Bay Thursday.

The hour-and-a-half-long kayak trip was the third of four sunset kayaking excursions sponsored by the Outdoor Center and led by Monica Bastian.

"I think (kayaking excursions are) a good way to get to know people because you can kayak by them and get into pretty good conversations," said Bastian,

who has kayaked for four years and led trips for the Outdoor Center since last spring.

At about 4 p.m., Bastian drove the seven eager participants — four of them Western students — and a trailer carrying six kayaks to the boat launching site at Larrabee State Park.

Bastian made sure each kayak was equipped with a life jacket, an oar, a bilge pump, which pumps water from the kayak, and a spray skirt, which fastens around the kayak's cockpit and keeps a kayaker's lower

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Men blank Humboldt State

Morton tallies hat trick; shutout is Green's third this year

By James Neal
THE WESTERN FRONT

Jim Morton scored Western's only three goals to lead Western past Humboldt State University in a PacWest Conference men's soccer game Monday at the Western turf field.

The victory, in the final home game of the season, improved the Vikings to 10-6-1 overall, 4-1-1 in PacWest.

Western finished unbeaten at

home this season with a 4-0-1 home record.

The game turned into the Jim Morton show as the senior forward dazzled onlookers with a monumental effort, single-handedly leading the team to victory.

"Jim was dominant out there today," said Western coach Travis Connell. "Even when he didn't score, he was all over the field."

Morton found the back of the net three times as he clearly made the difference in the game's outcome.

The first goal was scored in the 39th minute as Morton received a pass from Brett Burns, dribbled to his left, turned and fired with his left foot from 30 yards out.

On the play, Burns was credited with his ninth assist of the season, leaving him one short of the school record.

Morton scored on a break-away in the 50th minute and

found the net seven minutes later on a header assisted by

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'Jim was dominant out there today. Even when he didn't score, he was all over the field.'

Travis Connell
Western coach

midfielder Sean Standley.

"I feel really good about this game," Morton said. "It was my next-to-last game, and my defender was getting into me, that pushed me a little bit more."

Midfielder Andy Quinn said it was the best performance he had ever seen from Morton. "He was everywhere," Quinn said. "He got the hat trick, and he almost got four."

The Vikings' defensive effort was impressive. Defender Wade Ambrose and goalkeeper Dave Green led the charge as the Vikings held Humboldt State scoreless.

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Women tie last home game

Final two games to determine postseason

By Kristen Moored
THE WESTERN FRONT

Senior Stacy Wood scored against Colorado Christian University with 4:43 left in regulation time to tie the game and send Western's women's soccer team into sudden death in its last home game.

The game ended in a 2-2 tie after double overtime Saturday.

The women now hold a 9-8-1 record and CCU is 7-7-1.

After only 13 minutes of play, CCU's Natalie Tafoya started the game with a goal shot into the upper left hand corner of the goal box.

It wasn't until the end of the first half that Western's Julia Goodlet answered back.

Goodlet took a pass from teammate Auna VanBlommestein to tie the game. Goodlet now has a team-high 13 goals and 40 altogether.

CCU did not ease up on the Vikings in the second half. CCU right wing Nia Menanadic put her team ahead again going into the 60th minute of the game. Although Western had many shots on goal, it was Stacy Wood who came through for the Vikings at the very end. Wood was alone in the penalty box and scored from six yards out.

"Stacy Wood's goal personified her career," head coach Derrek Falor said. "She was able to get the ball in the box, get a touch and put it in."

Wood has 20 goals in her career, but this is only her second this season.

Overtime was filled with more emotions than action because it

was the last home game for four seniors. No one scored in either of the two 15-minute overtimes.

Having to play 30 extra minutes was no surprise to Western, who has spent four of its past five games fighting in OT.

"This was our sixth game that went into overtime this year," Wood said. "I know that we can rely on our mental stamina and fitness to get us through."

"We all played with heart today," she added.

Western couldn't quite get past Colorado's style of play.

"We were taken back by (CCU's) kickball style," Falor said. "It didn't allow us to settle ourselves. However, we had some outstanding efforts today, mainly by the seniors. Julia and Stacy both played excellent as well as Mary Wellnitz."

Falor said the Vikings are still shooting for the chance of becoming league champions. The team has two more away games left.

Students explore Chuckanut Bay on OC excursion

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body dry. She explained how to use the equipment and told the participants to yank off their spray skirts and somersault out of the kayak if it rolls over.

As they readied their gear, the participants — two who had never kayaked — chatted in anticipation.

"I love being close to nature — and eating chocolate on the water," Claire Lynam said jokingly as she handed out chocolate morsels.

Jamie Adams said the scenery and the opportunity to spot eagles, herons, seals and sea otters are her favorite things about kayaking.

"It's really easy to sneak up on them in a kayak," sophomore Amelia Midkiff added.

Sisters Alyssa and Jamie Adams were the first kayakers to launch their vessels. They carried their kayaks to the edge of Chuckanut Bay and gingerly stepped into the water.

"No wimpy kayakers," Lynam

yelled as the sisters complained about getting their feet wet.

Soon six kayaks — two of them double seaters — were clustered near the shore. The trip began at a leisurely pace. The kayakers stayed close to each other as they paddled against an ocean that looked like black rippled glass. The mingled scent of saltwater and pine followed the kayakers. They stayed close to each other, chatting with each other as they headed for Teddy Bear Cove.

An hour into the excursion, Bastian realized the kayakers wouldn't reach the cove and asked them to turn back so they could reach the shore before dark.

The participants pushed themselves, even though they said their arms were getting sore and their breath was getting heavier.

A sunset that faded seamlessly from pink to a golden yellow, provided temporary relief.

"I'm getting a little worried," Bastian said to the participants as the sky grew dimmer. "We need to keep up the pace."

Everyone made it back to the landing site, right before dusk — aided by Bastian's gentle, yet continuous urgings to paddle faster.

"Thank you everyone, thank you Chuckanut Bay," Bastian said as the weary and hungry kayakers piled in the van and headed back to Western.

The participants could not, however, escape to the comfort of their homes until they washed the kayaks and lugged them into the storage room.

"It could have been really weird, but we mixed really well," Midkiff reflected.

Bastian said she enjoys sharing kayaking with others.

"(Kayaking is) something that's good for the soul," she said. "After I go kayaking, I always feel much more centered and a lot more connected with nature."

Bastian will lead another sunset kayaking trip Oct. 27, but spaces are already filled. The Outdoor Center will offer more sunset kayaking trips this spring.

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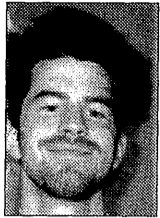
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ALF gives activists bad name



Casey Routh

COMMENTARY

This weekend, Western became the latest target of the Animal Liberation Front, defenders of rats and mice everywhere.

Apparently the ALF thought the new "hippie chalk" regulations were far too restrictive. Besides, chalk has little chance against the apathetic footsteps of Western students.

Instead, the ALF opted for something far more permanent: vandalizing the Miller Hall basement and kidnapping 37 rats and four rabbits.

The ALF's charter states one of its goals is "to liberate animals from places of abuse and place them in good homes."

Places of abuse? It's not as if

these were the rats from Nimh; they were being used for basic psychology studies.

"It's not like we poked them with things," said Aaron Tritch, a Western psychology major. "We didn't do any cosmetic testing on them."

The ALF charter also states that this is a "non-violent campaign." That's quite the consolation to psychology professor Merle Prim, whose room they trashed and flooded with muriatic acid - basically an upper class stink bomb.

And what about the students? Tritch, whose "Rat Bastard" was one of the rats taken, was one of the many experiencing a bit of loss.

"I'm concerned for the well being of the rats," Tritch said.

This is not the first time the ALF has been involved in a misguided attempt to further its cause. It has laid claim to hundreds of fire-bombings and acts of

vandalism, including the 1997 release of 10,000 minks in Oregon. Ironically, most of the minks either killed each other, ended up as road kill or ravaged local pets.

Why are the cute animals always the target of these fringe organizations? If the ALF was really as concerned about all the animals, as it states, why hasn't it organized massive campaigns to rid grocery stores of Raid? Why do the bunnies always get preferential treatment over la cucaracha?

So, what exactly is the ALF's master plan? According to its Web page, "There is only one long-term way to abolish the ghastliness of suffering on a planetary scale. Such a strategy entails eradicating its biological roots. This can be done only by using genetic engineering and nanotechnology. This major transition in the evolution of life will replace the DNA-driven pain and

malaise of our evolutionary past."

This is insanity. In a nutshell, and I stress the word "nut," the ALF is planning to tamper with our genetic makeup in hopes of creating a society of vegans. Someday, ALF members hope, we will all bow down to the "Great Carrot."

How could it escape the ALF's attention that current genetic-engineering technology was built upon a mountain of dead lab animals? Or that we've barely mapped the human genome, let alone isolated the "animal cruelty" gene.

The end result of all this foolishness? Animal-rights organizations, which have quite a few valid points, are stigmatized. The Psychology Department gets to buy a new batch of lab animals. And 37 rats get to chill in the back of some ALF member's VW bus.

Lucky them.

LETTERS

a sample of reader opinions

What, me homophobic?

To the editor:

It's nice to know that I can safely remain neutral on anything and not get called any nasty names.

Oh, wait a second. I guess I can't do that anymore - at least in Katinka Kraft's book ("Non supporters are homophobic," letters to the editor, Oct. 22 edition of The Front).

Because I choose not to flagrantly support someone's idea of being "politically active" by wearing a ribbon, I am being called "homophobic." Ahh, yes, how nice to be in the land of the free and the home of the politically rabid.

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Frontline

Animal 'activists' prove to be fringe extremists

Sometime between early Saturday morning and early Sunday morning, animal rights "activists" broke into Miller Hall, destroying research laboratories and offices as well as stealing four rabbits and 37 mice used in research.

But most importantly, the group claiming responsibility for these actions — the Animal Liberation Front — has destroyed months worth of student work, trashed respected professor Merle Prim's body of work and personal property and, most importantly, destroyed the faith, in many people's eyes, of animal rights groups.

Sadly, the "protesters" did not stop to think that their work probably did not "liberate" the animals they stole. Psychology Department Chair Ron Klienknecht and undergraduate psychology student Kristine Bennington said the animals taken were bred in captivity and were accustomed to a constant temperature, a steady diet and the sterile environment they were in. Klienknecht and Bennington said the animals would easily succumb to disease and starvation if they were released.

If the ALF did indeed "liberate" the animals by releasing them into the wild, then the group will become accomplices to the very crime they abhor — murdering animals.

Perhaps the saddest aspect of this crime is Bennington's loss of four months worth of research. She had been conducting a behavior modification experiment in which she said she raised rats from infancy and, through non-harmful, non-aversive methods, trained the rats. Unfortunately, Bennington's research, and rats, disappeared in a flurry of red spray-painted graffiti and malicious theft.

Groups such as the ALF simply do not get the fact that they are doing more harm than good to their cause when they commit acts of destruction, violation and thoughtlessness such as what happened in Miller Hall.

In a press release issued by the ALF regarding the incident, the group detailed its devastation including destroying the office of "notorious and sadistic primate 'researcher' Merle Prim." The rest of the press release is filled with haughty, self-absorbed statements about the group "liberating" animals and "animal torture."

The final statement claims that this raid will not be the last and continues, "This war — the revolution on behalf of all animals continues. The hammer of vegan justice falls."

In the future, if the ALF could please keep its tofu truncheon tactics away from this campus, it would be greatly appreciated. Those of us trying to get an education don't need to be disturbed by childish incidents of vandalism and theft.

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And we quote:

"This war — the revolution on behalf of all animals — continues. The hammer of vegan justice falls."

The Animal Liberation Front, in a letter claiming responsibility for the vandalization of Miller Hall.



BIG BROTHER IS WATCHING

Cell phones vs. 'Cell phonies'



April Uskoski

COMMENTARY

Cell phone incentives outweigh pitfalls

Running late to class, feeling slightly sweaty, a list of things to do races through the brain: call to see what time the study group is meeting, make airline reservations for Thanksgiving and remember to ask the professor if the French exam is multiple choice or essay.

It's already 3:52 p.m., and biology ends at 5 p.m., yet all these things need to be done before then.

Suddenly a phone rings and the answers to the average student's problems become clear.

Many will notice that an increasing number of students are not wasting any moment of their hectic lives at Western.

In the 10 minutes it takes to get from class to class, the modern convenience of the cellular phone has become the messiah of communication for those always on the run.

Hailed as the leading American lifestyle symbol of the 1990s, the cell phone is a necessity for busy college students.

It allows students to have a greater ability to transmit information conveniently at a faster pace.

No longer is it just a luxurious form of technology, but rather an important tool that 45 percent of all Americans use.

It allows students mobility while managing the chaotic routine of school and work.

From knowing what is on the French exam to making reservations for Thanksgiving, the value of a cell phone delivers to the student the practicality of a no-hassle form of communication within seconds.

Whether fellow students like it or not, the invasion of this modern convenience continues to increase its benefits.

From Internet access to the wireless video phone, the cell phone has an endless list of possibilities that open students to a higher level of productivity.

The cell phone also has practical uses. A perfect example would be during the deadly Columbine shooting in Littleton, Colo.

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Katy Mullen

COMMENTARY

'Cell phonies' obnoxious, pretentious, unnecessary

Imagine sitting in a movie theater watching the hyped-up "Blair Witch Project" for the first time. The female lead is giving her emotional monologue in her dark tent with fear and tears in her eyes. What a moment — until a mechanical ringing breaks the intensity.

The ostentatious, hand-held menace has struck again. A woman answers the cellular phone with a loud whisper and begins a conversation, in the theater! What is up with this?

There is a time and place for almost everything. Common knowledge and common courtesy dictate what is appropriate and what is offensive. For instance, yelling is okay at a loud concert or a sporting event, but not in the library because it would disturb other people.

Why then, do people insist on bringing and talking on their phones in movie theaters, cars, restaurants and most recently into classrooms? Doesn't common courtesy apply to cell phones? Based on the movie experience, apparently not.

Cell phones are everywhere and their increasing numbers do not make them any easier for the public to deal with.

On a normal day in Red Square, it is difficult to miss the increasing number of cell phones attached to the hands, ears or backpacks of Western students. The phones' annoying, mechanical rings are even harder to miss.

These little menaces of technology stand out because they turn public places into sites of private conversations. They beg for attention and distract everyone from going about their business.

The biggest question surrounding cell phone use on campus revolves around necessity. Does the average college student need a cell phone on their body at all times? Is anything that important? Probably not.

For many students, cell phones have become a status symbol. These "Cell Phonies" as Brady MacDonald of the Los Angeles Times calls them, blatantly carry phones around and flaunt the col-

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munity, but not by wearing a little ribbon on my shirt.

I support it by keeping my mind as open as possible, giving people a chance to believe what they wish, and not shying away from someone who just came out of the closet.

Now I find that since I didn't jump through some activist's hoop I am a "homophobe."

I support the LGBT community, but not the small minds of its representatives and spokespersons.

Troy Sabia
Western student

I-695 represents ignorance, greed

To the editor:

Initiative 695 isn't about government arrogance, it's about ignorance and greed.

Supporters of I-695 like to

claim that the bill will help out the "little guy." This claim couldn't be farther from the truth.

This bill will help out the rich with \$50,000 BMW's, and punish the little guys who either ride the bus or drive small, inexpensive, fuel-efficient cars.

The most frightening thing about I-695 is its absolute absence of forethought. We are in a time of prosperity, and the tax funds have increased over the last few years.

We should use this to pay off our state debts and improve public projects now, while we have the time, rather than blow our surplus like a drunken sailor in port.

Government funding is there for a reason: to help all those who can't afford to live like the supporters of I-695.

If you paid so much for your car that you can't afford the license tabs, go get a cheaper car. If you have the cash to pay and I-695 is just your way of being greedy, don't expect any help from me when you are down.

Henry Valz
Western student

I-696 won't save salmon

To the editor:

In response to your recent column supporting I-696 ("I-696: Limited Impact on Fishers, Big Help For Fish," Oct. 22): In my opinion, you do a grave disservice to many people by publishing commentary so poorly researched and heavily reliant upon half-truths and falsehoods. This initiative is not about conservation; it's about allocation. It's about those who fish for fun attempting to take fish away from those who do it for a living — under the false guise of salmon restoration.

Salmon restoration is all about hard work, time, money and commitment. Fortunately, most of the state's thinking population has figured this out. Environmentalists, tribal leaders, the League of Women Voters, Gov. Gary Locke and virtually every major newspaper in the state have rejected I-696.

Randy Hartnell
Bellingham resident

The ups and downs of cell phones

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orful detachable faces as testimony of how important and cool they really are. The ridiculous display only makes them seem more obnoxious.

Outside of an extreme emergency, many calls fail to be worthy of their distraction. Most could wait until a person gets home, reaches a pay phone, or spends the time to figure things out, especially calls as frivolous as two people trying to find each other in Red Square.

Cell phones have a tendency to make lazy people lazier and busy people busier.

An available phone becomes a crutch to fall back on whenever there is the slightest problem.

What happens when the batteries run out or the phone gets left behind (oh no!).

Recently a cell phone saved avalanche victims on Mount Rainier.

Although a heart-warming story, it highlights the reliance on this technology, instead of maps and compasses, for inexperienced hikers.

People with high pressure jobs can never escape with a cell phone attached to their ear.

Cell phones also justify American society's obsession with working and making that extra buck.

If someone has left the office, shouldn't they be off the clock?

Also, two years ago, The New England Journal of Medicine published a study that found driving while using a cell phone as risky as driving drunk.

In parts of Cleveland, Ohio, talking on the telephone will get you a traffic ticket.

Some restaurants have considered making their dining rooms cell-phone free by blocking phones from sending or receiving messages.

These measures only begin to address the annoyance factor cell phones create.

Cell phones, although offensive, should not be banned or taken away like a misused toy.

The problem is the selfish lack of respect for other people. Users must find appropriate times and places for cellular activity and think about the general public around them — extend some simple common courtesy.

And turn off the ringer when they are in class or the movie theater!

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Students used cell phones to call the police or their parents while trapped in the school.

A cell phone allows students to stay in touch with parents and friends — it's helpful not to have to find 35 cents for a pay phone or rely on a calling card that could have expired or been depleted.

Washington's weather condi-

tions add another incentive to using a cell phone because of slippery road conditions and high snow levels — no one with a cell phone is ever stranded.

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Western parking manager quits after meeting with superiors, position left to University Police Chief Jim Shaw

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the Campus Express park-and-ride program. Parking and Transportation also raised nearly half of a million dollars in reserves for the possible construction of either a parking structure or other improvements that may eventually be used to ease the university's parking crunch.

On the flip side, his departure also came during a period when the integrity of Lawrence's leadership and management decisions were being intensely criticized by some circles within

the campus community.

The most heated complaints made against Lawrence were outlined in a letter sent to each member of the school's board of trustees, dated June 1.

Drafted by a group called Concerned Western Washington University Employees, the letter alleged that Lawrence misrepresented his employment history during the hiring process back in the fall of 1997. The letter writers also contended that Lawrence was the subject of numerous "discrimination complaints" they say were filed here at Western and while

he was employed at other related jobs before Western hired him.

Lawrence could not be reached for comment. Shaw said he didn't have enough information to comment on such allegations, but he maintained that Lawrence's character wasn't in question.

"He's a very honest man, very ethical man, and I consider him a friend," Shaw said. "I think the world of him, personally."

In his time at Western, Lawrence frequently was caught in the crossfire between commuters, disgruntled at the ever-increasing price for school parking permits, and the university administrators, who

mandated that Lawrence's parking office raise money for a parking structure — a structure that Lawrence frequently stated would never get built anyway, in his opinion.

Most recently, in the Oct. 15 issue of The Western Front, he described the likelihood of such a structure as "a mythical beast." At press time, Pierce wasn't available for comment and Shaw said he wasn't in a position to say whether or not Lawrence's outspoken stance on the parking structure created a source of conflict between the Office of Business and Financial Affairs and Parking Manager Lawrence.

Shaw said the elimination of Lawrence as parking manager might prove to be a first step in restructuring the Parking and Transportation division of Western's Public Safety Department. Public safety only recently took parking under its wing — prior to September 1998, Parking and Transportation was a division of the Physical Plant.

In the coming weeks, Shaw,

"To say it's just performance would be too big — I don't want to go there."

James Shaw
University police chief

Pierce and the university's Transportation Management Committee will decide whether to pursue a new parking manager or eliminate the position altogether, Shaw said.

In the meantime, Shaw said he will assume Parking and Transportation's administrative duties. From 1988 until 1998, while chief of police at California State University-Stanislaus, Shaw said he oversaw that school's parking division.

"As far as the operational stuff, I'm pretty good at that, but we'll wait and see what further changes need to be made in the area of parking," Shaw said.

"Greg and I finally agreed he should look at other endeavors."

James Shaw
University police chief

Students need to change logins now before the first of the year

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being implemented to prevent non-Western students from using the computer labs.

In the past, anyone could walk into a campus computer lab and use the computers without logging on to the network.

Pham said one advantage to the new login system is the access to a u-drive. The u-drive acts as an individual, 25-megabyte hard drive.

Students can type a paper in a Haggard Hall computer lab, save it onto their u-drive and then add information to the paper the next day at a Miller Hall computer lab without carrying around a floppy disk.

The new system will also allow certain departments at Western, such as computer science, to grant file access only to students who are enrolled in the department's classes.

"You will be able to access the u-drive from anywhere," Pham

said.

Students can access their u-drives from off-campus computers through file transfer protocol programs.

The ATUS Help Desk has handouts explaining how to do this when the system is running winter quarter.

To create login passwords, students can get help from computer lab consultants from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Bond Hall 321 or the ATUS Help Desk at Haggard Hall 145.



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Chris Fuller/The Western Front
Mike McTigue puts the final staples in a pair of campaign signs Sunday afternoon. McTigue works for both McShane's and Asmundson's campaigns.

Leadership main issue in county executive race

By Alex P. Hennesy
THE WESTERN FRONT

"I am very proud of my environmental record," Kremen said.

In a race where the issues are well defined and opposing candidates share similar views on most of the topics, leadership seems to be the major difference in the run for Whatcom County Executive.

Major points of contention within the campaigns and sources of ammunition at debates have been Pete Kremen's leadership and environmental record — both of which Kremen is willing to defend.

Kremen is quick to point to what he views as his environmental accomplishments as county executive. Items such as the county's compliance with the Growth Management Act, the completion of an environmental impact statement for the Trillium Corporation's rock quarry and the county's Storm Water Management Fund are all sources of pride for Kremen, as well as his role as a leader.

Challenger Harry Skinner

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Mayoral candidates address growth, water in campaigns

By Kristen Hawley
THE WESTERN FRONT

larger issue, which is the Watershed Planning Act within all the tribes and Whatcom County and the public utility district."

In an election with issues that will drastically affect the city of Bellingham, the mayoral race follows suit.

One candidate wants to continue programs started during his term as mayor, while the other stresses implementing new projects he said are overlooked by the current administration.

Incumbent Mark Asmundson served nine years on the city council and practiced law for 15 years prior to spending the past four years as mayor.

"The city of Bellingham is not your corner grocery store," Asmundson said of why past experience in government is important to the position. "It is a very demanding job. It takes management skills, experience, leadership and a vision for the future."

Asmundson's vision for the future consists of two of the major issues he tackled during the past four years: water quality and growth management.

"Lake Whatcom has been subject to more stress than is desirable from all the development that has occurred there," he said. "The water issue is the protection of Lake Whatcom as well as the

To alleviate the burden on Lake Whatcom waters, Asmundson said he plans to implement the forthcoming storm water recommendations, which deal with eliminating potential problems while still maintaining the existing system.

Asmundson said he sees rapid growth as an ongoing issue in Bellingham, but one he has made a substantial dent in during his term. Through the maintenance of the trail system, downtown revitalization and restoration of neighborhood pride, quality of life in Bellingham is on the upswing, Asmundson said.

"People come to Bellingham because it is a desirable, livable

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I-695 would lower car tab cost, require voters to approve taxes

By Jenni Odekirk and Rachel Dooley
THE WESTERN FRONT

If Initiative 695 passes, the owner of a 1976 Ford Pinto and the owner of a 1999 Dodge Viper would pay the same amount for car tabs.

I-695 would repeal the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax, the Travel Trailer and Camper Excise Tax

and the Clean Air Excise Tax and set a fee of \$30 for all vehicle tabs. I-695 would also require voters' approval for any increases in state or local taxes, such as sales taxes, property taxes and license fees.

The MVET is expected to net \$1.5 billion during the 1999-2001 biennium, according to the Washington State Office of Financial Management's Web

site.

During the biennium, state transportation programs are slated to receive 47 percent of that figure, or \$705 million; local transportation programs will get 29 percent, or \$435 million; and local governments will get 24 percent, or \$360 million.

Supporters of the initiative

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Initiative 1-99 would limit influx of infectious medical waste in county

By Angela Smith
THE WESTERN FRONT

Ferndale residents watch trucks filled with used needles and dirty bandages roll into town on an almost daily basis.

Initiative 1-99 could bring strict limitations to the influx of infectious waste processed by the privately-owned Recomp of Washington Inc.

Recomp processes solid waste, including the weekly garbage collection and biomedical waste from Oregon, British Columbia and other areas throughout Washington.

"I wrote 1-99 because I'm concerned about the public risks coming into (Whatcom County)," said Barbara Brenner, author of the initiative and county council member.

The initiative is designed to prevent the processing of larger amounts of infectious waste. Brenner said if Recomp runs at full capacity, it would bring in almost 900 tons of waste per month — the facility now brings in 300-400 tons a month.

"The bigger the dose, the bigger the risk," Brenner said of

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Candidates' forum

City and County government candidates will debate at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Viking Union Main Lounge.

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Brenner, Bowen differ on water quality solutions

By Melissa Miller
THE WESTERN FRONT

Barbara Brenner and Barry Bowen have thrust themselves into their campaigns for Whatcom County Council, District 3 by attacking county issues, and, in some cases, each other.

Brenner, 52, is seeking a third term on the council, and two issues she plans to focus on for the next four years are water quality and affordable housing.

"I believe now more than ever we need someone to protect the people's interests, not special interests," Brenner said.

Bowen, 42, a self-employed

researcher, consultant and writer, is running because he thinks the county desperately needs a council that will work constructively.

Bowen said he would like to equip the sheriff's department with more deputies and preserve farmland by stopping urban sprawl.

Both candidates are concerned with the water quality of Lake Whatcom, as well as the county's water.

"I support anything that

helps us move development away from the lake's watershed," Bowen said. "The county needs to step forward and help."

Brenner said she thinks Whatcom County has been lacking "speedy" investigations of water contamination, and better communication between the county executive and county council must be fostered to speed things up.

The candidates, however, do not agree on Initiative 1-99, which Brenner pushed to get on the ballot. 1-99 would restrict the amount of medical waste that county waste processors could accept.

"This is one piece of the solu-

tion; no one ordinance will be a solution," Brenner said.

Bowen does not believe this initiative will solve the problem. Bowen said he supports the recommendations of the medical waste advisory panel, such as treating all stocks and cultures waste on site.

Each candidate has done his or her share of work in the community. Brenner authored a resolution to require Olympic Pipeline to tell the community

what caused the explosion. She also lobbied for countywide toll-free phone services, which were approved this year. During this race Brenner limited her campaign to \$2,000 and produced all her signs and brochures with recycled materials.

Bowen and his wife founded Computers for Kids, which recycles computers for underprivileged, school-age children, and Civic Access, a World Wide Web site about local government, education and community issues.

He is also a member of the Ferndale School District's technical advisory and growth advisory committees.



Barbara Brenner



Barry Bowen

Development big issue in District 1 race

By Sharon Armbruster
THE WESTERN FRONT

The race for Whatcom County Council, District 1, Position B is between a veteran and a newcomer with similar views but different backgrounds.



Dan McShane

Candidates Dan McShane and Terry Unger are concerned with criminal justice and agree on the need for a new jail for low-risk offenders.

Unger said he decided to run because he does not agree with McShane's anti-watershed development platform. He said he stands behind rights of property owners, while McShane stresses protection of

Lake Whatcom.

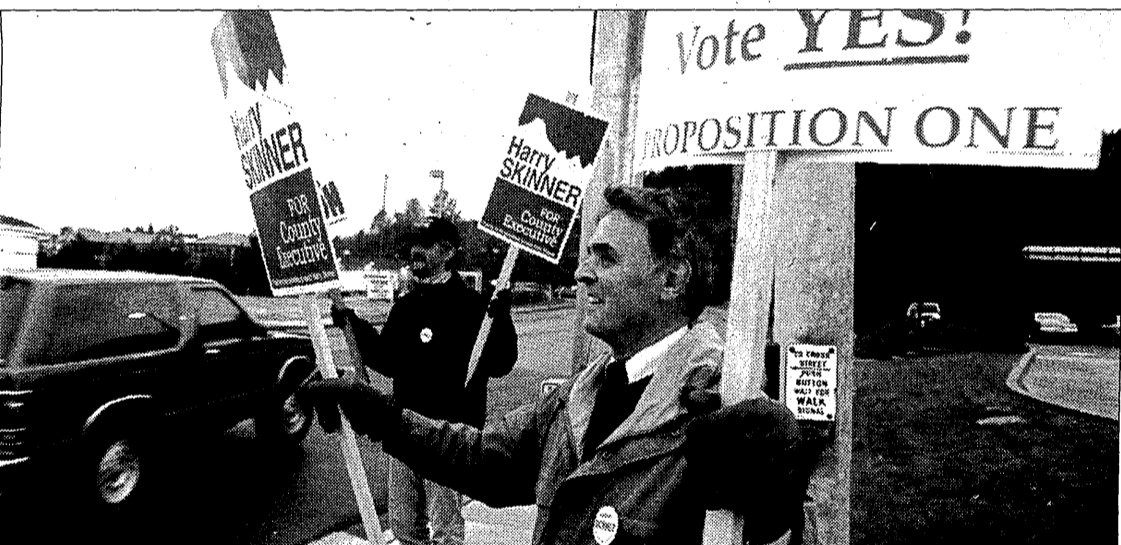
Unger brings a long history of involvement in county government, which he said gives him an understanding of issues. He was a member of the district school board, county commissioner from 1973-78 and a member of the Charter Review Commission.

"I'm familiar with how the system works," Unger said. "I'm in it and around it every day, and on a first-name basis with almost all elected officials in the county."

McShane said his professional experience gives him the expertise to deal with the water issues facing the county.

"I'm a geologist," McShane said. "I own my own business, when I'm confronted with a problem I have ideas as to what the answer might be. But as geologist and a former school teacher, I know I have to be open minded and seek as much input as I can."

McShane is chairman of the Northwest Washington Association of Earth Scientists. He also serves on the Whatcom County Flood Control Committee and the Lake Whatcom Citizens Task Force.



Above: Whatcom County Executive Pete Kremen takes care of business. Below: Challenger Harry Skinner campaigns on Meridian Street.

Former legislator and county worker vie for county exec

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said he believes the main difference between Kremen and himself is leadership.

"I'm willing to face the issues and solve them," Skinner said. "The executive has not only the role, but the responsibility to take a stand on these issues, and I feel none of that is happening here."

Kremen has lived in Whatcom County for 25 years and previously served in the State House of Representatives for 11 years. He first ran for county executive because he was frustrated with the partisanship in Olympia.

"You can get more done as a county executive as opposed to the legislature," said Kremen.

Skinner believes his background in business, coupled with his experience as the county facilities manager for two years, make him ideal for the position, which is essentially the Chief Executive Officer of Whatcom County and overseer of a \$100 million budget.

"I really feel as if I'm a perfect match," Skinner said.

Skinner and Kremen are both against Initiative 695, which would set car tabs at \$30 and requires voter approval to raise taxes, and Initiative 696, which bans commercial net fishing.

Whatcom planner touts business sense while opponent stresses environmental concerns

By Jennae Phillippe
THE WESTERN FRONT

An environmentalist and a businessman are bringing new perspectives to old issues in the race for Whatcom County Council District 2, Position B.

Clarence Bob Sr., a 48-year-old laborer who has lived in Whatcom County all his life, is a member of the Lummi Business Council and was elected the vice president of the Pacific Northwest Tribal Employment Rights Office.

Sam Crawford, 39, is in charge of sales and management at a Bellingham lumberyard, and has lived in Whatcom County since 1992.

He is chair of the Whatcom Planning Commission, which he has served on for three



Clarence Bob Sr.



Sam Crawford

years.

Both candidates feel they have something to offer Whatcom County that may be lacking in the current council.

"Common sense," Bob said. "There are a lot of issues that come before the council, and a lot of them are tough. But a lot of that stuff just deals with common sense and figuring out what's right for the people."

Bob said he relies on common sense and his environmentalist

leanings, such as concern for water quality, when dealing with the pollution of Lake Whatcom.

"It's time we start dealing with cleaning up the lake," he said. "Enough money has been spent on studies and tests."

Bob said stopping or slowing development on Lake Whatcom might be the only way left to save it.

"If people aren't willing to come together, the only resolve we have left is a moratorium on development — prohibit development of the watershed for a two-year period," he said. "I don't think we need it now. But if people don't come together and realize we need that water, it may be the only choice."

Crawford said his experience as chair of the Whatcom

Planning Commission gives him a unique perspective on county issues.

"With my business background and experience I can analyze funding issues and make important decisions," Crawford said.

For example, he gives his idea on how to help the overcrowding of the county jail.

Crawford proposes the county hire an independent contractor to build a new jail and then lease it to the county for \$50,000 to \$70,000 per month.

After 20 years, the contractor would make back the money it took to build the jail. Then the contractor could sell the jail to the county.

"It's a way to have a new jail and not have new taxes," Crawford said.

Experience stressed in city finance race

By Matt Jaffe
THE WESTERN FRONT

In the race for city finance director, Therese Holm and John McGarrity each have an economic background, but one has served in an elected office and the other has been involved in the community unofficially.

McGarrity, 50, has 25 years of business, government and investment experience, including work in the New York City

the finance director in the budget and policy-making decisions of the city," McGarrity said.

Holm takes a slightly different position on the incumbent Carpenter than McGarrity.

"I think it is appropriate for the finance director to weigh-in on policies which would affect the financial health of the city," Holm said.

Holm, 47, originally from Fairbanks, Alaska, worked for the Washington State Auditor's office before her current job as Port of Bellingham Finance Director.

"I think my training and experience in public finance will allow me to hit the ground without any significant training curve; therefore the voters get the best value for their money," Holm said.

She said her experience in public finance at the port sets

"I don't feel there's a role for the finance director in the budget and policy-making decisions of the city."

John McGarrity
Finance director candidate

Transit Authority. As its logistics supervisor, he managed \$750 million of purchases annually.

He moved to Bellingham in 1990, but said his ties to the area go back farther than that. His sister moved to Bellingham in 1975, and McGarrity has been involved in the community since then.

Though he has no history in elective office, McGarrity said his experience qualifies him for the position.

"I've been active in political and community affairs my entire life, though I've never run for elected office before," he said.

McGarrity initially decided to enter the race to run against the incumbent, Lynn Carpenter, who often challenged the city's financial decisions.

"I don't feel there's a role for

"I think it is appropriate for the finance director to weigh-in on policies which would affect the financial health of the city."

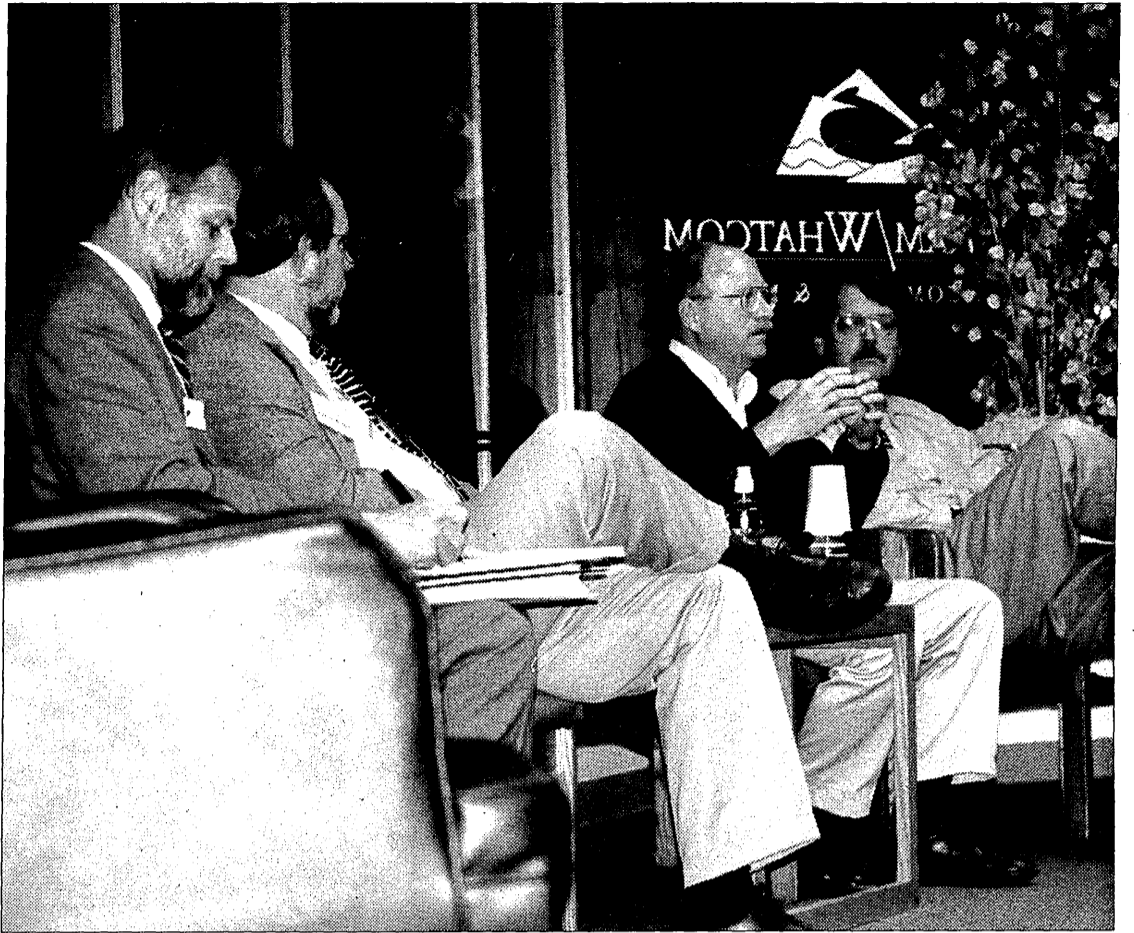
Therese Holm
Finance director candidate

her apart from McGarrity.

"My training and experience give me the background to handle public finance and do a good job of it," she said.

Holm said the finance manager is responsible for \$70 million of investments and financial reporting on a \$170 million city budget.

Quality of community major issue in Bellingham mayoral race



Mayoral candidates Russ Weston (far left) and Mark Asmundson (third from left) share their views on community issues at a Bellingham/Whatcom County Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Craig Yantis/The Western Front

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community," he said. "We cannot let that which is our greatest attractor be taken away — we can't let growth steal our quality of life, and that requires careful planning."

Challenger Russ Weston said water quality and growth management are important issues, but he said the most needed improvement is more interaction between city officials and the public.

"We've been made aware that there are problems (in Bellingham), but the city has not been sharing that information,"

Weston said. "As mayor, you need to be reliable and develop trust. Ask for permission rather than asking for forgiveness."

The three-pronged platform of a "reliable, accountable, fiscally-responsible mayor," is the driving force behind Weston's campaign. As a former math teacher and 11-year database analyst for Bellingham City Hall, he said he has the experience to deal with problems citizens of Bellingham think are most important.

"You have to work cooperatively with the people. Rather than doing it yourself you teach someone to do it," he said. "As far as reliability, consider the prayer of serenity — do what you can do

something about, and don't worry about what you can't do something about. Don't wait until it's broken before you try to fix it."

Despite the fact he has never been in a position similar to mayor, Weston said he is running because he knows the infrastructure of city hall and with that he can create a government to best serve the people of Bellingham.

"This is not government for the sake of government, but government for the sake of the people," he said. "We're not looking for the problems, we're looking for the solutions and how to implement the solutions."

Community relations important to city council candidates

By Jaime Martin
THE WESTERN FRONT

More similarities than differences exist between Terry Bornemann and R.B. Porter, candidates for Bellingham City Council's 5th Ward seat.

Bornemann and Porter are fiscally-conservative Democrats. Both men are opposed to Initiatives 695 and 696.

Porter said he is most concerned about the provision in I-695 that would require a public vote in order to raise taxes or public fees.

"Hopefully, (people) are electing me to make good decisions,"

Porter said. "Government should fund community needs such as ambulance service, but wants such as greenways, even though important, should be left for voter approval."

Bornemann agrees with Porter.

"I-695 sets forth something very appealing (\$30 vehicle licensing), but attaches something very devious and short-sighted," Bornemann said.



Terry Bornemann

Water quality, in the opinion of both candidates, is Bellingham's number one concern. A difference in perspective, however, separates Porter and Bornemann.

Porter said he believes not enough public process and debate has been given to the renewal of Georgia Pacific's water rights.

"If we are going to give up a community asset (water) we should make sure to get some-



R.B. Porter

thing we want in return," Porter said.

Preserving clean drinking water by protecting the watershed from contamination is Bornemann's primary concern for Bellingham.

"Even if the Lake Whatcom proposal doesn't pass, we still need to prevent more watershed land from development," Bornemann said. "And we need to develop our relationship with county government because so much of the watershed land is county-owned."

The candidates know what they want to contribute to city council. Porter — owner of the Cookie

Café on Cornwall Avenue — said he wants to take city council into a new level of community relations.

"The present council works from top down and I work from grassroots," Porter said. "I will listen and interact to understand concerns."

Bornemann — a juvenile probation officer — said he would like to see more emphasis given to community assets that promote positive attitudes and behaviors from youth. "I've worked with a lot of youth, both positively and negatively, and I would like to see the council focus on what makes kids healthy," Bornemann said.

Recomp says it could go out of business if infectious waste initiative passes, supporters worry about public health

infectious waste.
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The material comes in sealed containers, which are loaded directly into an autoclave — a machine that uses high-temperature, high-pressure steam to disinfect the material — then sent to a landfill.

The initiative proposes to limit the amount of infectious waste commercial facilities can accept to .3 percent of Whatcom

County's solid waste.

According to court documents filed during a failed injunction of 1-99 by Frank Moscone, president of Recomp, the company would have to limit its acceptance of infectious waste from 300 tons per month to about 23 tons.

Moscone also stated 1-99 would prevent Recomp from accepting more than 90 percent of its current load.

He said he believed this would either force the company to relo-

cate or go out of business because of it will not be able to fulfill its contract with Browning-Ferris Industries, which collects the waste.

Jim Austin, attorney for Recomp, said no state laws in Washington exist to regulate the treatment of medical waste.

"The effect (of 1-99) would be to jeopardize public

health," Austin said. "It does not guarantee that medical waste will be treated by anybody. They can throw the stuff in the garbage."

Initiative 1-99 would limit infectious medical waste brought into the county.

If 1-99 passes, Austin said most local facilities would have to dispose of infectious waste in non-commercial facilities, most likely on-site, which he believes would cost businesses more money, thereby dissuading

them from properly disposing of the material.

Recomp filed an injunction in September citing the initiative as a violation of its permit rights.

The permit is scheduled for renewal later this year.

Austin said if 1-99 passes, it would "embroil the county in a considerable amount of litigation."

"We should never prevent public health decisions because somebody is pressing a lawsuit," Brenner said.

Proposition 1 addresses watershed issues

By Emily Santolla
THE WESTERN FRONT

For \$12 per month or less, Bellingham may be able to raise enough money to buy property in the Lake Whatcom watershed.

Proposition 1, also known as the drinking water initiative, proposes a surcharge between \$6 and \$12 on Bellingham residents' monthly utility bills to buy the watershed land.

The initiative would net Bellingham at least \$4 million per year. The initiative also proposes that Bellingham establish a commission of volunteers to represent public interest in watershed issues.

Tim Paxton, Marion Beddill and Larry Williams co-founded the initiative out of concern for

"
'It is a way of protecting our water supply.'

Larry Williams
Proposition 1
co-founder

the quality of Bellingham's drinking water.

Urban runoff and sewage overflow have polluted Lake Whatcom, reducing the quality of the city's drinking water, Williams said.

"It is a way of protecting our water supply," Williams said.

"
'I do want clean water, but I want to do it in a way that will be cost effective.'

Mark Lambert
Proposition 1 opponent

Many other cities in the Northwest, including Seattle, Tacoma and Portland, have publicly owned watersheds, Williams said.

Purchasing the watershed will forestall development, he said, explaining development is often the culprit for Lake Whatcom pollution problems, such as urban runoff and septic overflow. The goal of the initiative is not to stop development but rather to keep it away from Bellingham's drinking water, he said.

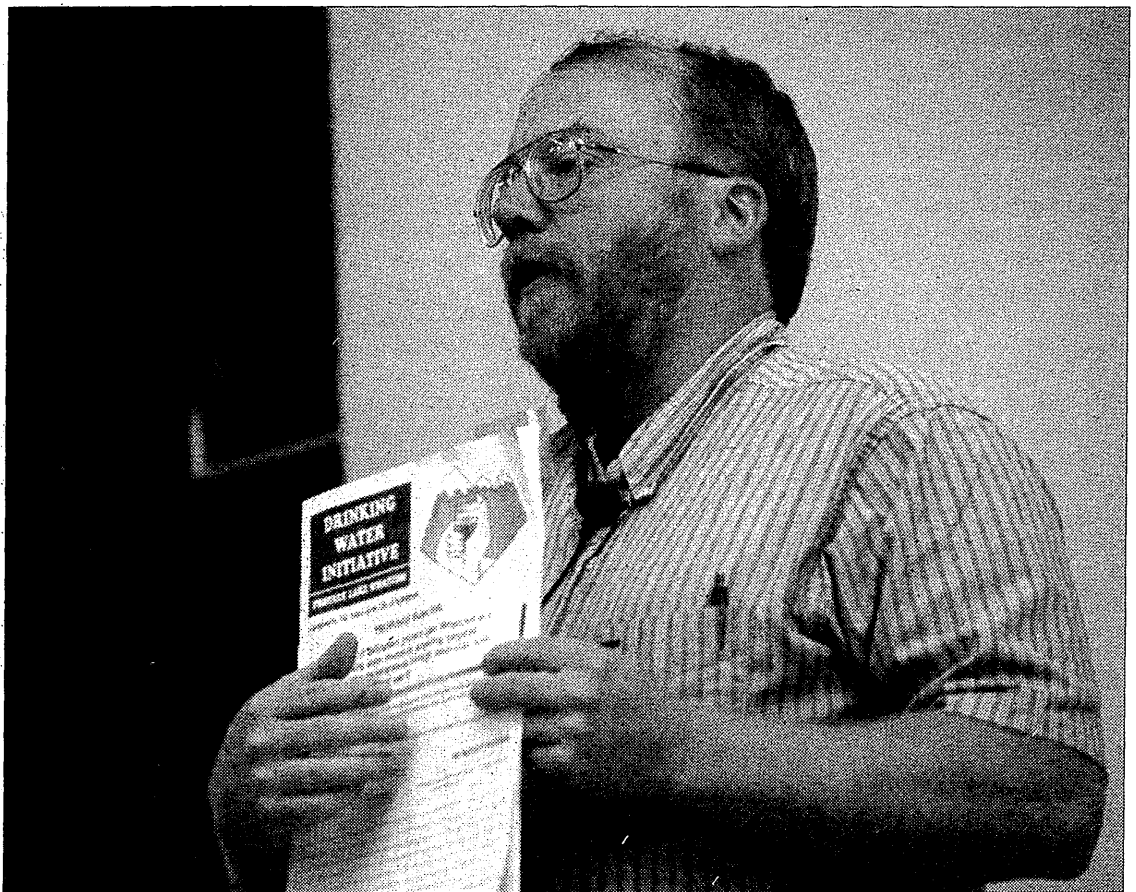
It will cost less money to purchase the watershed than to treat it, Williams said.

Opponents of the proposition say the cost is too great for the amount of good it will do.

Proposition 1 will have "very little impact on pollution but a huge impact on the community," said Mark Lambert, president of the Building Industry Association of Whatcom County.

Lambert estimated a loss of at least \$4 million in taxes if the proposition passes, since the land the initiative targets is privately owned.

"I do want clean drinking



Chris Goodenow/The Western Front

Proposition 1 co-founder Tim Paxton holds a copy of the initiative as he explains it.

water, but I want to do it in a way that will be cost effective," Lambert said.

Proposition 1 only addresses one source of pollutants in Lake Whatcom — a source which is not even that significant, he said.

The real problem is storm water runoff, Lambert said.

Storm water drains run from

the street right into the lake. Park Place wetlands, a bio-filter for storm water runoff, is in need of repair and pumping stations in Geneva are in need of an upgrade, Lambert said.

Lambert said the best way to protect Lake Whatcom is to look at the whole issue and follow the recommendations of the Lake

Whatcom Management Program.

The LWMP — a joint effort between Lake Whatcom, the City of Bellingham, and Water District 10 — is working on a detailed plan for the future of Lake Whatcom.

Storm water management and property purchasing are included in the report.

I-695 would force WTA to cut bus service by more than 50 percent

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say Washington state's taxes are too high; it would give tax payers much-needed relief.

Only six states have higher taxes than Washington, said Randy Elmore, a small business owner, at an Oct. 19 forum at Western.

Washington's MVET is the third highest in the United States, and its gas, property and sales taxes are also high, Elmore said.

"If I-695 passes — and it will pass — tax payers will have money in their pockets," Elmore said.

Supporters say MVET revenue can be replaced with state surplus money.

"Opponents of I-695 say it's

the end of the world as we know it," Elmore said. "It's not going to happen. The state has a \$1 billion surplus."

Supporters also say the revenue loss can be made up through more efficient governing.

"You'd have to juggle a lot of budgets to get (I-695) to work, but it would be worth having our opinions heard," said I-695 supporter Dorene Bahzad.

Opponents of I-695, however, say it would cut funding for state and local government services.

"(I-695) would have drastic consequences for government and the people it serves," said Tim Farris, chair of Whatcom County No on I-695.

Farris said that cities' health and criminal justice programs,

the state ferry system, and public transportation could be hurt by I-695.

The Whatcom Transportation Authority budget would be cut by 46 percent, \$5.7 million, and its service would be cut by more than half if I-695 passes, said Richard Walsh, WTA general manager.

"I think these are areas people who want to cut taxes take for granted," Farris said.

Opponents also say requiring voter approval for any tax increase would harm representative government.

"It's an attempt to cripple government," Farris said, explaining that even libraries would have to get voter approval to raise fees for overdue books if I-695 passes.



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Tim Farris, chair of Whatcom County No on I-695, speaks against the initiative while Randy Elmore, small business owner and I-695 supporter, takes notes.

I-696 proposes ending commercial net fishing in state

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Washington state residents want to save the salmon. The debate about how to best accomplish this goal continues with the addition of Initiative 696 to this year's ballot.

I-696 would ban all non-tribal commercial net fishing in Washington waters. Tribal fishing would not be affected because of protection guaranteed in federal treaties.

Those who support the initiative say the government has failed to regulate commercial fishing properly and that passing the initiative will bring an immediate increase of spawning salmon.

"This initiative is necessary because up to this point harvest has not been addressed," said Aaron Johnson, a member of Ban All Nets, a group supporting I-696. "If salmon are plucked by nets, they aren't going to be able to spawn no matter how clean the spawning grounds are."

Backers of the initiative also say ending net fishing will put an end to the killing of untarget-

ed marine life.

"Commercial nets drown more endangered seabirds per year than the entire New Carissa oil spill," Johnson said.

Opponents of the initiative say that the same number of fish that are now divided between com-

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mercial, sport and tribal fishermen would be divided between only sport and tribal fishers. They say the initiative will pit commercial fishers against tribal and sports fishers.

"There are people in Whatcom County who depend on fish for their livelihood," Whatcom County Council member Kathy Sutter said. "You have to consider all the businesses that would be affected by this — boating companies and even grocery stores."

Sutter said she believes an approach designed by and benefiting the three fishing groups would be in the best interest to save salmon. "I would like to see a situation where everybody pitches in instead of only targeting one industry — and only half of that industry," Sutter said.