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Third offender placed near campus

By Valerie Bauman
THE WESTERN FRONT

A third sex offender has been released and placed in the infamous house at 1000 Indian St.

David J. Drake, a Level III sex offender was convicted of crimes involving children. He does not admit to his offense.

Drake said he has had a hard time facing the stigma of being a recently released sex offender.

"I'm not a danger to anybody," Drake said. "I'd like to be treated as an equal. I'd like (the community) to know that I'm trying to build my own life ... I just want to be left alone."

Thad Allen, risk management specialist for the Department of Corrections, said the department considers each sex offender's tendencies when locating a place for the offender to live.

"I think of each of them as an individual with individual issues," Allen said.

According to a press release issued by DOC, Drake, like the other occupants of the house, has a tendency to "groom" his victims, or get to know them,

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David Drake, the most recent Level III sex offender to move into 1000 Indian St., takes a moment to reflect on his time served in jail. "I haven't been through the easiest life," Drake said. "Since I was 15, I've been on my own."

Peter Louras/ The Western Front

Statewide campaign prompts 50 DUI arrests

By Cate Weisweaver
THE WESTERN FRONT

A quarter of the year's total DUI arrests in Bellingham occurred during "Drive Hammered, Get Nailed," this year's annual emphasis patrol campaign.

The number of DUI infractions issued in Washington increases during the holiday season because more officers are patrolling for DUI offenders, Bellingham Police Sgt. Shawn Aiumu said.

This is the first year Washington needed to use funds to create advertising for the "Drive Hammered, Get Nailed" campaign. In past years, the state relied on public access media to create awareness of the emphasis patrol.

Bellingham officers made approximately 300 DUI arrests in 2002, Bellingham Police Lt. Craig Ambrose said. Fifty arrests were

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Whatcom County charities report declining donations

By Andrea Boyle
THE WESTERN FRONT

In a wave of economic hardship, non-profit organizations in Whatcom County are suffering financially, although volunteer participation remains constant.

United Way of Whatcom County partially supports 27 non-profit organizations in Whatcom County, said United Way Vice President Peter Theisen. United Way struggled to meet its fundraising goals in 2002, which means all 27 orga-

nizations will receive 15 percent less for the first six months in 2003, he said.

"Across the board, non-profits will receive less from United Way, but we are doing our best to contribute as close to the same amount of money as last year," Theisen said.

The American Red Cross is one of several organizations that United Way contributes to. This year the United Way will donate \$85,000 to the American Red Cross compared to \$100,000 last year.

In December, damages resulting from high winds and flooding at Sandy Point and Gooseberry Point required the aid of Whatcom County's Red Cross. The Red Cross has provided relief for nine total disasters in December including several house fires, Public Support director Shelly Parsons said.

The American Red Cross meets immediate emergency needs, providing overnight accommodations, shelters, food, medicine, eyeglasses and clothing. It also has an extensive edu-

cation program including first aid classes, CPR training and public education teams.

Last year an estimated 500 people volunteered or participated in an American Red Cross program.

The decrease in holiday donations is especially frustrating, Parsons said.

"It is a double-edged sword because while contributions are way down, that is when the need goes way up," she said.

Western Red Cross Extension is a program run by Western

students. The campus club runs its own program in conjunction with the Red Cross and requires all of its club members to be Red Cross members, said Western sophomore Kelsey Cartwright, the Western Red Cross Extension president and Whatcom County Red Cross chapter board member. The club has roughly 80 Western students involved.

"We are always struggling," she said. "We have more ambition than money."

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B'ham resident fights homophobia

Fish and Wildlife employee confronts hate mail at home and work

By Andy Aley
THE WESTERN FRONT

Enforcement officer Bob Lantiegne of the state Fish and Wildlife Department received an unwanted Christmas gift this December.

An unidentified person sent Lantiegne, who is gay, a T-shirt reading "NO FAGGOTS" and a handwritten note reading "Merry Christmas, you butt-fucker! Santa." The note was written on department sta-

tionery and both items were sent to Lantiegne's home in a department envelope.

"When I'm around my place, I'm real concerned," Lantiegne said. "I'm concerned for my safety, my house and my dogs."

This is the second time Lantiegne received threatening mail from within the department. In early February 2002, eight pages of pornographic advertisements were sent to Lantiegne's office in a department envelope that also con-

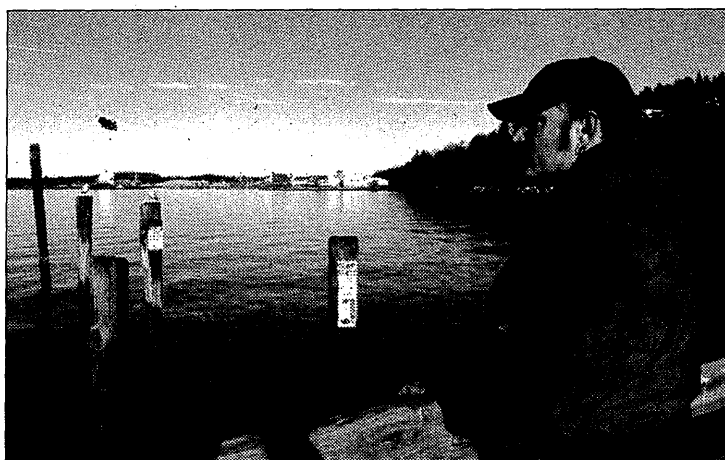
tained an unrelated department memo.

"I immediately contacted Capt. Bill Hebner (Lantiegne's regional supervisor) and told him I wanted something done about it," Lantiegne said.

In May 2002, Lantiegne filed a report that led to an investigation, which was more than five months after the incident.

Lantiegne's complaint was ruled "unfounded" and was dismissed.

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Bob Lantiegne gazes across the bay from Boulevard Park. He said he often goes to the park to relieve stress.

Peter Louras/ The Western Front

COPS BOX

University Police

Jan. 8, 8:42 p.m.: UP responded to a report of a student stuck in an elevator in Buchanan Towers. The elevators were turned off until they could be repaired.

Jan. 8, 2:44 p.m.: UP responded to a report of a suspicious person near Edens Hall. The person was gone when UP officers arrived.

Jan. 8, 1:33 p.m.: UP responded to a report of a fire alarm in Miller Hall. The building was evacuated and the Bellingham Fire Department was called. Officers discovered burnt toast set off the alarm.

Jan. 7, 7:08 a.m.: UP responded to a report of a lock being tampered with in Arntzen Hall.

Bellingham Police

Jan. 9, 7:59 p.m.: Officers responded to a report of a trespass in the 300 block of North Commercial Street.

Jan. 9, 2:45 p.m.: Officers responded to a report of an automobile theft in the 4000 block of Meridian Street.

Jan. 9, 6:45 a.m.: Officers responded to a suspicious fire in the 2500 block of Kulshan Street.

Jan. 9, 6:39 a.m.: Officers responded to a report of an overdose in the 2600 block of Alabama Street. The victim was taken to St. Joseph Hospital.

Viking Voices

Should Western take stronger security precautions on North Garden Street to ensure pedestrian safety?

Compiled by Brianne Holte



Carl Shook
Political Science/History, senior

“That (intersection is) a deathtrap. People go way too fast. There should be a pedestrian-activated light.”



Ronald Reboja
Accounting/Finance, senior

“No, because not a lot of people go that way. That would be a waste of our resources.”



Myke Dizon
Communication, senior

“Yes, for that particular intersection, because it's hard to see people. But in general, we're college students. People know how to look both ways.”

AP WIRE NEWS BRIEFS

STATE NEWS

Burien man charged with murder of three men

A 23-year-old Burien man was charged Thursday with first-degree murder in the fatal shootings of three men.

A representative from the King County prosecutor's office said it was reviewing the case to determine if the charges against Tony Smith should be upgraded to aggravated murder, which carries a possible death penalty.

Prosecutors said Smith was a drug dealer who went by the nickname "Pit Bull."

The victims' bodies were found Jan. 3 in a Chevy Tahoe left along the side of the West Valley Highway in Kent.

Smith, who is being held on \$3 million bail, will be arraigned Jan. 21.

Judge orders new trial for Wenatchee child sex ring case

On Thursday, for the second time in a week, a judge ordered a new trial and fined the city of

Wenatchee stemming from litigation in the infamous child sex rings cases.

Spokane County Superior Court Judge Michael Donohue signed an order granting a new trial for Robert "Roby" Roberson and others after finding the city intentionally withheld records in their 1998 civil rights trial, representatives for Donohue said.

On Monday, Donohue granted a new trial and fined the city \$606,761 for withholding the same documents in a separate 2001 trial involving Roberson, his wife and a former Sunday school teacher at their East Wenatchee Pentecostal church.

NATIONAL NEWS

Foreign college students to register info with INS

Thousands of colleges and universities must soon begin supplying information about their foreign students to a new Immigration and Naturalization Services tracking system.

By Jan. 30, campuses across the country must be prepared to submit information on new

international students. Schools cannot accept new foreign students until they comply.

The new Internet-based tracking system is called the Student and Exchange Visa Information Service and began as of Jan. 1. The INS already requires information from foreign students and their schools.

Courts examine legality of executing mentally disabled killers

An attorney for a retarded condemned killer, Daryl Renard Atkins, asked the Virginia Supreme Court on Thursday to dismiss his death sentence.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in Atkins' case in June that it is unconstitutional to execute mentally retarded murderers because it violates the Eighth Amendment's protection against cruel and unusual punishment.

Because the Supreme Court's opinion didn't define retardation, the Virginia Supreme Court seemed confused Thursday about how to proceed.

Assistant Attorney General Robert Q. Harris said the court

urged to wait until the General Assembly defines retardation.

Atkins was convicted of shooting a 21-year-old man in 1996.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. troops quietly arrive in Persian Gulf

American troop reinforcements report to Kuwait in the biggest U.S. military buildup in the region since the Gulf War.

Troops from the Army's 3rd Infantry Division, based at Fort Stewart, Ga., have been arriving this week at a military base near Kuwait City.

U.S. military spokesmen have confirmed the arrivals, but will not discuss numbers or units.

The military worries the deployment might be perceived as an indication of an imminent military invasion.

Pentagon officials stress the military buildup is only to give President Bush forces at his disposal if he judges military action must be used to rid Iraq of weapons of mass destruction.

AP Wire courtesy KUGS 89.3-FM

Corrections and Clarifications

In the Dec. 6 Frontline titled, "Now is not the time to reorganize college structure," the Senate voted to reject the proposal to restructure the colleges.

The Western Front apologizes for this and any other mistakes.

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PLEASE POST

THE MATH PLACEMENT TEST is offered in OM 120 at 9 a.m. Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, March 6, 13, and 20 and at 3 p.m. Jan. 13, 27, February 3, 10, 24, March 3, 10, and 17. Registration is not required. Students must bring photo identification, student number, Social Security number, and a No. 2 pencil. A \$15 is payable in exact amount at test time. Allow 90 minutes.

THE MATH PLACEMENT (MAT) schedule and sample problems may be found at www.ac.wvu.edu/~assess/tc.htm.

WEST-B TEST. Applicants to state-approved educator preparation programs and those from other states applying for a Washington residency teaching certificate must have a minimum passing score on basic skills assessment. Residency teaching certificate applicants who completed an educator preparation program outside Washington and have not passed WEST-B may be granted additional time. Test dates: Jan. 11, March 15, May 17, July 19. Western is a test site, however, registration is required through www.west.nesinc.com.

THE MILLER ANALOGIES TEST (MAT) will be given at 2 p.m. Jan. 14, Feb. 11 and March 11 in OM 120. Registration is required in OM 120 or by calling X/3080. A \$42 fee is payable at test time. The MAT is not administered on an individual basis. Allow 1 1/2 hours. Registration limited to 16.

STUDENTS WHO INTERRUPT THEIR STUDIES AT WESTERN, other than for a summer quarter, must complete an application for readmission by the appropriate priority deadline. Applications are available in OM 200. Priority deadlines are Jan. 15 for spring quarter and April 1 for summer continuing into fall quarter and for fall quarter.

TUITION AND HOUSING IS DUE NOW. To avoid late fees of \$75, payment must be received by Jan. 15. For more information, contact loans and collections, X/2903.

WESTERN'S NOMINATIONS TO THE ASSOCIATED WRITING PROGRAM for the Intro Journals Project Literary Competition are: Creative Nonfiction, "Black Fleece," by Julie Marie Wade; Fiction, "My Testimony," by Diane Houston; Poetry, "dark blue," by Aysha Crommeenes; "A Sestina to the Night," by Lauren Fink; and "Rip Tide," by Julie Marie Wade.

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CHECK THE TESTING Web site, www.ac.wvu.edu/~assess/tc.htm, for testing schedules.

INFORMATION REGARDING NATIONAL TESTING is available at the Testing Center, OM 120.

WINTER QUARTER OFFERINGS THROUGH THE COUNSELING CENTER include Relaxation Training, 3 p.m. Tuesdays, OM 540, starting Jan. 14; Women's Self-Esteem Group, 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays starting Jan. 14 and 5:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays starting Jan. 15; Arts-as-Exploration, 2:20 to 4 p.m. Thursdays. To register or for more information, stop by OM 540 or call X/3164.

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Mail: Belated investigation determines employee's harassment complaints 'unfounded'

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Washington state law prohibits harassment of people based on their sexual preference. Malicious harassment is a Class C felony, punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Mack Setter, Whatcom County chief criminal deputy prosecutor, said that just because a law has been broken

does not always mean an individual should prosecute it.

"Sometimes letting sleeping dogs lie is the best approach," Setter said.

In June 2002, Lantiegne transferred to Bellingham from Seattle. The harassment stopped until the December package arrived, he said.

Hebner said his office would do everything it could to obey

the law.

"As far as any type of harassment is concerned, the agency has very specific policies to prevent that from occurring," Hebner said. "We are committed to providing a harassment-free and safe work environment."

Many officers are as outraged as Lantiegne and they have been supportive of him, Hebner said.

"They would do anything

they could in their power to stop this type of activity," he said. "It's vile, disgusting and outrageous."

Lantiegne, who has been with the department for 19 years, said he wants to be treated with the same amount of respect as the other enforcement officers he works with.

The Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender Alliance sug-

gests victims of harassment contact the police or Lambda Legal, a civil rights group that works on behalf of gays and lesbians, LGBTQA coordinator Emily Stansifer said.

"The person being harassed has every right to take any opportunity they can to make the harassment public and to do everything they need to do to make it stop," she said.

House: Released Level III sex offender struggles to begin a new life

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before committing a crime. They have not "acted out on" strangers.

For this reason, Allen said awareness of the sex offenders' presence is the best means of protecting the community.

"We have continued to look for another option," Allen said. "We have been working with the mayor's office."

The house the sex offenders live in has room for two more potential residents. Allen said more people could be placed there, depending on the circumstances of the crimes committed and whether he or she would be facing homelessness as the only alternative.

The house is supposed to provide a safe place for the offenders to transition back into society and avoid homelessness.

Drake said he is trying to develop computer and other job-related skills. He said the only jobs he has been offered are outside of Whatcom County, and, unfortunately, he is required to stay within the county.

"It's going to be a struggle to make it," Drake said. "It's all uphill, but I'm going to keep pushing."

Bellingham City Councilman Terry Borneman said he is disturbed by the addition of another sex offender because the DOC had originally admitted that this address was not the best location

for newly released offenders.

"The location of the residence is totally inappropriate," Borneman said. "It's one of the worst possible locations we could have."

Borneman said the mayor's office is trying to establish a communal living area for sex offenders set in a more industrial area. Borneman said Bellingham Mayor Mark Asmundsen is looking at one potential location, but the negotiation process is ongoing.

Western junior Jill Reynolds lives on Indian Street next door to the sex offenders.

For months she and her roommates have been communicating with the school, City Council and

DOC to try to understand how these people, who are considered highly dangerous, came to live right next door to them.

"I think everybody has rights, but I think they should broaden the restrictions for where (sex offenders) can live," Reynolds said. "I understand people out in a tent and a sleeping bag are more dangerous to the community than people in a house."

Drake said he doesn't want to be labeled as anything, and he is frustrated that the neighborhood feels he has no place there.

"I'm just 32; I'm out here trying to make a life," Drake said. "People don't understand that I'm just like everyone else."

Arrests: Police patrol diligently

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made during the season, which runs Nov. 18 to Jan. 1, six of them on New Year's Eve. In 2002, 227 fatal collisions resulted statewide from alcohol, Aiumu said.

The consequences of a DUI in Washington start with a minimum probation of five years. Also included are fines starting at \$685 for first offenses, said Dennis Hindman, a Bellingham trial attorney.

Officers pull over drivers when they commit other infractions, such as an unlit taillight or inadequate lighting of a license plate, Aiumu said. Once a person is pulled over, if an officer smells alcohol on a driver's breath, the officer runs more tests.

Assistant chief criminal deputy for Bellingham Peter Dworkin cited several criteria of a DUI conviction: how people drive at the time they are pulled over, roadside evaluations and alcohol and drug levels determined by breath and blood tests. These three elements help determine a person's guilt, but all three are not needed.

"Bad driving is not required to get convicted of a DUI," Dworkin said.

Charities: Despite dismal economy, charities in B'ham remain hopeful

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Much of the struggle to meet funding needs is indicated by the economic instability throughout the nation.

The threat of war, the dip in the stock market and the ripple effect of Sept. 11 have caused people to cling to their money, said Maureen Enegren, the executive director for the Whatcom County chapter of the

American Red Cross.

Dennis Murphy, a former president of United Way and now a professor and dean of the College of Business and Economics at Western, said the slump is due to a normal flux in donations that non-profit organizations all face at one time or another.

Instead of cutting programming or staff, the American Red

Cross works to make up the cut in funding through other fundraisers and in private solicitations, Enegren said.

United Way worked hard to continue to provide area non-profits with as many contributions as possible. It cut its staff in half to limit what money goes into its business and continue to project money into non-profits, Theisen said.


The American Red Cross has a strong volunteerism backing which is founded on 86 years of community giving. Despite the decrease in funding, the American Red Cross remains optimistic, Enegren said.

"I am extremely nervous about this year (financially), but I am also very confident in the support of Whatcom County," she said.



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Damage estimates of Fairhaven College fire soar into the millions



Peter Louras/ The Western Front
Ryan Stokes, a member of the clean-up crew, removes loose debris from the kitchen area of the Fairhaven building that caught fire in late November.

By Jacob Block
 THE WESTERN FRONT

A committee assessing the fire damage costs of repairing Fairhaven College met Tuesday to discuss the current status of repairs and projected costs.

"The cost of repairs will be in the close neighborhood of \$3 million, but no exact figures are available yet," said Director of Facilities Management Tim Wynn.

The cleaning process was a major cost, said Paula Rustan, Executive Director for University Planning and Budgeting. Western must also

replace building equipment the fire damaged.

Fairhaven College is still feeling the effects of the fire that swept through its administration building last November, forcing the relocation of many classes and offices.

Wynn said he does not expect repairs to be finished before March 1. He said the majority of the funding will come from insurance, but the budget for the remaining balance has not yet been released.

"You have to bring in all the costs and then (the insurance company) decides what they are going to cover and what they are

not going to," Rustan said.

The fire likely originated in a clothes dryer used specifically to clean food services uniforms, Wynn said.

"We are hoping that there is going to be very little that is uncovered (by insurance), but we really don't know yet," Rustan.

No one was hurt, but the resulting smoke and soot damage displaced 40 classes in addition to many offices, trapping important documents and homework in the building during the last week of fall quarter.

More than a month later, only the bottom floor of the building remains accessible to faculty and students. Most of the damage from the fire was on the top two floors, which are now being gutted for repairs.

In the meantime, a majority of Fairhaven College faculty and staff were moved to Old Main 530, as well as offices in the Humanities building, Miller Hall and the University Police building south of Parks Hall, Fairhaven College Dean Ron Riggins said.

Riggins said everyone in his office really pulled together to make the relocation run smoothly.

"We only missed one section of one class," Riggins said. "It's the kind of thing where everybody just jumps in and does what they can. We may not be able to do things exactly the same, but we can reframe our approach and still get them done."

One of the more than 30 faculty and staff members relocated as a result of the fire was Kristi Geris, an office clerk for the Fairhaven College Administration Office, now located in Old Main.

"We showed up the next day with three computers and five phones," Geris said. "It's difficult to run an entire college like that."

The second-floor dining hall is the first priority for repairs, as many of the 600 students currently living in the Fairhaven Residential complex rely on its services, Wynn said.

In the meantime, a temporary dining hall was set up on the first floor of the building in addition to a mobile kitchen trailer and a dining marquee outside.

Dining hall employee Shawn Cass noted the speed of the tran-

sition to accommodate students and Fairhaven employees.

"It was kind of hectic the first day, but it ran real smooth," Cass said.

Other dining employees were disappointed by the loss of shifts many suffered as a result of the fire.

"We had to cut 20 percent of our shifts," said Tim Wheeler, a manager of the Fairhaven Commons Food Service.

All employees can return to their jobs as soon as repairs and health inspections are complete, he said.

A comprehensive list of all classroom changes and office relocations is available online at Western's home page.

Additional reporting by Nicole Langendorfer.

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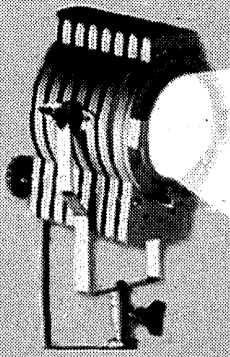
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In the spotlight

January 10

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January 11

Plaque unveiling
104 North Commercial St.; free; 671-0110

Actors in period costumes presents the

history of Old Town and Holly Street at the unveiling of the Bellingham Centennial Historic Plaque at the Mount Baker Theatre Encore Room. The event starts at 10 a.m.

January 12

Book reading
1210 Eleventh St.; free; 671-2626

At 7:30 p.m. Native American author Louise Erdrich reads from her book about four seasons in the life of a 7-year-old Ojibwa girl in the Village

Books Reading Gallery.

January 15

Martin Luther King Jr. celebration
VU multipurpose room; free; 650-7271

The Ethnic Student Center celebrates the life of Martin Luther King Jr. This year's theme, "His Dream, His Vision, Our Responsibility," will focus on continuing King's work. Evening events include keynote speaker Jack O'Dell, a reception, a gospel choir and various student speakers and performances.

The event starts at 6 p.m.

January 16

Opera workshop
PAC Mainstage; \$6 adult; \$3 student/senior; 650-3130

At 8 p.m. the workshop includes a performance of Handel's masque "Haman and Mordecai." Tickets are available at the Performing Arts Center Box Office.

Compiled by Tim Gadbois

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Western freshman Luke Ruggenberg admires Nancy Spero's "Vietnamese Woman," a piece she created in 1985. It consists of handprinting and collage on paper.

Wandering into collaborative art

Western Gallery's "Walk Ways" combines art with technology

By Nicole Langendorfer

The Western Front

Conveying the experience of walking as a purposeful and meandering activity that unites bodily and mental freedom is the goal of the current exhibition at the Western Gallery.

"Walk Ways," on display at the gallery until March 1, is a traveling exhibition from the Independent Curators International, which is based in New York.

The 19 artists in the exhibit combined their physical experiences when walking, with literature and art history to express their understanding of walking as a metaphorical experience, Western Gallery Director Sarah Clark-Langager said.

The artists included in the exhibit bring broad artistic perspectives from Europe, Canada and across the United States, Clark-Langager said.

"We can't go every week to Dallas, Chicago or New York and see exhibits," she said. "So I try very hard to have exhibitions here that allow us to be exposed to a good mix of exhibitions in terms of themes."

The exhibit features drawing, painting, photography, installation, video presentations and documentation brought together to create complex and thoughtful displays about the simple task of walking, Clark-Langager said.

"I thought the combination of all the different forms of art together really made the exhibit interesting," Western senior Laura Jans said. "It was very different, but at the same time it really showed the artistic value that each artist puts into showcasing walking. It makes me want to go out and walk."

The pieces were created by artists who showcase walking in either an urban or rural setting.

"Each piece brings a different aspect," Clark-Langager said. "There are physical things to look at, and then there are other pieces which really use walking as a metaphorical experience."

City-based or urban pieces use themes of tourism, commuting, surveillance and people-watching to draw attention to the little aspects of life that are sometimes overlooked, she said.

The rural pieces focus more on interaction with, and exploration of, nature in an effort to show the beauty that can be seen while walking, Clark-Langager said.

"The difference in the pieces was remarkable," Western senior Lindsay Mabee said. "I was impressed to see how much thought and imagination was put into showing different ideas of walking. I personally have never, really taken a metaphorical point of view about walking, but this exhibit

really makes you think."

The theme of "Walk Ways" is especially appropriate on Western's campus, Clark-Langager said.

"You constantly hear people talking and complaining about how far they have to walk," she said. "Our campus is also very conscious of the benefits of physical exercise. This exhibit goes through the mere task of putting your feet down and plodding away. The exhibit lets you see the many ways walking can be beneficial to your life."

Western physical education health and recreation professor Gordon Chalmers created a video presentation for the exhibit that illustrates the physical aspects of walking.

"I was asked to design a piece that would compliment the art and tie the academic world into the view of the artistic world," Chalmers said.

The video presentation, which will soon be available at the gallery entrance, uses video clips from research laboratories around the world to examine movement through computer animation, robots and computer models of human muscles.

"The video will remind what the physical aspects of walking are, and then you step into the gallery and you catch up with that physical exercise, but you also take it one step further into the metaphorical," Clark-Langager said.



Carl Weiseth/The Western Front

Western sophomore Julie Goodwin wanders through the "Walk Ways" exhibit at Western Gallery.

One te at a time

Musicians band together to help the homeless

By Valerie Bauman
The Western Front

JJ Wilson was enthralled by the Fantasy Jam, an outdoor concert he attended 23 years ago. Live performances have captivated him ever since, and reproducing that experience for others is important to him.

"It's the mystery of the shows, the love in the air," Wilson said. "The feeling, you know, not knowing how to get home or if you're going to get in trouble with your parents."

Wilson, a resident of Bellingham, has spent the years since that concert immersing himself in music and devoting his time to organizing shows. His upcoming project, the Third Annual Winter Music Festival and Homeless Benefit, is from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., Jan. 12 at

the Mount Baker Theater.

For \$10 and a can of food, concert-goers can help the homeless and see an all-ages show with a lineup of various bands and performers.

"We have a serious homeless and hunger problem, not only around the world, but in our own communities," Wilson said. "If everyone would help one person every day, the world would be a better place. I've been doing music for years, but if it's not benefiting anything, what's the point?"

Wilson organizes and promotes the concerts almost entirely by himself. He said this year he tried to ensure the music festival would combine different kinds of music.

Kutless, a rock band out of Portland, will be headlining the festival. Their single "Run" has been gaining popularity and receiving considerable radio airplay.

Jason Campbell, 32, who takes promotional photos for the winter benefit, said he is looking forward to Kutless' participation in the concert this year.

"Their music is modern," Campbell said. "It's the kind of rock music that meets you where you are. It gives you something to think about."

Wilson has also provided some folk performers for those who prefer a more gentle avenue to helping the homeless, including Seattle's own David John.

Influenced by Tracy Chapman, Paul Simon and Rusted Root, John is a self-taught musician who relocated to South Carolina after high school. His southern blue-grass influences come through in his folksy sound.

The music festival will feature Mario Lorenz's stand-up comedy act. Lorenz is from Tacoma and is better known as The Laugh Master.

The show will open with an a capella performance by Lenea Patterson, an 11-year-old from Grants Pass, Ore. Wilson said Patterson came to his house just so she could audition for the show.

"It's kind of a Northwest talent review," Wilson said. "I picked out the artists that I think could do well (in the music industry)."

Thomas Wilson, JJ Wilson's brother, said it is important for the music festival to remain open to everyone because youths are more likely to support a cause for the homeless than other members of the community are.

"I try to do all-ages shows," Wilson said. "I know it's hard for these kids."

Wilson said his memories of attending concerts as a youth inspire him to pursue venues that allow minors. He said he wants to provide an opportunity for everyone to enjoy the music and help the homeless.

"I think Jay really has a heart for coordinating music to reach a larger group," Campbell said. "(The audience) comes out of it with something tangible to hold on to, whether it's a memory or an opportunity to think of someone else by bringing a can of food, or sharing what you have so someone else can benefit."

The show's proceeds will go to the Agape Women's and Children's Home and the Lighthouse Mission. The cans of food will go to the Southside Food Bank. To date, Wilson has raised \$1,550 and 500 pounds of food for the event.

Gloria Leque, former supervisor of the Agape Home, said last year's Music Festival provided the organization with \$1,000.

Leque said this was a profound assistance for the shelter, which usually houses up to 16 people, and is not funded by the state. After Christmas, the winter months of January and February are often the most difficult for the homeless, she said.

"(Wilson has) raised a lot of money over the years with these concerts, (as well as) clothes and food donations," Campbell said.

Leque said Wilson has helped the Agape Home in a unique way by incorporating the community into the event.

"I think he's really trying to do something for the community," Leque said. "I love the place. I love the women, I love the children, and I'm anxious to see it continue."

The University of Washington Athletic Department has donated a football autographed by the 2002-2003 Husky football team for auction or raffle to benefit both Agape and the Lighthouse Mission.

A \$250 acoustic guitar, signed by the members of Kutless, will be raffled or auctioned off at the benefit. Manna Music and Paul Rogers of the '70s rock band Bad Company have also donated a signed guitar to the event.

Thomas said his brother is playing an important role in eliminating poverty through these concerts.

"I think it's a creative, imaginative way to bring the community together," Thomas said. "I just love what he's doing. I think this year it's going to be awesome because he has the venue he wants, and more people have come forward to help with advertising."



Photo courtesy of Darren Tyler

Rock band Kutless headlines the Third Annual Winter Music festival. This will be their first concert to benefit the homeless.

Western women chop down Lumberjacks by 27

By Niki Smith
THE WESTERN FRONT

Two of the top centers in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference clashed Thursday night at Carver Gym in the Vikings' win over Humboldt State University.

Western's Susan Rodgers shut down Humboldt State's Nicole Lynch, finishing with 20 points and five blocks.

"In this game we wanted to control Lynch," Western junior forward Jenn McGillivray said. "We also had to adjust to a couple of their players, which took their streaks away. We did a good job of moving the ball around on offense which opened a lot of options."

The Viking women relied on their defense throughout the night, holding Lynch to 12 points.

Western senior forward Stacey Miller said the team success depends on the level of focus and intensity.

"Our communication is

huge," Miller said. "That is the basis of how well we do. I thought it was good tonight."

In the first half, the Lumberjacks used a full-court press defense, but they could not rattle a potent Viking offense.

"They came out and jumped on us with the full-court press right away," Miller said. "It even caught me off guard, but once we attacked them, they took it off."

Miller and Western senior guard Megan Quarterman, each scored a team-high 13 points in the first half, giving the Vikings a 51-28 halftime lead.

"We knew pretty much what they were going to run, and we had an idea of what we had to do and we just followed our game plan," McGillivray said.

McGillivray's intense defense off the bench contributed to the Vikings' dominant first half.

The Vikings, however, struggled in the beginning of the second half until head coach Carmen Dolfo called a time-out.

"She lit the fire a little bit—

we were a little complacent," McGillivray said. "She told us to get up in their face and I think we did that ... everything else started clicking."

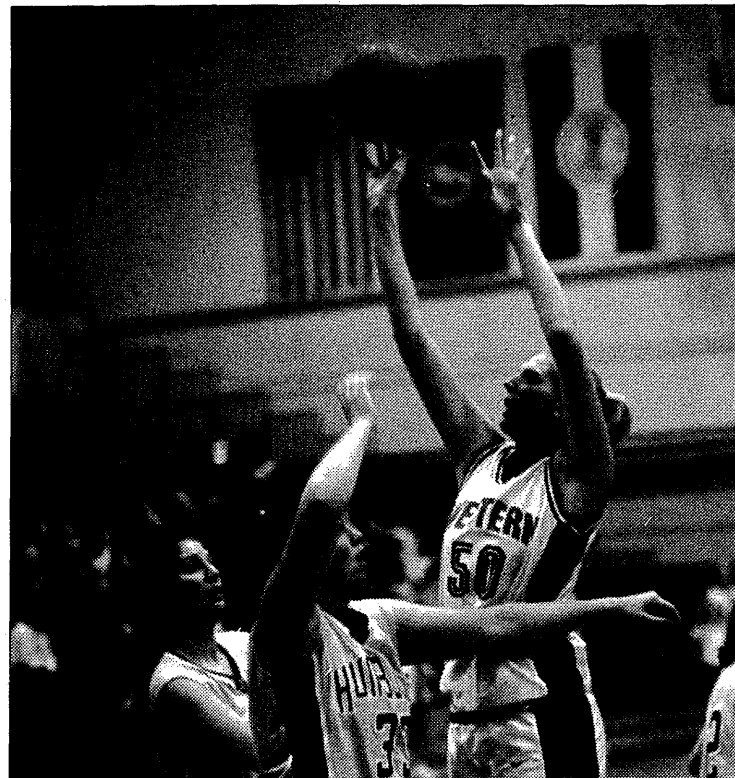
In addition to Rodgers' impressive performance, Quarterman and Miller also ended the game with more than 20 points each.

Dolfo said consistency on both sides of the ball are crucial to performing well in the GNAC.

"We need to focus on a more consistent game of defense," Dolfo said. "I think consistency on (defense) and then our blocking out and rebounding is another issue both offensively and defensively."

The Vikings continue GNAC play against Western Oregon University at 7 p.m. Saturday at Carver Gym.

"I don't know what is going to happen, but I know we are in it together and we are going to fight hard and it will be fun to see where we end up," McGillivray said.



Peter Louras/The Western Front
Western Center Susan Rodgers shoots over Humboldt State players during Thursday's game.

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12/14 Pacific Lutheran Univ.	58-49 Win
12/18 Montana-State Billings Univ.	72-71 Loss
12/20 Northwest College	106-58 Win
12/27 Cal State Univ., L.A.	108-57 Win
12/28 Cal Poly Univ., Pomona	78-69 Win

Men's Basketball

12/14 Southern Indiana Univ.	81-72 Loss
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*Senior forward Nehemiah Campbell and junior point-guard Jason Burrell returned from eight game suspensions.

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Dykstra leaves basketball to explore football career

By Annie Johnson
THE WESTERN FRONT

Western senior Greg Dykstra announced he is leaving the men's basketball team to pursue his football career.

Dykstra, who joined the team Nov. 18 after concluding a record-setting football career, made the announcement following the Vikings' 119-49 victory against Puget Sound Christian College on Tuesday.

"I talked with Coach Jackson about it," Dykstra said in a press release. "If I didn't (leave the team), I'd regret it. The combines (pre-NFL Draft Workouts put on by NFL coaches) are coming up in March, and there will be scouts coming through, and I want to aim for that."

Even though he is leaving the team, Dykstra has the support of head coach Brad Jackson.

"He loved being out there and playing with the team, but I wouldn't want him to look back and say, 'I wish I would have given football a try.'"

Dykstra, Western's all-time leader in receptions, holds the record for consecutive games with at least one catch and shares the school record for touchdown receptions.

"It's my job to be supportive of any athlete," Jackson said. "This could be a great opportunity for him to maximize the opportunity to train specifically for football."

Dykstra also has the support of his teammates.

"We understand that football is his best sport, and that's where his heart is," Western junior Jason Burell said.

Dykstra averaged 1.6 points, 2.2 rebounds and 1.4 assists in 10 games for the Vikings.

Vikings sink Anchormen by 70

By Josh Fejeran
THE WESTERN FRONT

If the Western men's basketball team wanted to face a more competitive team than Puget Sound Christian College, they should have played the third graders who provided the half-time entertainment.

Western defeated PSCC 119-49 for its second straight win, improving its overall record to 7-4. The 70-point pounding gave the Viking men their 18th consecutive home victory Tuesday at Carver Gym.

"One of our goals going into the game was just to maintain our focus, not get sloppy, and make sure that we worked hard on defense and that we rebounded," Western head coach Brad Jackson said.

The Viking men earned their highest win margin since 1990 as they annihilated the Puget Sound Anchormen in an overpowering offensive display.

Western senior center Mike Palm led the team with 14 points, six rebounds, two blocks and a steal in only 13 minutes of play.

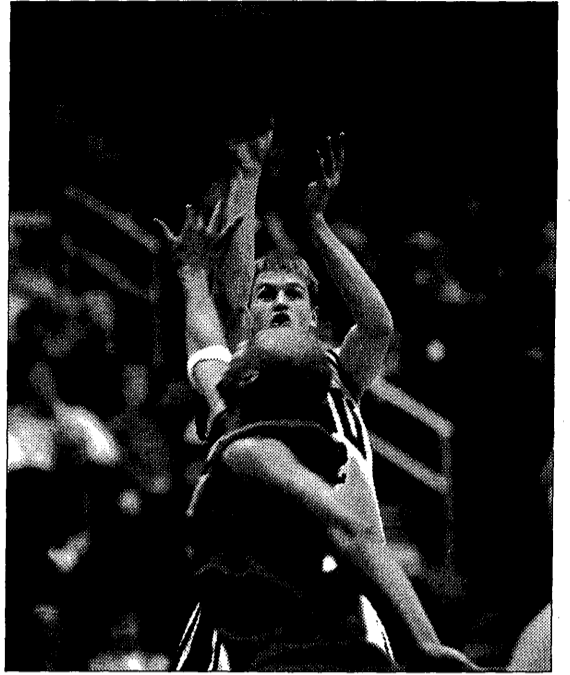
"Palm had a pretty good game for not playing a lot of minutes," Western freshman point-guard Grant Dykstra said. "His mechanics were good and he did what we need him to do."

Dykstra, one of six freshmen on the team, had 13 points and six rebounds.

Western sophomore forward Maurice Tyree said he had nothing but praise for the freshmen, who scored 48 points.

"The freshmen looked good," Tyree said. "Ryan Diggs is instant offense no matter where he plays, Darrell Visser's going to give us effort every time out, and as for the rest of the freshmen, their games speak for themselves."

The Vikings' offense went to work early, igniting a 27-0 run five minutes into the game walking into the locker room at halftime with a dominating 60-19 lead.



Peter Louras/The Western Front
Western Freshman Preston Vermeulen makes a jump shot over a Puget Sound Christian College opponent.

"This year, given everything we've been through, this type of game is OK," Jackson said.

"We have a lot of guys who work very hard in practice who don't always get a lot of minutes in games, so this was a good chance to get them in. And really, we just needed a game to get ready for a big game on Saturday."

The Vikings begin Greater Northwest Athletic Conference play Saturday at Seattle Pacific University.

"I certainly would say it is a good rivalry that has existed for a long time," Jackson said. "Western-SPU games have been great games for 35 years."

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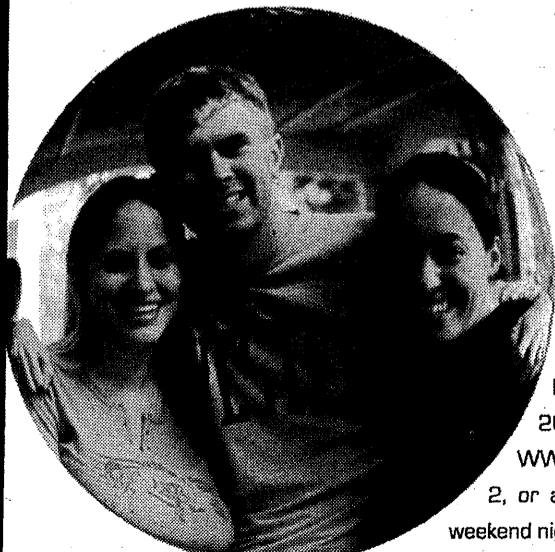
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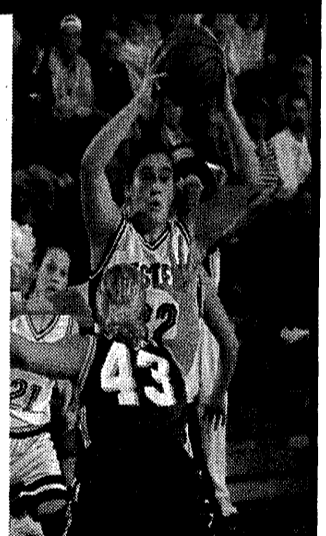
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Frontline

States must offer equal discrimination policies to homosexuals

Washington state legislators have some serious soul-searching to do regarding the way they deal with the mistreatment of homosexuals in the future. As indicated by the state's treatment of Department of Fish and Wildlife Officer Bob Lantiegne, simply having one law protecting homosexuals from hate crimes is not enough. The state must protect homosexuals from a similar evil: discrimination.

The state made its position on the protection of its employees clear last spring when it ignored Lantiegne's report that he was receiving hate mail from within his department. More than five months later, investigators dismissed the complaint as "unfounded." In other words, discrimination is completely justified as long as it is against homosexuals.

If the state really wanted to stick to its promise of equal rights for everyone, it would have adopted a law prohibiting discrimination against homosexuals in 1988, the first time such legislation was introduced. Since that time, similar legislation has been introduced and rejected in every legislative session, said Mary Clogston, Washington State Human Rights Commission official.

The Human Rights Commission investigates an average of 1,200 formal complaints of discrimination every year, Clogston said. The commission determined that 135 of the complaints filed last year had merit, meaning each complaint had evidence of illegal discrimination. The commission evaluates discrimination involving the workplace, public accommodation, credit, real estate and insurance, she said.

Nine classes, including sex, race and national origin, are protected from discrimination by state law in the commission's investigations. Since the commission formed in 1971, Clogston said no complaint has ever been merited to protect a person's sexual orientation.

To merit a complaint, the commission is required to identify a link between the reason a person was hurt and his or her protected class. Bob Lantiegne need only hold up the T-shirt with an anti-gay message mailed to him last month to prove such a link. Yet the only reason he isn't protected against discrimination is because the state refuses to acknowledge homosexuals as an equal class.

It's time for state legislators to make up their minds whether they will honor and protect homosexuals in the legal system. A significant step was taken toward equality when the state passed legislation in 1993 prohibiting malicious harassment based on one's sexual orientation. If the state will not protect a person's sexual orientation from discrimination, then they are not protecting the rights of all people.

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Smokers at fault, not corporations



Melissa Van De Wege

COMMENTARY

Twelve hundred people die every day from physical ailments caused by smoking, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Lawsuits arise against tobacco corporations when people blame the corporations for a smoker's death. Tobacco companies, however, should not be held responsible for the death of a smoker.

On Dec. 31 a federal judge in Oakland, Calif. excused tobacco corporations Philip Morris and R.J. Reynolds of responsibility for the death of Frank R. White who died at 81 after smoking

since age 14. In a lawsuit against the companies, White's daughters and wife blamed his death on Philip Morris and R.J. Reynolds.

Blaming tobacco corporations for the death of a smoker is pointless when he or she makes the conscious decision to smoke. Smokers must take responsibility for their choice to use tobacco, including taking actions to quit or reduce the amount they smoke.

Although tobacco companies spend billions of dollars advertising their products, other organizations such as The Truth, American Lung Association and the Department of Health produce counter-advertisements that inform the public about the harmful risks of smoking. Each person is able to decide which advertisement to hold in higher regard.

The Surgeon General also requires tobacco companies to place obvious warnings on cigarette advertisements and packages such as, "Smoking causes lung cancer, heart disease, emphysema, and may complicate pregnancy." These warnings remind smokers of the consequences of their habit.

Because of the addictive nature of tobacco, many people find that after many years of smoking, quitting is extremely difficult. According to the CDC, tobacco companies know that 70 percent of smokers want to quit but say they can't.

Even smokers grappling with addiction can take action to break their habit or reduce the amount of tobacco they smoke. Organizations such as the Department of Health, American Lung Association, and the CDC

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Columnist's fast times in Far East



Mike Baab

ACT YOUR AGE

On Christmas morning, while most Western students were opening presents, cross-legged, in the shade of the living-room Douglas fir, I was riding a bike through Kyoto, Japan, trying desperately to survive.

My weapon for weaving through the malicious traffic was a bruised, magenta, girl's bike that was older and heavier than the man I rented it from.

As I wobbled through the convoluted grid of Kyoto, constantly swerving to avoid the guided scud-Vespas the locals ride toward the tourists, my mind was on my deflated back tire and the high-pitched pleading of my front brake.

Finding anything in Kyoto

requires a master's degree in trigonometry, and the streets are about as organized as a kegger. It's not unusual to see pedestrians walking in the road, and cars occasionally invite themselves up on the sidewalk to perform passing maneuvers that make Times Square look like Ferndale.

My father and I were visiting Japan to see my brother, who lives in Tokyo with a Japanese exchange student he met in college. We took the bullet train to Kyoto after we got sick of the anthill that is Tokyo.

The bikes were my father's idea. When he told me he wanted us to teeter around an unfamiliar city on two wheels, I was against it.

"Why the hell can't we just go to a museum or something?" I asked.

"If you rent bikes with me, I'll let you order dessert every time we eat out for the rest of the trip," he said.

"OK, fair enough," I said,

starting to stretch.

Biking through a Japanese city is incredibly strange. I do not speak any Japanese beyond "domo arigato, Mr. Roboto," so the advertisements that populate the streets like beggars were little more than gibberish to me.

The smells of Japan are more vivid than any of the sights. The passing restaurants and markets were a constant reminder that we were in a country that came of age without any Western influence. Japanese cuisine includes all kinds of strange creatures that I never knew were edible, and some I didn't even know existed.

The food, mostly fantastic and occasionally terrible, was always, well, chewy.

Everything in Japan is cooked to achieve a maximum Goodyear rating, and some of the things I tried made the dishes on "Iron Chef" look like chili dogs.

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Smoking: Awareness must increase

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offer programs, support groups, and medications to help smokers quit.

Instead of just suing tobacco corporations for smokers' deaths and health problems, petitions must be taken to Congress to further tobacco awareness, control and counter-advertising.

The Legislature ultimately possesses the power to increase funds of tobacco control and awareness programs. Therefore,

it has the power to help people make a wise decision to take the initiative to quit or not begin smoking in the first place.

“Smokers must take responsibility for their choice to use tobacco...”

This has a much greater impact than merely receiving monetary compensation for a smoker's death.

Ultimately, the smoker makes the conscious choice to smoke, and therefore assumes responsibility for the physical consequences of smoking, not the tobacco corporations.

Japan: Harrowing experience yields enlightenment

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In Kyoto, I did not realize it was Christmas until about 1 p.m., when we whizzed past a Starbucks and heard a loud, Doppler-style snippet of “Jingle Bells.” I looked behind me to make sure my brother wasn't too far behind, and when I turned back, I saw three women in front of me walking side by side, creating a slow-moving, Red Rover-type barrier.

I rang my bike's meek bell to alert the pedestrians that I needed to pass, but they ignored it. I braked a little to slow down.

The painful scream of my

brakes, which sounded like an infant Godzilla by that point, did the trick. They parted, making way for the short, white dumbass on the lady-bike. I rang my bell as I went by.

Somehow I managed to make it to Boxing Day alive. I nearly died dozens of times, and my life flashed before my eyes so many times it started to look like a rerun, but I had a blast. It was a rewarding experience, and I can't wait to try it in another city and on a more manly bike.

Long after I have forgotten what I saw in Japan and what I smelled, I will remember biking

through the precarious streets of Kyoto. I didn't want to do it at first, but I'm glad I did.

It's easy to fall into the rut of doing only what is familiar, but it produces nothing new. When you're old, and you have forgotten most of what you learned in college, the only thing you will keep is the experiences you had when you were here.

So keep an open mind this quarter. Do something that scares you. You don't have to ride a girl's bike or anything, but at least try something you haven't done before. And, if you can, try to score some free dessert.

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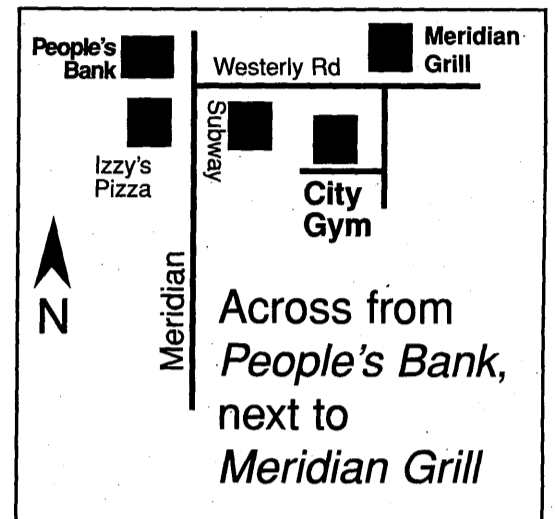
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