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TUESDAY 54° HIGH
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Club plants flowers to honor organ donors



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Western sophomore Eric Johnson plants a daffodil bulb in front of Wilson Library on Oct. 26. The bulbs will bloom in April during National Donate Life Month and were provided by the Organ Donation Club.

Sarah Cannard
THE WESTERN FRONT

The sun was out all day as more than 30 Western students planted daffodil bulbs under two small trees next to Wilson Library as part of an event to promote organ donation Oct. 26.

The Associated Students (AS) Organ Donation Awareness Club hosted the national Blossoms of Hope event at Western.

The event allowed students to plant bulbs in honor of people who are organ donors, want to become donors or have received a donation, said Western senior and club President Nicole Duncan.

Duncan said she started the AS club four years ago to encourage Western students to become organ donors.

"I do this because my mom got a kidney and it saved her life," she said.

Her mother Susan Duncan stood at the Blossoms of Hope event booth to help the club hand out coffee, tea and doughnuts and to share her story.

"I had lupus and then lupus destroyed the use of my kidneys," Susan Duncan said. "I ended up on dialysis for two years."

Lupus is a disease that attacks the immune system and can inflame organs such as the kidney.

The death of Western graduate

Briana Griffin inspired the club to host the event, Nicole Duncan said. Griffin was an organ donor who was hit and killed by a drunk driver in 2004.

An idea to plant a memorial tree was denied, but after talking with Western grounds staff, planting daffodils was approved, Duncan said.

The daffodils will bloom in April, and the club will have an awards ceremony for National Donate Life Month, where they will honor some of the 104 club members, Duncan said.

"They've invited [Griffin's] parents back on campus for that, and it will be a great reminder of what we're doing now," said Molly Schob, education program manager for the Living Legacy Foundation.

The foundation works with high school and college students to save lives through organ and tissue donation, Schob said.

Griffin's parents, Kris and Marlyn Langdahl, said they support the blood and organ donation cause and were both donors before Griffin's death.

"You help people however you can and whenever you can," Marlyn Langdahl said.

Every year, the daffodils will return as a reminder of what organ donation can mean, Duncan said.

Boundary Bay to expand

Restaurant and bar to add second brewery in Ferndale

Kim Gladow
THE WESTERN FRONT

Bellingham's Boundary Bay Brewery and Bistro has finally become too popular.

With customer demand on the rise, the brewery plans to expand its facilities to include an additional brewing location on Eaton Road in Ferndale, said brewery owner Ed Bennett.

The new facility, formerly a Simplot food processing plant, will provide the company with enough space to quadruple its beer production, Bennett said.

"It makes sense to build a bigger brewery and produce some of our bigger selling brands at that location," Bennett said. "It takes some of the pressure off the current brewery."

Last year, Boundary Bay's downtown location produced 4,600 barrels of beer, with 31 gallons to a barrel, Bennett said. That volume is equivalent to more than 9,000 kegs of beer.

Once the new facility is up and running, Bennett said he expects that number to increase to around 15,000 barrels.

If all goes as planned, production at the Ferndale

location should begin by summer 2008, Bennett said.

The company will then shift production of its biggest selling beers — Indian Pale Ale (IPA), Scotch Ale, and Extra Special/Strong Bitter (ESB) — to the new facility, freeing up room at its downtown location to experiment with a variety of other styles, such as seasonals, Bennett said.

"When I came onboard six years ago, the company owned six tap handles around Washington. Now we have up to 70. Dreams are coming true for Boundary Bay for sure."

- Bryan Bendix, Boundary Bay regional distribution manager.

The brewery has to expand because it is getting to a point where people have to wait longer to be seated and the facilities are unable to handle the customer capacity, said Luke Widtfeldt, Boundary Bay chef and Western senior.

While the new location will

primarily function as a production site, Bennett said he hopes to open up a small tasting room and retail outlet in the building as well.

Janet Lightner, The brewery's general manager, said the company is considering offering short tours for people interested in viewing the new facility.

The expansion will allow for a wider distribution area, said Bryan Bendix, Boundary Bay's regional distribution manager.

The company distributes kegs to bars, clubs and restaurants throughout Washington and Northern Idaho, he said.

With increased production, distribution will expand to include Portland, Southern Idaho and possibly Canada and Alaska, Bendix said.

"When I came onboard six years ago, the company owned six tap handles around Washington," Bendix said. "Now we have up to 70. Dreams are coming true for Boundary Bay for sure."

Locations along the East Coast have even expressed interest in serving the company's brands, Bendix said.

Students celebrate Make a Difference Day

Isabelle Dills
THE WESTERN FRONT

On a cold and crisp October morning, the Bellingham High School commons filled with the aroma of coffee and the buzz of conversation as hundreds of volunteers gathered to participate in the 17th annual Make a Difference Day.

The event, a national day of volunteering, is sponsored by USA Weekend Magazine and the Points of Light Foundation. Whatcom Volunteer Center is the local administrator of the project for Whatcom County.

Twenty-two organizations, including the American Red Cross and Animals as Natural Therapy, are involved in more than 30 projects throughout the county, said Dan Hammill, volunteer program director for Whatcom Volunteer Center.

Approximately 1,000 people were expected to participate in the projects, which took place Oct. 27 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"It's a great way to get out

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News Briefs

Former astronaut to speak at Western

Western's Turning Points faculty lecture series will begin with "Sputnik Plus 50 Years: The Enduring Impact," by George Nelson, Western professor of physics and astronomy 5:15 p.m. Nov. 14 in the Communications Facility Room 110.

Nelson, a former astronaut, will address the impact the launch of Sputnik, the first artificial satellite, continues to have.

The talk is free and open to the public.

Talk on open government

The Bellingham Herald and the Washington Coalition for Open Government will present an information and discussion session from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Nov. 7 in the Herald meeting room, 1155 N. State St.

A panel of experts will discuss securing and preserving the public's legal right to access the records from government agencies created to serve people of the state. The session is free and open to the public.

Work party plans to restore streamside

The Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association (NSEA) will hold a work party

from 9 a.m. to noon Nov. 3 at Happy Valley Park. The work party will plant vegetation and spread mulch around Connelly Creek in an effort to help restore streamside habitat for salmon.

Tools, gloves and refreshments are provided. Volunteers are encouraged to wear weather appropriate clothing. For more information call NSEA at 715-0283.

Faculty requests research grant

Doug Clark, Western geology professor, and Eric Steig, University of Washington geology professor, are applying for a \$300,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to return to the Waddington ice field on Mount Waddington in British Columbia to continue research next summer.

Clark and Steig want to retrieve ice core samples that will provide them with information about how local climates respond to regional climates.

Flu shots still available

Flu vaccinations are still available for Western students, faculty, staff and family.

Vaccinations are available for students on a walk-in basis from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday at the Student Health Center.

Vaccinations for faculty, staff and family members will be available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 6 on the second

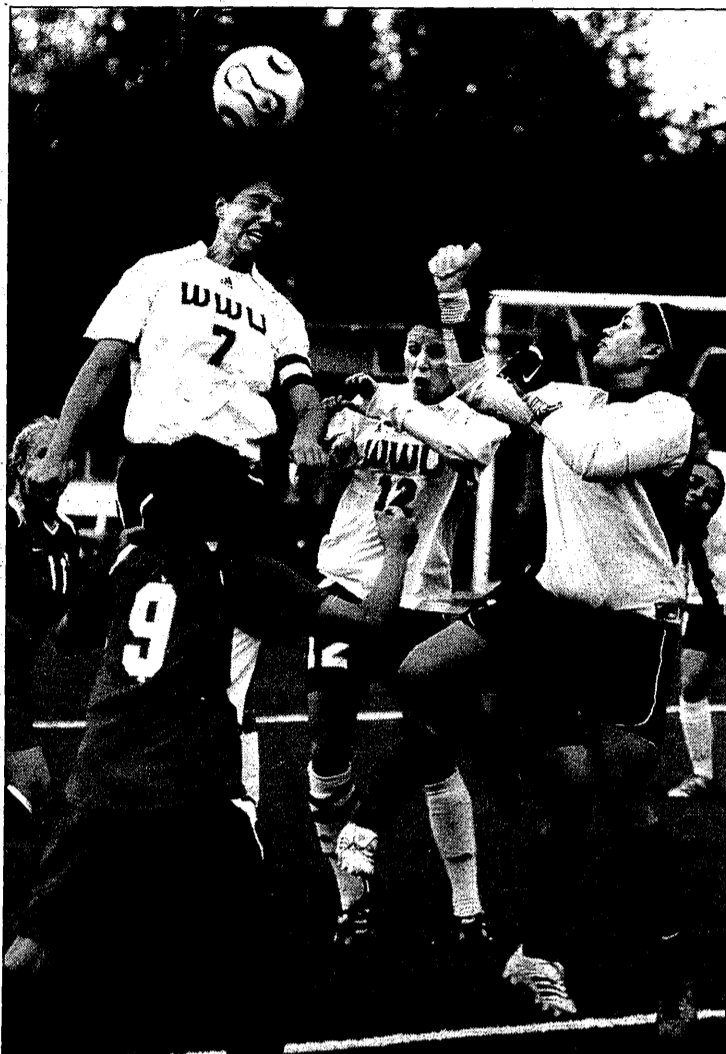


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Western senior Amanda Font heads the ball near the opposing goal late in the women's soccer team's 2-0 victory against Western Oregon Oct. 29 at Whatcom Community College's Orca Field.

floor of the Campus Services building.

If demand is still high, another day for administering the shots will be added in November.

Faculty, staff and family members are required to purchase a ticket for \$18 in Old Main before going to the Student Health Center to get the shot.

MBA to hold info session

Western's Master of Business Administration (MBA) Program will hold an open house for prospective applicants at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 8 in Parks Hall Room 441.

compiled by Mary Truman

Cops Box

University Police Oct. 24

- » Police responded to a two-vehicle traffic accident on south campus. No injuries were reported.
- » Police replied to a possible burglary in the Ross Engineering Technology Building.

Oct. 25

- » Police were alerted to what appeared to be drug paraphernalia in one of the Fairhaven Residence Halls.
- » Police responded to the Wade King Student Recreation Center after a man dropped a barbell on his hand.
- » A custodian was taken to St. Joseph Hospital after he fell down stairs in Parks Hall.

Bellingham Police

Oct. 26

- » Police responded to a hit-and-run accident on the 3700 block of Meridian Street.
- » A man was arrested on suspicion of burglary on the 1600 block of Ellis Street.
- » A man was arrested on Railroad Avenue on suspicion of public urination.

Oct. 27

- » Bellingham Police were dispatched to a vandalism complaint on the 1200 block of North Garden Street.
- » Officers responded to a report of a drunk man in a SpongeBob SquarePants costume allegedly attempting to enter a house on the 1000 block of Mason Street.

compiled by Cassidy Vietti

WWU Official Announcements - PLEASE POST

Deadline for announcements in this space is noon Friday for the Tuesday edition and noon Wednesday for the Friday edition, except when otherwise noted. Announcements should be limited to 50 words and be typewritten or legibly printed. Announcements may be sent to FAST@wwu.edu — in the subject line include a one word topic and clearly note that the item is for Official Announcements. Items also may be sent to "Official Announcements," MS-9011, faxed to X-6817, or brought to Old Main 300. DO NOT SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS DIRECTLY TO THE WESTERN FRONT. Phoned announcements will not be accepted.

WEST-B TEST. Anyone applying for admission to state-approved teacher education programs must meet the minimum passing score on the basic skills assessment by the application deadline. Test dates for 2007-08 are Nov. 3, Jan. 5, March 8, May 10 and July 12. Registration deadlines are several weeks in advance. Visit www.west.nesinc.com for registration information and a study guide with sample test questions.

WEST-E PRAXIS. Washington state requires anyone seeking teacher certification and teachers seeking additional endorsements to pass a subject knowledge assessment in the chosen endorsement area. The state has chosen specific Praxis II series tests to meet this requirement, now referred to as the WEST-E Praxis. Visit www.ets.org/praxis/prxwa.html for description and online registration information.

NEW WEST-E TESTS administered by National Evaluation Systems will be implemented in two phases beginning fall 2008. Candidates who are completing teacher certification or an additional endorsement program after Aug. 31, 2008 are responsible for viewing the Woodring College of Education's WEST-E Test Resource Site to determine which WEST-E tests will be applicable.

WEST-E (PRAXIS) TEST DATES for 2007-2008 are Nov. 17, Jan. 12, March 15, April 26, June 14 and July 26. Register online at www.ets.org/praxis/prxwa.html. Although WWU is a WEST-E test site, refer to the Woodring College of Education's WEST-E Test Resource Site for current registration and testing information. On test day, report to the Fraser Hall lobby for room assignment.

MATH PLACEMENT TEST DATES for fall 2007 are given twice a week during the remainder of the quarter at 3 p.m. on Mondays (Nov. 5, 19, 26; Dec. 3, 10) and Thursdays at 9 a.m. (Nov. 1, 8, 15, 29; Dec. 6, 13). All tests take place in the Testing Center, Old Main 120, unless otherwise posted.

MILLER ANALOGIES TEST (MAT)—To arrange an appointment to take the MAT at the WWU Testing Center, contact the Testing Center in person at Old Main 120 or by phone at ext. 3080. The test takes approximately an hour and a half to complete. The testing fee is \$60, payable at the time of the test. Preliminary scores will be available immediately; official results will be mailed within 15 days.

PUBLIC HEARING is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 1 at 3 p.m., Board Room, Old Main 340, on proposed new rules on Course Materials. Proposed new Washington Administrative Code chapter provides students more choices for purchasing educational materials while providing a maximum cost savings. For more information, call ext. 3117.

PUBLIC HEARING is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 1 at 3:30 p.m., Board Room, Old Main 340, on Western's public records rules. Draft rule proposes to repeal the existing Washington Administrative Code public records chapter and adopt a new chapter due to legislative changes to the state's public records law. For more information, call ext. 3117.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION SYSTEM—Western students, faculty and staff are asked to enter their cell phone numbers and update any address changes via the Web4u application. Western's new emergency communications system, which is nearly complete, will allow rapid distribution of emergency messages via text messaging to cell phones, e-mail, voice or "text to voice."

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Nonprofit to increase volunteer opportunities

Slum Doctor Programme working with Western students and faculty to assist Africans with AIDS

Steven Chea
THE WESTERN FRONT

Because his body was weakened by tuberculosis, HIV and sickle cell anemia, trips to the hospital were not uncommon for Maurice, a 21-year-old Kenyan man.

"There were a couple of really close calls," said Western senior Brittani Erickson. "It was really hard dealing with that emotionally."

One of 25 million Africans living with HIV, Maurice was Erickson's housemate during the three months she spent in Kenya for a service-learning experience. The trip was arranged with the help of the Slum Doctor Programme, a Bellingham-based nonprofit devoted to assisting people in Africa affected by AIDS.

From August to November of 2006, Erickson called a small fishing village just outside the city of Kisumu home, where she volunteered for a program that provided meals to families struggling with poverty or AIDS.

Due to an increased interest in international programs, the program is working with Western to explore more opportunities for students and faculty looking to take their volunteer work abroad, said Tim Costello, the program's executive director and campus director of Western's Center for Service-Learning said.

Last July, Costello, along with several Western faculty members and volunteers, went to Kenya and Uganda to visit the organization's project sites to

determine areas for improvement and figure out the best way to distribute resources.

The programs had a limited capacity to handle volunteers in the past because of factors such as a lack of housing, but the Slum Doctor Programme is making efforts to increase that capacity, Costello said.

One site they visited was the Ombogo Girls Academy, a boarding school for girls ages 15 to 18, where many students are AIDS orphans, he said.

The program's efforts at the school focus on pairing students with sponsors who agree to pay their school and housing fees, but Costello said he envisions opportunities where Western students and faculty could also make an impact.

The travelers observed some problems at the school, which include a water supply that is a source for waterborne illnesses such as typhoid, and a limited school curriculum. Huxley students could analyze and treat water in the area, while other Western departments could develop programs to teach skills such as career development and financial management, Costello said.

Western hopes to arrange a service-learning trip for summer 2008 to send students and faculty to Kenya, said Angela Harwood, a professor at Woodring College who accompanied Costello on the trip.

The goal is to create an interdisciplinary program based on which departments are interested in getting involved,

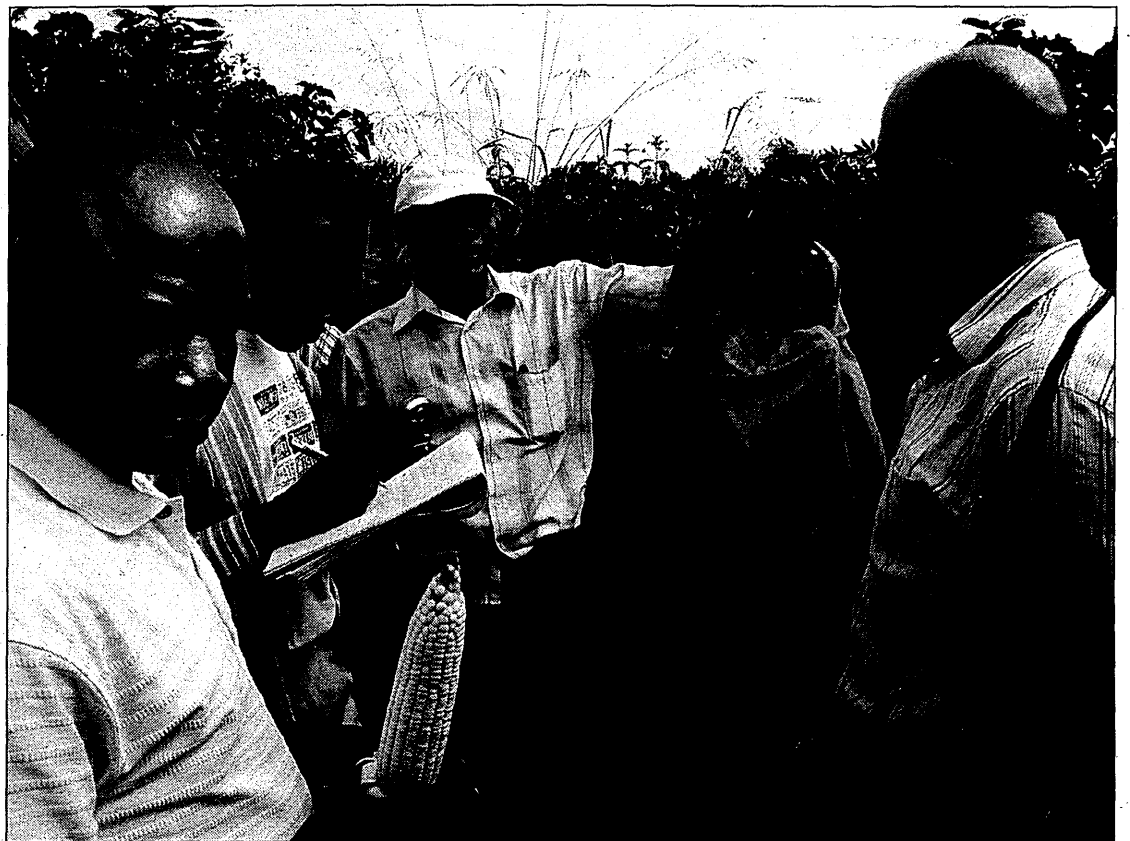


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Slum Doctor Programme Executive Director Tim Costello, right, speaks with members of the Busoga Shining Light Association in Uganda. The organization teaches job skills to AIDS widows and is one of the Slum Doctor Programme's partners in Africa.

she said.

The program held their third annual "Party With a Purpose" benefit event from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Oct. 28 at The Majestic on North Forest Street.

In addition to being a fundraiser, the event was a chance for the program to report to the community about their recent work and to thank contributors, Costello said.

The documentary "The Best Medicine" was premiered at the event.

The film was shot and edited by Lisa Spicer, the administrative assistant to the vice provosts at

Western who went on the trip to Kenya.

The film depicts life for schoolchildren at Rabuor Village Nursery School, where the program partnered with the Rabuor Village Project to provide meals for approximately 150 children per day, Costello said.

Cameron Harsh, Western junior and co-coordinator of the World Injustice Awareness Club, went to Kenya in fall 2006 for a study abroad program. Students should take advantage of the chance to see other parts of the world, he said.

"It's an opportunity to experience something new," Harsh said.

The partnership between the Slum Doctor Programme and Western will give people a chance to make an impact where they thought they could not, Costello said.

"I think it's natural for people to not pay attention because there are so many difficult things going on in the world right now," Costello said. "I think people want to do something, they just don't know how, and we give them this little path."

Western graduate student designs volcano monitoring system

Andrea Davis-Gonzalez
THE WESTERN FRONT

Western graduate student Angela Diefenbach has invented a new method for monitoring volcanic activity, which will save both time and money for geologists around the world.

It is important to monitor and understand the risks of a volcano because many volcanoes in Washington state are geologically active, Diefenbach said.

Diefenbach's method is a newer form of photogrammetry, a process that involves taking several photographs of a volcano's dome in order to

monitor changes, said Doug Clark, Western geology professor.

An aerial camera is installed on the bottom of an airplane to take photos as it flies over the dome, Clark said.

The photos of the volcano are sent to a lab and combined to create a map, Diefenbach said. The processes can last approximately three weeks, and Clark said Diefenbach estimated traditional photo processing costs between \$100,000 and \$200,000.

"Her method will be helpful in third-world countries that don't have enough money to

fund volcano research," Clark said.

Diefenbach said her updated method uses a digital camera and takes photos from a helicopter.

The photos are then uploaded onto a computer and pieced together by software, she said.

The photos are combined to make a three-dimensional model of the volcano on a computer, Diefenbach said.

The three-dimensional model can help monitor surface change of the volcano, Diefenbach said. Measuring surface changes can help

geologists determine when a volcano may erupt, she said.

Diefenbach's process takes about four hours and is 95 percent as accurate as traditional models, she said.

Diefenbach's "quick and dirty" method will be useful to geologists, Clark said. He said he hopes it will be used by many geologists and receive widespread distribution.

Diefenbach said she began working with volcanoes in northern California for the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) in 2002 and monitored the Medicine Lake Volcano by measuring changes in its dome.

Geologists at the USGS Cascades Volcano Observatory, where she interned, inspired her method, Diefenbach said. Images helped to monitor changes in volcanoes, she said.

Diefenbach said she used her method for her thesis project.

Western geology professor Jackie Caplan-Auerbach, one of Diefenbach's advisors, helped interpret her findings.

"Volcanoes can be hazardous," Caplan-Auerbach said. "We need to understand

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Western senior Michael Moore clears a path in the Sehome Arboretum for Make a Difference Day Oct. 27.

Volunteers work on Sehome Legacy Project

Trails Association and the Whatcom Volunteer Center put one of the projects together.

The Sehome Legacy Project is a trail building project led by Sehome High School students, said Tim Wynn, director of Facilities Management at Western. The trail is part of an expanding trail network being built on the eastern side of the Sehome Hill Arboretum.

The half-mile trail begins uphill from the Birnam Wood apartments and heads toward Allen Avenue, Wynn said.

The Sehome Legacy Project will take many years to complete, Hammill said. Sehome students are starting the project now, but next year it may be taken over by students from Bellingham High School or Squalicum High School.

REI gave the project a \$5000 grant, said Sehome High School alumni and Sehome Legacy Project volunteer Charlie Heggem, who helped start the project.

The trail to Allen Avenue is just the first leg, Heggem said. It will wrap all the way around the hillside and end near High Street, he said.

Western marketing professor Liliana Deck donned a hardhat and boots to participate

in the Sehome Legacy Project. Students from her non-profit marketing class were volunteering in the day's events, she said.

"Make a Difference Day seems like the perfect venue for my class to do something together to help the community," Deck said.

Wearing hardhats, work

gloves and boots, Sehome Legacy Project volunteers met at 9 a.m. in the parking lot of Sehome High School.

The volunteers took a group photo, then picked up shovels and other trail building tools as they headed out toward Birnam Wood.

The volunteers divided into two teams — the destroyers and the finishers. The destroyers were the first to go up the hill, and they cleared out the underbrush and the branches, Heggem said. The finishers followed the destroyers by pulling up vegetation and soil

to create the bed for the trail, he said. Hammill said children as young as 6 years old participated in the day. For a lot of younger people, it is their first experience with volunteer work, he said.

"We want to start kids volunteering early," Hammill said. "If they do that, they're about 50 percent less likely to abuse alcohol, tobacco or drugs or engage in destructive behavior."

Hammill said he knows the day may not change the world, but it is one day of the year where a lot of people become involved in their communities.

Wynn said he strongly encourages people to volunteer. "The more people you have actively engaged in the community, the better and richer that community becomes," Wynn said.

People in the community often believe college students do not care about volunteerism, said Western senior Rikki Olson. "They think we're just here for four years and then we'll leave and not give back to the community," Olson said.

Make a Difference Day helps people recognize the positive contributions college students make, she said.

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- Tim Wynn, director of Facilities Management at Western

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of the classroom and actually do something real hands on," said Western communications professor Jennifer Karchmer. "It's a great community event as well."

Forty-two students from

Karchmer's classes were participating in nine different projects, Karchmer said.

Twenty-five to 30 percent of the people who volunteer are Western students, Hammill said.

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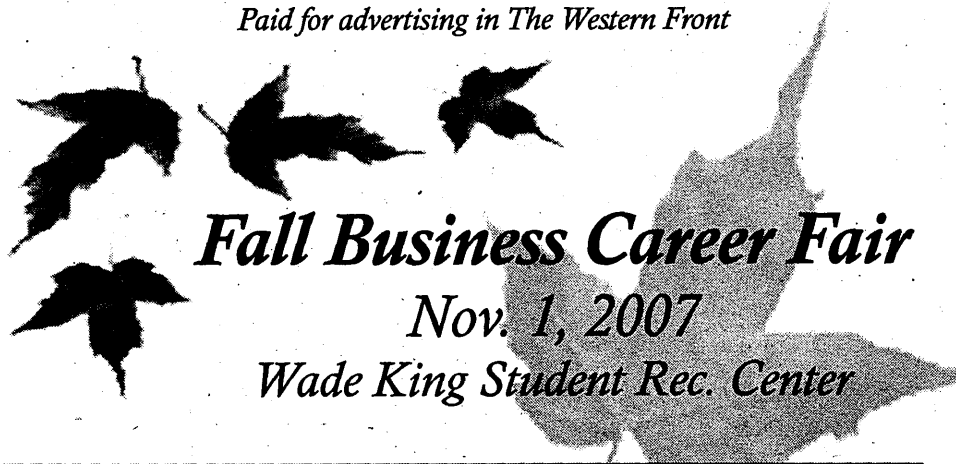
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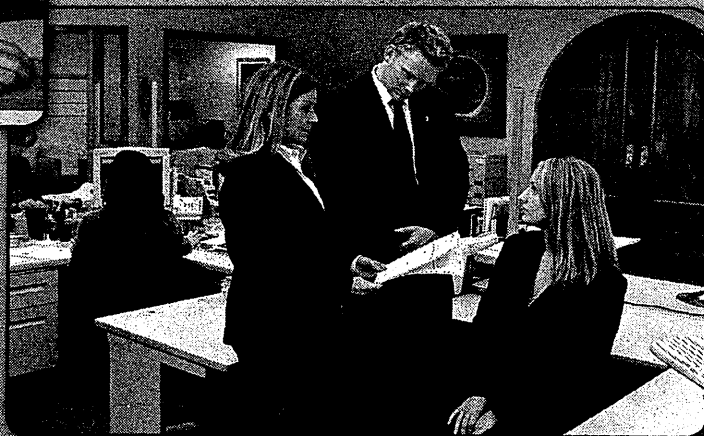
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Display reminds students of alcohol abuse

Mary Truman
THE WESTERN FRONT

Last week Western students passing through Red Square could stop to read quotes about student experiences with alcohol and learn about student drinking, as part of National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week.

Twenty-one quotes attached to 21 stakes, a banner and a table flooded with various pamphlets created the National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness display in front of the Humanities Building last week.

The display was up from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day and was manned in shifts by student volunteers.

"I am doing this because I like to encourage students to be safe and still have fun while drinking," said Western junior Katie McCulloch, a volunteer for the project.

The volunteers passed out pamphlets and provided information on the effects of alcohol. Also available at the display table were taxi discount

coupons for students wishing for a cheaper, safer way home after drinking.

Western's Drug Information Center sponsored the display to inform students about the center and alcohol, said Western junior Julia Cochran.

Western senior Sara Huag, another project volunteer, said she wants students to have correct information about alcohol. She said she does not want students to continue believing myths about alcohol.

Research on college drinking is fairly new, so good data on how it has changed over time is limited, said Lara Welker, coordinator of the Campus Community Coalition.

She said it is important to note there is great variation in drinking between different colleges and parts of the country.

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- Lara Welker, coordinator of the Campus Community Coalition



photo by Mary Truman THE WESTERN FRONT

Western students examine the National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness display in Red Square last week. The display reminded students of the negative aspects of alcohol.

is also increasing."

The center is part of the AS Resource and Outreach Programs.

Coordinating programs like the alcohol informational display is a responsibility of the center.

"The main point is to show students what resources are available," said Cochran, who interns at the center on Tuesday afternoons and helped the center put on the display.

The quotes were gathered from students through the use of surveys passed out at the

information fair also held in Red Square, said Lauren Hatch, the coordinator for the center. The survey asked students about the impact alcohol has on their lives. Several quotes were signed with the first name of the student source and others were anonymous, she said.

Western has recognized National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness week for the past few years, Hatch said.

This year's display was a collaborative effort between the center and Prevention and Wellness Services, she said.

Student to work at volcano observatory

► VOLCANO from 3

them in order to live safely with them."

Diefenbach said she enjoys hiking around volcanoes and trying to understand them.

"Volcanoes are just so gorgeous," Diefenbach said. "There's this unknown quality to them that I find interesting, like trying to predict eruptions so we can save lives."

Diefenbach said she will receive her master's degree in geology at Western when she graduates at the end of fall quarter.


Diefenbach said she will work the at USGS Cascades Volcano Observatory in Vancouver, Wash. in the Volcano Hazards Program.

Scott Babcock, chair of the geology department, saw Diefenbach present her thesis.

"I think the USGS is really lucky to have her," Babcock said. "Her method potentially can save a lot of money and a lot of lives."

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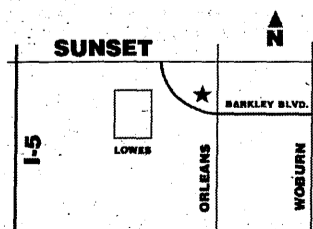
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 A goblin stands ready to scare at this year's Barn of Terror, Oct. 25, in Lynden.

Lynden's Barn of Terror is full of fright

David Husa
 THE WESTERN FRONT

Constant shocks, pitch-black corridors, creeping monsters and strobe-lights galore await patrons at the annual Lynden Barn of Terror.

Tonight and Halloween are the last nights the Barn of Terror will run. Doors are open from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Admission is \$10 per person at the door, with a \$1 discount with a canned food donation.

The Barn of Terror, which is a converted horse barn, is a series of dark corridors and set-pieces laden with hidden monsters. Wolf-men, ghouls, murderers and various other spooks pop out of windows, hide in the shadows and blend in with sets to surprise patrons.

Aside from the standard graveyards and mad-scientist's laboratories, the Barn of Terror's more unusual rooms include one covered in tinfoil where the monsters come out of the walls.

"I get a lot of pleasure out of my job," said James Galen-Abbitte, who plays a monster at the Barn of Terror.

In the dark, the only visible part of Galen-Abbitte's

costume is a skull filled with spiked teeth.

Matt Joseph plays a monster whose role is to usher patrons out the exit door with an elaborate scare.

"The lights turn on, and I get to see the expressions of their faces," Joseph said. "It's beautiful."

Patron Elizabeth Landeros said the final scare is so effective she had the exit door slammed in her face by her son and his friend, who were so hysterical they continued to hold the door closed for several seconds.

Kyla Goff, director of operations for the Barn of Terror, said she has been making haunted houses for more than 20 years. Goff said it is important to have the right attitude when attending the Barn of Terror.

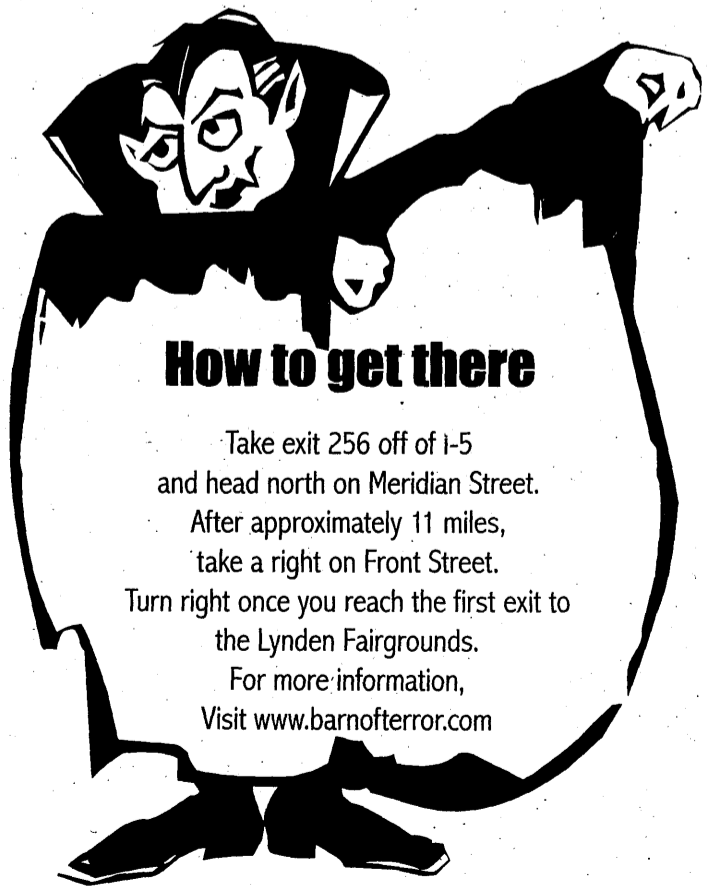
"If you're looking to be scared, you'll be scared," Goff said. "But if you're thinking, 'Why am I here?' there's nothing we can do."

If patrons go by themselves, they tend to sneak up on the spooks, said Bryan McCrin.

"By group is definitely the way to go," said McCrin, who is largely responsible for building and maintaining the Barn of Terror.

"If you're looking to be scared, you'll be scared."

- Kyla Goff, director of operations, Barn of Terror



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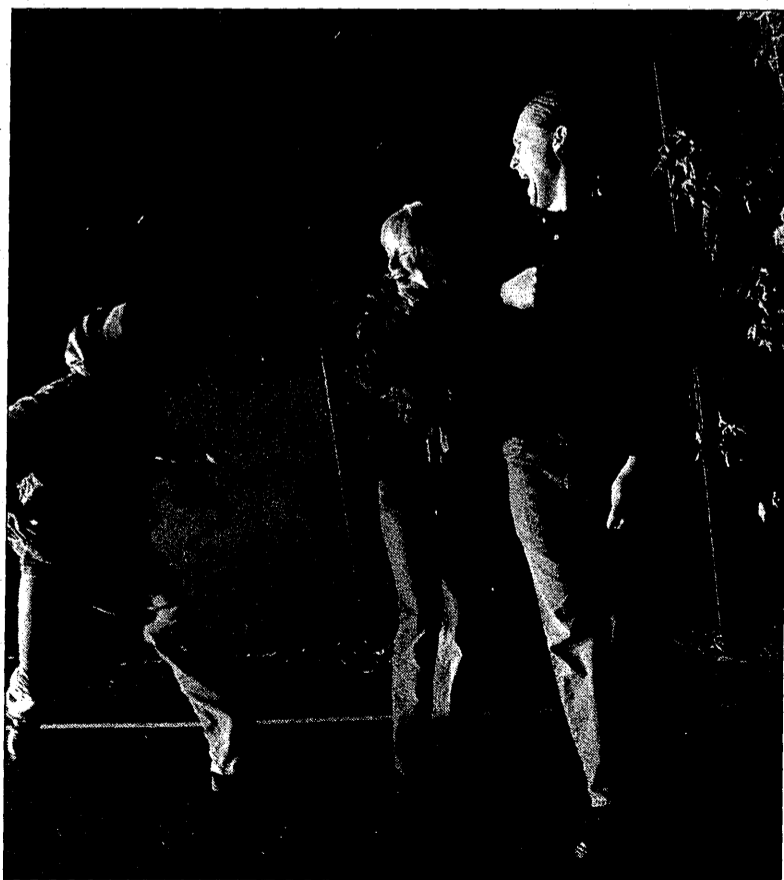


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 Fairhaven student Jacob Linder, 31, and Bellingham resident Jamie King, 30, are frightened by volunteer Matt Joseph, 17, as he leaps out of the shadows near the end of the maze created for the Barn of Terror Oct. 25.

HAPPENINGS



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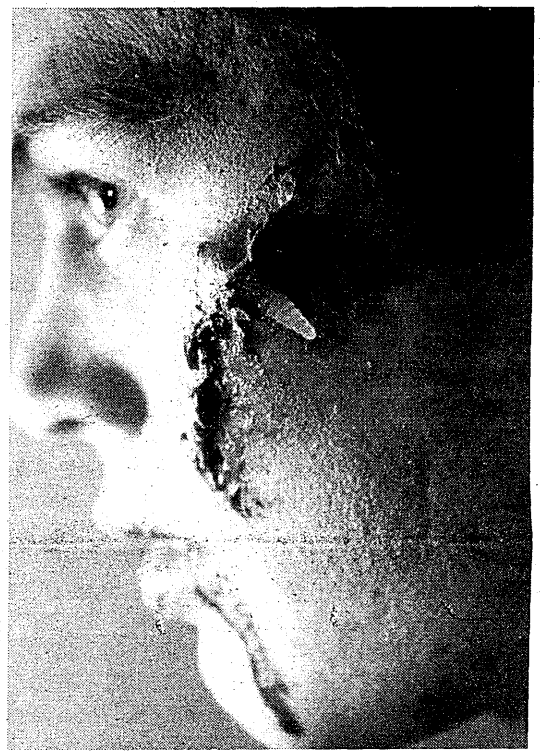


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Western senior Ben Durnell gets in character with full zombie make-up and costume.

Walk of the living dead

Western Students Against Zombies club to stage zombie attack to help prepare Western students for the unthinkable

David Husa
THE WESTERN FRONT

To Western senior Gregory Barrett, the threat of a zombie outbreak is very real. Barrett said he assesses the majority of Western students as woefully unprepared.

To raise zombie awareness, he and his fellow members of the campus club Western Students Against Zombies are staging a "zombie walk," or a simulation of a zombie outbreak.

The walk, which begins at 3 p.m. Halloween, will start outside the Performing Arts Center, where participants will be made up to look undead and form a mob of cadaverous, moaning zombies that will shamle across campus, Garret said. It will end at approximately 5 p.m., when the horde converges on the Fairhaven residence halls.

Along the way, other participants will act as victims, Barrett said. The mob will converge upon them and turn them into zombies as well.

"[Western students] won't be prepared for such an event, and will either try to ignore it or avoid it," Barrett

said. "Once they start seeing their fellow students eaten alive they may demonstrate fear."

Barrett said he believes Western students would fare poorly in the event of a real zombie outbreak. Barrett said he envisions a chaotic disaster where ignorant students will spread the affliction unknowingly and be unable to defend themselves from the hordes. Highways and ports will be clogged with escapees, adding to the panic, Barrett said.

"If I were fairly certain we were under attack by zombies, I'd have no moral compunction to call the armed forces," said Western graduate student Matteo Tanburini, lending credence to the notion that some Western students may be prepared.

Barrett said he projects that the walk will have anywhere from 60 to more than 100 participants based on the walk's event page on Facebook. Barrett said he encourages anyone who sees the mob to

join in if they are so inclined.

Western Students Against Zombies decided to simulate the traditional, slow, moaning, shambling zombie because it is the easiest kind of zombie to recognize, Barrett said.

"I'm of the personal belief that if there was an outbreak it would be like '28 Days Later' most likely," Barrett said, referring to the film's sprinting, virulent,

blood-spewing

z o m b i e s .

"Most people

on campus, if

they saw red-

eyed people

r u n n i n g

straight at

them they

would think it was some kind of chlorine

explosion."

The walk will also function as an opportunity for the club to study how the average student will react to a zombie outbreak, Barrett said. Analyzing how people respond to circumstances related to zombie outbreaks in real life and in fiction is a major activity in Western Students Against Zombies, Barrett said.

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- Gregory Barrett, Western Students Against Zombies president

The club is using this analysis to come up with better ways to prepare for a zombie apocalypse, including how to assemble a functional zombie survival kit, Barrett said.

They are preparing several different kits for different situations, Barrett said. For example, one kit is geared toward fleeing from the carnage to a safe spot, while another is for setting up a defensive compound.

Tools recommended in the kits include weapons with extra functionality, like crowbars and hatchets, and first-aid kits, Barrett said.

Some fake blood and makeup will be provided to participants before the walk, Barrett said. Western senior Meghan Munro will be using wax and liquid latex to apply more elaborate wounds to participants.

Munro said she hopes the walk will give Western Students Against Zombies enough of a boost in notoriety that they can do additional zombie events in the future, like a zombie prom.

"If I can have more opportunities to make it look like my face is ripped off, that would be great," Munro said.



MODERN DAY PIRATES

PIRATES R US HEADLINE UNDERGROUND COFFEEHOUSE HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION

Mike Curtiss
THE WESTERN FRONT

Ahoy, all ye landlubbers! Pirates R Us are back and their takin' over this town with a Halloween-themed performance. Hide the liquor and batten down your intellectual property.

Brandishing real pirate costumes and an agenda of pillagin', sailin', downloadin' and rebellion, the Bellingham band Pirates R Us are the closest to authentic pirate music as any modern person is likely to experience, said David Stray Ney, lead singer and captain of the Pirates.

But what is authentic pirate music in this digital age besides just a paradox? Ney said their unique brand of pirate music is a humorous, as well as serious, statement against the establishment.

"We like our music to be lighthearted, but at the same time addressing the serious issues of our generation, such as illegal downloading and decentralization," he said. "That's our take on modern piracy."

Pirates R Us will perform the Halloween show at 8 p.m. Oct. 31 at Western's Underground Coffeehouse. Admission is free but the band does recommend attendees wear costumes. Ney said the band will be dressing up as Doctor Teeth and the Electric Mayhem from Jim Henson's Muppet Show.

The Pirates play a humorous style of modern folk music on all acoustic instruments, said Pirates R Us accordion player and Western senior Evan Bridges. He said their songs are musically based on the pirate lifestyle, containing syncopated rhythms that help pirates do repetitive



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Pirates R Us, from left to right: Wes Davis (guitar), Robert "Gold Tooth" Ray (string bass), "The Unsinkable" Kat Bula (fiddle), Ian Cairns (trumpet, vocals), Evan Bridges (accordion), David Stray Ney (guitar/vocals).

"We're like the rock and roll of sea shanties."

- David Stray Ney,
Pirates R Us guitarist/vocalist

manual labor and compound triple meters that make the crowd rock back and forth like a ship on the ocean.

"We're like the rock and roll of sea

shanties," he said. "We like to have a lot of fun with the songs."

"The Unsinkable" Kat Bula, Western music department graduate and fiddle player for Pirates R Us, said their style of pirate music combines elements of rock, punk, blues, jazz and Eastern European waltzes.

"We are as anarchic about genres as

we are with everything else," she said. "We take elements of everything that we're into. We're not necessarily focused on folk music, but we are an acoustic band, and we like what we can do with acoustic instruments."

Pirates R Us have an EP titled

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"Songs of Modern Piracy" and are currently working on another album, Ney said. They are planning to perform at local all-ages venues following a brief hiatus while the band members were working on their other musical projects. Ney recently released a solo album, "Bright Blue," and Bula just finished up a tour with Bellingham band Feed and Seed, Ney said.

"We want to play as much as we can, but we all also want to work on other projects," Ney said. "We've achieved moderate success locally, but no one wants to get known for one thing."

Bridges said he is looking forward to performing with the Pirates, and especially at local all-ages venues because the crowd is typically more responsive to the pirate lifestyle.

"We try hard to book mostly all-ages venues," he said. "Sometimes at a bar show, the band becomes background music."

Bula said the best part about being a modern pirate is the response the band gets from the crowd.

"We feed off their energy and they feed off ours," she said. "That's what pirate music all about. I mean, why dress up like a pirate unless people are having fun with it?"

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OFF THE TOP OF THEIR HEADS

DEAD PARROTS SOCIETY LAUGHS ITS WAY THROUGH FALL QUARTER

Tela Crane
 THE WESTERN FRONT

The Dead Parrots Society is the self-proclaimed "coolest club on campus," and they have a cardboard sign to prove it.

The comedy club performs improvisational skits on campus and holds weekly rehearsals, said Western junior and club member Amalia Larson.

"There's something sort of silly and almost naughty about performing improv skits," Larson said. "I mean, everyone is paying money to see you and you have no idea what you're going to say or what you're going to do for the show. It's terrifying, but that's what makes it so fun."

The group performs two forms of improvisational comedy, short-form games and long-form games, said Western sophomore James Tweedale.

In both forms, the audience determines the subject of the performance, and performers get no time to prepare, he said.

In short-form games, performers compete against each other to be the last person standing, Larson said.

A type of short-form game is called "Story, Story, Die," Tweedale said. Performers stand in a line and perform a short story from an audience member's suggestion. Each player must say a part of the story and continue down the line until a player repeats part of the story or stumbles over their words, he said. They are then eliminated from the game.

"It's great because improv audiences are so forgiving," said Western sophomore and club member Jessica Young. "We

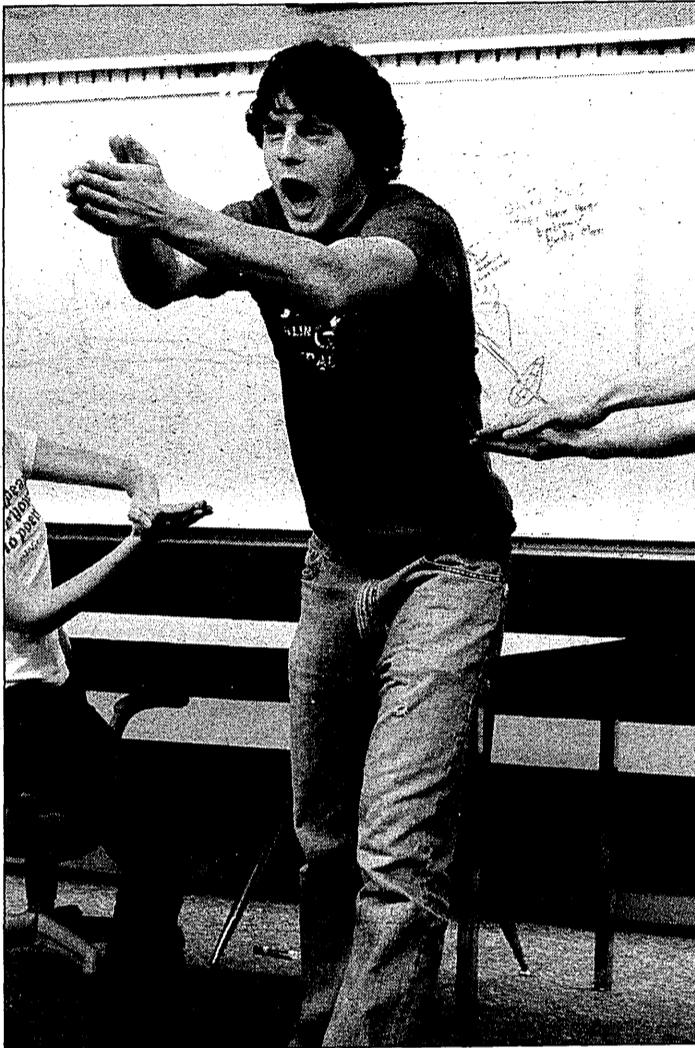


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Western sophomore Victor Steeb, member of the Dead Parrots Society, is chopped in the belly by fellow society members during an exercise called "screaming ninja" Oct. 23 in Humanities Building Room 110.

could get up there and not say anything and they'd laugh, not that we'd do that."

The long-form performances are similar to a typical theatrical play, Young said.

"The only difference is that we have no idea what it is going to be about until we get on stage," she said.

Last spring, the club performed a long-form musical called "Gas Station Romance," Young said.

"The entire thing was random," she

said. "We had people singing into imaginary gas pump nozzles, it was great."

The club hosts rehearsals at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the Humanities Building Room 110 for students to practice improvisational skills, Larson said.

Rehearsal participants can choose how much they want to join in the activities, Young said.

"Tuesdays are 'challenge by choice,' and you're not going to be forced to get on stage," she said. "It's a really fun way to meet people, and it's like getting to see a free comedy show."

An eight-player ensemble is chosen from the Tuesday night participants to perform on campus, Young said.

To be chosen for the ensemble, participants must show dedication to the art of improvisation and show real talent, Tweedale said.

"Getting initiated into the ensemble usually involves a cake," he said. "For me, they threw a cake down from the roof of a building to tell me I would be performing."

The ensemble performs in the dorms on a monthly basis, and does larger, long-form performances on a quarterly basis, Young said.

"It's basically student requests that get us into the dorms to perform," she said. "If a student is interested, all they have to do is mention it to an RA and we get scheduled."

The club members hope to increase their presence on campus and help share their love of improvisation with other students, Larson said.

"Watching improv is magic," she said. "You're watching something that has never been done before and will likely never be done again."

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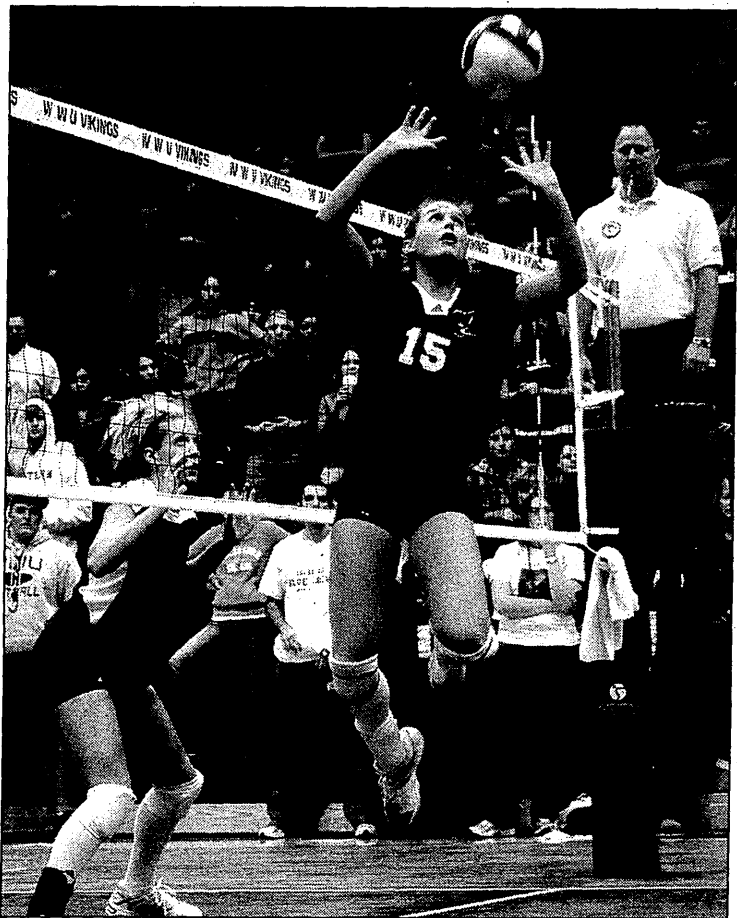


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Western senior Katie Robinson sets the ball in Western's 3-0 victory against Montana State University, Billings Oct. 27 in Carver Gym.

Gaining momentum

Western's volleyball team has won 12-straight matches after Oct. 27 victory against Montana State University, Billings

Jamie DeVall
THE WESTERN FRONT

Leaving no room for error, the Western volleyball team continues to defeat opponents with maximum efficiency.

After a sweep of Montana State University, Billings (MSUB) Oct. 27, Western has swept 11 of its last 14 opponents and is on a 12-match winning streak.

The Vikings controlled all three games of the match, winning 30-16 in the first game, 30-23 in the second game and 30-16 in the third game.

Western, 17-4 overall and 13-1 in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC), is in first place in the conference and is ranked second in the NCAA Division II Pacific Region.

MSUB head coach Sara Schaub said Western is an experienced team that deserves the first-place conference ranking.

"They're very solid right now," Schaub said. "They're definitely top in the conference, and I think that's where they should be. They're holding onto that spot nice and well."

Western senior outside hitter Jaime Anderson led the team with her match-high 17 kills.

Anderson was named GNAC co-player of the week for Oct. 21-27 for her performances in Western's two wins against Seattle University Oct. 25 and MSUB. She totaled 34 kills and 21 digs in both matches.

Western senior libero Courtney Schneider led the

match with 25 digs and now leads Division II with an average of 7.53 digs per game.

Schneider continues to set the Western and GNAC record for most career digs with 2,401 and is sixth on the all-time NCAA Division II list in the category.

The only time Western trailed in the match was in the beginning of the second game. The Vikings fell behind 2-5 before taking the 8-7 lead and going on to win the game.

"We had some lulls tonight, which I wasn't too happy with," said Western head coach Diane Flick. "But I can't let them be perfect all the time."

Western's next match is against GNAC opponent Seattle Pacific University at 7 p.m. Nov. 1 in Seattle.

Third-straight loss leaves football team searching for solutions

Western Oregon: 35
Western: 7

Justin Morrow
THE WESTERN FRONT

Western Oregon University (WOU) senior quarterback Mark Thorson took advantage of Western's inexperienced secondary by throwing five touchdown passes in WOU's 35-7 victory Oct. 27 at Bellingham's Civic Stadium.

Western, 2-6 overall and 1-5 in the North Central Conference (NCC), has lost three games in a row and is in eighth place in the NCC. WOU is 6-2 after the non-conference victory.

Western head coach Robin Ross said Western's offense and defense were not on the same wavelength, which made it difficult to regain momentum after falling behind early in the game.

"We dug ourselves into a hole early and were not able to get out of it," Ross said. "We're

not really thinking as a team right now."

Western sophomore running back Craig Garner said each team member must take it upon himself to help turn the losing streak around.

"It's not about effort anymore — we just have to get it done," Garner said. "It's just a matter of guys taking accountability to work a little harder, watching a little extra film or doing whatever they can as individuals to fix this."

Western fell behind 21-0 in the first half and did not get on the scoreboard until Garner rushed for a 20-yard touchdown in the third quarter. The touchdown was Western's only points of the game.

WOU scored 14 points in the fourth quarter to make the final score 35-7.

The Western offense totaled 293 yards, while its defense allowed WOU to accumulate 397 yards.

Western's offensive leaders

were Garner, who rushed for 124 yards on 25 carries, and junior quarterback Adam Perry, who was 14-of-33 for 148 passing yards.

Thorson, who completed 22-of-34 passes for 311 yards, became WOU's all-time leader in passing touchdowns with 52 in his career.

Thorson said the touchdown record is a testament to the entire team's talent.

"I attribute it to more of a team record than an individual record," Thorson said. "My receivers and O-line have been great, and everything else just sort of fell into place."

Ross said he has not lost hope that Western will win its last two games.

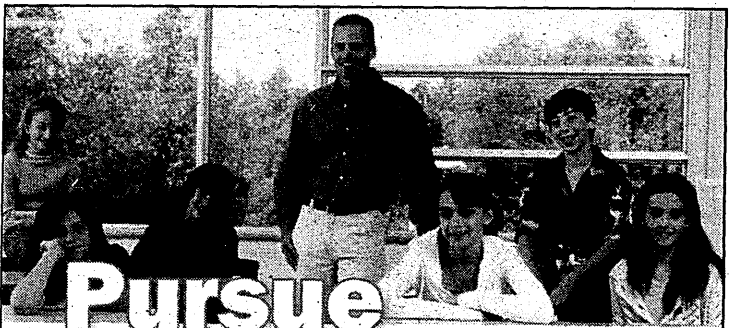
"You're always disappointed when you don't win," Ross said. "But you've just got to focus on next week and go from there."

Western will travel to South Dakota to play Augustana College at 10 a.m. Nov. 3. The game will be on KBAI 930 AM.



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Western sophomore running back Craig Garner scores Western's only touchdown in the Oct. 27 home loss to Western Oregon University.



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Women's basketball team ready to warm up at preseason tournament

Vikings look to three returning starters to lead team this season

Daniel Balabanis
THE WESTERN FRONT

The Western women's basketball team has a new motto for the upcoming 2007-2008 season.

The motto emphasizes advancing past the first round of the NCAA Division II West Regional playoffs, where the team's season ended last year, said Western senior forward Krystal Robinson.

"Our team motto this year is 'eight 08,'" Robinson said. "That stands for making it to the national tournament elite eight in 2008. And since UC San Diego kept us from doing that last year, I'm looking forward to hopefully beating them this weekend."

The University of California, San Diego (UCSD), the top seed of last year's playoffs, defeated Western 78-45 in the first round. Western will get a chance at revenge when the two teams meet again Nov. 4 in the Disney Division II West Coast Tip Off Classic in Anaheim, Calif.

Western will play Augustana College Nov. 2 and Colorado Christian University

Nov. 3 in the first two games of the preseason tournament.

Western head coach Carmen Dolfo said even though the games will not count toward either teams' national rankings, it will give her team a great opportunity to get experience playing talented teams before the regular season starts Nov. 16.

Robinson said the team is optimistic about this season and will rely heavily on its three returning starters — senior forward Krystal Robinson, junior center Claire Pallansch and junior guard India Soo.

Dolfo said the inside game will be anchored by Robinson, whose 2.9 blocks per game ranked her fourth nationally in the category last season, and Pallansch, who led the team with an average of 7.2 rebounds per game. Soo averaged 1.8 steals and 2.5 assists per game last season.

Redshirt freshman guard Amanda Dunbar will also be looking to make an immediate impact with her outside shooting ability, Pallansch said.

Senior forward Liz McCarrell, who started last

season, will miss the entire season after suffering a dislocation and torn ligament in her right foot that will require surgery. McCarrell averaged 10.9 points per game last season.

Along with advancing to the elite eight, Robinson said the team's goals are to win the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) title and improve upon last year's season, after finishing tied for third place in the GNAC with a 10-6 conference record and 18-10 overall record.

"Last year when we were losing, we didn't pass enough and found ourselves throwing up low-percentage shots," Robinson said. "This year we are really going to focus on playing as a team and working the ball around until we get an easy bucket."

Western's first preseason home game will be the annual Viking Jam at 8 p.m. Nov. 7 in Carver Gym, where the men's and women's teams scrimmage against each other.

Western's first regular-season game is against Brigham Young University-Hawaii at 7 p.m. Nov. 16 in Carver Gym.

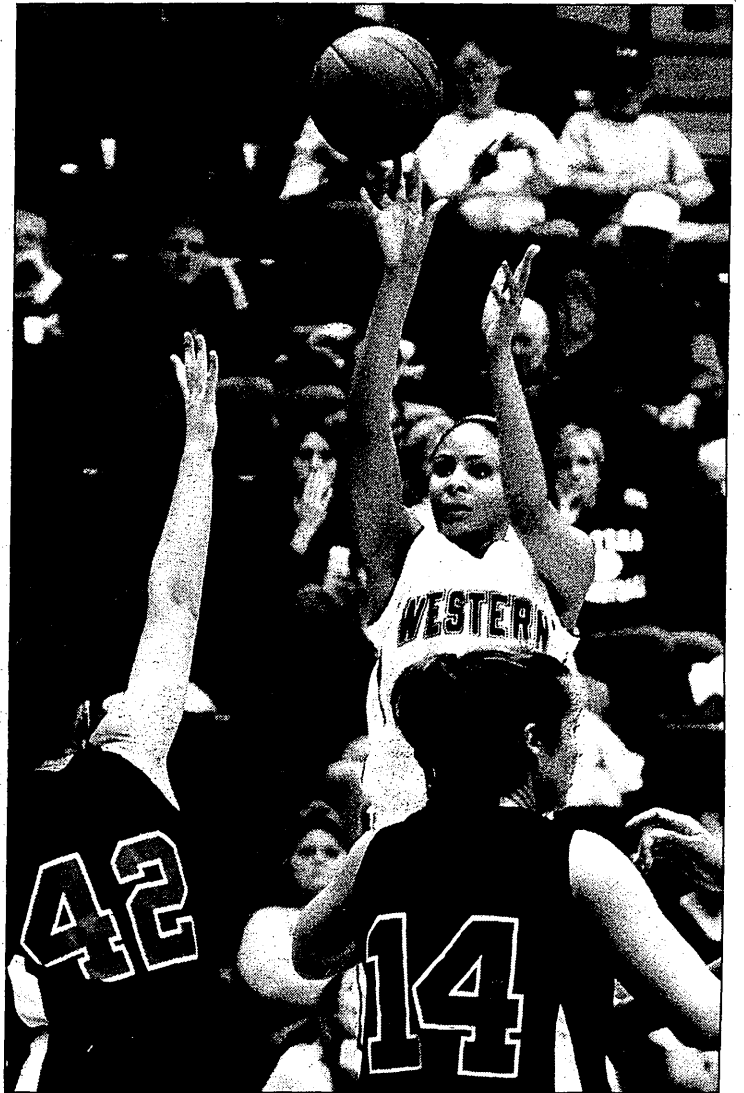


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Get back to Halloween's roots

Stop using the holiday as an excuse to dress slutty, drink and lose social decency



Lisa Hust
COLUMNIST

What happened to Halloween? What happened to filling pails with water and apples in order to chomp on the floating red fruits in the mixture of water and saliva?

Just in my mother's lifetime, she has seen Halloween evolve. My mother told me when she was young, her mother Thelma made all my mother's costumes. There were parties with family friends where they would bob for apples, blind-fold each other and tell scary stories. It was a sweet and innocent family holiday.

Families did not have to read safety tips online before taking their children trick-or-treating, or sift through their children's candy to make sure it had not been poisoned.

Halloween has been corrupted by drunken hooligans causing chaos and burning things. Halloween has become a time for people, especially college students, to cause a ruckus in the poor city of Bellingham.

It has also become a time for girls to wear provocative costumes to get boys' attention. Come on girls, have a little

respect for yourselves!

Halloween, has in a sense, become a shopping holiday, close behind Valentine's Day and Christmas. Beginning in August we will begin to see decorations for Halloween.

Every Target and Fred Meyer will make aisles specifically for costumes and decorations — an array of must haves — that will only be used once a year. You cannot wear the same costume twice.

When the Celts celebrated the coming of the season, I really don't think this is what they had in mind. Halloween has been corrupted and turned into a holiday for young people to do mischievous things, girls to dress provocatively, and to give college kids a reason to get drunk and act like barbarians.

I think Halloween needs to be celebrated for its original reason, or at least return to being a holiday of good, clean fun. Halloween used to be a holiday celebrated at this time because of the symbolic change to the darkness of winter.

About 2,000 years ago, the Celts believed at this time of the year, the world of the dead was closest to ours and we could communicate with our lost loved ones. In a sense, it was a time about family.

When the Romans arrived and conquered the Celts' territory, they combined their



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**RANDALL KRANDALL
WINNER OF HIS COLLEGE'S CREEPIEST
COSTUME CONTEST**

seasonal holidays with those celebrated by the Celts.

The Christians arrived in 800 A.D. when they realized they could not get the people to stop celebrating Halloween, they made the day a church-sanctioned holiday, which we know as the familiar All Saints' Day and the day previous as All-Hallows' Eve.

When Europeans invaded the United States, they brought costumes and Halloween traditions with them. As the United States grew and evolved, so did Halloween, turning into a secular, family holiday.

This brief history was brought to you by the History Channel Web site.

It is sad that none of the holidays we celebrate now are anywhere close to what they use to be. Christmas is about Santa Claus and Easter is about a giant bunny that can somehow lay eggs.

Perhaps soon we will invent a giant pumpkin man that eats people.

Try something new this Halloween instead of dressing slutty and smashing little kids' pumpkins. Try throwing some goats into a giant bonfire like the Celts did.

There are many ways to celebrate

Options are available for those who don't want to spend Halloween wasted

FRONTLINE

Opinion of the editorial board

Halloween, like many other holidays in American culture, has become for many an excuse to party and get wasted — but that does not mean there is nothing else you can do. Western offers events geared for those who want a good time, but do not want to imbibe.

The Underground Coffeehouse is featuring the band Pirates R Us, and attendee costumes are encouraged. Sitting with a group of friends listening to live music is generally a more intellectual experience than debating whether or not a player's feet were over the shooting line in beer pong.

If celebrating Halloween is just not your thing, the Outdoor Center is having a sunset sea-kayaking trip from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Bellingham Bay. You can avoid all the revelers, get some exercise and

enjoy a beautiful Washington sunset.

The Rocky Horror Picture Show is being shown by the Associated Students at 10:30 p.m. on Halloween in Arntzen Hall Room 100. If you have not seen the show, you will be in for a night of bedazzled cross-dressers and audience participation.

The cost of the show is \$1 for students who wear a costume, otherwise it is \$3. You can get your costumed jollies at the show and still get home in time to study for midterms.

Because Halloween takes place in the middle of the week, partying until the wee hours of the morning will make paying attention in class difficult, to say the least, if you even manage to wake up in enough time to get there.

If you feel that it is necessary to get wild and crazy to celebrate, be responsible.

Whether you plan to drink or not,

some good old Halloween favorites are still fun. Stumbling from door to door drunkenly is not polite, but sober trick-or-treating is an easy way to score free candy. Pumpkins are relatively inexpensive, and carving a pumpkin is a great way to get rid of pent up aggression. There is nothing like hacking at a gourd with a knife and scooping out its brains to relieve midterm stress.

Remember this holiday is also one for children. Smashing pumpkins might be funny, but someone has to clean it up eventually and that might have been a 7-year-old's prized pumpkin.

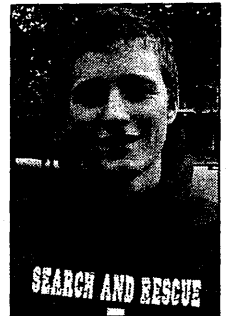
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VIKING VOICES

Opinions from around campus

compiled by Sam Farley

What is your Halloween costume?



Austin Fain
FRESHMAN

"A nerd. People thought I was Bill Gates."



Annie Walden-Newman
JUNIOR

"A vixen from Value Village. It is a one-piece velvet number with bright flowers."



Leah Frost
SENIOR

"A sexy Raggedy Ann. It's kind of self-explanatory. I bring a little Raggedy Andy doll so people don't confuse me with Strawberry Shortcake."



Ted Bergstrom
SENIOR

"Cris Angel. I'm going to go around and say 'mind explosion.'"

GUEST COLUMN

Western not prepared for zombies

Campus riddled with lack of knowledge and architectural problems



Greg Barrett
SURVIVOR ALPHA OF
WESTERN STUDENTS
AGAINST ZOMBIES AND
WESTERN SENIOR

The smell of dead leaves in the crisp air and figures trudging slowly through the mist in the early morning sends a shiver down my spine.

We, the members of Western Students Against Zombies (WSAZ) are dedicated to educating the masses on zombie survival techniques.

Taking a look at the layout and structures of the campus, it is apparent that Western is ill-prepared to withstand even a class-one outbreak. Western is not safe. Bellingham is not safe.

The openness of the campus is actually working against us. It is difficult, if not impossible, to get from one building to the next without being completely exposed.

Thinking about getting from north campus to south

campus in a post-outbreak Bellingham? Forget about it!

The addition of more sky bridges would be welcome, but even that isn't enough. The flaws lie in the buildings themselves with their concrete stairwells and exposed ground floors, to name a few architectural problems.

Another factor that could be the downfall of the campus is the lack of knowledge amongst the student body. Inaction and misinformation would allow the contagion to spread easily, creating an incredibly deadly situation; making what would be a low-level, class-one outbreak into a city-wide, class-three threat.

That's where WSAZ comes in, making strides to inform Western students of proper procedures when facing a zombie outbreak, from escape plans to supply lists and wilderness survival.

In general, north campus has a few advantages over south campus because the buildings are closer together and already have sky bridges

connecting many of them. The dorm buildings could be self sufficient in the event of a zombie outbreak. With the right preparations a group of people could hold out in them for months.

South campus only has one area that would be somewhat acceptable shelter, Birnam Wood. Its wooden stairways and bridges can be destroyed to keep zombies out. Because zombies don't have the physical or cognitive ability to climb, it would leave the upper-stories of the building able to endure the siege fairly well.

Max Brooks' "The Zombie Survival Guide" states, "there is no safe place, only safer."

The wrench in the gears of any zombie preparedness plan is, unfortunately, other survivors:

A place that was once considered safe could become a hotspot very easily if a sudden influx of survivors comes through, it is not only a bigger target, but you are more likely to miss spotting a bite wound on someone in the rapidly

growing numbers.

Proper knowledge is the crux of survival, the more people with the knowledge to defend themselves, the less likely Western is to fall to pieces in the face of the undead hordes.

WSAZ member Gregory Vance Snelsen donated "The Zombie Survival Guide" to Western's library, so expand your knowledge and read it.

In it you will find common facts and myths about zombies, the best tools and equipment for your survival, how to defend your home, how to defend yourself on the run, methods of counterattacking a zombie horde and what will need to be done to preserve humanity if zombies begin to outnumber the living.

WSAZ has a group on Facebook with posts and reminders for monthly meetings and events, including movie nights. Also available on their Facebook Web site are a must read book list, a sample evacuation plan and sample emergency supply pack.

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- B. I'm handing out candy
- C. I'm going trick-or-treating
- D. I'm carving a pumpkin
- E. I'm staying in on Halloween night

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Boundary Bay hopes to expand beer sales across the nation

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"I will die happy when I see someone at the Ginger Man holding a Boundary Bay beer in downtown New York City," he said.

The Ginger Man Pub is a bar located in several states, including New York, and has a wide selection of domestic and imported beers and wines.

The expansion should not have too much of an effect on the brewery's current location, Bennett said.

The company will maintain a strong focus on local business, even with its growth into areas around the Northwest, he said.

"There's a sort of vitality in [Bellingham], which includes staff and faculty, along with the college crowd," Bennett said. "It's that vitality that makes it a

successful market to go into."

About one-fifth of the company's 100 or so employees are Western students, Lightner said.

While production at the new facility will allow the company to move into new markets, Lightner said Boundary Bay's presence in Bellingham will not decrease.

"Our roots here in the community will remain intact," Lightner said.

Bendix said that he thinks the expansion may even persuade new Boundary Bay fans into visiting the Bellingham area.

"I'm not only selling the beer," he said. "I'm selling people to come to Bellingham. They love the brewery, they love the place and I think it'll be the same with the new facility."

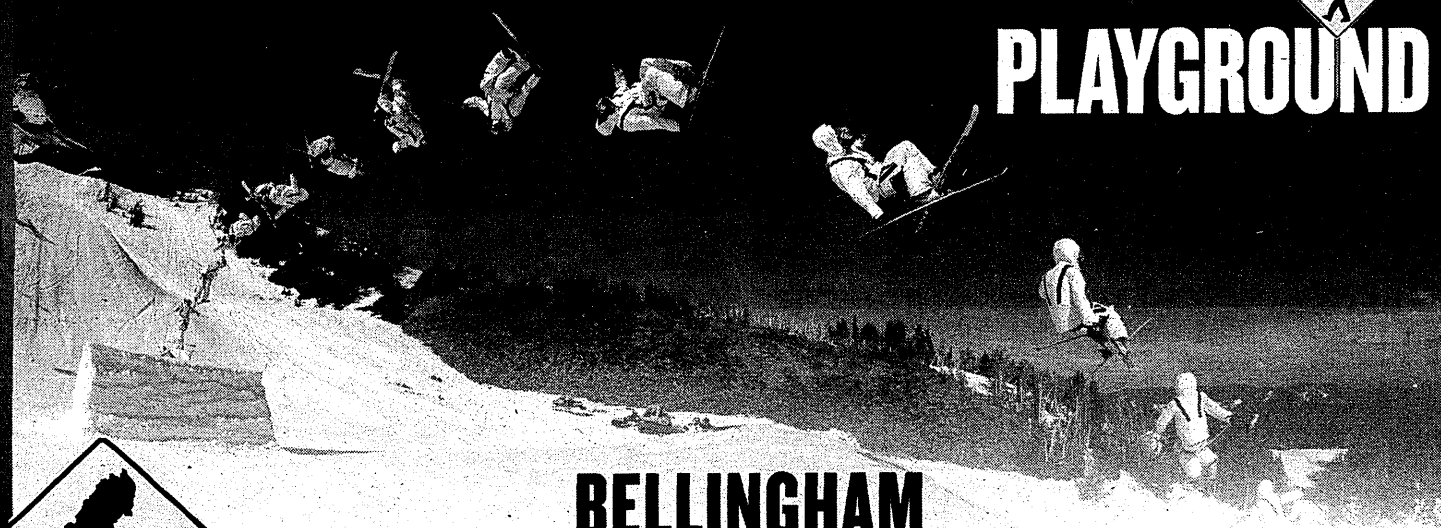


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Boundary Bay head brewer Aaron Jacob Smith checks the mash-tun, a device used in the first step of the brewing process, on Oct. 29 in the Boundary Bay Brewery. This is where barley is steeped in water for approximately one hour before being transferred to a kettle to continue the brewing process.

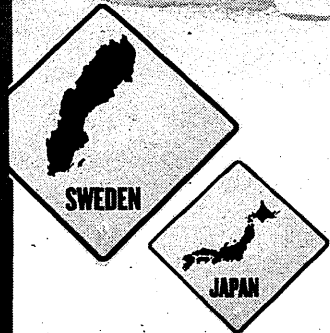
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