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Break out the raingear, fall weather returns



Outdoor maintenance worker Linda Peterson hoses down steps near the Fairhaven Commons, spraying away slippery leaves and mud on a rainy afternoon.

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Blood drive begins today

By Tim Hossain
THE WESTERN FRONT

Giving blood is the easiest way to volunteer and it has immediate impact, said Suzanne Dentel, coordinator for the Puget Sound Blood Center.

Western students and faculty will have the opportunity to donate blood from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday in the Fairhaven Lounge and at the Blood Center's mini-mobile on the east side of Carver Gym.

"The mini-mobile was added because the Fairhaven Lounge is a little more out of the way for most students," said Catharine Vader, blood drive program coordinator for the Prevention and Wellness Center.

This blood drive is the first of three drives this year sponsored by both centers. This is the 25th year the Prevention and Wellness Center and the Puget Sound Blood Center have hosted a drive on campus.

"It's the big blood drives, like the one at Western, that we rely on to maintain our supply of blood," Dentel said.

Puget Sound Blood Bank collects and serves the needs of 16 counties in Washington. The blood is collected and sent

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Skating at Western angers faculty, police

By Kathryn Ellis
THE WESTERN FRONT

Western students see their campus as a mass of buildings and walkways, but to skateboarders of Bellingham the campus is an untapped frontier.

Western's campus provides a location full of what skate-

boarders call "street skating". Street skating involves rails, walls, steps and anything else the skaters find challenging.

"The campus is one of the best places to skateboard," said Zac Zamundio a Bellingham skater. "There are rails there people still haven't done."

It is not easy to skateboard at

Western. Two groups of people are vehemently opposed to this activity taking place on campus.

Jim Vyvyan, a faculty member in Western's chemistry department, is just one of the many professors that feels skateboarding doesn't have a place at Western.

"I am really dismayed to see all the damage the skateboarders have done to the campus," said Vyvyan. "All the islands in Haskell plaza have scrapes and gouges," said Vyvyan referring to the area in front of the Biology and Chemistry buildings. "The steps in front of the

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Campus averts a computer crisis

ATUS solves network glitch

By Matt Williams
THE WESTERN FRONT

Students annoyed and frustrated with slow login and inoperative programs could breathe a collective sigh of relief on Wednesday when Academic Technology and User Services managed to locate the source of the problems after two days of searching.

The problems that plagued the campus computers labs earlier this quarter

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Campus Republicans meet for first time at Western, discuss election

By Jessica Blair
THE WESTERN FRONT

Western's College Republicans club is only a year old, but its members are ready for the upcoming election, said Western student Tom Goff, both founder and president of Western's republican organization.

"If we do not win this election, as far as I'm concerned its gonna be hell for the next 40 years."

Yvonne Goldsmith
Former Ferndale Mayor

Goff welcomed 15 students to last Wednesday's meeting in Bond Hall 114.

Goff said most students in the



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Western's college republicans met Oct. 4 in Bond Hall 114 to plan for this fall's election

club are experienced campaigners looking for a channel to filter their political enthusiasm through while at school.

"Most people, when they come to Western, see it as a mostly liberal place, and this gives them a place to call home," Goff

said. "You could say it's a support group for some of the members."

Goff is familiar with the feeling of alienation, however, when it comes to being outnumbered by Democrats.

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Special Sports Section

Whether it's soccer or football, Western has talented athletes this fall. Meet them here.

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Bigfoot back from the Sixth Dimension



Group seeks to explain the lack of evidence supporting the existence of Bigfoot.

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COPS BOX

University Police

Oct. 7, 4:35 p.m.: A Bellingham resident was arrested on DUI charges after hitting two parked unoccupied vehicles on the 600 block of High Street.

Oct. 8, 10:10 p.m.: Officers alerted to marijuana suspicion, arrested Edens Hall resident on felony drug charges (possession of LSD) upon investigation.

Oct. 9, 4:35 a.m.: Police warned and released a Bellingham resident found sleeping on Bill McDonald Parkway. The resident said he had no place to stay.

Bellingham Police

Oct. 7, 1:05 a.m.: Three residents at 1400 Iron St. were cited for disorderly conduct and furnishing alcohol to minors after police received complaints of a loud party at the residence.

Oct. 7, 8:18 p.m.: A Bellingham resident was cited for having an open container in public along Bill McDonald Parkway.

Oct. 7, 11:09 p.m.: Police responded to complaints of a loud party at 2800 Northwest Drive. The residents complied with police requests to keep noise down.

October 8, 4:43 a.m.: Police cited and released a Bellingham resident for obstruction on N. State Street.

Compiled by Joseph Terrell

AP WIRE NEWS BRIEFS

STATE NEWS

Washington Education Association admits guilt

The state attorney general's office filed a lawsuit against the Washington Education Association Monday. The lawsuit holds the WEA responsible for violating a state law that bars unions for using non-member moneys for political purposes without permission. The WEA admitted its guilt last month.

Cheney questions Gore's ability to be commander-in-chief

In a campaign stop at Yakima, Republican vice-presidential nominee Dick Cheney questioned presidential nominee Al Gore's ability to serve as commander-in-chief. Cheney said Gore does not acknowledge the military's money, morale and readiness problems.

Foes contend Locke using state office to aid campaign

Since May, when Gov. Gary Locke announced his bid for re-election, his state-funded office

has put out nearly 120 news releases. That is almost twice as much as the office put out during the same five months in the past three years.

NATIONAL NEWS

High schoolers forced to participate in drug studies

A 15-year-old Oakridge High School (Ore.) student was kicked off her volleyball team for refusing to sign a consent form to join a student-athlete drug testing program. Ginelle Weber said she agrees with drug testing but she does not agree with being forced to participate in the program.

Maybe it's more than a tire problem

From the beginning of the tire recall, Firestone has been blamed for accidents that killed 101 Americans. A Washington Post analysis of national and Florida crash statistics shows the Ford Explorer has a higher rate of tire-related accidents than other sport-utility vehicles — even when the popular SUV is equipped with Goodyear tires. The finding suggests that some-

thing about the Explorer may contribute to these accidents.

Drug aids morning sickness

Bandectin, a drug that aids women suffering from morning sickness may soon be available again. It had been taken from the market due to lawsuits claiming it caused birth defects.

Gunshot wounds in United States decrease between 1993-1997

The Justice Department reported yesterday gunshot wounds from various crimes dropped 40 percent between 1993 and 1997. That trend has been attributed to a drop in crack cocaine wars and the focus on illegal guns by big-city police.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

New Yugoslavian government installed

New Yugoslavian president Vojislav Kostunica is installing his own people in government after the prime minister, the police chief and the Serbian health minister quit Monday.

The European Union has lifted an oil embargo and other sanctions against the nation since the new government's installation.

Polish president Kwasniewski re-elected

Poland's president Aleksander Kwasniewski was re-elected Monday, putting former communists in position to seize parliamentary control from the solidarity bloc in next year's elections.

Ex-communists now want Prime Minister Jerzy Buzek to dismiss the solidarity-led cabinet and call early elections. Buzek said such action could destabilize the country.

Crew set for international space station

Members of the first crew for the new international space station met in Moscow Monday to talk about their four-month mission. The American and Russian crew is set to take off for the station Oct. 30 aboard a Russian rocket.

Compiled by Hollie Joy Brown and Dat Vong

Bellingham Weather

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday



Cloudy, showers.
High 56, low 44.



Partly cloudy.
High 60, low 44.



Partly cloudy.
High 62, low 46.



Partly cloudy.
High 60, low 46.

Corrections & Clarifications

In the Oct. 6 issue of The Western Front, in an article titled "Pickford Cinema's 'Tickle' tour anything but torturous" on Page 6, a quote was incorrectly attributed to animator Doug Aberle. The quote belongs to filmmaker Gerald Donahoe.

Also, in the same article, Dan Monaghan's film "The Quest for the Noble Desert Poodle" was misspelled. "Noble" was spelled "Nobel."

The Front regrets these mistakes.

WWU Official Announcements

Deadline for announcements in this space is noon Friday for the Tuesday edition and noon Wednesday for the Friday edition. Announcements should be limited to 50 words, typewritten or legibly printed, and sent through campus mail to "Official Announcements," MS-9117, via fax to X/7287, or brought in person to Commissary 113A. DO NOT SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS DIRECTLY TO THE WESTERN FRONT. Phoned announcements will not be accepted. All announcements should be signed by originator.

PLEASE POST

WESTERN STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF may buy a Viking Xpress pass for \$15 a quarter. The pass or cash fare of 50 cents per ride is required on the Campus Express route. It may be purchased with a valid Western ID card at the Parking Office 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

EXPRESS PASS NOT VALID DURING BREAKS. The WTA Viking Xpress pass will not be valid during academic breaks between quarters except for three days before the start of a quarter and one day after a quarter ends. Sales of the passes will not be pro-rated as a quarter progresses.

NO WTA FREE RIDE IN OCTOBER. Due to the new discounted Viking Xpress bus passes, WTA will not be giving out free bus passes as in the past. A bus pass or cash fare will be required. Tokens may be used but no longer may be purchased.

THE MATH PLACEMENT TEST is offered in OM 120 at 3 p.m. Oct. 9, 16, 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27 and Dec. 4; and at 9 a.m. Oct. 12, 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 30 and Dec. 7. Registration is not required but students must bring photo identification and a No. 2 pencil. A \$10 fee must be paid in the exact amount at time of testing. Allow 90 minutes. Sample problems may be found at www.washington.edu/oea/aptp.htm. Allow 90 minutes.

FALL GROUP OFFERINGS at the Counseling Center include •General Counseling, Tuesdays 3 to 5 p.m. throughout year, requires pre-group screening; •Overcoming Math Frustration, Mondays 3 to 5 p.m., first session Oct. 16 and 23, second session Nov. 6 and 13; •Relaxation Training Class, 3 p.m. Thursdays starting Oct. 12, no sign-up needed. For more information or to register, contact the Counseling Center, OM 540, X/3164.

THE TEST FOR ENTRANCE INTO TEACHER EDUCATION will be in FR 4 at 2 p.m. Oct. 12, Nov. 16, Dec. 7 and Jan. 18. A \$25 fee must be paid in the exact amount at time of registration in OM 120. TETEP is not administered on an individual basis. Winter admission deadline: Oct. 31.

DROPPING COURSES: A course withdrawal privilege is required to drop a course from the second through seventh weeks of a quarter. Each student is given two withdrawal privileges a year. For more information, contact the registrar's office, OM 230.

THE ANNUAL HEALTH SCIENCES INFORMATION FAIR will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 17 in the lobby of the Science Lecture (SMATE) building. For more information, see www.careers.wwu.edu or stop by the Career Services Center, OM 280, or phone X/3240.

THE MILLER ANALOGIES TEST will be in FR 4 at 2 p.m. Oct. 19 and Nov. 9 and in OM 120 at 2 p.m. Dec. 6. A \$35 fee is payable at test time. Register in OM 120 or by calling X/3080. Allow approximately 90 minutes. The MAT is not administered individually.

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

On-campus recruiting

Larson Gross, Wednesday, Oct. 11. Submit résumé, cover letter and unofficial transcript by Oct. 4.

Click Radio, Thursday, Oct. 12, VU Lobby.

Moss Adams, preselect interviews Thursday, Oct. 19.

Clark Nuber & Co., CPA, Tuesday, Oct. 24. Submit résumé, cover letter by Oct. 10.

KPMG Anchorage/Seattle. Anchorage preselect interviews Monday, Oct. 23; Seattle preselect interviews Wednesday, Oct. 25. Submit résumé for Anchorage positions by Oct. 9 and Seattle positions by Oct. 10. Submit résumé, cover letter and completed application by Oct. 6.

All materials should be submitted through Career Services Center, OM 280, unless otherwise stated. For more information or to learn about fall quarter workshops offered, stop by OM 280 or call X/2944.

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News-makers

People making an impact around Western

Zite Hutton

Accounting Department

By Greg Woehler
THE WESTERN FRONT

On Aug. 14, Marguerite "Zite" Hutton, chair of Western's accounting department, was one of two professors nationwide awarded the American Taxation Association/Arthur Andersen Teaching Innovation Award.

She received \$2,500 for the award, which was presented in Philadelphia at the annual luncheon for the American Accounting Association, the parent group of the ATA.

She was recognized for her imaginative methods in teaching Accounting 471, Tax Research and Planning.

"It's really a fun class," Hutton.

On a teacher evaluation for the class, a student once wrote, "I've never worked so hard for a class and had so much fun."

"That's my all-time favorite evaluation," Hutton said, smiling.

She said she attempts to create a "real world environment" for students by having them work in groups on simulated tax cases created by PricewaterhouseCoopers, an international accounting firm.

Hutton said each group works on the same case.

Hutton chooses the groups of students based on their answers to a background questionnaire. She asks questions about the courses each student has already taken and their work experiences.

These questions help Hutton make sure each group has members with a variety of experiences and interests.

Though each group works on the same case, Hutton said she never receives "carbon copy answers."

"They are each trying to find the best solution to the particular problems, but arrive at answers in radically different



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ways," she said.

Collaboration is important in the class, not only among the four individuals in each group, but also among different groups. Hutton said she doesn't grade on a curve, which takes away the potential competition among groups.

Before the groups turn in their project to Hutton, students

must submit their work for peer reviews.

Other class members critique the work, but only if they can offer solutions to the problems they find.

Both parts of the review process are done anonymously, meaning only the individual's work is being criticized, not the individual.

Professors around the country are using Hutton's technique, including one colleague at Old Dominion University.

Hutton has been an associate professor at Western since 1989.

She said the ATA notified her in May that she had won the award but it wasn't announced to other members of the association until the luncheon.



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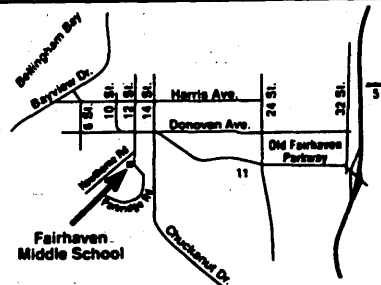
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St. Joe's hosts free depression testing

By Jackie Martin
THE WESTERN FRONT

St. Joseph Hospital offered free depression screenings on Oct. 5 in participation with National Depression Screening Day and Mental Illness Awareness Week.

The yearly educational program is designed to inform participants about the signs and symptoms of depression and to help them decide if they would benefit from a more complete mental evaluation.

The two-hour screening sessions began with a short lecture about symptoms and treatments of depression. After a question-and-answer period, individuals were given the opportunity to discuss the results of a self-evaluation with a mental health professional and receive referral information for further evaluation if needed.

"We put signs around the community in hopes that anybody who thinks they have depressive symptoms, or has a friend who might have depressive symptoms, would come on in," Sharon Chandler, a nurse on the mental health unit at St. Joseph, said.

"Depression is a very common illness," said Dr. Hank Levine, a psychiatrist from Bellevue who spoke at one of the two screen-

ings.

"Clinical depression affects 17 million people in this country each year," Levine said. "Only about half of those people seek treatment. The rest suffer in silence."

"Unfortunately, the screening doesn't come at a good time for Western students because it's right when school is starting back up," Chandler said.

"We've been talking about holding a screening on campus, possibly this month," she said.

Chandler said she was surprised at the low turnout this year.

In past years, up to 40 people showed up for the screening sessions.

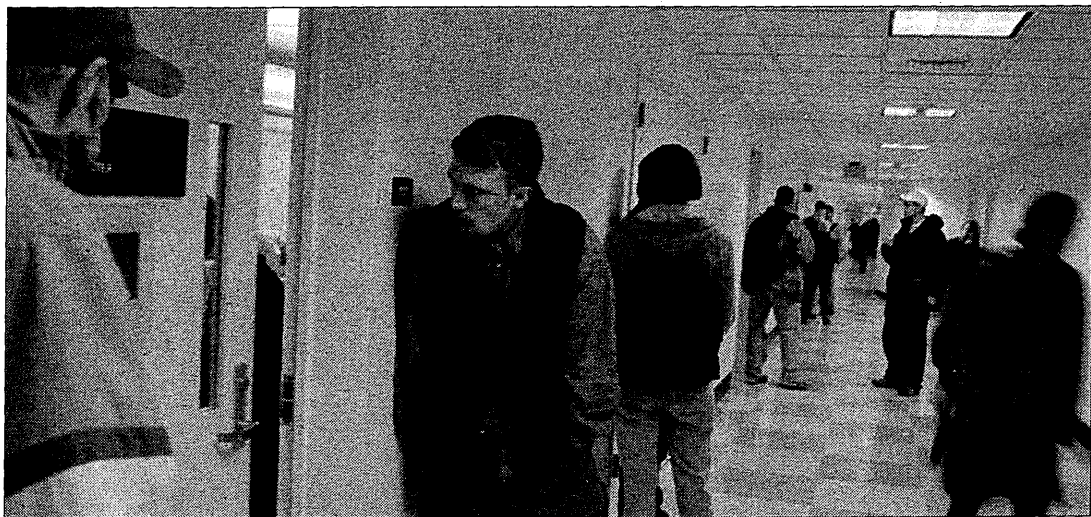
This year, only about 20 people showed up for screening.

"I was hoping to see more students from the university," said Jessica Richter, a mental health specialist at St. Joseph's and Western graduate.

"Depression is so prevalent," Chandler said. "But people are busy, and there's a lot of denial where people just think, 'This is the way I am, this is the way life is. I'm not depressed, I'll snap out of it.'"

Treatment options, such as antidepressants and psychotherapy, offer hope for those suffering from depression, Levine said.

ATUS fixes computer problem, helps students



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Western student Scott Minner peeks into a Haggard Hall computer lab, looking in vain for an open seat.

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appear to have been resolved, ATUS Director Dr. Larry Gilbert said.

The login delays ranged from five seconds to 10 minutes, he said.

Despite the massive delays and locked programs, the ATUS Help Desk has seen its smoothest quarter in manager Mike Massey's five years in the office, he said.

"Lines are shorter and moving faster than ever," Massey said.

He said the reason is higher efficiency at the help desk, rather than fewer calls for assistance.

Last year the help desk

recorded 3,500 contacts in September and 4,700 in October.

Though all the numbers haven't been pulled together yet, the desk is looking at the same number of calls or more in both months this year, Massey said.

The source of this quarter's problem was the Novell Applications Launcher program. For an unknown reason, it conflicted with other programs, Gilbert said.

Once the Novell Applications Launcher was isolated as the source of the problem, ATUS relocated it on the server, apparently resolving the conflict, he said.

The application launcher pro-

vides students access to resources all across campus, Gilbert said.

ATUS isolated the program as the source of difficulties by removing it from the system and checking to see if the delays and other problems subsided.

Though everything has been running smoothly since Wednesday's modifications, ATUS continues to monitor the situation.

ATUS is runs management software that regularly reports network status in order to assure the problem does not persist and no new ones arise, Gilbert said.

The ATUS help desk can be reached at 650-3333.

Western Republicans set to act

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"I come from a house full of democrats," Goff said. "There are only two Republicans in my family. I don't know how that happened."

Goff said his organization's main concern right now is the election. The club plans to set up information tables and put up stickers and posters around campus treasurer A.J. Strauss said.

"After the elections are over, we'll figure out what to do next," Goff said.

Two guests at the group's Wednesday meeting, Eugene Goldsmith and his wife Yvonne spoke about their involvement in the election.

Eugene Goldsmith, former State Representative for the 42nd District, said education is a priority on this year's agenda.

"This college, for the money, is the biggest bang you're going to get for your buck," Eugene Goldsmith said.

Whatcom Community College

student Mary Eckhoff asked Eugene Goldsmith what he thought about free college for students. Eugene Goldsmith said he did not favor the idea.

"If it's free, how much emphasis would we put on it?" he said.

Yvonne Goldsmith, former mayor of Ferndale, voiced her disapproval of the presidential debate and of the adversary, Al Gore.

She recounted her frustration while listening to the debate on the radio.

"I'm sitting in the car listening to the debate and I turn to Gene and say 'I'm glad you turned that off because I'm about to rip it out,'" she said.

"If we do not win this election, as far as I'm concerned, it's gonna be hell for the next 40 years," Yvonne said.

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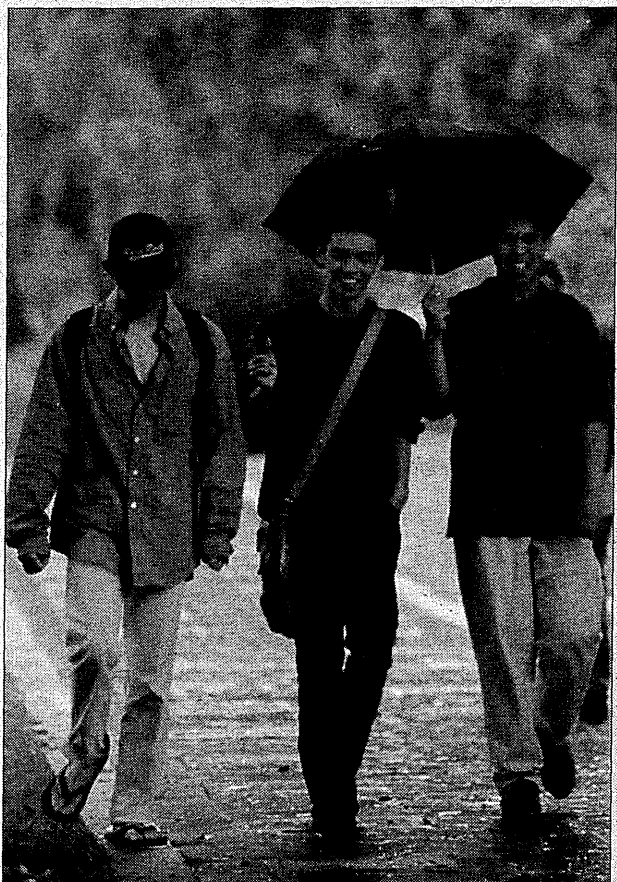
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Umbrella buddies



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Rainy day friends: Frenz Tjahyadi, Peter Lam and Chun Siu enjoy Monday's rainy weather.

Skateboarding, roller skates illegal on campus, says Shaw

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biology building are all nicked up."

In 1997, Western police instituted a number of regulations regarding skateboards on campus.

A person found violating these rules can receive tickets.

Tickets cost \$10 for a first offense, \$25 for the second offense and \$50 for a third.

"These regulations are really for everyone's safety," University Police Chief Jim Shaw said. "There is a method behind these rules; they are not just to be restrictive."

Western consortium looks at apparel labor standards

By Hollie Joy Brown
THE WESTERN FRONT

Western may join the Workers Rights Consortium, a group created in 1999 out of a student anti-sweatshop movement to monitor working conditions in factories producing apparel products. Linda Beckman, division director of budget and administration, said.

Last spring, Western's Task Force on Workers Rights was looking into changing Western's membership from the Fair Labor Association to the WRC, Beckman said. Beckman will be forming a study group this fall to discuss it again, she said.

Western could join the WRC, Beckman said, but it is an institutional decision.

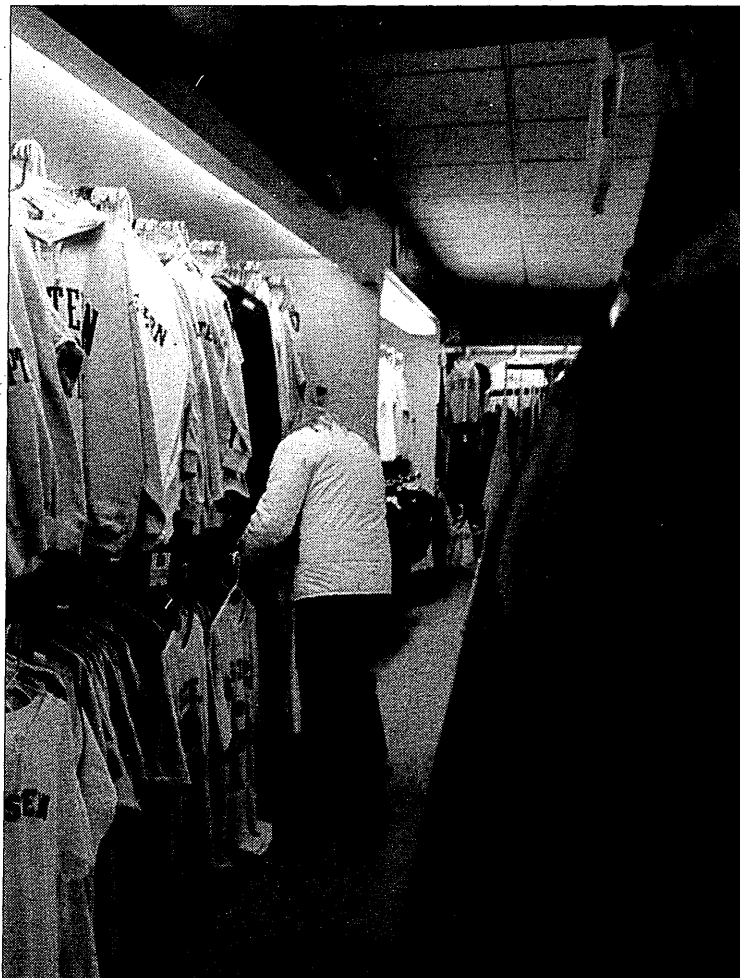
"The FLA has the same goals of the WRC," she said.

The differences between the FLA and the WRC are the type of members each holds and how monitoring is done, Beckman said. The FLA allows corporations to be members whereas the WRC tries to exclude them, Beckman said. Monitoring and inspections could be done differently, she said.

Originally, the students of the task force wanted to join WRC because they didn't want to be a member of an organization that had corporations as members, Beckman said.

After comparing the two organizations, the task force decided the FLA would be more effective, Beckman said.

Western's Associated Students Cooperative Bookstore purchases merchandise through two buying



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Mariana Samarotto checks out the clothing in the Associated Students Cooperative Bookstore

groups, the National Association of College Stores and the Independent College Books Association, said Dave MacAuley, manager of the ASC Bookstore.

The store has five buyers that choose vendors from the ICBA, NACS and local companies, said

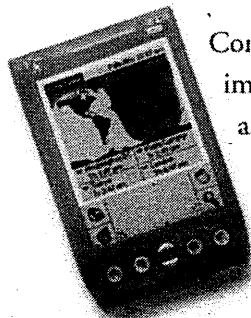
Tana Richins assistant manager and apparel buyer of Western's Bookstore.

Richins said the ICBA and NACS committees make a list of vendors that sell merchandise the store is looking for.



In recent tests, 4 out of 5 college students preferred free stuff.

(The rest didn't understand the question.)



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Japanese students get a taste of Western

By Akiko Kono
The Western Front

Seventy-four Japanese students came to Western from Asia University in Tokyo on Sept. 24, as part of the Asia University America Program, a five-month study abroad program, which has been operating since 1988.

"The goal of AUAP is to broaden an international perspective of Asia University students," said Bill Pech, Director of Asia University America Program Center for International Studies and Programs.

"Western also benefits greatly from this program because it has enabled us to internationalize the student population," Pech said. "AUAP students have been significant presents from Japan."

AUAP students usually live with American roommates in on-campus housing. Japanese students have had little experience with roommates in Japan, but AUAP student Maki Sakamoto said she gets along with her American roommate very well.

AUAP students receive help from a group of Western students called Peer Advisors.

"I like this job because I get paid making friends," said Leni Neumainer, AUAP Peer Advisor.

Neumainer said she spends 19 hours per week with her nine AUAP students.



Yuko Naito and Taro Teshigawara enjoy lunch at the Viking Commons. The Asia University America Program students said they have started to grow tired of American cuisine.

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She said the goal for students is to make American friends, to learn about American life and to have a good experience.

Neumainer meets every Monday with her students. They play some games to get to know each other and speak English. Neumainer said she plans to take her students to Seattle and Canada.

She also said she hopes to help them take part in some American

activities, such as shooting firearms and snow sports.

"I think this program is very good," AUAP student Hitomi Nishiyama said. "Sometimes it is too good. We might be spoiled because we can rely on our advisor."

Nishiyama said she should do more things by herself to learn English.

She said she applied to this program not only to have an expe-

rience, but also to improve her English.

Pech said Nishiyama's anxiety is common, but the program tries to minimize it.

"The program offers students a lot of support, but the program also challenges students to try things by themselves," Pech said.

"Students' attitudes are totally changed in the end of program," said Heather Johnson, who works in student services.

"They become independent and their fear is definitely reduced."

Pech said the program also tries to create more opportunities for AUAP students to interact with Americans.

"Our goal is to make the curriculum here, to give students opportunities students can't have in Japan," Pech said. "We hope the curriculum creates many opportunities as possible for interaction."

Western students requested to donate blood, help relieve crisis

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out to hospitals as it is ordered.

"In the Puget Sound, there is a need for 800 pints of blood a day," Dental said.

Western typically receives around 400 pints of blood during the three-day blood drive. The goal for this blood drive is 370 pints, according to Dental.

The goal is based on last year's spring blood drive, when the Blood Center received 311 pints of blood.

Donors are asked to arrive in early in the day to avoid the afternoon rush. The blood draw lasts seven minutes, but donors must also go through a health screening. The process takes about one hour.

"If they want to have a good experience, the most important thing is that they don't drink caffeinated beverages," Dental said. "The caffeine will constrict their blood vessels ... also they need to eat something."

According to the Food and Drug Administration, which regulates blood banks, donors

also must be at least 18 years old, healthy and weigh at least 110 pounds.

"Seventy percent of people will need blood or a blood product sometime in their lifetime," Vader said.

Currently the Puget Sound Blood Center is running near emergency levels on two blood types, and needs all other types as well.

"We should donate all year long, not just during the holiday season," Vader said.

Western's Prevention and Wellness Center reports that each pint of blood donated can save the lives of three people.

"Each pint is broken into three components of plasma, platelets and red blood cells," Vader said.

"Patients only receive the blood component they require for treatments such as cancer therapy, surgery or trauma injuries."

Vader said she feels that if a person wants to give back to the community, donating blood is a wonderful way to do it.

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One dad's crusade targets media messages

By Jessica Blair

THE WESTERN FRONT

Joe Kelly is the father of twin 20-year old women. He endured the usual ups and downs of child rearing and the hardship of raising girls in what he considers today's media-driven misogynistic culture.

But Kelly did not sit at home crossing his fingers, hoping the messages encouraging girls to strive for superhuman ideals somehow would pass his daughters by.

Instead, his objective is to ensure those messages are condemned. Kelly is the executive director of Dads and Daughters, a national non profit advocacy group dedicated to strengthening the bonds between dads and their daughters and dispelling the myths of the female ideal they say millions of women believe and die from everyday.

The recent death of Kelly's Dads and Daughters co-worker Heather Henderson, at the age of 27 brought to light the reali-

ty of how deadly these concerns are.

Henderson battled bulimia for 11 years before suffering a fatal heart attack due to complications from her disease.

"I'm sad, but I'm also very angry," Kelly said. "Her life and her death are an incredible indictment of what our culture does to girls."

Individuals must confront the media and take responsibility for the lies shaping girls, Kelly said.

"The culprit is this culture," he said. "When I indict the culture, I indict myself. Silence is not an option."

Kelly used several teen magazine advertisements to illustrate his point. An ad for a padded bra, depicting a tanned woman with bulging breasts, read "Inner beauty only goes so far." The image served as the anti-slogan of his speech.

"I show this ad is because it's emblematic," Kelly said. It kind of crystallizes all the messages that rain down hundreds of times a day."

Girls are not the only ones being

deceived, Kelly said, adding boys also are misled by the rail-thin, poreless images of women they are bombarded with daily.

He told the story of a boy who, when breaking up with his girlfriend, gave the reason that she was only a seven or an eight and his dating standard was a 10.

"He may spend the rest of his life seeking something that is impossible to find," Kelly said, "and he's denying himself his true purpose in life, which is to connect spiritually to another human being."

Men's magazines increasingly follow the lead of women's, to the detriment of young boys, Kelly said. Men's Health, which he added has little to do with health and reads more like a male version of Seventeen, creates unattainable physical standards for young men.

"How we look is overwhelmingly determined by our genetics. There is no ideal weight. That's baloney," Kelly said.

Kelly said men who care about women are important because fathers "set the norm." He said he feels it is particularly

important to daughters because they look to see if Dad reinforces the statement "inner beauty only goes so far."

Candy Wiggum, a psychologist at Western's Counseling Center, has studied the impact fathers have on the emotional well-being of their daughters.

"I think dads play a really important part in their daughters' development, as far as feeling respected and respectable," she said.

Sheila Havens accompanied her father, Steve, to the workshop at the Brigid Collins House.

"I thought it was really good to hear, and exciting to hear a father talk about things I've only heard women talk about," Havens said.

Kelly will speak at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11 at St. Luke's Community Health Center.

Pre-registration for this free workshop is required, so call (360) 738-6701 to attend, or for more information call the counseling center at (360) 650-3164.

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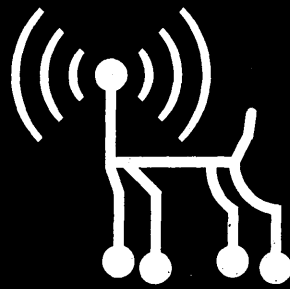


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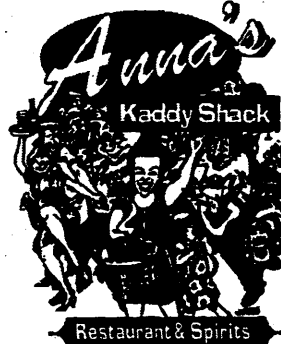
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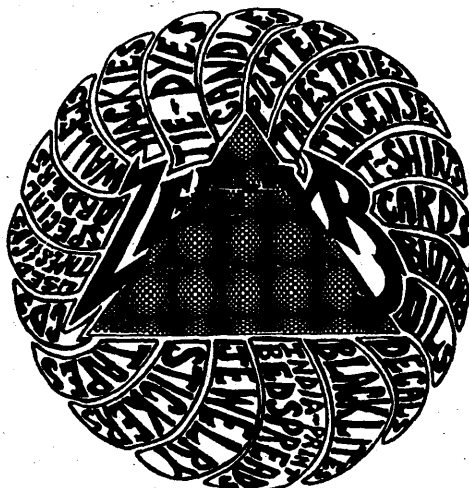
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Shut up and skate

Amidst controversy, skaters and city officials talk about the newly opened park

By Brittany Sadler
THE WESTERN FRONT

One steep wall has "hell hill — lawsuit waiting to happen" spray painted across it. Another reads, "we want a skatable park."

The Bellingham Skate Park opened about three weeks ago, giving skaters a long awaited place to skateboard and rollerblade. Many, however, are unsatisfied with the park's features.

Jason Snow, co-owner of Alliance Skateboard Snowboard Shop, said he is displeased with the park's design. Snow said he feels the design is not up to par, because he believes it isn't modern enough.

"A lot of the park is not skatable," Snow said. "The walls are too steep to do anything on. It's just wasted space."

Snow said the majority of the complaints he has heard about the park come from the youth who use it.

"It's like needing a pair of pants, and your mom goes and buys you some from Kmart, and then makes you wear them," Snow said. "The whole point is that the kids should get what they really want."

Park visitor Greg Keefe, 18, said he likes the park, but the transitions between elements in the design need to be smoother.

"It's like needing a pair of pants, and your mom goes and buys you some from Kmart, and then makes you wear them."

Jason Snow
Co-owner of Alliance

Keefe said he also thinks a partial roof should cover some of the park when it rains.

Snow said he also was disappointed there wasn't much room for suggestion.

"By the time they had the community meetings, everything was already done and I couldn't attempt to input anything," Snow said.

Jonathan Schilk, Bellingham Parks and Recreation's landscape architect, said that when Parks and Recreation held meetings at the park site, skaters in the community requested the removal of some of the park's features, and Parks and Recreation obliged.

"There were supposed to be a volcano, loveseat, stairway and inclined rail, which



Takuya Waters/The Western Front
Jason Bas rocks to fakie on the spinewall.

were all taken out at the request of the skaters," Schilk said.

Schilk said he thinks Parks and Recreation did the best they could considering the rules and guidelines they had to stay within.

State law required Parks and Recreation to accept the lowest bid from a contractor willing to build the park.

The lowest offer came from Colacurcio Brothers Construction Company, Inc., of Blaine.

The park, was designed by Pukiss-Rose, R.S.I. of Fullerton, Cal., who hired a professional skater on staff to assist with the designing process.

Schilk said the park's construction budget was \$270,000; \$18,000 coming from donations and the rest from taxes.

Since so much funding came from taxpayer pockets, Schilk said the city had an obligation to keep costs down. This, he said, is why not all of the suggested changes to the park's design were made.

"When you make a set of plans and then change it, you're hit with additional costs by the contractors," Schilk said. "We were caught in a difficult spot."

Both Schilk and Marvin Harris, Bellingham Parks and Recreation's interim park director, said they think the park is a success.

"It's impossible to please everyone," Schilk added. "We were able to please most people, and if we do that, then we're successful."

Since the maintenance staff from Civic Field does the trash pick up, there hasn't been much problem with keeping the park clean.

Harris said he feels Parks and Recreation's main problem is the graffiti now covering much of the park.

"We are going to install a water line in the park so we can continue to remove graffiti as it occurs," Harris said.

A few of the skaters disapprove of some of the graffiti. Devin Kain, 17, thinks some of the complaints written about the park and its design are "lame."

Kain also appreciates some of the park's graffiti.

"The more artistic graffiti is cool, and makes it easier to see the ground and make the landings. It also makes it more of a hometown skate park," he said.

Besides comments about the park's design, Kain and Keefe think a few additions should be made to the park, such as a portable toilet, a pop machine and lights so they can continue to skate at night.

The park is open from 8 a.m. to dusk, which in winter will come as early as 4 p.m.

Kain foresees the shorter hours as a problem with crowding, since the time between the school day ending and the park closing will be shortened to a couple of hours.

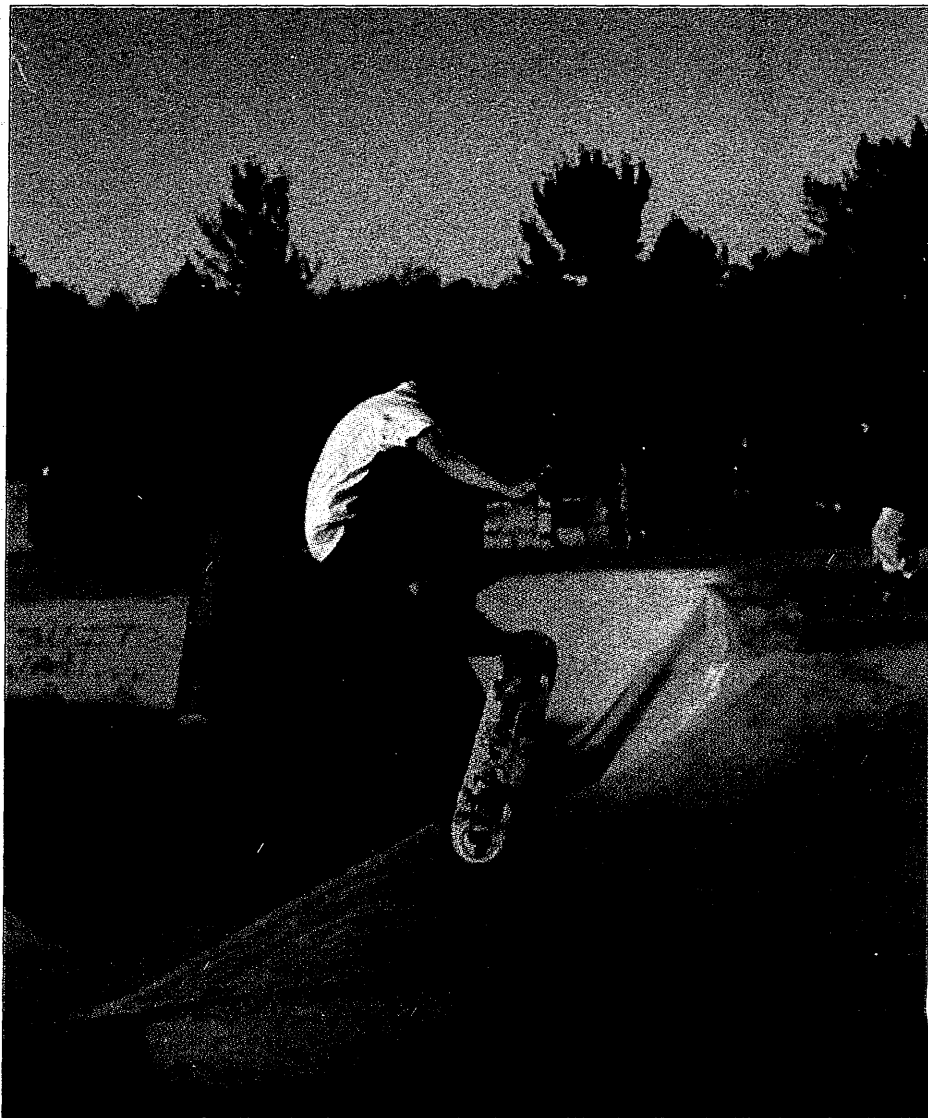
Harris said Parks and Recreation doesn't have any events scheduled yet, but is willing to work with skate shops to set up competitions.

Snow said he plans on arranging a competition or contest after the locals have a chance to get used to the park, but would like to see Parks and Recreation plan something.

"The major concern, however, is that the park stay open for the general public," Harris said.

Though the skaters and Parks and Recreation officials don't see eye-to-eye on many things, both agreed the most important thing is the park's existence.

"It's not the most ideal design, but it's there," Snow said. "We have a place to skate and that's what's important."



Takuya Waters/The Western Front

Skaters complain many walls in the new park are too steep, and transitions too abrupt.

Fuel for the i Viking 29 showcases TPV power generation

Jennifer Collins
THE WESTERN FRONT

Hollywood generally depicts futuristic cars as flying, supercharged versions of today's vehicles.

As founder and director of Western's Vehicle Research Institute, Michael R. Seal has overseen the design and production of the "cars of the future" for the last three decades. Aside from their sleek, sports-car design and technical titles, the cars differ entirely from the Hollywood recipe.

None of his cars fly. Well, at least not yet.

One of the VRI's latest creations, the Viking 29, will be featured in the Whatcom County Museum's "Up to Speed: A Century of Cars" exhibit. It will be on display until Jan. 21 in the Arco Building on Prospect Street.

Western's made-from-scratch classic of the future is the finale of an exhibit dedicated to the classics of the past.

The Viking 29's glossy green Fiberglas body reflects striking accent lights and appears poised and ready to start its engine.

"It looks like a sports car and drives like one too," Seal said with a chuckle, as he discussed the numerous innovative vehicles designed by the VRI on Sunday at the Whatcom Museum.

Described by the Society of Automotive Engineers as "one of the 10 best faculty advisors in the nation," Seal earned his masters in education from Western in 1967. He went on to earn his doctorate in education from Texas A&M in 1970.

A self-proclaimed car enthusiast, Don Athens described the Viking 29 as a "work of art."

Automobile engineers and enthusiasts alike questioned Seal on the Viking 29's intricate workings. Its raised back hatch revealed the car's revolutionary engine comprised of eight thermophotovoltaic generators.

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MYTHICAL APE-MAN LIVES!

Paranormal enthusiasts shed some light on the unknown

By Brittany Sadler
THE WESTERN FRONT

Most people tend to think Bigfoot is a hoax; a mythical creature. Members of CONTACT (The Center for Ontological Action) disagree.

Matthew Thuney, director of CONTACT, explained humans are indeed in contact with beings from beyond the normal realm of experience. Some members of the organization attest to their own personal encounters.

CONTACT was formerly known as the Bellingham UFO Group. Members study phenomena such as near-death experiences, UFO and Sasquatch sightings and psychic incidents. Since ontology is the study of the essence of being, CONTACT studies the way these phenomena affect people.

"There are really two groups of people," Thuney said. "One looks at evidence and data, and the other looks at the importance of the data to us as humans." He said CONTACT studies both, but focuses more on the latter.

"It's not good science to say something's not happening simply because it can't happen."

Matthew Thuney
Bigfoot Believer

CONTACT also has an anonymous support group for people who have experienced sightings.

Stephen Harvey, director of the Vancouver Sasquatch Society in Canada, spoke about his work Saturday at Western's Library. Harvey organizes the annual Sasquatch Symposium, where experts and eyewitnesses gather to share their information and experiences.

During Harvey's presentation, a few eyewitnesses shared their experiences and Bigfoot sightings. Jason Valenti recalled his June 1996 sighting in Apalachicola National Forest, just outside of Tallahassee, Fla.

Valenti said he had been studying to become a minister in Florida, but after his sighting, he could no longer be a Christian.

"It totally shattered my whole belief system," Valenti said.

Valenti said he and a friend were in his car when the sighting occurred, and at one point his car was within four feet of a blonde, female sasquatch. He said he was sure the bigfoot was a female, because it "had breasts that hung down to her waist," along with "typical feminine wide hips" and an "hourglass figure."

Valenti said a week after the Sasquatch sighting, his friend saw a UFO and believes the two events were connected.

Yvonne Moore spoke about her encounters with a sasquatch by the name of Orvin. She said her encounters were paranormal. Moore said she contacts sasquatches in other realms and has not yet seen one in this (the third) dimension.

She said Orvin told her sasquatches exist mainly in the fifth and sixth dimensions, and can dematerialize from the third dimension into another.

Orvin also told her sasquatches dematerialize when they die, which is why no bones have yet been discovered on Earth.

Moore said she has two high-energy vortexes in her back yard where she and Orvin communicate.

"Sasquatches are working in the valleys for the good of the Earth," Moore said. "They're trying to put energy back into the soil."

The group discussed other paranormal possibilities with sasquatches, such as astral traveling and communication on a psychic plane. One woman suggested Sasquatches have higher vibrations and

are still there, but are not visible.

Harvey said many people who have had encounters explain a type of mental telepathy between the bigfoot and the individual.

Both Harvey and Thuney said they think people need to look beyond the sphere of reality, accept the physical evidence that has been found and believe in eyewitness testimony.

"It's not good science to say something's not happening simply because it can't happen," Thuney said. "It doesn't do us a lot of good to exist in denial."



Photo Illustration by Angela Smith/ The Western Front

Artist's rendering of Orvin waving goodbye, from the fifth dimension, of course.

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, the thermophotovoltaic, or TPV, is one of the alternative types of power generated by the VRI.

generator is one alternative to gasoline exhaust. The generator burns fuel, so emissions are 50 percent less than the new electric-vehicle hybrids, Seal said.

an increasing hole in the ozone layer and a diminishing supply of fossil fuels are reasons for finding alternative ways to fuel and power vehicles.

Americans are willing to do whatever it takes to clean the air quality so long as it does not inconvenience them.

A TPV generator can be run on natural gas, which burns and heats up a fluid which transmits its heat to solar cells to power the generator, Seal said. The generator can provide power for boats, or in remote locations that lack power lines.

The Department of Energy has begun funding the development of the TPV, with two grants totaling \$5.4 million. The money is for this year and the VRI is another grant from the Department of Energy. Without

grants, the institute will not be able to continue its work, Seal said.

Despite the strong emphasis on research, Seal said his primary goal for the VRI remains "to train students" in the automotive industry. After all, he said, his students originally proposed the idea of building an experimental car in 1971.

The result of his students' ambition and persistence was Viking 1, which placed third in a car design competition at the General Motors Proving Grounds in Michigan in 1972. With that event and the many that followed, the VRI repeatedly proved itself to be on the cutting edge of experimental car design.

Innumerable awards, company contracts, and grants later, the institute remains at the head of the pack, drawing students from all over the world to study on Western's campus. In addition to their regular course work, students are now working on four projects for automotive competitions this school year, Seal said.

Former student, Ed West came back to the VRI to teach automotive design while he works on his master's degree at the University of Washington. Because of the "hands-on aspect of education" at the VRI, West said he feels, "students get a

running start in the industry."

Student Jai Prasad was attracted to the VRI because of the large variety of equipment in the research lab.

"I know of Boeing or GE employees who have come to our shop and who said they only have one of the machines we have," said Prasad.

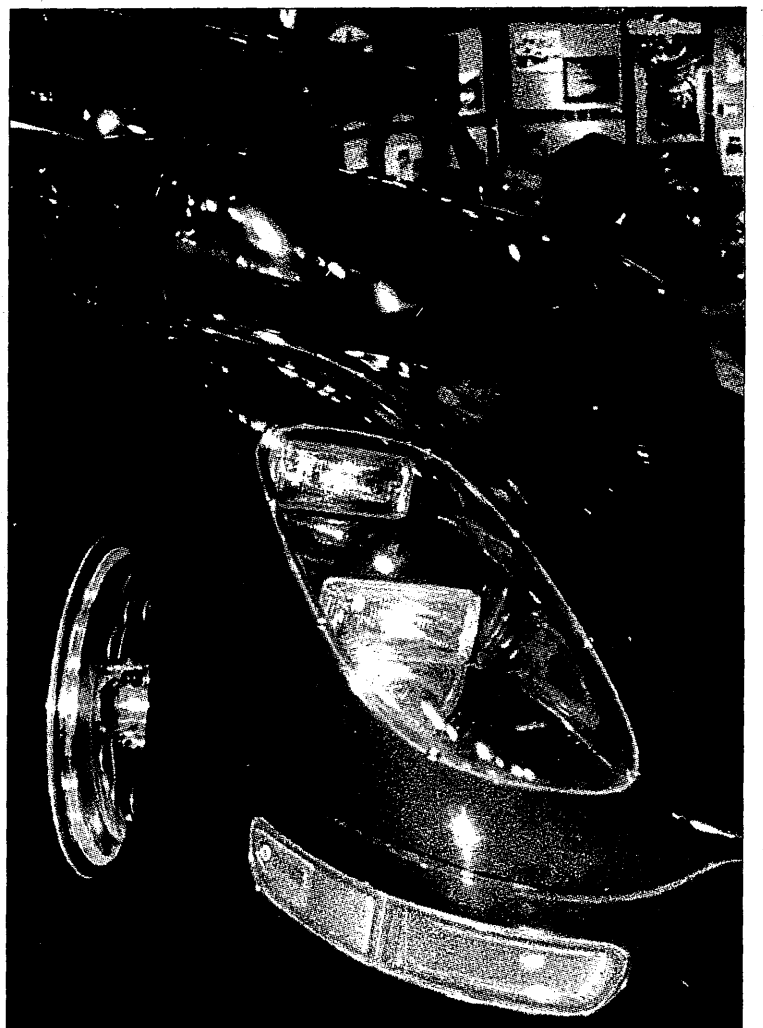
Marlo Treit, owner of the Portland, Or. based General Aviation Services, plans to break the world record for land speed. He tested car bodies in the VRI's wind tunnel to discover the most suitable to achieve his goal of 550 miles per hour next year at a competition at the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah.

At such high speeds, Treit said his main concern for the vehicle is that it doesn't lift off the ground. Ironically, Treit said his goal for his car of the future is that it doesn't fly.

"Every bit of information we gather here is information we wouldn't have without Dr. Seal's facility," Treit said.

Many students who study at the VRI originally want to design cars that will reach higher speeds, Seal said.

His goal, he said, is to make students concerned about cars' environmental effects, and design cars that will have cleaner emissions or use alternative forms of fuel.



Isaac Sherrer/ The Western Front

Western Alumni Jim Henry examines the VRI's Viking 29, one of 12 cars on display at the Whatcom Museum.

Vikes rough Mustangs up in big win

By Takuya Waters
THE WESTERN FRONT

Western extended its winning streak to five games in front of 2,650 fans at Civic Field Saturday, defeating Western New Mexico 49-7 in the annual Homecoming game.

With the victory, the Vikings improved their record to 5-1.

"We knew we were better

than these guys both physically and mentally on the field, and we showed that today," quarterback Scott Mitchell said.

Western's first drive ended when the Mustangs recovered a Giorgio Usai fumbled.

Western's defense came up big as Lance Gustafson sacked the Mustangs' quarterback Coby Crouch, forcing a punt.

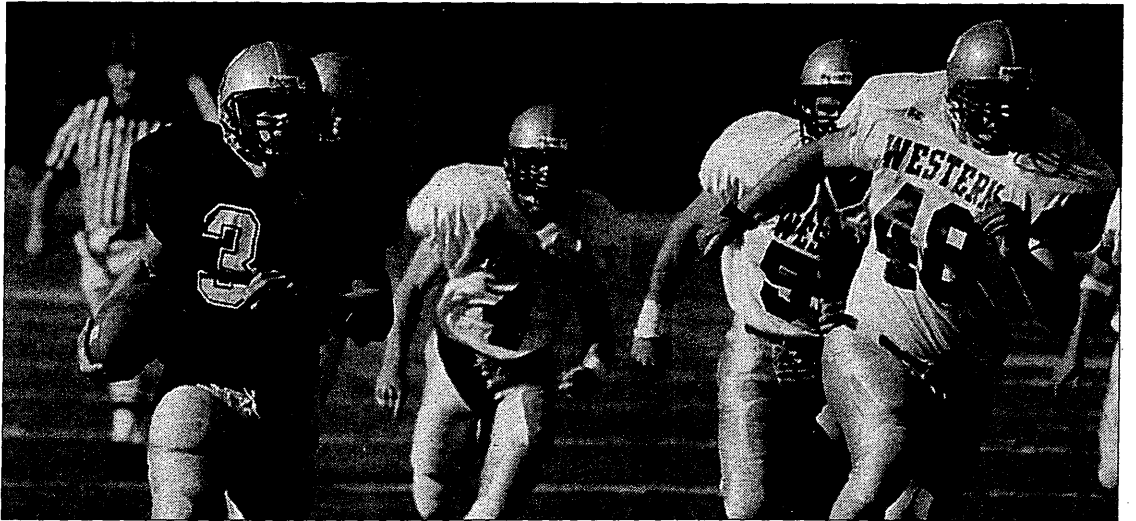
Erik Totten returned the punt to the Western 29. Three plays later, Mitchell connected with Greg Dykstra on a 71-yard touchdown pass.

"We had a sluggish start, but picked things up," offensive run coordinator Scott Hodgkinson said. "It was good to see us continue to get better, as we've done each week."

Western stopped Western New Mexico's next drive in five plays. Totten returned the punt 41 yards.

The Mustang defense held and Western had to settle for a 43-yard field goal.

The Vikes scored two more touchdowns in the second quarter, first on Mitchell's eight-yard run and then on



Photos by Daniel J. Peters/The Western Front

Leading the pack: Erik Totten blows by Western New Mexico for a 49 yard punt return. The return allowed Totten to break Western's record for single season punt return yards.

Sean Ryan's five-yard touchdown reception.

On the reception, Ryan tore his anterior cruciate ligament. Recovery time is estimated between three weeks to a year, depending on how serious the injury is.

Western's defense continued to shut the Mustangs out, helped by Andy Linscott's interception and Dan Ball's

forced fumble in the second quarter.

The second half began with Totten setting up the first Viking score by returning a punt 49 yards, leading to a five-yard touchdown pass from Mitchell to Dykstra.

Totten's punt return put him in Western's record book as he passed the single season punt return yardage record for both

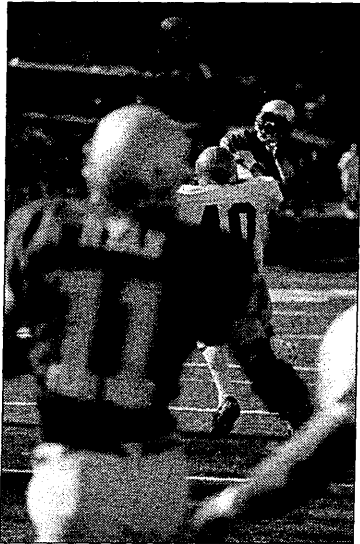
a single game and for a season in the season's sixth game.

Following Dykstra's touchdown catch, the Vikings recovered an on-side kick.

Six plays later, they reached the end zone again on Mitchell's 13-yard pass to Nate Kuhns.

The Vikings scored twice more in the half, on R.J. Del

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Scott Mitchell hits Sean Ryan for a touchdown.

Western strikers shut down Evergreen State

By Ivory Firsching
THE WESTERN FRONT

Western's women's soccer team mowed down Evergreen State 5-0 Sunday at Viking Field.

Tension was high as both

teams played aggressively.

"I didn't expect Evergreen would be so chippy," head coach Derrek Falor said. "We played around it pretty well."

Western sprang from the gate with a scoring opportunity less

than two minutes into the game. Forward Taryn Maurer scored in the eighth minute of play, with an assist by Suzanne Soine.

Western scored twice more in the first half, with Mary Wellnitz's and Soine's footwork.

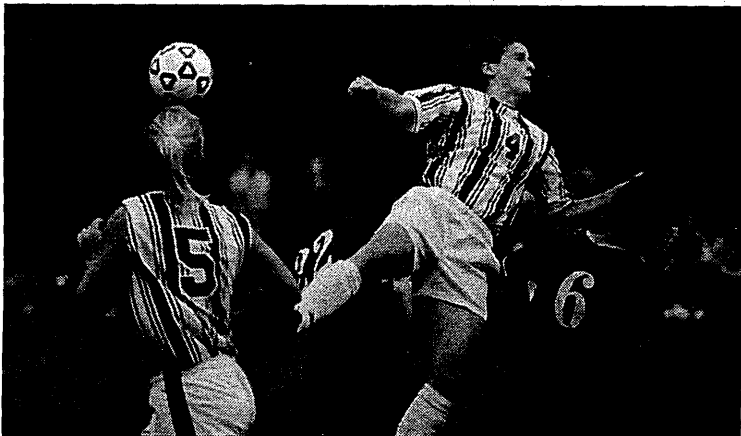
Wellnitz's goal was her first this season. Maurer and sophomore Kristen Whitlock made assists, respectively.

"It was good to have a game where we could work out some of our kinks," Wellnitz said.

Western continued to dominate scoring twice in the first 10 minutes of the second half.

A penalty kick by midfielder Christine Avakian went just left of Evergreen's block attempt and

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Defender Leslie Strauss went up strong but came down hard, injuring herself in the Vikings' 5-0 win.

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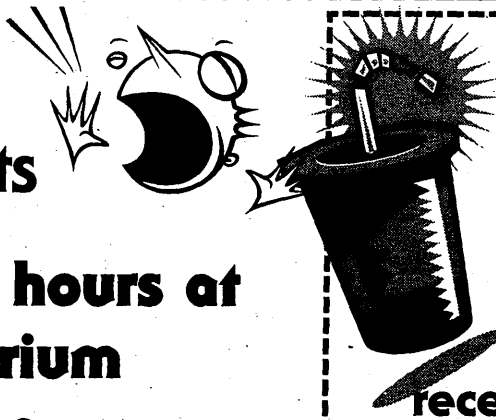
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Viking runners outpace competition

Western men take invite crown, women take fourth place

By Jeremy Gibson
THE WESTERN FRONT

The Western men's cross country team placed first overall at the Viking Invitational cross country meet on Saturday.

The women placed fourth in the race, which took place at Lake Padden Park.

The race consisted of a 10-kilometer run for the men and a six-kilometer race for the women.

"As a team, we easily won the competition," head coach Bill Roe said. "I'm very happy on the men's side, and the women ran a lot better as well; both ways we've improved."

Junior Zach Boteilho led the Viking men, finishing fifth, with a time of 33:46.

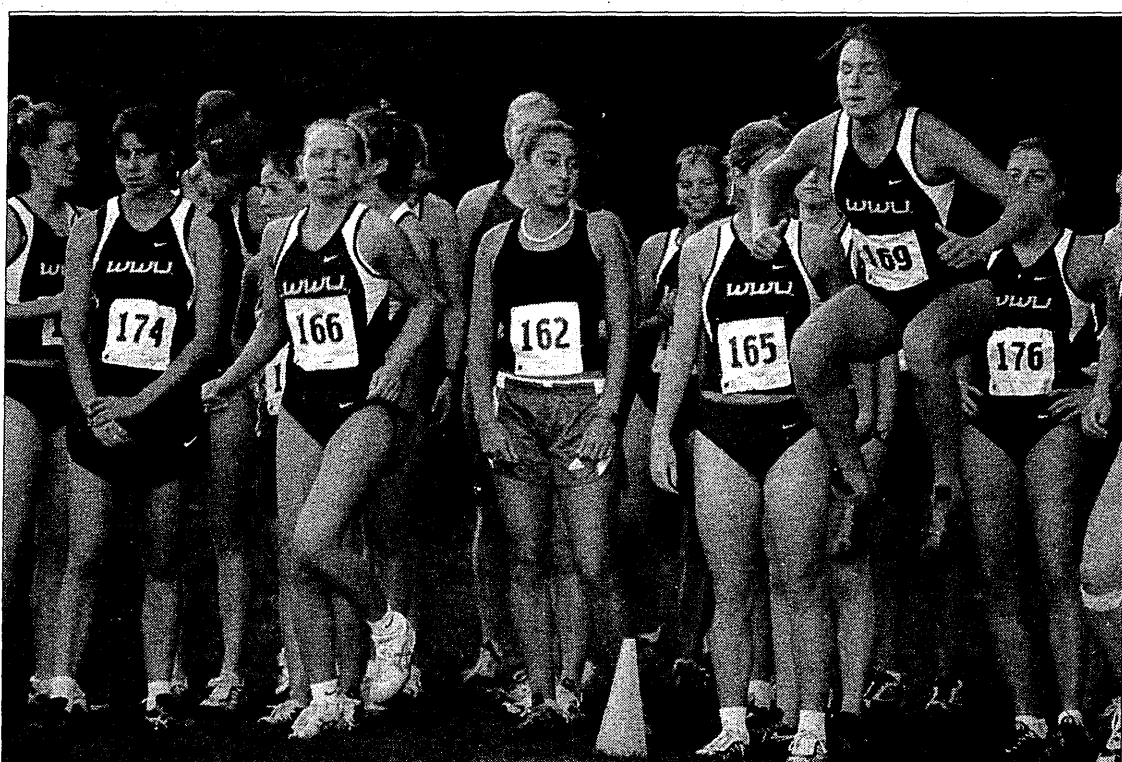
"It was a good team performance," Boteilho said. "Everyone ran a good pace."

Valley Royal Track Club's Peter Cardle won the race, smashing the course in 31:53.

Western's Karl Meller finished eighth with a time of 34:25, and Martin Ranney placed 11th with a time of 34:26.

Club Northwest's Shelley Smathers won the women's race, finishing in 21:48.

Western's top finisher, Megan



Clancy, finished at 23:48.

"I felt really good," Clancy said. "My time just didn't reflect it today."

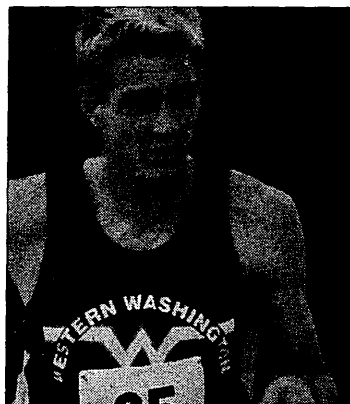
"It was a good day for us," coach Kelven "Pee Wee" Halsell said. "The men were excellent and the women were fourth, but it was a good fourth against three quality teams."

The teams' next race will be the Fort Casey Challenge, a four-mile race set for 10:30 a.m. Saturday against Seattle Pacific University.

Photos by Daniel J. Peters/The Western Front

Western senior Megan Clancy (above) gets a jump on the competition at the Viking Invitational cross country meet, Saturday.

Matt Vincent (right) pushes it out as he rounds the "tear drop" and begins to climb toward the finish line.



'Solid gaming' gives Vikes win

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erupted into the net, scoring the fourth goal of the game.

Avakian also scored Western's final goal four minutes later.

Western defender Leslie Strauss was injured during the first half, suffering a separated shoulder after colliding with an Evergreen player.

Falor said Strauss will rest two or three days, but should be able to play in Saturday's game against Seattle University.

"It's a little touch-and-go for now," Falor said.

Falor said it would be nice if the momentum from this game extended through the week and into Saturday's game.

"(We had) nice, solid gaming in the first 60 to 70 minutes," Falor said. "It's nice to get ourselves back in the win column."

Western plays 1 p.m. Saturday at league-leading Seattle University.

SU beat Western 1-0 at their last meeting.

All interested baseball players

An information meeting will take place at 7 p.m. today in Carver Gym 109.

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Netters sweep weekend set, still top in league

By Jessica Keller
THE WESTERN FRONT

Western's volleyball team swept Montana State University-Billings Friday night and Western New Mexico University Saturday in two conference matches.

The Vikings' record improved to 15-5 overall and 8-0 in the PacWest Western Division.

On Friday, the Vikings took an 11-2 lead in the opening game, fighting a six-point MSU surge to win 15-10.

"That was just a string of points we wound up giving them," coach Diane Flick said.

The Vikings took a quick lead in the second game, but the Yellowjackets kept the score close, exchanging possession of the ball 18 times before Western scored the next point. Western won the second game 15-11.

The Yellowjackets took a 2-1 lead at the beginning of the third game, their only lead of the evening. The Vikings soon recovered the lead, winning 15-11.

Flick said part of Western's performance Friday night was mental preparation.

"We just didn't quite get our engine started this evening," Flick said. "It took us awhile to get going."

Outside hitter Nicola Parker said maintaining a high energy level was part of the Vikings' trouble Friday night.

"There's always room for improvement, and I think we had room for a lot tonight," Parker said.

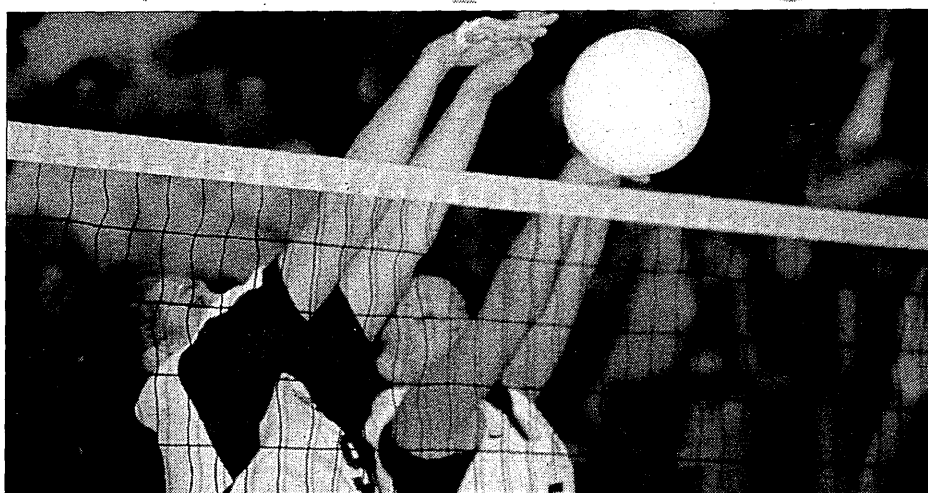
Saturday night the Vikings played Western New Mexico.

The Vikings and Mustangs tied the first game at eight points before the Mustangs took a 9-8 lead, their only lead of the evening. The Vikings won 15-9.

Western dominated the second game, winning 15-5 with the help of four service aces by outside hitter Donja Walker.

The Vikings also controlled the third game by scoring five straight points, winning 15-9.

Walker, who served six aces in the first two games, said she thought the Vikings played well Saturday night.



Daniel J. Peters/The Western Front

Michelle Parker and Shannon Rowland combine for a block. Western swept both the Yellowjackets and the Mustangs last weekend.

"We controlled the ball real well tonight, Walker said. "They threw a lot of slop over to us and we took care of it."

Setter Jill Dean said she thought the team played well because players made an

effort to hit every ball, even if they missed.

"The team played great tonight, the team hustled," Dean said. "Last night was a win and we'll take it, but tonight was a win we earned."

Kickers back on track after three-game skid

By Jeremy Gibson
THE WESTERN FRONT

Western's men's soccer team broke a three-game losing streak, beating Brigham Young University-Hawaii 3-2 Saturday at Civic Stadium.

Midfielder Sean Standley scored the game-winning goal 14 minutes into overtime.

The game was scoreless at half-time, but Western started the second half strong, with Standley scoring two goals in a span of 43 seconds.

"I thought the team played very well," Standley said.

The Seasiders made a strong comeback late in the second half, scoring two goals with four minutes left in the game.

"We played well until the last 15 minutes," Western coach Todd Stauber said. "We are having a problem playing as a team for the whole game, though."

Western's record improved to 7-5-0 overall and 2-1-0 in the PacWest Conference.

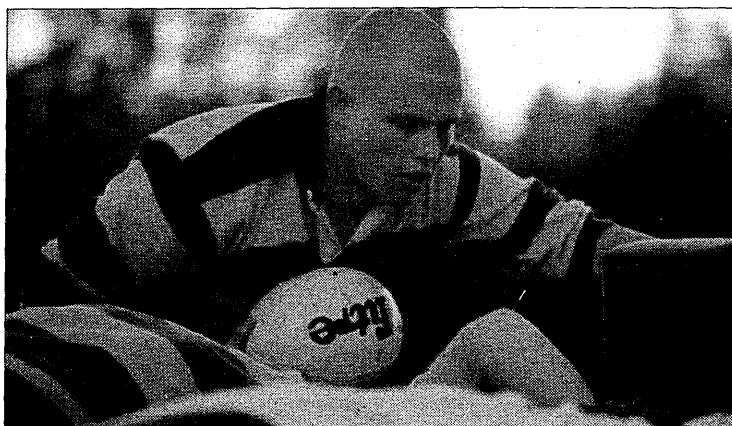


Angela D. Smith/The Western Front
Sean Standley's teammates congratulate his final goal.

Standley now has six goals on the season and 18 career goals, putting him fourth in the school's scoring history.

Western's next game is a non-league game 7 p.m. Wednesday at Simon Fraser University.

Ruggers fall in Canada



Daniel J. Peters/The Western Front

Alex McHuron makes other rugby guys get down and dirty in practice last week.

By James Lyon
THE WESTERN FRONT

The Western Warthogs, the men's rugby team, traveled to Rotary Stadium in Abbotsford, B.C. Saturday to play in a 15-team tournament. They lost three tough matches.

"It was a great learning experience," club president Alex McHuron said. "We played a lot of new players."

The Warthogs were the only

collegiate team in the tournament, which was filled with men's clubs from Canada.

This tournament served as a springboard for league play, which starts Oct. 21 against Washington State University in Pullman.

"We were just trying to get a feel for each other," flyhalf Jordan Kiesser said. "We threw a lot of new guys in to see what they got, and give them a sense of what rugby's all about."

Homecoming win comes easily for Western

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Mese's 71-yard pass to Kuhns and on Nyle Chamber's 13-yard rush.

The Mustangs did not score until the fourth quarter, on a 66-yard drive.

"I don't like to see anybody run the ball on us like they did in the second half, but it's hard to complain about a 49-to-7 win," head coach Rob Smith said. "We showed our character; we still went out, even with the mistakes, and dominated the football game. It was a good win."

The Vikings have a bye week and next will play at Western Oregon University.

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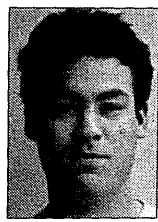
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American dependence on oil encourages war



Takuya Waters

COMMENTARY

Desert Storm was a nice name for a dumb war.

Power tripper, former head of the CIA and oil tycoon George Bush and his advisors thought it would be great to free Kuwait after Saddam Hussein took control of it.

It was Bush's public relations dream. After a quick and effective destruction of Iraq's infrastructure and military force, he could once and for all rid himself of his "wimp" nickname.

He could reinstate America as the supreme super-power on Earth by showing the world and our taxpayers how bad-ass our military really is.

Last and most importantly, he could keep American oil companies operating in the Middle East without threat from Hussein.

If Americans did not have interest in Middle Eastern oil, Desert Storm would never have happened. The Iraqi invasion of Kuwait would not have been a big enough concern to launch a full-scale offensive.

Similar to Hussein, Serbian leader Slobodan Milosevic led

the Serbians into war. The American press gave the story tons of publicity because of the atrocious "ethnic cleansing" Milosevic condoned.

Since the region produces no export that America buys enough of to justify fighting a big war, America did not launch a military campaign with a clever name. It just bombed the country a couple times to keep NATO happy.

When it was clear America was winning Desert Storm, Hussein set his oil fields on fire. If he couldn't keep the oil, he wasn't going to give it to the United States.

Eventually our military put out the fires and gained control of the oil fields. The Iraqi no-fly zone is above those same oil fields. This means Iraqi planes can't even fly over southern Iraq; they can't fly over the oil fields they set on fire.

Oil powers American cars. Driving down the highway in a gasoline-powered engine is fun, but an engine with the same capabilities exists without the gas. Toyota and Honda finally made production cars that run on both electricity and gas.

Oil heats many American houses. Clinton's ordered release of the oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve

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LETTERS

A sample of reader opinions

Letters to the editor must not exceed 250 words. Bring them to College Hall 09 or send via e-mail to wfront@cc.wvu.edu.

The Front reserves the right to edit for length, style and libel.

Men speak out against Yahoo ad, sexism

"Stoney — get over here quick. She's about to take her top off — Bob"

In echo of Briana Herman-Brand: Everything about this ad for the Yahoo Messenger that appeared in The Western Front's Sept. 25 edition is in "poor taste." It begins with our two "Yahoo characters" engaged in watching a "she" who immediately becomes treated as a sexual object. I have found this social behavior to result in much hurt and anger amongst female friends.

Expressions like "Why should I be constantly looked up and down between classes in a sexual evaluation of my worth as a person?" quickly come to mind.

It's simply obscene to give someone the impression that her value is in the form of sex. I cringe at the thought of my sister being perceived only as a sexual object, and I'm saddened

to realize that incoming freshmen are seeing this very idea validated in The Western Front.

"We are all hurt by injustice!" As a Western man I am constantly reminded of this statement. Nightly, a woman will quickly cross to the other side of the street to avoid me out of (what I have been told) a valid fear that she may become a target of men's sexual objectification turning violent. Being male allies, we have the fortunate power to help women end this form of sexism by holding ourselves and others accountable for our/their actions and behaviors. However, by letting sexism go uncriticized we allow it to proliferate into a norm of society.

Daniel Grover
Western student

I am another man on this campus disgusted with the Yahoo ad in your Welcome Back edition. Your ad manager said "that's how society is." Yes, society is like that, but you and I have the power to change that.

Ask the women who work for The Front how the ad makes them feel. Ask your female friends the same question. Some women I have spoken to say it didn't bother them. Others say it's unfortunate but feel like they're powerless to do anything about it. Still others are deeply hurt that they're "welcomed back" to Western with an image that makes light

of a very serious problem.

I am also disappointed in your decision to accept the ad because it is another portrayal of men as sex-obsessed.

Just as women have far greater value on this campus and in our lives than as objects of our sexual desire, men have the potential to be much more than ignorant, emotionless, sex-crazed fools.

Every day, we have the power to make a difference, to make this campus safer and more welcoming for everyone. Change happens when we take responsibility for our actions, when we fulfill our potential to care and when we refuse to accept money from companies who promote their products at the expense of the well-being of people.

Brian Pahl
Men's Violence Prevention Coordinator, Prevention and Wellness Services

I want to support Briana Herman-Brand's response to the Yahoo ad The Front chose to include in the Sept. 25 edition. I think her assessment was right on the money. Yahoo is marketing their products at the expense of women.

Their ad directly implied there were at least two men getting together to watch a woman undress. How many more messages did this guy send? And why is it so important, as the ad suggested, that no one else read it? What exact-

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The Institutional Master Plan Advisory Committee announces the following in regards to Western Washington University's Draft Institutional Master Plan.

- The release of the 9/15/00 Institutional Master Plan Advisory Committee's (IMPAC) *Draft Report and Recommendations on the Institutional Master Plan*. Hard copies are available for review at Wilson Library, the Bellingham Public Library, and the Planning, Facilities & Operations Office.
- A new Institutional Master Plan home page with information and a comment submittal form at: www.wvu.edu/imp
- In addition to meetings held by various on-campus governance groups (A.S. Board, EPSO, Faculty Senate, SEC), two meetings presenting the IMPAC's *Draft Report and Recommendations* to the general public will be held on the following dates and places:

Friday, October 13th
12:00 noon - 1:00 pm
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Monday, October 23rd
6:30 - 7:30 pm
Arntzen Hall 100

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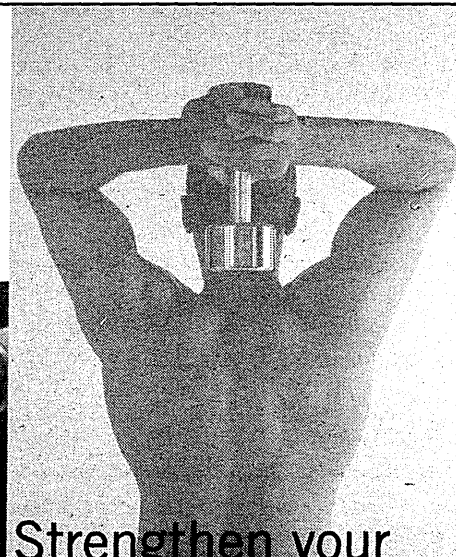
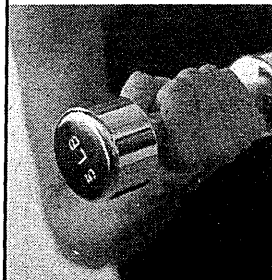
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Frontline

Yahoo pays to print an ad and gets desired result

This is not a retraction. Yahoo!, the popular search engine, e-mail and "messenger" company, paid The Western Front some money to print an ad insert in the Welcome Back edition. This ad degraded women, or so the authors of recent letters to the editor say, because it suggested they are merely objects of sexuality.

Fair enough. Advertising does not always please its viewers, and the advertisement in question was meant to shock, offend and be remembered. It is not positive, inclusive or empowering in any way. It alienated half of this campus, but it made a few others laugh. And everyone paid attention.

If this ad were on television or radio, would it have caused such a stir? Would people stop watching their "Must-See TV" if NBC aired an equivalent commercial? Not likely.

Advertising bounces from station to station, magazine to magazine, paper to paper. It's safe to assume The Western Front was not the only student publication in America to print the now-infamous "she's taking her top off" ad.

But The Front sure is getting a lot of attention. Did anyone write to Yahoo? Has anyone hunted down the agency who conceived this ad?

The Front and its editorial staff did not run this ad or even know of its existence until the paper was in the hands of the community.

The advertising department thought it would be a good idea if Western had a newspaper and was able to fund it by printing "advertisements" in said newspaper.

Advertising, whether it offends or enthralls, works. Yahoo is still going strong, probably stronger than before thanks to this over-exposure. Western students still use the many services Yahoo provides.

This does not mean The Front supports or condones an ad that degrades women. Most of the women and men on the staff reflected the feelings of the campus: some didn't like it, some thought it was funny, others didn't really care.

And the root of the problem is apathy. An advertising department representative was quoted as saying "that's how society is." It's a poor excuse — but with truth behind it.

Like it or not, Yahoo reached an audience, possibly in the minority, who actually enjoyed its debauchery.

"That's how society is."

Advertising will continue. People will have problems with it. When this instance is long forgotten, something else will come by and evoke controversy.

Choose to give a damn. Burn copies of the advertisement. Work to end sexism. And hell yeah, write letters to The Front.

But don't kill the messenger. Especially if she (and he) is on your side.

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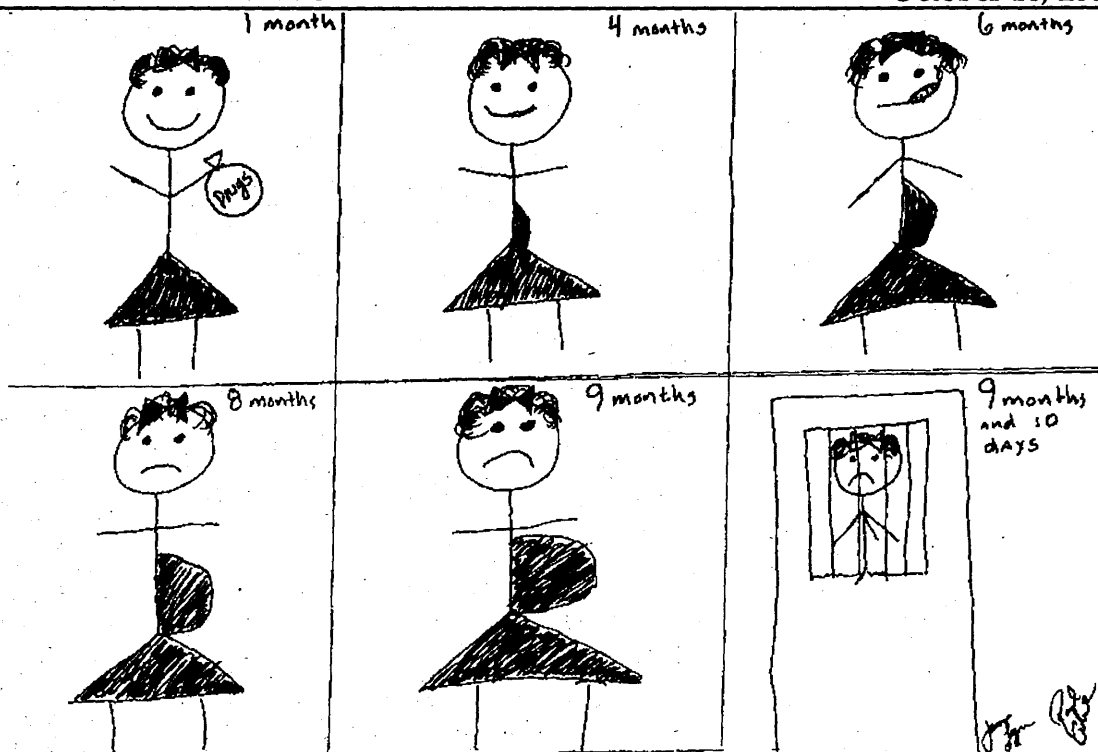
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And we quote:

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Palestinian mourners, shouting after the burial of two Arab youths shot before the Israeli ultimatum to end violence between the countries.
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Narc physicians violate pregnant patients' trust



Nazkhatoon
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COMMENTARY

By law, should a fetus be considered a child?

The case of Ferguson vs. City of Charleston was presented to the U.S. Supreme Court Wednesday and a decision is now pending. The case involves 10 women suing the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC).

The women, while hospitalized for prenatal care 10 years ago, were given drug tests under suspicion of the hospital staff. When their urine showed traces of illegal drugs, their test results were turned over to the police, who then arrested and jailed the women.

Levern Edwards, one of 30 women arrested and one of the 10 suing, said she was arrested right after giving birth to her

"MUSC's arrest policy took effect in October 1989, perhaps to strike the fear of God in any pregnant women and in a poor attempt to eliminate all drug use."

son, according to The State, a South Carolina newspaper.

"I didn't even see him until he was, like, eight weeks old," Edwards said.

This happened because South Carolina is the only state that considers a fetus to be a child and protects it under child abuse laws.

Is this justice?

Defining a fetus to be a living human being and protecting it under child abuse laws is ridiculously absurd. This puts the rights of an unborn fetus before those of a woman carrying it.

Such laws are a step in the

wrong direction, a small step toward taking away a woman's right to choose.

According to The Newbury House Dictionary, a fetus is the developed embryo in a human or other mammal. Newbury House defines a child to be a young human being between the stages of birth and puberty.

Perhaps a pregnant woman exposed to nicotine smoke should be arrested because the smoke could potentially harm her fetus. Would smoking around a pregnant woman be considered child abuse? Perhaps maternity clothes with "no smoking" signs on them would be a good idea.

Better yet, pregnant women could be put under close supervision of a state employee for nine months. This way, they would have no chance of screwing up.

Then again, maybe the state's money and employees' time would be better invested in helping and protecting South Carolina's currently living,

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Late-night dementia making newsroom sexually ambivalent



Lisa
Curdy

CURD'S WAY

A friend of mine and I were pondering the oddity of sexual tension and relations over chilies rellenos and fajitas the other night.

Why is it, we thought, the guys we work with call us by our last names?

It began at the beginning of the quarter. As time has progressed, the male-female relationship that all males and females have been replaced by a eunuch lifestyle.

Curdy. That's me. Hey, Curd, Curdster, Curdarino, that's what they say. I am a nameless, sexless being who governs over our newsroom.

As if this wasn't enough of a blow to my strong sense of feminine sexuality, the males take it one step further, perhaps as a welcome to this new realm of non-sexuality.

At about 3 a.m., all hell breaks loose. Strange noises from some males' nether-regions are expelled as if ladies were not in the room.

But we are, alas, as if only nameless, sexless beings.

As the boys' aromatic arses emit noisy SOSs to the other males around them (to me, it's like a wolf calling to his pack), I realize: There is a boundary, perhaps a tension, that must be released when you work in such close quarters.

Using first names is too personal — could I even say too sexual? So remove those titles full of our femaleness. Goodbye, curvacious and witty Lisa Marie.

Hello, amoeba Curd.

Turning an office of co-workers into just a collection of heated bodies may be necessary in the making of a successful newsroom.

I harken back to yesteryear, when people — but not me — at my community college newsroom took turns with each other, as if we were a brothel instead of the creator of a fine publication.

And I begin to understand ... removing my name removes my appeal as a woman, a shiny-haired, good-smelling, cute-looking girl.

So, if only for the peace of the newsroom and the fact that the world is overpopulated, I welcome the use of my last name as a viable alternative in addressing me.

Curdy. Kind of like old milk. I can get used to that — I just hope the newsroom boys don't go vegan.

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breathing children.

Whatever happened to patient confidentiality? Were the women illegally searched without a warrant when their urine was tested for drugs?

According to The State, yes, they were illegally searched.

The hospital clearly acted against the Fourth Amendment by releasing the patients' confidential test results to the police and having the women arrested.

According to The State, MUSC insisted the arrests were a "special needs exception" to the Fourth Amendment. Is the ACLU involved in this one?

MUSC's arrest policy took effect in October 1989, perhaps to strike the fear of God in any pregnant women and in a poor attempt to eliminate all drug use. Unfortunately, the most likely scenario was the "evil", drug-using, pregnant women who knew about the policy abstained from seeking prenatal care, thus harming themselves and their babies. That in itself could be considered child abuse under South Carolina law. A better approach to eliminate high

numbers of pregnant drug users would have been using the money it cost to rehabilitate them in a positive way instead, by helping them overcome their addictions.

Could this happen at Western? Are Western students safe when they visit the Student Health Center, or could their medical records be turned over to the University Police?

The Revised Code of Washington states: "all information and records compiled, obtained or maintained in the course of providing services to either voluntary or involuntary recipients of services at public or private agencies shall be confidential". In other words, thankfully, this could not happen to Western students because it is against Washington state law.

Though South Carolina may seem like a far-off land, this case should not escape anyone's mind. If the U.S. Supreme Court rules in favor of the city of Charleston, this could happen anywhere — even in Washington state.

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made headlines. The Strategic Petroleum Reserve contains 571 million barrels. Clinton released 24.5 million barrels to keep the cost down for Americans heating their homes this winter. Under the contract, 31.56 million barrels will be returned between August and November 2001.

America is one of the biggest, if not the biggest, contributor of the world's greenhouse gas emissions. This seems silly for the richest and most technologically advanced country in the world.

If the U.S. government and corporate America had their priorities straight they would invest in developing alternative energy sources that would fuel American cars and heat American houses without the waste. Solar electric power is an alternative. Companies could still make a buck and reduce America's dependence on oil.

Or maybe fighting wars for oil is an American way of life.

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ly was going on? What sort of activity was Yahoo hoping to support with their software?

What is evident, both in Yahoo's ad and The Front's approval of it, is their belief that violence against women is acceptable and exploitable as a marketing tool. As a consumer, I will surely never use Yahoo's software. As a student, I am disgusted with The Front's lack of backbone. As a man, I am angry that people still directly or through silence perpetuate violence against my mother, my sisters, and the women of my community.

Colin Dietrich
Western Men Against Violence

Boy Scouts: have no right to an opinion

I wanted to reinforce how terrible and dangerous to society those evil "Boy Scouts of America" are, according to Kathryn Ellis' article. This disgusting male-oriented private 'hate club' of boys (of all

ages and backgrounds) requires them to actually be SO different as to stand for certain archaic values and morals! I investigated this private organization's fine print and revealed that they actually require new entrants to 'pledge' to be TRUSTWORTHY, FRIENDLY and COURTEOUS and to "respect those with ideas and customs that are different from [their] own!"

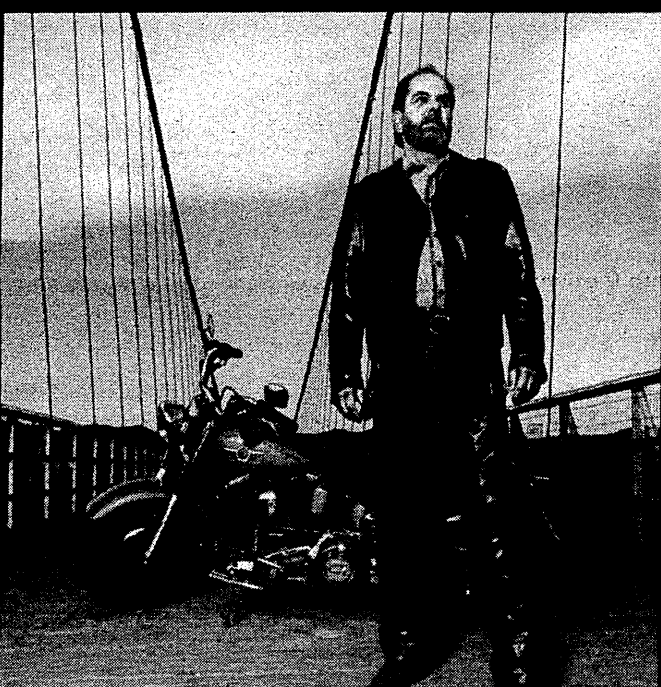
Additionally, each boy's 'LAW' requires him to "treat others as he would want to be treated!"

Most abhorrent of all is that they take an oath to "do their duty to God and their country ... to help other people at all times; and to keep themselves physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight!"

They actually have the GALL to support their own personal moral values. Who do they think they are! How DARE they have their own opinions, this is America!

Please, we must cut them off at the knees before they ruin our country! I want blood! (Vote Gore!)

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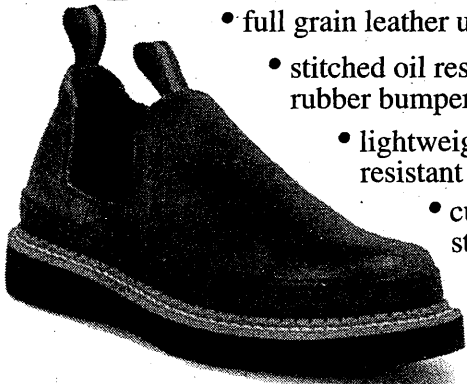
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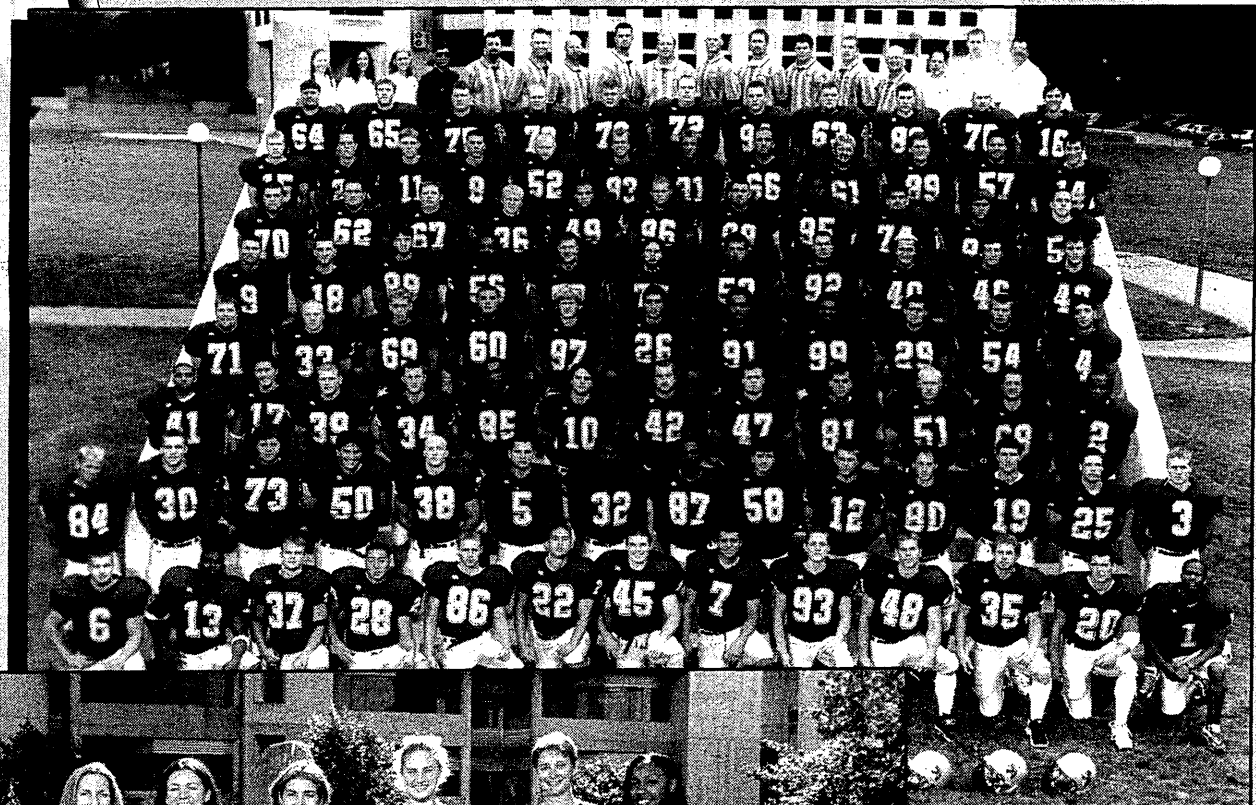
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'Size is very overrated in football'

Giorgio Usai led the Vikings to the playoffs last year and wants to return

By James Cassill
THE WESTERN FRONT

No hard feelings, just hard running.

That's the attitude senior tailback Giorgio Usai, anchor of the Viking offense, takes onto the football field. Last year, Usai solidified Western's running attack, rushing for 864 yards.

"Having a quick, strong runner like Giorgio really opens up our passing game," wide receiver Greg Dykstra said.

Twice rejected by Western recruiters, Usai is showing opponents why he might be one of the region's best-kept secrets.

He holds the record for the second-highest single-season yardage total in college football history, 2,473 yards at Yuba College in California.

Western did not recruit him out of Spokane's Central Valley High School, where he won the Class AAA state rushing title, because he was too small.

"Size is very overrated in football," Usai said. "Size doesn't show how physical you are or how big of a punch you pack."

Five feet eight inches tall and 185 pounds is not bull-doing size, but Usai's numbers need only speak for themselves.

Usai caught Western's eye with four 300-yard rushing games, seven 200-yard rushing games, 14 consecutive 100-yard games for his 2,473 yards two seasons ago at Yuba.

Usai's total is second only to

the 2,628 yards Oklahoma State and NFL great Barry Sanders netted in 1988.

"I still remember one coach flat-out told me, 'You're too small to play here; you'll just get hurt. That's why we're not recruiting you,'" Usai said.

When his first choice passed on him, he chose to walk on at the University of Idaho.

He redshirted at Idaho, but left after one semester, after realizing his playing time would be limited.

He attended a quarter at Spokane Community College before

packing his bags for the California junior college system, which is famous for producing football stars.

A torn hamstring ruined Usai's first season at Yuba. He played in only five games, but still managed an impressive 670 yards rushing.

After the season, Usai was interested in transferring to Western, but the coaching staff stopped returning his calls — he was rejected a second time.

Intent on a breakout year, Usai and his teammates led Yuba to its first winning season in 14 years.

Usai started getting national



Daniel J. Peters/The Western Front

Giorgio Usai awaits his turn to lead a Viking drive in Saturday's homecoming game.

recruiting attention from a number of schools, including Western.

Usai said being overlooked, fighting criticism and battling injury is what kept him burning inside.

"I get sick to my stomach when I see people just give up," Usai said. "Accomplishments in general make me feel good and keep

me going.

"There is always something driving me, and when football is over I will have to find a way to fill that void," Usai said.

He is uncertain of his future plans, but said he is inspired to work with kids and coach football.

"He is a hard worker in everything he does, both on and off the field," said R.J. Del Mese, a longtime friend and teammate.

"When the team is tired or losing focus, you can always count on him for a tough five-yard run that suddenly energizes everyone," Del Mese said. "He is special."

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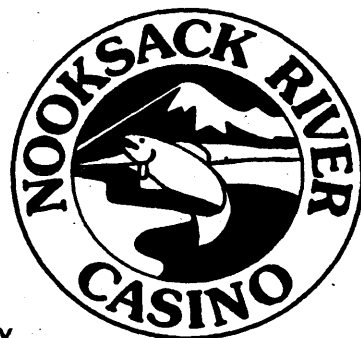
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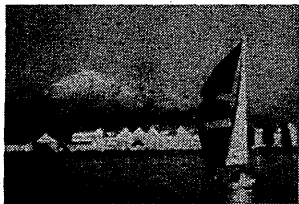
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Sibling revelry

Sisters Michelle and Nicola Parker make competition take notice — and have fun along the way

By Christina Schrum
THE WESTERN FRONT

With their long brown hair, blue eyes and friendly dispositions, Michelle and Nicola Parker look like average Western students.

But when these two sisters step onto the volleyball court,

numerous academic and athletic awards.

Michelle received the Most Inspirational award in almost every sport, while Nicola maintained a 4.0 grade point average and was South County Journal Student Athlete of the Year.

Senior Michelle, who stands 5 feet 11 inches, plays middle hitter and blocker, while 5 foot 9 inch freshman Nicola plays outside and opposite hitter for the Vikings.

Volleyball has always been a shared love for the two sisters.

While growing up they could be found in the back yard, hitting the ball back and forth to see how long they could rally.

The sisters said they hope this dedication will translate into a successful season.

"I think there's a lot of possibilities (for the team)," Michelle said. "Through the years there has been a lot of ups and downs.

"As people we find our motivation through different things such as the score, whether or not the coach is watching, what your teammates and parents think (and) those things are all up and down all the time and not constant."

Statistics show Michelle leads the way in blocks and kills for the Vikings, but "her attitude on the court makes her more of a leader than the statistics,"

Nicola said. "I admire her so much as a person. Her heart is made up of 100 percent love. She doesn't know how to hate."

"I love my sister being on the team," Michelle said. "She's probably my closest friend in the world."

"We get along so well and we get excited for each other and she's an awesome sister. I

'We get along so well and we get excited for each other and she's an awesome sister.'

Nicola Parker

Women's volleyball player

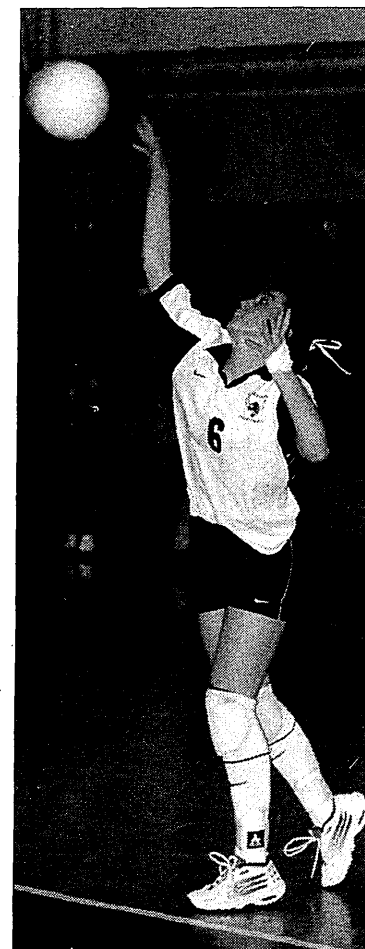
admire her intentions for the team," Nicola said. "We can be perfectly honest with each other where it doesn't hurt anybody's feelings and it's the same way on the court."

This summer Michelle had the opportunity to coach a two-week volleyball camp at the World's Volleyball Training Center in New York.

"My favorite part about camp was meeting people from all over the world," she said.

While making special friendships with some of the other coaches, she also gained connections in the volleyball circuit.

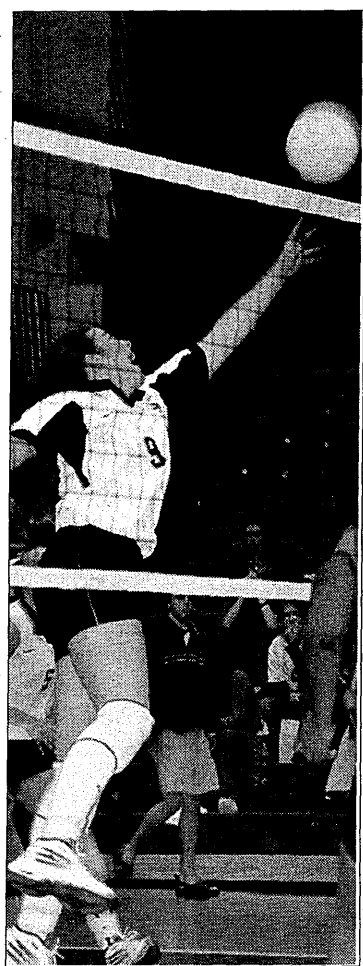
Starting the preseason with a shoulder injury, Michelle was afraid she wouldn't be able to



Daniel J. Peters/The Western Front
Nicola Parker serves up an ace in the third game Friday night against MSU-Billings.

finish the season.

"God has just totally blessed me this year with so many things," she said.



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Middle blocker Michelle Parker goes up for one against MSU-Billings.

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A 'game for everyone'

Disc golf takes Cornwall

By Scott A. Keys
THE WESTERN FRONT

Par. Bogie. Great lay. Nice drive. Sounds like a great golf game.

This one has a twist — it is played with discs.

Disc golf has been around for quite some time, gaining popularity in the early 1980's.

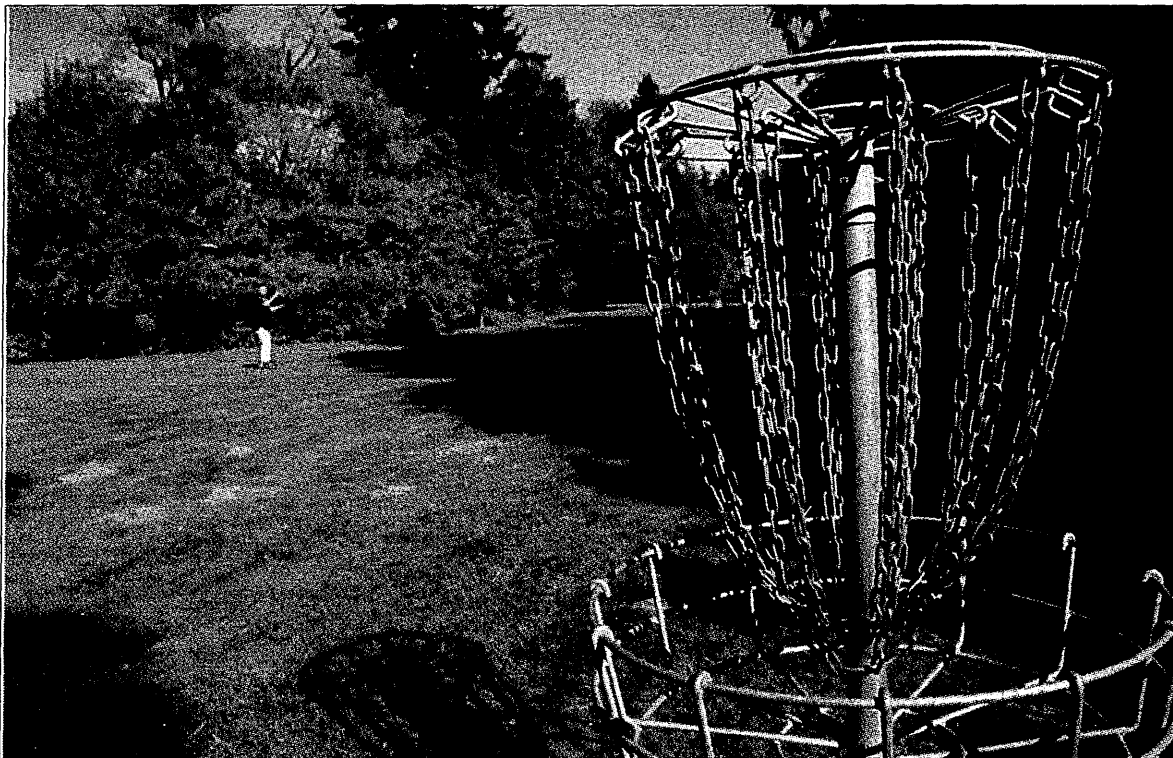
Disc golf can be played by a wide variety of people, a factor that contributed to its growth.

"Disc golf is a game for everyone," said Joe Guthrie, owner of Frank's Place, a local pawn shop and supplier of discs. "I've been at (Cornwall Park) and have seen college students having fun, as well as families pushing strollers while playing."

The object of disc golf is to get a disc into the basket, a four-foot metal piece that has a round metal cup halfway up the center post.

On top of the center post is another circular metal cup with metal chains attached to it to catch the disc.

Disc-golf courses are usually



in lush park areas.

Enjoying nature and being able to walk through well-maintained parks are other reasons for the growth of the sport.

"I started playing because I

love the outdoors," said Mike Flones, an avid disc golfer who placed third in the novice division at the Cornwall Classic tournament at Cornwall Park. "It is so beautiful. Also, it's free and fun."

Cost is another reason for the attraction and growth of disc golf. The disc-golf course at Cornwall Park is free.

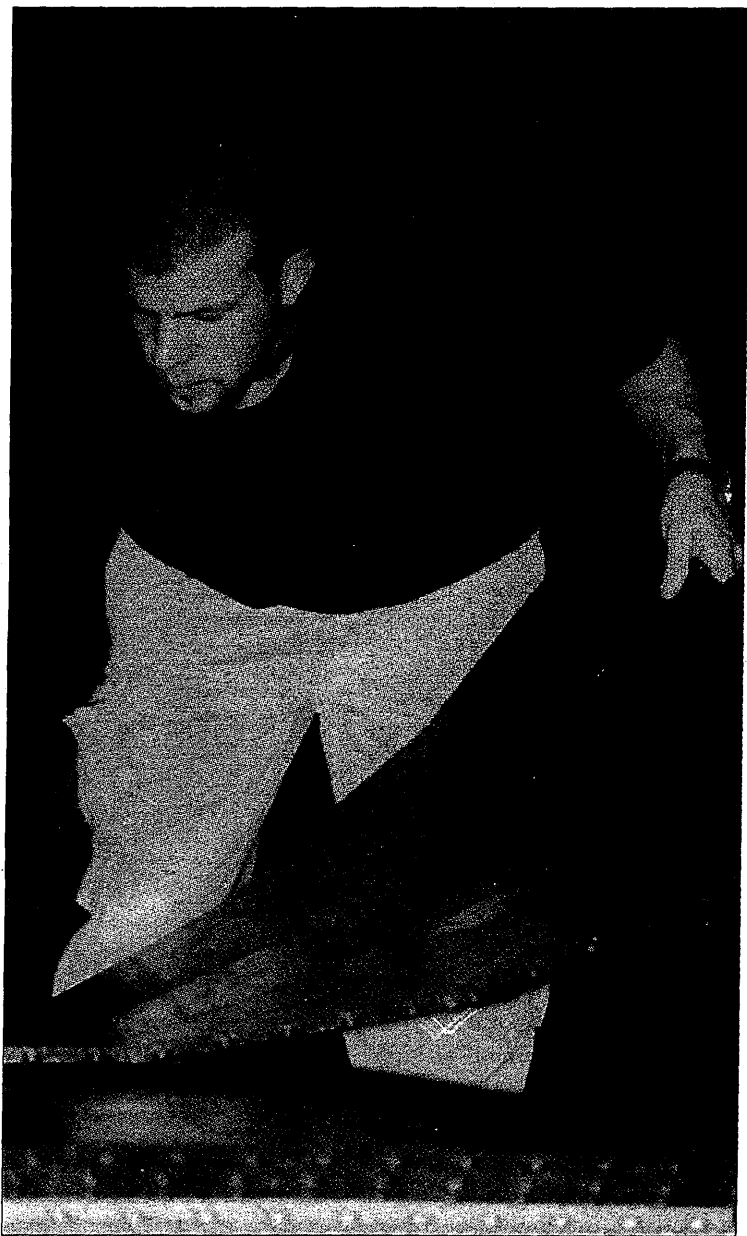
Doubles tournaments are put on by the Bellingham Disc Golf Club every Sunday at noon.

The \$2.50 entry fee goes directly to prizes, such as money, discs or disc golf equipment, like bags or markers.

There are two main types of discs: the driver for mid-to-long range shots, and a putter for

Photos by Angela D. Smith/
The Western Front

(Left) Jeremy Peterson tosses one in to make par on the third hole on a sunny, Saturday afternoon. Cornwall Park offers a nine-hole disc-golf course. Each par-three hole ranges in difficulty level, from a straight shot from the tee to hole hiding behind an obstacle of trees and overhanging branches. (Right) Whatcom student Nik Alexander uses his putter, going one over par on such a hole.



Photos by Daniel J. Peters/The Western Front
A member of the men's ice hockey team lays down the Sport Court before Friday night's volleyball game against MSU-Billings.

Takin' it to the court

Western netters receive new playing surface called Sport Court

By Christine Callan
THE WESTERN FRONT

Western's athletic department introduced the women's Division II volleyball team to its advanced and improved Sport Court surface on Sept. 28.

"I love it," Kim Formo said. "It brings pride to our team. No one else in our conference has it, so it's intimidating to other teams."

Head coach Diane Flick said Sport Court is better physically for the team, providing more cushion for ankles and knees.

"It is much nicer to dive and roll on," Flick said.

The Vikings are the first and only team in the PacWest conference to move on this innovative surface.

"After we defeated St. Martin's (on Sept. 29), their coach asked if she could take the floor home with her," Athletic Director Lynda Goodrich said.

"It is clear that the new technology has brought with it a lot of excitement and advantages for the players," she said.

Not only is it better physically for the joints, but it adds an element of intimidation because no one else in the conference has it.

"The athletic department has a great vision for where they want this program to go and a great determination to get there," Goodrich said. "It was

done in the spirit of Title IX."

Title IX deals with gender equality legislation and pro-

"The athletic department has a great vision for where they want this program to go and a great determination to get it there."

Lynda Goodrich
Western athletic director

vides equal funding for male and female athletes.

"If that was the only reason we did it, it's reason enough," Goodrich said. "It emphasizes

volleyball."

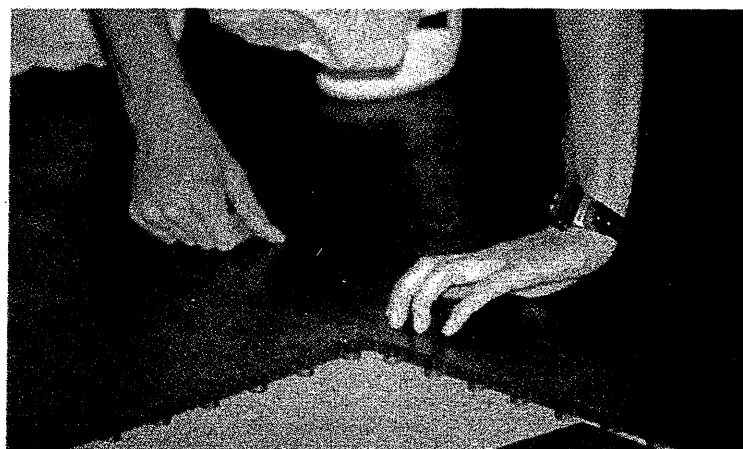
Instead of the traditional basketball lines, the royal blue surface has only volleyball lines, which makes it much easier for the fans to see.

The surface is extremely durable and also portable, so it is laid down on game day and removed afterward.

The men's ice hockey team sets up and tears down the surface as a fund-raising event for its sport, Goodrich said.

Overall, most players agree. Sport Court gives them an edge over other teams.

"I feel like I can jump higher," middle blocker Michelle Parker said. "I think it's a mental thing, but I'm going to keep on letting myself believe it."



The new volleyball surface must be inter-connected before each match.

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shorter shots.

The discs are made from a high-density, easy to grip plastic. Discs weigh from 140 to

175 grams and some specialized discs can weigh 200 grams.

Numerous companies manufacture discs such as Innova and XL. They make a wide variety of discs from ultra straight driver to huge curving discs to discs that actually roll over.

Frank's Place also supplies free maps of the Cornwall disc

golf course.

The Cornwall course is similar to a golf course, including a tee box, a fairway and holes.

Cornwall is a par-three course, which means players are supposed to reach the hole in three throws.

The distances of the holes range from 167 feet to 263 feet.

"Every place was up north or 75 miles south," said Mike Carpenter, one of many contributors to get the official Cornwall course in. We all love to play and we wanted somewhere closer to play."

On Sept. 24th, the fourth Annual Cornwall Classic took place at Cornwall Park.

The tournament had five divisions: women's, novice, amateur, advanced and open.

The Bellingham Disc Golf Club awarded prizes for the top finisher in each class, ranging from money to t-shirts.

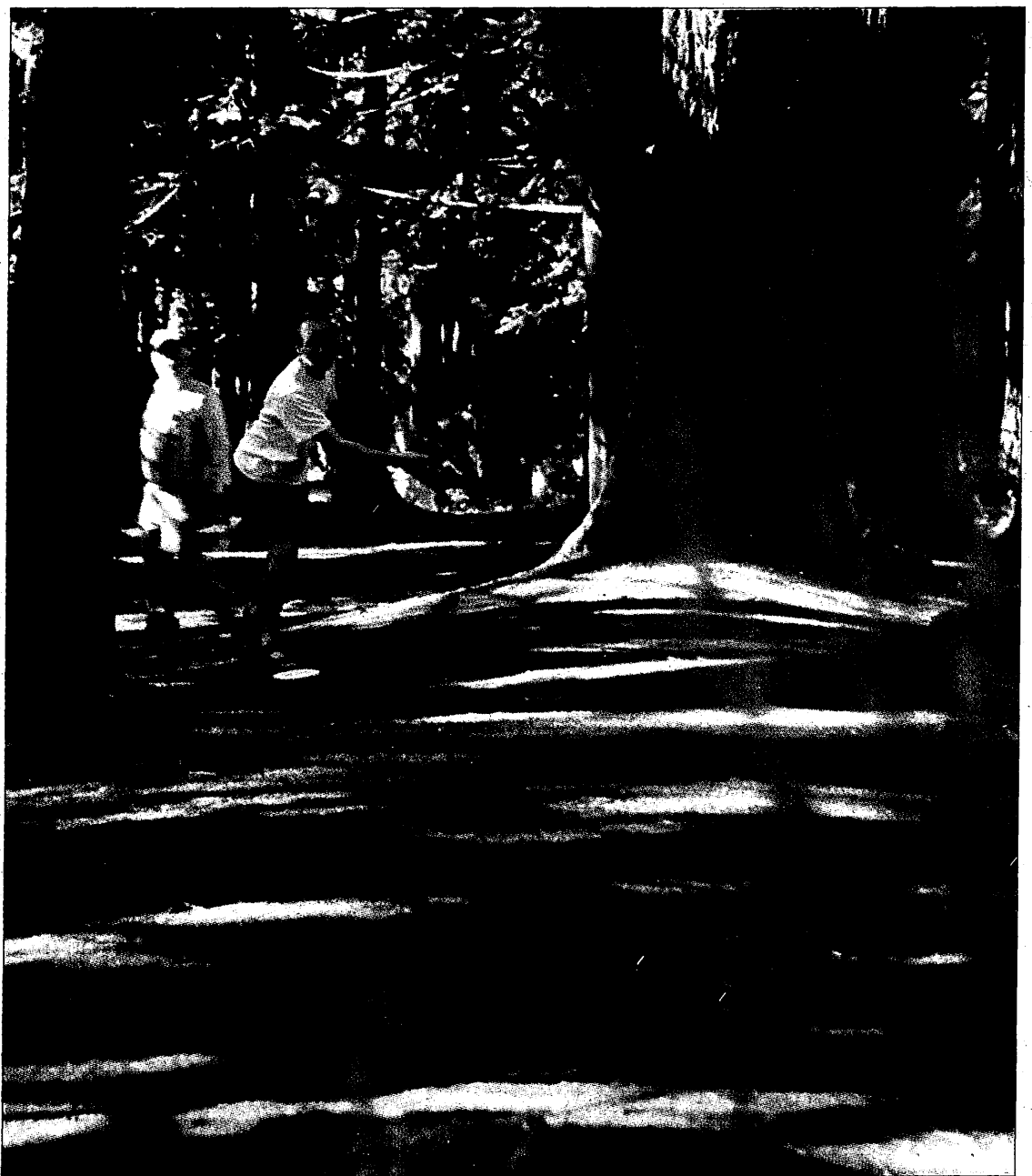
Most players agree the prizes are secondary to the fun they have playing disc golf.

"Disc golf is a gas," said Jeff Margolis, owner of Everbody's Store and one of the sponsors of the Cornwall tournament. "

'Disc golf is a game for everyone. I've been at (Cornwall Park) and have seen college students having fun, as well as families pushing strollers while playing.'

Joe Guthrie

Owner of Frank's Place



Making time to succeed

Rugger Jordan Kiesser looks to lead the Warthogs while trying to stay busy

By Kathryn Ellis

THE WESTERN FRONT

Rugby's popularity is surging across the nation. As vice president of the rugby club and one of Western's most promising returning players, Jordan Kiesser is in the middle of that wave.

Kiesser's rugby career began four years ago, when he was a

junior at Handsworth High School in Vancouver, B.C.

"In high school, I played football, soccer and rugby," Kiesser said. "Rugby is a lot of fun to play. You must pay attention at all times because it is very strategic. The physical aspect is also very fun."

On a rugby team, 15 players are on the field during play — eight forwards and seven backs.

Kiesser plays a position called flyhalf. He is in charge of the backs and calls the plays.

With an 18-credit load and rugby practice, Kiesser doesn't find much time to do much else.

When he has spare time, he said, he enjoys mountain biking, hiking, camping and working on cars.

"I have a 1962 Thunderbird that I work on whenever I have time," Kiesser said.

Kiesser, a sophomore, was born in Los Angeles and moved to Vancouver, B.C. when he was 14. He completed high school in Canada.

"I chose Western for the engineering department and because of its size," Kiesser said.

The middle child of three, Kiesser has sports in his blood.

His grandfather played and coached football and track at



Andrew Linth/The Western Front

Flyhalf Jordan Kiesser and his fellow Warthogs engage in a scrum during Saturday's tournament. Kiesser said one of his favorite parts of rugby is the physical play.

the University of Southern California.

Kiesser lived in the dormitories his first year of college, but decided off-campus living would suit him better this year and moved into a house with four other people. Living in his new house allows Kiesser to indulge his night-owl tendencies.

"I am definitely a night person," said Kiesser. "I usually get

a second wind around 9 p.m. and I don't function in the morning. It usually takes me a few hours to wake up."

Kiesser's sleeping habits would fit in well in his native city of Los Angeles, but this overachiever claims he likes the pace of life in Bellingham.

Kiesser said he is still not busy enough for his liking. If he can, he would like to add a job to

his activities.

Kiesser's teammates recognize his well-rounded attitude, and how he brings this level-headedness to the rugby field.

"Jordan is a great player because he is very athletic and very experienced," Alex Mchuron, the club's president, said. "He is a well-rounded player that excels in each part of the game."



Andrew Linth/The Western Front
Jordan Kiesser enjoys a break during play.

RUNNING FOR THE RECORD BOOKS

Modest runner Patrick Murphy is quietly making a huge impact

By Laura Mecca
THE WESTERN FRONT

It's hard to tell by talking with him that Patrick Murphy is a rookie with senior accomplishments on Western's cross country team.

His modest personality makes it tough to get the facts.

This five foot nine inch runner has no explanation for his speed and agility on the trails.

In his first college meet on Sept. 30, Murphy placed second on the team.

"The second meet I placed first, but a lot of the guys on the team weren't there," Murphy said.

He said his interest for running was piqued when he saw how much

fun his brothers and father had running.

"I guess it kind of rubbed off," Murphy said.

Murphy runs an average of 70 miles per week year-round. He began

'Being in that top group as a freshman is a good indicator in itself.'

"Pee Wee" Halsell
Head Cross Country Coach

running as a way to explore his home in Montana.

"It started out just as a way to get out and see the different trails we have in Montana," Murphy said.

Murphy said he began running for his high school team, Montana's state champions, when he was a sophomore.

"Patrick was a pleasant surprise to us," Western head cross country coach Kelvin "Pee Wee" Halsell said.

Murphy will be the only freshman running in the top seven spots on the team, Halsell said.

"He is showing some signs of being a good collegiate runner," Halsell said. "Being in that top group as a freshman is a good indicator in itself."

Halsell attributed Murphy's potential to his competitive drive.

"I am hoping that someday he'll work himself into an All-American as well as an academic All-American," Halsell said. "Patrick is a very well-rounded young man."

Murphy said his speed and training came in handy this summer when he worked near Glacier State Park.

"I ran into a lot of grizzlies this summer," Murphy said. "You stop and you freak out. You move back slowly and then when you get out, you run like hell!"



Daniel J. Peters/The Western Front
Patrick Murphy's youth and speed are assets to Western's cross country team.

Soccer star leads Vikes toward the playoffs

By Shelly McPherson
THE WESTERN FRONT

For a girl who grew up in Hawaii's sun and sand, Shaye Anderson has adapted nicely to Washington's rain and gray skies.

Born and raised in Kamuela, Hawaii, Anderson was recruited by Western last year from her hometown high school, Parker High.

This is her second year playing on the women's varsity soccer team.

Anderson grew up watching her older brother, Chris, a soccer goalie as well as hockey, and he took his sister under his wing and taught her the ways of goal-keeping.

With 55 saves under her belt this season, he must have done something right.

Anderson revealed her winning secret, something passed down to her by her brother: white socks. Anderson said she has to wear white socks, even though the team uniform calls for blue.

Soccer is a big part of Anderson's life, like a friend. When her career is done, when there is no more practice or running, no more injuries or celebrations, she said she will greatly miss it.

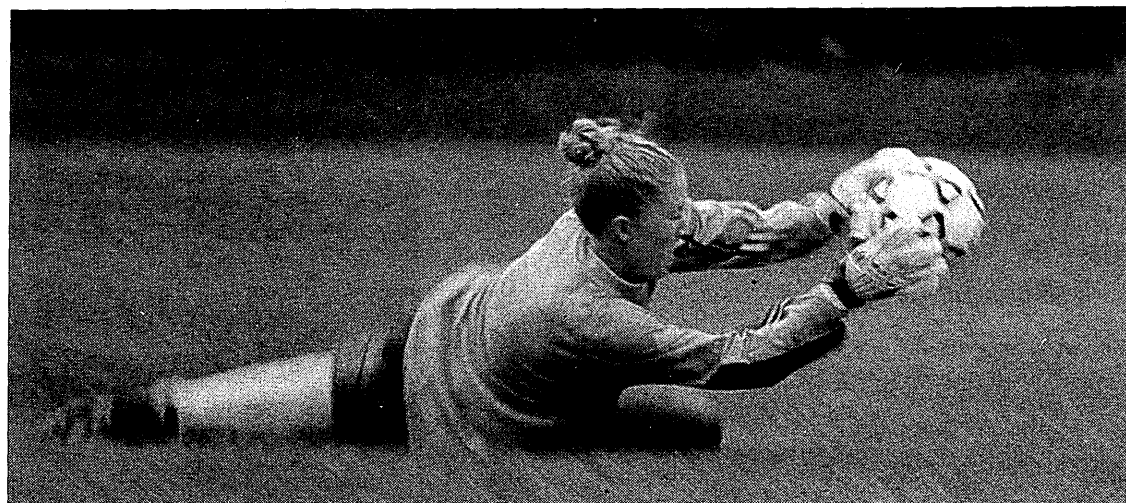
She said she can see herself as an old granny, relishing in the memories of the good old days.

But for now, Anderson enjoys being on the field, playing an "awesome" game and being out there for her team.

After 10 years of playing soccer, Anderson said her time here at Western has given her a new respect for the game.

"In high school you play for yourself, because you think it would be fun to play," she said.

"Here you do it for the team. Sometimes I want to quit, but



Daniel J. Peters/The Western Front
Shaye Anderson is as unstoppable during practice as she is in a game.

you just have a different will for the game at this level. This team has taught me to keep pushing for the next level."

"Shaye probably has the toughest job on the team," Carin Nash, Anderson's teammate said. "She has to see the whole field

and help direct the team. She has a hard job in terms of keeping the lines of communication open on the field."

With a record of 4-1-1 in league for this season, the Vikings are currently second in the league.

Anderson said being in the

running for League PacWest Championship is a great motivator for the team right now.

How can Anderson help her team continue this winning streak? Keep the family superstition in the game: wear those white socks.

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Team player sets the tone

By Ivory Firsching
THE WESTERN FRONT

The palpating sense of determination flow over the rafters, while a white sphere of cowhide is rocketed across the court.

Volleyball is a sport requiring communication, persistence and energy. Jill Dean, senior setter for Western's volleyball team, has these qualities and more.

"Jill brings maturity and confidence to the team," Diane Flick, Western's

volleyball coach, said. "She's a natural leader who likes to take charge of challenging situations and the team responds to her leadership."

Senior captain Donja Walker has played against Dean in club volleyball.

"Jill has taken it more upon herself to lead on the court," Walker said. "She's really smart. She knows the game. She knows how the game flows and how to play it. She knows the game really well."

Dean said she has found the fun in

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Nicola Parker
Western volleyball player

the game.

In her senior season, Dean said she wants to have some fun — and include her teammates as well.

"Jill is a very outgoing, mature student and athlete with a great sense of humor," Flick said. "She can make me laugh at the drop of a hat."

"She can be relaxed at times, but other times she can be like 'let's play,'" Walker said.

Freshman Nicola Parker said setters are one of the most important positions on the team and it's important to click with the setter.

Parker said Dean becomes a partner with the hitter and adjusts to make the partnership work.

"The person who gets the glory is the hitter with kills," Parker said. "Setters don't get the glory they deserve. They have to have a team attitude."

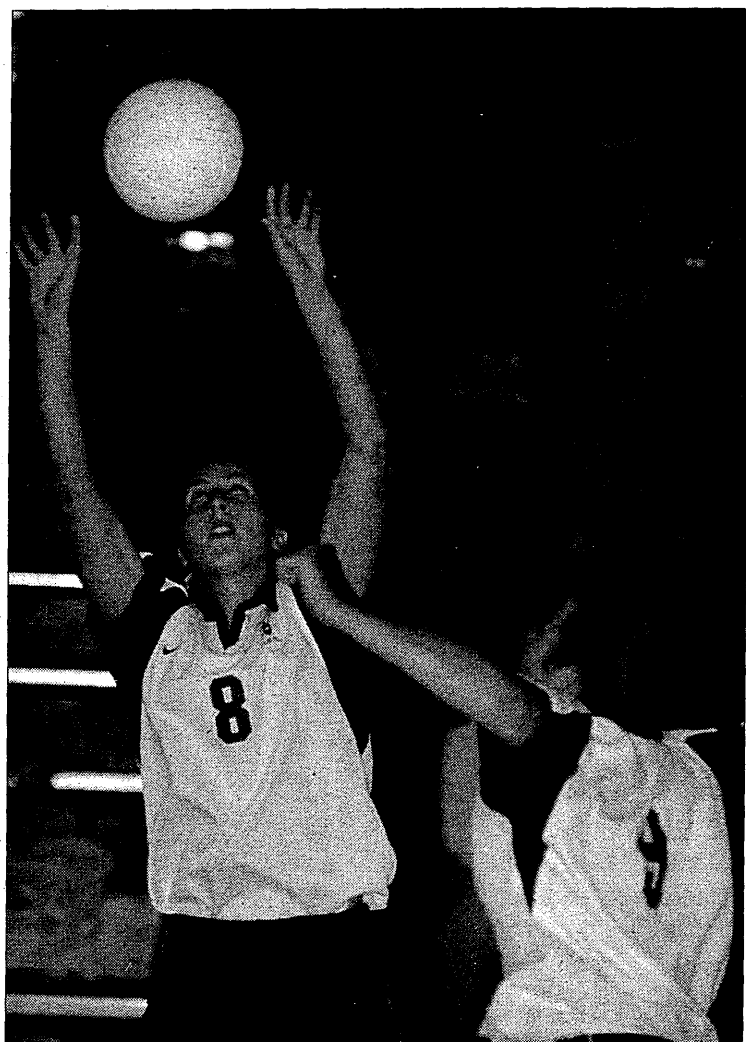
Dean said a team needs to have all 13 players dedicated to the game.

"It's a true team sport," Dean said. "It's not Michael Jordan and the Bulls or Shawn Kemp and the Sonics. It's Western volleyball."

Former Western volleyball coach Michael DiMarco said Dean takes responsibility for her own actions: If she has a problem with the way she is playing, she corrects it.

"Jill is an energetic person, and detail-oriented," DiMarco said. "She's wanting to learn and understand the process of decision making on the volleyball court."

DiMarco originally focused on Dean as a high school recruit. Dean



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Senior setter Jill Dean places the ball for middle blocker Michelle Parker. Dean has attempted 664 sets this season.

had narrowed her choice of schools between Colorado Christian University and Western.

Dean decided to go to Colorado Christian University. After two years in Colorado, she transferred to Western.

Dean has played volleyball since junior high school, when she first heard about club volleyball.

She then joined the Puget Sound Volleyball Club, where she played for

five years. "We would play in tournaments two weekends or less a month. They would go from six in the morning to eight or 10 at night," Dean said.

"Jill is so willing to do what ever it takes to make all the changes necessary for the two of you to work together," Parker said. "Those are the best qualities in a setter. She has a passion for the sport. You can see by the way she plays. She puts her heart into it."

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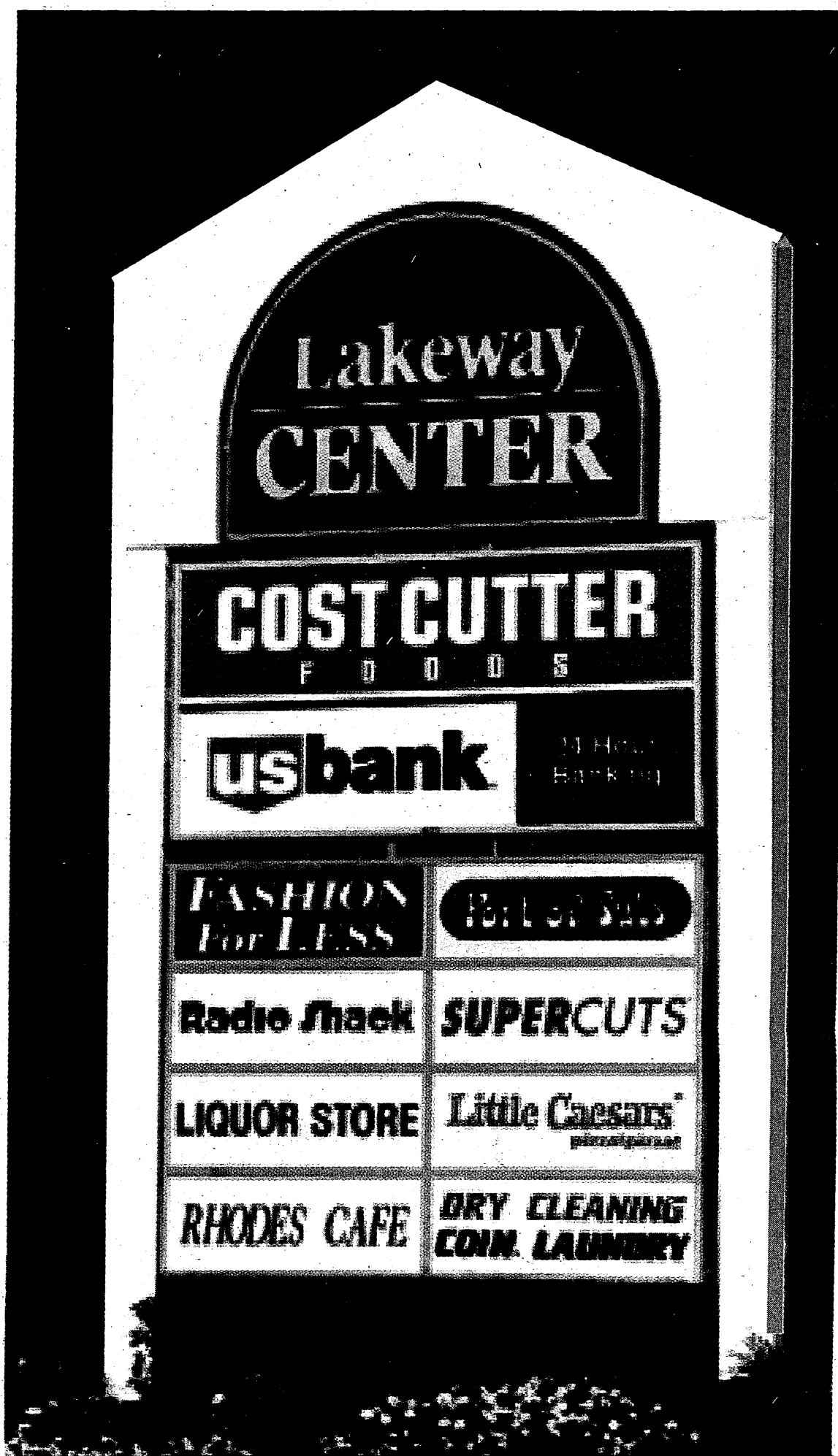
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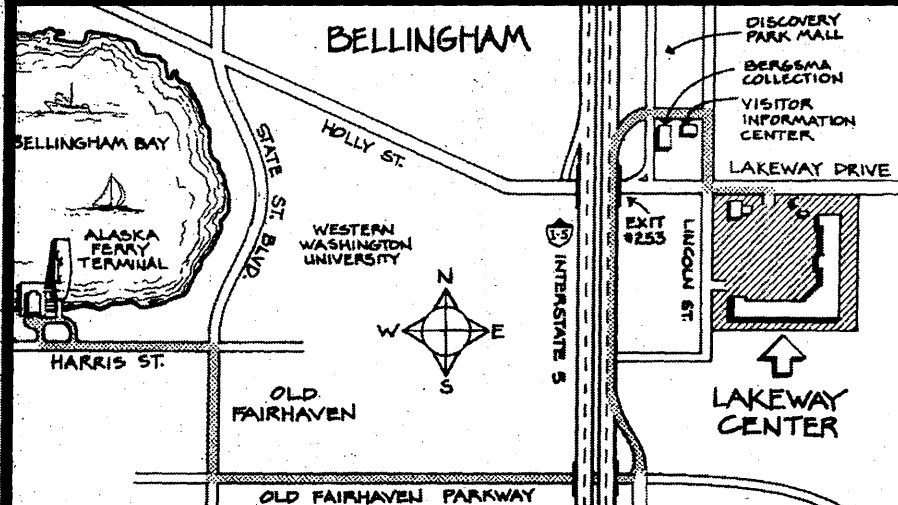
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