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Rash of car thefts strikes Bellingham

By Jessica Sparks
THE WESTERN FRONT

Students who own Toyotas or Hondas should take extra precautions with their vehicles because a string of car thefts has been reported in late January, Bellingham police officer said.

"Make sure car doors are locked, park in lighted areas and use alarms," BPD Sgt. Dave Richards said.

"I got up from my nap and went to go get my jacket from my car and my car was gone."

Jessica Ryan-Seale
Western student

The pattern of the type of cars stolen has led police to believe the same people are responsible for the thefts, Richards said. However, no arrests have been made.

The chance of recovery for stolen cars is 50 percent. The cars used for parts will probably never be found, Richards said.

Jessica Ryan-Seale had her 1985 Toyota Camry stolen from her North Forest Street residence sometime between 7:30 and 10:30 a.m. on Jan. 24. Ryan-Seale's car has yet to be recovered.

"I got up from my nap and went to go get my jacket from my car, and my car was gone," Ryan-Seale said. "I immediately called the bank to stop pay-

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G-P generators under scrutiny



Daniel J. Peters/The Western Front

Georgia Pacific lights up the Bellingham skyline Monday. The Bellingham City Council will hear from environmental regulatory agencies and G-P's environmental experts at its Thursday meeting that will address concerns about G-P diesel generators.

By Stephanie Kosonen
THE WESTERN FRONT

Potential health issues regarding Georgia-Pacific's use of diesel generators discussed at the Jan. 22 city council meeting generated enough concern to convince the Bellingham City Council to hear presentations from the Department of Ecology, Northwest Air Pollution Authority and G-P's environ-

mental experts Thursday.

The groups will present information regarding pollution, health and G-P's plan for power sources. The public is invited to attend, but no public testimony will be taken.

"(The environment) is one of the main interests of the corporation," said Mark Cockrell, manager of environmental affairs at G-P.

In July, Puget Sound Energy

Co. raised G-P's energy rates from \$35 per megawatt hour to \$100 per megawatt hour.

Cockrell said at that point, G-P employees thought the higher rates were simply a result of a summer shortage.

However, "It went absolutely crazy in the fall," Cockrell said.

In the fall, PSE started charging G-P \$3,500 per megawatt hour for power.

"Somebody's making a lot of

money ... I don't know who it is though," Cockrell said.

The facility had to close down its pulp mill and bring in 16 diesel generators that power the tissue operations only.

G-P manufactures and distributes building, paper, pulp and tissue products. Pulp products include photographic paper, melamine plastic, rayon and lignin, a byproduct of the

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1 in 9 Viking Union workers not properly licensed by county

By Jennifer L. Jennings
THE WESTERN FRONT

About 12 percent of Western food service employees, including those who work in the Viking Commons and Viking eateries in Viking Union, Arntzen Hall, Miller Hall and the Sub-connection, either do not have food handler's permits or have expired permits.

This means that one in every nine Western food employees, including clerks at these eateries, are not licensed to handle food.

A food handler's test ensures a person's knowledge of correct kitchen hygiene such as hand washing, cook-

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Barista Emily Pfief, a Western freshman, serves an espresso beverage to a customer at Artzen Eatery. Artzen is one of the eight eateries that serves students on campus.

Brendan Manning/The Western Front

Prevention program wins award

By Mary Flynn
THE WESTERN FRONT

Western was recently one of six schools to receive an award for its drug and alcohol prevention program called, We Can Works.

The U.S. Department of Education's Higher Education Center presented the award to Western. Program Director Pat Fabiano and Kunie Ojikutu, Western's assistant vice president of Student Affairs, accepted the award during a ceremony Jan. 8 in Washington D.C.

Western will receive a \$101,000 grant to maintain

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Western sweeps WSU on the ice

Western's hockey team skates past WSU in a pair of weekend battles at the Sportsplex to improve to 8-8-1 on the season.

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Chocolate lover's dream

Experience the chocolate treats and sinful concoctions of the new Mount Bakery, opened Monday in downtown



Bellingham.

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COPS BOX

University Police

Feb. 2, 6:50 p.m.: Officers got people out of a stuck elevator.

Feb. 3, 11:54 p.m.: Officers assisted the residential staff with impounding drug paraphernalia in Nash Hall.

Feb. 4, 1:16 a.m.: Campus police dispersed a crowd and poured out alcohol in Buchanan Towers.

Feb. 4, 7:15 p.m.: A Fairhaven resident reported harassing phone calls.

Feb. 5, 1:00 a.m.: A Buchanan Towers resident reported harassing phone calls.

Bellingham Police

Feb. 2, 5:37 p.m.: Officers responded to a report of a possible suicide attempt in the 400 block of Flynn Street. Officers took the individual into protective custody and transported him to a mental health evaluation.

Feb. 3, 12:23 a.m.: Police investigated spray paint damage to six vehicles in the 2100 block of Young Street. The perpetrators painted a line along the driver's side of each vehicle using black spray paint.

Feb. 3, 2:09 a.m.: A man was arrested for DUI in the 1000 block of High Street.

Feb. 4, 11:30 p.m.: A juvenile was arrested for DUI and no valid license without identification after a traffic stop in the 2200 block of F Street.

Compiled by Paul Olund

STATE NEWS

Man loses legs to spider bite

ARLINGTON — A Mount Vernon man had to have both legs amputated after he was bitten on New Year's Eve by what area doctors believe was a brown recluse spider.

Nineteen-year-old Gerardo Chavez-Ibarra is recovering from the amputations and open-heart surgery he underwent in Arlington.

The bite was especially damaging because of a pre-existing bacterial infection, which damaged a valve in Chavez-Ibarra's heart.

He apparently suffered the bite while sleeping.

Charges filed in murder of foreign bride

EVERETT — Prosecutors have filed murder charges in the death of a mail-order bride. Snohomish County prosecutors have charged Daniel Kristopher Larson with first-degree murder.

Larson is a 20-year-old sex offender who was staying in the home of Indle King Jr. and his wife, Anastasia King. Anastasia disappeared in September and was found dead two months later.

Prosecutors said Larson killed the woman at the direction of her husband. Prosecutors claim Larson strangled Anastasia King with a necktie and that Indle King helped him.

Anastasia King was from the former Soviet republic of Kyrgyzstan. She came to Washington two years ago to marry Indle King and was a University of Washington student. A memorial service for her took place on Sunday in Seattle.

NATIONAL NEWS

Man kills five in workplace shooting

MELROSE PARK, Ill. — The nation's latest spasm of workplace violence has left five people dead and four wounded.

Authorities said a former Navistar employee — who was supposed to start a prison term Tuesday for stealing from the company — opened fire at a company truck plant near Chicago.

Officials confirm the gunman — identified as William Baker — is among the five dead. They will not be providing any further information until more is certain.

Baker was supposed to surrender to authorities to begin a five-

month sentence. He had pleaded guilty last year to a charge of conspiracy to commit theft from an interstate shipment.

Two of the people injured are in critical condition.

New drug aids in fat fight

WASHINGTON — A study performed at Mass. Institute of Technology states that an injected drug that causes muscles to burn fat at a high rate may offer hope for controlling extreme obesity.

The study shows that obese mice lost weight despite eating unlimited amounts of a high-calorie, fatty diet. But a researcher says the drug is far from ready to be tested on people.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Survivors found in Indian earthquake

BHUJ, India — Two people who were found trapped in their home in India Monday — 10 days after it was damaged by the country's devastating earthquake — are apparently in good shape.

Rescuers said they were taken to a clinic, where both were strong enough to walk — and they apparently then left to be reunited with relatives.

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Soldiers found the two in a home that had sustained severe damage to the ground floor, blocking the entrance. They saw the man waving through the grill of a second story window.

The man was able to walk and talk, but the woman was weaker. All she had eaten since Jan. 26 was cereal.

Their home was in Bhuj, one of the towns worst affected by the earthquake. Officials said more than 17,000 bodies have been pulled from the debris.

Disneyland Hong Kong turns up old bombs

HONG KONG — Officials in Hong Kong are working to ensure that people don't have a blast at Disneyland — at least not a literal one.

Police said workers dredging to reclaim land for the future theme park are turning up a huge harvest of old bombs.

They were either dropped there during World War II or dumped into the waters by the British army from the 1950s to the 70s.

Compiled by Isaac Sherrer

STRANGE DAYS

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Kentucky police are looking for a customer who paid for a \$2 order at a fast-food restaurant with a phony \$200 bill featuring President George W. Bush and a depiction of the White House lawn with signs saying, "We like broccoli," "No more scandals" and "U.S. deserves a tax cut."

Authorities said the female cashier at Dairy Queen in Danville even gave the culprit \$198 in change.

No U.S. currency has a picture of Bush, and, because a \$200 bill does not exist, the culprit could face a charge of theft by deception but not counterfeiting, authorities said.

No one can replace Eddie

In Omaha, Neb., while police were attempting to negotiate with a man threatening to jump from a highway overpass, someone broke into the police radio frequency for nearly three minutes and made the squad car radios blare the Van Halen song "Jump." After five hours, the jumper surrendered.

One red hat does not a gentleman make

A group of Manitoba, Canada, Shriners sparked a major uproar in Winnipeg after the fez-festooned members held a men-only fundraiser for sick children that featured nude dancers and public sex acts. The con-

troverly erupted following newspaper reports that a "Gentlemen's Dinner" fundraiser, organized by the Shriners' motor patrol unit, included two nude dancers who climbed on top of a banquet table where several men touched and engaged in oral sex with them in front of hundreds of male guests.

Is that an extra?

A student at Barnstable High School on Cape Cod, Mass. bit into a cafeteria turkey and tomato sandwich and found the end of a human thumb. It had been severed by a cafeteria worker earlier that week.

Compiled by Angela D. Smith

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hearts to yours

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Advertising inquiries should be directed to the business office in College Hall 07, or by phone to (360) 650-3161.

Members of the Western community are entitled to a single free copy of each issue of The Western Front.

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

SPRING QUARTER BIOLOGY COURSE REQUEST FORMS are due by 4:30 p.m. Feb. 9. Forms, available in BI 315, are required for Biol 325, 384, 407, 415, 445c, 452, 456, 475, 482, 484, 503, 545a, and 545c. For all other biology classes, students who haven't taken the prerequisites at Western or are not a major allowed to register must complete a form. More information: <http://fire.biol.wvu.edu/biology/>.

THE MATH PLACEMENT IS OFFERED in OM 120 at 3 p.m. Mondays on Feb. 12, 26; March 5, 12, and 19, and at 9 a.m. Thursdays on Feb. 8, 15, 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29. Registration is not required. Students must bring picture identification, student identification, student number, Social Security number, 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.

THE WINTER CAREER EXPO will be held 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 14-15 in the VU fifth-floor lounge. Preparation workshops: Feb. 8, BH 110, and Feb. 12, HU 107; multiculturalism forum, Feb. 13, OM 280. Check www.careers.wvu.edu or visit OM 280 for more information. Disability accommodations: X/3240.

ACADEMIC ADVISING IS HIRING PEER ADVISERS for next year. Students must be full time, have a minimum GPA of 2.5 and possess strong communication skills. Advisers assist students with GURs, course scheduling and academic policies. Requires enrollment in Ed 340 spring quarter. Applications, available in OM 380, are due by 5 p.m. Feb. 14.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS AND EXCHANGES seeks qualified students to be peer advisers for its office. Contact Student Employment in OM 285 for and application or more information.

THE TEST FOR ENTRANCE INTO TEACHER EDUCATION (TETEP) is offered in FR 4 at 2 p.m. Feb. 22 and March 15. Registration is required in OM 120. A \$25 is payable in the exact amount at time of registration. Test takes about 2½ hours. Not administered on an individual basis.

THE MILLER ANALOGIES TEST will be given in FR 4 at 2 p.m. Feb. 8 and March 8. Registration is required in Old Main 120 or by calling X/3080. Not administered on an individual basis. A \$35 fee is payable at test time. Approximately 1½ hours.

AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING ABOUT TEACHING ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE will be held at 5 p.m. Feb. 27 in OM 585. For more information, call X/4949.

WINTER QUARTER GROUP OFFERINGS include • "Managing Loss," 3 p.m. Wednesdays; • "Overcoming Math Frustration," 3 to 5 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 5 and 12; • "Relaxation Training," drop-in group 3 p.m. Thursdays, attend one or all sessions. For more information or to register, contact the Counseling Center, OM 540, X/3164.

ASIA UNIVERSITY AMERICA PROGRAM students will be greeted by Western representatives and introduced by the AUAP staff at 4 p.m. March 1 in the OM Theatre. A reception will follow. Both are open to the entire University community.

CALL WESTERN'S STORM LINE/EMERGENCY HOTLINE, 650-6500, after 6:30 a.m. during inclement weather to find out if Western is open. weather for an up-to-date announcement. Or tune to KGMI (790 AM), KARI (550 AM), KPUG (1170 AM), KWPZ (106.5 FM), KUGS (89.3 FM), KCCF (1550 AM) or KAFE (104.3 FM). On stormy mornings, Western's decision to remain open or to close will be broadcast over these stations beginning between 6:15 and 6:30 a.m.

Viking Union, Puget Sound Blood Drive begins today

By James Cassill
THE WESTERN FRONT

Blood. Everyone has it. Everyone needs it.

Western's winter quarter blood drive runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday.

The drive is being organized by SHAIC and Western's health center and will take place in the Viking Union 565.

The blood drive is run through The Puget Sound Blood Program, which plays a vital role in meeting the needs of patients in the community.

The non-profit organization provides blood and blood components to 50 hospitals and clinics in 11 Washington counties.

Across the United States, someone needs blood every three seconds.

More than 50,000 patients each year in the Puget Sound region are helped from the blood of about 120,000 community donors to the Blood Program.

People need blood for a variety of medical procedures such as surgery, cancer therapy and treatment of heart disease.

Persons involved in trauma emergencies, such as burns and auto accidents, often also require large quantities of blood and blood components.

Because whole blood can be

stored for only 35 days, and platelets — small cells in the blood that control bleeding — for 3-5 days, blood donations are always needed, according to the PSB program.

Anyone who is at least 18 years old, weighs at least 110 pounds and is in good health may donate blood every 56 days.

Only sterile, disposable equipment is used throughout the donation process, which makes it virtually impossible to contract a disease from donating blood.

Since 1985, more than one million transfusion have been prepared at the Puget Sound Blood Program.

To date, none of the approximately 250,000 patients who received these blood products have been reported to have AIDS.

The PSBC reports it is down to a three-day supply and in critical need for O positive blood.

They have only a 1-2 day supply of O negative and B negative, with the condition labeled an emergency.

Roughly 60 percent of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood, yet only 5 percent do.

Western students are encouraged to stop by and donate blood. Students can contact Catherine Vader with any questions at 650-2961.

Western's Prevention and Wellness Services receives national recognition for 'We Can Works' program



Courtesy of the Western's Public Information Office

Pat Fabiano receives an award from U.S. Department of Education's Higher Education Center.

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the We Can Works program.

"The money will used to help other schools such as PLU, Seattle U, Central and some community colleges to implement similar programs," Fabiano said. "We will hold statewide conferences. We will also produce publications for parents about healthy norms at Western."

The We Can program is designed to eliminate the myth that everyone drinks in college. Through on-campus marketing and the work of 200 student lifestyle advisers, We Can informs people that 84 percent of students drink responsibly or don't drink at all.

"Most of our students make healthy decisions about their lives," Fabiano said. "There is always a group that puts themselves at risk though."

Fabiano thinks Western is a very moderate school, and not a lot of people are getting drunk every weekend.

"At least a fifth of the students at Western are committed to not drinking," Fabiano said. "Some of have seen friends get hurt in high school."

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Pat Fabiano
Prevention and Wellness
program director

One of the marketing strategies used by We Can are ads placed in The Western Front.

"I don't only think that the ads are effective in eliminating peer pressure," Fabiano said. "I know it."

The ads recently changed, however, after an article run in

The Western Front.

The Western students usually drink 4 or fewer drinks when they party format for the ads has changed to ads that say what kind of activities Western students engage in when they party such as calling a designated driver.

"I don't only think that the (four or fewer) ads are effective in eliminating peer pressure. I know it."

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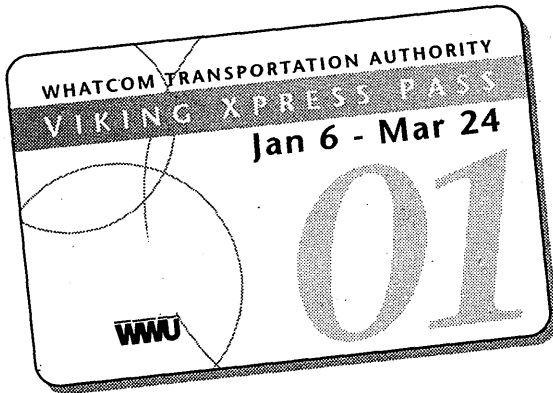
"We have smart students here who understand the ads and appreciate what they mean," Fabiano said.

Fabiano said the ads have not changed completely.

The new ads are what they call protective behavior ads and will be used to supplement the old ads, which are not being phased out.

Although more than half of Western students are responsible drinkers, there are the fifth that are still making poor choices.

"We are trying to get people to moderate down, not abstain," Fabiano said. "We want them not hurt themselves or others. I think students feel that we are talking to them realistically about their lives, not like they can't think for themselves."



Your Winter Transportation Is Here!

The Viking Xpress Bus Pass

Winter Quarter Viking Xpress bus passes are now available for transportation from Jan. 6 - Mar. 24*. For only \$15, you can go wherever the WTA bus goes! You can purchase your pass at WWU's Parking Office located at 21st Street and West College Way. Have your WWU ID ready. Hours are Monday - Friday, 7:30am to 5pm.

Call (360) 650-2945 or email www.park.wvu.edu.

Passes are non-transferable. No discounts for partial quarter purchase.

*Routes 90, 95, 96, 97 run on WEEKDAYS ONLY during the above dates. Campus Express (Route 90) runs through June 14, 2001. Bus pass or cash fare required to board.

Call (360) 650-2945 or email www.park.wvu.edu for more information.

THE WESTERN FRONT ONLINE

Only the penitent man will pass

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New health department rules disobeyed by VU food handlers

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ing and storage temperatures and other bacterial precautions when preparing food for the public.

"Before they begin working they're required to have a Whatcom County food handler's permit," Derek Pinkston, manager of Western's dining services, said.

Pinkston said the food handler's test is important for safety, and all food service employees are supposed to have valid food handler's permits.

The employee and health card list just for the Western

"The test is important so that food will be prepared safely."

Memory Rohwer

Whatcom Department of Health and Human Services

eateries, printed on Jan. 19 for the Viking Union, Arntzen, Miller and the Sub Connection, listed 195 workers.

Eighteen of those 195 workers had no health cards, and four were found to have expired permits.

The employee list for the VU listed 148 worker - four of them without health cards and 15 with expired health cards.

"The test is important so that food will be prepared safely," Memory Rohwer of the Whatcom Department of Health and Human Services, said.

"Most of it is common sense, but there are other questions, like (proper) temperatures, that are more than just common sense."

There used to be a grace period that allowed workers handling food a short period of time after being hired to take the health test and gain a health card.

Now, Rohwer said the

"Bacteria can live in anything. It's really scary - I could be eating it at Western."

Sarah Young
Western freshman

Department of Health and Human Services demands workers handling food, even clerks, must start with the permit.

If there is no proof of a worker having a permit upon inspection by the HHS, the employee is ordered to either obtain a permit or lose their job, Rohwer said.

"It bothers me to think how long it (clam chowder) has been sitting in there," Western student Kristina Ried, said as she sat outside Miller Hall with a bowl of clam chowder.

Ried said it didn't take much effort for her to get a food handler's permit required for a job she had last summer.

"To know that people might not know the proper food handling procedures is sick," said Western freshman Sarah Young.

Young lives on campus, and eats the food regularly.

The Food and Drug Administration estimates that more than 35 million Americans a year contract food-borne illness.

The FDA stresses proper food handling and kitchen hygiene.

Toxins, chemicals, pesticides, parasites and bacteria are present on every type of food people eat.

More dangerous bacterium include salmonella and escherichia coli (E coli) strain 0157:H7, which can cause permanent damage to the kidneys and blood vessels and may even lead to eventual death.

"Bacteria can live in anything," Young said. "It's really scary - I could be eating it at Western."

Western interested in Samish Drive-in to ease parking woes



Brendan Manning/ The Western Front

Western entered into a three year lease-purchase deal with Samish Twin Drive-in Theater to ease parking problems on campus. The lot will open up 750 spots for students. Western is still negotiating with the owner, but the first year will cost \$120,000 for the school.

Lifestyle advisers hold mocktail parties

By Christina Schrum
THE WESTERN FRONT

Each Thursday of this month students from the residence halls are invited to participate in a non-alcoholic Mocktail Party.

The parties, which are sponsored by local organizations on campus, are helping inform students about the influences of drugs and alcohol.

"The idea (is) not to condone partying, but to promote safe party practices," said Lindsay Forrey, director of Western's Drug Information Center.

The party includes music and dancing along with snacks and mixed drinks provided by the Marriott.

Wendi Thompson, who is a

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Lindsay Forrey
Director of Drug Information Center

lifestyle adviser, said the parties are designed to help students realize that it's okay to drink and have fun as long as they are being responsible.

During the night, demonstrations and games are put on by the Sexual Awareness Center and the campus organization, Party Safe.

For example, students compete in a "Family Feud" game contain-

ing questions about sex.

Also, students can play drinking games and test their abilities with Fatal Vision Goggles, which are meant to simulate the impairment of being drunk.

Throughout the night, students are involved in discussing party scenarios and what to do in those types of situations.

They also participate in discussion on overdosing and tips on sexual harassment.

Forrey said last quarter more than 70 students from Kappa attended the mocktail party and more than 60 had attended the party held at Fairhaven.

The next party is at 7 p.m. Thursday at Fairhaven. It is open for all south campus students.

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I credit the Master of Public Administration Program with facilitating the right mix of professional connections and practical experience that led to me attaining the position I hold today. I continue to use the professional expertise of the faculty on different issues with great success.

- Jennifer Pearson - Stapleton

MPA '98
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Spokane County
Domestic Violence Consortium

For more information about specific EWU graduate programs, please contact the Graduate Studies Office at (509) 359-6297 or e-mail at gradprograms@mail.ewu.edu

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Citizens concerned about G-P diesel generators

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pulp formation process. Lignin is the material in wood that holds the tree fibers together. It is used to make ethanol, gasoline, vinegar and perfume.

The diesel generators providing the power for these products is the subject of recent concern, and now G-P has 40 of them on-site. Cockrell said the former 16 were too small. The new ones are also used in Texas and California during the summer, so G-P officials hope they won't need them after this spring.

"It's gonna cost us if we go into the summer," Cockrell said.

After a G-P containerboard

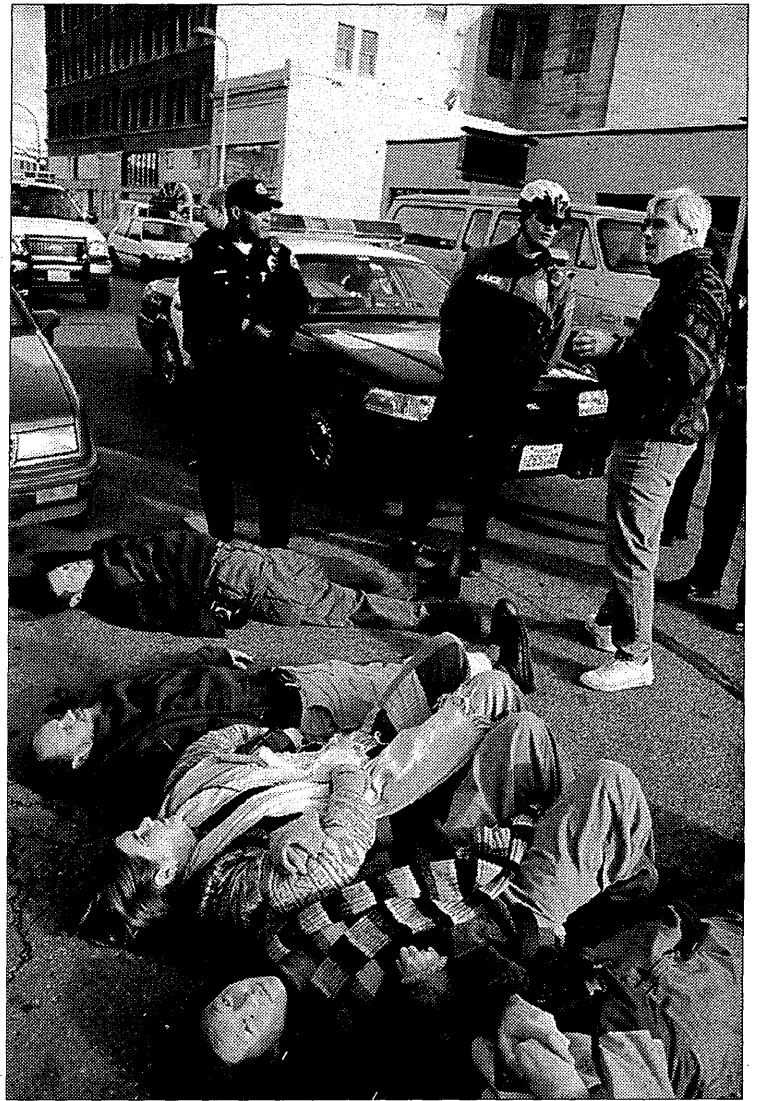
mill in Monticello, Miss. won several awards for environmental excellence, Tim Jones, environmental engineer at the mill, said, "We're no different from any other G-P facility in that we first consider the safety aspects of everything we do, and then any environmental issues. Before we do any papermaking, we do these things. Everyone here supports this philosophy, and they respond to a challenge."

According to G-P's Web site, "Georgia-Pacific will audit, on a rotating basis, environmental performance and management systems at every manufacturing

facility the company owns or operates. The company will use a combination of internal and third-party audits."

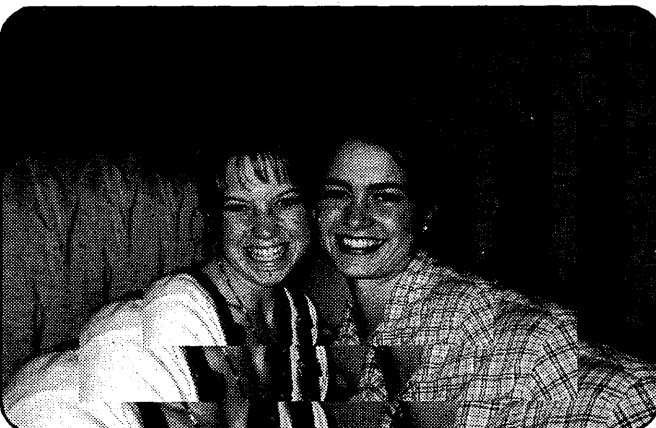
Cockrell said every year a book is sent to each facility, breaking down areas for the audit and leading the auditor through the process. Also, every two years an auditor from another G-P facility will perform the process. Auditors look for potential problems and check record keeping.

The city council meeting is at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the Whatcom County Council Chambers at 311 Grand Ave.



Photos courtesy of Thatcher Collins

Left: Demonstrators march on the corner of Commercial and W. Holly Saturday against G-P generators. Above: After a protester was arrested, others laid down on the street in a sign of solidarity as police try to negotiate with demonstrators.



PREVENTION & WELLNESS SERVICES
Western Washington University

Find this hard to believe? Well, 638 Western students provided Prevention and Wellness Services and the Office of Institutional Assessment and Testing with the info from a randomly mailed (this means representative) survey. Funded by the US Department of Education.

MOST WESTERN STUDENTS

Take the car keys away from someone who has been drinking and intends to drive

Call 911 to help someone who has passed out from drinking too much

Determine in advance not to exceed a set number of drinks

Alternate water, soda and other non-alcoholic drinks with alcoholic beverages



1 drink = 12 oz beer = 4-5 oz wine = 1.25 80 proof liquor

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Western Alumnus, Lakewood founder dies at 96; Western community looks back on history of civic commitment

By Scott A. Keys
THE WESTERN FRONT

Western alumnus Carroll Haeske, whose initiative gave Western the Lakewood Recreational Facility, died of viral pneumonia Jan. 28, in Arcadia, Calif. at the age of 96.

"Haeske was an interesting individual somewhat of a character," Chris Goldsmith, director of alumni relations said.

"He liked to be known as the man who bought Lakewood," Goldsmith said.

As Associated Students president from 1921-22 at then Bellingham Normal School, Haeske persuaded students to purchase 9.8 acres of land on Lake Whatcom for \$800.

"He grew up on the lake canoeing and loved the water," said Al Froderberg, Haeske's friend and director of Planned Giving and senior adviser to Western President Karen Morse.

"His experience on the water was so good for him that he thought it would be good for other (Western students)," Froderberg said.

Haeske believed purchasing Lakewood would spark an interest in the college to start a crew program.

"He loved crew because it was an excellent amateur sport," Froderberg said.

'His experience on the water was so good for him that he thought it would be good for other (Western students).'

Al Froderberg
Friend of Haeske's

The Lakewood facility located on Lake Whatcom is used by the men's and women's crew teams. The facility has a challenge course and classes in canoeing, kayaking, rowing, sailing and windsurfing.

Haeske was a longtime member of The Western Foundation and the Alumni Association. He created an endowment in 1996 to support men's and women's crew.

In 1997, he joined a group of investors to purchase a five-acre tract adjacent to Lakewood for \$510,000. The facility is used as the crew headquarters and is named the Haeske Crew House after Haeske and his wife Carmelita, who died in 1993.

"He was a man who had a sense of humor, quick wit, a man who cared about others," Director of Viking Union Student Activities and friend Jack Smith said.

Area car thieves prefer Honda Accords; often take cars during daylight hours from streets

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ment on the blank check I had in my car, but the check had already cleared. Then I called the police," Ryan-Seale said.

On that same day, Kristen Moored had her 1987 Honda Accord stolen from a friend's apartment in Fairhaven between 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. Moored's car was recovered 36 hours later in Stanwood with minor engine damage.

"I never thought this would happen in Bellingham," Moored said. "I've always felt like this was such a safe town."

On Jan. 25, Sarah Swanberg, from her residence on Jersey

Street, had her 1992 Honda Accord stolen between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Swanberg's car was found damaged and is being fixed.

'You think you live in a safe neighborhood and then something like this happens.'

Sarah Swanberg
Victim of car theft

"You think you live in a safe neighborhood and then something like this happens,"

"My understanding is that he was one who was frugal with his money, he always wanting to use it to benefit others in some way," Smith said.

'He was an individual who felt the university made a big impact on his life and prepared him for his studies at the University of Washington and Stanford.'

Al Froderberg
Friend of Haeske's

Haeske was born in a log cabin in Blaine on April 30, 1904 to Richard and Johanna Haeske. He only spoke German until his family moved to Bellingham when he was in the second grade.

Haeske funded his education at Bellingham Normal by playing background music for silent films at the local movie theaters in the afternoons and evenings.

Haeske earned his teaching credentials at Bellingham Normal in 1923 and received a Bachelor's degree from the University of Washington in 1924, where he supported himself by playing in a speakeasy during the Prohibition. He then studied literature at Stanford University, where he met his wife.

He taught music and English, from kindergarten to the university level, for 43 years, and retired in 1966 after 30 years as a high school teacher in Arcadia. As a music teacher, he played a variety of instruments which included piano, saxophone, flute, clarinet, piccolo, and a little bit of banjo.

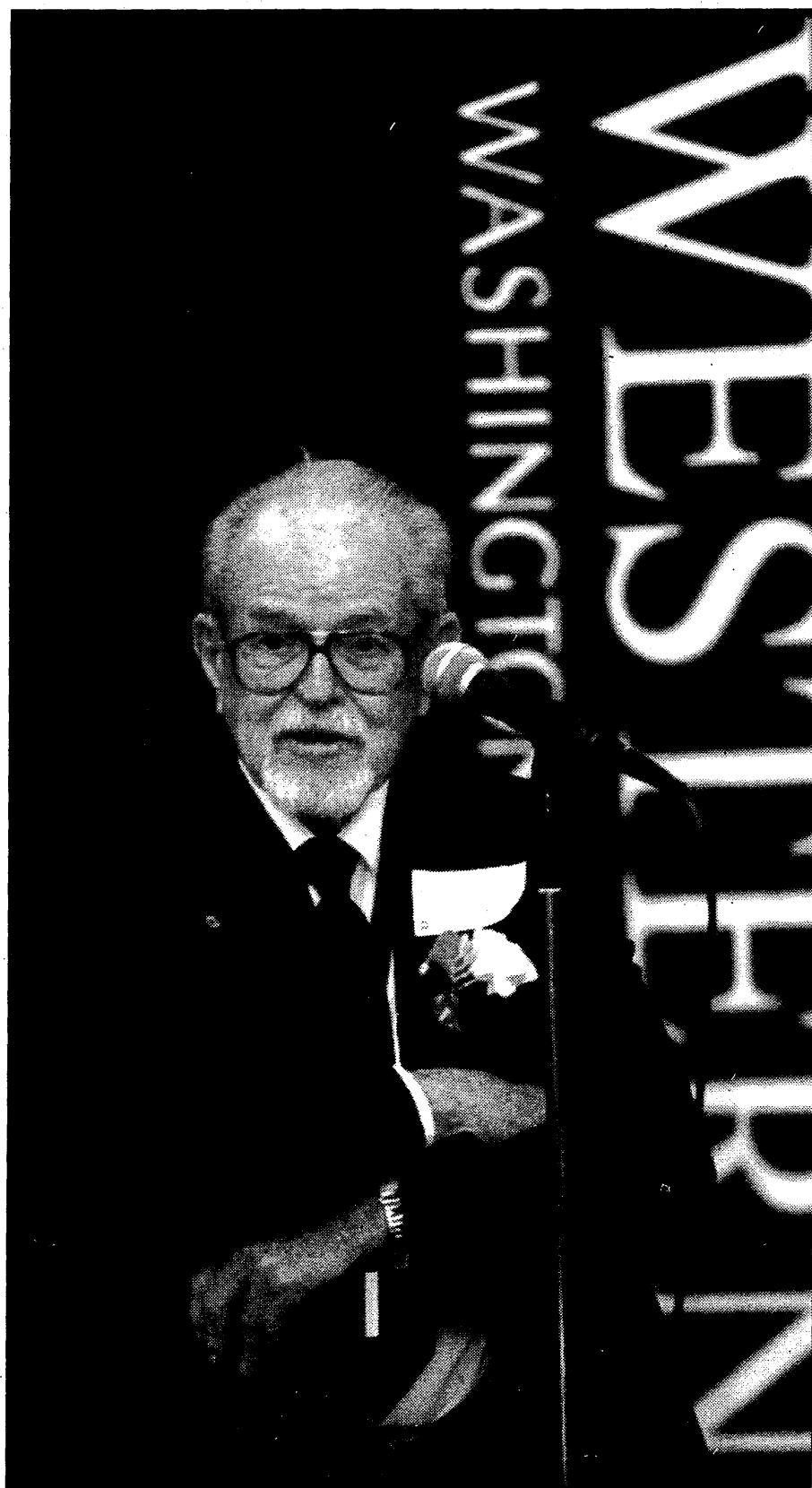
Along with his love of music, Haeske loved literature. His love for books was encouraged by Western's first librarian, Mable Zoe Wilson. This interest resulted in an extensive home library that numbered about 10,000 volumes.

Haeske also was a collector of fruit trees and planted 150 different types on his Arcadia acreage.

"He loved language and liked to be precise in his speech," Froderberg said. "He loved literature and was an avid reader, he also loved the outdoors."

"He was an individual who felt the university made a big impact on his life and prepared him for his studies at the University of Washington and Stanford," Froderberg said.

Haeske is survived by his sister Lillian Schultz of Bullhead City, Ariz., his nephew John Schultz of Searchlight, Nev., two grandnephews and his longtime friend, Betty Bell, of Bradbury, Calif. At his request, there was no memorial service.



Lakewood founder Carroll Haeske was born in 1904, died in 2001

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PEDALING THE STREETS OF BELLINGHAM

By Stephanie Kosonen
THE WESTERN FRONT

Kyle Morris rides to work with bells on his bike seat.

Cycling to his job in the old section of Bellingham, he said, is a way of life.

That's why, when presented in December with the challenge of coordinating the Pedal Project, he was more than willing to help. Morris, executive director of the project, has encouraged bicycle commuting in Bellingham for four years.

The Pedal Project is the latest attempt to get Bellingham residents out of cars and into bicycle seats in order to clear up traffic congestion. Its function will be to rent bikes to paying members, and to provide information about alternative forms of transportation.

In 1992, the Federal Highway Administration reported only 0.4 percent of all workers in the United States commute by bicycle. With the population booming and cars remaining a major staple of American culture, more highways are being built to accommodate the increased load of cars.

"It's ludicrous that it's happening just to appease motorists when there are better ways to alleviate the problem," Morris said of new highway construction.

He believes the solution to Bellingham's problem is to follow the examples of other cities, such as Portland, in building a strong community

of cyclists.

"(Our community) is choking," he said. "You can't walk, and it's intimidating to ride bikes, even."

One past attempt, called the Free Yellow Bike project, was implemented with 75-80 bikes set out at satellite points in the city, for anyone to ride for free.

For about two weeks, the bikes were all over downtown and seemed to be getting a lot of use, he said. After a month, however, the bikes fell victim to abuse, either vandalized or stolen.

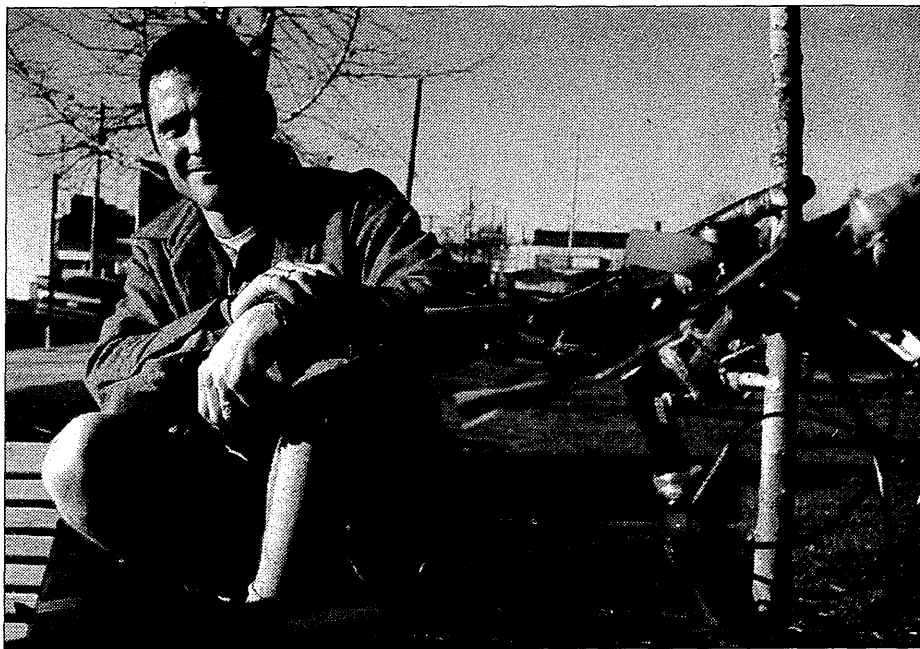
The Pedal Project will be more like a bike "library," where members will rent out bikes by the day or the week, reducing opportunities for vandalism.

This new program adds accountability by keeping a member name database similar to that of a library, and encouraging interaction and cooperation between members.

Besides a bike co-op, the Pedal Project also will be a community bike shop and an alternative transportation advocacy resource. Education is the biggest part of it, Morris said, adding that it's a common misconception that driving a car is safer than riding a bike.

Janet Marino, secretary of the board of directors for the Pedal Project, said travelling by bicycle gives people a chance to take notice of the outside world.

"Single-occupancy vehicles commuting within an urban setting is not a sustainable means for transportation," she said.



Stephanie Kosonen/The Western Front

Kyle Morris has encouraged alternative commuting for four years.

Individuals have donated about 200 bikes to the project and the police department has donated about the same amount. Right now, the bikes are being repaired or disassembled for parts.

Morris does the work and is looking for volunteers to help.

All the bikes are being housed at the RE Store, where Morris works, while the project seeks a permanent home, prefer-

ably in the old town area.

"What we really need to do is reduce the demand and need for highways while we provide people with a much wider range of choices," Bill Wilkinson, executive director of the National Center for Bicycling and Walking, said in a CQ Researcher article.

The Pedal Project's main mission is to educate people about these choices.

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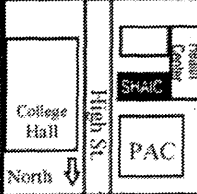
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Sweets for Sale

Belgian Bakery opens downtown

By Jennifer Collins
THE WESTERN FRONT

His hands move constantly. His fingers drum the table. They scratch the chestnut hair that wings out from underneath a puffy white chef's hat. He raises his hands, palms outwards, and, in one quick sweep, waves to unfamiliar people who traverse the sidewalk. His hands move restlessly and relentlessly, as if searching for something to do. As a painter's hands feel most comfortable wrapped around a paintbrush, Olivier Vrambout's hands seem most comfortable dusted with flour, kneading dough.

Vrambout, 26, born in Belgium, fulfilled a dream when he opened the Mount Bakery Monday.

The patisserie, in downtown Bellingham, will feature imported Belgian chocolates as well as Vrambout's handmade pastries.

"When I was a kid, I was a fanatic for sweets" Vrambout said, reliving his childhood obsession by accosting a poster advertising Belgian chocolates.

The poster, which could cause even a dentist to salivate, is mounted on an accordion screen made from four doors hinged together that separate the Mount Bakery kitchen from its dining area.

"I was going to build walls ... but my wife suggested the doors," said Vrambout, who remodeled the store himself. "It's an open kitchen so customers can look in and see what I am doing."

When asked what makes Belgian chocolates different from American chocolate, Vrambout responded simply, "Have you ever tried Belgian chocolate?"

Apparently, the taste stands alone.

Belgian chocolate is creamier than Hershey's, which can be dry, he said.

Belgian chocolate also has a sweet tangy aftertaste compared to the more bitter Hershey's.

The chocolates, dusted in powdered sugar or filled with nut purées, are mounted in a display case like miniature works of art.

Vrambout's croissants, eclairs, napoleons and tarts, dripping with delectable calories, are displayed in another glass case.

Vrambout makes the puff pastry in his French baked items from scratch.

Making puff pastry is an eight-hour process that will take most of his time, he said.

He said he would like to make his own

chocolates, but it is time consuming and "an art in itself."

Vrambout first sank his hands into dough as a young boy when his grandmother taught him the art of patisserie in Congo, in the kitchen where she baked for a Catholic convent.

Vrambout said he still uses some of her secret recipes, especially one for crème brûlée, a custard glazed with caramelized sugar.

He lived with his grandparents in Congo until he was 7, because his parents were teenagers when he was born.

When he turned 7, he moved back to Belgium to live with his parents, but spent his summers in Congo with his grandparents.

When he was 14, he moved with his family to Boston.

For the next 10 years, he lived in nine states throughout the United States.

Today, Vrambout said he and his wife, who is expecting a baby next month, feel rooted in Bellingham.

They moved here two years ago, when he started selling his pastries wholesale.

"We came here and fell in love with the community right away," he said.

He was a chef at Boundary Bay Brewery and then rented the kitchen to bake for his own wholesale business.

Selling wholesale to restaurants and coffee shops, like Cruisin' Coffee and Stuart's, has allowed him to lease the building that houses the Mount Bakery at the intersection of Bay Street and Commercial Avenue.

Robin Gillmore, an employee at the French bakery La Vie en Rose, said wholesale accounts are plentiful sources of business. The bakery has been on Holly Street since 1989.

La Vie en Rose owner Warren Tessler expanded business into more wholesale venues since he bought it last year, Gillmore explained.

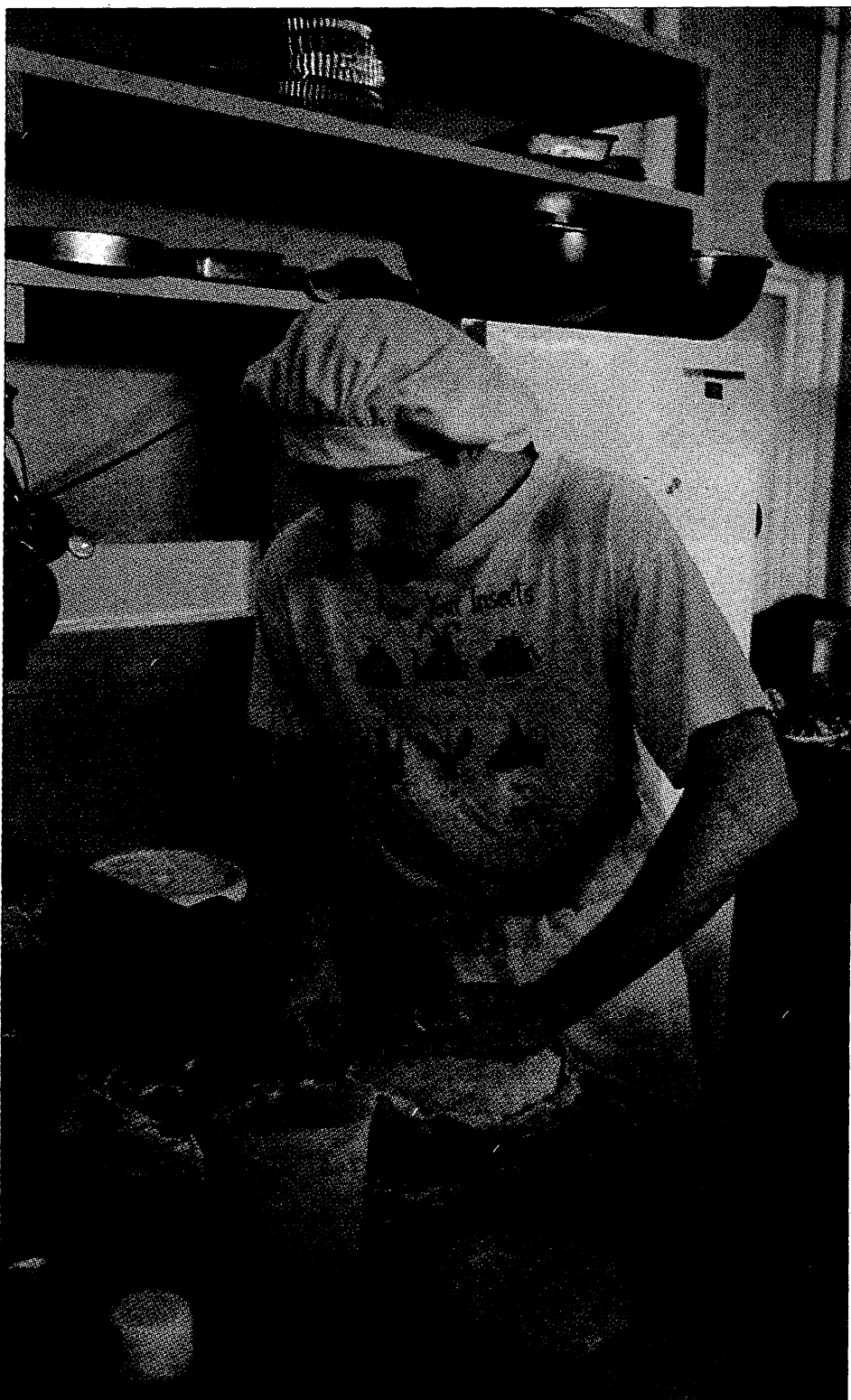
"We have two storefronts and 42 wholesale accounts," she said.

Vivian Haruska, who with her husband owns Sweet Art, a chocolate and fine art shop in downtown Bellingham, said she noticed that food venues are growing downtown.

"Half of the downtown is vacant, but what's working is the food eateries," Haruska said.

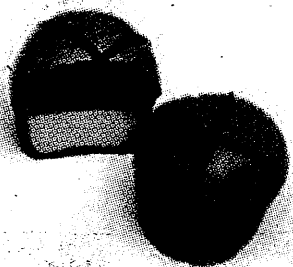
Vrambout said he would like to create a cooperative among the downtown businesses to organize events and bring more business downtown.

But all that will have to wait until after this morning's puff pastry is made.



Jennifer Collins/ The Western Front

Covered in flour and decked-out in chef's attire, Olivier Vrambout forms the crust of berry pies before the Mount Bakery opened on Monday. The bakery, in downtown Bellingham, will serve decadent Belgian chocolates and delicate pastries. Vrambout has been developing his culinary arts since his grandmother taught him the art when he was a young boy.



At the prick of a finger

Students with diabetes find support in Western-sponsored club

By Melissa Evavold
THE WESTERN FRONT

At 8 a.m., Kat checks the glucose level in her blood by finding a finger not yet too callused to prick. With a quick press of a button, a pen-like tool sends a needle to her finger in less than a second, producing a drop of crimson blood, which she eases onto a thin paper test strip that is inserted into a glucose meter the size of a radar detector. In minutes, this little gadget will tell her what her blood sugar level is.

It reads 90. That's good; it should be between 80 and 120.

Katherine Grubb was diagnosed with diabetes Oct. 7, 1997, during her freshman year at Western.

Type I and type II are the most common forms of diabetes, a disease characterized by a lack of the hormone insulin.

Insulin is produced in the pancreas and normally converts food into energy. It is needed for cells to absorb glucose. In people who have diabetes, the pancreas produces little insulin or none at all.

In type I diabetes, every cell in the body needs insulin. A person with type I diabetes must take injections every day.

In type II diabetes, the pancreas still makes insulin, but not enough. Sometimes the body doesn't absorb the insulin created. Type two is most common in adults who are overweight.

Treatment is administered through strict diet, exercise, oral pills or insulin injections.

Grubb once regulated her glucose by giving herself four to five shots of insulin per day.

Now she uses a pump, a pager-size device which holds a couple days supply of insulin.

This supply is connected to a plastic tube which runs to a canulla, a synthetic needle that is constantly in her body, delivering insulin to closely match her pancreas. Grubb uses the buttons on the pump to control the desired milligrams of insulin per one deciliter of blood.

"It's my lifeline," she said. "I can't be off it more than 45 minutes to an hour."

The canulla is inserted into areas called infusion sites that are "fattier" in tissue and as out of the way as possible. Right now, that tubing hangs from her lower back, secured by adhesive. The pump can be worn outside of her clothes, but she chooses to conceal it inside a pocket under her shirt.

For breakfast, Grubb eats toast, vitamins and juice.

After classes and a lunch consisting of a Balance Bar and a few liters of water, she goes to work at the YMCA. In the little time before work, she grabs what she can to eat — another granola bar or crackers.

She works as a caregiver for 6-and-8-year-old children. Snack time is one of four times during the day she tests her blood sugar.

Grubb demonstrates in front of the kids. Their eyes widen as she draws blood and places it on the glucose test strip. Their heads rise as they watch the numbers calculate on the pump.

She licks the blood off her finger. Scrunched faces emit "ewws" and "yucks."

According to Detroit Free Press, of the 16 million Americans who have diabetes, only 10.3 million have been diagnosed.

Symptoms include increased thirst, urination, fatigue and itchy skin around the genital area.

The direct costs of diabetes treatments are more than twice the costs of cancer and HIV/AIDS combined.

Grubb's pump alone costs \$5,500. A box full of supplies arrives every three months, costing her \$900.

Grubb and other diabetic students on campus find support in the Diabetes Club, started in 1997 by Western student Kristin Elde and Jan Rystrom, a diabetes educator and nutritionist. Rystrom is a registered dietitian, employed by Western's student health center.

The Diabetes Club meets on campus at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month in Miller Hall 316.

"It is to provide a place for people who have diabetes on campus and connect with other people," Rystrom said about the club. "People with diabetes can feel very isolated. It's a disease that hasn't come out of the closet yet."

The Diabetes Club volunteers for fundraisers for the American Diabetes Association.

Club president Chris Sullivan, who has type I diabetes, said everyone is welcome to the club.

"There are times when you feel like no one knows that you are diabetic," Sullivan said. "You miss people asking, 'So how's your blood sugar doing?'"

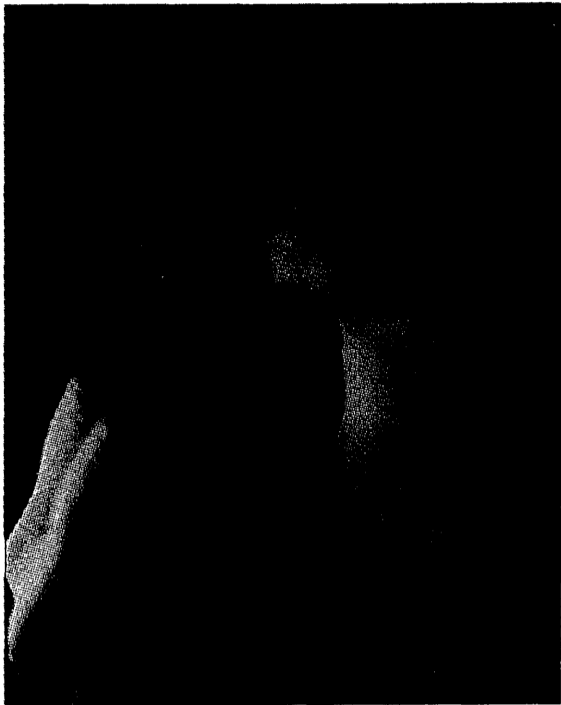
Currently the club has 10 members.

"These people with diabetes are tackling a chronic disease with courage and grace," Rystrom said. "They're amazing."

Diabetes requires the affected to monitor their bodies throughout the day, even into the night.

When it's time to go to bed, Grubb fiddles with her pump, which gives her body insulin while she sleeps.

For more information about diabetes, Rystrom is available every Wednesday at the SHAIC.



Melissa Evavold/The Western Front

(Upper left) Katherine Grubb holds a canulla, a synthetic needle which supplies her body with insulin, up to the light. (Above) Grubb shows where the canulla is hidden inside her body. Tubing is connected to the device, which she said feels like a large needle. (Left) Danny Unger, a fifth-year Western student, tests the glucose level in his blood on a blood glucose meter. Unger was diagnosed in early December with diabetes. He is now in the "honeymoon stage" of the disease, meaning that, although he shows symptoms of diabetes, his pancreas still produces insulin.



Western melts Wazzu defense

Vikings use scoring sprees to sweep the Cougars in two weekend games, look ahead to season finale

By Benjamin Dalpos
THE WESTERN FRONT

In two games over the weekend, Western's hockey club scored 19 goals on 110 shots against Washington State University at the Bellingham Sportsplex.

The Vikings won the first game Saturday night 10-1.

Western jumped to an early lead with a power play goal by Corey Johnson.

WSU quickly answered with a goal by Matt Hansen. Western then scored nine unanswered goals.

Six Vikings scored in the first game, with Jason Motyka, Ben Alberg, Matt Kline and Russell Mingus contributing with two goals each.

Western controlled the middle of the ice to give the Vikings

good scoring chances.

Kline beat two Cougar defensemen and goalie Chris Sowiago with a wrap-around in the second period to make the score 5-1.

Western had 42 shots on goal and Western goalie David Morrill stopped 19 of 20 shots in the game.

The Cougars' 24 penalty minutes left them short-handed for most of the second period.

"The big thing with them is they have a very good goalie," head coach Mike Bahn said. "The goalie blocked a ton of shots, and score aside he had some great saves."

The Vikings continued the scoring barrage with a 9-5 win Sunday afternoon.

"It is always tough to play a late game and then an early game," winger Kylan Mckenzie

said.

"The trick is to come prepared the same way as the night before, especially when you have a win like we did. We didn't do it, but we pulled it off in the third."

It was a different story in the first two periods of the game.

Western scored first with a goal from winger Brendan Madden.

Cougars winger Josh Bain answered with a goal and he then scored on the power play with an assist from Mike Dodson.

Western ended the period with Johnson's shorthanded goal.

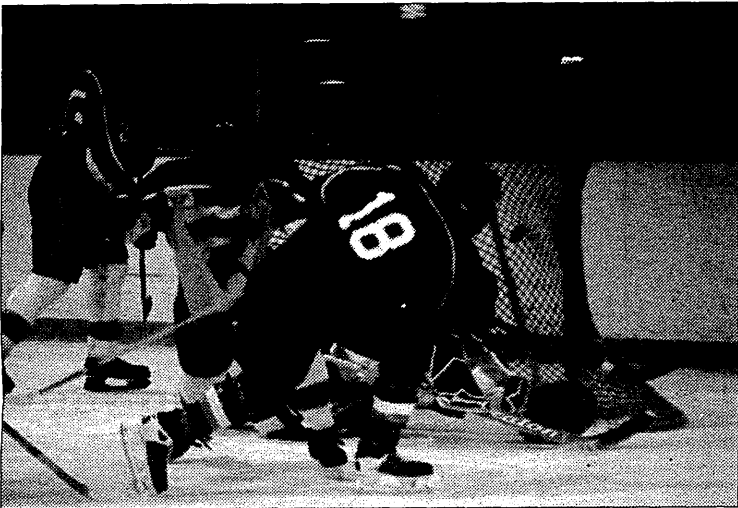
In the second period, WSU controlled the game scoring two goals within 30 seconds of each other to tie the game at 4. The Cougars then took the lead with a goal by Nick Trujillo.

The Vikings took over in the third, scoring five goals on 27 shots.

Alberg scored the game winner with a nice set up by John Smolenski.



Terrill Simecki/The Western Front
Western defenseman Chris McPherren bowls over a WSU player during the Viking's 9 to 5 win Sunday. The Vikings won both games over the weekend.



Terrill Simecki/The Western Front
In a losing effort, Cougar Mike Dodson slaps the puck past Western's defense during a power play.

Western then went on to score three more goals; two from defenseman John Wilson in the last four minutes of the game.

The Vikings took 68 shots on goal for the game with six players scoring.

"When you play a team like this, it is inevitable you just think you're going to win anyway, regardless of the score," Alberg said.

"They're beating us 5-4 coming into the third period, well, we better start scoring."

The two wins give Western

an 8-8-1 record going into the last weekend of the season.

Western will play two games against the University of Oregon, the first at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at the Sportsplex. The second game of the weekend is Sunday at 1 p.m.

"Oregon is a much better team," Bahn said.

"We just have to cut down on the mistakes and focus and play like we played for two periods today. Trying to play coast to coast against teams like Oregon, it wouldn't work and they will burn you."

Roe to head up USA Track and Field

Western cross country coach and Woodring professor Bill Roe elected president USA Track and Field for next four years

By Allison Butler
THE WESTERN FRONT

At the 2000 meeting of the USA Track & Field (USATF) in Albuquerque, N.M., Western professor Bill Roe was elected president of the USATF for the next four years.

"I thought that it would be really overwhelming to become president, but I have worked there for over 12 years, so it wasn't that bad," Roe said.

Roe, 50, has been involved with USATF since 1979 and has also served on the board of directors. His election makes him the only person in the history of the USATF to serve 16 years as an officer.

"Bill Roe has done it all," USATF CEO Craig Masback said. "His range of experience within the USA Track & Field is remarkable and he brings to his position a rich perspective and tremendous enthusiasm."

Roe coached for Western's men's and women's cross country and middle distance programs since 1988.

Since Roe became a coach at Western, runners have set 22 school records, been All-

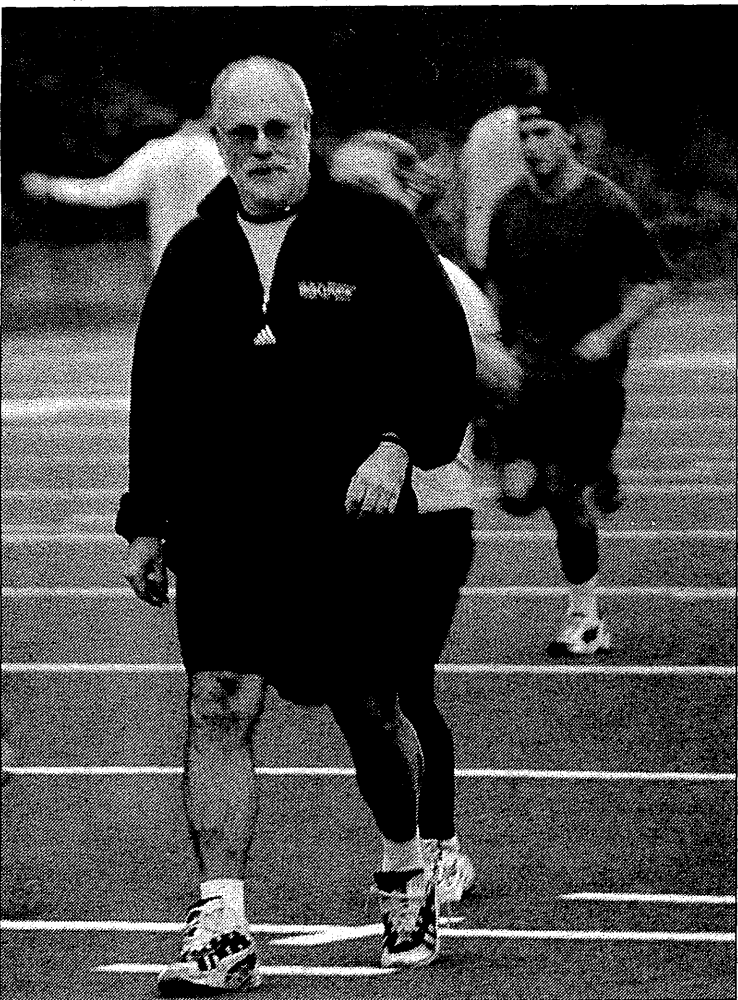
Americans 21 times and won national scholar athletes honors 14 times. He also was Northwest Regional cross country Coach of the Year in 1995 and received the conference coaching honor in 1997. He shared these with "Pee Wee"

Halsell, who Roe assists as coach.

When asked why he is so successful, Roe said, "I have good, smart runners."

He has worked at Western's Woodring College of Education

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Stephanie Kosonen/The Western Front
Professor Bill Roe leads the Western track team at a practice. Roe was recently named president of U.S. Track & Field.

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Women send Redhawks packing

Vikings rebound after record-breaking loss to run past Seattle University, 91-47

By Laura Thoren
THE WESTERN FRONT

The Viking women's basketball team tore down Seattle University by a final score of 91-47 Saturday at Carver Gym.

The victory followed Western's loss to Northwest Nazarene University Thursday, which halted the Vikings' 26-game home-court winning streak.

It was Western's 10th straight win against Seattle.

The Vikings maintained the lead throughout the game, opening with a 10-point run, taking advantage of Seattle's 14 first-half turnovers.

The Vikings ended the half leading 43-23.

The Redhawks tried to come back strong in the second half, but Western's offense remained strong.

Western went on a 19-point run early in the half, holding Seattle to 27 points until 11:30 into the second half.

Western guard Megan Quarterman's driving layup with 4:54 to go gave the Vikings a 49-point lead, the largest of the night.

The bench scored Western's final 48 points and had 51 for the game.

"It's fun when everyone gets to play," Quarterman said.

Quarterman dominated the second half with a game-high 15 points.

She also led the Vikings with a 75 percent 3-point field-goal average, shooting 3-for-4 from behind the arc.

Tessa DeBoer and Briana Abrahamsen contributed 10 points each.

Center Jill Swanson and forward Jill McGillivray led the Vikings with seven rebounds each.

Guard Julie Walker had nine points and a career-high nine assists for Western, and guard Jodie Kaczor had a career-high six steals.

Seattle forward Anna Kloeck led the Redhawks with 15 points, and forward Deanna Cordova led with 10 rebounds.

Western now has a 10-4 record in the PacWest conference and is 14-5 overall.

Seattle's record dropped to 1-13 in the conference and 3-16 overall.

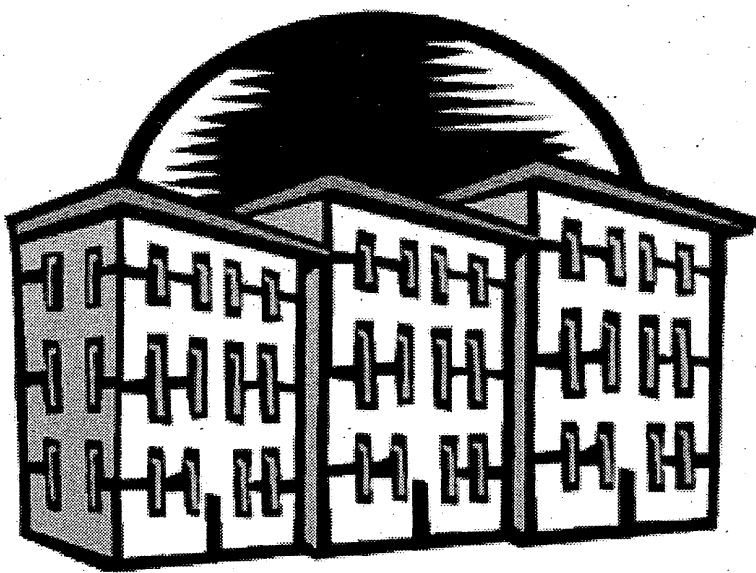
The Vikings, who are 9-1 at home this season, shot 57.1 percent (36-of-63) from the field, had a 32-22 edge in rebounds and committed only 14 total turnovers, compared to the Redhawks' 26.

Western hosts Montana State University-Billings at 7 p.m. Thursday at Carver Gym.



Terrill Simecki/The Western Front

Vikings' Center Jill Swanson charges through two Redhawks for a layup in the second half. Western held Seattle University to just four points in the first 11:30 of the second half. Swanson finished with eight points and a team-high seven rebounds.



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Palm carries Vikings past Sea Warriors

Western overcomes early second-half deficit to defeat Hawaii-Pacific; hold on to PacWest lead at 9-2

By James Lyon
THE WESTERN FRONT

Mike Palm scored 35 points, the most by a Viking in seven years, and grabbed a game-high 15 rebounds as the Western men's basketball team defeated Hawaii Pacific University 104-83 in a PacWest game Saturday at Carver Gym.

The Vikings (17-3 overall, 9-2 in the PacWest), ranked No. 20 nationally, remained in first in the West Division of the PacWest.

Guard Jacob Stevenson had 21 points and seven assists for Western, which won its fourth consecutive game and its seventh straight home contest.

Hawaii Pacific (8-12, 3-8) lost its fourth straight game and for the eighth time in nine contests.

The Vikings' game plan was to

look to Palm early in their offensive sets.

"We try to get him involved as much as we can," coach Brad Jackson said. "Because when you do, he's either going to score, get to the line or get someone else an open shot."

Palm has welcomed the challenge of being the anchor in the middle.

"I like being the focal point of the offense, my teammates were looking to me early and often," Palm said.

"We were trying to establish an inside presence to open up the offense on the outside."

Palm, last year's PacWest freshman of the year, started this season on the sideline with a strained right knee. He has battled injuries and illness all year and only now is starting to feel healthy again.

Over the last 10 games, the 6-foot 10-inch center has averaged 17.8 points and 8.4 rebounds per game.

"It was a tough start to the season for him with the knee injury and getting sick," Jackson said.

"We've been working on him being more physical and better balanced, and once he's got it going, then his confidence starts to go up, and that translates into efforts like today's."

Hawaii Pacific opened the second half with a 12-4 run, capitalizing on several Viking turnovers to take a 52-50 lead just more than a minute into the second half. Western regained the lead for good at 57-56 on a basket and a free throw by forward A.J. Giesa with 14:42 left.

The Vikings then broke the game open down the stretch, holding the Sea Warriors scoreless for nearly five minutes to turn an 86-80 lead into a 101-80 advantage with 1:18 to play. At one point, Palm scored nine straight points during the 15-0 run that sealed the game.

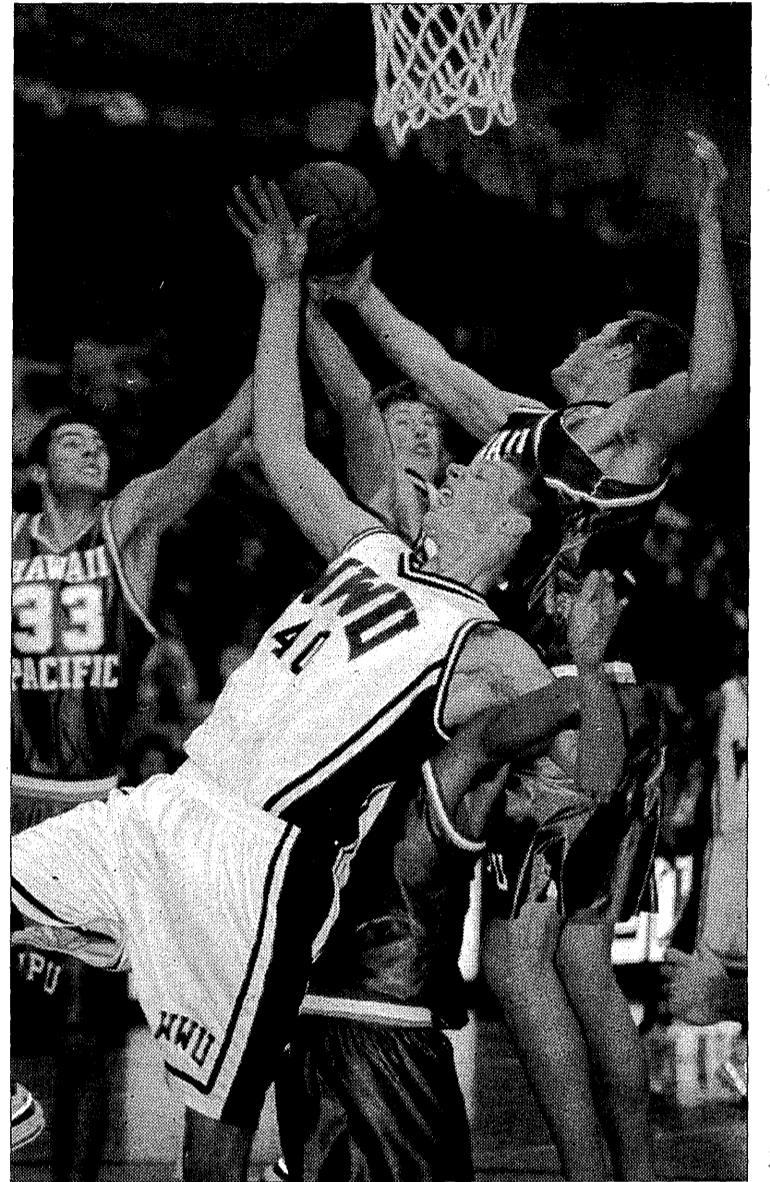
Guard Nick Spajic led the Sea Warriors with 27 points, 15 in the second half. The Vikings' defense held the Sea Warriors leading scorer Nash Subotic to seven points, 10 below his season average.

Hawaii Pacific had a 16-15 lead seven minutes into the game, but Western went on a 15-4 run to take a 30-20 lead with 7:32 left in the half. The Vikings led by as much as 14 in the opening half, but the Sea Warriors closed the period with a 9-3 charge to narrow the margin to six, 46-40, at halftime.

Palm, who was 12 of 16 from the field and 11 of 13 on free throws, had 23 points and 12 rebounds in the second half. His 35 points tied the sixth-best total in school history.

Guard Shelton Diggs added 15 points, and guard Jason Burrell chipped in 12 points off the bench.

The Vikings travels to Seattle University for a PacWest game 7 p.m. Thursday.



Daniel J. Peters/The Western Front

Center Mike Palm fights for a rebound in a swarm of Sea Warriors. Palm finished with 35 points and 15 rebounds.



Daniel J. Peters/The Western Front

Guard Jacob Stevenson looks for an open man around a Hawaii Pacific defender. The Vikings won their third-straight game, 104-83, Saturday afternoon at Carver Gym.

Seattle native Roe involved in track and field since high school

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since coming to Bellingham in 1985 as a graphic designer/illustrator.

"I make up the time at Woodring by doing a lot of flex time and working weekends and nights, or whenever I can," Roe said.

Roe was born in Seattle. He believed in the importance of serving students for a long time.

He said he learned this at an early age from his mother, Ellen, who worked at the Seattle School District for a small amount of money.

Roe became involved in track and field in high school. He wasn't fast enough to compete, so he became a manager and has been ever since.

He went to Nathan Hale High School and the University of Washington, where he managed both track teams.

Roe has coached or led U.S. teams to international competitions in Canada, Japan (three

times), Argentina, Belgium (twice) and South Africa.

"My favorite place to go is New Zealand and I've proved that by going 11 times," Roe said. "We are going again in 309 days."

Roe will be in Vancouver, Wash. Feb. 17 and 18 for the World Cross Country Trials where the U.S. teams will be selected. He will lead that team to the World Cross Country Championships in Dublin, Ireland March 25 and 26.

USA Track and Field Facts

-The USATF has a national office with a staff of 35 people in Indianapolis.

-The USATF has a membership of 70,000 athletes, 12,000 competition officials and 14,000 certified coaches.

Palm earns player of the week

THE WESTERN FRONT

Western Center Mike Palm has been named the PacWest Conference Player of the Week for January 28 to February 3.

Palm, a 6-foot-10 sophomore from Puyallup, scored 52 points and grabbed 31 rebounds as the Vikings swept two home games last week, defeating Brigham Young

University-Hawaii, 74-69, and Hawaii Pacific University, 104-83. He had career highs of 35 points versus Hawaii Pacific, the most by a Western player in seven seasons, and 16 rebounds against BYU-Hawaii.

Palm has averaged 19.8 points and 12.5 rebounds during Western's four-game winning streak.

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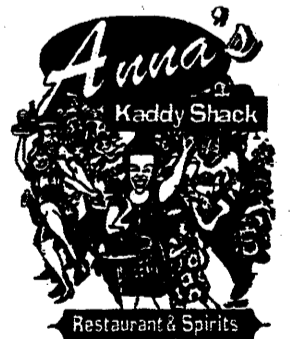


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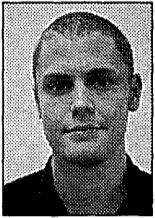
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President Bush: take a faith-based flying leap

Bush's proposal to support religious groups with federal funds not just a bad idea; blatantly unconstitutional, too



Josh Haupt

COMMENTARY

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion." The opening words of the First Amendment are very clear.

But apparently, newly "elected" President Bush and his army of compassionate conservatives haven't read the First Amendment.

At least that's the appearance given by Bush's moves this past week to allocate federal funding to "faith-based" organizations.

The proposed initiatives would divert up to \$8 billion in tax revenues to fund religious-based social services.

Is anyone scared yet? This is not a good idea, not to mention unconstitutional.

This move by the new administration would open a possibility for abuse that the framers of the Constitution were dead set against.

It provides ways for both the federal government and religious organizations to manipulate and use religion to whatever end they choose.

Furthermore, what's to stop

religious organizations, acting on their religious beliefs, from receiving federal funds from discriminating on the basis of religion, sexual orientation, race or gender?

As the American Civil Liberty Union states on its Web site on this particular issue, "A Catholic church receiving public funds for literacy programs could fire a teacher for getting pregnant out of marriage or an Orthodox Jewish synagogue that operated a food bank could refuse to hire non-Jews or women."

This is a real possibility, as religious organizations are exempt from many civil rights laws.

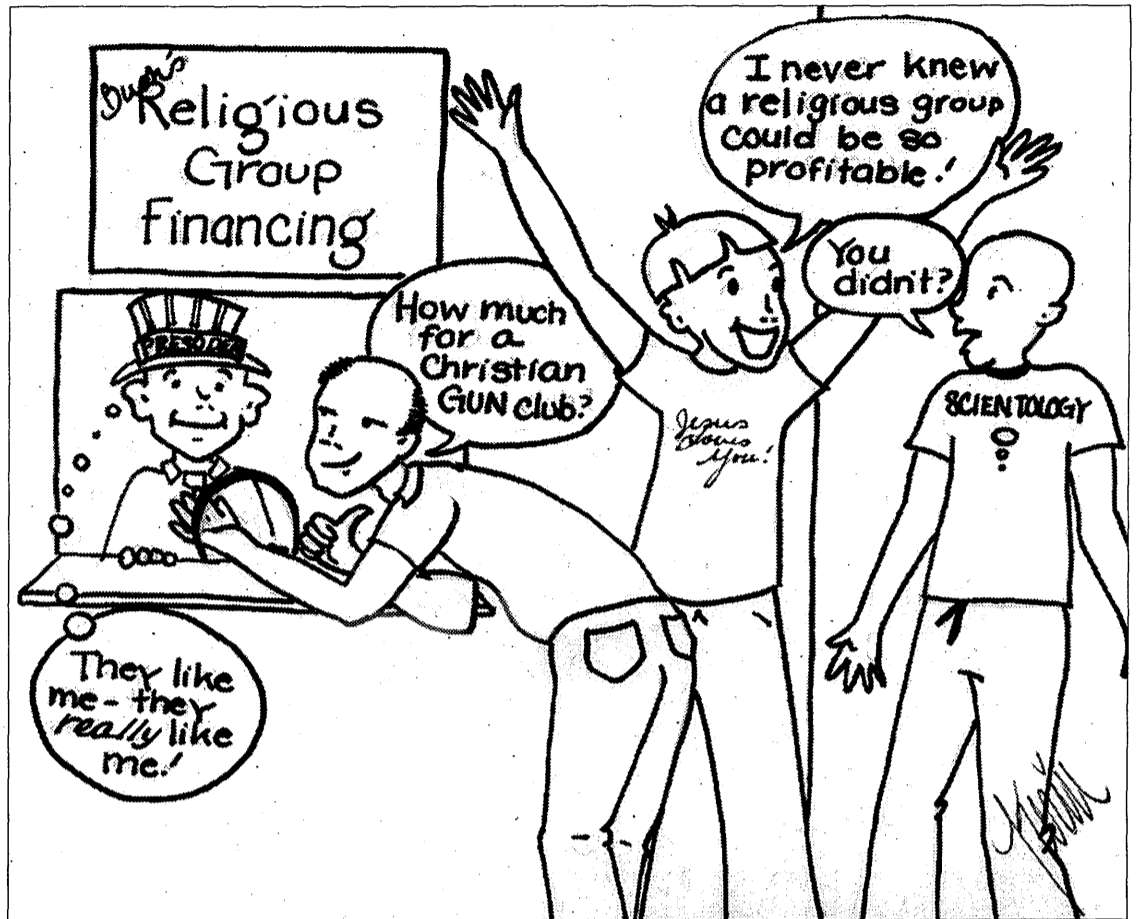
Another worry is who will be deemed "worthy" of receiving funds?

Would it merely be Christian organizations?

If so, then neo-Nazis, Aryan Nations and other hate-based churches could qualify for receiving federal funds.

The massive number of groups willing to manipulate the system for profit would most likely pop up overnight.

This initiative also would allow for discrimination



against those people who are not religious.

Remember, people, "freedom of religion" also means freedom from religion.

Now, granted, these are all worst case scenarios, but there's a reason why worst case scenarios exist: because they often happen.

Justice Hugo Black of the Supreme Court was quite clear on this issue during the Everson vs. Board of Education

decision in 1947 when he said, "Neither a state nor the federal government can set up a church. Neither can pass laws which aid one religion, aid all religions, or prefer one religion over another ..."

"No tax in any amount, large or small, can be levied to support any religious activities or institutions, whatever they may be called, or whatever form they may adopt to

teach or practice religion ...

In the words of Thomas Jefferson, "The clause was intended to erect 'a wall of separation between church and state.'"

These new initiatives are a clear signal from compassionate conservatives and Bush that they are going to try their best to knock that god-damn wall

down. Be afraid. Be very afraid.

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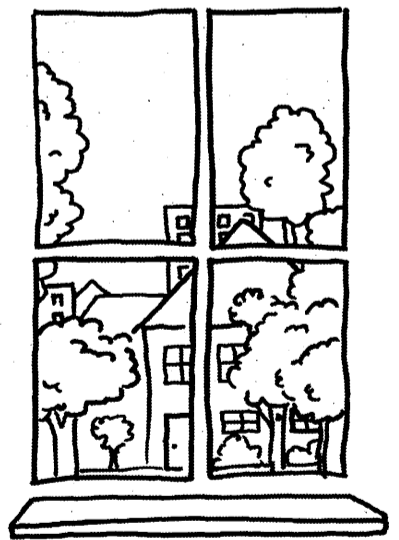
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Sodexo-Marriott employees no exception to health laws

Campus food purveyors, be they Sodexo-Marriott or Vendor's Row merchants, owe it to their customers to provide food prepared by qualified, licensed food handlers.

The Western Front recently discovered, however, that many Marriott employees are not.

Shockingly, about 12 percent of 343 Sodexo-Marriott food service employees across campus either have expired food handlers permits or none whatsoever.

Sure, those who have taken the food handler's test realize one doesn't exactly need a four-year degree in the culinary arts to pass it, but people still fail.

Memory Rohwer, of the Whatcom Department of Health and Human Services said, "Most of it is common sense, but there are other questions, like (proper) temperatures, that are more than common sense."

Food handler's permits are not only important, they are required by law.

The permits are also a matter of public record, and employers are required to provide proof that all employees have valid permits.

Nonetheless, managers at campus eateries were unwilling to disclose the information to The Front on the grounds of violating employee privacy.

Sodexo-Marriott should be held to as high a standard as every other food merchant in town.

Even grocery store baggers and movie theater employees, who handle nothing more complex than popcorn, are required to have food handlers permits.

Sodexo-Marriott employees should be no exception and the company certainly should not try to hide its shortcomings under the guise of employee privacy.

Perhaps they don't realize the seriousness of the issue.

Bacterium such as E. coli are more common than one might think and can cause severe organ damage or even lead to death.

Such has been the case in recent memory. Surely, no one can forget the E. coli outbreak of 1993 in which 600 people ate contaminated Jack In The Box hamburgers.

Three children died during that severe outbreak, which has been followed by numerous smaller outbreaks, as well as other cases involving salmonella.

The possibility of food poisoning is all too real if food is not properly prepared.

Sodexo-Marriott has a veritable monopoly on campus and charge notoriously high prices for its product — the company owes it to students and faculty to provide food they can trust was prepared properly by qualified individuals.

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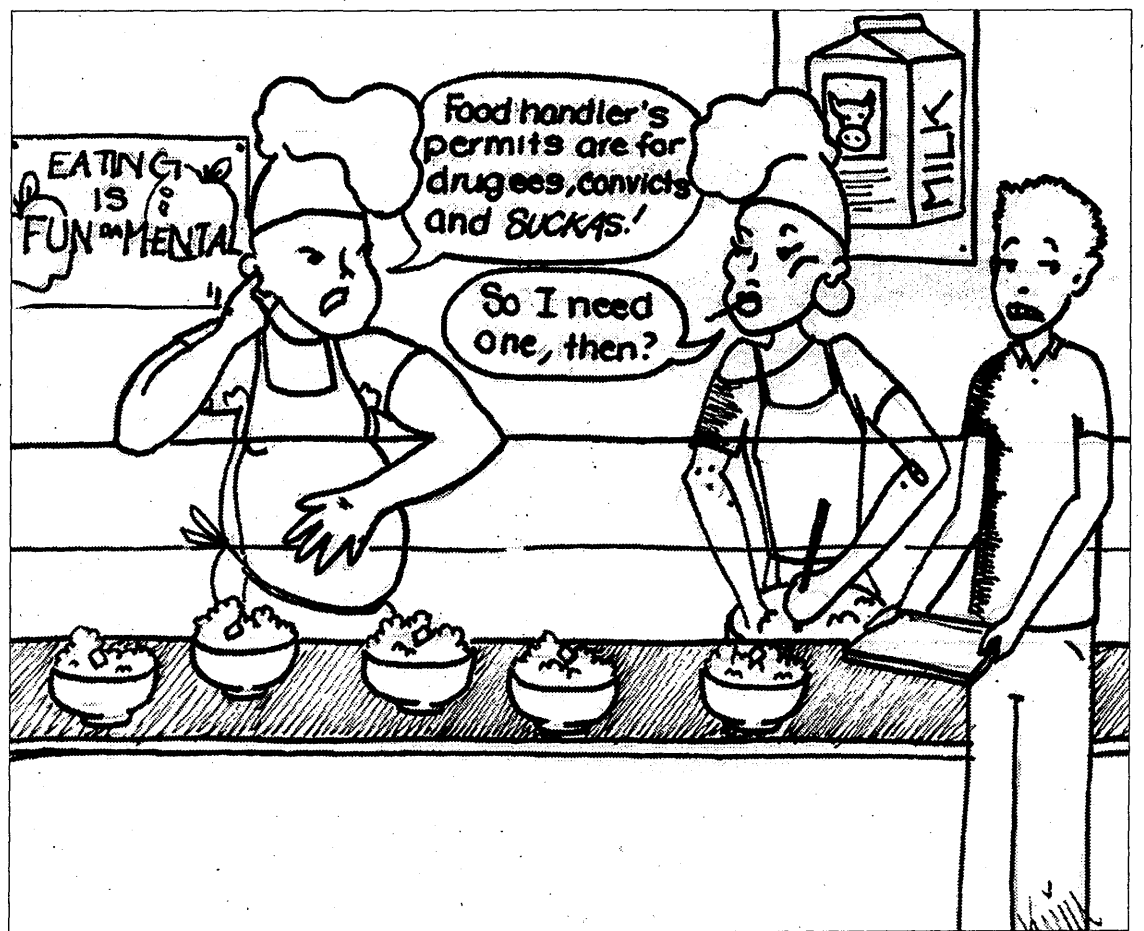
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And we quote:

"The oil industry will tell you we can have it all; that we can have the largest industrial oil facility in the U.S. and abundant birds and wildlife. But it's simply not true."

Sara Callaghan, the Sierra Club's Arctic coordinator as quoted on www.latimes.com.



Western needs to quit talking and do more to improve safety



Bryn Johnson

COMMENTARY

Safety for all students needs to be a priority for Western.

People come to Bellingham because it is a safe place, a small community away from big city problems.

Why then, are there posters in almost every building displaying the faces of people who have either succeeded at or attempted to hurt Western students?

Safety is a hot topic for administrators trying to increase enrollment, and calm nervous parents' hearts.

Western needs to spend less time downplaying past incidents and focus on coming up with prac-

tical solutions to safety issues.

Other than physically being safe, it is important that students feel safe on Western's campus.

Waiting for a ride home after a night class, studying in the

and College Hall.

Between 6 and 10 p.m. this popular spot can go from chaos to silence in a matter of minutes, bringing a change in heart rate for students waiting alone.

It is the difference between security in numbers and wondering if anyone would hear a scream.

For students, standing alone on the dimly lit street with nothing but two fluorescent street lamps and a creepy-looking character who also must be waiting for a ride, safety is nowhere to be found.

Hoping that on their return, a ride would be there, students casually stroll back into buildings, making sure they didn't miss anything on their last five trips.

Western's tradition of smiles for anonymous passers-by becomes a

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library or participating in sports doesn't make one feel safe.

Anyone who lives off-campus knows that if they are on the northwest side of campus and they call someone to pick them up, the only place to meet them at the turn-around between the student health center parking lot

So much time, so little to do



Lisa Curdy

CURD'S WAY

Non-essential activities, such as spending quality time on a couch or going to parties, take on a new, incredibly pressing precedence when one is procrastinating.

Procrastination is bad, very bad, but it feels so good. It's like the heroin of academia, the crack of classes, the stoned stupor of upper-division classes: I am addicted to procrastination.

This weekend was truly the epitome of giving school the shaft, and it was wonderfully terrifying. Friday began with me fully intending to work on a story for another publication, but quickly turned into an exercise in sleeping in.

After waking — at noon — I decided showering was not in my

best interest. But I probably should have bathed, as I had Thursday night's makeup all over my face.

We're talking glitter strewn from hell to breakfast, some mad mascara raccoon eyes, fading feathering smudges of lipliner that once was, and a hairstyle fit for Aretha Franklin, circa 1967.

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Things were not pretty in the Curdy household.

Finally showering and reapplying the war paint later that night after a day of talk show bliss, I was ready for what Fridays are truly made for: ciga-

rettes and beer.

La Piñata supplied the first few rounds of liquid procrastination, and the rest were delivered to me in a little blue keg cup at a house party. The night passed in a hazy blur, and soon it was Saturday.

On Saturday, I could have worked on my story, which was slowly dying from a generous dose of neglect, but I found my body had other plans. Once again, I was a glittered, makeup-coated nightmare not fit for the visually non-impaired, immobilized by sloth.

And Saturday followed, as Friday's evil drunken twin.

Then Sunday, sweet Sunday, awakened me with an eyelid-snapping jolt that made my heart flutter and stomach flip. It was do-or-die day, and graduation was in peril if I didn't get the story together. It was now time.

I arrived at school with a white-knuckled grip and wet hair, searching with darting eyes

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It may not be popular, but oil drilling should be allowed in Alaskan refuge



Mariah Price

COMMENTARY

Drilling should be done in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR). This is not a very popular opinion and a lot of people out there are bound to disagree. That's okay. That's what makes life fun, right? Vive la différence!

The area in question is the coastal plain, also known as the 1002 Area.

It covers about 1.5 million

acres, but only about 2,000 acres would be impacted by oil development.

This area has a nine-month winter and 56 hours of continuous darkness during mid-winter.

With military installments, schools, villages and roads, it is not an untouched environment.

"Why do they want to disrupt the wildlife?" you might ask.

Most people who are for drilling do not want to hurt the wildlife.

It is, however, arrogant and wrong for the United States to expect other countries to deplete their natural resources and ruin their environments for our luxuries.

Granted, these countries are willing to do so for the money, but Americans shouldn't take advantage of them.

What makes American resources and its environment so much more valuable than theirs?

If drilling doesn't happen in the ANWR, other countries will find other places to drill for America.

It's a matter of which part of the world gets drilled first.

The United States has one of the most regulated oil exploration and production industries in the world.

If America wants to preserve the environment, it should take

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Talking about campus safety doesn't fix issues

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game of "I don't see you," where eye contact becomes the number one enemy.

Administrative solution: post flyers and hold meetings encouraging students not to be alone on campus at night.

Yet students stand waiting for rides, because friends don't think

"Practical solution: Make a safe place where students can be dropped off and picked up."

it is safe for them to drive, having to walk through the even darker parking lots.

Other students who thought they would be done with that big paper hours earlier, end up stuck, waiting in the dark.

Practical solution: Make a safe place where students can be dropped off and picked up.

Have a well-lit area, an emergency phone, with Greencoats and University Police patrolling throughout the evening.

Western should think about using student lives and schedules as a starting point for campus safety measures.

Delaying the inevitable makes for better work

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for a parking spot. But none were to be had — a definite nod from the procrastination gods to take a relaxing drive and clear my weary, school-cluttered mind, of course.

Within a matter of moments, I was freeway-bound on a drive with destiny like a golden retriever set loose in a field full of fowl. I was putting off school for at least another hour, if not two.

As it were, I did go to school and finish the story I was working on.

"I arrived at school with a white-knuckled grip and wet hair, searching with darting eyes for a parking spot. But none was to be had — a definite nod from the procrastination gods to take a relaxing drive and clear my weary, school-cluttered mind, of course."

The procrastination bug seemed to be quelled and quieted by the reality of my failure as a student if I didn't just do it.

And then, when my editor asked me what my column topic was, I proudly told him "procrastination."

Unfortunately, it would be turned in tomorrow.

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America should drill domestically, not buy foreign oil

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upon itself the production of more oil in order to reduce production by other, less-regulated countries.

The United States spends about \$40 billion annually on imported crude oil and refined products.

This makes it the largest single commodity in the U.S. balance of trade deficit with other nations, according to the Department of Commerce.

In 1973, the United States imported about 36 percent of its needs; in 1991, about 46 percent; today it is up to more than 55 percent. It is expected to rise to 60

percent by the year 2010.

America is becoming more and

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more dependent on countries with whom it is not always on the friendliest of terms.

If America has the means to become a little more self-sufficient, it should.

New technology that will minimize the damage and disruption to the land is available.

One such technological advance is the “3-D” seismic survey.

This survey, using powerful computers, allows crews to more accurately test for prospective drilling sites without actually having to drill exploration wells.

We should find alternative forms of energy.

In the mean time, though, there has to be some way to heat homes and get to school and work.

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*The booth opens at 6:00 p.m. & remains open throughout the 1st half of the game. All you need is your student ID card.



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