

ELECTION DAY ARRIVES



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Commerce groups call border plan inefficient

By SHANNON DEVENY
The Western Front

Several commerce groups from the United States and Canada want to delay a policy that will require American travelers crossing the U.S.-Canada and U.S.-Mexico borders to carry passports or other forms of secure identification starting in January 2006.

More time is necessary to make the policy efficient, said Stuart Johnston, vice president of policy and government for the Ontario Chamber of Commerce. He said the policy is inefficient because the public does not know enough about the requirements.

"Almost zero money and effort has gone into public awareness and education about the existence of this policy," Johnston said.

Traffic at the border would stall if the public is unaware of the identification requirements, Johnston said. The policy could also discourage tourism, he said.

The policy is part of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative the U.S. Congress passed in December 2004.

The initiative's goal was to tighten security at the U.S. borders by requiring a uniform, secure form of identification that takes effect in stages beginning Jan. 1, 2007.

On that date, all air and sea travel requires passports. The policy takes full effect on January 1, 2008, when all travel in and out of the United States will require a passport or other forms of secure identification.

Members from organizations including the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, the Bellingham/Whatcom Chamber of Commerce and the Cascadia Project of Seattle met Oct. 26 to discuss problems they had with the policy and how to improve it.

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Divisive issues face resolution

Throughout Bellingham, signs promoting candidates and issues in today's election litter streets and sidewalks.

Along Harris Avenue (pictured above), election signs outside the Firehouse Performing Arts Center promote owner Matt Christman's opposition to developing the city's green spaces.

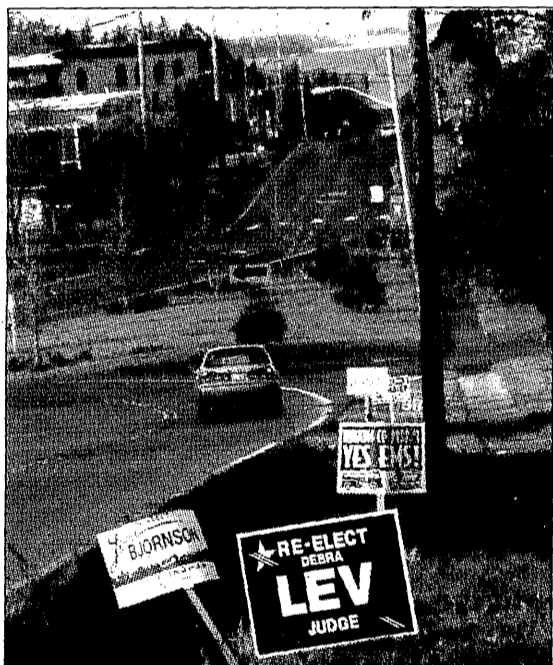
"What makes Bellingham unique are the values like public open spaces, lots of green space and the right economic way, which

is open land, not pavement," Christman said.

As drivers pass Donovan Avenue (pictured at left), they can witness the community's interest in the election, which became vote-by-mail this year.

Voters must mail in their ballots today to have them count in the election.

As of Monday afternoon, the Whatcom County Auditor's Office received 31,461 of the 102,854 ballots it mailed.



BRYAN EDMONDS / SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN FRONT

Gathering honors war deaths

By AMY HARDER
The Western Front

Rain and wind smeared the writing on the signs, drenched the notebook with soldiers' names and thrust American and Iraqi flags in all directions.

But despite inclement weather Thursday, a group of approximately 20 Western students and faculty in Red Square read the names of more than 400 soldiers who have died in the war in Iraq.

"We are not fair-weather activists," said Michael Biesheuvel, Western junior and president of

the new Associated Students club Western Against War. "We will try to participate in the gathering regardless of the weather."

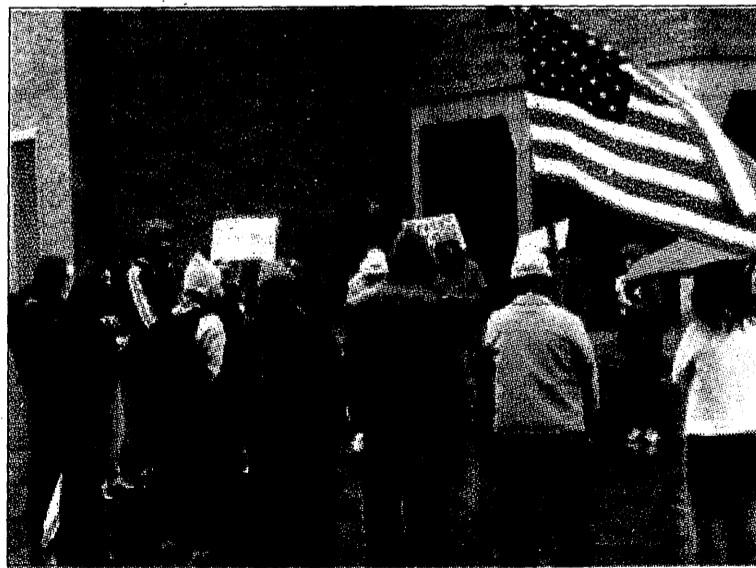
Shirley Osterhaus, a professor at Fairhaven College who lectures on world issues, organized the gathering and coordinated it with 14 other faculty members to begin at 11:15 a.m. Thursday. Participants named American and Iraqi soldiers who died in the war during the past three years. The group read names for an hour, withstanding the worsening weather.

"It's powerful to hear name after name of people who have

been killed," Osterhaus said. "We don't see pictures about the war, but at least we can hear names. We need to deal with reality. We are in war every day."

Osterhaus said she and the other concerned faculty members, along with students, plan to gather the first Thursday of every month for the rest of the school year in Red Square to read names. The group will read the names of soldiers who have died during the entire war, picking up where they left off each time, she said.

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AMY HARDER / THE WESTERN FRONT

Western faculty and students endure rain Thursday in Red Square to name soldiers who died in the war in Iraq.

SAFETY SCENARIOS

Situations imitate wilderness conditions to equip students and community members for safety

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SMITH ERA ENDS

The Vikings lost the final game of Western football head coach Rob Smith's 17-year career

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NO-HIT WONDERS

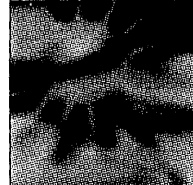
Artists such as Hilary Duff and Britney Spears should not release greatest-hits albums.

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WEATHER

Wednesday: **Sunny**
Hi: 52 Low: 41

Thursday: **Cloudy**
Hi: 52 Low: 42



COPS BOX

University Police

Nov. 4, 10:30 p.m.: UP responded to a report of three men in a four-door sedan throwing eggs at pedestrians on High Street.

Bellingham Police

Nov. 6, 2:45 a.m.: Officers cited and released a 45-year-old man on suspicion of driving under the influence on the 1200 block of Railroad Avenue.

Nov. 5, 11:53 p.m.: Officers responded to a noise complaint about a loud party on the 1600 block of 21st Street.

Nov. 5, 4:45 p.m.: Officers arrested a 22-year-old man on suspicion of stealing a leather jacket from a store on the 800 block of Lakeway Drive and issued the man a lifetime ban from the store.

Nov. 5, 1:43 a.m.: Officers arrested a 28-year-old man on suspicion of urinating in public on the 1400 block of Cornwall Avenue.

Nov. 5, 12:15 a.m.: Officers arrested an 18-year-old man on suspicion of possessing alcohol on the 300 block of Gladstone Street.

Nov. 4, 9:29 p.m.: Officers responded to a report of a person with a weapon on the 100 block of East Stuart Road. The victim reported that a man had made racial comments toward him while the man held an extendable baton to the victim's side in a threatening manner.

Nov. 4, 6:23 p.m.: Officers arrested a 32-year-old man on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol, harassing police officers and resisting arrest on the 1200 block of East Sunset Drive.

Compiled by Susie Prussack

Viking Voices



Ryan Butler
Freshman, undecided

I don't think so because I don't know anything about it.

Compiled by Andrew Irvine



Tres Crooker
Freshman, undecided

Yeah, I believe that voting is my civic duty, and there are issues that I care about.



Carolyn Feffer
Freshman, general science education

I would like to, but I don't feel like I am educated enough up here. But I don't want frickin' fluoride in our water.

AP Wire

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STATE NEWS

Teetering rocks threaten I-90 at Snoqualmie Pass

Contractors clearing a rockslide at Snoqualmie Pass found a 16-inch-wide crack in an outcropping Monday, a Washington State Department of Transportation administrator said.

Don Whitehouse, regional administrator for the Washington State Department of Transportation, said if the rocks slide, boulders could roll across Interstate 90, so the interstate closed Sunday.

Wilder Construction employees worked in the snow Monday to put up a fence to block the rockslide.

The department could reopen at least one eastbound lane within the next week. Administrators did not give an estimate on reopening westbound lanes.

Once they have the containment area fenced off, Whitehouse said workers will remove loose rock with small dynamite blasts.

The main east-west route has been closed since early Sunday, when rocks slid onto the pavement.

Seattle votes for fifth time on monorail transit

Today's Washington state election could be the end of the line for a proposed monorail transit system in Seattle.

Inspired by the 1-mile monorail in Seattle's 1962 World's Fair, the proposed monorail system was a dream of sleek, elevated trains gliding above clogged city streets.

The city shelved plans for a 14-mile line when the financing plan topped \$11 billion this summer.

King County voters are deciding if they want to pay for a 10-mile line or drop the idea entirely. This is the fifth vote on the monorail in eight years.

Supporters said they are still on track to construct the system. Opponents of the project said the Seattle Monorail Authority mismanaged the project by asking

for too large of a budget.

NATIONAL NEWS

New study shows problems for cancer survivors

A study sponsored by the Institute of Medicine reported the country's 10 million cancer survivors need follow-up help.

Curing cancer is not the last step for people who beat the disease, The National Cancer Policy Group committee said.

Committee chair Dr. Sheldon Greenfield said cancer survivors could face problems, including heart disease, a lack of mobility and sexual dysfunction from the treatment and the disease.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

French government reports first fatality in riots

The unrest throughout France

has claimed its first life. Authorities said a man who received injuries while trying to put out a fire in a trash can died.

On Oct. 27, Paris erupted, and rioting has continued ever since. Rioters have set more than 4,700 cars on fire and attacked schools. Youths have tossed flaming Molotov cocktails.

The riots injured at least 36 officers. Police have detained 1,200 suspects. French government officials reported overnight attacks in 274 towns.

Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin announced Monday that local officials could impose curfews wherever needed to help curb the rioting.

The mayhem started as an outburst of anger in a suburban Paris housing project. Muslim and black youths expanded the riot, which has engulfed the city for the past 12 days.

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

WWU Official Announcements - PLEASE POST

ALL STUDENTS EXPECTING TO GRADUATE at the close of spring quarter must have a degree application on file in the Registrar's Office by Dec. 2. Students wishing to graduate during summer quarter 2006 must have a degree application on file by March 10.

FACULTY ARE REMINDED THAT RESERVED PARKING SPACES ARE AVAILABLE for their use after hours and weekends with a valid parking permit or bus pass, as posted in lots 10G, 17G and Parks Hall.

THE MATH PLACEMENT TEST (MPT) will be held in OM 120 at 3 p.m. Mondays on Nov. 7, 14, 21 and 28, and at 9 a.m. Thursdays on Nov. 3, 10, 17, Dec. 1 and 8. Registration is not required. Students must bring photo identification, their student number, Social Security number, and a No. 2 pencil. A fee of \$15 is payable in the exact amount at test time. Allow 90 minutes.

A HEALTH CAREERS FAIR will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 9 in the VU Multipurpose Room. Details on programs confirmed to attend can be viewed at the Career Center's "Special Events" link, www.careers.wvu.edu. For more information, contact Renée Murray at X/3240.

THE MILLER ANALOGIES TEST (MAT) IS ADMINISTERED BY APPOINTMENT ONLY as a computer-based test. Make an appointment in person in OM 120 or by calling X/3080. A \$60 fee is payable at test time. The test takes about 1½ hours. Preliminary scores are available immediately; official results are mailed within 15 days.

WEST-B TEST. All applying for admission to state-approved teacher education programs must meet the minimum passing score on the basic skills assessment by the application deadline. Visit www.west.nesinc.com for registration information and a study guide. Registration deadlines are several weeks in advance. Test dates for 2005-06 are Nov. 19, Jan. 21, March 11, May 13, and July 15.

WEST-E PRAXIS. Washington state requires anyone seeking teacher certification and teachers seeking additional endorsements to pass a subject knowledge assessment in the chosen endorsement area (the Washington Educator Skills Test - Endorsement, or WEST-E). The state has chosen specific Praxis II series tests to meet this requirement. Visit www.ets.org/praxis/prxwa.html for online registration information. Registration bulletins are also available in MH 216.

THE RECREATION PROGRAM APPLICATION DEADLINE is Friday, Nov. 18. Application materials and a pre-scheduled faculty interview must be completed by that date. For more information, stop by CV 6 or call X/3782.

HAROLD AND Lyla LANT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS are now available to students pursuing a career as a lawyer and who have applied to an accredited law school. Full description and application materials are available in Academic Advising and Tutorial Services, OM 380. Deadline is Feb. 1.

FALL GROUP OFFERINGS THROUGH THE COUNSELING CENTER include • **Relaxation Training**, drop in for one or all sessions, 4 p.m. Thursdays, OM 540; • **Ride the Emotional Wave**, drop in for one or all sessions, 3 to 4:20 p.m. Wednesdays, OM 540.

Employers On-Campus

For complete and updated information, including locations and deadlines, visit www.career.wvu.edu or stop by OM 280.

Nov. 8: • 2005 Grassroots Campaigns; Nov. 10: • Holland America; • Labinal, Inc.; Nov. 14: • Apex Systems, Inc.; • Federated Insurance; • Target Stores; Nov. 14-15: • United Parcel Service; Nov. 17: All Star Fitness; • The State PIRGS.

Campus Safety and Your Right to Know

Safety at WWU is a community-wide effort. Each of us accepts the challenge of living in a way that promotes health and well-being for ourselves and others.

The University provides services to assist in maintaining a safe, drug-free environment. All students and employees have a right to information on Western's policies and programs concerning campus safety, sexual misconduct, and alcohol and other drugs.

In Brief

In Brief is Western's annual publication outlining safety-related policies and programs and other information required by law. It includes the Annual Security Report with:

- Statistics for the previous three years concerning reported crimes that occurred on campus, in off-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by WWU, and on public property within or adjacent to campus.
- Policies and procedures on crime prevention, reporting of crimes, sexual assault, and other matters.
- Lists of educational programs and other services to help you stay informed about sexual misconduct, safety, alcohol, and other drugs.
- Details of support services and other resources for people who have experienced any type of violent crime or sexual misconduct or who are concerned about drug and alcohol use.

You can obtain a copy of *In Brief* by contacting the Office of Vice President for Student Affairs, Old Main 1301, 45-9216, (360) 650-3839. Or go to the following website: www.wvu.edu/depts/vpsa/campus_safety.htm

WWU Alcohol Policy

Western Washington University is committed to an environment which is free of alcohol and other drug abuse for students, faculty and staff. It maintains this commitment in support of academic excellence, work performance, and quality of life as well as for the future well-being of all members of this community.

Western Washington University provides: (a) information about alcohol and other drugs and the reduction of associated risks; (b) appropriate intervention when alcohol or other drug use creates unwanted or unintended consequences; and (c) support for members of this community in reducing the risk of consequences associated with alcohol and other drug abuse.

Western Washington University will uphold state and federal laws pertaining to alcohol and other drug use. All students, faculty, and staff are required to comply with these laws. Action will be taken on any violation of state or federal law or University regulations concerning alcohol and other drugs which (a) occurs in or on property controlled or owned by Western Washington University; or (b) involves University business or activities; or (c) relates directly and materially to the fitness of staff or faculty members in their professional capacities.

Western Washington University Policy Concerning Alcohol and Other Drugs, Approved by the Board of Trustees April 1999.

EDUCATIONAL SAFETY PROGRAMS

ALCOHOL AND DRUG CONSULTATION AND ASSESSMENT SERVICES (ADCAS): Staffed by a professional counselor and risk reduction specialist, ADCAS provides alcohol/drug assessments of use, risks and consequences, with personalized feedback designed to help students change their drinking/drug use patterns and outcomes. Also provides information on alcohol/drug related topics: support for friends, family, partners, and roommates impacted by the alcohol/drug use of others, current or past; and referral to campus and community support groups, counseling and treatment resources. Old Main 560C. Call 650-3643.

NEW STUDENT SERVICES/ FAMILY OUTREACH: Provides students with the Viking Tips student handbook and a web site containing important information regarding alcohol and other drug prevention; safe sexual behaviors; personal safety tips; how to contact University Police; and a directory of offices and resources. Viking Union 506. www.nssfo.wvu.edu Call 650-3846.

PREVENTION AND WELLNESS SERVICES: Staffed by professional health educators and Peer Health Student Leaders (Lifestyle Advisors), Prevention and Wellness Services offers education and prevention services on alcohol and drug prevention, relaxation, stress management, CPR/First Aid, HIV/AIDS, sexually transmittable diseases, sexual misconduct, men's health, violence prevention, women's empowerment, and how to become an "ally." Old Main 560. Call 650-2993. Every quarter, a variety of programs are offered, including *Will Act for Change*: Performance educators use the experiences and stories of students. Discussion and audience interaction are vital to the performances. Audience members are literally brought on stage to practice "what they would do" in real-life situations, dealing with issues such as sexual health, sexual assault, alcohol and drugs, racism, homophobia, classism, sexism, and how to be an ally.

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: Provides free, confidential professional assistance, assessments and referrals to help employees and their families resolve problems that affect their personal lives or job performance. Heath Promotion Network has offices in Bellingham and Burlington. For an appointment, call (360) 715-6565 or (800) 244-6142.

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS PROGRAMS

DRUG INFORMATION CENTER: Provides students and the university community with drug education to increase community awareness of social, physical and economic implications of drug use and abuse. VU 517. Call: 650-6116.

LEGAL INFORMATION CENTER: Provides students with information about laws and can make referrals to attorneys and agencies off campus. Does not offer legal representation or advice. VU 512. 650-6111.

Alcohol and Other Drug Health Risks

Category	Drug	Dependence Potential	Possible Effects	Complications
Alcohol	Beer, wine, liquor	Yes	Muscle relaxation, impaired motor control, memory and judgment; depression; intoxication.	Severe impairment of all physical and mental functions; high risk of choking or injury from falls or accidents, loss of consciousness; coma; death due to anesthesia of brain centers controlling breathing and heart rate.
Cannabis	Marijuana, pot, hashish, hashish oil	Yes	Altered sense of time and visual perception; euphoria; memory interference; reduced coordination and reflex response capacity.	Fatigue; reactions ranging from mild anxiety to panic and paranoia; confusion, disorientation; hallucinations and distortions of sense perceptions.
Enactogens	MDMA, Ecstasy, X, XTC	Yes, possible	Increased heart rate, blood pressure and body temperature; sense of energy and alertness; feelings of empathy and enhanced positive emotions, thirst, dry mouth, teeth clenching, muscle tension and cramping and possible nausea. After effects: headache, irritability, depression, anxiety; desire to be alone; and verbal and visual memory decrease up to 2 weeks.	Jitteriness, teeth clenching, dangerously high body temperature, hypertension, dehydration; confusion, sleep problems, anxiety, paranoia, hallucinations; permanent damage to parts of the brain critical to thought, memory and pleasure. At higher or repeated doses large temperature increase can be lethal.
Hallucinogens	LSD (acid), psilocybin, peyote, mescaline, many other natural and synthetic hallucinogens	Unknown	Altered sense of time, space and visual perception; disorientation; hallucinations; nausea; dilated pupils; cross sensory perceptions; dizziness; increased temperature, blood pressure and heart rate; sweating and chills.	Impaired judgment leading to impulsive actions; paranoia; rapid mood swings; "bad trip"—fear, anxiety, paranoia, panic and hallucinations to match; exhaustion after use; depression; fears—often of death, of one's mind not working right or flashbacks.
Narcotics Opiates	Heroin, codeine, morphine, opium, percodan, percocet, fentanyl	Yes	Euphoria; drowsiness; nausea; respiratory depression.	Shallow and slow breathing; dizziness; vomiting; sweating; convulsions; coma; possible death.
Nicotine	Cigarette, cigar, pipe smoking, chewing tobacco	Yes	Increased heart rate and blood pressure; irritation of eyes, nose and respiratory tract; shortness of breath; decreased sensitivity to taste; depression.	Increased risk of: heart attack; cardiovascular disease; mouth, throat and lung cancer and other pulmonary diseases.
Sedatives	Barbiturates, tranquilizers, methaqualone, other depressants	Yes	Drowsiness; slurred speech; disorientation; impaired coordination.	Shallow respiration; weak and rapid pulse; coma; possible death from depression of central nervous system functions.
Steroids	Anabolic steroids	Yes	Acne; aggressive behavior; anger management problems; cholesterol imbalance; impotence; psychosis.	Aggressive behavior; rage; psychosis; reduced fertility; stroke; liver damage; increased cancer risk.
Stimulants	Amphetamines, cocaine, crack, speed, diet pills; many other natural and synthetic drugs	Yes	Increased alertness; increased pulse and blood pressure; euphoria; pupil dilation; insomnia; loss of appetite. Fatigue and some depression after effects wear off.	Agitation; irritability; dizziness; confusion; tactile or visual hallucinations; seizure; convulsion; stroke; possible death. After effects of exhaustion; depression.
"Club Drugs"	GHB, Rohypnol, Ketamine	Yes for some in this category	These drugs are often associated with sexual assaults due to their amnesia inducing and intoxication like effects. Partial or complete amnesia; intoxication effects similar to alcohol. Ketamine can create hallucinations.	Nausea, vomiting, impaired coordination, confusion, muscle spasms, blurred vision, dizziness, slurred speech, hallucinations, unconsciousness, amnesia, aggressive behavior, rapid mood swings.

To report emergencies or crimes at WWU:
650-3911 or X73911 from campus phones
To request safety escort: 650-3555

CASAS (Crime and Sexual Assault Services):
650-3700 (24-hour help line)
Assistance and support services (medical, academic, counseling, legal and police) for victims of violent crime and sexual assault.

Standards of Conduct / Disciplinary Sanctions

Generally, possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages are not permitted on campus. The exceptions, for persons of legal drinking age only, are 1) events for which a banquet permit has been obtained—authorization can be obtained from the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs (Old Main 563; contact Linda Olson; 650-2926) in accordance with appropriate state laws, or 2) in private dwelling places. University Residences policy defines private dwelling places as individual residence rooms or apartments with the door closed. Individuals who violate WWU's regulations concerning alcohol and other drugs will be subject to sanctions including but not limited to, written reprimand, termination of employment, expulsion, or referral for prosecution.

Legal Sanctions for Illegal Alcohol Use

As prescribed by state law, no person under 21 may acquire, possess, or consume any alcoholic beverage, and it is illegal to sell alcohol without a permit. It is also unlawful for any person to provide alcoholic beverages to someone under 21. The punishment for a person convicted of violating any of the state laws described above may include imprisonment and/or fines. For full details, see: www.wvu.edu/depts/vpsa/AODpenalties.htm

Legal Sanctions for Illegal Sale, Manufacture, Delivery, and Possession of Controlled Substances*

There are numerous state and federal statutes related to the manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, and use of controlled substances. Legal sanctions may be imposed for both felony and misdemeanor convictions. Legal sanctions range from fines to multi-year prison terms to loss of financial aid. More severe penalties are provided for persons convicted of providing controlled substances to minors and for repeat offenders. For full details, see www.wvu.edu/depts/vpsa/AODpenalties.htm

*A partial list of drugs considered to be controlled substances in Washington State: Narcotics (opium and cocaine as well as all drugs extracted, derived, or synthesized from opium and cocaine, such as crack cocaine and heroin); marijuana; methamphetamine; barbiturates; and hallucinogenic substances (LSD, peyote, mescaline, psilocybin, PCP, THC, MDA, STP).

Where to Find More Information

The University will follow established processes for violation of policies. For specific citations of those procedures, go to: www.wvu.edu/depts/vpsa/policy_violation_procs/htm. For detailed information about local, state and federal drug and alcohol laws, see www.wvu.edu/depts/vpsa/AODpenalties.htm. For general information, see www.wvu.edu/depts/vpsa/AODinfo.htm. Questions? Call Alcohol and Drug Consultation and Assessment Services at 650-3643.

Off-Campus Resources For a listing of off-campus alcohol and other drug related support groups, help lines and treatment options, contact Alcohol and Drug Consultation and Assessment Services at 650-3643.

The information on this page is provided by the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs and Academic Support Services (650-3839). Most of the information is required by the Federal Clery Act and the Federal Drug-Free Schools and Campus Regulations.

Greenway levies face off in March election

By TALI BENDZAK
The Western Front

Bellingham residents will vote in March on the new Bellingham greenway levy that protects the city's green spaces from development.

Two groups of residents, Greenways 2006 and Greenways Legacy, have formed to promote their proposals on how to allocate funding from the levy.

Green space is defined as undeveloped, open land.

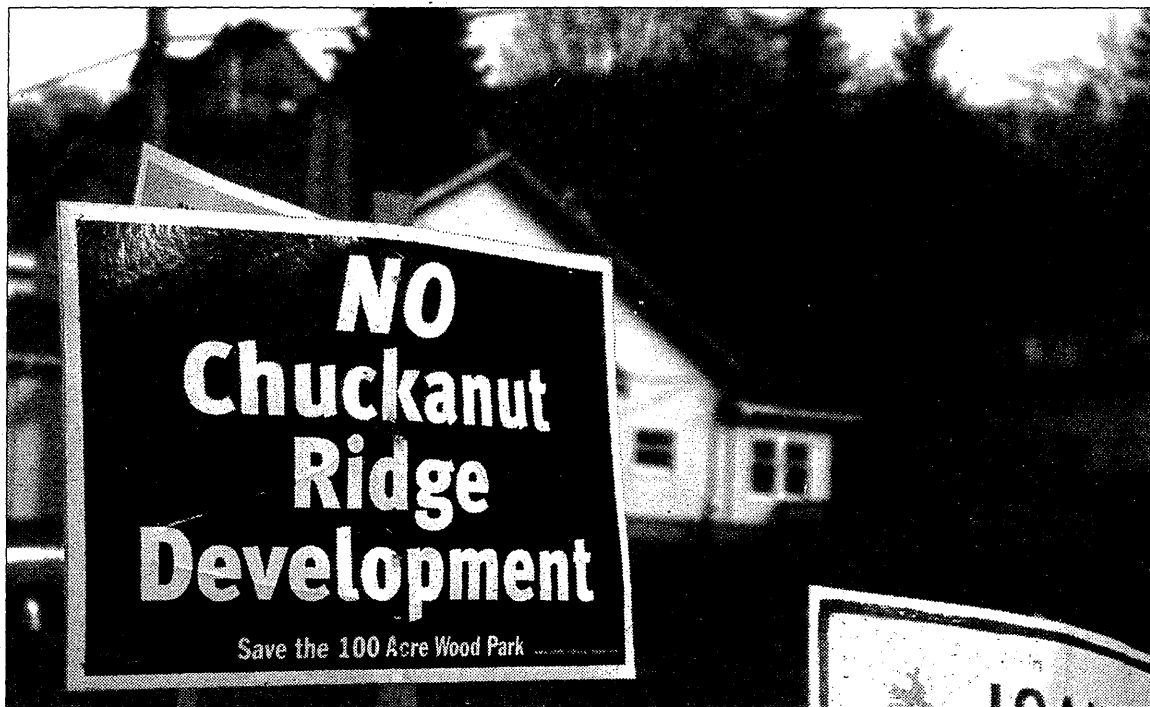
Tim Wahl, coordinator of the city's greenway program, said the greenway levy dates back to 1990. The original levy allocated \$7 million for the city to purchase land for public use, which included parks and trails.

The seven-year program was paid for by a tax on Bellingham residents of 57 cents for every \$1,000 of property value. When it initially expired in 1997, Bellingham residents passed a \$20-million Beyond Greenways levy to prolong the original levy and continue land acquisition.

The renewed levy continued the tax at the same rate for another nine years. The duration is based on the city's predicted population growth.

Because the Beyond Greenways levy expires in the end of 2005, former members of the Greenway Advisory Committee and residents who are concerned with the rapid development of Bellingham are formulating new levy proposals for the City Council to approve.

The City Council will review each proposal and formulate the plan they see most fit for the city. Once approved, Bellingham tax payers



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Greenways Legacy plans to purchase 43 acres of Chuckanut Ridge with tax dollars while Greenways 2006 plans on revamping existing trails and parks throughout Bellingham.

will vote on the final proposal.

The main difference between Greenways Legacy and Greenways 2006 lies in the debate of Chuckanut Ridge. Greenways Legacy plans to purchase as many as 43 acres of Chuckanut Ridge land, while Greenways 2006 refuses to acquire that land because landowners are not willing to sell, said John Blethen, a representative for Greenways 2006.

Greenways Legacy proposes a \$60-million levy for 15 years. Its focus is 70 percent land acquisition and 30 percent enhancement and maintenance of existing green spaces. Distribution of the money would primarily benefit the northern regions of Bellingham,

called the northern wards.

The central and southern wards would receive 30 percent of the benefits. The first two levies did not use funds to improve the north, so Greenways Legacy aims to even out the spending, Greenways Legacy representative Jody Bergsma said.

"The value of land grows faster than the interest," Bergsma said. "We would like not to see the green spaces turn into 'glaciers of homes,' as I've heard them called."

Greenways Legacy's mission is to preserve undeveloped lands that provide animals sanctuary in Bellingham. As the city's population increases, open spaces diminish, Bergsma said.

The group's \$60-million proposal includes completing trails that link green spaces throughout Bellingham, improving shoreline access at the waterfront of Boulevard Park, building athletic fields at Lake Padden, fixing trails throughout the Sehome Hill Arboretum and providing parks for the public, Bergsma said.

"We believe that we have the money spread out equally throughout the city," Bergsma said. "We believe it's now or never, and it will be gone."

The Greenways 2006 proposal is similar to Greenways Legacy's proposal in its endeavor to protect green spaces but differs in the focus of its funding.

Blethen said the focus of the organization's proposal is to remain flexible because population growth and natural deterioration make the necessity of land acquisition in the future unpredictable.

Greenways 2006 proposes a \$35 million to \$42 million levy for a shorter, 10-year period. Funds come from the previous levies tax.

Greenways 2006 focuses only 46 percent of its funding on land acquisition, instead of Greenways Legacy's 70 percent. Greenways 2006's proposal concentrates on maintaining and preserving the trails and parks that the first and second levies acquired.

The group aims to disburse funding equally throughout Bellingham by concentrating on areas that have not been acquired and developing green space from the last two levies, Blethen said.

"This has been carefully thought out and scrutinized over," Blethen said. "We need to put money back into the existing parks so that people can use them."

Greenways 2006's intended renovations include improving trails and athletic fields at Lake Padden, restoring the wooden walkway and shoreline at Boulevard Park, creating accessibility to Whatcom Falls by building improved trails and replacing the drainage system and trails of Fairhaven Park.

"We all want to see greenways happen," Greenways Legacy representative Ken Wilcox said. "It's just a slightly different approach."

After reviewing presentations from both groups, the City Council will decide which proposal will be on the March ballot.

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Passport: Plan could inhibit trade by delaying commercial truckers

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These organizations are concerned the policy will negatively impact commerce, especially tourism, said Paul Storer, an associate professor of economics at Western and a researcher for the Border Policy Research Institute.

"These business groups are worried that American tourists will be less likely to go to Whistler or Toronto if the U.S. government has implied that they are required to have a passport," Storer said.

Travelers need passports to enter Canada because they would be unable to re-enter the United States without them, therefore stranding them in Canada.

These organizations do not oppose making the borders more secure, but they take issue with the planned execution of the policy as is, Johnston said.

"The ideas behind the initiative are sound, and no one is disputing the ideas behind what that policy is trying to accomplish," Johnston said. "It's the implementation of that policy that's concerning because there are more questions than answers at this stage."

These organizations want to delay implementing the policy because they do not feel enough research has gone into it, said Hart Hodges, Western's director of the center for economic and business research and a researcher at the BPRI with Storer.

"Many business groups and public agencies want to delay the ID requirement because they don't think the plan is well-written and they don't think the impacts have been studied," Hodges said.

This policy could have a negative effect on the shipping industry, Hodges said.

U.S. borders currently accept the Free and Secure Trade card, which expedites commercial truck drivers' border crossing.

Companies rely on the expedited shipping to deliver goods to customers quickly, said Brad Dugard, director of

communications for the Ontario Chamber of Commerce.

Under the new policy, the borders would not accept the Free and Secure Trade card. This could delay companies' shipping processes and inhibit trade, Dugard said.

"This policy could cause problems for the shipping of goods and services if it requires people driving trucks to have more documents than they already do or if there are delays at the border," Storer said.

Delays could arise because of the new policy as people are learning the new rules, asking questions and forgetting or not having the required documents, Storer said.

The new requirements, however, are not intended to inhibit travel, said Jarrod Agen, a spokesman for the Department of Homeland Security.

"Our intent is not to stop people from traveling across the border, which is why we are trying to be as flexible as possible under congressional law with the identification requirements," Agen said. "We are trying to see if there is a possibility for alternative documents that would be lower in cost and easier to obtain and carry."

Passports cost \$97 and take up to two months for delivery.

Congress is considering accepting four forms of identification as alternatives to a U.S. passport, Agen said.

The NEXUS card, a form of identification for preapproved low-risk travelers to cross the U.S.-Canada border, is one.

The SENTRI card is another form. The card is similar to the NEXUS card, but travelers use it at the U.S.-Mexico border.

Both borders accept the Free and Secure Trade card, which commercial truck drivers carry.

The final alternative, the Border Crossing Card, is one Mexican citizens use at the southern border who come to the United States on a regular basis. Travelers need a Mexican passport, however, to obtain a Border Crossing Card.

Students aspire to create women's resource center

By KIMBERLY OAKLEY
The Western Front

Western students and community members hope to open a women's resource center in Bellingham that would offer services to women in Whatcom County.

Within the next year, organizers hope to have a location for the center in downtown Bellingham and acquire funding for the center, said Western senior Michelle Heitmann, an intern with the center.

"Funding and space are the two big barriers we're facing," Heitmann said.

This will be the only women's center in Bellingham aside from the on-campus Associated Students Women's Center. The board members will call the center Whatcom Women's Center: The Connection: A Women's Space.

The center's goal is to provide women of all ages, races and socioeconomic status with medical resources, counseling and other services women have expressed a need for, said Cat Zavis, 41, a board member for the center over the past year.

Heitmann and Zavis spoke to thousands of women in the community about what they need from the center.

The center will be a free service for women in Whatcom County



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Western senior Michelle Heitmann is working to open a women's center in Bellingham to serve Whatcom County women.

and will have a referral service to other medical and resource organizations, such as a domestic violence center and low-cost Bellingham doctors, which could better assist a woman's needs

The center also hopes to provide mentoring groups for women to talk about their personal experiences, Heitmann said.

Zavis said she hopes to have a Western professor teach basic and

professional classes at the center to women who may not have the opportunity to attend college.

"We want to meet all women of Whatcom County," Heitmann said.

One of the most important goals of the center is to be a welcoming and comfortable environment for women of all ages to seek assistance with a problem or ask questions, Heitmann said.

Protest: Organizer schedules next gathering for Dec. 1

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Western Against War also participated in the gathering by reading names and setting up an information booth in Red Square about the new club. Western Against War provided flyers explaining the club and information about the first meeting. Biesheuvel said the amount of interest the student body showed in anti-war activism and the new club pleased him.

"A lot of students passed the circle, and they recognized students and faculty," Biesheuvel said. "They see people they know who are passionate enough about (the war) to stand out in the rain and force people to think about it. Otherwise, it'd just be another regular trip across Red Square."

Bellingham resident Kathy Mason, 60, said she wanted to participate in the peace gathering.

"Having lived through the Vietnam War, it's unbelievable that it's happening again," Mason said. "People are becoming indifferent to the war, and this gathering helps stop that."

Western political science professor Kristin Parris also said the impact of naming soldiers killed in war is important.

"The power is in the names that are listed on the Vietnam Memorial," Parris said. "Reading out the names is an effort to keep in mind that the war imposes on real lives. I think everyone, those for and against the war, need to be reminded of that."

Osterhaus tentatively scheduled the next gathering for Dec. 1.

"We wanted to put the gathering in a time when hopefully there was already some consciousness of remembering people who have passed away," Osterhaus said in reference to Thursday's gathering.

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STRANGE DAYS

Deceased adults can't vote in elections

In an attempt to prevent voter fraud, a New Jersey judge ordered the state to compile a list of adults who have died since 1985.

Superior Court Judge Linda R. Feinberg made the ruling Friday after finding out the person responsible for tracking the deaths had not been compiling the information because he did not know it was his job.

The ordeal began when Republicans complained that an estimated 13,000 deceased people remained on voter-registration lists, including 4,755 people who reportedly voted in the November 2004 election.

Woman glues man's genitals, buttocks

Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned — especially a woman with Super Glue.

On Friday, jurors found Pennsylvania resident Gail O'Toole guilty of gluing her ex-boyfriend Kenneth Slaby's genitals to his abdomen.

O'Toole also glued Slaby's buttocks together and wrote a profanity on his back in nail polish.

He had to walk a mile to a gas station to call for help.

O'Toole's attorney said the act was merely a part of the couple's kinky intimate relationship.

The judge ordered O'Toole to pay \$46,200 for pain and suffering.

Gorillas gone wild in television reality show

Czech radio and television broadcasters announced that on Nov. 7 they will begin airing a new reality TV series following the lives of four gorillas.

With 15 cameras filming the Prague Zoo residents, viewers will be able to vote for their favorite gorilla as the primates compete for a delectable prize of 12 melons.

"What the gorillas do is up to them," Prague Zoo gorilla trainer Marek Zdansky said.

The show is to be named Odhaleni and stars one male ape, two females and a baby.

Officers arrest members of jungle cult

More than 300 hundred Papua New Guinea cult members have been arrested for practicing sorcery, according to Thursday's The National newspaper.

The members are part of what are known as "cargo cults," in which members believe Western goods and cargo are gifts from ancestral spirits.

Some groups have built airstrips in jungle villages near the city of Lae on the north coast, hoping planes might land and bring them gifts.

One group also reportedly used menstrual blood as sacred water to see "invisible things," according to the newspaper for the capital, Port Moresby.

Man glued to toilet seat for 20 minutes sues Home Depot

A Colorado man is suing Home Depot after being glued to a restroom toilet seat in 2003.

Bob Dougherty, 57, was stuck in the bathroom stall with his pants down for 20 minutes before someone helped him. After realizing his buttocks and legs were glued to the seat, Dougherty said he thought he was having a heart attack.

He filed a claim Thursday over the 2-year-old event, claiming that emotional stress, panic attacks and diabetes resulted from the ordeal.

"Home Depot not only ignored my plight, they refused my plight," he said.

Dougherty said he thinks teens placed the glue on the seat as a prank.

Fashion protest backfires with praise

Eight female politicians in Norway staged a protest at a royal banquet Friday in an attempt to stop excessive media coverage of their appearances rather than their accomplishments.

The protest backfired when local tabloids focused even more attention on the women for wearing traditional costumes that stood out from the ball gowns at the banquet.

Tabloids are known for ranking outfits on a scale of one to six and gave the women higher scores for Friday night's attire.

Swedish postcard arrives 50 years after being sent

A Swedish postcard with a lottery number written on it arrived last month, 50 years after it was sent.

A woman mailed the postcard to her friend with the number of a lottery ticket they had bought, said the Gotlands Allehanda newspaper.

Sent in October 1955 to a retirement home on the Baltic island of Gotland, the postcard was addressed to a former employee at the Avallegarden retirement home.

"Now and again a letter that has gone astray like this surfaces somewhere ... but it is very unusual," Swedish Post Office spokesman Markus Trautmann said Monday.

Vegas mayor declares thumb war against graffiti

Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman said Wednesday on "Nevada Newsmakers" TV show that he believed graffiti artists should have their thumbs cut off on television.

He said he also favors bringing back corporal punishment and canings to teach graffiti artists a lesson.

Another panelist on the television show said Goodman, who is a criminal defense lawyer, should use his head for more than just a hat rack.


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Course teaches wilderness safety

By AMY HARDER
The Western Front

Bloody and bruised faces, head concussions and broken legs — all injuries usually found in wilderness settings, but the Western Outdoor Center brought them indoors in a course designed to equip students and community members with proper wilderness-safety skills.

The center offered a wilderness first-aid course for 30 students and community members Saturday and Sunday in Viking Union 464.

The course covered first aid and injury recovery, especially pertaining to situations in mountains and forest areas that lack proper assistance, such as a hospital, said Kristin McInaney, wilderness first-aid instructor for the Wilderness Medicine Institute, an outdoor leadership school. The institute organized the course with the center.

"People leave (this course) with a sense of being empowered," McInaney said. "They

will never be in a situation where they won't know what to do."

Saturday's course material focused on patient assessment, while Sunday's focal point was illnesses and allergies that can arise in wilderness settings, said Ray Cramer, wilderness first-aid instructor for the institute.

"The course is one-third demonstration, one-third scenario and one-third lecture," he said.

The instructors covered topics such as head trauma, spinal-injury management, wounds and fractures, Cramer said.

"The nice thing (about this course) is anything that applies in a wilderness setting applies in an urban setting as well," he said.

An official wilderness setting starts when a patient is an hour away from a hospital, Cramer said.

In this type of setting it forces the first responders to spend one-on-one time with the patient while using less equipment.

Even downtown Seattle could turn into a wilderness setting, Cramer said.



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Students practice correctly laying down a mock-injured patient Saturday. The wilderness first-aid course covered first aid and injury recovery.

"If there was an earthquake and the hospital collapsed, all of a sudden that's wilderness first aid there," he said.

The course is scenario-based, McInaney said. The instructors devised mock rock climbing, skiing and hiking accidents in which groups of three students role-play.

After participating in the course, Nikki Oleson, Western senior and Outdoor Center excursions coordinator, said the scenarios are the most valuable part.

"It puts you in an actual situation and makes you use the knowledge you gain, and you really just have to use the step-by-step method that they give you for the best chance in getting the injured person out of the backcountry," she said.

In the groups, one student poses as a patient while the other two perform what the instructors taught them in the lectures to save the patient.

"We put make up on people — make them look all bloody and beat up and bruised like they would look in a real ac-

cident," McInaney said.

With Mt. Baker Ski Area opening today, the students and community members who participated in the course will be prepared for any accidents that could occur, Cramer said.

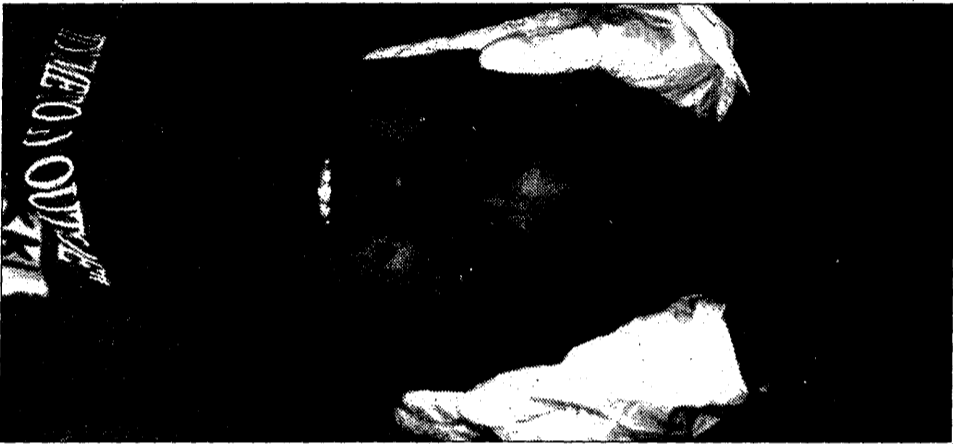
"Have you ever wondered what would happen if you were in the backcountry on the mountain and broke your leg?" Cramer said. "If it was just you and your friend, you would be the first responder."

The main lesson McInaney and Cramer said they wanted participants to learn is how calmness can replace panic in wilderness accidents.

Oleson said the instructors provided the students with tools to help them handle difficult situations more effectively.

The instructors taught a three-step assessment plan including evaluating the scene, surveying the patient and conducting a patient exam.

"We want students to think methodically," McInaney said. "Even in the face of a dire emergency."

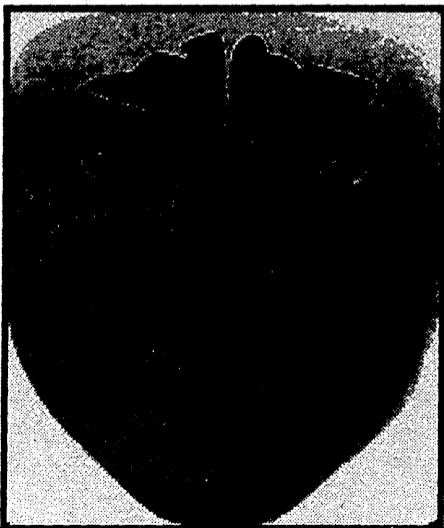


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Western senior Nikki Oleson fakes an injury during the course Saturday.

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Playing with water

Program teaches students, trains future teachers

BY SHANNON DEVENY
The Western Front

Amid the whistles of whirling neon tubes, the ricocheting of straw rockets and the clicking and clacking of gadgets, are the shouts, laughs and stomps of children and the quick shuffle of adults trying to keep track of them.

This fast-paced atmosphere characterized Western's fifth annual Sleep Over with Science and Arts Friday and Saturday. Approximately 65 Bellingham students in third through eighth grades participated in the event.

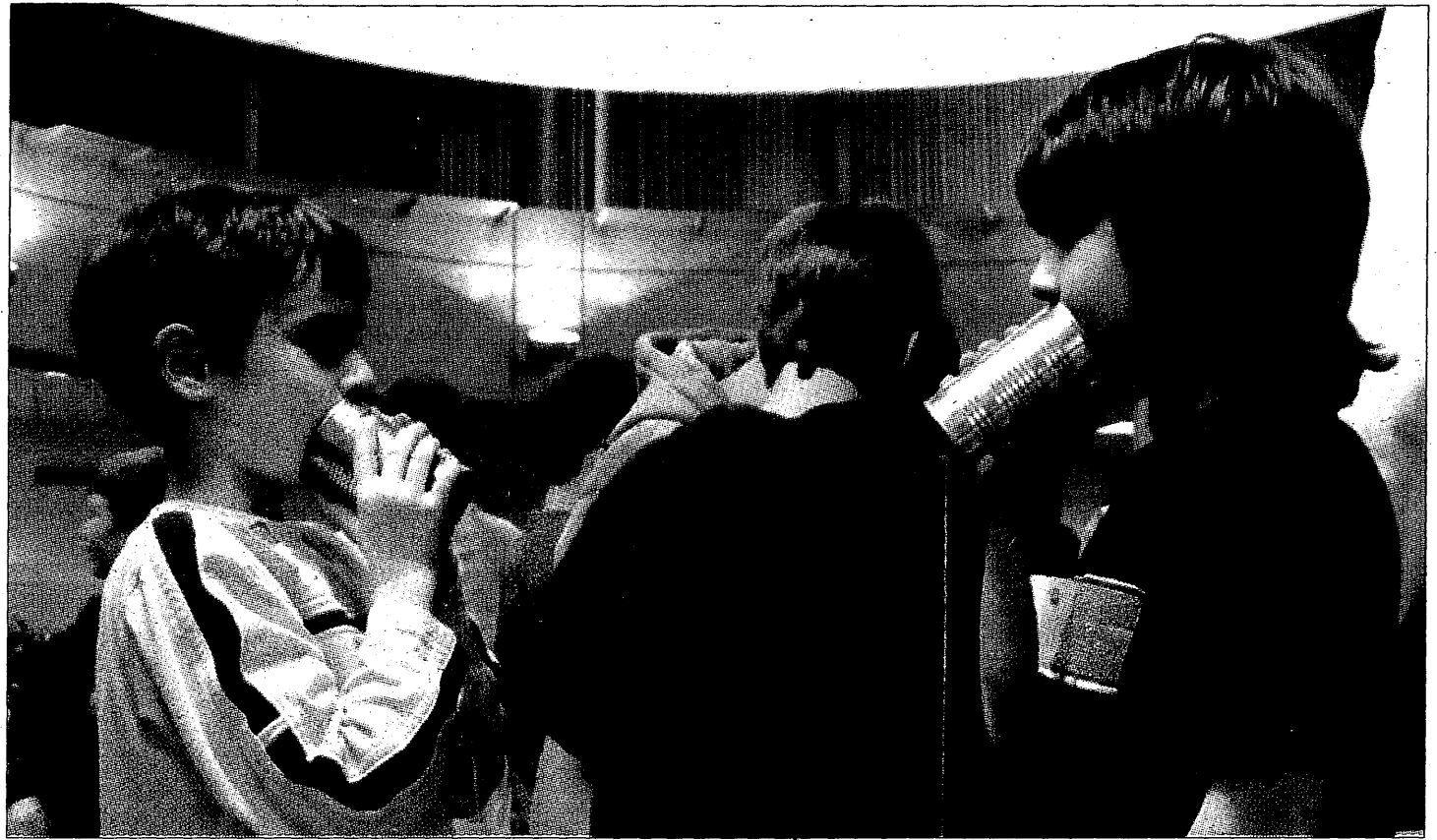
"The children like anything that shoots things in the air, makes noise or makes a mess," said Debbie Gibbons, youth programs manager for Western's Extended Education and Summer Programs, which puts on the event.

The science portion of the event took place in Western's Science, Mathematics and Technology Education building, and the art portion took place in the Performing Arts Center.

"I've been going to this for a really long time," said Nikolas Kelly, 10, a student at Harmony Elementary School in the Mount Baker School District. "I'm excited about everything."

The program began in 2000 and each year the sleepover has a different theme and is split into an art program and a science program.

Past science themes included geology, astronomy, physics, chemistry and forensics. This year's science theme was "Wet and Wild Mysteries," and focused on hydrology,



Milo Brodsky, 9, and Shawn Chantaboune, 11, attempt to use a tin-can telephone Friday at Western's Sleep Over with Science and Arts program. The event took place in Western's Science, Mathematics and Technology Education building.

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proximately 45 minutes of free time, they split into their respective programs and then further split into an elementary-age group and a middle-school-age group.

The elementary-age science group was divided into four groups and rotated between four stations. The stations included were wa-

she said.

The children checked the color, clarity, odor and presence of particles and organisms in several samples of water through a microscope and decided which type of water they would rather drink. Starmer said.

"The kids learn that it's not just that we need the water for survival," Starmer said. "There are other things that need the water for survival also."

While looking through one of the microscopes, Miguel Mungarro, 8, a student at Eagleridge Elementary School in Ferndale, saw tiny organisms in the water.

"I'm looking at, like, these little speckles," Mungarro said. "There are black little speckles."

The middle school students rotated through three stations that included physical properties of water, water quality and erosion by water, said Western graduate student Lee Krancus, who taught part of the science section.

The middle school students also looked at the wave tank in Western's geology facility in the Environmental Studies building, which is a large tank that creates waves so students can study the effects they have on the environment.

"It would be great if the kids learned something, and I think they will," Krancus said. "We want them to have a nonclassroom learning experience. We want them to have fun."

After a tour of the Underground Theatre, Mainstage Theatre and dressing room in the PAC, the children in the art program were split into elementary and middle school groups, in which they participated in a variety of performance activities.

"I'm teaching the science of pretend," said Western senior Noah Martin, a theatre arts education major.

Martin, who taught at last year's event, said he was excited to work with the children again because they have so much energy.

The children started with improvisation games to get them up and moving and then created commercials for products that don't exist, said Western junior Kate Plesha, a theatre arts education major.

"Doing that acting gets the kids to make a

scene on their own as well as use their imaginations," Plesha said. "This is just to give them a taste of what they can do."

As the night wound down and the children got ready for bed, volunteers from Western's Circle K, an organization funded by Kiwanis, took over as the overnight supervisors.

The Circle K volunteers were assigned to a group and took the children from station to station during the day, stayed with them Friday night in the Learning Resource Center and woke them in the morning for breakfast, said Western sophomore Ashley Thompson, a biology major and Circle K volunteer.

"The kids have lots of energy," Thompson said. "This program is really hands-on, and the kids love it because it's a night away from their parents so they can stay up late."

Circle K does the sleepover as part of its 24-hours-of-service program, which includes a variety of community-service projects and activities the organization does from 6:30 a.m. one day to 6:30 a.m. the next day, said Western junior Kelly Szyborski, co-president of Circle K.

"This is something we do every year," Szyborski said. "It's great because there are a lot of stations and the people working here are really excited to teach what they teach."

Many of the children, such as Leah Schwallie, 9, a student at Assumption Catholic School, are veterans of the program.

"This is my third time coming," said Schwallie, who was in the theater portion. "I want to play a lot of games."

Shawn Chantaboune, 11, Geneva Elementary student, was back for his second time.

"I'm excited that we are going to see a whole lot of new things," Chantaboune said.

Others, such as Milo Brodsky, 9, a student at Geneva Elementary, attended for the first time.

"I came because my brother told me it was fun," Brodsky said.

The purpose of the program is for the children to have a great time and to increase their interest in science and art, said Western graduate student Jillian Bearden, a science education major and program organizer.

"The goal is to encourage interest in science in the community, and especially among children," Bearden said.



Miguel Mungarro, 8, inspects a water sample through a microscope Friday.

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the study of water. The theme of this year's art program was "A Play is a Play," which stressed the importance of body movement in acting through improvisational games.

The program exposes children to the arts and sciences and is also used for Western education students to practice classroom-management skills, Gibbons said.

"The program was created as a vehicle not only for kids to come and get some art and science enrichment, but also for our college students to get some practical experience teaching," Gibbons said.

The children registered as part of either the art or science program, and after ap-

ter quality, water tension, water properties and water organisms.

"We're excited because there are critters in our water," said Western senior Jocelyne Starmer, an elementary and special education major.

Starmer taught the water organism station with two other education students.

The program is fun and interesting for the children because they have access to resources they don't usually have, and they enjoy being on a college campus, Gibbons said.

"This is an exciting experience for the kids because they see and use microscopes and equipment their schools don't have,"

CHARTING THE DEPTHS

Rainier gives tours, surveys bay

BY LOREAN SERKO
The Western Front

One of only four ships of its kind in the United States, the *Rainier*, a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ship, stopped in the Port of Bellingham Saturday to give tours and survey Bellingham Bay.

The administration's ship *Rainier* is a branch of the U.S. Department of Commerce and conducts research and gathers data about the oceanic components of the environment by looking for environmental changes in landscape and terrain. This information helps chart the seas for boaters.

Rainier, stationed in Seattle, is designed and outfitted for producing coastal maps for the administration's nautical-charting program.

"Basically we produce ocean charts of the coast bottom to allow for safe navigation of boats and fishing vessels," operations officer of *Rainier* Ben Evans said.

Evans has been on the ship for seven months and an officer in the administration for seven years.

A nautical chart is a graphic portrayal of the marine environment that allows seamen to avoid marine hazards such as rocks, wrecks, reefs and tide rips, Evans said.

In addition to hazards, officers and scientists on the ship use charts to provide a representation of the coastline and water depths, and aid the navigation of boats and cruise ships.

During its visit to Bellingham, *Rainier*'s crew discovered a wreck at the bottom of Bellingham Bay and rock mounds that the crew did not see during the last survey, which *Rainier* conducted in the 1950s.

"If it was a danger to navigation for ships coming in and out of the area, we report it to officials right away," *Rainier*'s chief survey technician Jim Jacobson said. "In this case (the Bellingham Bay wreck), these items are deep enough where it's not a danger."

Rainier, which operates primarily in Alaskan waters and the Puget Sound, recently mapped the Columbia Glacier in Alaska, which has been receding and melting. The glacier has withdrawn seven nautical miles, or 1.15 land miles, in the past 10 years.

"Our No.1 priority is Alaska because there are a lot of uncharted waters and there are many cruise ships that go up there on a regular basis," Ensign Nicky Samuelson said.



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Ensign Nicky Samuelson explains a nautical chart of the West Coast to a Bellingham resident Saturday. Nautical charts are used to help boaters safely navigate coastal waters.

Samuelson has been a crew member on *Rainier* for one and a half years.

Rainier is equipped with echo sounders, sonar, a Global

Positioning System, bottom samplers and tide gauges used by officers to record information vital for mapping and determining hazards on the ocean floor. Divers are sent to explore if a hazard is not directly visible on the sonar reading and needs further examination. Divers are able to investigate only hazards less than 100 feet deep.

"We are able to take a sample of the ocean floor and test its components," Samuelson said. "We can then tell boaters whether they can anchor or not, based on the ocean's make-up."

New information gathered by *Rainier* researchers usually takes one year to be processed and make it onto navigation maps. If researchers find items that will be hazardous to ships, then those items will appear on maps in approximately a week, Jacobson said.

Rainier's crew includes approximately 50 people, including 12 core officers, civilian-survey technicians, hydrographers, deck department employees and stewards, who work together to keep the ship running efficiently.

The crew is typically at sea for an average of nine months, Ensign Sam Greenaway said. Greenaway has been on *Rainier* for one year.

"I love being at sea and sailing," Greenaway said. "Everyone has dreams of sailing, and I get to do it for my job."

When crew members are not working, they enjoy activities such as kayaking, fishing and swimming, Samuelson said.

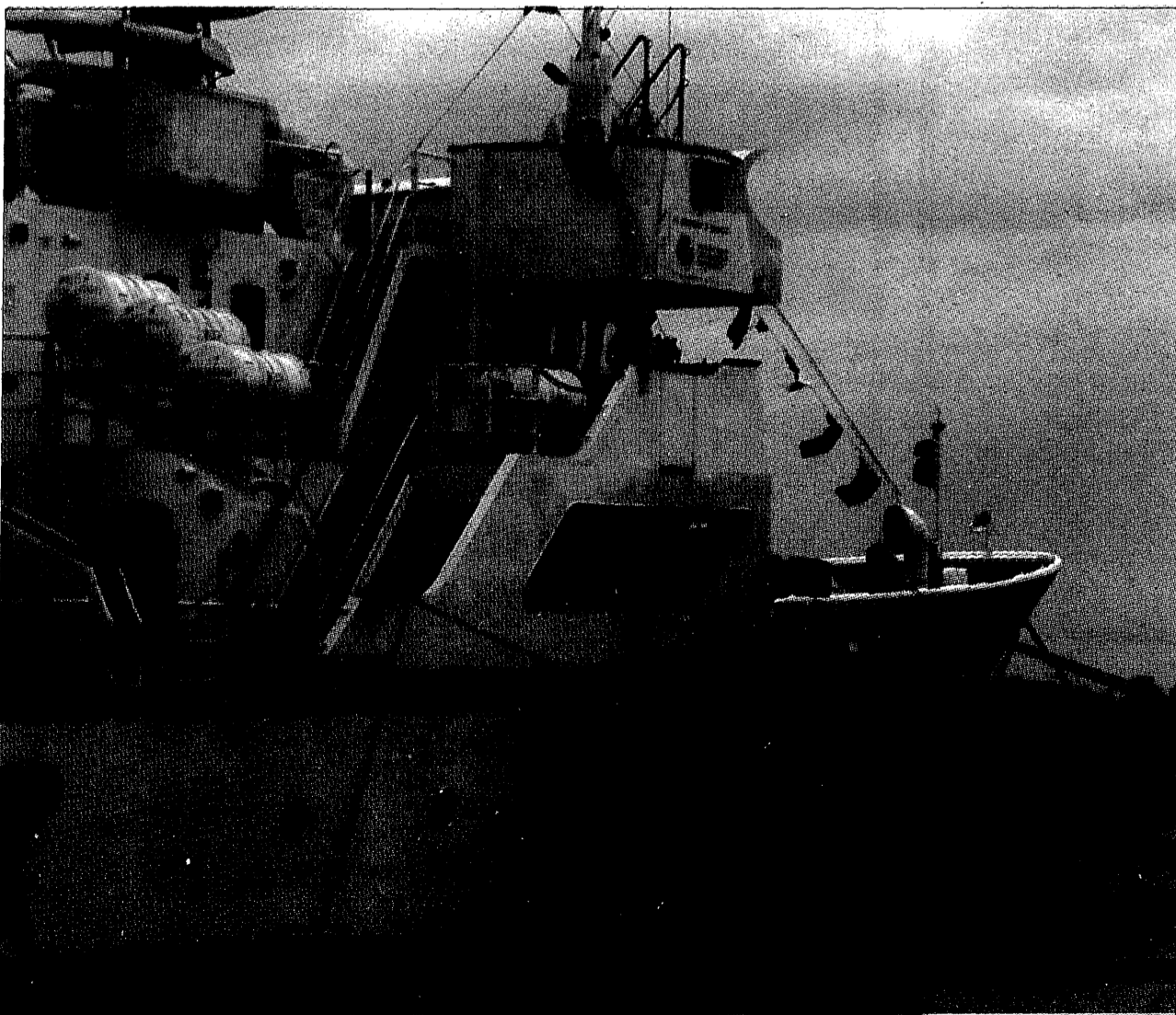
"I knew that I wanted to be on the water," Samuelson said. "I studied ocean engineering at Florida Tech, and this is natural for me."

Evans suggests a bachelor's degree in science, engineering or math to be considered for a job on *Rainier*.

Officers attend 13 weeks of training on land at the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y., and then receive hands-on preparation aboard a ship.

Other civilian jobs, such as deck department employees and cooks, go through an application process that includes a medical exam and experience evaluations. These positions receive mostly on-the-job training.

"This job is never boring," Evans said. "On any given day I could be managing launches, receiving and processing information, diving to look at wrecks or coordinating all the day's activities."



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Rainier stopped in the Port of Bellingham Saturday to give tours and survey Bellingham Bay. The ship, stationed in Seattle, is used mainly for nautical charting in Puget Sound and Alaskan waters.

Vikings fall in Smith's final game

BY ANDREW SLEIGHTER
The Western Front

Instead of a retirement party for Western football head coach Rob Smith, the Western Oregon Wolves pummeled the Vikings and handed them a lopsided home loss.

Smith ended his 17-year career as the Vikings head coach Saturday, losing to Western Oregon 28-7 in the final game of the season at Civic Field.

Smith said if the announcement of his retirement distracted the team, he apologizes for it.

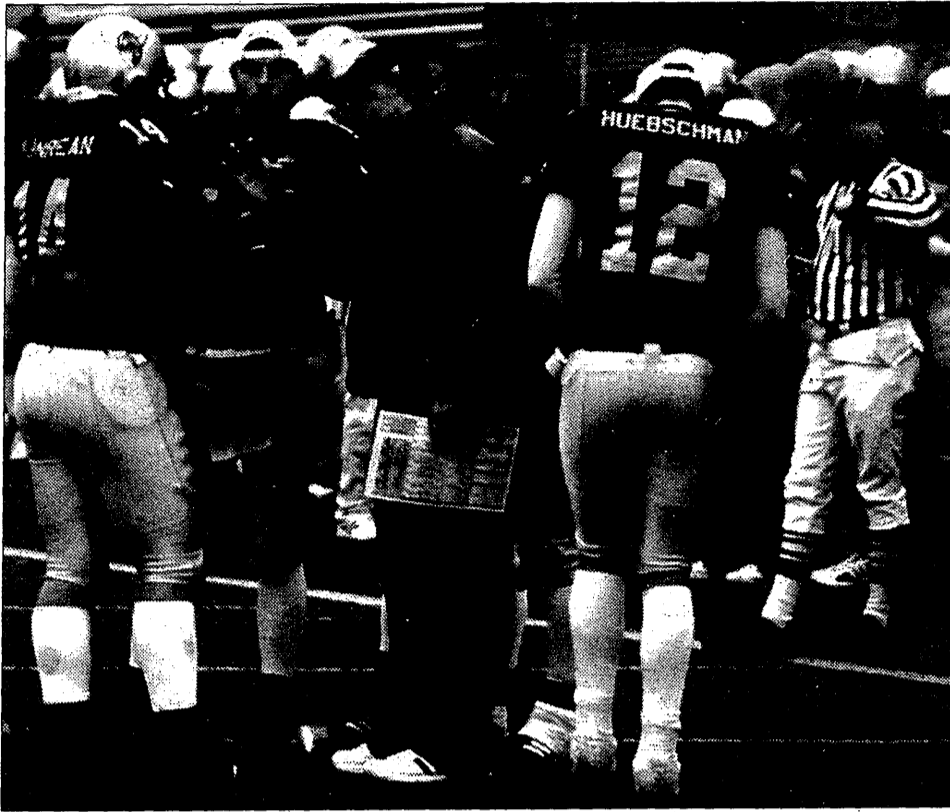
"I'm not one to make excuses," Smith said. "Whatever it was, we weren't ready to go today. We played very uninspired, and everyone is disappointed."

Smith, Western football's most successful head coach with 109 career victories, announced his retirement Oct. 30. He said that although he thought the team practiced well, the week was anything but normal.

"It's been very emotional," Smith said. "The number of e-mails and phone calls I've received has been overwhelming. I'll sit at my computer reading e-mails and have tears streaming down my face."

Smith said he felt mixed emotions as he walked off Western's field for the last time.

"I was very, very disappointed with our performance today," Smith said. "But also there's a sense of satisfaction, given the fact that I do feel good about the 17 years, and I do feel it is the right time for me to move on with my life."



Vikings football head coach Rob Smith counsels Western junior quarterback James Monrean Saturday during Western's 28-7 loss to Western Oregon University. The end of the game marked the conclusion of Smith's 17-year career as Western's head football coach.

Smith said he plans to spend more time with his children in the future. He also said he sees himself returning to coaching in the future, but he is not sure where.

"I hope I haven't coached my last game,"

Smith said. "It is who I am; it's what keeps me going. When people call you coach, that to me is the ultimate respect."

Western assistant coach Terry Todd, 70, also ended his 20-year coaching career with

the Vikings Saturday. Todd, who is popular among the players, coached the kickers, punters and running backs.

Todd said he is retiring to spend more time with his grandchildren.

"It's time to put the family first," he said.

Along with Smith and Todd, 17 Western seniors played their final games Saturday.

Senior wide receiver Andy Olson broke the school reception record with his 182nd career catch coming late in the first half. Olson is also the all-time leader at Western in career touchdown catches and second in receiving yards.

"It's nice to have the records, I suppose," Olson said. "It's not something I dwell on a whole lot, but it just would have been nice to win more games."

Coming into the game, Olson needed only one catch to break the three-year-old reception record. Smith said he was glad to see him do it.

"(The record) was a big deal for me," Smith said. "(Olson) goes out with a lot of records and is one hell of a football player."

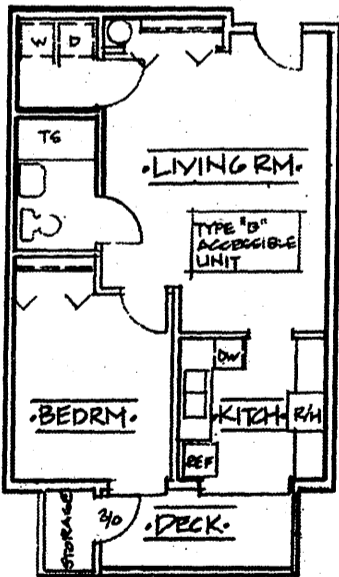
Western senior running back Jake Carlyle led the Vikings with 41 rushing yards. Carlyle said he did not think Smith's retirement would factor into the game.

"Everybody had a lot of questions about the uncertainty of what was going to happen in the future, but I thought on the practice field we were going hard, and we were working hard and we were focused," Carlyle

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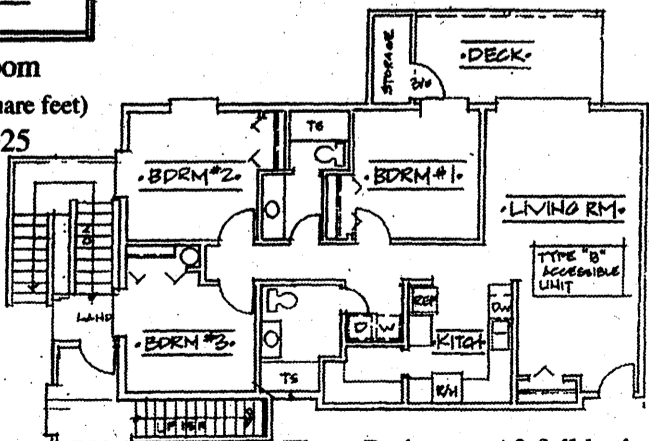


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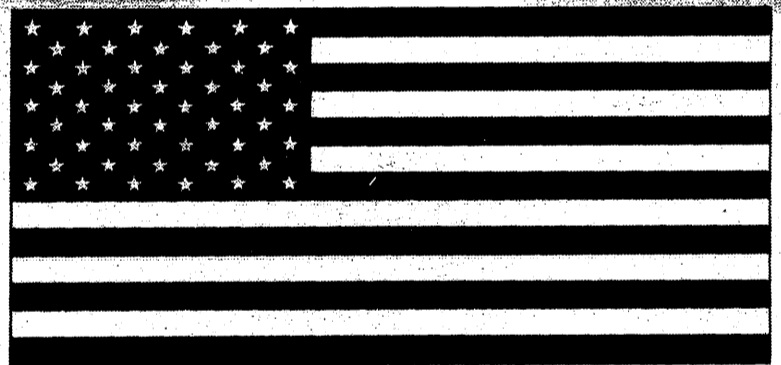
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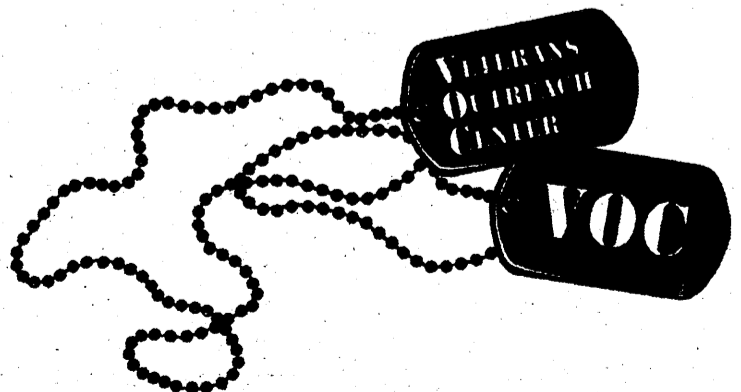
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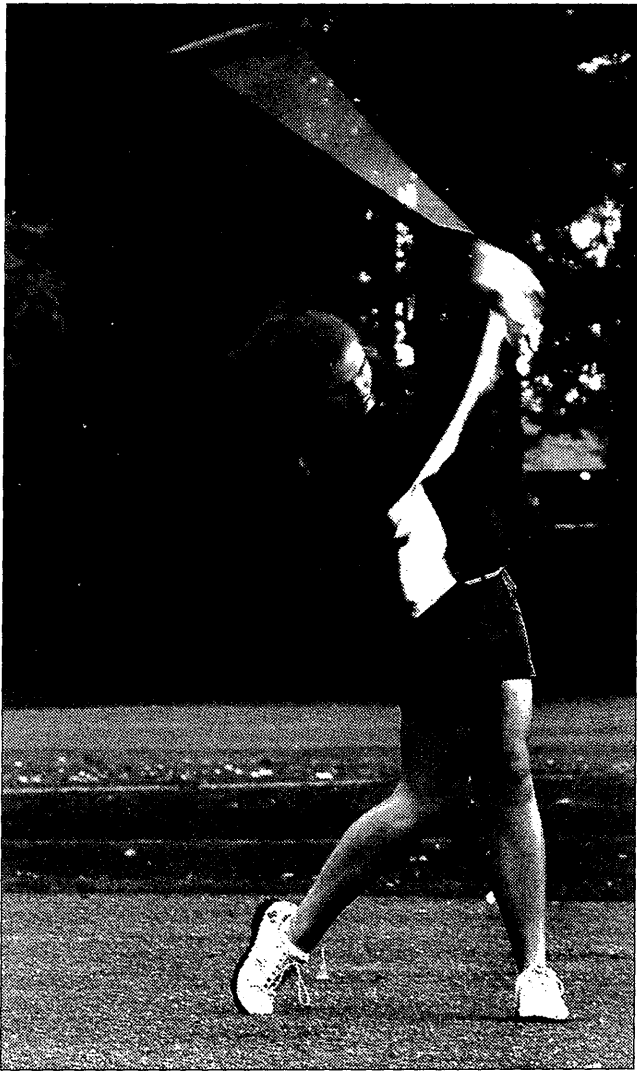
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Women's golf sweeps fall schedule



Katja Trygg has won individual part of three tournaments

By JULIE WAGGONER
The Western Front

Despite Mother Nature's best efforts, the Western women's golf team has had cruised through the fall portion of its schedule.

The Vikings, ranked No. 4 nationally, won all four of the tournaments in which the team played this fall.

"Our biggest challenges were weather-related — extreme heat and extreme rain," said Katja Trygg, Western senior golfer and team co-captain.

In more than 95-degree heat, the team won the first two tournaments of the season, the Northeastern State University Invitational Sept. 19-20 in Muskogee, Okla., and the Grand Canyon University Invitational Sept. 26-27 in Phoenix, Ariz.

At the Western Washington University Invitational Oct. 10-11, which the Vikings won for the fourth year in a row, it rained for six of the nine and a half hours of play, said Candice Wagner, Western senior golfer and team co-captain.

"It was mentally draining having to try to keep dry and playing with wet grips," Wagner said. "Every other team out there gave up, but we shot our lowest rounds at the course."

Western then defeated Saint Martin's University in a duel match Oct. 21 at Bellingham Golf and Country Club.

This fall has been a season of low scores and new records for women's golf. At Grand Canyon, the team shot a school-record 287 in one round, breaking the 298-stroke record it set on the same course last year, Wagner said.

"I didn't believe it for a while," Trygg said. "It was really surreal to shoot (287)."

Trygg, who won the individual portion of the tournament, said she shot her lowest score ever, 69 on a par 72, at Grand Canyon.

Western sophomore golfer Catherine Kim said Western head coach Bo Stephan has not put pressure on the team to win or given the impression that he would ever be disappointed.

"He's all about having fun, all positive," Trygg said. "He made us all believe we could win every tournament. In previous years we were afraid of letting our coach down. Now we know we can never let our coach down, which makes it easier to succeed. Someone having confidence in you takes all the doubt out of your mind."

This fall was Stephan's first season as the golf team's head coach, but he has a history at Western. He was the women's golf team assistant coach

last season and assistant coach for the men's golf team in 2003 and 2004. As a student, he played at Western for four years until he graduated in 2003.

Last season, the team won four of the 11 tournaments it played in and placed fifth at the NCAA Division II national tournament for the second year in a row. Trygg said Vikings players felt they had not finished the 2004-2005 season strong. Other teams' expectations coincided with the Vikings' thoughts about the team's less-than-strong finish.

"In the beginning of the year we weren't even considered in the top 10," Kim said. "They forgot about us, which kind of sucked."

The team's 10th place finish out of 19 teams at Northeastern State in 2004 motivated the team to win this year.

"We wanted revenge on it because we were pissed off that we didn't do so well previously," Kim said. "After winning (at Northeastern State) we pretty much felt like we had to win all of them."

Each win provided the motivation to keep the victories going, Kim said.

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'After winning (at Northeastern State) we pretty much felt like we had to win all of them.'

CATHERINE KIM
Western sophomore golfer

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JARED YOAKUM / THE WESTERN FRONT
Katja Trygg, Western senior golfer and team co-captain, practices Oct. 28 at Bellingham Golf and Country Club. Trygg and her teammates have won the first four tournaments and a duel match this season.

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Western Oregon University junior running back Eliot Vinzant rushes through a hole in Western's defense.

Smith: Western honors Smith, Todd with pregame ceremony on field

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said. "I think (the team's performance) was a big shock to the players and the coaches."

The Vikings started the game playing efficiently on offense, moving the ball up and down the field with little resistance.

Western freshman running back Jordyn Jackson returned the first Western Oregon kickoff 42 yards to the Wolves' 48-yard line. From there, Carlyle scampered up the middle for eight yards on a draw and on the next play caught a screen pass from Western junior quarterback James Monrean for 27 yards to the Western Oregon 13-yard line.

Monrean completed a pass to Western senior tight end Nick Yoney for 10 yards,

but as Yoney twisted trying to reach the end zone he fumbled the ball to Western Oregon junior safety Jason Buckmier.

After the turnover, Western Oregon marched 98 yards on nine plays for a touchdown and didn't look back.

The Wolves scored 28 unanswered points and dominated on the ground, out-rushing the Vikings 208-73.

Monrean was off target all day, ending two potential scoring drives with interceptions in the end zone. Monrean injured his left knee and ankle Oct. 29 against Central Washington University, but Smith said Monrean told him he was ready to go for Saturday.

"He was obviously not himself today," Smith said. "I don't believe it was injury,

but he was off tremendously in pregame. He's better than what he showed today."

Monrean was 10-23 with three interceptions and no touchdowns Saturday.

Sophomore quarterback A.J. Porter took over for Monrean to try to jump-start the Western offense. Porter led Western's only scoring drive early in the fourth quarter. Porter threw for 39 yards to wide-open Western sophomore Brett Upchurch to bring the score to 28-7.

Western President Karen Morse honored Todd and Smith in an on-field ceremony before the game.

"(Coaching) is not 9 to 5; you put your heart and soul into it," Smith said. "It's been emotional, but it's time."

Sweep: Vikings hope to improve on fifth-place finish at last season's national championship

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like, "We have to win the last tournament now," Kim said. "It was one of those things where you've already started it so you can't really go back."

Western ended its fall schedule Oct. 25 by winning the Cal State Monterey Bay Lady Otter Invitational by 21 strokes. Western's final score of 634 beat the old tournament

record by four strokes.

The fall portion of the season is over, but it will resume March 6, when the players hope to play at Rollins College's tournament in Winter Park, Fla. Rollins has been the national champion for three years in a row. The team doesn't know if it will play at this tournament because Rollins is in a different region, and the time commitment of flying to Florida for three days may not be worthwhile, Kim said.

The other teams ranked in the top five nationally are from schools on the East Coast, so the tournament would be Western's only opportunity to face them before nationals.

Wagner said she hopes to make it to nationals in May and take home the championship.

"If we take it one tournament at a time, one day at a time, like we did this season, we definitely have the potential and the ability to do it," Wagner said.

Volleyball celebrates senior night with win

By DAVE WILHITE
The Western Front

The Vikings women's volleyball team honored its three senior players Saturday night by announcing their names and giving them gifts in front of more than 550 fans. The team then defended its turf in Carver Gym by defeating Western Oregon University in three straight matches.

The Vikings began the first game slowly, falling behind 9 to 3, but after that the team came alive with nearly error-free play and won with final scores of 30-21, 30-24 and 30-21 to win the best of five event.

"That's the way I wanted to end the (home) season," Western senior and outside hitter Jamie Petersen said. "We wanted to finish things right."

Petersen put in a strong overall effort, with a .321 attack percentage, three aces and 15 digs. The team combined with a total of 49 kills and 11 serve aces. Western sophomore Courtney Schneider, with a team-high 34 digs, demonstrated her scrappy play in the game. Although the Wolves kept the second game close with seven lead changes, as the game wore on the Vikings were able to pull ahead.

"We did a good job of siding out and keeping our focus," said Western senior Kristen Urdahl, who registered a match high of 41 sets.

Western had four players with double-digit kills:

Petersen with 12, Western freshman Siri Wuotila with 14, Western freshman Tiana Roma with 12 and Western sophomore Lindsey Signer with 10.

The games pivoted, however, on the timely serves of Western sophomore Katie Robinson with five aces and four forced errors that helped the Vikings pull away in the crucial stages of each match.

Robinson said she didn't want to take too much credit for her success.

"Most of the aces were on accident," she said.

The Vikings had 11 errors, while the Wolves logged 20. Several of the Wolves' errors led to ace opportunities for the Vikings.

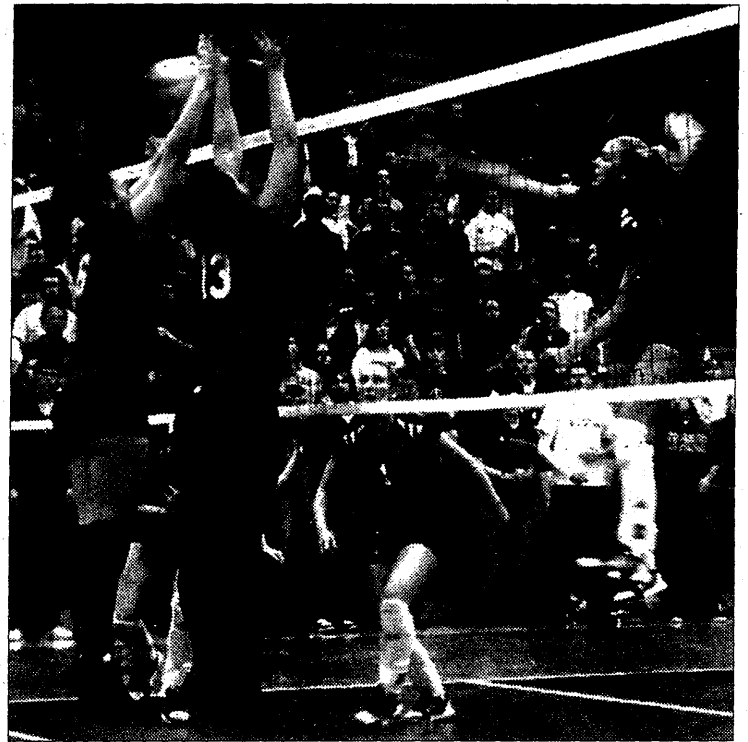
Although the Vikings will not make the playoffs this year, Robinson said she is excited for the team's future.

"We have a lot of young players and have a lot of potential," she said.

The Vikings will finish the season with a pair of games in Alaska — first at the University of Alaska Fairbanks Thursday and second at the University of Alaska Anchorage Saturday. The team is 16-9 and will finish the season with an 8-2 home record.

Western volleyball head coach Diane Flick, at 114-26, has the best win-loss ratio of any Western coach in the school's history for any sport.

Flick said she would not be traveling with the team next week because she is expecting to have a baby girl within the next six weeks.



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With a kill that placed an exclamation point on the win, Western senior Jamie Petersen finished off Western Oregon University Saturday night in Carver Gym.

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The good, THE BAD & the ugly

Here's a sarcastic thanks

On the evening of Tuesday, Oct. 11, a man's wheelchair collapsed in the crosswalk at Ellis Street and Lakeway Drive, stranding him and his partner in the middle of the intersection. When the light turned green, people in cars started swerving around him, his partner and three pedestrians who had stopped to help carry him and his mangled wheelchair out of the road.

It was rush hour and hundreds of people saw what happened, but nobody stopped to help. Nobody in the business it happened in front of came outside, even after they'd seen the event through the window. Nobody even called for help, and God knows there had to have been cell phones out there.

It was a good 20 minutes in the freezing cold before a police officer showed up by chance, and by then two of the pedestrians had run across the street to St. Joseph Hospital to find another wheelchair on their own.

I find it just reprehensible the sorts of things people will give priority to over other people's lives and safety. Unless you had a loved one dying somewhere or were on the phone with somebody in a hijacked plane, there was no excuse to not do anything. Being inside a big steel box doesn't give you the privilege to be a passive bystander, let alone drive calmly around the panicked little group as though they were just another obstacle. If the group in the street had been run down, would you have stopped then, or was it more important to get to Starbucks right away? Would you observe a violent crime so placidly, like the witnesses of the famous Kitty Genovese murder, thinking it was someone else's responsibility?

Ironically, the reason this man is in a wheelchair to begin with is that he was hit by a car while trying to help somebody else, and he is now paralyzed on one side. Before that, he'd jumped into a river to save two people from drowning.

I'd like to send a sarcastic thank you to all the people who made it possible for even more good Samaritans to experience the same noble fate.

Jessica Nicholas
Western senior

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Community Voices

Students need to make their voices heard if they want change

I am writing this letter in an effort to bridge the gap between my generation (Woodstock/Vietnam/civil rights) and yours.

I was recently astonished when I saw a PBS special about the 60s. It said that when 2 million of us marched on D.C., it changed Lyndon Johnson's mind, and he decided to end the Vietnam War. I never dreamed that we had that direct of an effect.

I came away from watching that show with sadness because I don't see many students who are politically active today on a national scale. I have been asking every college student that I meet why they think this is so. Some of the answers follow:

"There's so much information that I don't know who to believe."

"There haven't been any leaders that capture my imagination."

"I'm too busy trying to work and go to school."

"There are too many electronic toys to play with."

"I don't want to be like my parents."

"There's no draft."

There is validity to all of these reasons and many more. However, there are bigger things in life. In my opinion, the current administration is doing its best to ruin this country and planet — with effects that will fall more upon your shoulders than mine. How would you feel if personal rights you take for granted became illegal? How do you feel about social services and education losing funding while world conquest gets the lion's share? How would you feel if our president tried getting the country behind him by creating another political crisis leading to another war and

reinstated the draft to supply it? How will you feel when you ultimately end up with huge taxes to repay the debt from this current war, which has cost the average family in America over \$3,000 already?

The rest of the world sees clearly that the United States created evidence for an unnecessary war that is now a mess for everyone to deal with. They see that at the same time we refute unquestionable science about global warming and fail to take any meaningful action while continuing to consume a huge amount of the world's resources. They see us

disregarding treaties when they don't appear to be in our economic interest. They see us as a bastion of hypocrisy, not of democracy.

It is hard for me to imagine a more short-sighted, iconoclastic, self-centered group of individuals than those now running this country. It makes me sad to see so few of you at peace rallies and vigils and writing letters to the editor. I suggest that you listen to Amy Goodman on KUGS 89.3 FM, 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday - Friday. I suggest

that you join organizations such as MoveOn.org. Please realize that you don't need to clearly see a final goal to act. If something is wrong — yours is the generation that needs to stand up and do something!

When 2 million of us marched on D.C., I hoped that we were making a change. But mostly, I just had to say something. You may be surprised to find that your voice can matter.

Harvey Schwartz
Ex-hippie and Bellingham chiropractor, 57

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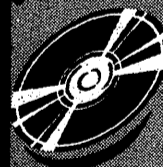
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Frontline

Sober skiing is safe skiing

Welcome to the wonderful world of snow sports. Starting today, Western students will pile into sport utility vehicles and truck it east to Mount Baker, and just like any other day in the life of a typical college student, it likely will involve alcohol. As if college students don't have enough outlets to get trashed, they can add another and go skiing with a flask.

According to the Injury Fact Book that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released in 2002, excessive alcohol consumption is a factor in more than 100,000 deaths in the United States each year.

College students should be the first to realize skiing or snowboarding with alcohol is a recipe for disaster because of the frequency with which they drink. Every Monday, stories fly about students' latest intoxicated escapades that resulted in injury. More often than not, these drunken injuries happen while they are simply walking, running or attempting to climb a roof — so the danger of moving rapidly on a slick surface while intoxicated should be a no-brainer for college students. If they can't remain upright in a normal setting, trying to stay balanced while strapped into protruding objects that slide on snow is implausible.

Every student knows, either from experience or by lovingly observing fellow drunkards, that alcohol impairs nearly every function necessary for successfully executing a snow sport. Coordination soars out the window, motor skills go down the shitter, judgement gets left at the door, and reaction times become slower than a sloth. Every aspect alcohol blurs is vital for keeping fellow snow enthusiasts on the mountain safe.

Sure, extreme sports are hot right now, but dying or getting seriously injured isn't. Skiing and snowboarding became popular for the adrenaline rush they provide, and that in itself should be enough. Mixing alcohol and adrenaline defies logic since alcohol is a central nervous system depressant, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. These depressants slow brain activity, naturally inhibiting the adrenaline rush. College students wind up spending \$37.64 for a lift ticket and a minimum of \$10 for a fifth, which totals \$47.64 — all to counteract the rush of soaring down a mountain.

The Mt. Baker Ski Area wants college students to come to the mountain. Those nice folks sliced \$66 off a season pass for college students. Sure, downing a couple beers in the bar at the lodge is acceptable, but take some responsibility. Students who get belligerent and then slide down the mountain not only put their lives in jeopardy, they endanger other snow bunnies as well.

Playing beer pong, running from cops, skinny dipping, dancing on pool tables or in cages, playing hide-and-go seek wearing only underwear, singing karaoke, doing keg stands, making out with random people, climbing, slapping asses, playing strip poker, exploring neighbors' yards and outdoor showers, peeing outside, searching for sasquatch and using beer as a mixer provide enough rush for any drunk college student, so show some respect and ride sober this season.

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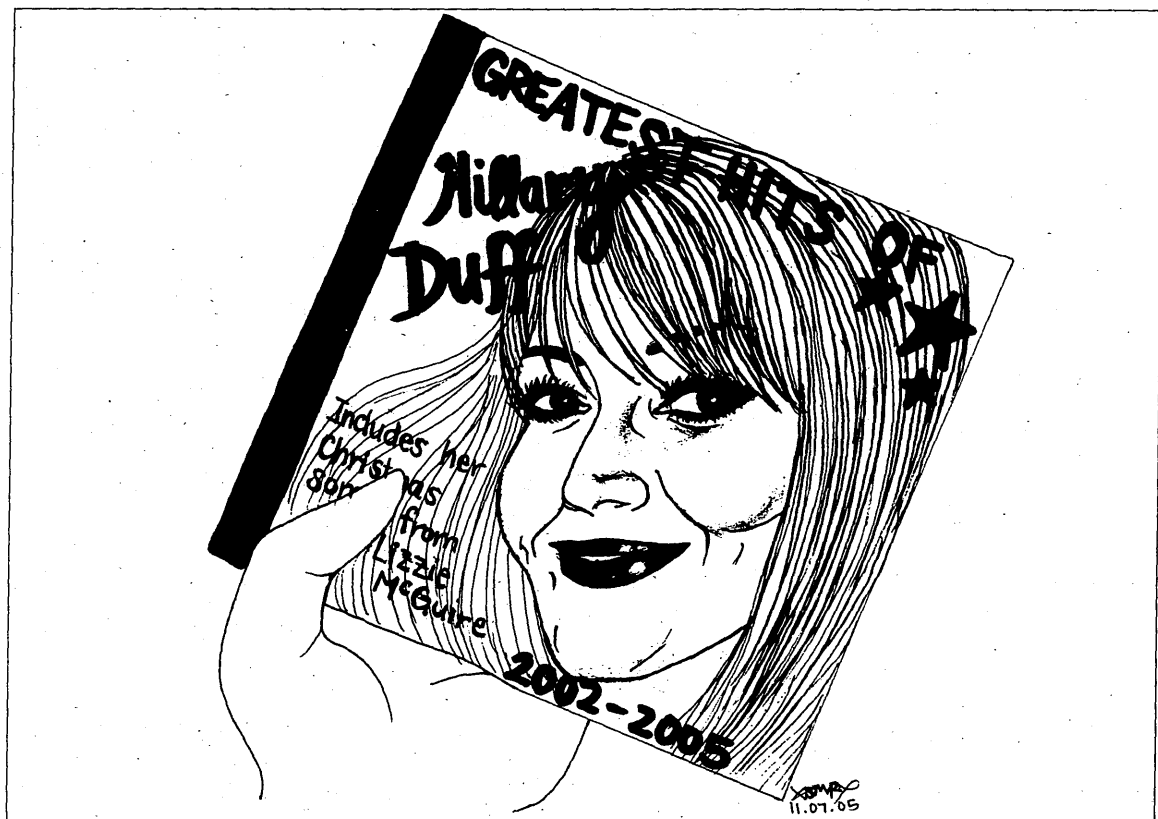
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"I don't drink a lot. My family calls me an old soul. And my friends call me a pussy."

— Mike Birbiglia, comedian



Greatest hits not for everyone



BY AMY HARDER
The Western Front

Music legend Hilary Duff launched her greatest hits album "Most Wanted" Aug. 16. The collection highlighted her long, successful, celebrated career of making music — all two years of it.

Greatest-hits albums should mark a milestone in a musician's career. Previously, these albums chronicled years of making music and handfuls of previous albums. Now, record companies release best-of albums as an easy way to make more money and buy the artists more time before needing to release a new album.

Mandy Moore, whom the public knows more as an actor than a singer, assembled her greatest-hits collection after only four years. Britney Spears and the Backstreet Boys released best-of albums only six and four years, respectively, after their first albums.

The Beatles, a band that released 27 No. 1 hits during more than 10 years of making music, have four greatest hits albums.

Legendary musician Billy Joel has released two greatest-hits albums spanning a career of almost 30 years. If Moore followed in Joel's footsteps, she would release approximately seven greatest-hits albums during the course of a 30-year career.

Artists show a lack of creativity when they release best-of collections so early in their careers. Musicians should still be in their prime of making original music two years into their careers.

Joel released 10 full-length albums before compiling his first best-of collection. Greatest hits albums with only two records preceding them represents laziness and a lack of originality in a young artist's career.

The mainstream music industry is centered around money, and prematurely releasing greatest hits albums is no-different. Labels often release best-of collections casual listeners will buy to ensure a steady flow of money, according to an Aug. 26 MSNBC.com article.

Arguing that Spears or a member of the Backstreet Boys is hard-pressed for money is ridiculous. Any rerun of MTV "Cribs" or VH1's "Fabulous Life Of" should be evidence enough that most musical artists are just fine in the money department. Labels should not encourage cheap hit collec-

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Iraq, Vietnam similar



BY LANCE HENDERSON
The Western Front

Comparisons between the war in Iraq and the Vietnam War began around the time bombs shocked and awed Baghdad residents in March 2003. But now more than ever Americans are bracing themselves for another Vietnam-like blemish on the United States' otherwise impeccable war record.

Students throughout the country walked out of their classes to protest the war in Iraq on Wednesday, according to a Nov. 3 Q13 Fox article online. Marchers took to the streets of Seattle, where men and women in uniform protested the

war. The only thing missing was a little Buffalo Springfield on the wind asking, "What's that sound?"

American deaths in Iraq now top 2,000, and 58 percent of Americans disapprove of Bush's handling of the war in Iraq, according to a June 28 CNN.com article. While a slight majority feels the invasion of Iraq helped with the long-term security of the United States, 70 percent of Americans feel those gains come with an unacceptable number of military casualties.

The insurgency in Iraq employs guerilla-style tactics, just like the Viet Cong forces used in Vietnam. The insurgents' attacks and the number of casualties are comparable to the losses America encountered in Vietnam, on average.

At its peak, the Vietnam War was taking up to 500 casualties per month, according to Lies.com, a site devoted to exposing the lies of government propaganda.

But according to Mitch Mitchell, a CBS News military analyst and retired Army colonel, the Vietnam War deployed more troops than the war in Iraq, but the United States is now suffering approximately one quarter of the 500 casualties per month that occurred during the Vietnam War. He said, however, when deployment differences are figured in, both conflicts result in relatively the same number of casualties per month.

These numbers are appalling. No administration should allow an amount of casualties on par with such a crimson blotch on the pages of the nation's history. The president has been spouting nothing but nationalist propaganda to justify the unnecessary deaths caused in this war.

While President George W. Bush feels each loss of life is heartbreaking, he said the best way to honor

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Milestone: Record companies must stop putting out greatest-hits albums for mediocre artists

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tions at the expense of new music.

Instead, artists should feel pressure to produce new music. Ideally, creativity and masterful musicianship should be the most effective ways to earn money for artists and their labels. Instead, musicians use shock value and sex to sell their music.

Traditionally, artists release greatest-hits collections after producing enough hits to fill an entire album. Duff's four major songs cannot, obviously, fill an entire CD. The other nine tracks on the record are songs from her previous records that her label did not release as singles.

A greatest-hits album used to signal the end of a successful career or a series of significant songs. The idea behind best-of collections is that artists have created enough songs to choose the best. Duff, Moore, Spears and the Backstreet Boys do not have enough music to do this adequately. They simply re-released the same songs that played on the radio just a few years earlier.

Those who support premature greatest-hits albums argue artists need all their popular songs on one album to compensate for limited retail shelf space,

according to the MSNBC.com article. Chain discount stores such as Wal-Mart and Target are quickly becoming the most convenient places to buy CDs. Since these stores do not specialize in music, the shelf space for each artist is smaller than in specialty music stores. Therefore, labels and artists want to ensure their best songs are available for consumers.

When a mediocre artist such as Spears releases four albums that each have only one or two hits, the label sees an opportunity to sell a greatest-hits CD with the hits from each album in one place.

Instead of compiling artists' hit singles into one album for better exposure, musicians should strive to produce more well-rounded records. If artists create an album with several quality songs, consumers will be more likely to buy their initial releases and not just greatest-hits collections. Every artist encounters the same limited exposure at large retail stores. Artists' motives for making music should focus on the quality of the music, not the shelf space Wal-Mart provides.

Greatest-hits albums should revert to their original, milestone-marking importance. Until then, however, listeners must suffer as inexperienced artists release not-so-great greatest hits.

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Blemish: Bush brazenly rejects clear, sensible comparisons between war in Iraq, Vietnam War

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the sacrifice of the fallen troops is to complete the mission and lay the foundation of peace in Iraq by spreading freedom, according to an Oct. 26 CNN.com article.

As the number of civilians and American soldier casualties in Vietnam increased, President Lyndon B. Johnson's popularity declined, not only because of media scrutiny, but also as a result of student protests. At the end of a speech March 31, 1968,

Johnson shocked the country by saying he would not run for re-election. This generation has not been so lucky.

Bush rejects comparisons between the war in Iraq and the Vietnam War, according to DemocracyNow.com, a site dedicated to preserving democracy. Bush said the analogy is false and sends the wrong message to American troops and the

enemy, according to the same site.

'Bush should be more concerned with the messages he sends, such as continuing this illegal war without a UN resolution. The Bush administration also sends the wrong message when it spends more money on a war than on education. America sends the wrong message when it spends mon-

ey on sending troops off to die in the war

while thousands of Americans do not have health insurance or access to higher education when these things are more important.

Comparisons to Vietnam are helping America's youth make its current stand. During Vietnam, veterans who served returned to a disapproving nation. The warriors were confused with the war — a mistake this generation refuses to make. Citizens must place blame squarely on the shoulders of warmongers, and Americans will support the troops — not the war.

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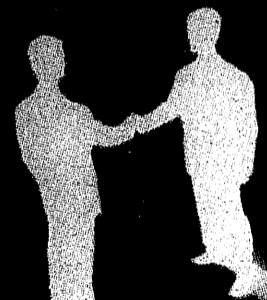
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