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New power plant nearly ready to go

By Emily Garrigues
THE WESTERN FRONT

After months of hearings, the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) will make its recommendation concerning the Sumas Energy Plant 2's (SE2) power plant application 1:30 p.m. Friday at Whatcom County Courthouse.

The recommendation made by EFSEC then will go to Gov. Gary Locke. Locke will have 60 days to make a final decision.

In hopes of swaying EFSEC's

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'This is yet another example of how corporations descend upon communities and force us to be suppliers of their profits.'

Eric Vermeers
AS Environmental Center
co-coordinator

recommendation, a rally will begin at 12 p.m., hosted by Generations Affected by Senseless Power (GASP), a group opposed to the SE2 plant.

"Inputting this plant does not address our consumption," said Eric Vermeers, a Western junior and co-coordinator of the Associated Students Environmental Center. "We're putting off facing the inevitable lack of resources."

SE2 would neighbor an existing energy plant in Sumas, SE1. The SE2 plant would be five times bigger, covering 37 acres.

Opposition groups are concerned by SE2's plans to locate a

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Protestors invade city council meeting



Terrill Simecki/ The Western Front

Several people attending Tuesday's city council meeting wore stickers over their mouths that read "Do I look like a threat to public safety?" in response to the council's cancellation of an informational meeting about Georgia Pacific's use of diesel generators. The council said they cancelled the meeting because of safety concerns brought to their attention by Police Chief Randy Carrol.

By Jessica Sparks
THE WESTERN FRONT

Residents silenced themselves with stickers at Monday's city council meeting.

Bellingham residents put stickers that said 'Do I look like a threat to public safety,' over their mouths in protest to the cancellation of Thursday's informational meeting about Georgia Pacific West Co.'s diesel generators.

"The people who have the

opposing view have not been violent. It's always been peaceful," said Courtney Laws, a Fairhaven student in response to the cancellation of the information meeting and before she put her sticker over her mouth.

"I'm here to show them (council members) that we haven't gone away," Laws said "There are people that feel very strongly about this issue."

"I understand the fear of violence but that is no reason to cancel," said Western student

Kelley Collier said before she silenced herself with her sticker.

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Collier added that the rescheduled, closed to the public hearing only on television was

not good enough because many people don't have televisions.

The majority of the people who spoke during the 15-minute public hearing period said it was important to have the public involved in these meetings concerning G-P because it affects the health of the community.

"Excluding the public serves no purpose. It's sad that democracy is shunned aside in the face of controversy," Bellingham resi-

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Cheerleader injured while performing stunt

Western student falls, removed by medics from Carver practice

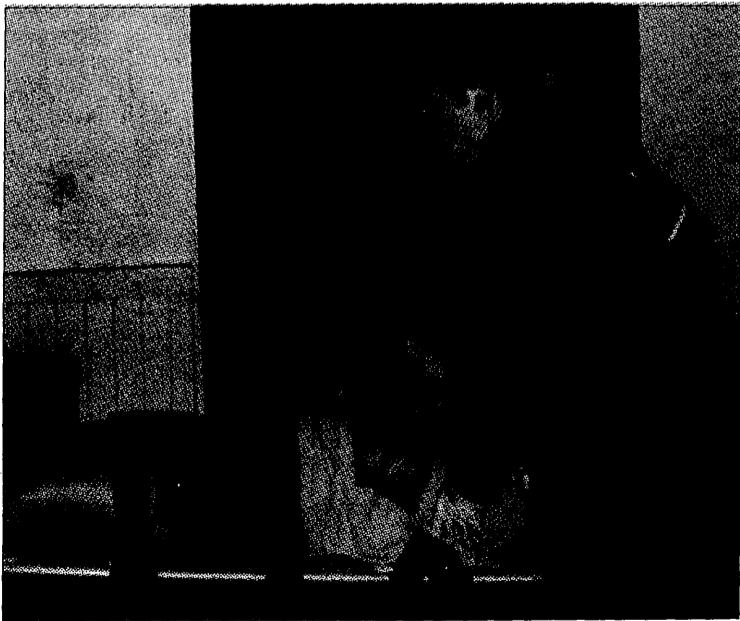
By James Cassill
THE WESTERN FRONT

Viking cheerleader Sadie Michel, performing her last stunt of the teams nightly practice in Carver Gym D, fell and landed on her head but remained conscious.

According to senior student-coach Jennifer Aaseby, the team was performing a 3-3-2 stunt. Michel, a part of the middle deck, fell backwards onto her head and upper spine.

"It's a dangerous sport,"

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Josh Haupt/ The Western Front

After a fall from a cheerleading stunt at Monday night's practice, Sadie Michel was rushed to St. Joseph's Hospital.

Costs stall new dorm preparation

By Emily Garrigues
THE WESTERN FRONT

Plans to build a new residence hall have been postponed one to three years, University Residences Director Kay Rich said in an Associated Students Board of Directors meeting Wednesday night.

Construction of the new residence hall is nearly impossible, due to the costs of the Viking Union renovation and planned remodeling of the Birnam Wood residences this summer, said

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Young blood leads an old team

Western basketball player Jason Burrell is stealing the show as the team's new sixth man.

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Skateboarding Dog

A local dog demonstrates his skateboarding skills in Red Square, as University Police look on.



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COPS BOX

University Police

Feb. 9, 10:20 p.m.: A student in Buchanan Towers reported a snowball had been thrown through her window. Police have no suspects.

Feb. 10, 12:38 a.m.: Police responded to a call of a liquor law violation. A student in Buchanan Towers was arrested for minor in possession charges, cited and released.

Feb. 10, 1:09 a.m.: Police responded to an unusual odor coming from Mathes Hall. There was no report of what the odor was.

Feb. 11, 12:18 a.m.: Police contacted subjects in Mathes Hall for unauthorized entry into rooms and residential buildings.

Bellingham Police

Feb. 9, 11 p.m.: Police observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed in the 1200 block of Lakeway Drive. Police stopped the vehicle and determined that the driver was too intoxicated to be driving.

Feb. 10, 2:37 a.m.: Police responded to a caller who reported a prowler outside her house in the 2700 block of Franklin Street. Police arrived and found no sign of any intruders.

Feb. 11, 1:15 p.m.: Officers were dispatched to a physical domestic violence call in the 2200 block of Jefferson Street. A man was arrested and transported to Whatcom County Jail.

Compiled by Kevin Bailey

AP WIRE NEWS BRIEFS

STATE NEWS

Bail set for Frances Roberts and daughter

BELLINGHAM — Bellingham police said an autopsy has confirmed that a man who died over the weekend in a police standoff shot himself.

Phillip Lee Roberts died of a gunshot wound in his family's apartment Saturday afternoon.

Bail was set today at \$600,000 for his wife.

Her 14-year-old daughter was ordered held on \$10,000 bail in juvenile court. She's being held for investigation of obstructing a police officer and for making felony threats in the two-day standoff.

The suspects were sought on California warrants for investigation of 12 counts of first-degree child molestation.

Frances Roberts is scheduled to be returned to Modesto, CA, on March 15. The 14-year-old is to be arraigned in Whatcom County Juvenile court Feb. 21.

Body identified as that of missing Woodinville woman

WOODINVILLE — A body

found in the trunk of a car in Woodinville has been identified as that of a missing local woman.

The King County medical examiner's office said 27-year-old Elaina Negron-Boussiacos died of "homicidal violence," but no further details have been released.

No arrests have been made.

The woman's body was found in the trunk of her black Nissan on Friday night. The car was parked in front of a Woodinville athletic club.

She had been missing since Feb. 3, when she was supposed to fly to California to visit her mother. She did not make her flight, and she did not appear for work or to pick up her 9-year-old son after work the following Monday.

NATIONAL NEWS

Federal Appeals court sides with artist's right

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal appeals court said Napster must stop allowing people to swap copyrighted music for free on its Internet service.

The music industry is hailing

the ruling. But one college student who uses Napster said people will "find a way to get around it."

Death row inmate pardoned because of DNA

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — A man who spent nearly 10 years on Virginia's death row for murder, before being cleared by DNA evidence, says he's not bitter.

Earl Washington, Jr. was freed Monday. He said at a news conference he's "glad to be home."

Washington has been assigned to live in an apartment building run by a support center for mentally disabled people.

Washington was pardoned last year after DNA evidence cleared him of a 1982 rape and murder. He's still on parole for an unrelated assault conviction.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

More questions and criticism about Navy actions following collision

TOKYO — In Japan, there is growing criticism of a U.S. sub-

marine crew for not doing more to help the survivors of a collision with a Japanese fishing boat off Hawaii.

Nine people, including four teenage boys, are still missing after Friday's sinking. Investigators said they might have been trapped inside the vessel as it sank to the ocean bottom.

Twenty-six people were rescued.

The fishing vessel captain said the survivors had to wait 50 minutes to be rescued. He and other Japanese said the submarine crew should have done more to help.

The commander-in-chief of the U.S. Pacific Fleet said high waves made it too dangerous for the sub to open hatches and take survivors aboard.

The boat captain said conditions were calm enough that water did not enter the life rafts.

Compiled by James Cassill

STRANGE DAYS

Fingers — That's what's for dinner.

A 35-year-old Midland man who police say bit off part of his brother-in-law's finger faces two counts of assault with intent to commit great bodily harm.

Phillip E. Most remains in the Midland County Jail on a \$100,000 cash surety bond, Midland County Prosecutor Norman Dunker said.

City police said Most bit his brother-in-law and sister during a Friday morning fight at the home where the three reside, on Dyke in the Maple Grove Mobile Home

Village.

Most bit off the victim's left middle finger at the top knuckle, said police, who searched the home but did not recover the fingertip.

Most also bit off part of his sister's right pinky fingernail, officers said.

Blondes more fun, but get paid less

Blondes may have more fun but a union said they get paid less than other workers.

The Icelandic trade union claims blond employees get 10 percent less than light

brown-haired colleagues.

People with dark hair come second on the pay scale, closely followed by red-haired and gray-haired workers.

Researchers at the Reykjavik Commercial Workers Union surveyed 3,400 people.

The researchers also found that smiling at work has no effect on how much people earn, the Iceland Daily News reports.

Head of the union's economic department, Gunnar P-ll P-llsson, said the research shows people's looks have an impact on their salaries.

Compiled by James Lyon

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PLEASE POST

THE WINTER CAREER EXPO will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 14-15 in the VU fifth-floor lounge. To arrange disability accommodations: call X/3240.

THE MATH PLACEMENT IS OFFERED in OM 120 at 3 p.m. Mondays on Feb. 26, March 5, 12, and 19, and at 9 a.m. Thursdays on Feb. 15, 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29. Registration is not required. Students must bring picture identification, student identification, student number, Social Security number, and a No. 2 pencil. A \$10 fee must be paid in the exact amount at time of testing. Allow 90 minutes. Sample problems may be found at www.washington.edu/oea/aptp.htm.

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

SUMMER SESSION 2001 live on the Web Feb. 15 at www.wvu.edu/~summer. Educational opportunities for all. Contact Summer.Session@wvu.edu or call X/2841.

AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING ABOUT MAJORING IN HUMAN SERVICES will be held at noon Feb. 20 in MH 263. Find out about the bachelor of arts degree in human services that is offered through Woodring College. For more information, call X/7759

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

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

THE NINTH ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH DINNER will be held at 6 p.m. Feb. 24 in VU 565A-C. Western alumnus Bill Reed will be keynote speaker. Cost is \$15 students/\$18 general. For tickets, more information, or to sponsor a student, call X/6146.

THE TUTORIAL CENTER IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS for a study skills tutor for spring quarter and continuing through the 2001-2002 academic year. Applications are available at the Tutorial Center, Old Main 387, X/3855, or online at www.ac.wvu.edu/~tutorctr. Application deadline is Feb. 27.

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

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

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

SUMMER QUARTER 2001 DEGREE APPLICATIONS must be on file in the registrar's office by March 16. Fall degree applicants must have applications on file by June 8. Winter 2002 application deadline is Aug. 24; spring evaluation is encouraged since many major advisers are unavailable summer quarter. See OM 230 for applications/instructions.

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

Western delays new residence construction, students fed up with triple occupancy

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Linda Beckman, division director of Budget and Administration.

"We would have been fiscally strapped with all these projects, Beckman said. "To construct, we would have had to raise room and board rates by 6 percent or more for the next four years, and it still would be very tight."

In addition, utility rates may go up by 24 percent, she said.

The proposed building, 'Residence Hall A,' would provide 200 new beds to the residence hall system.

The hall will be located between the football practice field and the Ridgeway residence hall Beta.

"The building grant we need to do this will be available in April," Beckman said. "Until then, we'll be watching utility rates and other factors to decide if we want the grant."

'If we had the new building right now, we'd have 400 empty beds.'

Kay Rich
University Residences Director

When Western receives the grant, the university will have 12 months to begin building the hall, Rich said.

"If we do not build within that time, we will have to change our plans to meet new building codes," she said.

This could incur up to \$500,000 in additional costs, Rich added.

Western began planning Residence Hall A in the 1980s. Designs were finished in 1993. Construction was delayed in 1994 by a dip in enrollment and the renovation of Edens Hall.

A housing crunch forced University Residences to place 163 freshmen in triple-occupancy rooms fall quarter. 200 beds are currently open, Rich said.

"Because the university is self-sustaining, the only way we can pay for this is out of room and board fees," Rich said. "You don't want to build a new building if you can't fill it."



The Western Front Archive

Three Western dormitories, nearly 60 rooms, were equipped with extra beds to accommodate the largest freshman class in Western's history this fall.

"If we had the new building right now, we'd have 400 empty beds."

Briana Armstrong, one of the 163 freshmen placed in a triple-occupancy room, is angry and frustrated by her experience in the residence hall system.

"This is not what I had hoped or expected from my college experience, especially as a freshman," Armstrong said.

Triple-room residents suffer

from a chronic lack of space, which makes life a lot harder, Armstrong explained.

"Juggling three people's schedules is really difficult," she added. "I'm paying so much money for all this mental and physical stress I don't need."

As for Residence Hall A, Armstrong said, "Do it now, and do it fast - do not stick freshmen in triples. I don't think (university residences) handled it very well, but they

were dealt a nasty hand. They've got to build that new building."

Rich agreed triple rooms are not desirable, but they were the best option available to Western at the time, she said.

University Residences plans to make 100 rooms permanently triple-occupancy.

However, "we will hand-pick bigger rooms to accommodate people in a more humane way," Rich said.

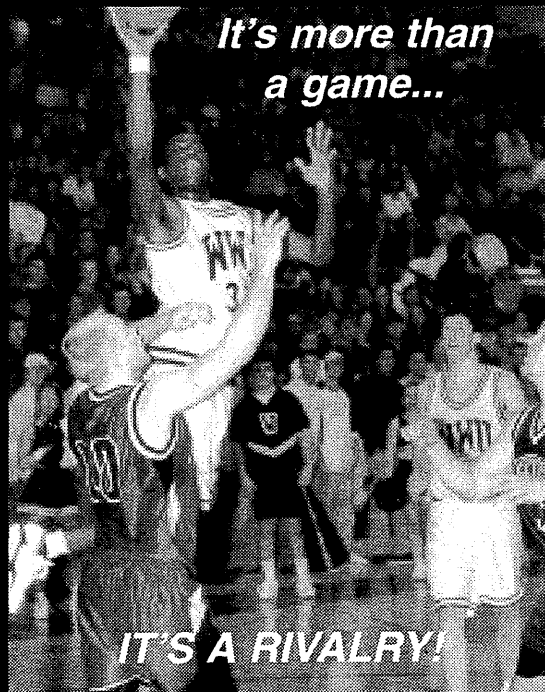
'Do it now, and do it fast - do not stick freshmen in triples. . . They've got to build that new building.'

Briana Armstrong
Western freshman

Western still may begin site preparation this spring, Rich said. To prepare the site, Western will build a service road and install a water pump system.

The pump system also will service a planned fire sprinkler system in the Ridgeway resident halls.

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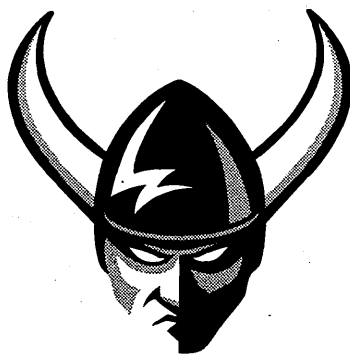
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City Council to host G-P informational meeting at undisclosed location without public

From SILENCE, Page 1

dent John McKay said. "The rumors of violence seems ludicrous; we're not Seattle."

Western student Bradley Pavlik said the real concern — the health of Bellingham residents — is being overlooked because of the unsubstantiated threats of violence.



Terrill Simecki/ The Western Front
(Above) After 15 minutes of discussion, Leslie Langdon and the rest of the council halted commentary on the G-P issue. (Right) Doug Tolchin asked the council if they would allow more time for others to speak.

'I think they are fearful to use the power they have to let the people speak. They are afraid to make changes.'

Kelly Collier
 Western student

"It's completely ridiculous," Pavlik said. "Safety is not the concern because everyone seems very non-violent."

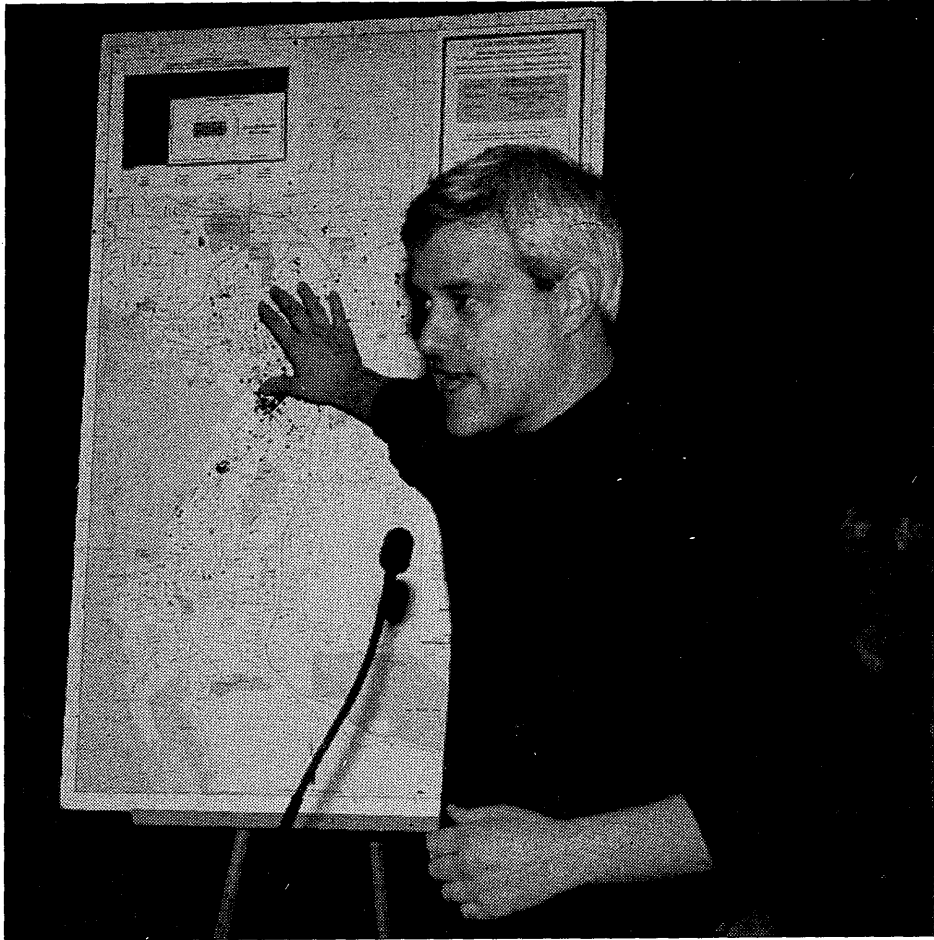
After 15 minutes, council member Leslie Langdon, taking notice of about 10 people waiting to speak on the heated issue forced before the council, decided to stop the public from commenting further on the G-P issue.

She said that this was not the place to have a public hearing without dialogue with all the people involved.

Despite the efforts one would-be speaker made to convince members to allow for 10 more minutes of public discussion, the council moved to continue with other subject matters.

The room then cleared out. "I think they are fearful to use the power they have to let the people speak," Collier said after the meeting. "They are afraid to make changes."

One man shouted after the meeting that a rally will be held at 12:30 p.m. this Thursday at E. Holly and Railroad



Dishonesty policy revised for Internet age

By Craig Yantis
 THE WESTERN FRONT

Western's rules governing instances of academic dishonesty are under review and will see revision to reflect changing academic realities.

The Academic Coordinating Commission at Western formed a subcommittee for revisions of the academic dishonesty policy and procedure in fall 2000. While nothing is final, a proposal for changes to the policy could be ready in three weeks.

"We are actually revising the procedures a little bit, based on what we think will encourage honesty and not discourage dialogue, not discourage thoughts and discussion processes," Edoh Amiran, vice

chair of the academic coordinating commission, said.

"That's a real concern of the committee."

Some serious issues the subcommittee is considering relate to computer science programs, technology and making sure students understand the standards for honesty.

One problem being addressed is determining how computer science students can prove they wrote their own programs, he said.

The subcommittee is also examining the differences between major and minor academic honesty violations and how to deal with them.

"If you quoted something and didn't cite it properly, than in substance the punishment should be that you go

cite it properly," Amiran said.

"If you copy from someone on an exam, then the penalty should be more severe because there is an attempt to deceive and gain an academic advantage over your peers unfairly," he said.

The Internet is another issue the subcommittee is attempting to create a more effective policy for.

The Web is a vast resource for looking up information and can make plagiarism easy while making proper identification of the original source more difficult.

"Material obtained from the

web should be cited," Amiran said "It may be the ethernet, but it's not the ether."

Additionally, Amiran said the kinds of collaborations

that are routine in some high school situations are not acceptable at a university when students are supposed to develop their own ideas.

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Newsmakers

PEOPLE MAKING AN IMPACT ON CAMPUS

Jamie Hoover — KUGS G.M.

By Bryn Johnson
THE WESTERN FRONT

KUGS - 89.3, Western's student radio station, will change general managers Monday.

Jamie Hoover, formerly employed at the radio station at the University of New Mexico-Gallup, will fill the position.

Hoover shares the stations philosophy and is looking forward to being a problem-solver and a resource for the students working at the station.

"I see myself as the person who moves the rocks out of the way for people," Hoover said.

As someone who can "provide the tools for people to get creative."

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Jamie Hoover sits at her new desk, ready to get to work for the students of Western as the new general manager of KUGS-89.3 FM.

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I see myself as the person who moves the rocks out of the way for people.

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Jamie Hoover
KUGS new general manager

Hoover has been involved with a station that ran a large percentage of community programming and is excited to return to a station focused on student programming.

"With college," Hoover said, "you get to be as free form as you like to be."

Hoover is not the only one excited about her new position at Western. Amanda Haworth,

publicity manager for KUGS, said she thinks Hoover has everything the station needs.

"I am so excited to have someone here all of the time that we can go to when we have questions or don't understand something," Haworth said.

Hoover has worked in college radio for many years and has the kind of experience

they have been looking for, Kevin Majkut said.

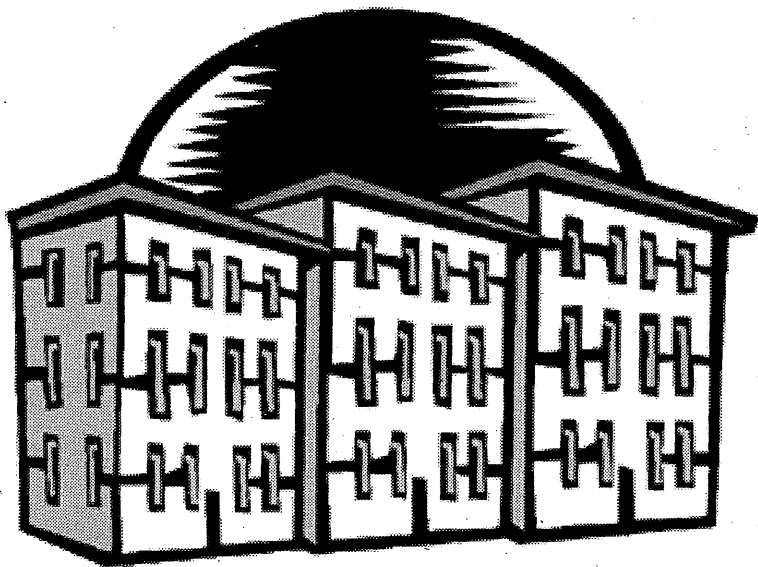
As associate director of the Viking Union, Majkut has stepped out of his supervisor role, and has worked as interim general manager.

Majkut, who was responsible for hiring the new general manager, was looking for a person who shared the station's philosophy. Majkut said

KUGS is run in a way that not only strives to produce quality programming, but in a way that fosters community.

The station may not always be run effectively from a business standpoint, Majkut said.

Instead, he said that "decisions are made around giving students an opportunity to grow."



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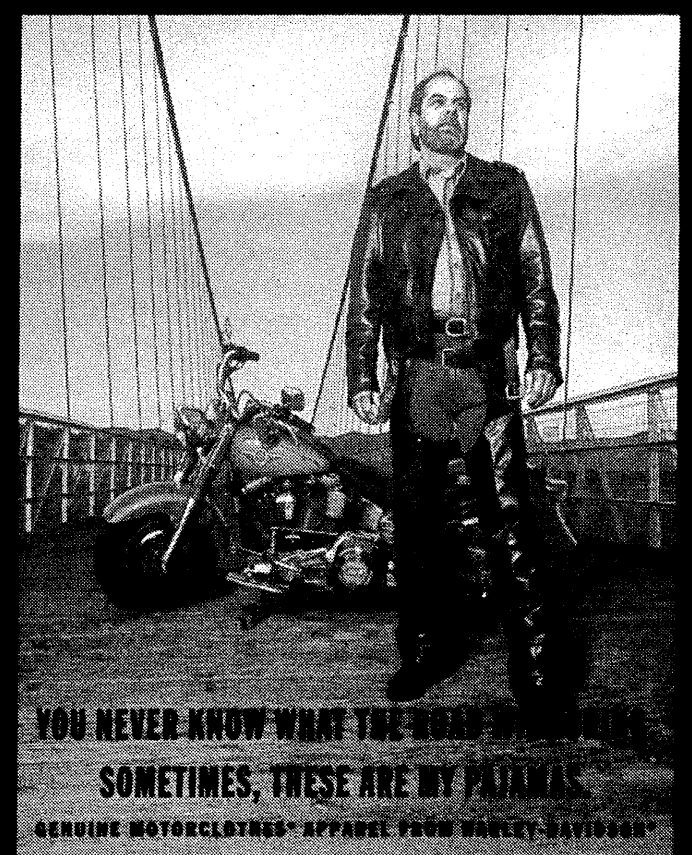
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Recreation center enters into design and development phase

By Hollie J. Brown
THE WESTERN FRONT

Architects begin the design and developmental phase of the new recreation center.

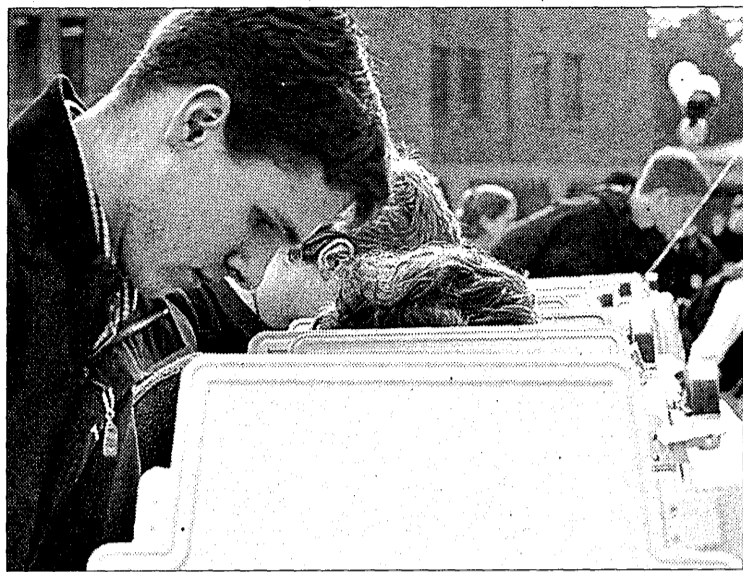
The design developmental phase is scheduled to be completed in May 2001. Construction of the center is scheduled to begin by winter 2002.

Director of Planning Ed Simpson said in the Design Developmental phase all the details are examined. Designers look at every room in detail and prepare each room, individually, for construction.

Assistant Director of Planning Rick Benner said the first phase of planning, Schematic Design, was completed in December. This phase included a site analysis, conceptual layouts of space, making floor plans and reviewing the general function of the facility.

Opening fall 2003, the all-access recreation center is planned to include: a three-court gym with an elevated running track, recreational lap pool and whirlpool, a multi-activity gym, weight and fitness areas, an indoor climbing wall, locker rooms, multipurpose rooms and a juice bar.

Located between Highland Drive and the turf field and running track, the new 93,000 square foot recreation facility will take the place of the current parking office, Benner said. The location of the current parking



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Students voted on an \$80 recreation facility fee last winter.

office will be moved, as well as the hammer throw and the track storage room.

Last winter, students voted on and approved the construction of a new campus recreation facility and the \$80 per quarter mandatory fee.

"People were actually voting on what's going in the facility," Smith said.

The items and plans for the center listed on the ballot, are the same, or very close, to the items going in the facility.

He said the \$80 fee will be less expensive than the cost of joining a gym.

The facility is projected to cost \$25.8 million, Smith said. All the funding comes out of the quarterly fee. The \$80 covers the

mortgage and operation of the project, as well as instruction and staff operation when completed.

Students and faculty were involved in the design of the center and what was put in it, Smith said. During the summer of 1999, student and staff focus groups worked with a consultant from Washington, D.C. and talked about things they would like to see in the center, he said.

A telephone survey also was completed.

Smith said the focus groups and surveys revealed different things, like what people wanted in the center and how often they would use it.

"Everybody had a general idea going in," Smith said.

Student suffers from a fall from a pyramid, remains conscious

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team physician Dr. Warren Howe said. "This type of injury happens quite frequently, but once is too often."

Aaseby explained how safe the cheerleading team is, Michel's injury being the first of this magnitude in the four years Aaseby has been a part of the squad.

Bellingham Fire Department EMT Corey Morris said Michel had remained conscious, but lost her immediate recollection of the situation.

Michel's neck was stabilized as she was put on a stretcher and immediately taken to St. Joseph hospital as a precaution to treat any further spinal injuries.

The mishap could "ground" the team in the future, not allowing them to perform any aerial stunts like basket-tosses and multi-level pyramids, said Aaseby.

She said cheerleading team is considered a 3/4 sport, meaning they do not have a full-time trainer or physician on hand, nor do they receive preference for the weight

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'It's a dangerous sport. This type of injury happens quite frequently, but once is too often.'

Dr. Warren Howe
Team physician

room or gym over other varsity sports.

Any injury that occurs during practice or a game that requires extra medical attention must be documented, recorded and reported to a cheerleading board, said Aaseby.

The board then has the opportunity to sanction accordingly.

The team is still expected to cheer on Thursday as the Western men hosts archrival Central.

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LOVE LETTER TO WHATCOM COUNTY

BOOK PROCEEDS AID IN LAND CONSERVATION

By Karlee Rochon
THE WESTERN FRONT

To most people it doesn't look like a love letter. No hearts can be found among the photographs that bring to life Whatcom County's beauty; no "I love you" or "I cherish you" among the words that praise the beauty.

What can be found in "Whatcom Places," a photo essay book about Whatcom County, is five chapters describing the history and beauty of this land from the tips of the highest mountain to the waters that crash upon its shores.

The book was created solely by donations made prior to its making.

These donations have allowed all profits from "Whatcom

Places" to be directed toward land conservation.

Wendy Walker, author of the "Rugged and Roadless" chapter, and professor at Western's Huxley College, describes the book as "a love letter to Whatcom County from some people who really care for this place."

She said the book is a celebration of home.

Walker, a Fairhaven College graduate, is among the 200 volunteers, many of whom are Western alumni or professors, that made Whatcom Places possible.

"Everybody working on it volunteered, and we volunteered because we love where we live," Walker said. "We met as a committee and decided we wanted to

create a book that celebrated Whatcom County and instead of putting forward all the problems . . . we wanted to remind people what an amazing place we live in."

Volunteering is an important part of Walker's life.

"I really believe in being a volunteer," she said. "I try to have part of my life at all times that I'm not being paid for. It seems important to me to give back to where I live."

Winner of the Mayor's Art Award and one of Village Book's top 10 best sellers, "Whatcom Places" has given back to the community.

"The most interesting and unique part is a bunch of volunteers came together, put together a beautiful book and gave back to the community," Whatcom Land Trust Conservation director Gordon Scott said. "It's a really nice circle."

The book has been consistently among Village Books top 10 best sellers since it was published in 1997, Village Books employee Dennis Scott said.

Profits from the more than 7,000 copies sold, which is more than was expected, are placed in

a book fund that is "ear-marked for land conservation purchase," said Bob Keller, book editor and WLTC board member.

The Book Fund is one of many funds controlled by the WLTC, but this is the first fund created solely with the profits from a book.

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Wendy Walker

Huxley College professor

Ten thousand of the \$70,000 raised in the book fund was used to purchase a 19.7 acre piece of property one-half mile west of the Mosquito Lake Road Bridge over the North Fork of the Nooksack River.

It is "the first piece of property where the entire property was purchased with book funds," Keller said.

The Nooksack River flows through the center of the mostly gravel bar property and has the

right spawning size gravel for salmon making it habitat for chum salmon, Scott said.

The land has been obtained for conservation, but the WLTC also may try to control invasive plants on the property such as Japanese knot-weed and blackberry.

Members also may plant new trees on the property and may do some restoration work to help make them better or restore them to their natural states.

The purchase of land, though effective in conservation efforts, is not the Land Trust's only interest.

Land owners may work with the Land Trust to put easements on their property which limit what can be done with that property.

Conservation is the main goal. Altogether, the WLTC has conserved 4,586 acres since it was founded in 1984.

Whatcom Places can be found at Village Books in paper back for \$25 and hard back for \$40.

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Whatcom Humane Society helps find homes for animals overpopulated.

By Scott A. Keys
THE WESTERN FRONT

In a concrete hallway beyond a sturdy pair of gray doors, a dog playfully nips at the rope attached to its collar, reaching to lick the hands that hold the leash.

It investigates each noise with pointed ears, sniffing every inch of the ground it passes over, happy to be out of the kennel it has called home for the last few months.

It is led into the last room it will ever see and placed on an examination table.

A needle containing liquid death is inserted into its flesh.

The animal is given a treat to chew on, and within seconds, it painlessly drifts into an unconscious state.

The Whatcom Humane Society, located at 3710 Williamson Way in Bellingham, does its best to place animals in adoptive homes and breed specific rescue groups, and to return stray animals to their owners, said Penny Ciastaro, executive director of the society.

The society currently has 78 animals in its care, including 39 dogs and 36 cats.

Animals at the humane society are released to the organization by their owners, brought in by animal-conscious citizens and rescue drivers, or end up temporarily held for cruelty investigations or quarantined for biting, Ciastaro said.

When the humane society has exhausted all of its resources attempting to get an animal adopted, or a terminal injury has caused the animal to suffer unnecessarily, the decision to euthanize is made.

"We have a balance between the animals we place in adoption and the animals we euthanize," Ciastaro said.

In the process of euthanization, the humane society uses an injection overdose of the barbiturate Sodium Pentobarbital, which penetrates an animal's nervous system, renders it unconscious and causes death within five minutes, Ciastaro said.

"Shelter workers have learned that there are worse things that can happen to animals



than being euthanized," Ciastaro said. "Like seeing a cat brought in that has the fur and skin rubbed off its hind legs because it was hit by a car and its back was broken and it had to drag its hind legs around, euthanizing gives the animal a peaceful and dignified death."

"It's never a good feeling when you euthanize an animal," said Laura Clark, community outreach director of the Whatcom Humane Society.

"A lot of the population look at the Humane Society as a villain for euthanizing animals when in reality the public is who causes the problem," Clark said.

The main problem is overpopulation and the fact that many people are uneducated about the importance of spaying and neutering their animals, Clark said.

"One way that we can try to educate the people is by educating the children, who are the pet guardians of the future," Clark said. "We try to get people to understand that animals are not disposable and people need to take responsibility for them."

The Whatcom Humane Society, established in 1902, is an open door shelter with an animal control program.

"An open door shelter will take any animal that is presented to us, we will not say, 'no, we cannot take that animal,'" Ciastaro said.

Approximately 50 percent of the animals brought into the society are returned home or adopted.

Before animals are placed into the Humane Society's adoptive program the ani-

mals' age, health and temperament are assessed, Ciastaro said.

"When an animal is being prepared for adoption it gets vaccinated which includes a Bordetella shot, a DHLPP distemper shot, de-wormed and a physical," Ciastaro said. "Anyone can adopt an animal, as long as they understand what a large commitment an animal is. Having an animal in your home is like having another child. That animal depends on you for food. It depends on you for protection because it does not have the common sense to stay out of the street, and it draws off of you emotionally."

During the adoption process, society employees spend time getting to know future families in order to find animals which fit adopter's needs, said Leanne Baggett, customer service manager and field manager of the Humane Society.

After the interview process the future pet owner spends time with the animal inside a viewing room, Baggett said.

The final step in the adoption process requires a prospective owner to finish paperwork and pay an adoption fee of \$75 for dogs and \$50 for cats.

Before the animal can be taken home it must be spayed or neutered, Clark said.

Another way the society tries to inform and educate the public is through its rescue drivers who have daily interaction with the community, said animal control officer Vikki Faure.

"The most important thing that we do is educate people about how to take care of animals," Faure said. "Like how to stimulate their animals so they stay healthy, how to train their animals so they are safe for neighborhoods, making sure that the animal has proper food and water, making sure that the animal has proper identification and the importance of spaying and neutering their animals."

The public can view animals at the Humane Society Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Scott A. Keys/ The Western Front

(Left) Two dogs wait to be walked at the Whatcom Humane Society. (Above) Darren and Danelle Lucianna get to know an Australian herd dog that they later adopted. This dog is the Lucianna's second adoption.



Rufus on wheels

Local dog shows off skateboarding skills on national television

By Kevin Bailey
THE WESTERN FRONT

Some people like dogs, some don't. Some people like skateboarding, some don't. Then there are those who like skateboarding dogs.

Pattie Moon is one of those.

Moon, who works in the acquisitions department in Haggard Hall, has always loved dogs. But then, her 6-year-old border terrier, Rufus, is a dog anyone could fall in love with.

"I was at the County Fair in Lynden when I saw a girl had taught her dog to skateboard," Moon said. "I knew I could do that with Rufus."

Soon after that, Moon began her search for a skateboard for him. Five dollars later, Rufus was ready to become a skateboarder.

"The wheels aren't safe for people," Moon said. "But as long as the wheels turn, it is okay for Rufus."

Moon then showed the dog how the skateboard works, using operate conditioning, a method in which she rewards Rufus with a treat when he offers his good behavior.

"Rufus is very intelligent, he picks things up very quickly," Moon said. "I'm good at letting him know when he does something correctly."

Rufus skates by pushing his left hind leg while keeping his other three legs on the board at all times.

Rufus' new trick landed him a slot on Animal Planet's TV series "Breed All About It." The TV show videotaped Rufus skateboarding in Fairhaven for an hour and a half.

Moon and Rufus also appeared in the movie "Best in Show," a comedy film that was nominated for a Golden Globe award.

"I have a border terrier too," Western student Gary Spees said. "But there's no way in hell that my dog could ride a skateboard."

"Rufus is truly an amazing dog," Moon's co-worker Pat Zuidmeer said. "Pattie spends a lot of time working with Rufus."

Oddly enough, skateboarding isn't Rufus's only speciality. He also plays a game called flyball, which includes four hurdles and a spring-loaded box with a tennis ball.

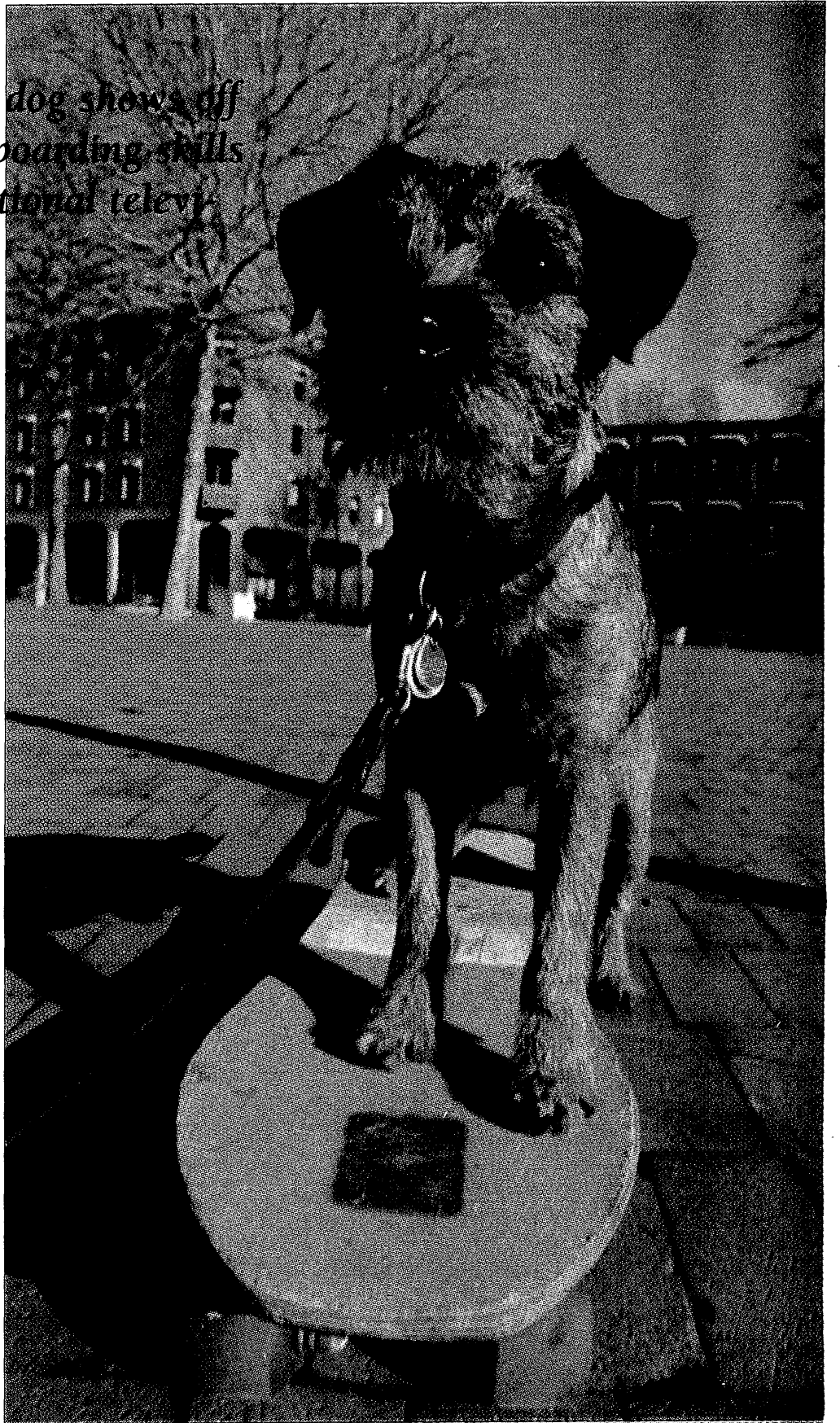
Normally this game involves four handlers, with four dogs on a team, but Rufus can play by himself.

"All I have to do is say 'let's play,' and he will jump the hurdles, shoot the ball, fetch it, bring it back, load it in the box, then start back with the hurdles again," Moon said. "He remembers the whole sequence of events."

Rufus also competes in all kinds of agility competitions. His best performance earned him 13th place out of 117 dogs at the Agility National Championships in Massachusetts.

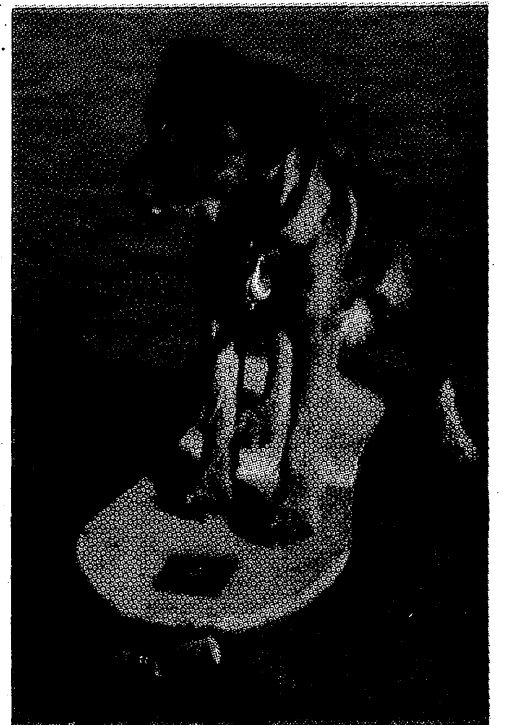
Moon has another dog, Spencer, who is the exact opposite of Rufus.

"Spencer is a different dog," Moon said. "He has a different person-



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(Above) While enjoying the weekend sun, Pattie Moon's border-terrier Rufus stands proudly atop his skateboard in Red Square. His skateboarding ability, along with other talents, landed him a spot on the Animal Planet's TV series "Breed All About It." (Above left) Moon leads the way as Rufus practices his technique. (Right) Rufus anticipates his savory reward after successfully cruising through Red Square.



Hockey team ends season on high note

Vikings quack Ducks in two weekend games at the Sportsplex; look forward to the 2001-02 season

By Benjamin Dalpos
THE WESTERN FRONT

Fun fueled the Western hockey club team past the University of Oregon in a sweep of two weekend games at the Bellingham Sportsplex.

"They played very relaxed and just had fun," head coach Mike Bahn said. "When they do that, they play very well."

With Oregon's top goal scorer and starting goalie out because of injuries, only nine Oregon players suited up.

With the diminished squad, the Ducks were overmatched and lost the first game 4-2.

"Oregon played very well given the circumstances," Bahn said.

In the first game, Oregon scored first with a goal by defenseman Mike Tornebene.

Western answered with a goal by winger Cory Johnson to tie the score at one.

Center Ben Alberg scored off a rebound six minutes into the second period, breaking the tie and giving Western the lead going into the third period.

In the third period, Alberg scored again, assisted by winger Julien Lalonde.

Oregon then pulled within one on a goal by defenseman Brent Ledger. With 1:27 left to play, Alberg completed the hat trick with a breakaway goal.

"It's because I was using Jason Motyka's stick," Alberg said.

"He's got the magic."

"My philosophy on playing hockey is go out, have fun and let it come after that," Alberg said.

On Sunday, the Vikings dominated play through almost the entire game with an 8-3 win against the Ducks.

This game was the last of Western's season.

Oregon jumped out to an early lead with a goal by Steve Budke. Western got on the board with two goals within two minutes of each other.

The first came on a power play goal by John Wilson, and then winger Brendan Madden beat Oregon goalie Joe Faliano high stick side for the second goal.

Western took over the game in the second period with five unanswered goals. In the beginning of the second, Wilson blasted two slap shots for goals, giving him a hat trick for the game.

"He is such a talented player and like I told him at the beginning of the year, he could be the most dominant player out there," Bahn said. "Defensively he plays incredibly, he got the size and got the hardest shot on the team."

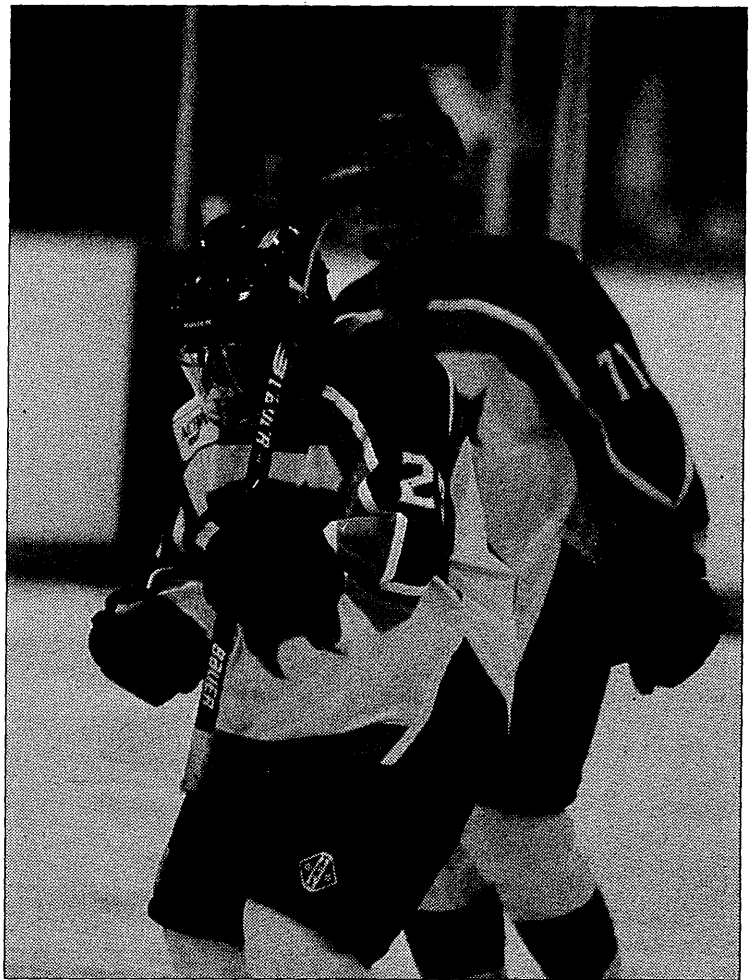
Eleven seconds later, Lalonde scored off a rebound making it 5-2 in favor of the Vikings. Defenseman Matt Kline scored on a slap shot from the point and followed it up with a one-timer from Alberg to finish the period.

"All we do is just go out there and have fun," Kline said. "We just feed off each other."

With a 7-2 lead in the third, Western cruised through the period. Motyka topped off the Vikings' goal scoring with a five on three short-handed goal.

For five Western players, Kylan McKenzie, Jon Smolensky, Chris McPherran, Motyka and Madden, it was their last game as Vikings.

The Vikings finished their season with a 10-8-1 record. With no playoffs in the picture, the team is off until next season.

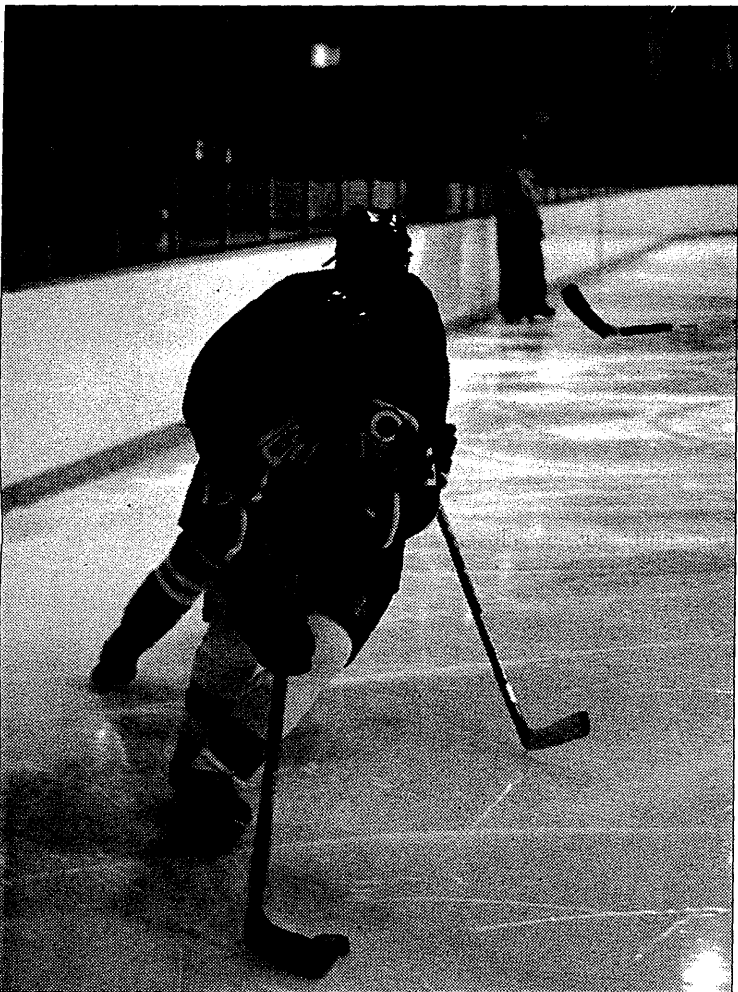


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John Wilson celebrates after one of his three goals in the Vikings 8-3 season finale win versus the Ducks.

"We have some new guys coming in that are very good players, particularly the first year players like John Wilson and Matt Kline," Bahn said.

"I think we're going in the right direction," he said. "Playing the good teams this year was a good reminder of how good we need to be."



Daniel J. Peters/The Western Front
Western team captain Julien Lalonde skates past an Oregon attacker en route to clearing the puck during a duck power play.

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Vikings stampede Mustangs

Western Guard Jodie Kaczor hit a school-record eight 3-pointers in the Vikings' best offensive output in over 16 years

By Kevin Bailey
THE WESTERN FRONT

Junior guard Jodie Kaczor made a school-record eight 3-pointers Saturday to help lead the show Western put on against Western New Mexico University, as the Vikings annihilated the opposition 120-48.

Kaczor shot 8 of 11 on 3-pointers, scoring a career-high 29 points as the Vikings dominated the entire game, handing the winless Mustangs team its 21st consecutive loss this season.

With the victory, Western, ranked third in the West Region, improved to 16-5 overall and 12-4 in PacWest play.

The Vikings are one game behind PacWest-leading Seattle Pacific University.

Western started off hot and never looked back as they jumped out to a 27-2 lead in the first nine minutes of the game.

Freshman center Jenn McGillivray came off the bench to score 16 points for the Vikings.

The Vikings scored the second-highest point total in Western school history.

"We know we're not perfect," Kaczor said. "We came in ready to play and focused on what we needed to do as a

team."

Five players scored in double-digits and the Vikings had a 40-22 rebounding edge in the game.

Guard Megan Quarterman shot 6 of 9 from the field, finishing with 13 points.

Forward Tessa DeBoer scored 12 points for her fourth straight double-digit game off the bench.

Forward Stacey Miller added 11 points, six rebounds and five assists to the onslaught that lasted the entire 40 minutes.

The Vikings shot a school-record 65.2 percent from the field on 45 of 69 shooting, making 12 of 24 three-pointers and 18 of 20 free throws.

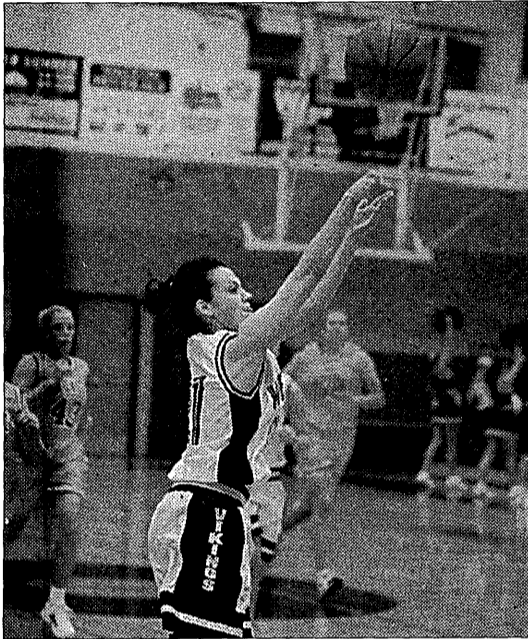
"We knew they were a good team that was getting better," McGillivray said. "We just played our game and worked on our things."

WNMU fell to 0-21 overall and 0-16 in the PacWest.

Saturday's 72-point margin of victory was the Vikings' second highest ever, falling short of a 74-point victory against Sonoma State University on Dec. 21, 1984.

"We decide how well we are going to play," Kaczor said. "I just got hot. Next game it'll be someone else who'll get hot."

Western's next four games are on the road, beginning Thursday at the University of Alaska-Anchorage.



Daniel J. Peters/The Western Front
Jodie Kaczor launches a 3-pointer against Montana State-Billings. Kaczor broke the school record with eight 3-pointers Saturday night against Western New Mexico in Carver Gym.

Men come from behind to down the Crusaders

Diggs scores 26; Western climbs in poll

THE WESTERN FRONT

Guard Shelton Diggs scored a game-high 26 points, with 19 in the second half, as Western defeated Northwest Nazarene University, 102-86, in a PacWest Conference men's basketball game Saturday in Nampa, Idaho.

The Vikings, who improved to a No.17 ranking in this week's National Association of Basketball Coaches/NCAA Division II Top 25 and No.2 in the West Region, improved to 19-3 overall and remained first in the West Division of the PacWest at 11-2, with their sixth-straight win.

Northwest Nazarene, which has lost eight of its last 10 games, fell to 9-14 overall and 6-8 in the PacWest.

Diggs scored 10 points during the first five minutes of the second half to lead a 20-7 Western charge that put the Vikings up 60-48.

The Crusaders, who had led by as much as nine points in the first half, got no closer than eight in the final 15 minutes.

It was Western's third-straight 100-point game, the

first time the Vikings have accomplished that since 1988, and it was the first time that Northwest Nazarene had allowed 100 this season.

"The second half was awesome," Western coach Brad Jackson said. "We were very good at both ends of the floor, and the ball really moved around. It was a real good win."

Forward Jacob Stevenson had 18 points and reserve Jason Burrell added 17.

Center Mike Palm scored 16, forward A.J. Giesa had 13 and forward Ryan Kettman put in 12.

Giesa also had a game-high 10 rebounds.

The Vikings, who scored 80 points in the last 25 minutes, after scoring just 22 in the first 15 minutes, shot 53.1 percent (34 of 64) from the floor, 61.8 percent (21 of 34) in the second half.

Palm hit 8 of 9 field goal attempts.

Northwest Nazarene led by just one point at halftime, 41-40.

The Crusaders, who hit 10 of their first 14 shots from the field, had a 31-22 lead with 5:06 left in the first half after keeping Western scoreless for nearly six minutes.

But the Vikings rallied with a 12-2 run to take a 34-33 lead and were never down by more than two for the rest of the half.

Western begins a four-game home stand at 7 p.m. on Thursday, hosting archrival Central Washington University in a PacWest game.

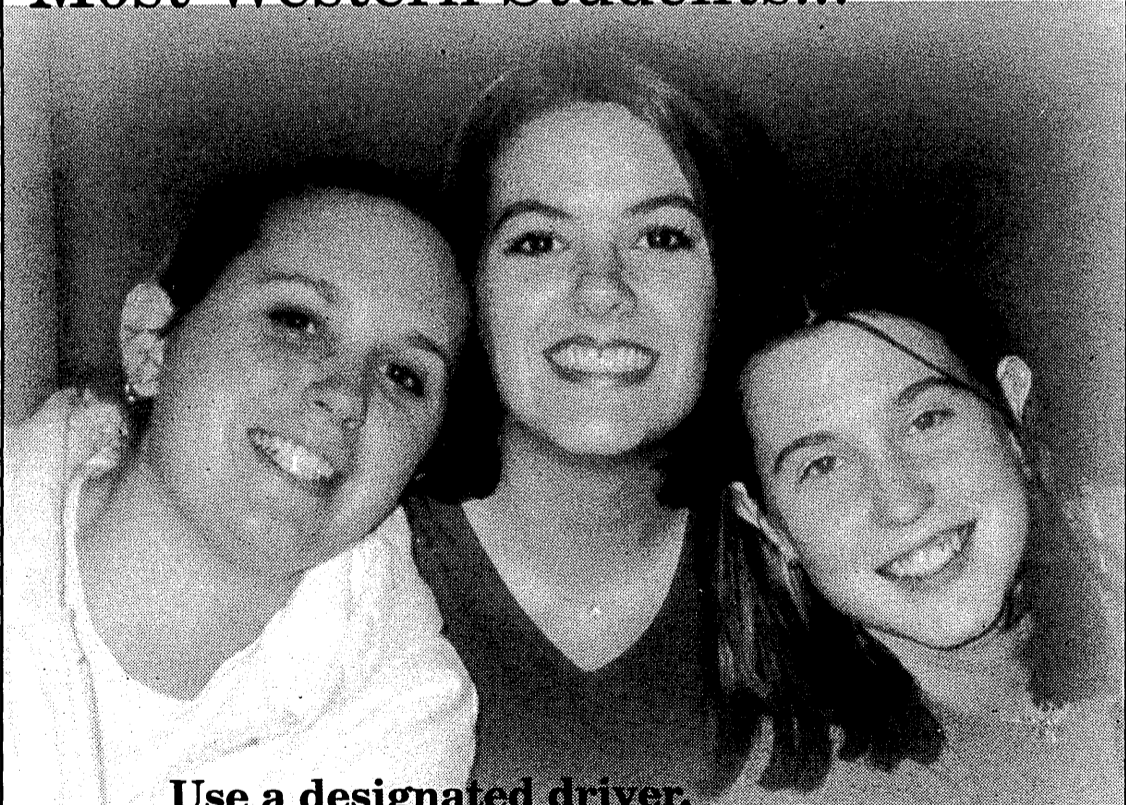


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A FRESH START

With a focus on academics, freshman guard Jason Burrell is emerging as a leader on a Vikings team packed with veterans

By James Lyon
THE WESTERN FRONT

Western guard Jason Burrell has taken the opportunity of suspended guard Darnell Taylor's absence to show that he is not just a skinny, little freshman, and that he intends not only to contribute but to be a leader in his freshman year.

The 6-foot-1-inch Burrell has emerged as the Vikings' sixth man.

A starter during his previous years in basketball, including his high school years at Ontario High School in Southern California, his first year at Western is the first time that he has come off the bench in his career.

"Coming off the bench is not as big deal as I thought it would be," Burrell said. "We're winning, and that's the goal."

He has come off the bench to score in double figures in each of Western's last seven games, averaging 14.6 points over that span on 51 percent (27 of 53) field goal shooting and 83 percent (38 of 46) free throw shooting accuracy.

Burrell ranks 15th nationally and sixth in the PacWest in free throw shooting at 86.6 percent (84 of 97).

He has shown the flashes of brilliance that earned him a rating among the top 25 high school senior guards last year.

Burrell is one of the key ingredients in a potent Viking attack that has placed them atop the PacWest.

"We've found a gem in Jason," coach Brad Jackson said.

"He's an excellent ball handler, great shooter, has a really good sense of the game, a very good defender, really competitive and smart," Jackson said. "He's a complete player."

With each game, Burrell continues to improve.

The more he plays and gets

accustomed to the college game, the better he will get.

His minutes have increased as he has become more comfortable with the college game.

"At the beginning of the season, I just wanted to get five minutes," Burrell said. "Now I want to play the whole game. I don't ever want to come out."

Although he will not turn 19 until August, Burrell has not shied away from a leadership role on this veteran-laden team.

His poise and leadership skills on the court are uncharacteristic for such a young player.

"The coaches tell me that I'm a leader," Burrell said. "I like

being a leader, I was (a leader) in high school, so why not now in college."

The only thing holding Burrell back this season is that he is young physically. The physical play of college basketball can be rough on a freshman who weighs 165 pounds.

"To take my game to the next level, I need to get stronger," Burrell said. "I need to get more physical. If I keep working hard, hopefully things will work

out for me."

In high school, Burrell appeared to be destined for NCAA Division I basketball after being named league co-MVP as a junior.

He had Pac-10 schools such as the University of Oregon, Arizona State University and Washington State University knocking on his door to recruit him.

But in his senior year, Burrell severely sprained both ankles in separate incidents, which caused him to miss 10 games and limited his playing time in several more.

Soon those Division I schools stopped calling.

Coach Jackson still wanted him. He knew he had found a special player.

"When we recruited Jason, we felt we had a player that could lead our team," Jackson said.

"He's already starting to do that and he's just going to get better."

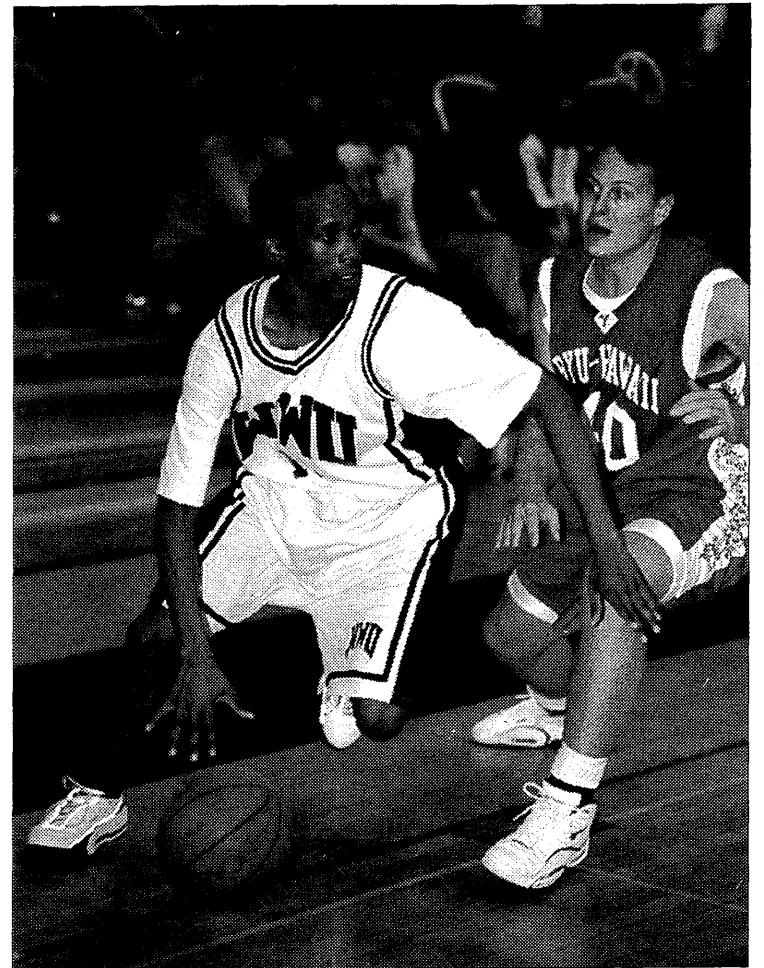
When he visited Western, Burrell brought his father along and the two fell in love with the school.

Academics are very important to the Burrell family, and Western offered the best opportunity for Burrell to succeed on the basketball court and in the classroom.

"It felt like a great environment for me to be in," Burrell said.

"Western offered a great education, I'm looking to the future, I can't just concentrate on basketball."

His concentration this week is focused on archrival Central Washington University.



Daniel J. Peters/The Western Front

Freshman guard Jason Burrell slashes into the lane in home game against Brigham Young University-Hawaii earlier this season. Burrell is averaging 9.1 points off the bench.

Stat Corner

Jason Burrell
2000-01 season stats

Points:	9.1/game
Game High:	22 points
Assists:	46 total
Steals:	17
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	3.3/game
Free Throws:	86.6%*
3-pointers:	36.8%

*Leads team

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State ferries to make getting home more expensive for some students

Western students and other passengers shouldn't have to pay for the aftermath of Initiative 695 as ferry prices climb to \$8



Allison Butler

COMMENTARY

Students who want to go home already have to pay for gas, sometimes food and, for some, the cost of riding a ferry.

Now a trip across the water is going to cost even more.

The Washington State Ferries plan to raise ferry fees by 20 percent, starting May 13.

A one-way ticket for a car and driver on the Seattle-Bremerton and Edmonds-Kingston runs currently costs \$6.50. With the increase, it will cost \$8.

Passenger-only fees will rise from \$3.70 to \$9 on the Seattle-Bremerton and Seattle-Vashon runs.

The frequent user books, good for 10 rides, are going to rise the most, from \$26 to \$63 under the new plan.

With this increase, all the poor college students who usually go home to get money now will have to spend a lot more if

they want, or have, to take a ferry.

Gov. Gary Locke's proposal states he "wants to preserve ferry vessels and terminals."

Locke wants to increase the funding to \$210.8 million to preserve the ferries.

This huge amount of money may not be needed if maintenance were done regularly.

'Ferries are costly to build, but raising the prices for those who have no choice but to take the ferry to get home from work or school cannot be the only method for the ferry system to get money.'

The Washington State Ferries' Web site states that the increase is a result of the department's 20 percent operating budget loss and 75 percent loss of the budget to build more boats and buildings, after Initiative 695 reduced car tabs

to \$30.

Ferries are costly to build, but raising the prices for those who have no choice but to take the ferry to get home from work or school cannot be the only method for the ferry system to get money.

Twelve public meetings will take place where the ferries dock for people who want to voice their opinions. The meeting closest to Bellingham will be on Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the Port of Anacortes. A list of meetings can be found on the Internet at www.wsdot.wa.gov.

To save money, many commuters may have to move to Seattle or Edmonds so they won't have to take the ferry. Others will have to find jobs on their side of the water. This price increase would affect many people, including students who just want to go home without having to pay a fortune.

The ferries allow for beautiful, scenic and relaxing rides, but those rides are definitely not worth the money most students have saved for things like tuition and books.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ANWR drilling not good

We are writing in response to the commentary supporting the drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Mariah Price argued that the United States should look to its own internal resources before exploiting other nations. She also proposes that such drilling will increase independence from other nations. The other reasons for oil exploitation in this area are that it is already impacted by "civilization" and has a nine-month period of winter. Why should anyone save such an expendable place from oil drilling, especially in such a time of consumer need?

First, we ARE exploiting the oil resources of another nation when we drill in the Arctic refuge, those of Gwi'chin Athabaskan Nation, an indigenous group who will be affected severely by the drilling. They have actively sought to preserve this area and have everything to lose if the United States opens the refuge.

Much of the propaganda surrounding drilling tells the public that the native corporations of Alaska support the drilling.

However, these corporations are not the "voice" of Alaskan natives. In fact, most of these corporations act as corporations, not in the interest of First Nations' people.

Second, this is not a "dark," expendable land. It is a precious ecosystem that cannot be restored once the drilling begins. How frequently does an ecosystem collapse need to happen in western culture for us to get it?

Third, if opened, the reserve will only last for 10 months at the current rate of domestic oil consumption. Wow. That sure is worth it. To fuel our stupid cars when we should be using bikes, buses and fuel cells.

Sincerely,
Emmie Johnson
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A.S. Staff of the Peace Resource Center and the Environmental Center

Racism still rampant

Regarding Erika Wittmann's letter on Feb. 2: racism is alive and well in our country. As a woman, Wittmann can see how rampant sexism is. But as a white woman, she can easily ignore racism. Her claim ignores the experiences that people of color in America feel daily. To pit one form of oppression against another is useless in working for social change and serves only the interests of those in power.

Second, the opinion article by Keri Cooper that Ms. Wittmann praises was in no way anti-sexist. Instead, it blamed women for sexism but left the men who are the ones who objectify women — which is only a step away from rape and battery — untouched. Why are men above questioning in both these women's letters?

Jennifer Fletcher
Western Student

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It's Slightly Insane.**

[And it's not at all where I thought I'd end up.]
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Frontline

Academic policy catches up with 21st century cheaters

Western is finally catching up with the times.

Voted one of the "most wired" schools for the last several years, Western has finally decided to make the academic dishonesty policy reflect the changing climate in which school-work is done in the 21st century.

The Academic Coordinating Commission has finally decided to take a look at the dishonesty policy and update it to include recommendations about the use of the Internet and to include special provisions for dealing with plagiarism and cheating in the computer science major.

The academic dishonesty policy, which sets forth the standards by which students are punished for any form of cheating, was previously unclear on such issues as computer science majors who are expected to write their own computer programs and the citation of Internet research.

Edoh Amiran, vice chairperson of the ACC said it is looking at both of these concerns in its efforts to make punishments more suitable of violations.

It's about time a school that prides itself on being so connected updated its policies to reflect the changes in the way students do their work.

No longer are students merely faced with the dilemmas of stealing the works of others after digging it out of the many stacks of journals, papers and books stashed away in Wilson library.

While the far-reaching scope of the Internet and the plethora of information contained on it have made scholarly research quicker and easier, it has done the same for cheating.

Additionally, the work done by students in the computer science major has posed problems the current policy does not address. Much of the work being done currently by the ACC is aimed at making the policy applicable to the work CS majors do.

"Wiring" a school for the benefit of students is a good idea. Not addressing the problems created by such an Internet friendly campus is not.

Much to the chagrin of students who have found the Internet a valuable tool in their attempts to pilfer information, Western should be applauded for trying to catch up with the changing times.

Just because cheating has become easier doesn't mean it should be easier to get away with.

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And we quote:

"I have to confess, it was hard for me to concentrate in the conversation with Condoleezza Rice because she has very nice legs."

Newly-elected Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, on his meeting last summer with the newly named national-security adviser as quoted on www.newsweek.com.



Same-sex couples deserve same rights and recognition as others



Camille Penix

COMMENTARY

When asked their opinions on gay rights, most people respond that they favor equality. But when asked about personal feelings on gay marriages, the same people might hesitate.

Gay marriages should be legalized, and the state of Washington is a perfect place to start.

Many people lower their gaze or turn their heads to the side in deep thought when asked their opinion on gay marriage. What are they picturing? What causes the same liberal people who proudly announce they are "for gay rights" to cringe and reevaluate their stand on the issue of gay marriage?

Is it a visual image of two men or two women standing at the

altar?

Most American traditions, including weddings, should be reevaluated anyway. America's definition of family is changing as society continually transforms.

American girls and women picture themselves getting married in a white dress. The white dress was intended to signify purity. Honestly, how many brides these days are innocent?

"
'Is it a visual image of two men or two women standing at the altar?'

Most families still hold tight to the tradition of the bride's family paying for the wedding. This started as a sort of dowry that the bride's family offered the groom. Nice.

The list of traditions extends from veils to garters, and Americans still grasp these traditions without evaluating them

and analyzing their true meanings.

Although the traditions surrounding marriage may be outdated, the original purpose of forming a sacred bond still survives.

Marriage is a promise of each partner to be together until death.

It is the ultimate commitment between two people and is incomparable to anything else.

Gay men and women should have equal rights under all circumstances.

They should be allowed to marry for the same reasons as are heterosexuals.

One reason the issue of a same-sex union is so hard to accept, even for the hard-core liberal, is because the idea of gay marriage goes against everything Americans are taught from a young age and offends almost all religions.

On the first of this month, Pope John Paul II publicly

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Valentine's Day arrives with cold, empty bed, no date, gynecologist appointment



Lisa Curdy

CURD'S WAY

My Valentine's Day date is my gynecologist. I had to make an appointment so my darling doctor could check up on my little ovaries.

Unfortunately, I didn't realize my day of trans-vaginal ultrasounds (that's the "vaginal probe," for all of us non-obstetric gynecologist types - I can hear the collective yeow) and rubber gloves would fall on such a day of romance.

Knowing the only "action" I'll see will be from a paid pro-

fessional makes me want to pout.

Such an overrated day, such bitter feelings toward the whole love situation.

Who needs love? Who needs someone to give him or her a surreptitious smile across a table covered in candlelight and finger-lickin'-good vittles?

"
'Knowing the only 'action' I'll see will be from a paid professional makes me want to pout.'

Who really desires little snuggly kisses behind his or her ears and on the corners of his or her mouths?

Who wants the burden of tediously making a homemade card for his or her lover out of glue sticks and paperboard?

And who is seriously interested in a night of sweet, sweet lovin' with his or her hot little humbow?

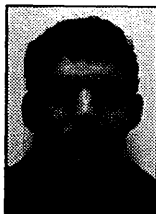
Not this loveless muffin. I'm not nearly that desperate for human touch and love. Being single is great for me.

I'll have you know that sleeping alone in one's queen-size bed is very therapeutic, as it allows for the full range of motion experienced while sleeping.

As for the comforting warmth of a body next to mine while sleeping, well, my two warm and fluffy cats fill the

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It's the wrong idea; oil drilling in the pristine ANWR should not be allowed



Tom Kolega

COMMENTARY

Drilling for oil should not take place in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR). For more than one reason, it is a bad and inadequate idea for the future.

If they can successfully start sucking oil out of the ANWR region, who is to stop the oil-loving Bush-Cheney duo from opening up more drilling sites off the California, Florida or even Washington coast lines?

The precedent set from opening ANWR to drilling surely will allow those options to be considered.

Florida Gov. Jeb Bush has already written a letter to the president, his brother, asking him not to drill off the Gulf Coast of Florida, where rich natural gas deposits exist.

A U.S. government estimate found that, at best, only a 5 percent chance exists of finding enough oil from ANWR drilling to meet no more than 10 percent of America's needs during the next 15 years.

That same study also found a higher 19 percent chance of ANWR meeting only 10 percent

of America's needs for less than five years.

The potential damage to the environment drilling in the ANWR region could cause is worrisome.

"The Arctic has slow recovery in dealing with physical or chemical changes," said Scott Brennan, a lecturer at Huxley. "It's so cold and dark. The needed light and heat aren't present for the breakdown process."

An oil spill would wreak havoc

'People's continued addiction to oil needs to be cured - not prolonged with an increased breadth of destruction.'

in the Wildlife Refuge. Is this risk in one of our largest pristine environments worth taking for the potential returns?

President Bush seems to think so, and he didn't hesitate long after this election to make that point.

Maybe it's because he really cares about the future and wants what's best for America.

Or maybe it's because during his campaign, the biggest money-collecting campaign in American history, oil companies ranked No. 1 among his contributors.

The argument has been made that America shouldn't expect other countries to ruin their own environments in exchange for payment when this country has had the opportunity to exploit its own natural resources for the same benefit.

The problem, one of many, with this argument, is that oil will only continue to become less available and more expensive to consume. People's continued addiction to oil needs to be cured - not prolonged with an increased breadth of destruction.

Since 1980, research and development into alternative forms of energy has decreased significantly. A leader with true vision for the future would reverse this shameful trend in dramatic fashion and render the focus for another source of future energy.

Combining scientific and technological advancements with the determination of finding such a valuable answer are necessary if people are to cure their craving for oil.

We are not an ignorant race. Greed and power, however, seem to be a problem. As long as big oil equals big money, it doesn't seem profitable for those in control to seek out innovative solutions but it is nonetheless necessary.

Prioritizing the need for a real, beneficial solution to the problem is something President Bush should include in his "strategy."

Washington state should set the precedent and legalize marriage for same-sex couples

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Gay couples that aren't legally married can't receive Social Security or Medicare.

They can't file joint tax returns and get special family or marriage rates.

They can't have joint parenting and adoption.

They can't visit their partners in the hospital under certain circumstances. Gays are restricted from many benefits of marriage.

So, before wincing or laughing at whatever image the thought of gay marriage creates in one's mind, people should reevaluate the traditions and institutions they have faith in and see if they still fit within today's constantly changing society.

'Washington state should move toward legalizing gay marriages and set an example that other states can follow.'

I did get a Valentine though ... from my mom

From CURD'S WAY, Page 14

chasm-like void of a bed partner.

And eating in solitude is excellent for digestion, as it creates a most inviting environment for one to count the number of chews for each bite of cold, cold food.

Besides, getting a Valentine's Day card from a loved one is in the bag - my mom sent me one just yesterday. And no, it didn't have money in it.

Don't worry, though. I'll have the company of a box of conversation hearts.

"You're hot," they murmur to me in powdery coated purple-

ness. "Smile," they continue with breathy green-colored coquettishness, "being alone on Valentine's Day isn't nearly as pathetic as talking to stale candy."

Whoa, back to reality. Don't get me wrong. This isn't a desperate plea for readers to find and save me from a solitary Valentine's hell.

It's just an assertion of sheer joy and gratitude at the ability to remain single and not have the gnawing, unstoppable urge to stand in Red Square with a sandwich board draped over my shoulders reading "Pick me!"

Not at all.

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Washington state council ready to make recommendations on Sumas Energy 2 plant

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2.5 million gallon diesel tank above the Sumas-Abbotsford Aquifer. SE2 also will import natural gas through a pipeline from Canada to power its operations. Electricity will be exported to Canada through power lines and then be sold to U.S. electric companies.

"This plant would consume 55 percent of the rate of residential use of natural gas in all of Washington state," said Connie Hoag, Whatcom County Council member. "This may lead to a new crisis — the lack of natural gas."

Opposition groups also cite research by Western geology professor Don Easterbrook indicating the proposed SE2 site falls on a fault line in their arguments against construction of the plant. Easterbrook's research shows this fault line is longer and more active than previously thought.

Hoag said SE2 will release three tons of hazardous pollutants each day.

"The plant site is in the corner of a valley, where the mountains will trap these pollutants," Hoag said. "When winds blow from the northeast, Bellingham will be breathing this air."

Despite the arguments of opposition groups, Chuck Martin, vice president of National Energy Systems, SE2's parent company, argued for the proposed plant's cleanliness.

"This project is cleaner than any existing project in the state," Martin said. "We're putting in all the reasonable safety features

that can be done. If there's a tsunami or huge earthquake and the ground liquifies, of course there's going to be considerable damage. No one can guarantee against that."

Martin stressed the economic benefits SE2 will bring to Sumas and Whatcom County.

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"The high and unpredictable power rates are a clear indication that our region is suffering from a shortage in power supply, which is causing some industries to shut down," Martin said. "Consequently, people are losing jobs."

Citing Bellingham's Georgia-Pacific West Co. as an example, Martin continued, "If we are going to continue to have our traditional Northwest industries, we must have stable, reasonable power. SE2 will provide this."

Once started, construction of the energy plant will take approximately two years and will employ an average of 200 employees each year. When the plant is finished, it will require 25 permanent employ-

ees each year. SE2 will owe \$5 million in property taxes to Whatcom County each year, Martin said.

The city of Sumas is not opposed to the proposed plant, under certain conditions, Sumas City Administrator David Davidson said.

"The city has asked EFSEC to impose certain offsets on the application for the SE2 plant," Davidson said.

Offsets require the applicant to reduce current levels of pollutants from existing plants so there is no net increase in pollutants when SE2 begins operation.

The city of Sumas also is opposed to SE2's burning of diesel fuel, Davidson said.

"With these limitations, we believe SE2 could operate safely," he said. "If our conditions are met, we believe the benefits of this plant are easily in excess of the impacts."

Western geography professor Patrick Buckley also argues that the overall environmental impact of SE2 will be small.

"The impact is not going to be a disaster overnight," Buckley said. The opposition groups have pulled it a little out of proportion."

Opposition groups have gathered more than 50,000 signatures against SE2 and stand strong in their beliefs, Hoag said.

"This is yet another example of how corporations descend upon communities and force us to be suppliers of their profits," Vermeers said.

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