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Women attacked near campus while sleeping



RACHEL FOMON/THE WESTERN FRONT

Western senior Erin Johnson displays the window where an intruder attempted to break in.

BY RACHEL FOMON
The Western Front

Western junior Brita Lund awoke after a man reached in her open window, rubbed her entire body with his cold hands and stared intensely into her eyes. After she woke up, she turned to her boyfriend, who was in bed with her, for help. She said she hysterically cried for help and the intruder ran away.

Several incidences of burglary, prowling, suspicious circumstances and attacks on students have occurred in houses near Western, prompting the Bellingham Police Department to investigate whether they are linked, BPD Lt. Craig Ambrose said.

On Oct. 24, a suspect broke the window of Whatcom Community College sophomore Rachael Birge's downstairs bedroom at 1016 High St. She said she returned home at 3 a.m. to find her bedding missing and blinds broken.

She noticed the window was broken when she attempted to fix the blinds, and her comforter was outside, Birge said.

"He reached in and grabbed the comforter like he had confidence or something," said Western senior Erin Johnson, whose bedroom is upstairs from Birge's.

In a third incident on Oct. 25, a sleeping female was attacked while alone in her house.

A man came into the house on the 1000 block of N. Garden Street through an unlocked door.

The suspect opened the door to Western senior Carly Serrett's bedroom and walked toward her bed, she said.

Serrett said she at first assumed it was a drunken friend who was in the wrong room, but she realized it was not once he sat on her bed.

"I remember thinking that I shouldn't freeze up, and I should keep talking to keep calm," she said.

She said she questioned the man when he reached his hand under her blanket and touched her leg.

Serrett said she pushed him off the bed, but he came back, pulled her blanket off and started taking pictures, she said.

She pushed him again into her bookshelf, knocking things off the shelf, she said.

The suspect then ran out of the room, stealing the coat off

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Teachers, school reach parking agreement

BY EMILY BUTTERFIELD
The Western Front

The Unit D union, which represents 124 Western supervisory employees, won a legal battle Oct. 27 that could force Western administrators to negotiate parking rates and accessibility with campus employees.

The Public Employment Relations Commission ruled last week that Western committed an unfair labor practice by refusing to negotiate parking issues with Western employees.

The commission ruled that parking is

a mandatory subject of the collective bargaining process under state law, said Marty Hitchcock, president of the Unit D chapter of Public School Employees union and administrative services manager A for the department of accounting at Western.

The issue began in February 2002 when the administration would not bargain with the union over parking issues, Hitchcock said. In order to settle the contract, the union conceded, but it filed an unfair labor practice suit with the commission to encourage

negotiations, she said.

"It gives us the opportunity to negotiate with the Western to get something more fair for workers," Hitchcock said.

According to the report, Western must bargain collectively with the Public School Employees, post the report for 60 days where it is accessible to all employees and read the notice at a regular board of trustees meeting. Western has 20 days to appeal the case or report the actions

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SHARA B. SMITH/THE WESTERN FRONT

Newlyweds Katie and Mike Spurrell pack Katie's Army supplies in preparation for her upcoming deployment to Iraq. The couple rushed their wedding after receiving news of her pending deployment.

Western senior sent to Iraq

BY TANYA ROZEBOOM
The Western Front

Western senior Katie Spurrell will not be studying for finals or partying at The Royal on Thursday nights for the remainder of this quarter — she will be training at Fort Lewis in preparation for duty in Iraq.

Spurrell found out just a few weeks ago that she will join 4,000 other citizen soldiers of the 81st

Armor Brigade, which will be deployed for 18 months on Nov. 15 to begin training for duty in Iraq. It is the largest deployment of the state's Army National Guard since World War II.

"My area of specialties is chemical decontamination, and (since) there are no weapons of mass destruction over there, I have no idea what I will really be doing," Spurrell said.

For Spurrell and husband Western senior Mike Spurrell, the deployment meant getting married Oct. 24 instead of August 2004.

This meant organizing a wedding in one week with a lack of resources and cash, Spurrell said.

"I went down to the fabric store and did my best to make a dress,"

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Marysville teacher strike will have no effect on admissions.

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FASA members go 'hog' wild at dinner

BY BRAD JENSEN
The Western Front

Presenting food, dances and entertainment, the Filipino American Student Association celebrated the end of Filipino Heritage Month Nov. 1 with the 10th annual "Barrio Fiesta."

FASA is part of Western's Ethnic Student Center. It aims to educate people about the Filipino culture, FASA President Ronald Reboja said.

"It is not just to educate Filipinos, but other people as well," Reboja said. "You don't have to be Filipino to join this club."

The evening festivities included musical performances by FASA members, cultural dances by the Ilocano Association of Washington and a buffet full of food from

the Philippines such as meat and vegetable rolls, cake and an entire ready-to-serve hog placed on a table.

Barrio Fiesta is a representation of celebrations that occur throughout the Philippines, said Christina Pettit, a Western sophomore and FASA member.

The name comes from Spanish explorers who observed these celebrations in small villages they named "barrios," Pettit said.

The entertainment was the highlight of the evening, said Ric Acido, a Western junior and FASA member.

"It was kind of empowering to see what a group of students could put together," he said.

Despite being sponsored by the Filipino organization, Barrio Fiesta entertained Filipinos and non-Filipinos.

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COPS BOX

University Police

Oct. 31, 1:29 p.m.: Officers received a report that a university truck had struck a parked vehicle.

Nov. 1, 9:52 p.m.: Officers found an individual loading a wood crate into a truck. The individual received a trespass warning from UP.

Nov. 2, 5:54 p.m.: Officers responded to an accident involving a deer. A vehicle struck the animal in south campus.

Bellingham Police

Nov. 1, 12:01 p.m.: Officers received a report from someone complaining about harassing telephone calls in the 2500 block of College Street.

Nov. 1, 1:38 p.m.: Police received a report from a man who claimed someone damaged his vehicle while it was parked overnight in a grocery store parking lot in the 2800 block of Meridian Street.

Nov. 1, 6:16 p.m.: Officers received a report of road rage in the 700 block of Carolina Street.

Nov. 1, 7:47 p.m.: Officers responded to a fight in the 1000 block of Telegraph Road.

Nov. 1, 10:38 p.m.: Officers received a report of suspicious activity in the 1100 block of Railroad Avenue. A man told officers he heard a knock at his door but did not open it because he thought the visitor had a knife.

Compiled by Rachel Fomon.

Viking Voices

Did you have 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4 drinks this Halloween?

Compiled by Brad Jensen.



Anna Satre
Freshman, undecided

I actually didn't drink. I had to work that night.



Josh Karp
Junior, undecided

(I drank) way too much.



Mark Scoville
Sophomore, political science

I drank a couple of shots of liquor and quite a few beers.

AP Wire

news briefs

STATE NEWS

Brame's family denies he abused his ex-wife

Six months after Tacoma Police Chief David Brame killed his ex-wife and himself, his family came forward to combat the media's claims that he was a monster.

Brame's sister, Jane Brazell, said his family does not believe he abused his wife, Crystal Brame. Brame was not a "psycho" or "maniac" as the media portrayed, Brazell said.

Brazell was with Brame and his children the night before the shooting. She said he was quiet, and the children were happy in his new apartment.

Brame's mother, Beverly Brame, said she cannot visit her grandchildren unless she violates a court order. In the couple's divorce proceedings, Crystal Brame accused Beverly Brame of hurting her children. The courts ruled in Crystal Brame's favor, denying Beverly Brame visitation with her grandchildren.

The Red Cross announces impact of floods

The Red Cross released a report stating that floods throughout Washington destroyed 42 homes and damaged 158 others.

The organization originally estimated that last month's flooding ruined 33 homes.

Red Cross representatives said the organization served more than 54,000 hot meals and snacks to flood victims and emergency workers. Volunteers also supplied personal comfort kits, which included soap and toothbrushes, for more than 400 people affected by the floodwaters.

The agency distributed more than 435 cleanup kits, including mops, Squeegees, buckets and disinfectant.

Prisoner remains at large after Halloween escape

Corrections officers said an inmate who escaped on Halloween from a state prison in Monroe remains at large. Patrols are searching the surrounding

area for Jeff Rean.

Guards found the 19-year-old missing during a head count at midnight on Friday. He was serving time in the minimum-security facility for second-degree assault.

A prison spokeswoman said Rean climbed a fence, using clothing to protect himself from the razor wire at the top.

NATIONAL NEWS

Commission accuses AT&T of do-not-call violations

Federal Communications Commission regulators said AT&T made 78 phone calls to consumers who asked to be left alone.

In a statement from AT&T, the company said respecting the do-not-call requests is a "high priority," and it suggests that the calls may not have come from AT&T.

If the Federal Communications Commission finds the accusations to be true, the company could receive a fine of \$800,000.

FCC Chairman Michael Powell said the commission is enforcing

the list with the government's support to protect consumers from unwanted and intrusive telephone calls.

More than 53 million people have registered with the FCC's list, which took effect Oct. 1.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Bombings continue after American helicopter crashes

Witnesses said they saw a blast on a busy street near a holy Shiite Muslim shrine in Karbala, Iraq, that killed three and wounded 12 Monday.

The suspects planted the bomb in a car parked near a crowd.

U.S. military officials reported that approximately four mortars also fell after sunset near downtown Baghdad. No serious injuries or damages were reported.

The bombings come after an American helicopter crashed Sunday, killing 16 and injuring 21 Americans.

Compiled by Bobby Holloway.
AP Wire courtesy KUIGS 89.3-FM.

Corrections

In the Oct. 31 issue of The Western Front, Eric Hyatt was misidentified in Viking Voices.

The Western Front regrets this and any other errors.

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PLEASE POST

STUDENTS EXPECTING TO GRADUATE AT THE END OF SPRING QUARTER must have a degree evaluation on file in the registrar's office, OM 230, by Dec. 5. Students planning to graduate at the end of summer quarter must have a degree on file by March 12. For information, call X/3240.

A HEALTH PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS INFO FAIR will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 5 in the VU Multipurpose Room. Meet school and government agency representatives and learn about 20 programs of study leading to health profession careers. View details on the "Special Events" link at www.careers.wwu.edu.

MUSIC LOVERS, CHECK OUT the Music Library Book Sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 5 in the Performing Arts Center lobby. There will be 31 tables with hundreds of records, music scores, music books, compact discs and cassettes. Proceeds assist in purchase of new materials for the Music Library.

MATH PLACEMENT TEST (MPT). Registration is not required. Students must bring photo identification, student number, Social Security number, and a No. 2 pencil. A \$15 fee is payable in exact amount at test time. Allow 90 minutes. Tests are in OM 120 at 9 a.m. Nov. 6, 13, 20, Dec. 4 and 11; and 3 p.m. Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24, Dec. 1 and 8.

MILLER ANALOGIES TEST (MAT). Registration, limited to 16 students, is required in OM 120 or call X/3080. The MAT is not administered individually. A \$42 fee is payable at test time. Test takes approximately 1½ hours. Testing is in OM 120 at 2 p.m. Nov. 4 and Dec. 2.

A HEALTH PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS INFORMATION FAIR will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 5 in the VU Multipurpose Room. Meet representatives from 17 schools and government agencies to learn about 20 programs of study that lead to health profession careers. For more information, see the special events link at www.careers.wwu.edu.

A POST-BACCALAUREATE ELEMENTARY TEACHING CERTIFICATE recruitment informational meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Nov. 5 at the main Bellingham Public Library, 210 Central Ave. Information: 650-2326.

FIND OUT ABOUT THE HUMAN SERVICES major at an 11 a.m. information session on Nov. 6 in CB 285 or call X/7759.

WEST-B. State-approved educator preparation program applicants and persons from other states seeking a Washington residency teaching certificate need a minimum passing score on basic skills assessment. Residency teaching certificate applicants who completed an educator preparation program outside Washington and have not passed WEST-B may be granted additional time. Testing: Nov. 22, Jan. 10, March 13, May 1. To register, see www.west.nesinc.com.

PRE-LAW STUDENTS. The Harold Lant Memorial Scholarship competition is currently open to students who have applied to an accredited law school. For more information and to request scholarship applications, contact the Academic Advising Center, OM 380. Application deadline is Jan. 5.

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For information, see www.careers.wwu.edu or stop by OM 280.

Western's retention rates creep toward state's goal of 95-percent return rate

By DREW SWAYNE
The Western Front

Student retention rates at Western ranked third out of the six public universities in the state last year.

Western's faculty senate discussed Western's retention rates at its Oct. 13 meeting. Western Provost Andrew Bodman said at the meeting that in order for Western to achieve the state's goal of 95 percent, Western would have to adopt a highly selective admissions policy.

Western's Director of Admissions Karen Copetas, however, said the current retention rate at Western is 83.9 percent, which ranks above last year's state average of 80.16 percent.

This translates into a loss of 357 students since last year. Western saw the return of 1,859 of the 2,216 freshmen who began school fall quarter of 2002.

Western's retention rate last year was 81.2 percent, which placed Western beneath the University of Washington and Washington State University in state rankings.

Bodman said the six public schools in Washington have the highest retention rates in the United States.

At a rate of 81.2 percent, 1,800 of the 2,217 freshmen who began

school during fall quarter of 2001 returned for 2002. The University of Washington had the highest retention rate of the six schools at 90.6 percent.

"We do have higher selectivity, and it results in higher retention rates," said Sharon Schmidt, assistant director of Institutional Research at Western.

Western freshman and New Mexico resident Caitlyn Beene said she may have to go back home next year because out-of-state tuition is too expensive.

"I just wanted to get away for a year at least," Beene said. "I kind of knew I might have to go back."

Copetas said the current student retention rate at Western for out-of-state students is 71.3 percent, which according to the faculty senate, is relatively poor.

This meant that 107 of the 150 out-of-state freshmen who began school in fall quarter of 2002 returned this year. Last year, only 89 students returned out of the 134 who began school during the fall quarter of 2001.

"(71.3 percent) is more volatile because of the low numbers of (out-of-state) students," Schmidt said.

The rate for out-of-state students can be attributed to the high cost of attending an out-of-state school, said Susanna Yunker, assistant vice president for Student Affairs.

Landfill sinks city council funds

By PORFIRIO PEÑA
The Western Front

According to the old adage, one man's trash is another man's treasure. This phrase was true for some Bellingham residents from the 1930s until the 1950s.

Waterfront landowners along the estuary where Whatcom Creek meets Bellingham Bay often built their buildings on pilings to keep them above the tide. To raise the ground level, they filled the estuary with garbage. To this day, much of the land surrounding the estuary remains polluted.

In 2002 and 2003, the city of Bellingham received a total of \$754,415 in grants from the Environmental Protection Agency for the cleanup costs. The Bellingham City Council matched that amount Monday from its budget with another \$754,415, bringing the total to approximately \$1.5 million for the cleanup costs, Councilman Bob Ryan said.

With the money, the city will install barriers to keep metals such as iron and zinc from entering the creek water, said Sheila Hardy, special projects manager for the Office of Neighborhoods and Community Development. Tests have shown the levels of these metals exceed the standard for marine life, she said.

As well as the Whatcom Creek cleanup, the city also will build a boardwalk along the shoreline, Hardy said.

"All the projects will happen under the same construction contract," she said.

The city plans to begin the projects in September 2004 and should complete them by spring of 2005.

Since the previous generation was unaware of the dangers of the use of garbage, past property owners achieved their goals.

"They ended up with land above the tide level," Hardy said. "This increased the value of their land since it had solid ground."

The impact of the landfill has irreversibly changed the geography of downtown Bellingham, Helen Parberry, whose family owns land in the area, said.

"At one time, that was all water, from where the (Whatcom Creek) water falls are to the rocks," she said. The Washington State Department of Ecology



PORFIRIO PEÑA/THE WESTERN FRONT
ReStore manager Dean Fearing stands next to a piling used to support the store above the garbage.

declared the neighborhood a brown field in the mid-'80s, Ryan said. The department declares a brown field when the property is used as an industrial or landfill site, requiring the property owners to notify buyers of potential hazards, he said.

Bellingham Mayor Mark Asmundson said once the state declares a property a brown field, the property will permanently retain that title.

The cleanup will not affect most businesses and properties, including the Parberry's, in the brown-field area because tests confirm the damage is not as significant as previously thought, Hardy said.

The city of Bellingham bought the property on Holly Street rented by the ReStore, which sells recycled building supplies, and the store will have to move.

ReStore manager Dean Fearing said that, even though he is disappointed about having to move, the environmental problems need to be fixed.

"As a business, we're an environmental organization," Fearing said. "As far as it benefits the community as a whole, the trade-offs are worth it."

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Group wants Bellingham to accept barter system

BY AMANDA WOOLLEY
The Western Front

A new economic movement could take place in Bellingham if the idea of community currency gains acceptance.

"Community currency is an alternative-based economic system based on goods and services," said Francis Ayley, founder of the North London Local Exchange Trading System.

In the community currency system, people trade services, such as a doctor exchanging time with a plumber, Ayley said.

Ayley said he wants to help start a group like this in Bellingham.

LETS began in 1991 with a

group of four people in North London and today has expanded to approximately 400 people, Ayley said.

"In 1991, only six local currencies existed in the United Kingdom," Ayley said. "Today, over 450 exist. And those are only the ones that are registered with the national organization."

The United States has six registered community currencies, Ayley said.

"Bellingham would be a good place to start a group," Ayley said. "I've never seen anything that pulls a community together like community currency. It is a system built on goodwill. Goodwill builds trust, and trust builds communities."

To make community currency work, a group of people must join and form accounts.

Members of the group can trade services or goods with other people in the group by writing a check with whatever value the members decide on. The checks are not attached to a bank account with money, but to a special community account.

A bookkeeper keeps track of everyone's accounts. If everyone is participating at the same level, everyone's account balance should be zero, Ayley said.

All the members can view the accounts, Ayley said. If two people are going to trade, one member can contact the bookkeeper to verify

the other person's quality of work.

"By not giving the currency a form, it eliminates the idea of scarcity," Ayley said.

When local currency is put into a paper form, problems with forgery and scarcity take over, he said.

Bellingham resident and homemaker Sarah Vautaux said she has been participating in this type of system for a while. She said she trades babysitting for other services.

"I've known about these kinds of systems from the fringes," Whatcom Community College instructor Greg Kise said. "I think you could see intercurrency trading, too. These kinds of systems have been used for years in other places in the world."

Not everyone agrees that the system of community currency is fair.

"You would have to pay taxes on the goods and services," said Thomas Goetzl, Western lecturer in the department of management, law and ethics.

IRS Tax Regulation S1.61-1 defines income as money, property or services.

Ayley said the community currency system is not a way for people to cheat the tax system, but Western economics professor Peter Harder said he disagrees.

"We have a lot going on in the underground (economy)," Harder said. "The primary purpose of barter systems are to avoid the taxman."

Marysville teacher strike will not hurt admissions

BY JENNY ZUVELA
The Western Front

Missing the first 49 days of his senior year because his teachers were striking made Dustin Dekle, the Marysville-Pilchuck High School senior class president, anxious about his chances of gaining acceptance to college.

He missed the first deadline to apply to Washington State University because school was closed, and he could not obtain his transcripts.

"I was pretty nervous (that I wouldn't get accepted)," Dekle said.

As the strike dragged into October, 20 Marysville-Pilchuck students began taking full-time Running Start classes at Everett Community College, and 40 transferred to Everett high schools in order to graduate on time, Dekle said.

After the longest teacher strike in state history, Marysville public schools finally opened Oct. 22.

Unless the rules change, seniors will have to complete the state-required 175 days of school. As a result of the strike, seniors may not graduate until early July, Dekle said.

The strike will not impact Marysville seniors entering Western next fall as long as they complete their graduation requirements and apply by the March 1 deadline, said Michael Barr, assistant director of Admissions at Western.

Barr met with Marysville-Pilchuck seniors and their parents last month to calm their fears.

"Western looks a lot at grade trends," Barr said. "By and large, enrollment decisions are made during the first and third years of high school, and we just follow up

during the senior year. ... The Marysville strike, in terms of admissions, is really not that exciting. It has virtually no impact on students applying."

Marysville seniors should not have problems applying to other state colleges, and private schools have said the strike will not affect their enrollment, either, Barr said.

"They'll just have a shorter (summer) break," he said. "If that affects their academics, that's up to them."

Barr said the graduation delay does not worry him. Out of 43 Marysville-Pilchuck seniors who applied to Western last year, the university accepted 32, and he said he expects similar numbers this year.

Marysville School District board members said they do not think starting school 49 days late will hurt seniors, said Judy Parker, spokeswoman for the district.

"In fact, I believe some of those interested in Western Washington University have actually gotten letters from the university," Parker said.

Although teachers went back to work and will not strike again this year, the conflict between administration and the union is not resolved, said Terri Ronk, one of eight teachers who decided not to participate in the strike. Teachers have not signed contracts, and the school district is paying teachers based on last year's contract.

"I personally believe the strike is not about money; it's about the administration not communicating with teachers," Ronk said.

Dekle said he wants to see the conflict resolved so school can return to normal.

"Both sides need to agree on something," he said. "It's just ridiculous that we were out of school for so long."

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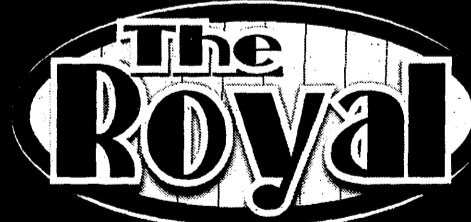
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New colleges develop after split

By IAN ALEXANDER
The Western Front

John Purdy, humanities professor and former president of the Faculty Senate, said he saw no viable argument for the split of Western's College of Arts and Sciences and still is not convinced it was a good decision.

"I'm waiting to see the benefits," Purdy said. "...We were told we were going to see benefits."

Arlan Norman and Ronald Kleinknecht, Western's deans of the newly formed College of Science and Technology and College of Humanities and Social Sciences, respectively, said that despite the criticism, they have big plans for their colleges.

Western's board of trustees voted unanimously last January to split the College of Arts and Sciences into the two smaller colleges; the deans started work Sept. 1.

Both deans said they want to generate money for their colleges through more extensive fund raising.

"The first thing for students in the short run is there will be no change," Kleinknecht said. "Then, to the extent at which our fund raising is successful, there will be hopefully more funds available for departments to develop programs to benefit (students)."

Kleinknecht also said the college must develop a mission statement and find its identity.

"We have a lot of thinking and discussing to do as a college,"

Kleinknecht said. "We are meeting with departments and faculty to see what they think the college should do and what direction it should take."

The splitting of the College of Arts and Sciences raised objections from some faculty members who expressed concern about private sponsorship.

Kathleen Kitto, associate dean of the College of Science and Technology, said the differences of opinion are in the past.

"As far as I can tell, the faculty I have met seem to be willing to put that issue at rest and move on," Kitto said.

She also said working for students and faculty is one of her primary goals.

"Students and faculty are certainly a top priority, but how to

serve them better is important," Kitto said.

Norman said he wants to increase the enrollment of women and minority students in the College of Science and Technology.

"We're really making an effort to increase the support and enhance the quality of education here," Norman said. "My goal is to make sure we aren't behind."

He said he wants to bring award-winning minorities and women, including ozone researcher Susan Solomon, to Western's campus to speak about science and technology.

"I don't feel there are enough public lectures on campus that deal with science, technology and math," Norman said. "People at that level of accomplishment are super role models."



IAN ALEXANDER/ THE WESTERN FRONT
Western senior Marc Cruz does research for a class. Dean Arlan Norman said he wants to increase the number of minority students, like Cruz, in the College of Science and Technology.

Center keeps talk of suicide confidential

By KAITLIN KING
The Western Front

For many students, leaving for college is a time of freedom and discovery that they will look back on with fond memories. For some, however, the demands lead to depression and even suicide.

Recent suicides at college campuses throughout the country have created controversy about whether universities should contact parents if their child seeks counseling for depression.

"Parents often call our offices and ask about what their students discuss during counseling," Western's Counseling Center Director Nancy Corbin said. "We do not acknowledge that we are treating any student unless that student gave us written permission."

Western's strict confidentiality policy resulted from the national Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act passed in 1974.

"In terms of notifying parents, we look at the severity of the behavior," said Peter Rosenberg, associate director of Residence Life. "It is not uncommon for students to think about suicide, and if (their thoughts stay) at that level only (and they do not act on them), it is unlikely that parents would be contacted."

Cases of depression and suicide are becoming more common among college students, according to a recent study by Kansas

State University.

The suicide rate for college students has tripled over the past 30 years, and it is the second-leading cause of death for that group, according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

Rosenberg said he estimates that the number of campus-wide depression-related incidences have increased in the past decade.

"The stressors inherent with the college experience may promote self-harming behaviors," he said.

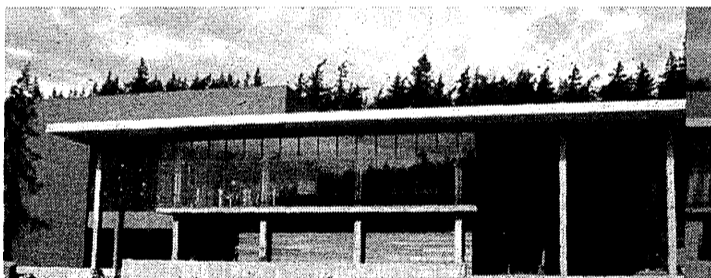
Patti Zink, mother of Western sophomore Glory Zink, who became severely depressed while at college, said that sometimes talk of suicide is a plea for help, and often a parent is the best person to help.

"I don't think parents should be informed that their child is in counseling unless they divulge that they are close to suicide," she said. "As soon as there is any indication that a student has seriously considered suicide, I think a parent has the right to know."

Students face a variety of stresses when transitioning to college, including adjusting to classes and roommates, Corbin said.

"I know many people who wouldn't, but for me, I would want the school to tell my parents if I was severely depressed," said Western sophomore Brainna Silbaugh, who regularly uses the counseling center. "I think parents have a right to know."

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Suspect: Police still on the lookout

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the back of the door as he went, she said.

"We're all still uneasy about it because we thought we were safe in our houses," Serrett said.

In Lund's case, she said she was sexually assaulted.

At 5 a.m. on Oct. 31 in the 1500 block of Iron Street, a man slit the screen and opened the window to her ground-floor bedroom.

Standing outside, the suspect reached in, cut off part of her hair and cut her underwear, she said.

She said she awoke to the man's hands on her body and eyes staring into hers. When he saw she awakened, he whispered, "I want to fuck you," and he ran off, she said.

She said the suspect was a clean-shaven, typical college-aged male wearing a backward baseball hat and jacket.

Police found someone who fit the description near the scene of a particular incidence. The police department has not arrested anyone in connection with these cases, Ambrose said.

Union: Employees' voices heard

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they are taking.

According to the report, Western would not negotiate because the union was seeking free or reduced parking costs in a process that has existed for many years.

Sandra Stratton, treasurer of the Unit D chapter and administrative services manager for the Department of Finance and Marketing at Western, said employees always have felt bargaining for parking is necessary because it is part required by law.

"Carpooling and transit use is not an option for some employees, so fair parking should be available," she said.

Stratton said the union wanted its voices to be heard about parking costs, employee lot assignments and where parking money is going. Employees purchase a

parking pass, she said.

According to the report, an annual reserved parking pass for 2002-2003 costs \$650.

Chris Sutton, secretary for the Unit D chapter and geology department manager at Western, said parking always has been a controversy on campus.

"There are not many reserved spots for employees on campus," Sutton said. "That becomes a problem when we come back to campus and there is no place to park, so we have to park in a temporary spot and risk getting a ticket."

Eric Nordlof, general counsel for the union, said Western had a number of preemptive decisions that could impact employees.

"The issue is the university has a discretion on how to operate the parking program and (has) not negotiated that with employees," Nordlof said.

Return: Number of students returning to graduate grows

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Western sophomore Christian Anderson said he attended the celebration to support his friend, FASA's Web site designer.

"Filipino culture is rad because it's so expressive," Anderson said. "The dances are really elaborate and creative, and the music is awesome."

While FASA is comprised mostly of Filipinos, its members join for different reasons.

"I just wanted to learn more

about the culture," Pettit said. "I wanted to see what it was like from a peer perspective."

Others join to fulfill a missing part of their lives.

"I was looking for a family up here," Acido said. "It was a place I could go — my own version of home."

FASA also focuses on building

a relationship with the Bellingham community by participating in community-service activities and working on issues of social, environmental and political justice, Reboja said.

"We have a lot of stuff to offer to this community," Reboja said. "We want the Western campus to know we are not just numbers."

'Filipino culture is rad because it's so expressive.'

Christian Anderson
Western sophomore

Iraq: Newlyweds prepare for 18-month separation

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she said.

The wedding, which took place in Leavenworth, was not what the couple intended, but it turned out OK, Mike Spurrell said.

"It was upsetting that (Katie) did not get the wedding she wanted," Mike Spurrell said. "(But) it turned out better than it could have."

Mike Spurrell said he does not completely understand why she is being deployed.

"It seems kind of odd," Mike Spurrell said. "The war is supposed to be over, and now they are pushing for homeland security."

Deployment also means putting school on hold, Spurrell said. She planned to attend law school next fall, but that also will have to wait.

"It's actually really frustrating," Spurrell said. "I only had 25 credits until my degree."

Capt. Anne Marie Peacock, 81st Armor Brigade Public Affairs Officer, said she is not sure how much time off the soldiers will receive while in Iraq, but they will have time off for the holidays.

The Spurrells plan on keeping in contact through e-mail while Katie is gone. The Spurrells said it is not

positive how much they will see each other during the 18 months she will be away.

"(I should) put (Mike) in a burka and smuggle him over," Spurrell said.

The 81st Armor Brigade is composed of approximately 3,200 soldiers from Washington state with another 800 based in California, Peacock said.

Spurrell said she is anxious about being deployed and leaving her family and school behind.

"I'm feeling pretty bitter about the whole thing, and I'm trying to keep a positive outlook on things," Spurrell said. "If I can get through it, it will be a miracle."

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FEATURES

KUNG FU ON FILM

Bellingham martial arts teachers cater to students inspired by the movies

By SHARA B. SMITH
The Western Front

As action-packed martial arts movies such as "The Matrix," "Shanghai Knights" and "The One" inspire children and adults to explore martial arts, two Bellingham martial arts schools feel the impact of the big-screen.

Instructor Brooke Petè teaches WingTsun kung fu and Muay Thai boxing classes at Total Confidence Martial Arts in Bellingham. She said the impact of martial arts movies on children is apparent at the school where she teaches.

"A few young boys have come in asking if they can learn how to fight like people do on 'The Matrix,'" Petè said. "It's one of the most common questions we get."

'The Matrix' movies used kung fu, but Petè said the fighting style used by the main character, Neo, when fighting 100 agents was unrealistic.

"A lot of the martial arts that is shown on TV and movies is fantasy," she said. "Martial arts on 'The Matrix' is not realistic fighting, but people want to do what (Matrix actor Keanu Reeves) is



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doing."

Petè said even adults inquire about learning to do what they see in media, including sports such as the highly televised competitive-fight sport K1, which incorporates Muay Thai, karate, kickboxing, tae kwon do and kung fu.

"We make both adults and children say an oath when they join our school," Petè said. "They have to promise only to use what we teach them while they are training or if they are defending their life."

Petè said one of the positive aspects of martial arts exposure in movies is that it interests children and adults in learning martial arts at a school.

"Children see marital arts in cartoons and on TV, but they don't necessarily know what it is," she said. "Martial arts are all the same to kids because they don't know the difference between Muay Thai or WingTsun; they only know the cool factor."

Petè said she respects the stunt workers and movie actors who are in martial arts movies, but she said they are not her heroes.

"My personal role models are my teachers and grandmaster," she said.

Martin Gonzalez, Universal Martial Arts Academy in Bellingham owner and instructor, said he

looks up to martial arts movie stars like Jet Li and Bruce Lee.

Jet Li's style of Wushu, Bruce Lee's WingTsun and Jeet Kun Do caught Gonzalez. "I used to watch a lot of kung fu movies," Gonzalez said. "Bruce Lee, of course, the heroes and where I discovered WingTsun."

WingTsun is Chinese kung fu that centers around strong linear punches which Martial Arts and Universal Martial Arts Academy teach.

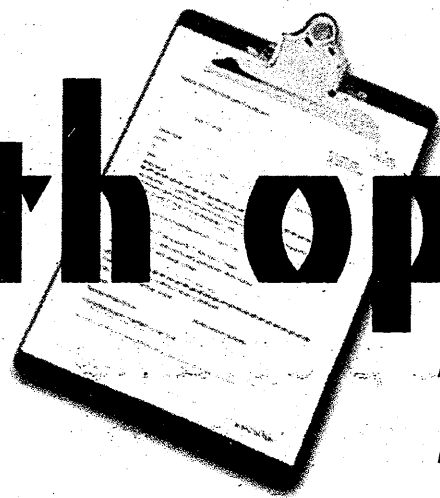
Gonzalez, who opened his school in October, said he used to search for styles formed in movies, but WingTsun was the style that answered all the questions he had.

"I get crazy when I see martial arts movies," Gonzalez said. "I see a move and I want to do it myself."

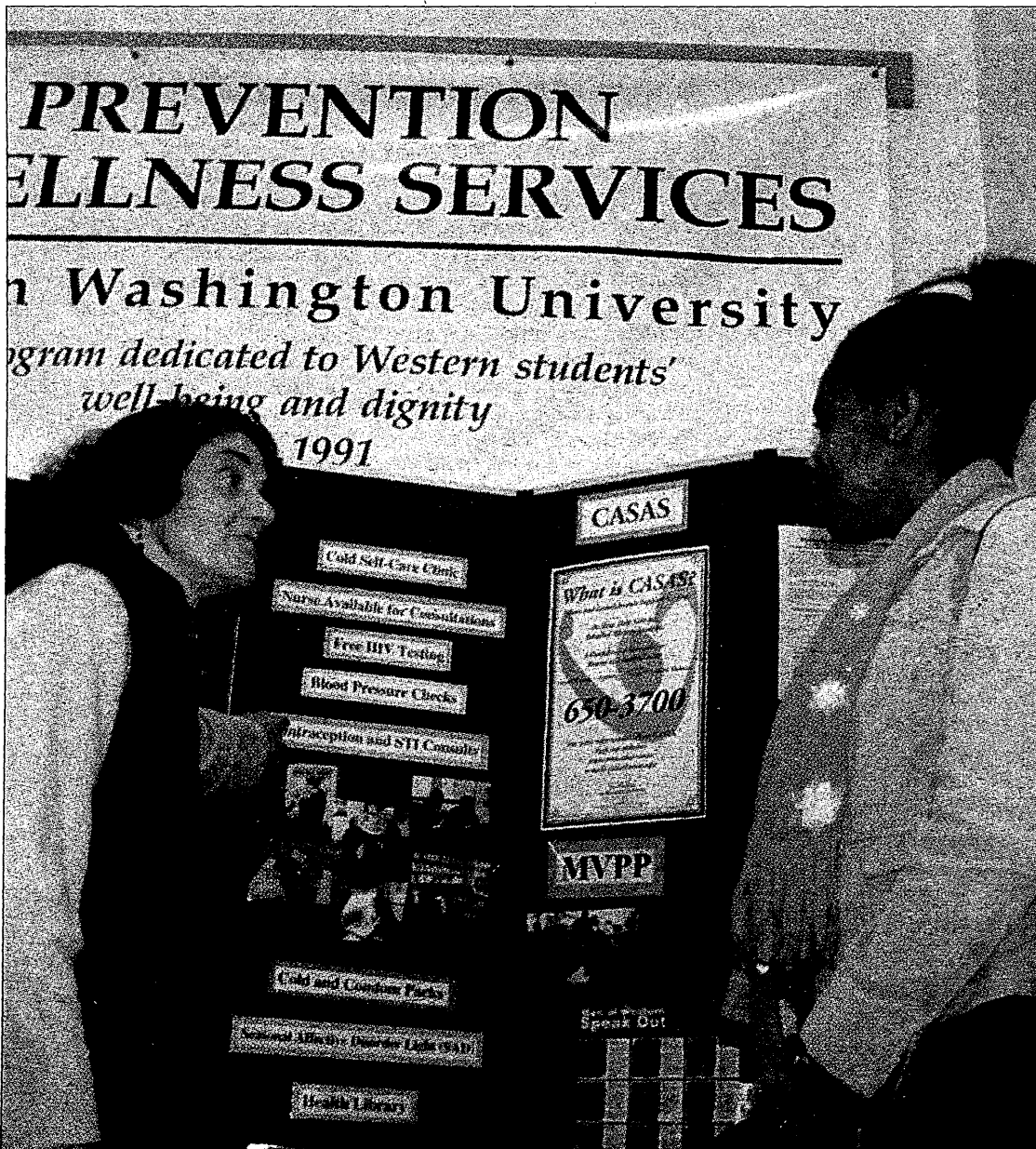
Gonzalez said most of his students know about the famous actors in martial arts movies, but he does not get requests from people to learn those stunts.

Gonzalez said he has to know the mentality of his students before teaching them. "If they are sending a negative reaction like they want to kick some butt, I have to focus," he said. "If I teach them something that they would use in a negative way for society."

Advising with options



Prevention help guide.



SHARA B. SMITH/THE WESTERN FRONT
Prevention and Wellness Program Director Pat Fabiano and Western senior Lifestyle Advisor Benita Ikeguoha discuss ways to improve the program display board in Old Main.

Western students who abuse drugs and alcohol need to look no further than the help.

The Alcohol and Drug Consultation and Assessment Services is one of the services offered.

Most universities do not have programs like Western's, said Elva Giddings, Director of Drugs Services.

"Many (universities) still use abstinence only under 21," Giddings said. "We focus on reducing risk, dealing with the reality of making choices and consequences."

Each year, 500 to 600 Western students use the ADCAS program. Many of them have violated Western drug and alcohol policies or have been charged with 15 percent of these students, however, use the program simply because they are curious.

Students who must use ADCAS are put through a two-part intervention. First, either one-on-one or in a group setting to see the effects of their alcohol or drug use, and they receive an individualized assessment.

The assessment breaks down the student's alcohol or drug use into categories, such as the amount of money he or she spends and the number of calories he or she consumes.

Several schools say it is not OK to drink if a student is under 21, Giddings said.

"We don't say it's OK or not OK; we tell them they can get in trouble," she said. "That's where it's leaving the decision up to the student."

ADCAS, along with other programs involved in Prevention and Wellness Services, received regional and national recognition through grants and awards, Program Director Pat Fabiano said.

Grants have raised more than \$2.5 million to fund various parts of Prevention and Wellness Services, most recently \$92,000 for the evaluation of underage drinking and \$300,000 for ending violence against women.

On Oct. 23, Fabiano accepted the 2003 Washington State Exemplary Substance Abuse Prevention Award, which was sponsored by the State Department of Social and Health Services Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse.

"Pat Fabiano is inspiring to work with," Lifestyle Advisor Erin Larsen-Cooper said. "Every day you can tell how much she believes in and cares about what she's teaching. Fabiano is really the soul and energy behind the program; she makes everyone want to work harder and take a look at and improve their own shortcomings."

Fabiano has been with Prevention and Wellness Services for 13 years. She received her doctorate in community health because she said she believes the health of individuals and the health of the community are intimately related. She said she enjoys working with the Western program because students are not just interested in their own health, but also committed to working collectively for the health of the



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Kickboxing instructor Brooke Petè takes a knee to the stomach while sparring at Total Confidence Martial Arts in Bellingham.

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unbelievable news from around the world

Commuter gets arm stuck in train toilet

A man got his arm stuck in the toilet of a New York City train while trying to retrieve his cell phone, forcing the train to stop and delaying the Oct. 31 evening commute for thousands of people.

Edwin Gallart, 41, was stuck in the toilet for 90 minutes.

"When this moron's arm went down the crapper, so did our evening commute," Metro-North spokesman Dan Brucker said.

Firefighters were able to free Gallart's arm, but the phone could not be retrieved.

Baby monitor traps would-be robber

A woman in Germany called police when she realized her baby monitor had picked up a radio conversation in which a would-be thief described his bungled robbery of a nearby bar.

"Instead of hearing her baby's wails, the mother got the 46-year-old's confession," authorities said in a statement.

Police arrested the man, who confessed to the unsuccessful raid.

High school girls nab suspected flasher

Approximately 20 Catholic school girls in Philadelphia chased down a man who flashed them near their high school, tackled him to the ground and held him until police arrived, authorities said.

Students from St. Maria Goretti's High School for Girls said the man had been flashing students since the middle of September. He typically hid behind a van, waited for students and then jumped out and exposed himself, police said.

A nearby hospital treated the suspect for minor injuries to his mouth.

Philadelphia police inspector William Colarulo said he expects the 25-year-old suspect will face a long list of charges.

Undertaker smuggles cigarettes in hearse

A Polish undertaker was caught with a hearse packed with illegal cigarettes-Friday, Polish customs officers said.

"This attempt was a bit morbid — even on Halloween," said Krystyna Mielnicka, spokeswoman for the customs office in the eastern city of Przemyśl.

Customs officers found 3,200 cigarette packs hidden in secret compartments in the hearse.

Thousands of Ukrainians and Poles try to outsmart customs officials each week to bring alcohol and tobacco into Poland, where both cost at least four times more than in the Ukraine.

Men show off facial hair in world championships

More than 130 of the world's hairiest men paraded down a catwalk in the sixth World Beard and Moustache Championships.

The audience cheered as contestants from a dozen countries displayed massive handlebar mustaches and intricately shaped beards to a panel of judges.

Contestants spent hours preening, waxing and blow-drying their beards, mustaches and sideburns to compete in 16 different categories, ranging from graceful, waxed "English" mustaches to full "Garibaldi" beard-and-moustache combinations to "freestyle" shapes.

Café's naked karaoke upsets neighbors

Berlin café owner Marty St. Pierre said he was just kidding around when he advertised "naked karaoke" in front of his bar, The Berlin Station Café. Then he got volunteers, lots of them.

But not everyone approved of the idea; the café's neighbors called the town hall to complain. Town authorities warned St. Pierre that he could face fines or arrest if he operated the naked musical performances without the required permit.

Compiled by Megan Lewis.

and Wellness programs students' health choices

BY JESSIE BOWDEN
The Western Front

entire community, Fabiano said.

The program offers many other services in addition to ADCAS, such as the Lifestyle Advisor Program, Crime and Sexual Assault Support Services, the Men's Violence Prevention Program, the Wellness Outreach Center, the Self-Care Center and the Ally Building Network.

The Lifestyle Advisor Program has more than 130 unpaid Western students who are committed to enhancing their own health and the health of their communities, Fabiano said.

Devlin O'Donnell is a senior Lifestyle Advisor who has been with the program for two years.

"I was able to gain support from positive people on the Prevention and Wellness staff, and I knew I wanted to take part in providing that support for others," O'Donnell said.

The most important part of being an adviser is to bring information to students about choices and options they have about their health, junior lifestyle advisor Donna Peyton said.

Each adviser is a member of many different topic groups, such as risk reduction, sexual health, student body, health promotion and social justice teams.

Lifestyle Advisors have the only peer-based HIV and contraceptive training in the state. They also have the biggest CPR training program on campus, Fabiano said.

Not everyone can become a Lifestyle Advisor. Every spring, approximately 80 students are selected.

"We look for people who believe in personal health and social justice," Fabiano said. "Don't just tell us you believe, show us."

After program directors choose the students for the program, students are required to take Health Education 250 during spring quarter to learn about alcohol, drugs and mental and physical health. In fall quarter, students participate in an intensive and extensive training program before they become official advisers.

"The Lifestyle Advisor Program often pushes people to challenge themselves," Larsen-Cooper said. "The program requires a lot of facilitation skills, public speaking and just putting yourself out there in front of the rest of the campus. It's really wonderful to watch people rise to those challenges."

Student advisors are asked to contribute by giving four to five hours of community service every week.

In the area of alcohol and other drugs, students can be as effective as professionals and are great at establishing rapport, Fabiano said.

"With the amount of training they have and the support we give them, I believe they can make a difference," Fabiano said. "I'd like to think that they say something on those rides home. In a small way, they change the world every day, in little tiny pieces."



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Senior Ashley Becker, right, takes the pulse of Western sophomore after she drank an ephedra tea to relax at the Wellness Center.

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Pilates workout helps Western feel the burn

BY SHARA B. SMITH

The Western Front

It isn't yoga. It isn't weightlifting. It is a series of exercise and breathing techniques that German-born Joseph H. Pilates designed in the early 1900s. Today, Pilates is receiving attention at Western.

Western graduate student Jen Chrisler was the first certified instructor to teach Pilates at Western, approximately three years ago. As a former kickboxing and aerobics instructor at Western, Chrisler said she suffered from back pain, but when she began training in Pilates, she felt less pain and grew stronger.

"Pilates improved my strength, my posture and my poise," she said. "It's a combination of coordination and strength training."

Chrisler said Pilates tones, strengthens and increases flexibility by using a person's own body weight as resistance.

Chrisler, who said she originally planned to pursue a career in physical therapy, changed her focus to teaching Pilates. She now co-owns a Pilates studio in downtown Bellingham.

Western alumna Emily Jelsing, who took Pilates classes from Chrisler, said it helped her flatten her stomach and define her quadriceps.

"The harder you work, the harder it is," Jelsing

said. "You get out of it what you put into it."

Campus Recreation did not offer a Pilates class this quarter because it could not find a certified instructor.

"It is extremely popular," Campus Recreation Program Manager Katie Stiles said. "One way or another, we'll have it back next quarter, whether it's taught by Jen Chrisler or by another instructor."

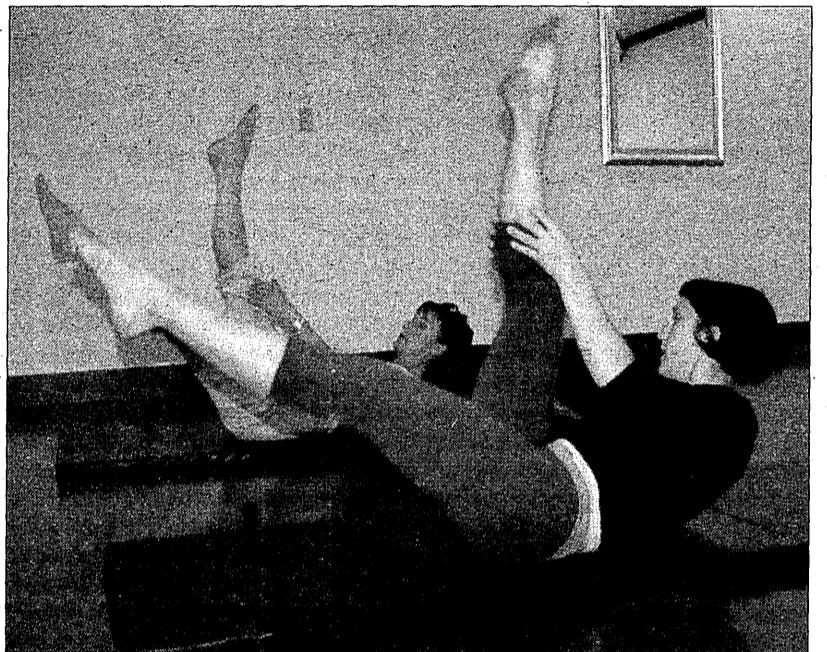
Stiles said Pilates is another option for students who may not want to take yoga or an aerobics class.

Stiles said she is pleased with the Pilates craze at other campus recreation centers because it encourages people to exercise.

Mari Winsor, who markets Pilates videotapes on television, made Pilates known to famous people. According to the official Winsor Pilates Website, celebrities pay approximately \$2,000 per month to train with her in person.

Chrisler said beginning Pilates by watching the Winsor Pilates instructional tapes might mislead people.

"Winsor calls it a weight loss system, but the only way to lose weight is through cardiovascular training," she said. "Pilates is resistance training — it tones."



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Pilates instructor Jen Chrisler, right, leads student Esther Grummel through warm-up exercises at Chrisler's Arete Pilates Studio in downtown Bellingham.

Senior soccer players go out with a flurry of goals

BY TRAVIS SHERER

The Western Front

Wins and losses have come in bunches this season for the Western men's soccer team. Saturday at Civic Field, so did goals.

All four Western seniors had either a goal or an assist in their final game, as the Vikings trounced the Humboldt State University Lumberjacks 7-1. The win improved Western's record to 8-7-2, with a conference record of 2-2-1. Humboldt State dropped to 2-18-0, with a conference record of 0-6-0.

"We knew they've only won, like, two games," Western head coach Travis Connell said. "And when it gets this late in the season, it begins to wear on you. We just needed to get the first goal to break them, and we did."

The first goal came in the 16th minute off Western sophomore forward Kris Pope's foot. Humboldt State freshman goalie Nick Raisch missed while trying to clear a long ball by Western junior midfielder David Schlesinger, and Pope took advantage of an open net.

Pope struck again in the 35th minute when he headed a cross from Western senior defender Joel Saulter into the goal.

Western senior midfielder David Hileman, who had six of Western's 19 shots, scored in the 39th minute with an 8-yard blast on a cross from Pope. Not to be outdone by his shot, and to show his appreciation to the crowd, Hileman shimmied with a fan on the 35-yard line to celebrate.

Western continued its domi-

nance in the second half. During the 54th minute, two more seniors contributed when Justin Scholze's cornerkick found the foot of Eric Blatt. Blatt hammered home a goal, beating a diving Raisch.

Less than a minute later, Western junior midfielder Sean McCormick scored when he found himself wide open after Raisch failed to grab a lazy cross from Schlesinger.

The vocal Viking crowd wore down the Lumberjacks, and in the 67th minute, Humboldt State freshman forward Karl Meyer sliced through four Western defenders and fired a shot into the back of the net. Meyer received a yellow card before play resumed because he made an obscene gesture to the crowd in his goal celebration.

Blatt responded in the 71st minute with a goal that should not have counted because he knocked it in with his hand.

"My first goal was a point-blind shot," Blatt said. "I wasn't really trying to place it. The second was a gimme, a handball that every-

one saw except the ref."

Hileman and Blatt said they will miss playing for Western, but they are ready to move on.

"It's kind of sad, and it kind of sucks," Blatt said. "But it's good because I'm ready to get out of here."

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 2003-04

Season preview: An interim coach and a pair of senior forwards seek to continue program's success

BY MEAGAN MCFADDEN
The Western Front

Just five seasons ago, Sara Nichols served as a captain on a Western women's basketball team that reached the NCAA Division II national semifinals. Now, she is taking over the team for a season as interim head coach.

One of the biggest transitions Nichols said she has to make while filling in for head coach Carmen Dolfo, who is taking a one-year sabbatical from coaching, is having to pay close attention to the team as a whole.

"As an assistant coach, I could focus more on the smaller details," Nichols said. "As head coach, I have to look at the whole picture, which I think is a lot different for me to adjust to."

Nichols said she understands the program's tradition of success and plans to keep the tradition alive.

"A lot of what I'm doing isn't changing," Nichols said. "I'm staying true to what has been done before me."

The team, which finished the year last season with a record of 22-6, returns six players, two of whom are seniors. The team opens its season with the Lynda Goodrich Classic, playing against New Mexico Highlands University on Nov. 21 in Carver Gym.

"The awesome thing about this group of girls is not only the number of girls who can step up on any given night, but they are unselfish and don't care who scores as long as we score more than the other team," Nichols said.

Although Nichols may be new to the position, she said her expectations and hopes for the team are the same as when she was assistant coach.

"I'm expecting the team to work hard and to dive onto the floor for every loose ball," she said. "We have set a goal to lead the league in points."

Two seniors forwards, Jenn McGillivray and Tessa DeBoer, will be leading the team this season. Last season, McGillivray played in 27 games, averaging 12.2 points and ranking second in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference in field goal percentage with a 57.6 average. DeBoer averaged 9.5 points last season as a junior. She gathered a team-high 7.5 rebounds and was ranked third in the GNAC in field goal percentage.

McGillivray said she has high expectations for the team this year as well, and, as a leader, feels it is her duty to help get the team ready.

"Our goal is to obviously win the league and go to nationals," McGillivray said. "My job is to get

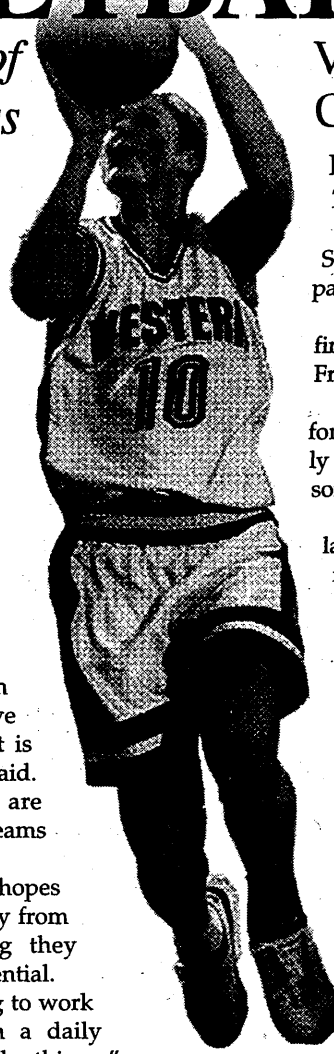
(the team) fired up and ready for practice and just to be a leader out there and direct them on where to go."

As the team prepares for its first game, Nichols said that Seattle Pacific University and Central Washington University will be two of the toughest competitors in the conference.

"I think our league has really taken a step up, and on any given night, I think we have to be on top of what is going on," Nichols said. "SPU and Central are going to be great teams this year."

Nichols said she hopes the players walk away from this season knowing they reached their full potential.

"I feel we are trying to work hard consistently on a daily basis on all the little things," Nichols said. "If we can do that and come together at the right time, then making it to the Elite Eight is definitely where we should be come March."



Western senior forward Tessa DeBoer

Photo courtesy of the Athletic Department.

Vikings finish strong, beat Clan in exhibition opener

BY BOBBY HOLLOWWA
The Western Front

The Western women's basketball team had a chance Saturday to find out if all its practice and hard work was paying off.

The Vikings started fast, jumping to a 7-0 lead, and finished strong, going on a 21-7 run to defeat the Simon Fraser University Clan 87-81 in Carver Gym.

"It felt really awesome to win today," Western senior forward Tessa DeBoer said. "We have been working really hard, and it has been a while since we have played someone besides ourselves."

Western trailed 74-66 at one point, but the Vikings' late run led by junior guard Kelly Colard was too much for the Clan to handle.

"It felt really good to come out and win the first one, even if it is just exhibition," Colard said.

DeBoer led the Vikings with a double-double, scoring 24 points and grabbing 12 rebounds. Western senior forward Jenn McGillivray chipped in with 22 points to help the Vikings' cause.

Some of the most impressive play came from Colard. She had three points at halftime, but she scored 11 more in the second half to help spark the comeback. Colard also played tough defense down the stretch, pulling down boards and causing turnovers.

The game was the first for Nichols at the helm of the Vikings' ship. Nichols is taking over for head coach Carmen Dolfo, who took the year off from coaching.

"We have a lot of work to do," Nichols said. "But we have about three weeks until our first game. We will be ready to play."

The Vikings take on the pro-am team P&P Lady Express in an exhibition game at 7 p.m. on Nov. 13 in Carver Gym.

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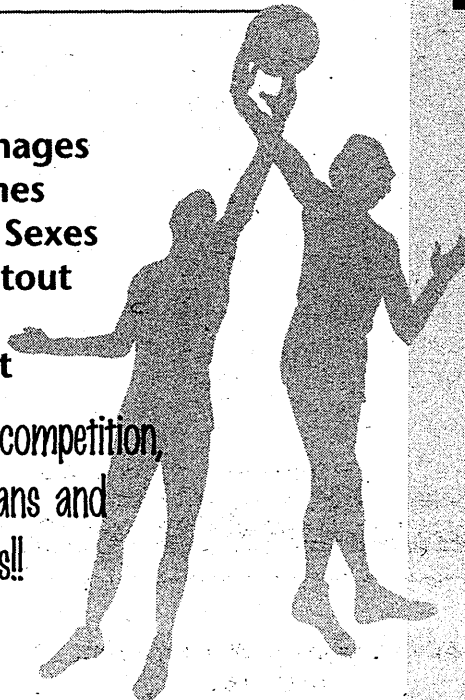
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MEN'S BASKETBALL 2003-04

Season preview: Talented backcourt and new forwards will seek to offset youth

BY BOBBY HOLLOWWA

The Western Front

With a bounty of young players on the Western men's basketball team, one might not expect much from the 2003-2004 squad. The team is experienced, however, as many of the players were key contributors last year.

Western men's basketball head coach Brad Jackson said he knows he has a young team this year, but he will not let that be an excuse for a below-average season.

"I feel like we are capable of competing with anyone we play," Jackson said.

Western returns nine players from last year's squad. Only two guards, Jason Burrell and Stefan Dickason, are seniors. The two combined to score 20 points and

dish out 4.7 assists per game last year. Both should improve on those numbers this year with Western running a fast-paced offense.

"This year, we have a different style of play," Burrell said. "Our big guys are faster than last year. We are also more versatile and flexible on defense this year."

Western also returns some of the best sophomores in the league. Guards Grant Dykstra, Ryan Diggs and Kyle Jackson make for an experienced group.

"It's amazing how deep we are at the guard position this year," Burrell said. "Games are going to be fast-paced, and it should be a lot of fun."

The Vikings finished 16-11 overall last year and 10-8 in the Greater Northwest Athletic Conference.

To be a top team this year, Western needs solid play from its transfer forwards, who will have to fill the void left by graduated standout center Mike Palm and forward Maurice Tyree, who left Western after his sophomore year.

One of the most explosive new players is forward Craig Roosendaal, a transfer from Edmonds Community College. Roosendaal, a crafty, 6-foot-7-inch small forward, was the Most Valuable Player of the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges North Division. He looks to continue the 17.5 points per game average he had in community college.

"This year, I am playing (power forward), and we are going to press teams more," Roosendaal said.

"We are not going to slow things up as much as they did last year."

The other forward, Rod Picou, a transfer from Skyline Community College in San Bruno, Calif., is expected to come in and offer immediate help in the post.

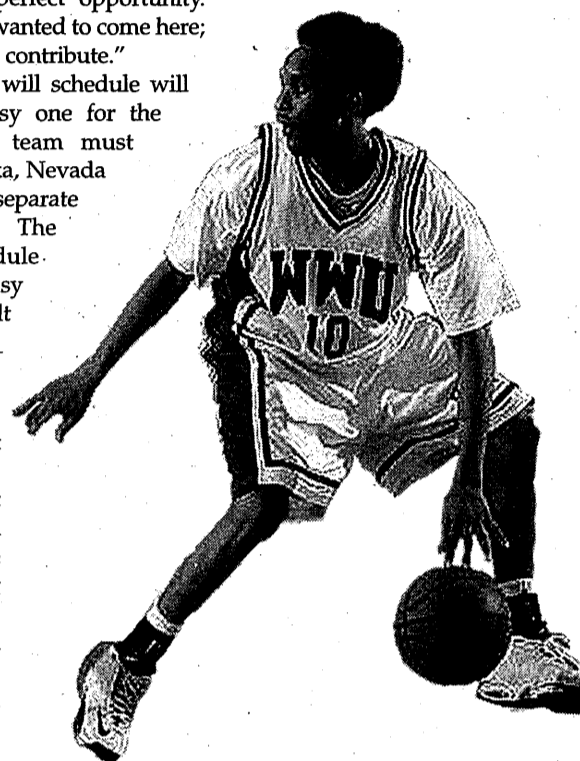
"I am not worried about (filling in for the departed players)," Picou said. "I believe in the system. I feel like it's the perfect opportunity. That is why I wanted to come here; I knew I could contribute."

This year's will schedule will not be an easy one for the Vikings. The team must travel to Alaska, Nevada and Idaho on separate road trips. The GNAC schedule will not be easy either. Humbolt

State University is the preseason No. 1 team in many NCAA Division II polls.

"The league this year is going to be real tough," Brad Jackson said. "I can see the winner of the league having three or four losses."

Western opens its regular season against Northwest College at 7 p.m. Nov. 17 in Carver Gym.



Western senior guard Jason Burrell
Photo courtesy of the Athletic Department.

Fresh Diggs: Sophomore guard scores 40 points in scrimmage

BY BOBBY HOLLOWWA

The Western Front

Unfortunately for Western sophomore guard Grant Dykstra and the white team, Sunday was a time to grab an apron and head to the kitchen. As part of the Western men's basketball traditional blue and white scrimmage, the losing team served the winning team dinner the next evening.

"It did not feel good to lose," Dykstra said. "We are all teammates, but those guys are going to be bragging about this one for a while."

Western sophomore guard Ryan

Diggs continued to show that the Diggs family can play basketball. Ryan took another step toward following his older brother and former Western standout Shelton Diggs on Saturday.

Ryan Diggs scored a record 40 points in the scrimmage as his blue team defeated Dykstra's white team 120-109. Diggs' 40 points broke the record of 35, previously owned by his brother. Shelton Diggs did all he could to preserve his record, including sounding the buzzer during one of Ryan's free throws.

"I felt good today," Ryan Diggs said.

"It's fun trying to accomplish what (Shelton) has already done."

The dinner was on the minds of most players all evening. Senior guard Jason Burrell finished with 28 points for the blue team, and made some electrifying drives to the hole.

Western men's basketball head coach Brad Jackson said he was impressed with what he saw out of his young team and enjoyed the fact that everyone had a good time.

Western plays the Seattle Stars next in an exhibition game at 7 p.m. on Nov. 8 in Carver Gym.

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OPINIONS

Paying for defense is unfair, unconstitutional



Christina Twu

COMMENTARY

hardship for individual clients. By charging debt to those who cannot afford to pay public defenders, the law violates the right to a fair trial.

Minnesota residents now incur debts to co-pay the state for public defenders if they cannot pay the fee.

The 1963 case of *Gideon v. Wainwright* deemed the right to free counsel as fundamental to a fair trial. If a poor man or woman charged with a crime has to face accusers without a lawyer, this compromises the idea that everyone stands equal under the law.

The Sixth Amendment guaran-

tees the accused the right to a public defense. *Gideon v. Wainwright* identified free legal representation for those who cannot afford it as part of this guarantee.

"It's an invasion of the sixth amendment," said Timothy Foster, the Bellingham representative of Pre-paid Legal Services. "It takes you out of the realm of a right to an attorney at all."

According to the new Minnesota law, an unmarried citizen must have an income of \$8,800 or less, and a citi-

zen supporting two dependents must annually make \$13,330 or less to be eligible for public defense.

Once deemed eligible after the application fees, the citizen must pay mandatory court fees, which include a \$25 filing fee and a \$75

fee for parties requesting a trial by jury. Even before representation, the defendant accumulates more than \$100 in court and application fees. The additional co-payment fees are \$50 for a misdemeanor, \$100 for a gross misdemeanor and \$200 for a felony.

Realistically, someone who is financially eligible for public defense barely can afford to pay the court fees, let alone the additional co-payment fee.

The whole purpose of public defense is to give access to representation to people who cannot afford it. This access, however, is robbed because of the co-payment fee, forcing truly poverty-stricken people to forgo counsel.

Proponents of the law argue that stipulating a fee from resi-

dents is the only way Minnesota could alleviate its \$4.2-billion deficit and prevent public counsel agencies from being understaffed and overworked.

Bellingham criminal defense lawyer Jill Bernstein worked as a public defender for 13 years before she entered private practice. She said public defenders know what they are getting into.

"They are extremely crunched and are really struggling with the caseloads they have," she said. "But people who choose to be public defenders, and are privileged to be public defenders, do know that they're going to be expected to work hard and deal with heavier caseloads."

Just like any other profession that demands heavy workloads and generates very little pay, public defense is an act of civil duty and should be treated accordingly.

The right to free counsel should not be denied because it revokes the right to a fair trial.

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Frontline

Ernie Adamson should be allowed to use the recreation center

Ernie Adamson still smiles and nods to just about every basketball player in Carver Gym, but since the opening of the Wade King Student Recreation Center he does so less frequently.

Adamson, 68, has been playing basketball in the gym since 1971. When the Wade King Student Recreation Center opened this year, however, the students who once played pickup in the gym moved to south campus. Now, Adamson, who is not a student or faculty member, is not eligible to use the new facility.

Western should make an exception for Adamson and allow him to use the new recreation center.

Adamson is just as much a part of Western as most students and faculty. He has been shooting baskets in the gym since the Nixon administration, and he can recall a time when the Environmental Studies Building was not yet finished. He remembers this because, as a sheet-metal worker, he helped build the facility. He may not attend classes, but three decades of pickup games and helping construct a few buildings should count for something.

Universities give honorary degrees to celebrities and people who have never even set foot on their campuses. Western, therefore, should be able to make an honorary student of someone who has been around the length of time Adamson has.

Western students must pay \$80 per quarter to use the recreation center, and many have either complained about the fee or not taken advantage of the facility. Adamson, a basketball fanatic, said he would be willing to pay the fee, but Bob Hofstetter, membership services manager for Campus Recreation, said he does not have the authority to allow him to do so. Hofstetter, or another administrator, should bend the rules for Adamson, who is willing to pay and is enthusiastic about using the facility.

Some might think it smart to avoid setting a precedent that would allow non-Western personnel into the recreation center. It is safe to say not many people, however, have constructed buildings on campus and played basketball in the gym for decades. Western can and should make an exception for Adamson because it would not apply to anyone else.

Anything else would mean keeping Adamson out of the recreation center and the pickup games he loves. That is not smart policy; it is callous policy.

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Clinics essential to health



Kaitlin King

COMMENTARY

The King County Council's decision to cut funding for teen-health clinics may force the clinics' closure.

These clinics not only provide teens with reproductive health care, but also with educational resources. Continued budget cuts to valuable teen-health clinics show disregard for vital and immensely beneficial programs.

According to the National Center for Health Statistics, the teen-pregnancy rate in Washington decreased 28.9 percent among 15- to 19-year-old females in the past 10 years, while the national average dropped 25 percent. Among 1,000

sexually active 15- to 19-year-old females, 86 became pregnant. In 1990, 110 of the 1,000 females became pregnant. The closure of clinics providing contraceptives, checkups and educational resources for teenagers can do nothing but cause teen-pregnancy rates to increase.

The teen-pregnancy rate in the United States already is double the rate of most European countries where reproductive health care programs are crucial to everyday life, according to the Alan Guttmacher Institute, a non-profit organization that researches sexual and reproductive health. The AGI also reports that 35 percent of sexually active teens in the United States become pregnant before turning 20. The closure of such essential clinics would only set back the country's progress in preventing teen pregnancies to where it started 10

years ago.

The need for reproductive health care clinics is substantial. In Washington, 75,790 teenage girls are in need of contraceptive services provided by these clinics. These services avert 21,200 unintended pregnancies each year, according to the AGI. The decision to take funding from the clinics means 21,200 more teenage girls per year could have to deal with the enormous strain of becoming a mother.

Poverty is a likely consequence for girls who become mothers as teenagers. According to the AGI, girls from low-income households were more likely to become teenage mothers, and 28 percent of them experienced poverty while in their 20s and 30s.

Teenpregnancy.org reported that three-fourths of unwed

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Educators should not teach character



Paolo Mottola

COMMENTARY

Character education is entering school curricula across the country.

The various character-education programs focus on improving the moral character of students as a means of creating a more respectful and considerate society.

Schools should not expect students to benefit from this futile education.

The U.S. Department of Education is encouraging this program by financially supporting some school districts and organizations through its "Partnerships in Character Education" program.

"Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet," author

Helen Keller wrote. "Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired and success achieved."

Educators should grasp Keller's message and realize that lecturing students about how to become better people will not change who they are or who they will become. Experience through success and failure builds character, not words on a chalkboard or in a textbook.

Character is too ambiguous to teach in the classroom. It must complement personality. Because personalities are unique, teachers cannot teach character to students with a standard in mind.

Character is the combination of qualities and features that distinguish one individual from another. If students have the same understanding of what character should consist of, then the diversity of students will diminish.

Morals acceptable to society might seem appropriate to reinforce, but some students, because of their religious background for example, may find them unimportant or interpret them differently.

Students should learn good character by example, not necessarily in a classroom. Generations of inspirational people with captivating personalities did not complete a character-education program.

Winston Churchill and Martin Luther King Jr. did not need to see an overhead presentation explaining right from wrong or how to act with conviction. Teachers, parents and anyone else in the position to influence a child have the duty to teach proper behavior. This country's education program is in poor condition if schools need to hire a character education

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teenage mothers in the United States are on welfare. Reducing teen pregnancy through teen-health clinic services is an obvious means of reducing poverty for future generations, as well.

With the economy continuing to worsen, King County Executive Ron Sims said in an Oct. 23 Seattle Times article that the county could no longer afford the \$281,524 budget for King County teen health clinics. Targeting the clinics' funding may improve the budget for a short period of time but eventually it will cost much more.

Teenpregnancy.org reported that it costs \$40 billion per year for the federal government to help families that begin with a birth by a teenage mother. It is more expensive for the federal government to aid families through welfare than to fund teen-pregnancy-prevention clinics.

The deliberate cuts in funding to important teen-health programs not only cause teenagers to have limited resources for reproductive care, it sets a precedent for the priorities of the people in charge of state budgets. The closure of any program provento preserve the quality of life for needs to stop.

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coordinator to ensure that students mature with good morals — and, unfortunately, this is what is happening.

Supporters of character-education programs argue students need moral reinforcement at school. They could also argue that students have irresponsible parents or troubled domestic lives.

Students should be able to find resources at school to help them personally, but character education is not the solution to their problems. A student's character is not to blame for his or her domestic situation. With proper guidance, a student can overcome

personal barriers and, through that experience, improve his or her character. Providing this guidance is the job of any adult in the child's life, whether he or she is a teacher, counselor, principal, coach or parent.

Character education in schools simply is unnecessary. The government should use federal funds to hire more teachers who simultaneously could shrink classroom sizes and set a behavioral example for their students. Parents and teachers already have students in a position to learn good behavior. Educators are wasting precious time and effort on character-education programs because every student's character education is constantly in progress.

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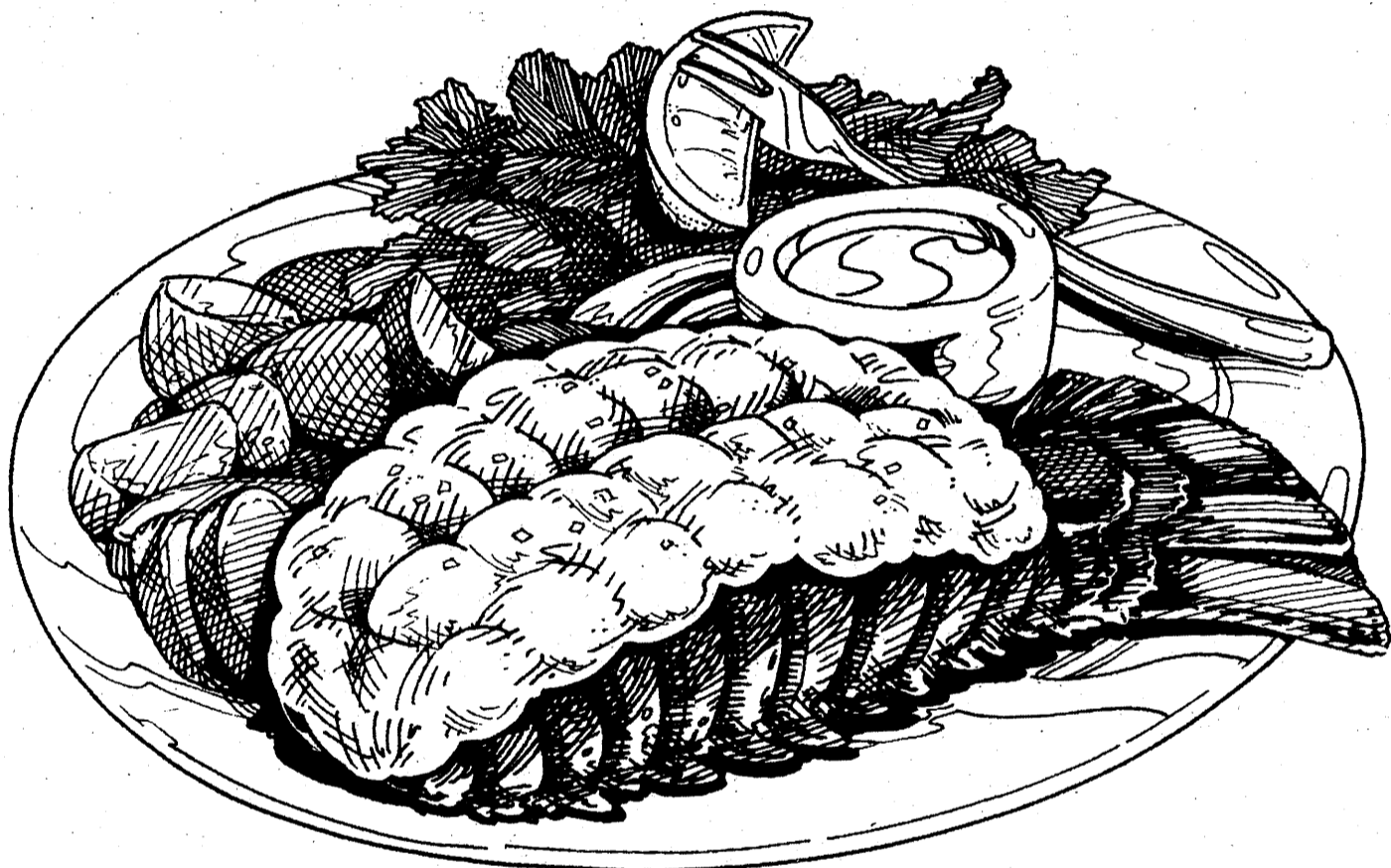
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