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## IMCO linked to pipeline disaster

BY KELLYN BALLARD AND  
MICHELE GIRARD

A Bellingham construction company working on Western's new communications building has been implicated in damaging the Bellingham pipeline that exploded in 1999.

A report from the National Transportation Safety Board report released Oct. 8 stated that damage from excavation during a major construction project by IMCO General Construction likely caused the damage to the pipeline that led to the disaster that killed three people.

According to the report, the Olympic Pipeline Company, which owns the pipeline, failed to identify and repair the damaged pipeline.

Hoffman Construction sub-contracted IMCO for work on Western's new communications building.

Pat Conrad, superintendent of the communications facility job site, said the report will not affect the contract with IMCO.

"Their performance here is what matters to us," Conrad said. "I have no problem working with IMCO and will

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IMCO General Construction is currently working on several projects for Western. The company was recently cited for contributing to pipeline damage resulting in the 1999 explosion.

Heather Trimm/ The Western Front

## Congress approves use of force in Iraq

BY MICHELE GIRARD

Congress approved a resolution Friday to give President Bush sole power to wage a war against Iraq.

The Joint Resolution to Authorize the Use of United States Armed Forces Against Iraq passed in the senate 77-23 and in the house 296-133.

The resolution allows Bush to deploy troops, order air strikes and carry out a ground war in Iraq without approval from Congress.

"The House voted to hand over unprecedented authority to the president," Congressman Rep. Jim McDermott (D-Wash) said in a news release. "I hope and pray that the president does not use it to go to war but instead works aggressively with U.N. inspectors and our allies to disarm Saddam Hussein."

Rep. Rick Larsen (D-Wash), who represents the Bellingham area, is also opposed to the resolution. He said war should be a last resort, not a first step.

Larsen said at a candidate's forum last week that even though he thought troops would go into Iraq, the United States needs to work with the United Nations and other allies.

He said he does not favor pre-emptive action against terrorist groups or hostile states that possess or are developing weapons of mass destruction.

Western senior Pete Tunis, a member of the Marine Corps Reserve, said it could be months before a war with Iraq begins.

He said while Bush has the authority to wage war, he must

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## Online survey determines students' drug habits

BY MATT BUCHER

Western senior Matt Lake said he remembers waking up on many weekend mornings his freshman year, head spinning and stomach rumbling, just in time to make the dash to the bathroom — all the while wondering why he had felt compelled to drink those last few beers.

While he has fond memories of his freshman year and the friends he made while living in

Buchanan Towers, Lake said the dorm experience taught him his limits and that he can have fun without becoming completely belligerent.

"Don't get me wrong, I still like to drink a few beers with my friends," Lake said. "But hangovers aren't fun. I do my best to stay away from them."

If a Western student feels that he or she has a problem with alcohol or drugs, Elva Giddings, the coordinator of Alcohol and Drug Consultation Assessment

and Skills program, said a new online drug and alcohol survey can determine their usage.

The survey was created from questions by the ADCAS staff, as well as questions from standardized drug and alcohol tests around the country. Giddings said she can give students an access code so they can take the survey on their own and see the results right away.

The 30-minute survey assesses how much a student drinks and how often, Giddings said. It

also examines past problems, substance mixing, family history of drug and alcohol problems and alcohol's effect on the physical health of the student.

"Comfort of the student is one of the issues of the online survey," Giddings said. "It's easier for them to do, and they get feedback as soon as they're finished. It also benefits our staff because we used to have to go through all the feedback sheets by hand, which consumed a lot

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## Lack of parking forces weekend evangelists to stake out Samish Way

BY KELLYN BALLARD

A vacant lot on South Samish Way became a pulpit for traveling evangelists this weekend.

Bellingham resident Dennis and his friend Cynthia traveled Washington state in their lifted Ford F-350, pulling a large black roofing trailer covered in scriptures from the King James Bible.

Dennis said he planned to come to Western, but his vehicle was too large to park at the university.

"The Lord inspired me to come to Western Washington University," he said. "I couldn't find any parking. We prayed for a space and we got

this location."

Dennis and Cynthia, who said they withheld their last names in order to promote Jesus and not themselves, had white words about Jesus patched on their black racing suits. The white kneepads, Cynthia said, were used in prayer. She said the black boots they wore symbolized the military aspect of their evangelism.

"We are in the army of the Lord," Cynthia said.

Dennis, who works as a roofing contractor during the week, said he became an evangelist, a part-time preacher, when he was given "inspiration through the Holy Spirit" to place specific

scripture on the trailer to take to job sites.

Dennis said he does not have anything against people who go to a church to worship and he hopes people learn from him that Jesus hears them.

Steve Hitz, a carpenter helping demolish a building on the lot, said Dennis and Cynthia, in their "Jesus jumpsuits," were very friendly to the workers.

Hitz said police told Dennis and Cynthia to move out of the road when they were ministering in a lane of South Samish Way.

"I was here until 11:30

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Peter Louras/ The Western Front

Dennis discusses his view of organized religion with a fellow supporter outside his traveling protest across from Black Angus.

## COPS BOX

### University Police

**Oct. 13, 9:57 p.m.:** UP responded to a request from a Buchanan Towers Resident Adviser to retrieve confiscated drug paraphernalia.

**Oct. 13, 8:19 p.m.:** UP responded to a report of a male urinating in public near campus. Officers identified the suspect.

**Oct. 12, 9:18 p.m.:** UP responded to a group of students throwing a football in front of passing vehicles. Officers verbally warned the suspects.

**Oct. 12, 2:16 a.m.:** UP arrested a 23-year-old male on suspicion of driving under the influence at the corner of Samish Way and Elwood Avenue.

### Bellingham Police

**Oct. 13, 2:55 a.m.:** Officers responded to a report of a fight involving three suspects in the 200 block of North Samish Way.

**Oct. 12, 9:14 p.m.:** Officers contacted a man who said he wanted to harm himself in the 200 block of East Bakerview Road after he called 911 requesting that an ambulance take him to the hospital.

**Oct. 12, 2:38 p.m.:** Officers responded to a report of a car stereo theft in the 500 block of North Garden Street.

**Oct. 12, 11:07 a.m.:** Officers responded to a report of a stolen bicycle in the 1400 block of 14th Street.

*Compiled by Matt DeLong*

# Viking Voices

Do you think the United States should go to war with Iraq?

*Compiled by Colin McDonald*



**Scott Hain**  
Computer science, senior

*'I think it is a bad thing. I think Bush is trying to create a war to try to get re-elected.'*



**Kehichiro Tashiro**  
Business, sophomore

*'No, I hate Bush. He likes war.'*



**William Morrison**  
Physiology, junior

*'I think no, absolutely. It seems to be more a war on oil rather than a threat of nuclear arms.'*

**Online Poll Results: 20.6 percent of voters said yes. 64.7 percent said no. 14.7 percent were undecided.**

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# AP WIRE NEWS BRIEFS

## STATE NEWS

### Man drives car into store after high-speed chase

Police arrested a man after he led them on a high-speed chase through Pierce County before crashing into an automotive interior store near the Tacoma Mall.

Sheriff's deputies tried to stop the man, but he drove more than 75 mph down Interstate 5, Highway 16 and side streets.

The man lost control of the car just after 2 a.m. and received medical attention at Tacoma General Hospital for his injuries.

### Homeless alcoholics to receive apartment

Seattle officials are building a four-story apartment building for street-dwelling alcoholics.

The \$8.7 million apartment is under construction northeast of downtown Seattle in the Denny Triangle neighborhood.

Apartment residents will be

allowed to drink in their rooms and entertain guests.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Company recalls meat infected with listeria

A poultry processor in Philadelphia is recalling 27.4 million pounds of cooked sandwich meat after warnings of possible listeria contamination.

Pilgrim's Pride recalled 295,000 pounds of turkey and chicken products Wednesday but expanded the recall during the weekend when tests returned positive for listeria, a potentially fatal bacteria.

P-1351, the plant number printed on the package, can identify the contaminated meat.

### Grinch ruled out in movie set theft

They heaved and they hauled, stole a key and a ball. They went

back for more — took five items in all.

Thieves stole \$55,000 worth of excessively large, custom-designed props Friday from the movie set of the Dr. Seuss movie, "The Cat in the Hat."

An 8-foot-long pair of dark blue glasses and a blue golf ball 7 feet in diameter that weighs more than 200 pounds were among the stolen items.

Police have not identified any suspects.

"We have ruled out the Grinch," Sgt. Rod Baker said.

Filming of the "Cat in the Hat" is set to begin later this month.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Rocket fired in Pakistan misses U.S. troops

Military officials reported no casualties after three U.S. bases in eastern Afghanistan came under fire this weekend.

Helicopter pilots spotted an outpost firing on the bases 110

miles southwest of Kabul on Saturday night.

A patrol later searched the outpost and found a rocket launcher aimed at a U.S. base. A military team destroyed the rocket.

Two bases reported rocket explosions nearby. Military officials did not find any attackers.

### Britain to take control of Northern Ireland

British officials said they will take power away from local Catholic and Protestant lawmakers in Northern Ireland.

Britain's Northern Ireland Secretary John Reid defended the intervention and said it is needed to prevent the collapse of the joint Catholic-Protestant government.

Northern Ireland's first minister asked Reid to respond to alleged Irish Republic Army spying on the government.

*Compiled by Kellyn Ballard AP Wire courtesy KUGS 89.3-FM*

# Corrections and clarifications

In the Oct. 11 issue, the photo accompanying the story, "Three sailing teammates to go to Rhode Island for championship," was incorrect.

The Western Front apologizes for this and any other mistake.

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PLEASE POST

**TUITION AND HOUSING FEES ARE DUE NOW.** To avoid late fees of \$75, payment must be received by today, Oct. 15. **THE MATH PLACEMENT TEST (MPT)** will be given in OM 120 at 3 p.m. Oct. 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25, Dec. 2 and 9, and at 9 a.m. Oct. 17, 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14, 21, Dec. 5 and 12. No registration required. Students must bring picture identification, student number, Social Security number, and No. 2 pencil. A \$15 fee is payable in exact amount at test time. Allow 90 minutes.

**THE DEADLINE FOR HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT WINTER APPLICATIONS** is Oct. 15. Find out more about the major at a 2 p.m. information session in MH 210 on Oct. 16 or call X/7759.

**INFORMATION ON STUDY ABROAD AND FIELD RESEARCH** in Belize, Central America, and Asia during Winter 2003 will be available from a representative from the Institute for Village Studies from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 16 in the VU lobby. For more information, call X/2398, or stop by HS 25.

**FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE TEACHING ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (TESOL)** at a 5 p.m. meeting in BH 112 on Oct. 22. For more information, call Trish Skillman or Holly Carr at X/4949.

**THE MILLER ANALOGIES TEST (MAT)** will be given at 2 p.m. Nov. 5 and Dec. 3 in OM 120. Registration is required in OM 120 or by calling X/3080, and is limited to 16 students. A \$42 fee is payable at test time. Not administered on an individual basis. Test takes about 90 minutes.

**A LEGAL EAGLES AND POLICY WOKNS INFORMATION FAIR** will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 19 in the VU Multipurpose Room. Representatives from public policy/administration and law schools will offer information on admissions, educational opportunities, and career options. For more information, see [www.careers.wwu.edu](http://www.careers.wwu.edu) or call X/3240.

**FALL QUARTER LIBRARY HOURS** through Dec. 13 are 7:30 a.m. to midnight Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to midnight Sunday. The Wilson wing of the library closes at 11 p.m. on days the Haggard wing is open until midnight.

**THE FOLLOWING GROUP OFFERINGS ARE AVAILABLE** through the Counseling Center: **Art-As-Therapy**, pregroup screening required; **Math Confidence**; **Relaxation Training Class**; **Women's Self-Esteem Group** starts Oct. 15, pregroup screening required; and **Take Back Your Body**. For information on times, dates and locations or to register, stop by OM 540 or call X/3164.

**WESTERN'S DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**, including Parking and Transportation Services, University Police, and the Lockshop, has moved to the Campus Services Building, 21st Street and Bill McDonald Parkway. Call University Police at X/3555 all hours. Parking office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Call X/2945 or see [www.ps.wwu.edu](http://www.ps.wwu.edu).

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**THE CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AND PROGRAMS** has moved to Rooms 20-52 in the north wing of High Street Hall. Offices included in the move are International Programs and Exchanges, the Asia University America Program, the Intensive English Program and the China Teaching Program. For more information, call X/7241 or X/3753.

# Diamond Parking tickets receive rough reactions

BY BRENDAN McLAUGHLIN

More than 50,000 people who used Diamond Parking lots will qualify for a refund, according to a settlement reached in a U.S. District Court lawsuit.

The lawsuit states Diamond Parking will refund a total of approximately \$2.2 million in late fees dating back to 1997.

The settlement was drafted during a preliminary hearing of the class-action lawsuit brought against the company last year by Seattle resident Michelle Hansen.

Bellingham resident Grace

Campbell said she received a ticket two years ago while parked in a Diamond lot in Bellingham.

"I sent them a check," she said. "A couple weeks later, I got a let-

ter from them telling me they were sending me to collections."

According to the lawsuit, Diamond and Drico Recovery Services, the parking company's collections agency, violated the state Consumer Protection Act and federal debt-collection laws.

Each letter seeking a collection fee is an act of mail fraud and racketeering, according to the lawsuit.

Diamond officials were unavailable for comment.

Drico's lawyer, James Stoetzer, refused to comment specifically on the case because firm policy prohibits him from discussing pending litigation.

"We also believe we are constrained by the language of the settlement agreement," he said. "We are operating in good faith to reach an agreement on this issue."

Bellingham resident Misty Newall said she had problems with the Diamond lot near her workplace on State Street.

"I got a ticket and forgot to pay on time," she said. "Later I got a letter saying they had added \$15 in collection fees."

Newall said Diamond charges collection fees that are out of proportion to what it costs to park in its lots.

Owner of Three Vee Records Chuck Foster purchases a monthly permit to park in the Diamond lot near his store.

Foster said although he has parked the same car in the same lot for years, one day his permit fell on the floor and the attendant gave him a ticket.

"It's like they say, if you follow our very strict rules, we'll let you park in our lot," Foster said. "They have no tolerance."

Bellingham resident Sheri Emerson said she was surprised that so many Diamond customers felt victimized by the company.

She said she previously used monthly permits to park in a



Brendan McLaughlin/The Western Front

A Diamond Parking lot is located on State Street.

Diamond lot.

Last summer she received a ticket for forgetting to change her permit at the beginning of the month, and Diamond dropped the fine, she said.

"I called the Seattle office and they were wonderful," Emerson

said. "I thought they were more than cooperative because I screwed up."

Before refunds can be sent, the issue must be presented to U.S. District Court Judge Thomas Zilly for final approval in January.

*'I called the Seattle office and they were wonderful. I thought they were more than cooperative because I screwed up.'*

Sheri Emerson  
Bellingham resident

# Court rules immigration deportation hearings secret

BY ANNIE BILLINGTON

A Philadelphia appeals court ruling closed immigration deportation hearings for suspected terrorists to the public and press.

In a 2-1 decision Oct. 8, the Philadelphia appeals court differed from a Cincinnati ruling made in August, which closed hearings on a case-by-case basis.

The U.S. Supreme Court will probably resolve the disagreement between the two courts, attorney Greg Boos, of the firm Chang and Boos, said.

"The Supreme Court does not accept most cases people ask it

to hear," Boos said. "It does frequently accept cases that one circuit has decided one way and another circuit has decided another way."

Western political science major Andrew Jonsson said the Supreme Court will have to make a decision about immigration deportation cases.

"The Supreme Court is going to have to decide; is this national security or a violation of the Constitution?" Jonsson said. "They will have to decide, at one

point, which is more important." Boos said a hearing in which citizens are not aware of what is happening in the courtroom is unconstitutional.

"A closed hearing does not provide a fair hearing," Boos said. "Due process is having procedures that are open, understandable and fair."

Courts, in general, are the best protection Americans have to ensure that citizens are granted due process of law, he said.

"It's been the rule that deportation hearings are open to the public," Boos said. "We have open hearings, open to the public, so the public can monitor the courts to make sure they are doing their jobs."

Western political science professor Gerard Rutan said closing immigration deportation hearings involving possible terrorists is a method of defending public safety.

"Hearings before an immigration committee would be declared secret if the case involved a threat to national security," Rutan said.

Discussing plans in court that could aid terrorists might threaten national security, Rutan said.

Another reason the deportation hearings are closed to the public is to protect citizens from their own fears of terrorism, Western political science major Patrick Antal said.

"Terrorism right now is a very touchy subject," Antal said. "Keeping (hearings) secret would be wise for everybody involved."

The threat of a double standard is a concern all Americans will face if deportation cases are closed, said Larry Estrada, director of American cultural studies and associate professor at Fairhaven College.

A double standard grants certain people maximum rights of the Constitution and others minimum rights, he said.

"By excluding or disenfranchising a whole group of people in our society, it is a double standard of justice, which is the real fear," Estrada said.

He said closed hearings are an invasion of the rights of citizens and non-citizens.

"Justice ought to be upheld to the maximum," Estrada said. "Everyone should have basic rights."

Closing deportation hearings related to terrorism infringes upon the First, Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments, attorney Scott Railton, of the firm Chang and Boos, said.


"These types of cases, although they are in the immigration context, really go through the heart of our Constitutional values," Railton said.

*'Keeping (hearings) secret would be wise for everybody involved.'*

Patrick Antal  
Western political science major

*'Justice ought to be upheld to the maximum.'*

Larry Estrada  
American cultural studies director



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# Report: National Transportation Board reported IMCO possibly caused damage to pipeline

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continue to do so."

IMCO has successfully completed projects on Western's campus, Imhof said. IMCO is currently working on a utility project to rebuild Bill McDonald Parkway and work on the South Campus infrastructure, including extending steam lines, which began Aug. 20, 2001.

Western site administrator Bob McNaught said IMCO's safety reputation was an issue at the beginning of the project. IMCO was thoroughly checked out at the time as a state requirement for contracted work, he said.

"I think there is a perception out there that since their name is on this thing (the pipeline accident) that everything needed to be looked at above the board," McNaught said.

Patti Imhof, the owner of IMCO, said she was surprised

by the results of the NTSB report. Imhof said she was working closely with the NTSB on drafting the report. IMCO officials were not informed that the NTSB found them at fault for the damage until the report was released Oct. 8.

"The NTSB knows the damage was done between 1991 and 1996," Imhof said. "They are making the assumption it was us."

Imhof said it was possible that her company damaged the pipeline without knowing it, but they have specific crisis-management procedures for reporting accidents.

"If we did damage the pipeline, we did not know at the time," Imhof said. "If we did know, we would have contacted the City of Bellingham."

Tim Wynn, director of facilities management, said IMCO has

been an excellent contractor. "They are very responsive to issues of safety and traffic," Wynn said. "I can't say that I've had any problem with them."

The utility project is on schedule and on budget, and IMCO has not reported any accidents, Wynn said.

Tony Anderson, IMCO project manager, said IMCO follows a standard procedure to prevent damage to underground utilities.

"We have a very strict utility location program," Anderson said. "The utilities are located, and if there is a conflict with an existing utility, that is noted with the engineer."

Anderson said public utilities are located and marked before work begins on a site. The locator

attends weekly meetings with the project manager and engineer to discuss the utility-locations and any potential problems, he said.

Imhof said IMCO has a program in which workers receive rewards for hours of safe work. The program increases safety and has increased profits, she said.

The Washington State Department of Ecology, which is in charge of penalizing those responsible for spills, decided July 11, 2002 not to fine IMCO for the damage to the pipeline because of insufficient evidence.

NTSB investigators told the Department of Ecology in June that they had no further information to help them find the cause of the damage, said Sheryl Hutchinson, director of the office

of communications at the department of ecology.

The Department of Ecology fined Olympic Pipeline Company and Shell Pipeline Company \$7.68 million each, but it decided not to fine IMCO because it did not have enough information to determine whether IMCO or the City of Bellingham, which dug holes over the pipeline in 1993, damaged the pipe.

Hutchinson would not speculate on whether the Department of Ecology will fine IMCO if new information is presented on the case.

"We could not prove conclusively that IMCO was at fault in court," Hutchinson said. "There is no new information on the report, and we don't expect any new findings."

The NTSB report does not include the rationale for the conclusions, but a full report will be issued in November.

**"We could not prove conclusively that IMCO was at fault in court."**

**Sheryl Hutchinson**  
Department of Ecology

# Online: Students able to assess level of drug or alcohol dependency in privacy

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of time."

Once a student has completed the survey they have a one-on-one session with Giddings to talk about the results and discuss whether solutions to combat the problems exist, she said.

For example, if people are aware that they are drinking too much, they may begin to drink in moderation, she said.

"This is when we look at what they want to do about the results and what they need to do," Giddings said. "The answer to these two questions is normally

not the same."

Most people do not realize that they have a problem and continue to drink excessively, leading to an increased tolerance and behavior that hinders

social and academic life said Dwayne Stewart of Bellair Clinic and Counseling Services in Bellingham.

"First people become psychologically dependent where they can't dance, talk or play without drinking," Stewart said. "Next comes physical dependence, where people begin to crave alcohol and look forward to the next time they can drink. This is when

withdrawal symptoms, such as shakiness, begin to occur."

Alcoholism is defined as a progressive disease with a tendency for relapse, Stewart said. A patient's denial of the problem is their biggest wall of defense, which allows them to continue to drink, he said.

"They're not liars, they just don't recognize how the problem is affecting their lives and the lives of those around them," Stewart said. "A lot of treatment is helping people realize they need help."

If a student continues to make bad decisions about alcohol intake and does not care about the consequences, Stewart and Giddings agree that support groups and treatment may be necessary.

"If a person who has had serious problems with alcohol can't abstain from drinking, sometimes the only choice is inpatient treatment," Stewart said. "If the person can abstain, then outpatient treatment may be the right choice. They can then make decisions and deal with their problem in a real-life setting."

Lake said he remembers how empowering the freedom of living away from home was his freshman year, and he also remembers a number of friends who did not return to school for their sophomore year.

"Don't let partying rule your life," Lake said. "Definitely have fun, just make sure you still do enough homework so you're not the one who gets kicked out of school."

**"If a person can't abstain, then outpatient treatment may be the right choice."**

**Dr. Dwayne Stewart**  
Bellair Clinic and Counseling

# Resolution: Bush given full power by Congress to overthrow Hussien

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first exhaust all non-violent possibilities.

"Personally I think it (the resolution) might slow it (the war) down," Tunis said. "Politically, it's been kind of drawn out."

Western political science professor Todd Donovan said the Congressional vote was a courtesy to give Congress a voice in

the decision.

"The President was probably going to act in some way," Donovan said. "The vote was taken with the troops already on their way over there."

Aircraft carriers with more than 10,000 sailors and Marines are already within striking distance of Iraq.

He said the situation was simi-

lar to the Gulf War, when Congress granted former president George H. W. Bush full combat authority.

"He had said he was going to act one way or another," Donovan said. "This administration is kind of saying the same thing."

Tunis said he might be called to duty in November or December. "It's best for us to attack during

winter," Tunis said. "Chemical weapons work better in the summer."

A winter attack would be favorable because of the climate in Iraq, Tunis said. The heat in summer intensifies the soldiers' discomfort because the rubber suits they wear to protect themselves from chemical weapons are not adequately ventilated, he said.

# Religious: Local roofer preaches

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(p.m.), and they were still out in the street," Hitz said.

The trailer carried a large sound system and played worship music, which Dennis said he composed and performed. Dennis plays the music for passersby but does not sell it, he said.

Cynthia said they cannot sell the music commercially because it makes it impure. She said the music is Dennis' prayer made public.

"This is our expression of our Father," Cynthia said. "We want to sing, and He sings back to us."

Bobby Riggs, an attendant at the Chevron gas station on South Samish Way, said he noticed the evangelists across the street. Riggs said he was not surprised to see them because he saw evangelists all of the time when he lived in Texas.

"It is not unusual to see them out there preaching," Riggs said. "There weren't any problems. They just stayed over there and played their music."

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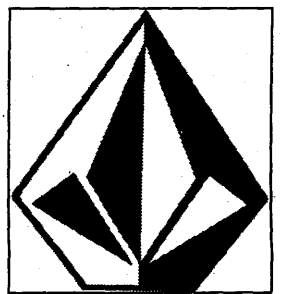
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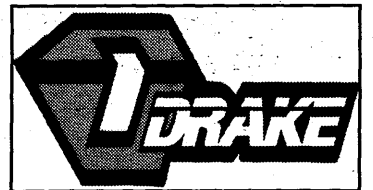
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# Ivy deteriorating Old Main, removal to cost \$707,000

By LAUREL EDDY

Contractors will start stripping the ivy from Old Main in November to keep the brick walls from crumbling more.

The estimated cost of removing the ivy, grinding out the damaged brick and patching the holes is \$707,000, director of Facilities Management Tim Wynn said.

"It really needs doing," Wynn said. "Old Main has been deteriorating for some time."

The money is from a grant from the state legislature to create jobs and stimulate the economy, Wynn said.

Kris Bulcroft, vice provost for undergraduate education, said she is concerned about the noise of construction and about losing the ivy, which was cut off at the roots last June.

"I was sad to see the ivy come down," Bulcroft said. "It creates shade in the summer, and it's lovely. The ivy is symbolic with what this building has

been all these years."

Bulcroft said she hopes ivy will be planted again to prevent Old Main from looking like every other building on campus.

"This building has been a landmark of this campus," Bulcroft said. "I think it's really great that they're keeping these old buildings up."

The ivy will go to a landfill, and the contractors will plant a new covering for the building, Wynn said. He is considering other varieties of ivy.

English ivy, the variety currently planted, drills itself into the mortar, said Doug MacLean, the project manager.

**Kris Bulcroft**  
Vice provost for undergraduate education

He said much of the ivy on campus is English ivy. "It not only deteriorates the mortar," MacLean said, "but water gets in there, and over time, the mortar disintegrates."

Other types of ivy attach by suction cups, making them far less damaging to buildings, MacLean said.

The ivy, which is three feet thick in places, will have to be cut

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*'This building has been a landmark of this campus.'*  
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Western freshman Adrian Krupa fills out financial aid paperwork on the steps of Old Main. She said without the ivy, the building will lose its identity.

Peter Louras/The Western Front

by chainsaw, ground off or pulled off with a shearing mechanism to keep the brick in place. All possible methods of removal will create noise, MacLean said.

Construction will be limited to the daytime to avoid keeping students in Edens, Mathes and Nash halls awake, Wynn said.

The work will produce brick and mortar dust, and some entrances to the building will be blocked off so people will not inhale the dust, he said.

A consultant will monitor the air quality, and windows will be sealed to block out mortar dust, he said.

The restoration of the bricks should help Old Main last another century, and the project is scheduled to be completed in May or June of 2003, Wynn said.

MacLean said bricks, and in some cases entire walls, are cracked and sandstone in the foundation walls has crumbled.

## Lummi reservation drug problem 'bigger than people suspect'

By ERIK ROBINSON

Three Lummi Reservation residents face federal charges for conspiracy to distribute cocaine after authorities arrested them early last week.

FBI officials arrested Cathy Lane, 37, Bruce Pierre, 42, and John Jefferson, Sr., 43, on suspicion of conspiracy to distribute narcotics as part of an ongoing 18-month investigation in coordination with the Northwest Regional Drug Task Force, said Lummi Law and Order Chief Gary James.

"I think the arrests are definitely sending a message to those that are dealing drugs," said Aaron Thomas, the Lummi Tribe's director of communications. "This

council is ready to get rid of drug dealers on the reservation."

The bust marks the second-largest number of drug suspects arrested at the same time on the reservation this year, James said.

The largest was the arrest of six residents in February who pleaded guilty to federal charges of distributing crack cocaine in "the compound," a labyrinth of abandoned cars on the reservation, James said.

"It is a much bigger problem than people suspect," said Sgt. Art Edge, Northwest Regional Drug Task Force supervisor.

Drug trafficking has been a serious concern for the Lummi Tribe since early 2002, but the problem stretches much further

back, Thomas said.

"We have had some crack sales off the reservation, but most of them are concentrated on the reservation," Edge said.

The Lummi Tribal Council has made drug control the number-one priority in its effort to make the reservation a more livable, attractive community, Thomas said.

Previous councils lacked cooperation because policy makers attempted to handle administration, argued over programs and lacked overall

leadership, Thomas said.

The addition of a general manager to establish clear-cut goals has set this council up to succeed, Thomas said.

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*'We have had some crack sales off the reservation, but most of them are concentrated on the reservation.'*  
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Art Edge

Drug Task Force supervisor

Plans to build a youth drug treatment center began after Sen. Patty Murray (D-Wash.) lobbied for a three-year federal grant plan worth \$1.2 million, he said.

"This is one of the steps in 100 that we will take in clearing the reservation of drugs," Thomas said. "There is still a lot of work to do."

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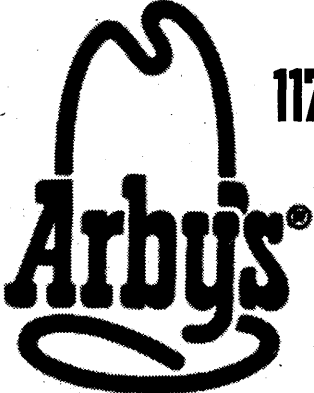
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Thanks to a computer glitch, a Detroit public school teacher was paid \$7.9 million before taxes for 18 minutes of work.

A clerk mistakenly entered the employee number instead of the hourly wage for the teacher's wage-adjustment check.

The district software did not catch the mistake in payroll, but now it has a program that flags any check exceeding \$10,000.

The employee returned the money after six days.

### Biscuits and marijuana

A customer at a northern California KFC restaurant found two bags of marijuana in his chicken order instead of extra biscuits.

The man returned the marijuana, got his biscuits and then called the police.

Police arrested Carlos Ayala,

the drive-in worker, because they believe he was selling marijuana in to-go orders when customers used the right codeword.

### Uninvited kegger

Joaquin Farfan of San Diego was shocked to find 200 strangers having a party at his newly purchased, still-vacant house.

The party had dancing, a disc jockey spinning hip-hop on the

kitchen island and a keg.

Farfan stopped the party and cleared the partiers out of his still unfurnished house.

The partiers caused \$15,000 in damages.

Farfan decided not to move in until the floors and carpets are replaced. A flier found at the house helped police find those responsible for the party. The flier said the party was being thrown by "Playaz Club Productionz."

### Toyota or toy Yoda

A former Hooters waitress sued the restaurant for not giving her an allegedly promised new Toyota vehicle for winning a beer sales contest. She was led blindfolded into the parking lot where she found her prize.

When she took off the blindfold she saw a new toy Yoda, the popular Star Wars character.

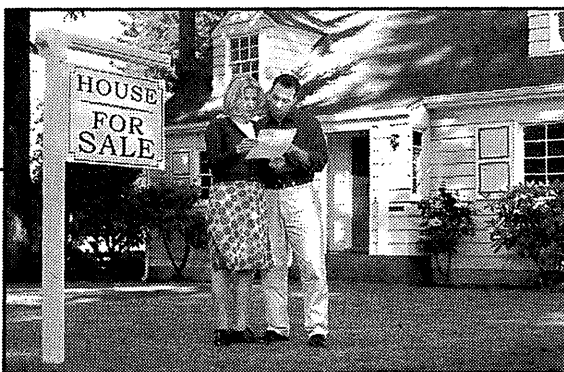
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No matter how busy life gets, Allen Frost said he takes time out to look for inspiration and to read a good book.

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# The man among the books

*Author and poet Allen Frost brings inspiration and cheer to Wilson Library*

By Christina Tercero

In the familiarity of his home, with his 5-year-old daughter Rosa Luna imitating him, Allen Frost fashions short stories and contrives poems.

Known to many people at Western as the "nice bearded man in the library," "Library Technician III" or the "man in the knit caps who works in the visual and audio department," Frost refers to himself as an author and poet.

Frost has lived in Bellingham for the past four years and has worked in Wilson Library for three of them.

Western senior Meghann Thomson, Frost's co-worker, said he is a very up-beat person. She said he laughs a lot, cracks jokes, leaves humorous notes everywhere and has even named the media desk's cactus Angus.

"He's just funny," Thomson said. "He's off the wall in a good way. He's zany."

Frost said, however, that as much as he enjoys his job, which gives him the opportunity to work with a variety of people, he does not consider it his career goal.

"The work I consider my work is writing books and poetry," Frost said.

Frost said he began putting little books together in the third grade. It has been only recently, however, that he has begun to see the rewards of his persistence in writing. His first book, "Ohio Trio," was published last year, and he said his first book of poetry is on its way to being published.

Steven Wiens, a Western staff librarian who went to one of Frost's book readings last year, said Frost's writing is excellent.

"He is a very accessible author for all ages and a very charismatic individual," Wiens said.

Tom Hull, a book critic for Education Digest, said Frost searches for new ways to use language, fable, metaphors and imagery to express the many faces of human experience.

Frost said the inspiration for the book came from time spent in Ohio with his wife's family during the home-birth and first year of his daughter's life. The book consists of three stories that vary in nature and content.

"Who knows where you're getting your inspiration?" Frost said. "It's always a battle to look for it when you get caught up in life and work. Then there are times when you become aware of coincidences that

make it amazing. They lead and guide you. It's exciting."

Frost said one of his greatest inspirations is his daughter. He said Rosa tells him she wants to be just like him. She looks at the books he has made throughout his life and says she will make just as many.

He and Rosa combine their talents to make books together, he said. She draws the pictures to go along with a story or poem he writes.

"All of the adult painters that I love make art like kids' painting," Frost said. "Why not go for the real thing?"

Frost said Rosa recently learned how to spell her first big word, "apple." He said for a while now she has been asking how to spell certain words and putting them together in her own form of poetry.

"I'm hoping to write books together," Frost said. "As a child, after third grade, I lost a lot of magic. We're hoping to keep that in her for a while yet. Poetry feels like magic spells."

Frost said though he finds inspiration in the beauty of many things, he is also inspired by the social ills of the United States and the world.

One of a writer's duties is to write about injustices done so future generations can learn from the accounts, he said.

"All of the writers I love were rule-breakers," Frost said. "All the great writers and artists were committed to social change."

Frost said he writes about America cryptically when he gives social criticism or governmental analysis. He said this allows him to be more creative and

challenges him to use a mix of writing styles, similar to those of Kenneth Patchen or C.S. Lewis.

In "Ohio Trio," Frost wrote about a man who creates a space/time window but out of fear does not put his invention to use. The invention is then stolen and exploited by the gluttonous hands into which it falls.

Throughout the story, Frost said he poses the questions, "How do you want to treat this reality? Do you want to use it or mistreat it?"

He said through his writing, he wants to induce reflection in his readers about how they can change their reality.

"Art is the best thing that you can do as a person," Frost said. "People do negative art, but I can't do that. I try to be positive. As an artist, you affect this reality and it affects you."

He said he uses the inspiration of ideals, the joy of watching his daughter grow and learn to create dreams of her own, the words of a thousand authors in his head and the all the lessons of life itself to write fiction and poetry.

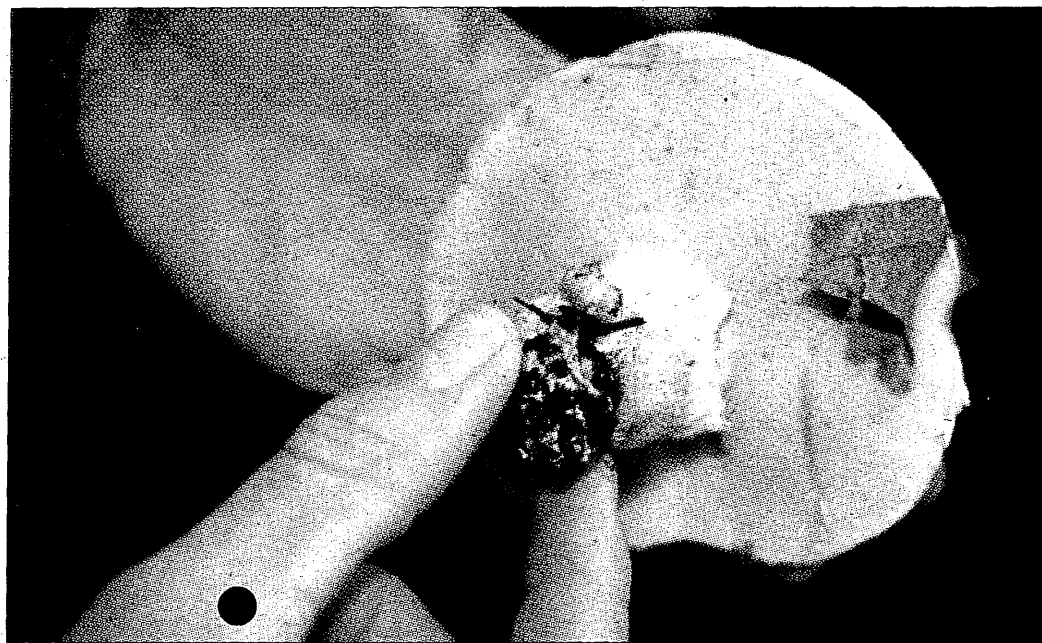
"Once you start writing, you're in a whole other world," Frost said.

## Paris

by Allen Frost

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go down streets watching  
expect to see wonders  
buy souvenirs and postcards  
taste the healing waters  
get lost and ask directions  
be glad you're tired  
at the end of the day





# Foraging for fungi

By Jeanna Barrett

One day when Bellingham resident Buck MacAdoo was driving home from a mushroom hunt, he was so interested in looking at the mushrooms on the side of the road that he ran over a patch of unsuspecting fungi in the middle of the road.

"I can't believe it; I should be watching the road," MacAdoo said. "I'm so interested in mushrooms, it's amazing I don't drive off the road."

MacAdoo said he was relieved his distraction was not responsible for any mushroom casualties.

As a way to take his passion for mushrooms to the next level, MacAdoo is involved with the Northwest Mushroom Association. The NMA is a group dedicated to finding, identifying and developing uses for thousands of mushroom species. Mushroom hunting attracts all sorts of people who have a fondness for fungi, NMA President Erin Moore said.

"Mushroomers seem to be an interesting lot of people," Moore said. "They're sometimes eccentric but a lovely group of people, mostly nature lovers."

The reasons people hunt for mushrooms are as diverse as the mushrooms themselves, MacAdoo said. He knows people who are interested in eating, raising and identifying the mushrooms they find.

"A whole gamut of humanity is interested in mush-



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**Northwest Mushroom Association President Erin Moore (above) hunts for mushrooms in the woods of Sehome Hill.**

**Moore (top right) points out the pores on the bottom of a mushroom called the "Slippery Jack," which is of the Suillus species.**

rooms," MacAdoo said.

Bellingham resident Fien Hulscher said she loves mushrooms for their beauty. She said mushroom hunting is like digging for gold.

"It gives you a humble feeling," she said. "There is a great wonderful world, and I'm a small part of it when (I'm) walking around."

Mushroom hunting satisfies her love for the forest, Moore said.

"Hunting mushrooms takes me out where I like to be," Moore said. "If you like the ocean, you become a sailor. If you like the woods, you become a mushroom hunter."

Mushroom hunters have a unique way of foraging for their mushrooms and will not tell their secrets, Moore said. It is an unwritten law to never give away a secret spot.

"Mushrooms are mysterious about where they come up, but they'll come up repeatedly, so people have their special spots," Moore said. "It's like a flea market, they're hard to find, but they're everywhere."

MacAdoo said he knew a man who followed mosquitoes to find mushrooms. Both mosquitoes and mushrooms prefer moist areas, so they are likely to be found together, he said.

"You hope to get bit by the mosquito so you can find a mushroom," MacAdoo said.

He said he knew a woman who often became so enthralled during her mushroom hunts that she would get lost in the woods. She trained her dog to help her find her way back to the car.

"She would blow (a) whistle, the dog would bark and she would find her way back," MacAdoo said.

When gathering for a fall mushroom show, Skagit County resident Helen Bassler found a rare Squaminita mushroom. The purple and black mushroom with a yellow stem has only been found approximately five times in the world and only twice in the United States.

"Buck (MacAdoo) got so excited he didn't even put it out for the show; he wouldn't show it to anyone," Bassler said. "He knew it was something he had never seen before, and he has seen a lot."

Bassler said she thought it was just a weird little mushroom and gave it to MacAdoo to dry and conduct a "spore print."

"I had no clue whether it was rare or not," Bassler said. "I guess it was a really big deal."

If a spore print wasn't done of the mushroom, Bassler never would have known the treasure she had found.

"A spore print is the best identifier; it is very predictable," Moore said.

Creating a spore print involves taking the cap off of a mushroom, setting it on a piece of white paper and leaving it for anywhere from a couple of hours to overnight, Moore said.

The spores, or seeds, of a mushroom are located on the underside of the cap and leave a colored print on the paper. The prints can be white, cream, yellow, brown, purple or black.

A spore print is crucial when hunting for Psilocybe mushrooms, otherwise known as hallucinogenic mushrooms, Moore said.

The "little funny brown mushrooms" have the same habitat and can grow side by side with the mushroom Galerina.

"Galerinas are deadly," Moore said. "If you find a group of mushrooms that look like Psilocybes and pick four, the fifth one could be a Galerina."

Possession of hallucinogenic mushrooms is illegal, so the

NMA does not hunt for them during its meetings, Moore said.

The association members, who hunt for all other types of mushrooms, can identify mushrooms and determine whether they are edible.

"It's a beautiful association," Hulscher said. "It has professionals, experts and nuts like me."

The NMA has scheduled its first wild mushroom outdoor foray from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 26 at Silver Lake Park.

A foray is a group-search for mushrooms, Moore said. They usually last three to four hours, and approximately 20 mushroom hunters attend. People split up into smaller groups of three or four to hunt.

"The neat thing about a foray is you cover more ground and habitat types," Moore said. "At the foray table, people show many types of mushrooms that you can learn from."

MacAdoo said the association and its forays are a great way to learn about mushrooms.

"Forays are really fun," MacAdoo said. "There is one table of mushrooms and one table of potluck food. We label the mushrooms and you can take home the mushrooms later and study them."

## Hunting tips

### Starting Out

- Pick up a copy of a mushroom guide. (example: "Mushrooms Demystified" by David Arora)
- When identifying mushrooms, books provide a solid standard to follow but should not be a hunter's only source. Mushrooms soon become recognizable, but mysterious ones will always surface.
- Learn the deadly mushrooms first.
- Amenitas are deadly mushrooms with a 50 percent death rate. An all-white mushroom with white spores and a death cup at the base is usually an Amenita.

### Identifying

- Pay attention to a mushroom's large features.
  - Color of mushroom
  - Gills or pores underneath the cap
  - Time of year it is found
  - Location
  - Spore print color

### Basic Rules

- If it can't be identified, don't eat it.
- When tasting a mushroom for the first time, only eat a little because it can cause stomach pains and other symptoms.
- Never put a mushroom in a plastic bag. Mushrooms are 90 percent water and will decompose and turn to mush.
- If a mushroom is unknown, pick it at the base. If a mushroom is identified, cut it clean off with a knife so the fungi is undisturbed.

Compiled by Jeanna Barrett.  
Information courtesy of Erin Moore.

## Western runners defend home territory

BY JOSH FEJERON

The Vikings' cross country team swept the field Saturday at Lake Padden, winning both the men's and women's team races at the 29th annual Western Invitational Cross Country Classic.

Western junior Paul Kezes, a transfer student from Western State College of Colorado, won the men's individual title. He ran the 10-kilometer course in 31 minutes, 29 seconds — 13 seconds short of the course record.

"I'm happy; I ran hard," Kezes said. "I was attempting a course record, but the 10K is too much sometimes. The team really came together today, and I'm really excited."

The Great Northwest Athletic Conference named Western sophomore Ashlee Vincent runner of the week for her second place finish.

"I feel great," Vincent said. "I think we're definitely in contention to go to nationals."

The invitational was the first team win for the Vikings women and the seventh for the men.

In Saturday's race, the men's team beat Central Washington University, the defending champions. Four other teams and nine runners unaffiliated with a college also ran.

The women's team defeated Central, four other teams and four unaffiliated runners.

Three weeks ago, Kezes won the invitational section at the Sundodger Classic in Seattle, missing the course record by only two seconds.

Kezes said he was happier with the team's victory than he was with his own individual win.

"It shows that everyone is finally coming around as a group," Kezes said. "Cross country isn't an individual sport — you can't win it all by yourself — it takes the whole team."

Western head coach Kelven "Pee Wee" Halsell said his runners performed well.

"Our top runners really carried us through," Halsell said.

"Our one, two, (and) three (runners) had great races today, and our four (and) five runners are

coming (together)."

Kezes said he was impressed with Western junior Kurt Hartmaier's performance.

Hartmaier, who has been bothered by a knee injury since his sophomore year, called the invitational breakout race for him.

"Kurt ran under 33 minutes," Kezes said. "That's phenomenal for that guy coming off (an) injury."

This was Hartmaier's second race of the season after winning the dual match against Seattle Pacific University on Oct. 5 in Seattle. Hartmaier said everyone being healthy was a big reason for their success.

"This is definitely a great showing for us; we haven't had a full team like this for a while, and a lot of us had great races today," Hartmaier said. "I'm excited for regionals, and I think we'll do really well."

The first 10K race of the season for the men and 6K race for the women sets the teams up for the Great Northwest Athletic Conference championship race in two weeks in Seattle and the NCAA Division II West Regional on Nov. 9 in Fresno, Calif.

"It matters what we do at regionals, whether or not we go to nationals," Halsell said. "We looked good today, and this builds our confidence."

**“***This is definitely a great showing for us; we haven't had a full team like this for a while and a lot of us had great races today.*

**Kurt Hartmaier**  
Cross country



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Ashlee Vincent (center front) leads the first lap around Lake Padden. GNAC named her runner of the week.

### Top 5 Western Results

#### Men's

1. Paul Kezes 31:29
8. Kurt Hartmaier 32:59
11. Emil Newhouse 33:17
22. Brian Brancheau 34:44
26. Joe Carwin 35:11

(out of 49 runners)

#### Women's

2. Ashlee Vincent 22:21
11. Laura Trevellyan 23:29
14. Lisa Pearl 23:37
19. Molly DePasqual 24:00
20. Tina Stimson 24:01

(out of 58 runners)

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# Women's volleyball sweeping through GNAC

BY JOSH DUMOND

Coming back to haunt her former team, Western sophomore middle blocker Kristy Carstensen led the Western volleyball team in back-to-back sweeps on Oct. 11 and 12.

The Vikings won three straight games against Western Oregon University on Friday and Humboldt State University on Saturday.

Carstensen, who played for WOU in 2000, faced her former team for the first time.

"I was confident, and I knew what I had to do tonight," Carstensen said. "I love it a lot better here (at Western) because it's a better program."

Western head coach Diane Flick said it was obvious that Carstensen had a little extra motivation because she was competing against her former team.

"She played steady, and she played strong," Flick said. "I don't think she left any doubt with Western Oregon that she is someone to be reckoned with."

Led by Western sophomore middle blockers Meghan Evoy, Carstensen and Western junior libero Nicola Parker, the Vikings

relied heavily on their defense to post both victories.

"Nicola did an awesome job tonight setting the tone on what our defense was going to be like," Flick said. "Our defense is a signature for us."

Parker was all over the place, sacrificing her body to stop any ball from hitting the ground. She finished the weekend with a team high 36 defensive digs, keeping the ball in play after an opponent's spike.

"She always works hard in practice, and it has paid off in the games," Carstensen said. "She is always trying to be a better player."

Parker said the team takes pride in sweeping opponents because it builds the team's confidence and

raises the level of the team's overall play.

"We have a set number of (matches) that we wanted to win in three games this year," Parker said. "Since we beat them in three, it's like telling the conference that there's no way this team can beat us."

The Vikings, ranked No. 8 in the latest NCAA Division II poll, improved to 14-2 overall. The Vikings extended their overall conference winning streak to 32 and have not lost in 27 GNAC

matches since the league was formed in 2001.

Flick said the team does not pay attention to or talk about the current winning streak.

"We try to take big pictures and make them small," Flick said. "If we try to look at the big picture then it's going to suffocate us, so we have to play in each moment for what it's worth."

Western senior outside hitter Shannon Rowland led the team's attack against Humboldt State, recording nine kills in 20 attempts, 10 digs and three service aces.

Rowland said it was important for the Vikings to focus on the match itself and not pay attention to anything else.

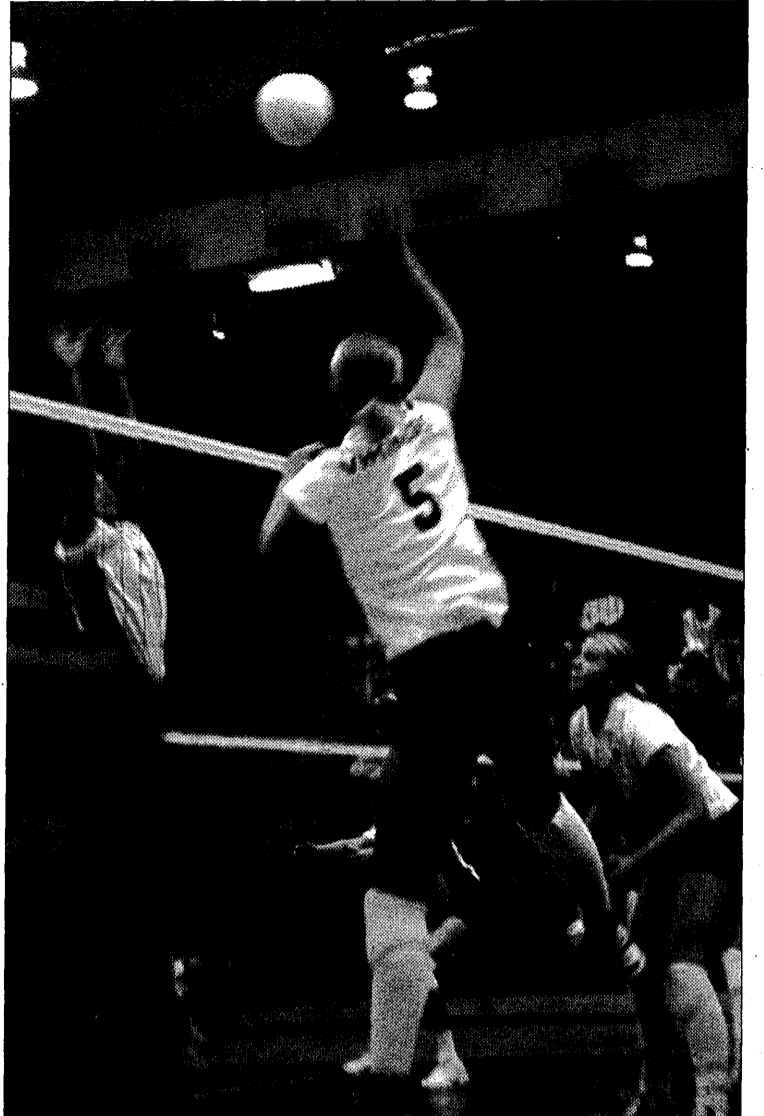
"We always try to have high confidence going into games like this," Rowland said. "We just wanted to remember why we were playing and think about how much we love this game."

Evoy said it is important for the team to go out and have fun by only pay attention to the game itself.

"Our focus tonight was to pump it up and get excited for ourselves and not worry about the fans," Evoy said.

Flick said she did not want to make predictions about the future, but the Vikings should be able to make it far into regionals.

"We have finally reached a level where we can play with some of the top teams in the country," she said.



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The volleyball flies off Western senior Shannon Rowland in Friday night's game against Western Oregon University.

*"Since we beat (the teams) in three, it's like telling the conference that there's no way this team can beat us"*

Nicola Parker  
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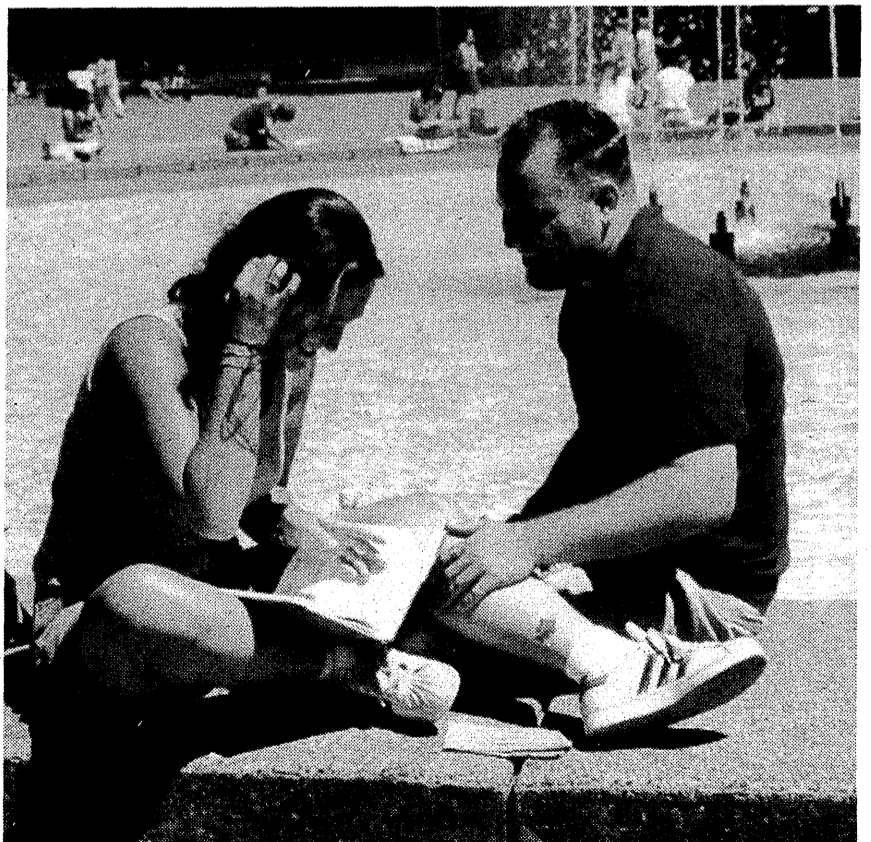
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# Bleeding, sweating and breaking the opposition

BY ERIC BERTO

Dislocated kneecaps, separated shoulders and lots of blood are all familiar sights for Western men's rugby team captain Jordan Keisser.

Last weekend was Hogfest VII, a rugby tournament sponsored by Western's men's rugby club, at the Bellingham Polo Grounds in Ferndale.

"You have to like to hit," Keisser, senior, said. "If you're out there playing rugby and don't like to hit, you shouldn't be playing."

Rugby shares some attributes with football, but Keisser said it is very different.

"It flows a lot more than football does," he said. "You have to have a lot of endurance because play continues. We never stop for a huddle."

## Men's rugby

Western's Warthogs opened the tournament with a 16-11 loss against the University of Washington's club team.

In the first half, each team scored on a touch, which is the rugby equivalent of a field goal, worth two points.

Instead of going for a touch, a team can choose to get the ball from a scrum.

In the scrum, the sheer aggression of rugby is demonstrated.

Each team lines up in what resembles a huddle. After the ball is thrown in the middle of the circle, the two teams battle for possession.

Western's men's team finished the day 1-2, beating Oregon State University and losing to UW and Central Washington University. It was the first time the Warthogs beat Oregon State in 15 years, Johnson said.

"When guys are angry, they play that much better," head coach Royle Johnson said.

In a sport where scraping another player with cleats is legal, keeping composure is important, Warthogs head coach Royle Johnson said.

"Toughness in this game is all mental," Johnson said. "You can have the smallest guy out there putting an incredible hit on the biggest guy out there."

Keisser said the teams try their hardest to hurt each other on the field, but they become good friends off the field.

"All of the teams get together at Rudy's (Pizzeria) for a pizza feed after the tournament," Keisser said.

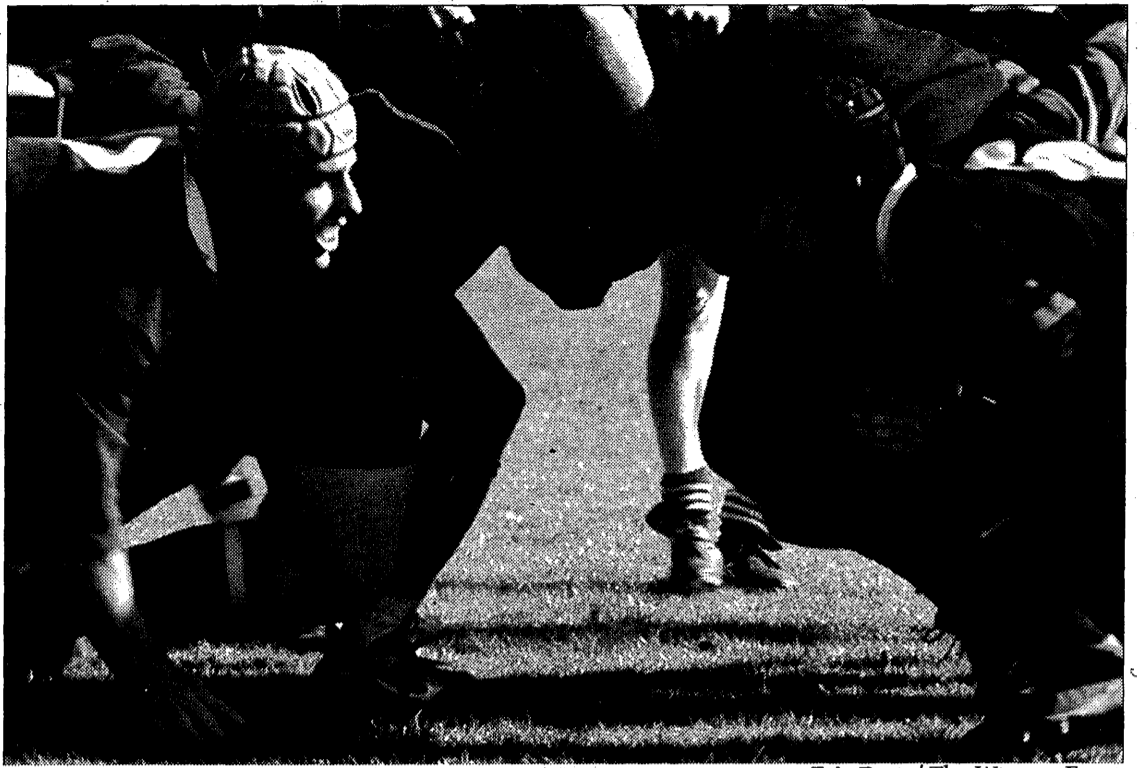
## Women's rugby

Western junior Beth Roberts, co-captain of the Western Flames said women's rugby is an intense adrenaline rush.

"The women are definitely tougher than the men," Roberts said.

The Flames were also more successful than the men, by beating Central and UW for a 2-0 record in the tournament.

Western senior Zahra Young, co-captain of the Flames, said the toughest part of playing rugby is when the weather is troublesome.



Eric Berto/ The Western Front

Western senior Robert Gara prepares to battle an Oregon State University Beaver in a scrum at Hogfest VII on Saturday. The Warthogs finished the tournament 1-2.

"It was an awesome weekend," Young said. "UW had a lot to prove. Our rookies did an excellent job."

Ten to 20 rookies practice on any given day, Young said. They all did very well in the tournament, Young said.

After the game, the teams forget their differences on the field and become friends, Roberts said.

"The coolest part about rugby is you tackle each other and are out there butting heads,"

Roberts said. "But after the game, you are all best friends."

"When the field is frozen over or muddy, getting tackled hurts that much more," Young said.

Roberts said she expects this year's team to be very successful for the Flames.

"I have really high expectations for this year," Roberts said. "We're very aggressive, and the mental side of our game is very strong too. Last year's team was mostly mental."

People on Western's campus

are surprised to find out Western has a women's rugby team, Roberts said.

"It's pretty cool to walk around and say I am a rugby player," she said. "If you are tough enough and can handle it, then it is a great sport."

Young said rugby is a great way to get rid of aggression.

"I love rugby," she said. "I wrestled in high school, and Western doesn't have a women's wrestling team, so I needed a way to be physical."

# Vikings men's soccer unbeaten streak halted

BY ERIK PETERSON

The Western men's soccer team's seven-game unbeaten streak came to an end at Civic Field on Saturday at the hands of the No. 13 ranked Simon Fraser University Clansmen.

Western head coach Travis Connell said the team was quick to even up the game shortly after the first goal scored by Simon Fraser's freshman stand-out Andrew Corazza.

Simon Fraser scored two more times, keeping Western from defeating two nationally ranked teams in a week.

"We came right back after the first goal," Connell said, "but in

games where we've given up two goals, it's harder to come back."

Saturday night's 3-1 loss dropped Western to 8-4-1 overall, after losing their first two games. Simon Fraser's win improved its record to 9-2-0.

Western sophomore Paul Nissley tied the game 1-1 with a goal in the 39th minute, finishing a free kick by Western freshman Kory Pope.

Twelve minutes into the second half Simon Fraser's Kevin Crouch scored the game-winner with a header. Shortly after, Corazza scored his second goal of the game, bringing the final score of 3-1.

Nissley said Simon Fraser is a good team that played a better game. Despite their loss, he plans to focus on the remaining games in hopes of moving on to the playoffs.

"I give Simon Fraser a lot of credit; they are a good team," Nissley said. "If we can beat Seattle (University) on Wednesday and win our remaining conference games, then we'll go into the playoffs."

Western defenseman Justyn Schloze said the Vikings played without much enthusiasm.

"We were on a bit of a roll; you tend to take things easy after a while," Schloze said. "We were a little bit lackadaisical."

Western senior and team captain Ian Weinberg said last Monday's victorious game against the nation's No. 5 ranked Cal State Dominguez represented an entirely different Western squad.

"If we come like we did Monday we could beat any team in the country," Weinberg said.

Nissley said Western played a slow game and plans to use its loss as a lesson for the remainder of the season.

"We started out slow and ended slow," Nissley said. "I think we were a little bit too confident after beating Dominguez. It was a good game to learn from."

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## Referendum 51, the gas tax, makes motorists pay for road maintenance



**Brandon Rosage**

COMMENTARY

Washington state residents pay for services such as electricity, sewage removal and water without crying. Paying to maintain and improve roads should

not be any different.

Gas taxes should be considered utility fees.

Washingtonians are showing little support for Referendum 51, which would impose a 9-cents-per-gallon increase on the current gas tax, raising \$7.7 billion for road maintenance.

Pollster Stuart Elway, contracted by the state with Elway Research, Inc., reported in a statewide poll that only 33 per-

cent of voters say they would vote for the tax.

The not-so-surprising news from Elway's poll is that only voters in King County are more inclined to support R-51. It's a safe bet that this is because King County voters face traffic congestion every day.

The evidence is clear that Washington's voters want it all: lower automobile license tab fees, lower property taxes (the

brainchildren of everyone's favorite salesman-turned-politician Tim Eyman), lower gas taxes, more lanes and better transportation.

Voters want to have their cake and eat it too.

The truth is that resident motorists have always paid for Washington's highways via user fees.

Users already pay a fee in the form of a gas tax, and it is

deposited into a fund to be used for highways and ferries, just like a utility. Yet the state doesn't call the use of highways a utility, and it certainly doesn't treat it like one.

In recent years, low user fees have deprived public highways of adequate funding. Highways are not being built or improved. Existing structures, like the Alaskan Way Viaduct in Seattle,

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## Senate and House empowerment of Bush disturbs systems of checks and balances

The U.S. Senate and House of Representatives foolishly gave away their power by voting to give President Bush the ability to use force against Iraq.

Friday's vote came little more than a month after lawmakers returned from a summer recess in which many members expressed doubts about war.

Despite concerns, 296 out of 435 representatives and 77 out of 100 senators approved the resolution. This November, 424 representatives and 34 senators are running for re-election.

Now Bush has complete power to wage any kind of war he fancies without further approval from Congress.

With the power to start a war solely in the hands of the executive branch of government, Congress has eliminated the United States' checks and balances system.

The founders of the United States installed these checks and balances so that no one branch, legislative, executive or judicial, would hold too much authority or power.

Resolution supporters argue that the proper checks and balances are still in place because Bush must notify Congress within 48 hours after the onset of military action.

A simple notification of action does not constitute a governmental balance.

If the judicial branch notified the other two branches that it was about to make it illegal for American citizens to brush their teeth that would not be acceptable, and neither is a president who simply lets Congress in on his decisions after he has made them.

Second, 48 hours is too late.

The first attack will start a full-blown war between the United States and Iraq, a country that might have nuclear and biological weapon capabilities. Congress cannot stop the war by telling Bush he should not have attacked Iraq two days after he sends troops into Iraqi territory.

Also, the vague wording used in the resolution gives Bush the authority to use "necessary and appropriate" actions to "defend national security" and "enforce all relevant United Nations Security Council resolutions." Without definitions for these terms, Bush can define them in whatever way best explains his actions.

Similar Congressional actions, such as the 1964 Gulf of Tonkin resolution that gave President Lyndon B. Johnson the discretion to use force in the Vietnam War, were repealed only after long legal battles.

By handing Bush the power to start a war at his whim, the 107th Congress has drastically changed the relationship between future executive and legislative branches.

Long after the shots fired in the war on terrorism echo on democratic lands, Congress will continue to be powerless against the moods of the nation's leader.

Constituents should write letters to lawmakers, thanking them for having rubber spines and empowering Bush with the ultimate authority to blunder into war without answering to anybody.

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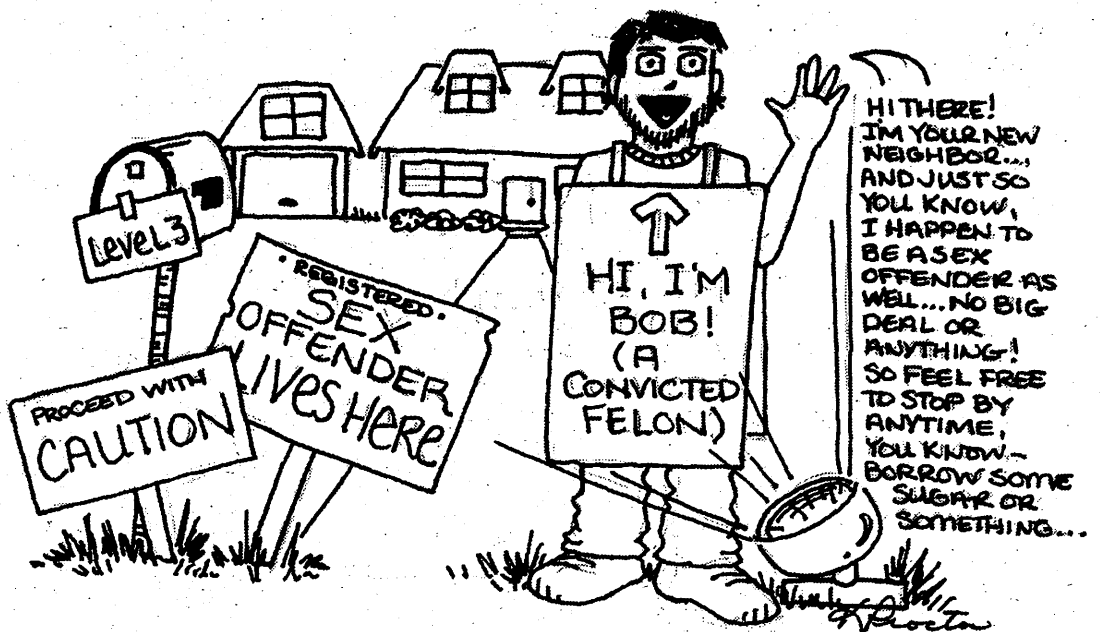
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## And we quote:

"The attack in Bali appears to be an al-Quida-type terrorist – definitely a terrorist attack; whether it's al-Quida related or not, I would assume it is."

*-President George Bush during an impromptu question-and-answer session on the White House South Lawn. A bomb exploded at a nightclub in Bali, Indonesia on Saturday, killing at least 180 people.*



## After serving prison time, convicted sex offenders have right to privacy



**Donica Hinman-Burnett**

COMMENTARY

The American judicial system dictates that criminals who have served their sentence have paid their debt to society and are once again citizens. After serving their prison time, they should not be subject to registration requirements.

Whatcom County Sheriff's office notified the public that another Level III sex offender was moving into a Bellingham community.

Washington law requires sex offenders to provide identification and information about their crime to local authorities. This allows the information to be printed in newspapers.

This registration law is unjust to the sex offenders.

Ex-convicts who have served time for murder can move into a neighborhood without notifying

the local authorities or having their face and details of their crime printed in the local media, such as the newspaper.

It is wrong to require sex offenders to register, just as it would be wrong to make other ex-convicts register with local authorities.

Some citizens may find sex offenders' crimes abhorrent, but the U.S. judicial system is not subject to every citizen's whim.

A criminal's fate is decided in court with a jury's conviction and a judge's sentence. Once a sex offender serves his or her sentence, like all other ex-convicts, he or she does not legally owe anything to society.

Public notification of sex offenders' residence leaves them vulnerable to violence.

Whatcom County's Sheriff's office had to post a warning that vigilante justice would not be tolerated because of incidents when sex offender's homes were being singled out.

In one instance, someone threw eggs at a former residence of a registered sex offender,

leaving the current residents, none of whom were known sex offenders, to clean up the mess.

Many people worry that without a public-notification system, their community will be vulnerable to sex offenders who wander into town and attack their children.

According to the King County Sexual Assault Resource, in 85 percent of child sexual abuse cases, the victim is abused by someone they know, rather than a stranger.

The community should focus on programs to educate citizens about how to identify sexual-predator patterns in order to prevent sexual molestation in their own community, rather than worry about wandering sex offenders.

Supporters of the sex offender registration system argue that sex offenders are more likely to commit their crimes again than any other type of criminal.

Murderers and robbers, when released from prison, often commit the same crime again and

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## WASL test is subjective and inconsistent



**Jeanna Barrett**

COMMENTARY

According to the test results of 2002 Washington Assessment Student Learning released last week, boys are at a higher risk for failure. Students will be required to pass the test in 2008 in order to graduate.

The WASL test is unreliable and inaccurate. Schools should not use the test to determine whether or not a student graduates from high school.

The test scores show a large gap between the scores of girls and boys. Girls scored higher in math, reading and writing than boys. The Washington Board of Education chose to use the WASL to assess the progress of students in third grade, seventh grade and 10th grade.

The WASL does not assess all intelligence levels of students but focuses on a marginal amount of "Essential Academic Learning Requirements." The

EARLs are standards that assess specific knowledge and skills that students are expected to know.

Students do not come from standardized backgrounds, so they should not be expected to demonstrate standardized skills or knowledge. They come from all walks of life and have different hurdles to jump over when growing up, especially in grade school and middle school.

Students learn and demonstrate proficiency in different ways. It is unfair to give the same test to a diverse population of students, then tell them that they are below average and need improvement.

For example, non-English speaking students with one year in an English-speaking school and most disabled and special-needs children are expected to take the WASL, according to the Citizens United for Responsible Education.

These students do not receive the same advantages as their peers yet are held to the same standards.

Washington has a variety of state-approved curriculum that

different schools and teachers use. Since one test is used for all students, this forces teachers to change their curricula to teach to the test so students can pass.

Teachers waste valuable class time altering their curriculum to teach their students subjects the test specifically covers. This changes graduation requirements from basic academics to a test-based knowledge.

The subjects covered are spread so thin that it places students out into society with a small amount of knowledge on a lot of subjects instead of thorough knowledge of essential subjects, just so they can answer WASL questions correctly.

The WASL is not only multiple choice, it requires many written essay answers. Correct answers are opinion-based and subjective. Some WASL questions lack enough information for one right answer.

One hundred randomly chosen teachers read students' answers before determining which is correct. Teachers grade the same answers on different days, whether good or bad, with

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# States must avoid universal health care



**Lynsey Nylin**

COMMENTARY

not including federal income tax. Measure 23 proposes to practically double this tax to 17 percent because state-funded health care means higher taxes.

This is especially damaging to the people who need more than 80 percent of their paycheck to provide for themselves or their family. The tax increase is too high for the low-wage-earning people because it leaves them with less money to live on.

Furthermore, universal care has vague boundaries defining medical care. Herbal therapies, music therapists and marriage counselors are all covered under the new plan. There is no line between necessity and luxury.

Universal health care has the potential to cause people to overcrowd the waiting rooms in doctor's offices and the emergency rooms in hospitals.

People would be more likely to frequent the doctor for problems that are extremely minor. This would take up more time, leaving less room for patients who need immediate treatment.

Even the Oregon Medical Association opposes Measure 23 because it would leave the state

medical system vulnerable to people taking advantage of universal health care.

When people make frequent visits to the doctor for minor reasons, the state has to pay. Therefore, the tax increase will cover health care abuse.

Proponents of Measure 23 argue that the present health care system is headed toward disaster and changing.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 38.7 million Americans do not have health insurance.

Rather than create such a drastic plan, states must reform the current system.

States should come up with a system in which employee benefits would cover more people.

This way, the citizens would receive health care, while relieving the state the stress of supporting the entire state.

Health care for every resident at the state level or the federal level sounds ideal.

As promising as the plan appears, the expenses, on both states and residents, are high.

The idea of universal health care is ideal, but just not reasonable or realistic.

**“Rather than create such a drastic plan, states must reform the current system.”**

# Offenders: State should repeal law

are not remorseful, yet they are not subject to registration.

The Washington state law, which requires sex offenders to register with local authorities, should be repealed. Any person who has served their time for a crime should not be required to continue to pay for it.

If sex offenders are so likely to commit a crime again that they cannot be trusted in society, they should be kept in prison or in a halfway house, where they

can be monitored.

Sex offenders capture the public's attention because their crimes seem so heinous. They prey on the vulnerable and leave damaging wounds. However, the American justice system must give justice to criminals as well as victims.

After sex offenders have served their prison time and paid their legal debt, the legal system should not ask any more of them.

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## WASL: Test graders unqualified

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different moods. This produces inconsistent scores for the same amount of skill knowledge demonstrated in answers.

Other questions on the WASL are left to temporary workers who do not even need a teaching certificate.

All they need to qualify as a scorer is to complete two days of training and to pass a test with 65-percent accuracy.

These scorers are determining right and wrong answers for students. This could mean the difference between passing and failing high school.

Supporters of the WASL defend the validity and reliability of the test as an entirely appropriate assessment of student knowledge.

The WASL is not reliable or valid because the results are not

consistent. Because scores fell one year, WASL organizers promptly changed some question formats altogether.

Changing the test each year creates invalid comparisons. For example, another year the test was changed from fourth grade to third grade, making it impossible to compare scores from past students. Yet the scores continue to be compared as if they had the same structure.

The Washington state Board of Education needs to stop funding the invalid and unreliable WASL test. They should hire more teachers and focus on smaller class sizes.

Eliminating the WASL would ensure that every child, regardless of race, gender or disability, would secure the attention and education they need to graduate and succeed in society.

## Tax: Some states use tolls to collect maintenance fees

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are falling apart. These problems exist because current taxes are too low.

Current road maintenance funds come from license fees, federal grants and a state constitutional amendment approved by voters in 1944 requiring all gas tax proceeds to go into a fund for highways and ferries. This funding is not going to get the job done.

It is beneficial to look at other states' transportation systems to examine the value of realistic user fees.

States like Pennsylvania and Ohio use toll booths at state

turnpikes and bridges to collect user fees. New York state built the Erie Canal with funds from tolls and private businesses.

Though the success of eastern toll highways must seem odd to northwesterners (who would want to stop along I-5 and pay a toll booth attendant?), it's also important to understand that highways are not a privilege or a gift. Public highways are a utility, just like water.

The difference is clear when the definition of a tax versus a user fee is examined.

Taxes are a governmental charge on property or activities

that can be used for any purpose. There is no connection between who pays, how much they pay and where the collected money goes.

User fees, such as the gas tax, are only paid by the user, in this case, the motorist.

There has to be a connection between the service being paid for, how much users pay and where their money goes. The revenue must go toward funding that same service.

Funds from the gas tax go back into improving the roads.

The states' freeways and highways require maintenance.

If voters tell the state Department of Transportation that freeways and highways should be free, they will see road deteriorate and traffic congestion increase.

“Taxes are a governmental charge on property or activities that can be used for any purpose.”

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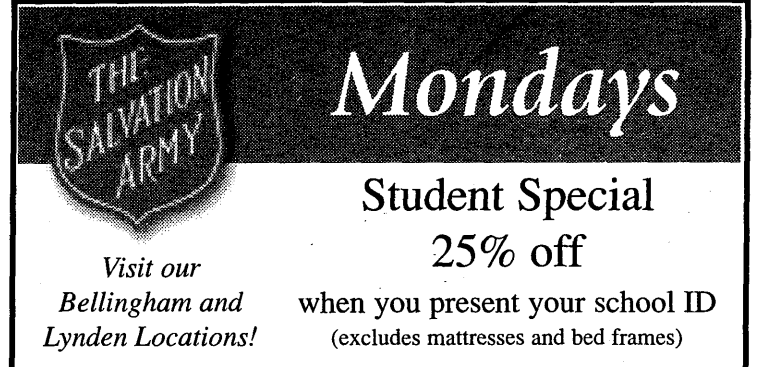
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