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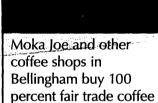


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Students spread understanding of post-hurricane New Orleans through workshops, films and concert

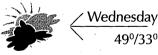
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Viking fans savor rivalry win

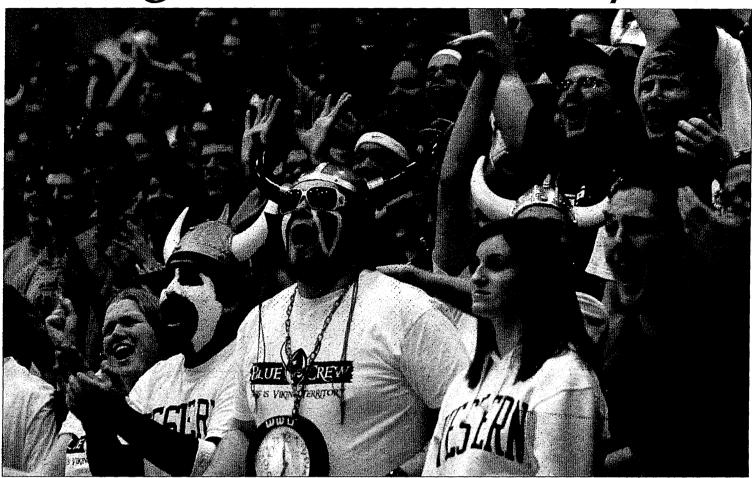


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Fans cheer at the Western Washington University versus Central Washington University men's basketball game Jan. 20. The Vikings won 79-77 following two game-winning free throws by Western senior Lukas Henne with two seconds left in overtime. For the full story see SPORTS, page 11.

Computer labs show signs of virus

Student accounts may be at risk, ATUS advises changing passwords

Steven Chea

THE WESTERN FRONT

A small number of computers connected to Western's Internet network failed to receive an antivirus update, and exhibited signs last week suggesting they may have been infected with a new

Signs appeared on Jan. 17. Most of these computers have been reformatted and updated, but because the exact number of such computers is unknown, Technology Academic and User Services (ATUS) advises caution when using on-campus computers.

Approximately 100 computers were removed from the network and reformatted in early December after they began to show unusual signs, such as communicating directly with other computers rather than through the server, ATUS HelpDesk manager Linc

Affected computer labs

Communications Facility Room 26

Humanities Building Rooms 104, 105

Haggard Hall Rooms 101, 245

Fraser Hall Room 3

All residence hall labs

Nesheim said. They lacked the update most likely because they had not been turned on or logged into for an extended period of time and the automatic update was not triggered.

ATUS sent out an e-mail Friday urging students to change their account passwords if they had used certain on-campus computers between Jan. 4 and Jan. 18. The computers deemed to be most at risk are the Communications Facility Room 26 lab, Humanities 104 and 105 labs, Haggard 101 and 245 labs, Fraser 3 and all residence hall labs.

ATUS has not identified for certain that a virus infected the computers, but the staff is wary because the type of virus suspected hides itself effectively, ATUS director Larry Gilbert said.

"These viruses that are coming out today are much more sophisticated," Gilbert said.

> 'They can hide themselves in image files, video files, and inside your computer's registry. They can rename themselves so you don't know there's a

file there."

The virus in question would be dangerous because it has the capability to log keystrokes of anyone using an infected computer, which means it can record usernames, passwords and other sensitive information.

> "These viruses that are coming out today are much more sophisticated." - Larry Gilbert

ATUS director

Gilbert said the risk of students being affected is relatively low and ATUS has yet to hear any reports from students who believe their information was stolen. Gilbert does warn that instances may go unreported and viruses may not act immediately.

Students can take precautions if they used a potentially infected computer and are concerned about the security of their personal information.

Students should be aware of any unusual changes in their student accounts, avoid accessing

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Alumni honored by Peace Corps

John C. Davies THE WESTERN FRONT

Western career counselor Susan Anderson's uncle was one of the first Peace Corps volunteers in the early '60s. After he sent young Anderson a picture of himself riding an elephant, Anderson knew she wanted to join that organization some day.

Anderson went on to volunteer in Lesotho, a kingdom in Southern Africa, from 1977 to 1981. She eventually became the Pacific Northwest director of recruitment for the Peace Corps.

"Sometimes people go into the Peace Corps thinking they're going to change the world," Anderson said. "But the whole experience changes your world."

The Peace Corps released its annual rankings of universities with alumni participating in the program on Jan. 16. Western is ranked fourth among mediumsized universities, between 5,001 and 15,000 students, with 49 current volunteers. George University Washington Washington, D.C. holds the top spot with 68 volunteers.

With 702 total volunteers, Western ranks 49th among all

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Pianist set to perform

Western's Sanford Piano Series will present pianist Alexander Ardakov on Feb. 9. Professor of Piano at Trinity College of Music in London, Ardakov gained recognition while a college student, playing with the Kuibyshev Symphony Orchestra and winning the National Kabalevsky Young Pianist Competition. The performance will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center Concert Hall. Tickets range in price from \$9 to \$16 and can be purchased at the Western Box Office in the Performing Arts Center.

Western professor to discuss energy future

Western chemistry professor Mark Bussell will present "Oil? Get Over It - One Chemist's Road Map to Our Post Petroleum Energy Future" from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Feb. 6 at the Bellingham City Council Chambers.

The discussion will include thoughts on "Peak Oil" and a possible plan to move the world away from fossil fuels.

Community discussion seeks student perspectives

On Jan. 31, a "Let's Talk" discussion forum on "Living Together in Bellingham: Student Parties, Enforcement Practices and Neighborly Relations" will be at 5:30 p.m. in the Fairhaven College Auditorium.

The forum is free and open to the public and seeks to address issues concerning the effects of student parties on neighborhoods and law enforcement.

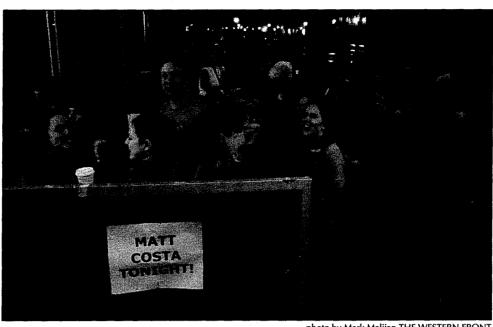


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Fans gather in the rain and cold to watch musician Matt Costa in the Viking Union Multipurpose Room Monday night.

Blood drive starts Jan. 30

The Puget Sound Blood Center will conduct a blood drive at Western from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 30, 31 and Feb. 1. To donate, a person must be 18 years or older, at least 110 pounds and not have received a tattoo in the last year.

Western professor to speak on future of U.S. economy

On Feb. 21, International Business professor Steven Globerman will present "Competing for Highly Educated People: Is the U.S. Economy in Trouble?" Globerman's presentation will address the question of why the United States has become a less favorable location for highly-educated people to live and work in.

Globerman is the director of the Center for International Business in Western's College of Business and Economics. The presentation will be held at 5:15 p.m. in Communication's Facility 110.

English students to present original work

Graduate students in the English Department will read samplings of their writings at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 3 at the Whatcom Museum of History and Art in Bellingham. The event will include a collection of fiction, nonfiction, and poetry writings of up to 15 graduate students. The event is free and open to the public.

Compiled by Christian Saxton

- Jan. 18, 3:24 p.m.: Police responded to a call that a student in the Fine Arts Building appeared to be under the influence of marijuana.
- Jan. 18, 7:40 p.m.: Police responded to reports of fireworks being shot off by the Ridgeway Complex. The suspects were gone on arrival.
- Jan. 18, 10:10 p.m.: Police responded to several subjects playing football on Old Main lawn reportedly causing damage to the grass.
- Jan. 19, 1:06 a.m.: Police arrested a 29-year-old man on suspicion of theft 3 and possession of cocaine:

Bellingham Police

- Jan. 19, 6:23 p.m.: Police cited a motorist on suspicion of driver inattention after the driver collided with a bicyclist.
- Jan: 20, 1:00 p.m.: Police responded to the 1600 block of lowa Street to a report of a lost anniversary ring.
- jan. 20, 4:40 p.m.: Police arrested a 36-year-old woman
- Jan. 21, 5:23 p.m.: Police arrested a 44-year-old man on suspicion of hit-and-run on the 200 block of 36th Street.

Compiled by Colin Simpson

Corrections

> An article that appeared in the A&E section on page 10 of the Jan. 19 edition of The Western Front misspelled the name of Western graduate student Patti Hoelzle.

The Western Front regrets this and any other errors. Errors should be reported immediately to the Editor-in-Chief at thewesternfronteditor@yahoo.com.

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TESTING SCHEDULES for winter quarter may be viewed at www.ac.wwu.edu/~assess/tc.htm.

THE MATH PLACEMENT TEST will be given in OM 120 at 3 p.m. Mondays on Jan. 29, Feb 5, 12, 26, March 5, 12, and 19, and at 9 a.m. Thursdays on Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1, 8, and 15. Registration is not required. Students must bring picture identification, their student number, Social Security number, and a No. 2 pencil. A fee of \$15 is payable in the exact amount at time of testing. Allow 90 minutes.

THE MILLER ANALOGIES TEST is offered by appointment only. Make an appointment in person in OM 120 or by calling X/3080. A \$60 fee is payable at time of test. Test takes approximately 1 ½ hours. Preliminary scores will be available immediately. Official results will be mailed within 15 days.

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BIOLOGY SEMINARS. • Anne Danielson-Francois (Huxley faculty fellow, Rice University), "Resolving the Lek Paradox — Which is More Important, Genes Or Ecology?" 4 p.m. Jan. 29, Bl 234, Refreshments, 3:50 p.m. • Megan Hall (North Carolina State University), "The Genetic Basis Of Adaptive Divergence," 4 p.m. Jan. 31, BI 234, refreshments, 3:50 p.m.

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

WINTER QUARTER GROUP OFFERINGS AT THE COUNSELING CENTER include • Relaxation Training, drop-in group starting Jan. 18 at 4 p.m. in OM 540; • Support Group for Emotional Change, registration required, meets Tuesdays starting Jan. 23 and ends March 6. To register, stop by OM 540 or call X/3164.

TO SEE ADDITIONAL GROUP OFFERINGS AND WORKSHOPS AT THE COUNSELING CENTER this quarter, visit www.wwu.edu/chw/counseling. For more information call X/3164.

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For complete, updated information, see www.careers.wwu.edu or stop by Old Main 280.

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Post-Katrina life brought to Western

"Raising up the struggle: the legacy of post-levee New Orleans" events to include workshop, films and concert

Austin MacKenzie
THE WESTERN FRONT

It has been more than a year since Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans, in December 2005. Some Western students feel the disaster should not be forgotten.

In a collaborative effort by many campus organizations, Western will present "Raising up the Struggle: the Legacy of Post-Levee Break New Orleans." The event will take place over the course of one and a half weeks and is designed to draw attention



photo by Justin Steyer THE WESTERN FRONT

Teri McMurtry-Chubb, Fairhaven assistant professor of law and hegemony studies spoke on Jan. 22 before parts I and II of "When the Levees Broke, a Spike Lee Joint," were shown in Arntzen Hall. to the problems still facing New Orleans' citizens.

Jacquelyn Hermer, a Fairhaven graduate and logistics coordinator of the event, spent time in New Orleans and wanted to bring the situation, as well as the racism involved, into the public eye. She said she wants to use the event to connect New Orleans to Rellingham

"The event aims to look at specific ways that these manifest in Bellingham and who is working to try to challenge them and in all different ways people are working to challenge them," Hermer said. "I want to be talking with white people about racism and I want to talk about the privileges we have and the privileges we don't check ourselves for having."

Western senior Rachae Thomas first heard about the event from Hermer, and said she wanted to become involved. Thomas was a student at the University of New Orleans when Katrina hit.

"For me it's important to not forget what had happened, and remember by always telling the story and educating people with the truth of what went down in New Orleans," Thomas said. "This event is being put on mostly because we wanted people to not forget."

In effort to bring news of the event to the student body, Fairhaven College senior Dara Wells-Hajjar has been working on publicity for the event.

"I was there for the one-year anniversary of

Katrina and it looked like it had happened yesterday," Wells-Hajjar said. "A lot of it looks like it's been bombed."

Wells-Hajjar hopes this event will bring greater attention to the issue of racism in the United States.

"Racism is a huge issue," Wells-Hajjar said. "One of the main goals for this program is for the survivors to talk about the injustices exposed by this. What happened down there was very unjust in so many different ways

"Raising up the Struggle: the Legacy of Post-Levee Break New Orleans" events

Jan. 23 "When the Levees Broke," a Spike Lee Joint, parts III to IV

8 p.m. - 10 p.m. Arntzen Hall 100

Jan. 24 Before, During and After Katrina, panel discussion

8 p.m. - 10 p.m. Viking Union 565

Jan. 25 Young Black Leadership Forum

7 p.m. - 10 p.m. Viking Union 565

Jan. 27 New Orleans-native jazz artist Mary Griffin

7 p.m. Viking Union Multipurpose Room

Jan. 30 Civil liberties lecture

6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Viking Union 462

Jan. 31 Building a solidarity movement: antiracist organizing in New Orleans,

6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Viking Union 462A

and levels and people were being affected and we've ignored it, and our government has. We've basically learned that we can't rely on the government to help people."

Fairhaven College assistant professor of law and hegemony studies Teri McMurtry-Chubb has also been involved in the planning process. As Hermer's former adviser, she talked to her about her experiences and helped plan the event.

"I have friends and family

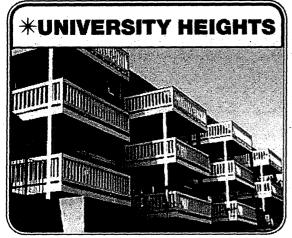
who've been affected [by Katrina]," McMurtry-Chubb said.
"I wasn't down there when the levees broke but certainly as a person of African descent I know the sorrow."

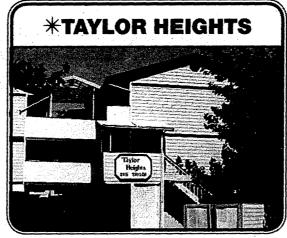
McMurtry-Chubb said she wants to use this event to shed light on many of these issues.

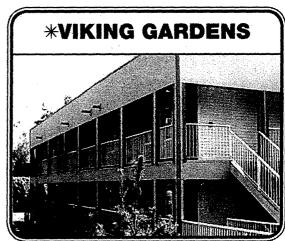
"I think for a lot of people out of sight means out of mind," she said. "I hope to introduce people to the problems that still exist within the United States government."

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Bellingham homeless keep warm in local shelters

Lighthouse Mission in Bellingham provides food and housing in extreme weather

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Western junior Karlee Glasgow lives across from the Garden Street United Methodist Church. Early one morning, after one of the December snowfalls. Glasgow saw an ambulance outside the church. She saw two homeless people being loaded into the ambulance.

"I immediately thought people had frozen to death," Glasgow said.

When cold weather sets in, people who are homeless must try and survive in the winter weather.

With few places to go, those in need of warmth turn to charity houses for shelter.

"We see a significant increase in guests during the winter months," said Hans chaplain Erchinger-Davis, and program manager for the Lighthouse Mission Ministry.

The Lighthouse Mission Ministry is just one organization in Bellingham that offers shelter to people who want to get out of the cold weather.

"We saw about a 30 percent growth in the people we house during the cold snap," said Ron Buchinski, executive director of the Lighthouse Mission. "When there's really extreme cold weather, the Inter-Faith Council opens up its emergency shelter. That was opened for two nights and saw about 40 people."

Buchinski said in the winter, shelters and housing facilities can fill to capacity. In such cases there may not be enough staff, volunteer, or room to help all those in need.

"During the snow storms we did come close to capacity, but we were able to make space by putting extra mats down in some of the community living areas," Erchinger-Davis said.

In 2006 1,255 homeless individuals were counted in Whatcom County, a 46 percent increase from 2005, according to

the Whatcom County Homeless Count. A study the U.S. National Alliance to End Homelessness did revealed there were 744,313 homeless in the United States in 2005.

"I think Bellingham is a very supportive community" said Britta Globe, Western senior and Lighthouse Mission intern. "It has several shelters and facilities dedicated to helping those in need."

Globe said Bellingham has several organizations dedicated to helping others. Including the YWCA of Bellingham, Lydia Place, Hope House and Old Town Christian Ministries.

If people in the community want to help, they can go to any church or non-profit organization to donate money, food, time or clothing.

"We accept anything from food to clothing to mattresses," Buchinski said. "Anything people are willing to donate that can help we will take and put it to good

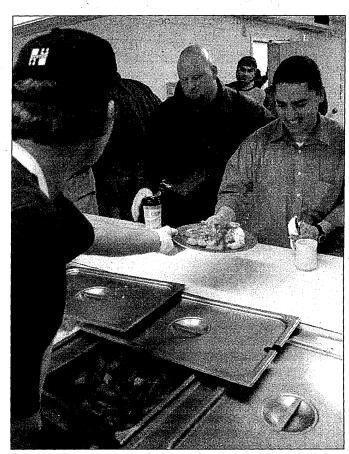


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Scott McKay serves dinner to Lighthouse Mission resident Miguel Garcia Monday night at the shelter.

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Western sophomore Caitlin Ross uses the computer lab in Haggard Hall 245, one of the labs suspected to have been infected with a virus.

Western switched anti-virus software contract to Symantec in July 2006, replacing McAfee in labs

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any commercial accounts such as PayPal on campus computers, and make a habit of periodically changing their passwords, Gilbert

Having an up-to-date virus scanner is most important, said ResTek consultant and Western Drew Osterhout. Many free virus scanners are available found online,

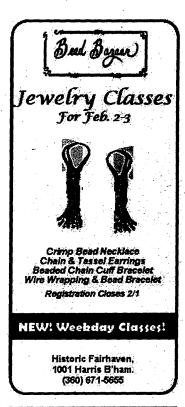
including links available on the ATUS Web site.

Gilbert expressed confidence in the security of the school's network and said that any virus present most likely got through on a student's disk or personal attached to computer network.

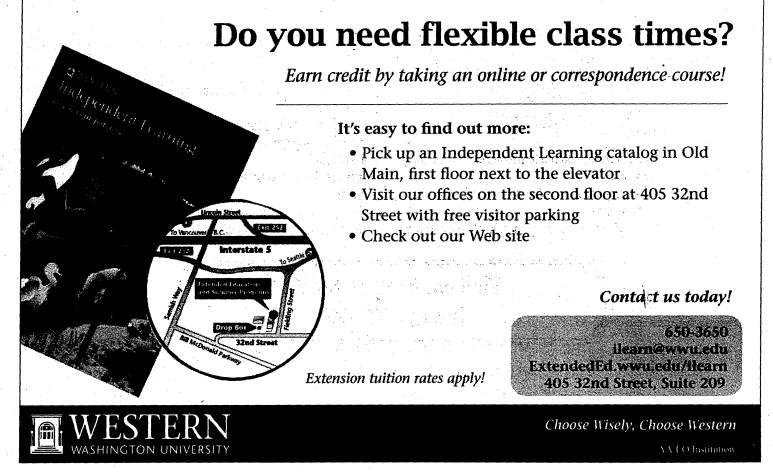
"Well above 99 percent of viruses are filtered out at the server before they ever even get on our network," Gilbert said.

Western has a contract with anti-virus software developer Symantec that began in July 2006 which replaced the school's prior contract with McAfee.

Western's anti-virus software does not receive automatic updates from Symantec, but ATUS staff searches for them and downloads them to the server, which then automatically updates the computers connected to it, Gilbert said.



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Lee: recruitment efforts aid in Western alumni Peace Corps volunteer success

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schools in all-time participants, said Maria Lee, a spokesperson for Peace Corps regional office in Seattle.

"Being a medium-sized school, the total is pretty huge because you're pitting Western against schools with 15,000 plus students," Lee said. "It's apples and oranges."

The group separates its rankings between small, medium and large schools. Small schools have 5,000 or fewer students and large schools have 15,001 or more students. The University of Puget Sound ranked first among small schools.

The rankings were a result of the active recruiting the universities do, Lee said.

"We have recruiters at each of the schools and we specifically target University of Washington and Western students because of the skills and educational background they can bring to the table," Lee said.

Six schools in the region, which includes Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Alaska and Montana, have campus recruiters. In addition to Western and the University of Washington, the University of Oregon, Washington State University, Portland State University and the University of Montana have representatives.

Western's recruiter Nicole Meinzer, who after graduating from Western taught English literature in Malawi, Africa with the program, said Western has consistently ranked in the top six on the Peace Corps' annual list.

The Peace Corps is a 27-month volunteer commitment, and 95 percent of the positions require a bachelor's degree. Since its inception in 1961, participants in the program have served in 139 countries. All costs are covered and volunteers receive a stipend while abroad. Last year the program was ranked in Business Week magazine as the best place to launch a career, Lee said.

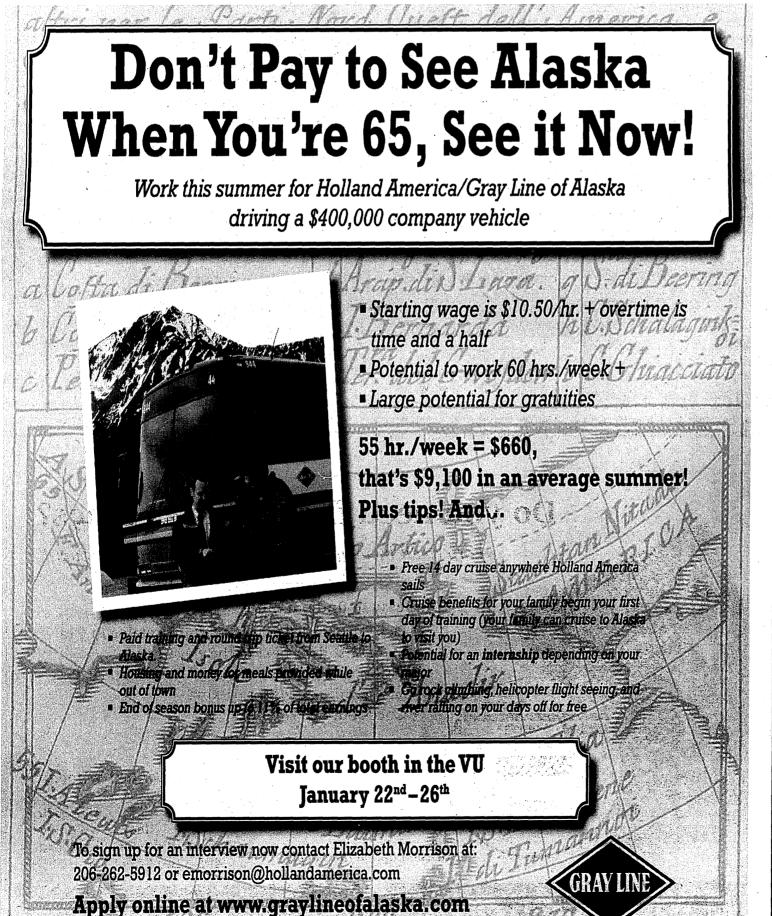
"That speaks volumes about the Peace Corps as not just being an opportunity to make a difference on an individual level, but really as a way to put your career on fast forward," Lee said. "This experience is more extensive than what the average person will get being in the work force for their first year."

2005 Western graduate Michael Woods volunteers in Honduras organizing a project called Youth Development. He said he chose to join the Peace Corps to challenge himself and figure out a career path. He said the most rewarding part of his program has been feeling at home in a foreign community and culture.

"I feel that my self-confidence and trust in my own

abilities have greatly grown as Peace Corps challenges you to use you as a tool for community development," Woods said. "I have also been completely amazed that I have fully integrated into a foreign culture in a foreign

Top 10 Peace Corps volunteering universities (medium size) School Number of Rank Volunteers **George Washington University** 68 **University of Virginia Cornell University 52** Western Washington University 5 **Georgetown University** 45 College of William and Mary 42 University of Montana American University - D.C. 41 University of California - Santa Cruz 10 Northern Arizona University Rankings from the Peace Corps Web site





KUCS throws birthday shindig

Andrew Lawrence THE WESTERN FRONT

In celebration of its 33-and-one-third anniversary, KUGS 89.3 FM wants you to dance.

"Why should you go?" said KUGS promotions director Oliver Anderson. "So you can get a little wiggle in your booty."

At 7 p.m. Friday, Portland hip-hop trio Boom Bap Project, will will descend on the Viking Union Multi-Purpose Room for a show that will cost students \$4.

Opening are the Bellingham dance music extravaganza No-Fi Soul Rebellion and local upstarts 10 Killing Hands

KUGS hasn't put on a show of this magnitude since its 30th anniversary concert three years ago, which featured Death Cab For Cutie, Anderson said.

"This year we wanted to kind of mix it up from the 'indie' groups we usually have," said Hunter Motto, music coordinator for Associated Students Productions, which is co-sponsoring the show along with KUGS.

Anderson said there was several ideas for the show, such as having all local bands, or getting RJD2, a prominent national DJ. Those ideas fell through due



Photo Courtesy of The Boom Bap Project

While hip-hop has turned into a billion-dollar industry, Portland-based act and KUGS Birthday Bash performers, The Boom Bap Project, say they stand for one thing — the preservation of true hip-hop music and culture.

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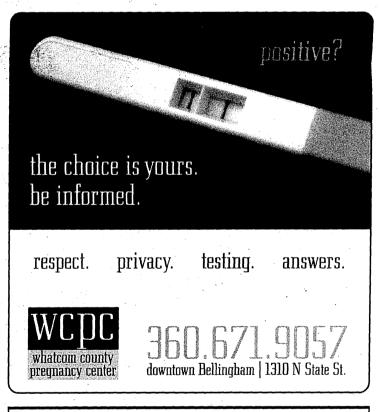


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Bands help station celebrate its biggest event in three years

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to scheduling conflicts, but once Anderson heard that Boom Bap Project was available, he said he wanted the performers to play the show.

According to the biography on the group's Web site, "The Boom Bap Project stands for one thing — preservation of true hip-hop music and culture." Formed in 2001, the trio recently signed with Minneapolis-based underground hip-hop label Rhymesayers Entertainment, a label whose roster also includes MF Doom, Atmosphere and Brother Ali. The label was responsible for putting out the group's recently released second full-length album, "Reprogram,"

which features guest appearances by Lifesavas and Grayskul.

"They're a huge hip-hop group," Anderson said. "This is going to be one of the dopest hip-hop shows

all year.'

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shows all year."

-Oliver Anderson,

KUGS Promotions

Director

In a city where all-ages shows are sometimes hard to find, it's important the school can host them, as what happens on campus reflects the community abroad, Motto said.

"We want to establish a sense of trust with great shows like this, so that in the future people will take a chance on a band they haven't heard before," he said.

KUGS began in 1974 in a dorm room in the Ridgeway Complex, then "blew up" (not literally), Anderson said.

"This is one of the more influential college stations in the country," he said, citing the station's position as one of the 20 core stations reporting to the College Music Journal, which publishes a list of

the top 30 songs played on college radio stations in their weekly national magazine.

"When they're making the charts, we're a major

part," Anderson said.

The station became only the second in the United

States to broadcast online in 1997, Anderson said. He said the station's mission is to support the local scene.

"A band can't just walk into a commercial radio station and expect to get played," he said. "If we didn't exist it would be virtually impossible for small bands to get heard."

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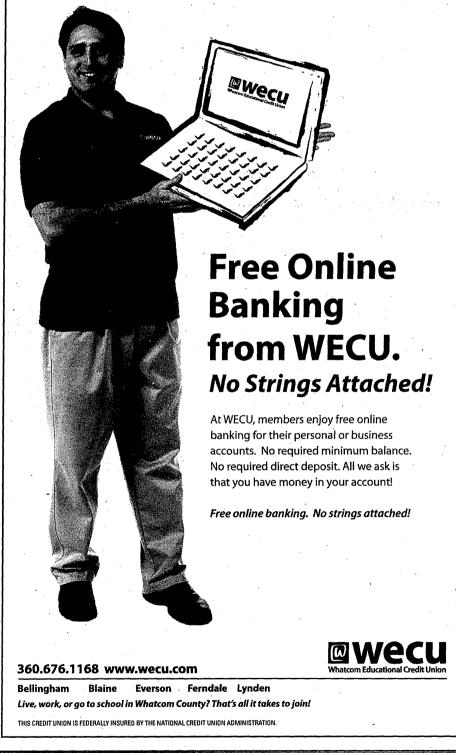
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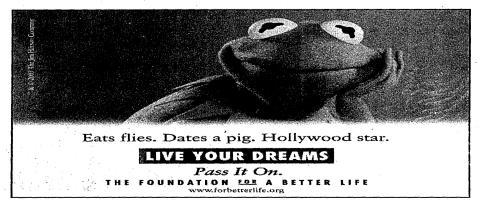
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THUM Files: Bellingham coffee company



western alumnus Jeremiah Holt, 30, pours the finished beans out of the roaster to be cooled. Holt works at Moka Joe Coffee, which sells all fair trade coffee, certified by Transfair USA.



photo by Justin Steyer THE WESTERN FRONT Holt pours approximately 30 pounds of unroasted coffee beans into a roaster at Moka Joe Coffee.



It took six workers 30 minutes to pick one pound of coffee cherries. Granted, they were new to coffee farming.

Trudy Scherting, co-owner of Moka Joe Coffee in Bellingham, led this group on a trip through Peru in the summer of 2006 to meet the farmers who supply her business. That pound of coffee, if it was not Fair Trade Certified, could be bought by a company for as low as four cents.

Scherting pays at least \$1.41 per pound, according to fair trade policy. Moka Joe Coffee is one of only 12 completely Fair Trade Certified roasters in the nation.

"I just don't understand why big companies don't utilize fair trade," Scherting said. "If a small business like ours can do it, why can't they?"

To become certified, Scherting and her farmers had to follow a strict set of standards created by the certification company Transfair USA.

First, companies must trade as directly as possible with farmers and fair trade producers, eliminating middle-men companies such as mulitple importers and exporters from the process and enabling small farmers to compete in the marketplace.

Companies must support fair wages for their farmers, as well as a working environment that is void of slavery and poor working conditions, according to Transfair USA.

Farmers must maintain environmentally sound conditions on their farms — coffee must not be grown using genetic modifications or agrochemicals, including pesticides

and herbicides.

Transfair USA checks these and other guidelines, as well as the quality of the coffee, to finish the certification process.

Scherting has not only completed the fair trade certification for Moka Joe Coffee, she has also certified the coffee as organic, shade-grown, and kosher. Shade-grown certified means the coffee farmer grew the coffee under shade trees instead of cutting down the surrounding trees in order to produce a higher yield.

Even though Moka Joe pays more for their coffee, they have made it a point to sell for the same price per pound as larger companies who aren't 100 percent certified.

For example, Moka Joe's Guatemalan roast costs \$10.95 for one pound of whole-bean coffee. Starbucks sells its Guatemalan Casi Cielo roast for \$12.95 per pound.

Scherting said they chose to make the fair trade commitment when they opened Moka Joe's six years ago.

Fair trade agreements have not only given farmers better wages for quality coffee. New programs have sprung from fair trade that support a higher quality of life for coffeegrowing communities, Scherting said.

The Café Femenino Foundation was established in 2004 to enable and encourage women coffee farmers in Peru. The foundation consists of 464 women farmers and supporting businesses such as the Organic Products Training Company.

The program sets these women's coffee apart from the rest of fair trade production and sells it at two cents above the fair trade price. The extra money goes back to these women and their communities.

Scherting said the program is a

roasts fair trade coffee beans

beacon of hope for those women who are still under oppression from their husbands and governments. She said the abuse rate in urban areas of Peru is as high as 41 percent, due to low incomes and isolation from other communities.

Matt Warning, associate professor of economics at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, said most big coffee companies aren't even worried about paying the fair trade price. Roasters simply don't want to lose the contacts in coffee they've held for so many years, he said.

"The roasters don't like being told what to do," Warning said. "Even though there's a wide variety of fair trade coffee now, they already know where they can get relatively good coffee for cheap prices."

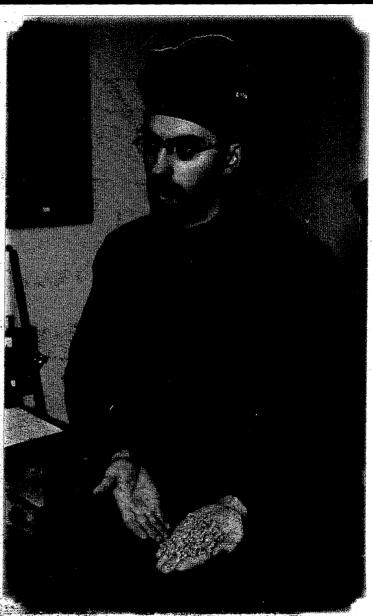
Warning said fair trade encourages competition in the coffee market. A farmer who sustains good conditions and makes quality coffee will earn more — not just in income, but in market power.

"These are people who have been marginalized from their societies increasingly," Warning said. "Now they're holding their heads up high and bargaining."

Fair trade has provided farmers in poor communities from Latin America, Asia and Africa more than \$60 million in extra income since 1999, according to Transfair USA's 2005 Annual Report.

Warning said in the United States, coffee is only second to oil as the most valuable commodity of international trade. He said there's no reason why everyone shouldn't be fair trade-certified.

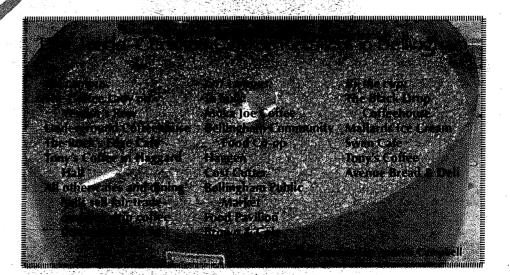
"It's giving farmers in really remote areas a chance to succeed," Warning said.



Iphoto by Justin Stever THE WESTERN FRONT
Holt shows a sample of Moka Joe Coffee's fair trade, organic coffee
hears



This symbol displayed on coffee packages or at coffee shops means coffee sellers have met the fair trade requirements and have been approved by Transfair USA.



Long-distance Loving

Author gives tips for couples who live apart

Aaron Weinberg

THE WESTERN FRONT

Although Valentine's Day is three weeks away, some couples begin planning for the holiday early so they can make sure their cards reach their loved ones before the day arrives. For some couples, who live miles apart appearing the demands of Valentine's Day is a little more difficult.

Western junior Mary Loucks isn't sure what she is doing for Valentine's Day because her boyfriend lives approximately three hours away in Sequim, Wash.

"I guess it depends on what I have to do for my school work," Loucks says. "We both kind of live separate lives."

Loucks isn't alone. Stephen Blake, author of "Loving Your Long-Distance Relationship," said more than 10 million couples worldwide live apart, but that they should not be discouraged by separation.

"Distance is not the end of the world in a relationship," Blake said. "If you are committed to your relationship, you can overcome temporary or extended stays away from your partner."

Blake admits not seeing one's partner for long periods of time can be emotionally draining, but separation can be beneficial in some circumstances. For instance, it allows both partners to not take each other's physical presence for granted.

"It makes our time together extra special," Western junior Roxanne Salandanan said.

Salandanan said she misses her boyfriend of four years, who lives in Ellensburg, but finds positives in the long-distance aspect of their relationship relating to school. She said it allows her to focus on her classes.

"It's less of a distraction," Salandanan said. "If he was here all the time, I'd be with him most of the time."

Blake said a long-distance relationship can be just as rewarding as a local one.

"If you find the right person and must endure some distance, why not follow your heart?" Blake said.

Blake said communication is vital in any relationship and adds that talking about the future is also important.

"You both need to know where the relationship is heading in order for it to work," Blake said.

Blake also suggests that before committing to a longdistance relationship, partners should discuss each other's expectations, such as figuring out when to visit, when to call each other and what defines trust in the relationship.

Talking on the phone is another dominate aspect of any long-distance relationship, he said.

Salandanan and Loucks talk to their boyfriends at least once a day and both say it's important. Loucks said talking on the phone does have its drawbacks over talking in person.

"I don't like talking on the phone," Loucks said. "I can't express physically how I feel. I feel distant. Not just physically distant, but emotionally distant."

Salandanan shares that gripe, but says it makes seeing her boyfriend in person more special, which Blake calls the honeymoon effect.

"Things are always fresh and exciting when you're actually together." Blake said.

Salandanan and Loucks are happy, but as in any relationship, they said there is room for improvement. Both said they would be in a long-distance relationship again as long as it is with a person they love.

While Blake feels confident that anyone can make distance work, others don't share his optimism.

Western sophomore Maryann Miyashiro, whose long-distance relationship ended when her boyfriend and her attended separate

colleges, said she won't be looking to be in a long-distance relationship any time soon and is happy with her current boyfriend who lives in Bellingham.





Fragrance Lake

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The Cogrance Lake trailhead is the country across the road from the continue to Larrabee State Park, a pulse south of Bellingham.

Follow Chuckanut Drive south from Implam to the park's entrance where is a small dirt parking area near the

Aside from the substantial elevation gain, the trail is suitable for almost anyone, and makes a great hike for almost any fitness level.

One highlight of this hike is the viewpoint just a mile into the hike that overlooks the San Juan Islands. This overlook provides breathtaking views and an opportunity to catch a breather before the second stage of the hike.

Upon reaching Fragrance Lake, hiters approach a fork in the trail, but this is a loop around the lake. Although the loop is lakeside nearly the whole time, the trail is sturdy and boardwalks pass over any unpleasant muddy areas.

The lake is aptly named because of a plethora of aromas, such as elderberry, cedar, bracken fern, salal and skunk cabbage.

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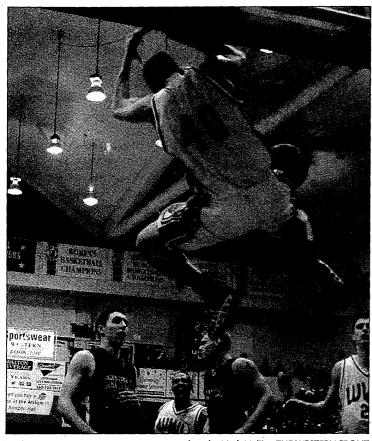


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Western senior forward Lukas Henne converts an alley-oop pass from Western sophomore guard Ira Graham. Western beat Central 79-77 in overtime in front of 2,370 fans on Saturday in Carver Gym.

Henne, Vikings win 'physical battle' in packed Carver Gym

Andrew Sleighter

Western senior forward Lukas Henne stood at the free-throw line with 2.5 seconds remaining in overtime and the game tied 77-77. Henne entered the game as a 91.1 percent free-throw shooter and Western couldn't have asked for anyone more accurate from the line.

Earlier in the game, however, he had uncharacteristically missed three free throws.

That was earlier. This time Henne stepped to the line, sank two and put Western (9-6 overall, 3-2 in GNAC) ahead for good 79-77 against the rival Central Washington University Wildcats (7-10 overall, 2-4 in GNAC) Saturday night. The win came in front of a packed student section which emptied onto the floor in celebration after time expired.

Along with the game-winning free throws, Henne led the Vikings with 23 points and 12

Even though he missed the three free throws earlier, Henne said those misses weren't a factor when he was at the line trying to win the game.

"I was just trying to clear my mind," Henne

said. "It's just like practice where I shoot them every day."

Western junior forward Brett Weisner, who contributed 14 points, said he never doubted Henne would make both free throws.

"He's a great free throw shooter," Weisner said. "Every time he steps to the line I have faith it's

In a game that featured 13 lead changes in the second half alone, Western head coach Brad Jackson said the game was a physical battle.

"Our guys just kept hanging in there and hanging in there, and we're growing with an inexperienced group," he said.

While the game was close throughout the first and second half, the Vikings found themselves down six, 58-64, with 5:05 remaining in the second half.

That's when Henne and Western sophomore guard Ira Graham decided to take over — they combined to score all of the Vikings final 10 points to force overtime.

The 10-4 run in the final five minutes was highlighted by a spectacular alley-oop pass from Graham to Henne.

"We drew up a great play, Utah Fist," Graham said. "It's a back screen for the post man on whatever side I go to. Of course I'm going to go to Lukas' [Henne] side because he's a great leaper."

Henne slipped behind the screen, elevated,

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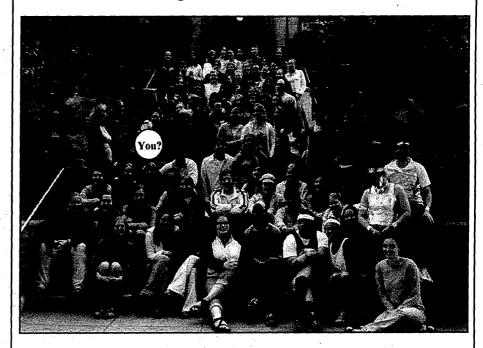
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Western hockey splits against Gonzaga

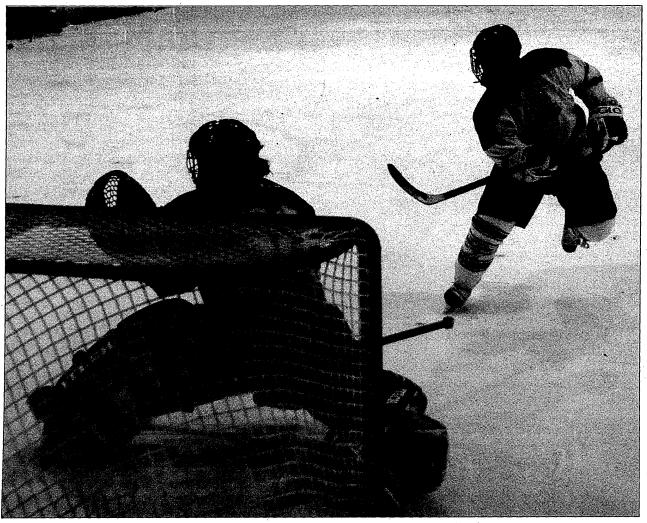


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Western freshman defenseman James Walker attempts to score the first goal in the overtime shootout during the Vikings 5-4 victory over Gonzaga University on Jan. 19 at the Bellingham Sportsplex. Both team's faced-off again on Saturday with Gonzaga coming away with a 6-5 victory in a game that also featured an overtime shootout.

Road losses plague women's basketball

The Western women's basketball team continued its rocky path through Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) play last week.

The Vikings, 11-5 overall and 4-2 in GNAC, took down Northwest Nazarene University 56-47 on Jan. 18 in Carver Gym before falling to Western Oregon University 84-77 on Jan. 20 in Monmouth, Ore.

The upset over the Vikings snapped an 11-game losing streak for Western Oregon and was the team's first win in GNAC play since Feb. 12, 2005.

In the win over Northwest Nazarene, Western senior guard Mollie Stelmack scored a game-high 16 points and Western junior forward Krystal Robinson added 14 points, seven rebounds and four blocked shots. Robinson led the Vikings with 21 points in the team's loss to Western Oregon.

The Vikings are 6-5 on the road this season but play the next three games at home. Western hosts Seattle Pacific University at 7 p.m. on Jan. 24 in Carver Gym. Seattle Pacific sits atop the GNAC standings at 5-0.

-Compiled by Western Front staff

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NORTHWEST NAZARENE	3	2	.600	
ALASKA ANCHORAGE	3	3	.500	
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Players, fans fired up after thrilling victory









Bottom photos by Mark Malijan. Top and middle photo by Justin Steyer THE WESTERN FRONT Clockwise from the top: The Western bench watches the final minutes unfold on Saturday. Western freshman forward Gabe Thrash releases jumper over Central senior center Grant Assink. Junior forward Brett Weisner fights through the Central defense for a left-handed lay-in. Students rush the court in celebration after Western's overtime win.

Momentum carries Vikings to win

▶ BASKETBALL from 11

caught the pass from Graham in mid-air and delivered a rim-rocking dunk causing an eruption from the home crowd.

Graham, who finished with 18 points and five rebounds, said in end-of-game situations like the Vikings were in this time, his teammates look for him and Henne a little more.

"They defer to us, being that we're the main two scorers on the team," he said.

Graham also said his teammates trust him and Henne because they know they will find other open scorers and won't force shots.

The Vikings tied the game on a baseline jumper by Henne with 27.4 seconds left in regulation. Central had the ball with a chance to end the game before overtime.

Central sophomore guard Colton Monti made his move with eight seconds left and penetrated to the left side of the key. His drive ran him right into the waiting body of Viking freshman center Steve Severin, who rejected the shot with both hands causing the referee to whistle a jump ball. Western had the position arrow with 3.1 seconds left, but an attempted shot from half-court by Henne fell short.

Jackson said the contribution Severin makes doesn't always show up in the stats.

"Steve is an exceptional freshman," Jackson said. "At 6-10 with his feet and good timing, he poses a presence in there that is really significant for us."

Central struggled to regain momentum in overtime.

"Mostly we were just trying to focus on executing," Central senior forward Tremaine Curry said. "[Overtime] is only five minutes so every bucket counts." Central grabbed a brief lead 77-75 with 1:15 left in overtime, only to watch Weisner hit two free throws to tie it. Then Western sophomore forward Calin Schell scored the biggest of his 11 points with a put-back to give the Vikings a 79-77 lead.

After Central tied the game with two free throws by Central senior forward Lance Den Boer, Western called a timeout with 21.7 seconds left.

The play Jackson drew up was for Henne to run off a baseline screen and catch the ball in the post.

"We wanted to set up with about eight seconds left so we got the last shot," Henne said. "I kind of got pushed off the block a little bit, but I did what I could, made a turn around and got hit on the arm."

Henne then coolly hit the two free throws, winning the game for the Vikings.

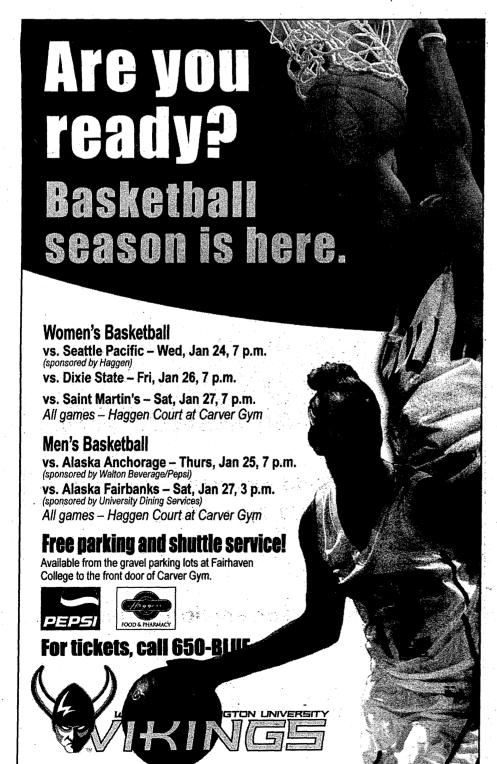
Den Boer, the Wildcats leading scorer coming into the game, finished with 15 points. Den Boer tied the game at 77-77 with two free throws before Henne gave Western the lead.

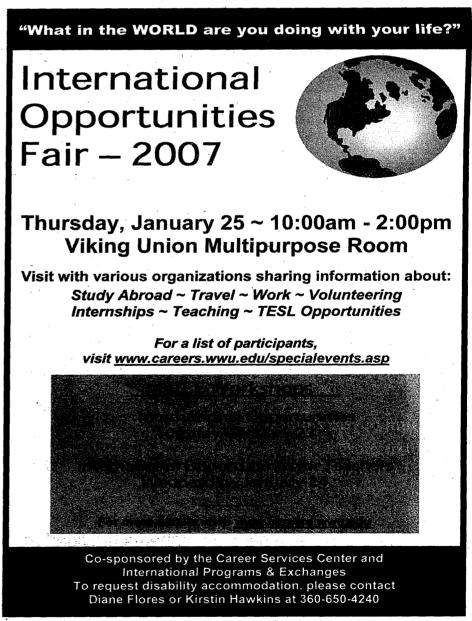
Central senior center Grant Assink, who played for Western his freshman year before eventually transfering to Central, scored a teamhigh 17 points for the Wildcats but committed the critical foul against Henne at the end of overtime.

Jackson said the large home crowd was a boost for the Vikings.

"We love it and we would like to see it like that every night," Jackson said. "Frankly, I hoped the students enjoyed themselves and I hope they come back the same way Thursday night. That's huge for our team."

Western's hosts Alaska Anchorage at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday in Carver Gym.





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"Being the first commissioned officer to step up and refuse deployment is a big step," Ahmath

I don't feel this was an accurate representation of my statement.

I believe Watada's actions to refuse deployment was a big step towards a participatory democracy where at all levels people are able to make the decisions which affect them and the resouces which they are dependant upon.

Thank You! -Karim Ahmath

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Adjusting to college-town life

Seattlite finds Bellingham's outdoor lifestyle refreshing



Before I decided to come to Western I asked a friend about Bellingham and her response went something like this:

"Bellingham? Oh, you mean Boringham. It is a liberal, environmentally conscious college town. It's nothing like Seattle. You're gonna hate it there."

I wasn't bothered by the fact she said Bellingham was liberal or environmentally conscious. But it did bother me that she said it was boring, so before I stepped foot in Bellingham I knew I was in for a challenge.

> "I remember strolling downtown, I didn't see the urban pigeons. There weren't any smelly alleyways or busy traffic."

And she was right, I hated Bellingham, because it was nothing like Seattle.

I remember strolling downtown. I didn't see the urban pigeons. There weren't any smelly alleyways or busy traffic.

I wasn't ready to give Bellingham a chance, so every weekend I bummed rides to Seattle. I felt out of place here.

As a Seattle urbanite coming to a small city,

it was a traumatic experience. Well, maybe not traumatic but it took me a while to adapt to hiking to class from the Ridgeway dorms, the environmental atmosphere and lack of diversity.

It was also difficult for me to become one with nature. I wasn't the environmental type. My family never went camping, canoeing or skiing when I was growing up. Suddenly, at Western I found myself experiencing the outdoors first with apprehension and then with curiosity.

And what I miss most about Seattle is the diversity. In my hometown of White Center, which is in south Seattle, people of all ethnicities surround me, including Bosnian, Somalian, Vietnamese and El Salvordean.

For all those people who experience boredom in Bellingham, my advice to you is to not give up. Bellingham offers plenty of things for you to do.

Bellingham has a vibrant and diverse arts scene. The Pickford Cinema, downtown, is a great place to watch independent and foreign films.

I like to peruse through the Whatcom Independent for local concerts or the Associated Students Review to see upcoming events on

Broaden your horizons. College is a perfect opportunity for students to step out of their comfort zone. I learned this first-hand canoeing on Lake Whatcom. If a friend didn't encourage me to go I would have probably never had this experience.

I have learned to get over my "there is no life outside of Seattle and Tacoma" attitude and appreciate life outside the city.

When I am tired of the noisy city life or the drama in Seattle I can come to peaceful Bellingham, where I am surrounded by Evergreen trees and snowcapped mountains.

How would you make Bellingham more fun for minors?



"Implement a fair for people to gather and meet people, and enjoy the city."



Jeanette O'Connnor

"Lengthen how late the busses run. It should be later on the weekends for younger people without cars."



(iana Fukuyama

"Most clubs are 21 and over. Clubs for 18 and over would be kinda cool."



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"More dances, usually it's for people 21 and over. For people under 21 it can be hard to find a safe place to go. "

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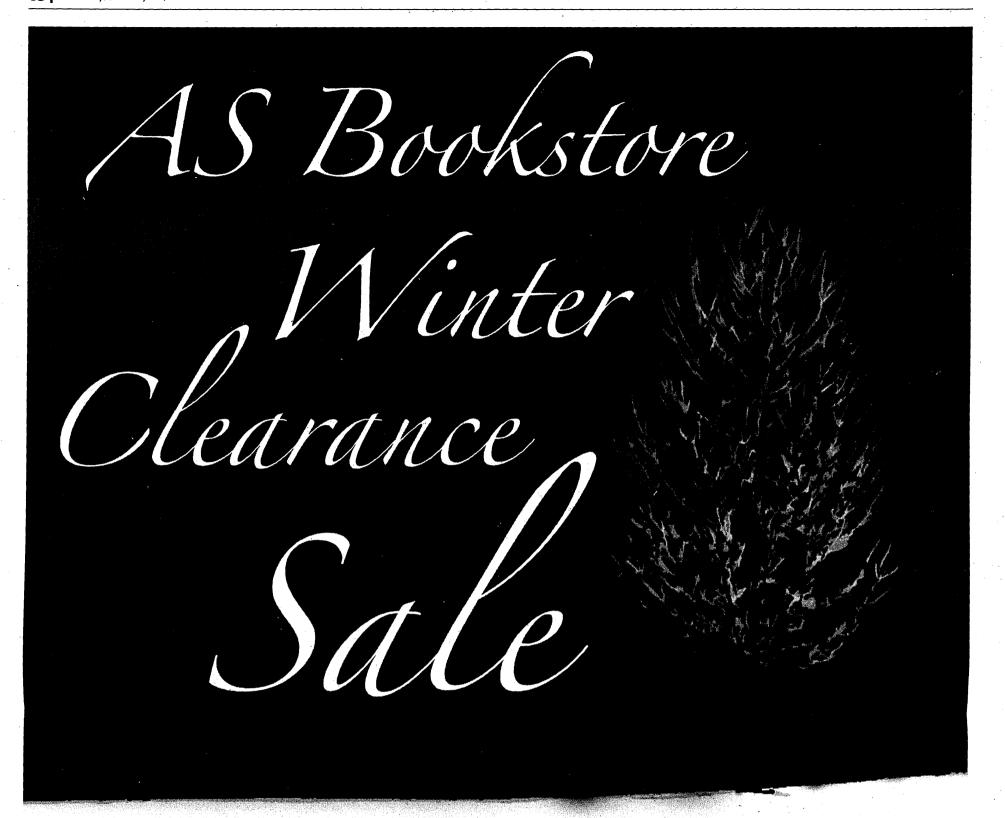
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