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Western will monitor Internet usage and possibly limit it.

Internet limit may be set at 4 hours per day

By Laura Rabel
THE WESTERN FRONT

Free Internet access through Western has a few students overusing the privilege, which could lead to a campus-wide restriction on the amount of hours students are allowed Online each week, said Jerry Boles, Vice-Provost for Information and Telecommuni-

cation Services.

"Right now we have a modem pool of 192 lines for access," Boles said. "A few students are staying on all the time."

Students may now be connected to a Western modem for up to two hours before being disconnected, when it is possible to reboot. However, some students tie up lines for excessive hours per week.

"Most people are Online a reasonable amount of hours but there are a few that are using it too much," Boles said. "This is an issue we are trying to get a handle on because it can deny use to others."

Certain times in the quarter offer more of a challenge for students to get Online.

"The only time I have ever had See ONLINE, page 4

Local activists reach critical mass

Bikes crowd streets, police escort protest through downtown

By Erin Crumpacker
THE WESTERN FRONT

Numerous bicycle trails in Bellingham provide locals with enjoyment, but when it comes to road biking the number of rules and fines make freedom hard to come by.

Approximately 40 bicyclists participated Friday in Critical Mass, a monthly rally allowing cyclists to ride and promote road biking to the community.

"Most of the traffic laws are written for cars and are applied to bicycles," Critical Mass participant Brian Hindman said.

Hindman, an avid bicyclist, said he believes bikers should yield at stop signs instead of being forced to stop because they thrive on forward momentum.

Friday's Critical Mass began outside of Boundary Bay Brewery and Bistro, on Railroad Street. Hindman led the group and formed the route as he rode along. The group cycled on the side of the road toward Bellis Fair Mall and back to downtown.

The Bellingham police rode

beside the group the entire route.

Steve Felmley, a Bellingham police officer said, "We're here to maintain public order."

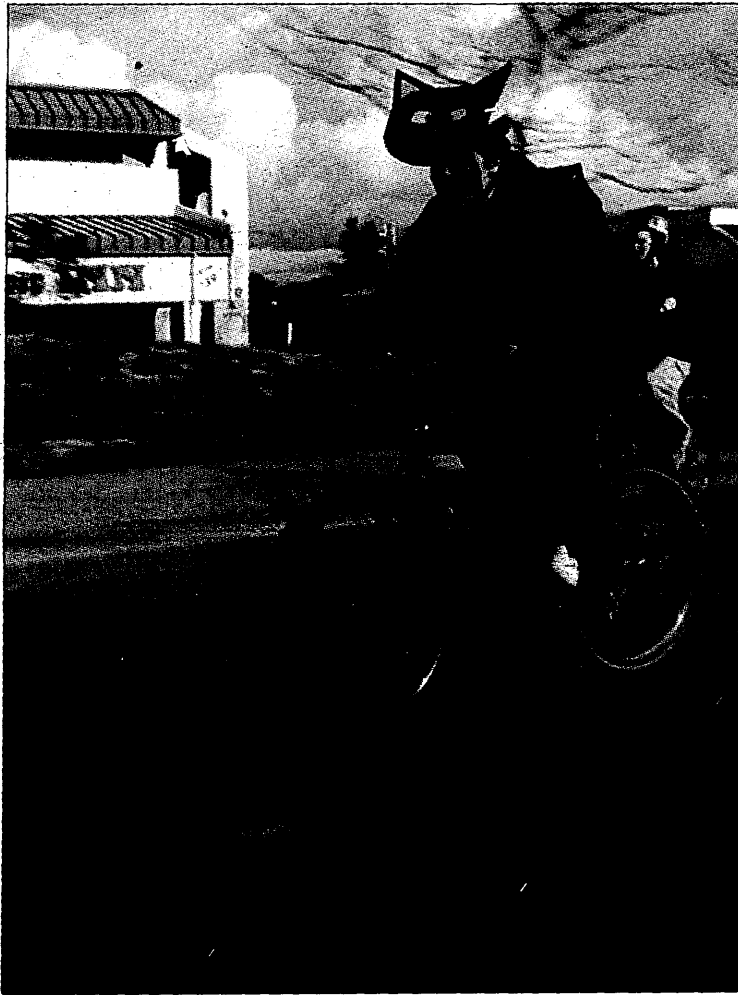
At the previous Critical Mass one person was arrested. At this Critical Mass, Bellingham police cited one person for running a red light. Fines generally cost \$47, but the judge considers a person's record when a person is cited.

Felmley, along with several other officers, rode along and warned riders about the following bicycle rules, staying to the far right of the lane, not traveling over the center line and stopping at red lights and stop signs.

Critical Mass is a type of international activism for bicyclists and occurs on the last Friday of every month. It began in San Francisco in 1992 with 48 participants. Since then, it has grown significantly. In larger cities, more than 500 people have joined in the ride. Today, more than 90 cities in the United States participate in Critical Mass, as well as many cities around the world, including Sydney, Paris and London.

Critical Mass received its name from Ted White's documentary film about bicycling, "Return to the Scorcher." The

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Matt Anderson/The Western Front

Budy McCasey, veteran Critical Mass rider, pedals away from the pack during Friday's ride. The riders went round trip from Boundary Bay Brewery and Bistro to Bellis Fair Mall in protest of bad bike routes in Bellingham

Konnichiwa: Japanese culture has hello week

By Dionna M. Dominguez
THE WESTERN FRONT

The Japanese program at Western is hosting Japan Week 2000, from May 1 to May 4, to promote understanding and awareness of Japanese culture.

The theme for the fourth annual event is, "Facing the 21st Century." All events are free of charge and open to the public.

"This event is a cooperation between the university, the local community and the Seattle Consulate," said Michiko Yusa, modern and classical languages chair.

An activity new to Japan Week

begins Tuesday at 4 p.m. at Haggard Hall, room 253. A student panel will discuss issues such as cultural etiquette, legal procedures and language barriers they have dealt with trying to acclimate to another country.

Yoshiro Hanai, a visiting assistant teacher from Japan, is a Masters student at Nagoya University of Foreign Studies and is contracted at Western for only one year.

"It was difficult getting settled in the states, with having to get a social security number, a university contract and tax-exempt

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Sabbatical funds grow \$165,000

By Hillary Smith
THE WESTERN FRONT

Funding for faculty research time and expenses at Western grew more than \$165,000 since 1992.

Applications for research grants, however, have decreased.

The Summer Research Grant program, which allows recipients to devote large amounts of time to research, has remained stagnant in funding since 1997 with the exception of a one-time \$30,000 allocation in 1999.

The University Planning Council, acting as a liaison between faculty and Western, recommended in April increased funding for Summer Research Awards, are state-funded grants.

"In our considered opinion, incremental increases reflective of the growth in the size of the faculty as well as of productivity, would be appropriate," UPC members stated in the Spring Report on Research Support.

Sources of funding suggested in the report are indirect costs,

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IN THIS ISSUE

Foiled again

Fencing club freshman Vincent Nguyen won first place in the novice foil competition Saturday, in the club's second annual spring fencing tournament.

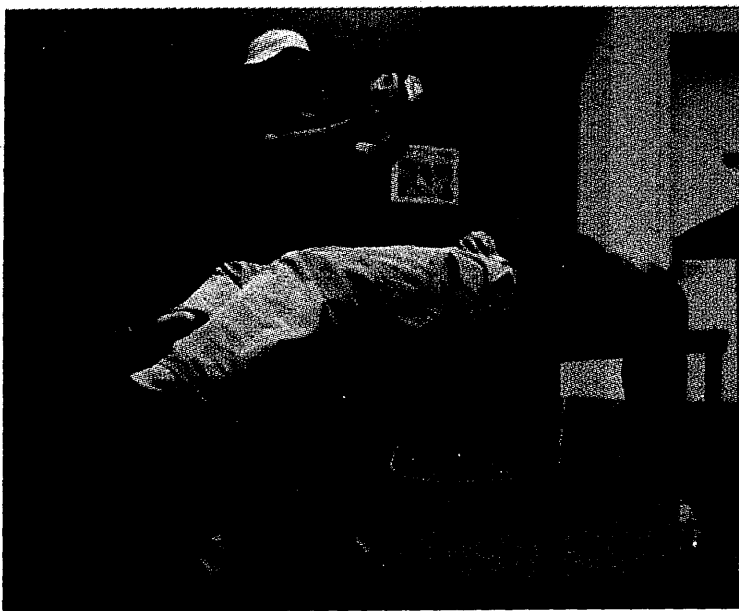
See pages 8 to 9.

Brigid Collins House



The Brigid Collins House provides counseling, social interaction for victims of domestic violence

See page 7.



Erin Crumpacker/The Western Front

Japanese students David No and Yen-Chang S. Chen open Japan week with the skit "Let's Go to the Game Center."

COPS BOX

University Police

April 26, 9:15 p.m.: Someone reported malicious mischief in the 300 block of High Street.

April 27, 1:31 a.m.: Two 21-year-old females were cited for providing liquor to minors in the 2901 block of Bill McDonald Pkwy. They were released.

April 30, 1:29 a.m.: Officers responded to a report of suspicious circumstances in the science, math and technological engineering building. They located a student and cleared the building.

April 30, 1:47 p.m.: A 20-year-old male was booked into Whatcom County Jail on a warrant for failing to appear and comply. Bail was set at \$600.

April 30, 11:51 p.m.: Officers received a report of a suspicious person in lot 3R. The person was contacted and turned out to be a student parking in the lot for the night.

May 1, 12:46 a.m.: Officers issued a verbal warning to a driver for failure to signal, as well as a light violation.

Bellingham Police

April 28, 10:51 p.m.: Officers responded to a loud party at 3111 Ferry Ave. where they found minors in possession of alcohol and adults furnishing liquor to minors.

April 29, 1:57 p.m.: An officer responded to a report of a vehicle prowler at 227 Prospect St.

April 29, 5:31 p.m.: A gas station employee at 1101 Iowa Dr. reported someone stole gas without paying.

April 29, 6:44 p.m.: Officers cited someone for shoplifting at 50 Bellis Fair Pkwy. They trespassed the shoplifter for one year from the premises.

April 30, 2:13 a.m.: A man was assaulted, apparently for no reason, and transported to St. Joseph's Hospital for treatment.

Compiled by Ken Jager

AP WIRE NEWS BRIEFS

STATE NEWS

Thurston County women get mysterious mail

Thurston County deputies are investigating mysterious envelopes mailed to several women in the Olympia area.

More were received in Bellevue and Mountlake Terrace.

They contain clippings related to white supremacy and pornography. Some also contained a nail, washers, sea shells and a package of sweetener.

Microsoft exec settles lawsuit

Microsoft executive Chris Larson is settling a lawsuit filed by a neighbor by buying his home for \$2 million.

The neighbor complained of dust and noise from renovation work at Larson's mansion on a bluff overlooking Puget Sound.

NATIONAL NEWS

Giuliani's election status in doubt

New York's Senate race may not include Rudolph Giuliani after all.

The New York mayor said he will take the next couple of

weeks to decide how he is going to be treated for his newly-diagnosed prostate cancer.

Giuliani said doctors caught the disease early.

He said he hasn't decided about the future of his Senate campaign against Hillary Clinton.

No visits from Elian's Miami relatives

Elian Gonzalez's father will not be forced to allow visits from the boy's Miami relatives.

A federal appeals court in Atlanta turned down that request from relatives and another request seeking an outside guardian.

The court, however, continued an order designed to keep Elian out of the hands of Cuban diplomats.

More towns sign with Smith and Wesson

Despite a lawsuit by gunmakers, more communities are signing on to a deal with Smith & Wesson.

Under the deal, Smith and Wesson have agreed to adopt new safety and responsibility standards.

In return, the federal government and individual communities agreed to give the company preference when it comes time to buy guns for law enforcement.

Several gun makers

announced a suit Wednesday claiming the deal is an illegal restraint of trade.

The federal government announced Thursday that 190 communities have agreed to take part in the program.

New York Democratic Senator Charles Schumer called the suit laughable.

Gays march on Washington

Hundreds of thousands of gays and supporters marched Sunday on the Capitol, transforming the National Mall into a sea of multicolored flags and joining hands in a show of unity they hope will transform recent victories into wider protections for homosexuals.

The marchers celebrated a week of victories, which included passage of a Vermont law giving gays marriage-like rights and a renewed plea by President Clinton for a federal Hate Crimes Prevention Act.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

New victims found from Ugandan cult

More grisly discoveries are linked to a doomsday cult in Uganda.

Authorities said they found more than 50 bodies in three graves in the garage of a house

rented by a cult leader.

Many of the reported victims were children.

The cult has already been blamed for more than 900 deaths.

Meanwhile, a government official said prisoners who have helped dig up mass graves are suffering from post-traumatic stress.

Some legislators have questioned the circumstances under which the unprotected and bare-foot prisoners worked.

Japanese plant worker dies from radiation

Another worker exposed to high radiation in Japan's worst nuclear accident died.

The man is the second plant worker to die since the September accident at a uranium plant 70 miles northeast of Tokyo.

Japanese television reported he died after a worsening of his condition, which was compounded by pneumonia and weakened kidneys.

The first worker died of multiple organ failure in December.

A total of 439 people, including nearby residents, are believed to have been exposed to radiation in the accident.

Compiled by Melissa Child

Bellingham Weather

Tuesday



Cloudy. High 62, low 44.

Wednesday



Partly cloudy. High 58, low 42.

Thursday



Partly cloudy. High 56, low 40.

Friday



Rain. High 60, low 46.

CORRECTIONS



CLARIFICATIONS

In the April 28 edition of The Western Front, an article on Page 5 said Madonna Thunder Hawk founded the Women of All Nations. The actual name of the organization is Women of All Red Nations.

Also, Bill Heming's name was misspelled on Page 1. The Front apologizes for these mistakes.

WWU Official Announcements

Deadline for announcements in this space is noon Friday for the Tuesday edition and noon Wednesday for the Friday edition. Announcements should be limited to 50 words, typewritten or legibly printed, and sent through campus mail to "Official Announcements," MS-9117, via fax to X-7287, or brought in person to Commissary 113A. DO NOT SEND ANNOUNCEMENTS DIRECTLY TO THE WESTERN FRONT. Phoned announcements will not be accepted. All announcements should be signed by originator.

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MATH PLACEMENT TEST: 3 p.m. Mondays: May 8, 15 and 22, and 9 a.m. Thursdays: May 4, 11, 18, 25, June 1. Testing: OM 120. Registration not required. Bring picture ID, No. 2 pencil. \$10 fee required in exact amount at test time. Allow 90 minutes.

THE BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT WILL CHECK students' prerequisites and majors for most fall biology classes. Students who meet the restrictions will be able to register for biology classes at their September appointment time. Enrollment information is available at the Web site, <http://fire.biol.wvu.edu/biology/>.

SEVERAL FALL BIOLOGY CLASSES REQUIRE OVERRIDES. Override request forms will be available through May 5 outside BI 315. Override requests are required for Biol 384, 403, 404, 432, 436, 439, 451, 453, 503a, 505, 508a, 508b, 599a. Transfer students with prerequisite equivalents taken elsewhere must request overrides. Biol 319, 321, 322, 325, 326 and 348 are restricted to specific officially declared majors. All others need to wait until Phase II to register or request an override.

THREE HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSIONS will be held at 2 p.m. May 2 in MH 210. Find out about the bachelor of arts degree in human services offered through Woodring College. For more information, call X/7759.

A SLIDE SHOW AND INFORMATION SESSION about the semester program in Valdivia, Chile, will be held at 4 p.m. May 4 in VU 408. The program combines intensive Spanish language training with integrated academic courses, field study and cultural excursions. For more information, call X/3298 or stop by OM 530E.

THE TEST FOR ENTRANCE INTO TEACHER PREPARATION (TETEP) will be given at 2 p.m. May 22 in FR 3. Registration required in OM 120; a \$25 fee must be paid in exact amount at that time. Not administered individually. Admission deadline for fall 2000: April 30. Allow 2 1/2 hours.

LEGISLATIVE INTERNS FOR WINTER QUARTER 2001 are being selected this quarter. Information and applications: AH 415, X/3469. Eligibility: undergraduates in all disciplines; at least junior standing; minimum GPA of 2.75. Apply by May 5.

MILLER ANALOGIES TEST (MAT) will be given at 2 p.m. May 12 in FR 4 and at 2 p.m. June 16 in SL 120. Registration is required in OM 120. Not administered individually. A \$35 fee is payable at time of test. Test takes about 1 1/2 hours.

THE AMERICAN CULTURE STUDIES Student Paper Symposium will be 1 to 4:30 p.m. May 18 in the Library Presentation Room. Papers are due April 21. Awards: \$200 for top paper; \$100 each for three others. Complete details: Ray McClinnis, X/3194, send e-mail to Raymond.McLinnis@wwu.edu, or send intercampus mail to MS-9103.

On-campus recruiting

Cintas Corp., Wednesday, May 3. Submit resumé and sign up for interview in OM 280.

Mervyn's, Wednesday, May 3. Attend information session at 7 p.m. May 2 in OM 280. Enter using front door on the north end of building. Submit resumé and sign up for interview in OM 280. Submit resumé and sign up for interview in OM 280.

Norwest Financial, Wednesday, May 3. Requires graduation by August with degree in communications or a business-related discipline. Submit resumé and sign up for interview in OM 280.

Marysville School District, Thursday, May 4. Teachers sought for all areas and levels. Complete application form; placement file must be ready. Sign up for interviews in OM 280.

Bethel School District, Friday, May 5. Teachers welcome in all areas and levels; math, science, special education and elementary school teachers especially needed. Sign up for interview in OM 280.

Phillip Morris, Friday, May 5. Interviews for territory manager and interns in northwest locations. See position descriptions in sign-up folder. Submit resumé and sign up for interview in OM 280.

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Japan Week celebration introduces students to traditions, cultural ideas

Schedule of events:

Tuesday, May 2

• 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Open invitation to observe first-, second- and third-year Japanese language and literature classes in Bond Hall, Arntzen Hall and Humanities.

• 4:00 - 5:30 p.m., Student panel discussion, "Living in Japan, Living in America: Cross-cultural Discussions and Understanding," at Haggard Hall.

• 8:00 - 10:00 p.m., Comedy film "Shall We Dance?" at Library Presentation Room.

Wednesday, May 3

• 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., University Faculty Symposium at Science Lecture Hall 130, "Facing the 21st Century: Past, Present and Future."

• 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Reception.

Thursday, May 4

• 3:00 - 4:00 p.m., Lecture by Master Zenko Okimura at Library Presentation Room on "Martial Arts and Buddhism."

• 6:30 - 7:15 p.m., Aikido Demonstration at Viking Union Lounge.

• 8:00 - 9:30 p.m., "Taste of Japan" presented by the Asia University America Program at Viking Union Lounge.

Compiled by
Dionna M. Dominguez

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forms. I could not sleep, so I did not have time for nightmares," Hanai said.

On the last day of Japan Week, Master Zenko Okimura will lecture on "Martial Arts and Buddhism." He also will give an Aikido demonstration at the Viking Union Main Lounge.

Master Okimura highly regarded by the faculty of the Japanese program.

"I would not call Master Okimura an Aikido instructor because it would not do justice to his expertise," said Assistant Professor Massimiliano Tomasi. "He is also a Buddhist priest, and is coming all the way from Delaware to do this for us."

Yusa contends Master Okimura is someone who embod-

ies Japanese tradition intellectually, physically and spiritually. She said it is this type of guest that enriches students' understanding of the Japanese culture — the main goal of Japan Week.

Students will be introduced to Japanese tradition through cooking. The Asia University America Program will host its annual "Taste of Japan" by preparing traditional Japanese fare for guests May 4.

"Being Japanese students, they (AUAP) try to create an opportunity for students on campus who don't know anything about Japanese culture, but would like to know more, to have a taste of it," Tomasi explained.

Planning for Japan Week began in December. Fund-raising immediately followed.

"Fund-raising is crucial," Yusa

said. "It does take a bit of effort. Money is the most important aspect to do anything meaningful."

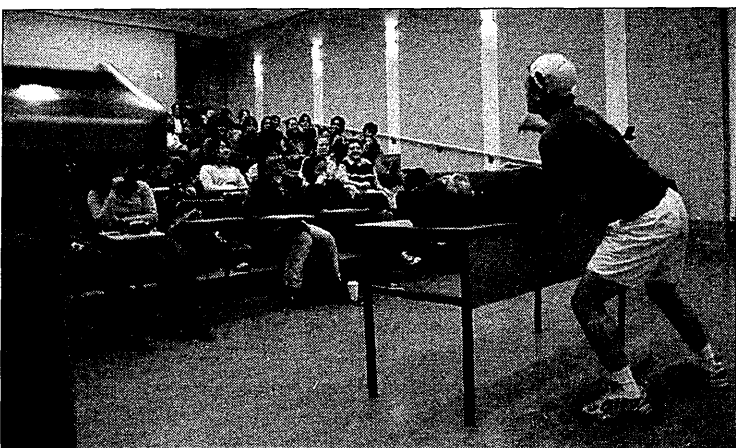
An annual contributor, The Consulate-General of Japan in Seattle donated the initial \$1000 in "seed money" for Japan Week in 1997. Local businesses give scholarships, waist packs and gift certificates as contest prizes in exchange for free advertising, and a network of community members donate money.

"Every year some things are new. Some things are not new," Yusa explained. "We wanted to do this (Japan Week) only because, I think, the university's really interested in promoting diversity among students, and cross-cultural understanding."

In the future, Yusa would like to bring in more scholarship donations, free flights by a major airline for the speech and skit contest winners and a Taiko Japanese Percussion Group to play in the Performing Arts Center — all requiring substantial donated funds.

Other faculty members have a simpler wish list.

"My desire would be to see great participation by students, to see a lot of students at this event," Tomasi said.



Daniel J. Peters/The Western Front

Participants watch Japanese language students compete for prizes including \$250 scholarships to study in Japan.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

May 4

Meet the Presidents in Red Square. A.S. President Victor Cox and Western President Karen Morse will answer students' questions from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

May 4

LifeQuest will host a six-session seminar on quitting smoking from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Hospital Thursday. Costs is \$85. Call 738-6720 for more information.

May 5

Woodring College hosts "Celebration of Teaching," a free conference for perspective teachers from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in

May 9

This year's "Gear Grab," a huge used-equipment sale, will be at 7 p.m. in the Viking Union main lounge. Students can drop off gear to be sold in VU300 on May 8 and May 9.

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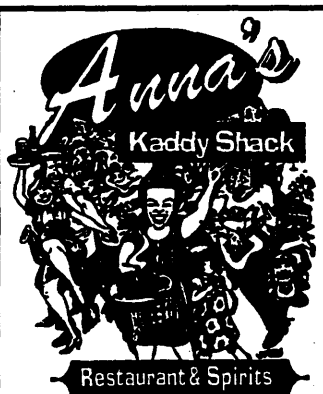
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Bikers 'draw attention' to their cause



Matt Anderson/The Western Front

Bicycle police were involved in Friday's ride, and answered questions on riding limitations before the protest.

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movie shows a mass of people in China waiting to cross the street on a bike. Since crosswalks and lights are hard to come by in China; a "critical mass" of people has to form in order for people to cross the street.

Western sophomore Phil Butler joined Critical Mass for the first time to receive extra credit for an environmental studies class at Western. He said Critical Mass was fun but also intimidating.

"You had cops looking at you every step of the way," Butler said.

Butler added that police warned a couple people beside

him for riding three-a-breast — three people side by side in a row.

Western junior Sarah Sokolow said she wasn't worried about getting a ticket because she understood the rules.

She said she heard about Critical Mass from a friend and participated to promote bicycle riding for environmental reasons.

"Some people in the cars were waving and honking," Sokolow said. "There was also some mocking from cars saying things like, 'Get off the road.'"

Before the ride, Hindman told the group to be friendly, smile and wave to the cars passing by them.

"We want to promote bicycle riding and a large group draws attention," Hindman said.

Western watching lab Internet users

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problems with logging on is during registration at the end of the quarter," sophomore Andy Oranen said.

Western is trying to keep tabs on anyone Online for more than four hours per day or 30 hours per week.

Some users have been staying Online for more than 50 hours per week. A weekly printout of users helps find who overuses modems.

Limiting connection hours to 30 per week is one solution, but no decisions are made.

"What we have been trying to do manually is if one person shows up on our records a few times someone sends them an e-mail asking them to use the system correctly or to consider other free internet providers," Boles said. "Most people have been very cooperative."

The Academic Technology Committee has worked on the issue, deciding whether the problem is large enough to take strong action toward. Not everyone, however, would have problems if limited Online access became a reality.

"I try not to be on the Internet much at all because it frustrates me to no end," junior Beth Batchelder said. "I don't know anyone else that's like me and hates the Internet. I think I'm pretty much the only one."

Grant 'important' for summer study

From **GRANTS**, page 1

state sources and funds from the Western Foundation.

With restrictions on sabbaticals — paid leave for research — and individual colleges not funding professors on leave for research, UPC members said the program has the best chance of expansion.

Western gives sabbaticals yearly in direct proportion to faculty size, which increased six percent during the past four years.

Sixty-six leaves were requested for 1999-2000 school year and 50.5 leaves were granted. Sixty-four leaves were requested for 2000-2001, with 52 granted.

The UPC report said the sabbatical program is vital to faculty research, but is not likely to increase due to state restrictions on professional leave.

Kenneth Hoover, UPC chair, said he sees expansion of the Research program needed for Western to remain nationally-ranked among other universities.

"Research and fine teaching go together," Hoover said. "The Summer Research program is important because it's difficult for Western's faculty to conduct research during the school year when they have heavy class loads as well."

Western's Strategic Plan was cited in the report, with emphasis placed on research as a valuable learning tool for faculty.

"... Western does have a large and growing sector of funded research, a considerable invest-

ment in master's programs, and a reputation as a teaching institution that could not be sustained without faculty competent and active in their field of expertise," the report stated.

Hoover said the faculty expansion during the past several years makes greater allocations for Summer Research Awards critical in maintaining the current research level of productivity.

Western faculty had 236 articles published in 1995 and 1996, compared with 423 articles published in 1998 and 1999.

"The data on increasing productivity highlights the importance of the level of support for the equipment, time, travel, expenses and professional costs associated with this effort," the report stated.

According to the UPC report, first-year faculty generally don't get summer grants, and it endorsed recommendations made by Deans of Colleges granting first-year faculty funding.

The report said this should limit competition with established faculty members for discretionary grants.

Applications for grants have not grown with an increase in grant size.

The UPC states failure rates of nearly three in five may cause dwindling application rates.

The success rate fell from nearly 60 percent to 40 percent since 1998, when grant size increased from \$115,000 to \$122,500.

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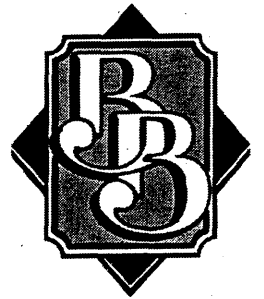
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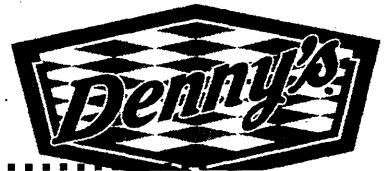
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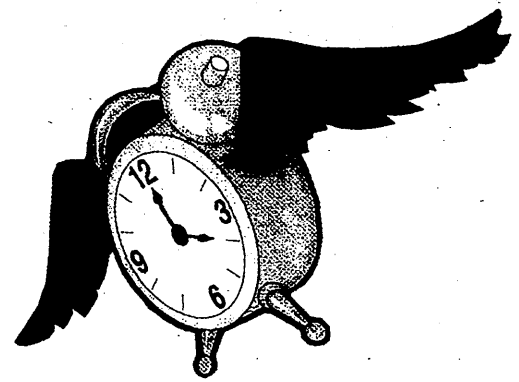
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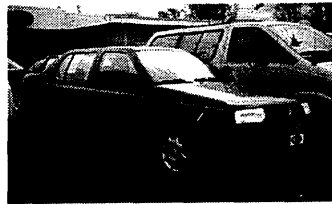
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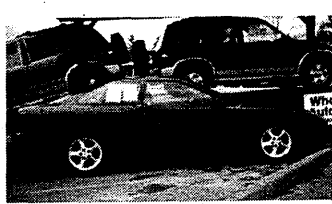
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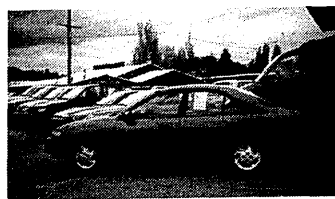
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Ladies and gentlemen, BOYS AND GIRLS

By Ken Jager
THE WESTERN FRONT

This hangout has several pool tables to play against buddies, a foosball table to have fun with a friend, a ping-pong table to imagine being Forrest Gump playing for the world championship, and even an air hockey table.

One might assume this place is a bar or a pub. Nobody, however, would find alcoholic drinks here, or even too many adults older than 21, for that matter.

This popular hangout is strictly for kids kindergarten through 12 grade.

This place is the Bellingham Boys and Girls Club.

Next to the game room, a room full of computers awaits for someone to play games or surf the 'net, or to even do homework.

Next to the computer room, an arts and craft room is open for the budding artist. An area by the game room to collect snacks from a window awaits by the eating area so you can quickly engulf them with your friends.

As if that wasn't enough, down the hallway is a full-sized gym with six basketball hoops.

Club Program Director Christy Engdale said that the club is the best place for youths in the area to come and have some fun.

Engdale said that in addition to having fun, kids must do their homework in what is called a "power hour." The hour is strictly for doing homework and employees are available to help the kids if they need it.

When kids aren't involved with homework, special times are set up for different activities, such as basketball, dodge ball, and even pool and ping pong tournaments.

Employees of the club often play with kids in tournaments or in single games. Engdale said interaction with the kids on all levels is key to building trust and feeling safe.

"We offer community service time for juvenile offenders as well," Engdale, a 1997 Western graduate, said. "It's a great program to keep kids off the street."

Engdale also said that the community service program is open to those offenders that the club would offer a better chance to learn about their mistakes as well as provide them with an alternative place to go without turning to mischief.



(Left to right) Rebecca Percy, Michael Gonzalez, Tastea Kurtu and Angel Gonzalez learn the intricacies of pool sharking at the Bellingham Boys and Girls Club.

It's also a place to go if there is no one home after school.

This year marks eight-year-old MacKenzie Warwick's first year coming to the club. His parents are divorced and he lives with his mom. His mom works full time and the club offers a place to go and have fun with kids his own age.

"I stay here until my mom gets off of work and comes to pick me up," Warwick said. "I can play games and get my homework done here. I have lots of fun."

Two seven year olds, Samantha Trahan and Jasmine Zell, like most of the same things at the club, shouting in unison, "We like the all-girls gym hour, it's all about the all-girls gym hour."

Membership involves a \$15 fee for a year. The fee includes everything the program has to offer and all the facilities, with exception to the various sport leagues.

Some sport leagues offered include basketball, baseball and football.

The leagues cost an additional \$40 for each player.

Sixteen-year-old Joe Carey has been with the club for over six years. He's seen many kids come and go in his time there. His laid-back personality fits in well at the club.

"I like this place so much because it's better than the street," Carey said. "I try to take on a leadership role, in a way, because I've been here so long. I have lots of fun here."

What is special about Carey is that he has spina bifida and can't use his legs. He is limited to getting around on his wheelchair. He doesn't let it bother him as he engages in many of the activities at the club.

Carey's favorite activities at the club include basketball and a game called

bombard me, another name for dodgeball.

Jeff Betz, a 1999 Western graduate who wants to become a teacher, enjoys working there.

"It's a lot of fun coming to work everyday," Betz said. "I just want to work with the kids. It's funny to say that you enjoy going to work, but I do."

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Whatcom County also has clubs in Nooksack, Ferndale and Blaine.

Schools in Acme and Lynden have clubs as part of the school.

The Boys and Girls Club is building another club in the Roosevelt neighborhood and should be open by later next year. Engdale said there are enough kids in that area of town that would justify another club.

Right now, most of the members of the Club at 3230 Meridian St. come from Parkview Elementary.

To help promote the new club near Roosevelt Elementary, about 20 kids from Roosevelt are shuttled from there to the club.

Alicia Savage, a Skagit Valley Community College student, is Coordinator of the program in Roosevelt.

"I run an open gym at Roosevelt for the kids," she said. "We also have been restoring the land along Fever Creek in Roosevelt Park with the Roosevelt kids."

Savage, 19, led the kids in planting trees, trimming bushes, picking up garbage and spreading gravel along walk paths.

She said the restoration project has made the area look wonderful, much better than it looked before.

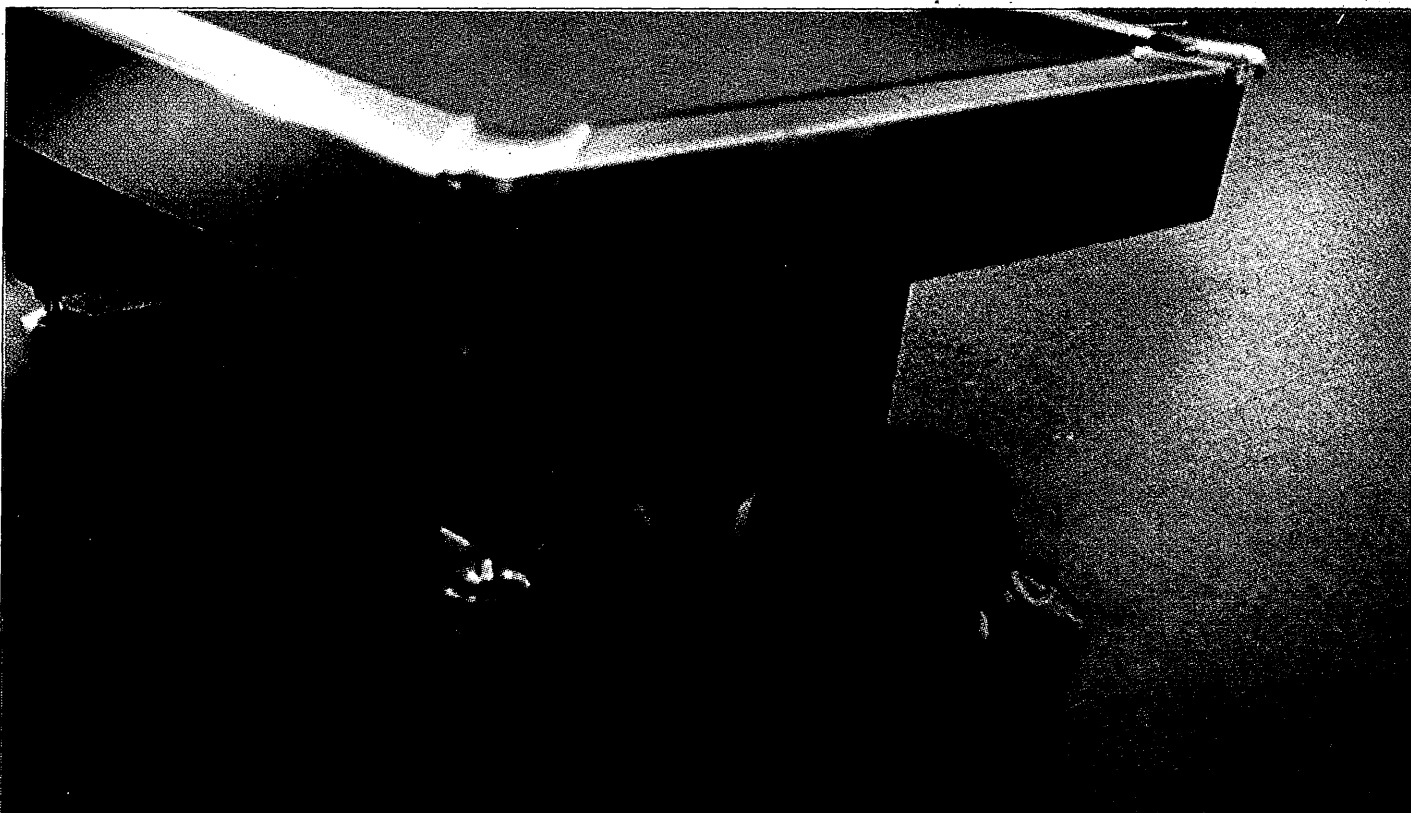
Nicky Nguyen, an eight-year-old from Roosevelt Elementary, is part of that program and has been a member of the club for two years.

"I just really like playing pool the best," he said.

The Boys and Girls Club is not a bar, nor is it a daycare.

The kids who go to the Boys and Girls Club aren't celebrities. Instead, they can pretend to be a superstar basketball player or a champion pool player.

An added benefit is no last call.



Xavier, 6, hides under a pool table from marauding children who say "you're it," scream and run away.

Jonathan Simmons/The Western Front

'BRIGID' OVER TROUBLED WATERS

Brigid Collins house helps families break abusive patterns

By Levi Pulkkinen
THE WESTERN FRONT

A few years ago an Alaskan woman of Russian descent found herself in an arranged marriage with a man who beat her with the regularity of a clock.

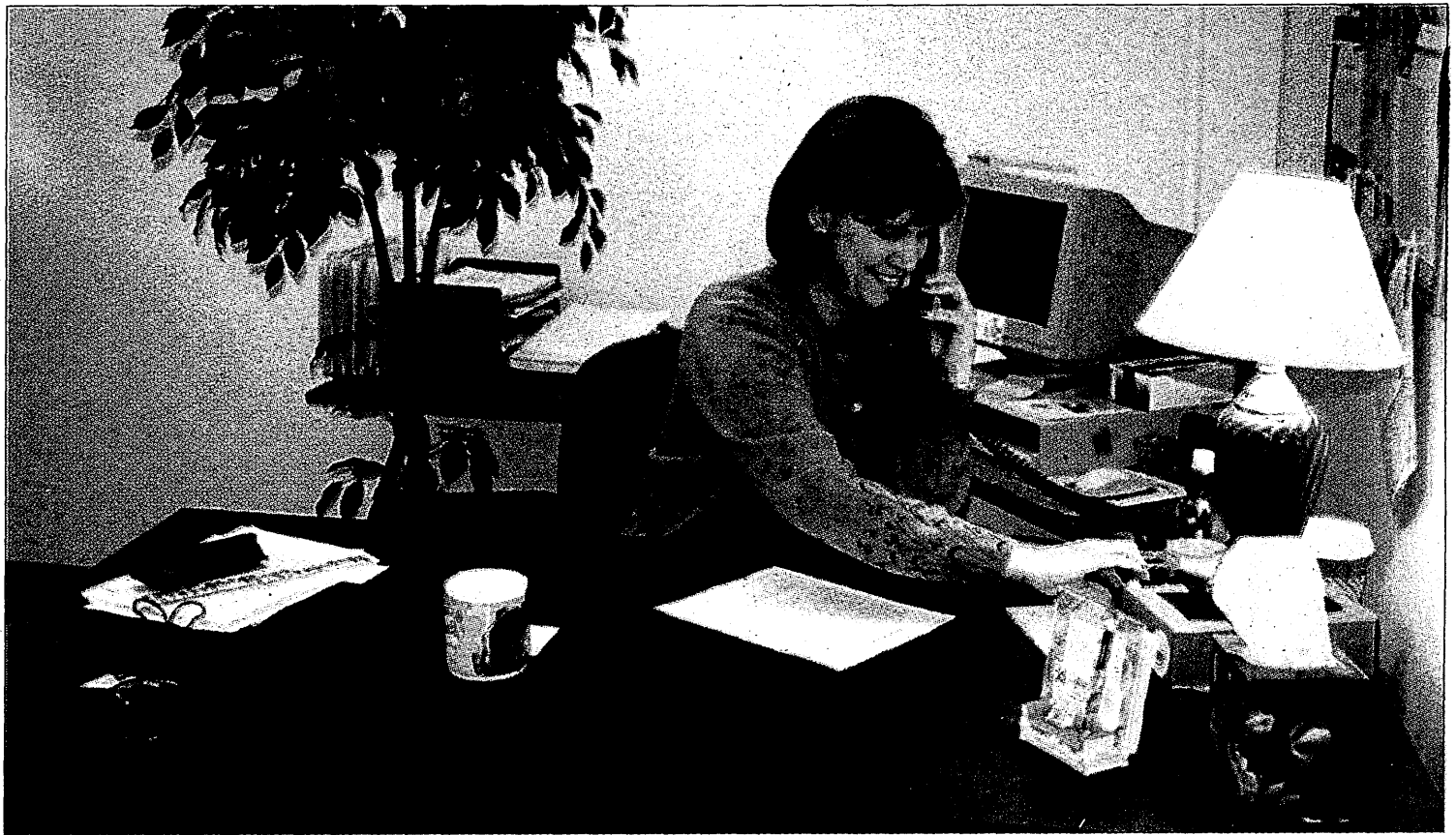
"She was being battered by her husband and her kids were being maltreated, so she left that situation and moved to Bellingham," said Brigid Collins House director Byron Manering. "When she moved here she didn't have any kind of economic support for herself, so she met somebody and ended up moving in with him."

Her new boyfriend turned out to be as abusive as her husband. Her children were having trouble in school and she was being beaten again, but she found a way out.

"She ended up being able to stand up for herself enough that the guy left, but what he did was he left her with a small apartment, three kids, \$800 a month that she had to pay," Manering said. "She had no job, she had nothing. All of a sudden she was stuck."

A plaque that reads "together we will break the cycle of child abuse in Whatcom County" hangs on a wall at the Brigid Collins House. It has a picture of Sister Collins above her quotation.

Ten years ago, when Sister Collins founded the house, people in the community reported 300 instances of child abuse monthly. Since then, the number



Stephanie Kosonen/The Western Front

Patricia Wieland helps families break the cycle of child abuse at the Brigid Collins House, which is currently seeking volunteers.

has been cut nearly in half, to 190 reports each month, in part because of the hard work by the employees and volunteers at Brigid Collins.

Manering began directing the house four years ago, after earning a Master's Degree in Social Work administration and working as a house parent for homeless children. From battered kids to parents hoping to learn a

better way to have a family, Manering and his staff make sure they have solutions for most problems.

"We have two strategies that we take to (break the cycle of child abuse)," Manering said. "One is to prevent the onset of abuse from happening in the first place. We really look at a family for potential of abuse, and see what we can do to strengthen those families to build them up so abuse doesn't ever happen in the first place."

"The second part of the strategy is if abuse does happen then we are there to provide and ensure that treatment and support is there so that they can get through that issue and go on living healthy lives and not be abused again."

It runs "Parents Helping Parents," a drop-in support group where parents can share their problems and offer each other support.

When the Russian woman came to Brigid Collins, she was connected with a case manager and volunteer parent mentor. She and her children also began attending support groups like "Parents Helping Parents."

"The first thing the volunteer did was, she knew somebody with a house for rent and helped this mom find it," Manering said. "The mom found the house where the kids had a yard, and it was \$350 a month."

A better home was a big step toward a safe, successful family life for the woman, but it was only the first step. She needed help with some basic family management skills, like balancing a checkbook and making a shopping list.

"She was really unfamiliar with a variety of different things around parenting," Manering said. "She had never been told. Her marriage was arranged and she was 14 years old when she got pregnant and just started having these babies."

As well as teaching her basic

life skills, the people at Brigid Collins helped to get her involved in the community.

"One of the main problems that we see in child abuse prevention is isolation," Manering said. "Families isolate themselves. We have gone to families who live in large apartment complexes, they have 30 or 40 people around them. If you ask them 'If you had a problem or an emergency situation, who would you go to?' they'd say 'Well I don't know anybody here.'"

Brigid Collins offers a monthly family activity night, where families can interact and find friends in their community.

"Last night we had 60 families at one place, at one time for (early) Cinco De Mayo," Manering said. "It was great. What we are doing is bringing families together so that they can learn how to build a natural

find themselves forced to act as a wedge between a child's or parent's violent past and his or her potentially bright future.

"The child might love the person who is hurting them," said case manager Maleka Morrison.

"Sometimes it feels like you are not helping. Sometimes it feels like you're just band-aiding the problem."

The program was successful, and soon the mother was able to begin to help other families with situations similar to hers. She began to give presentations in her community, allowing others to learn from her experiences and helping them to see a way out of the cycle of abuse.

Patricia Wieland, currently the case manager for 26 families at the center, said it is often hard to invest energy into a family and know the ultimate goal is for them to no longer need your service. She said the payoff is when a parent comes to her and says, "Thank you, I don't think I could have done it alone."

Brigid Collins' 20-person staff and numerous volunteers helped 880 families last year get on their way to breaking the cycle of child abuse. United Way and St. Joseph's Hospital provide 40 percent of the \$550,000 annual operating budget, with the rest of the money coming from a variety of contributions and fund-raisers.

The house is located at 1231 N. Garden St. and needs volunteers of all ages and backgrounds. It can be reached at 734-3616.

During one of her community presentations, the mother was approached by a business owner who offered her a job. She took it.

"She got a great paying job, and now things are going smooth," Manering said. "Sure there are some ups and downs. She finally said to the volunteer, 'You know I appreciate it, but I really don't need your help anymore.'"

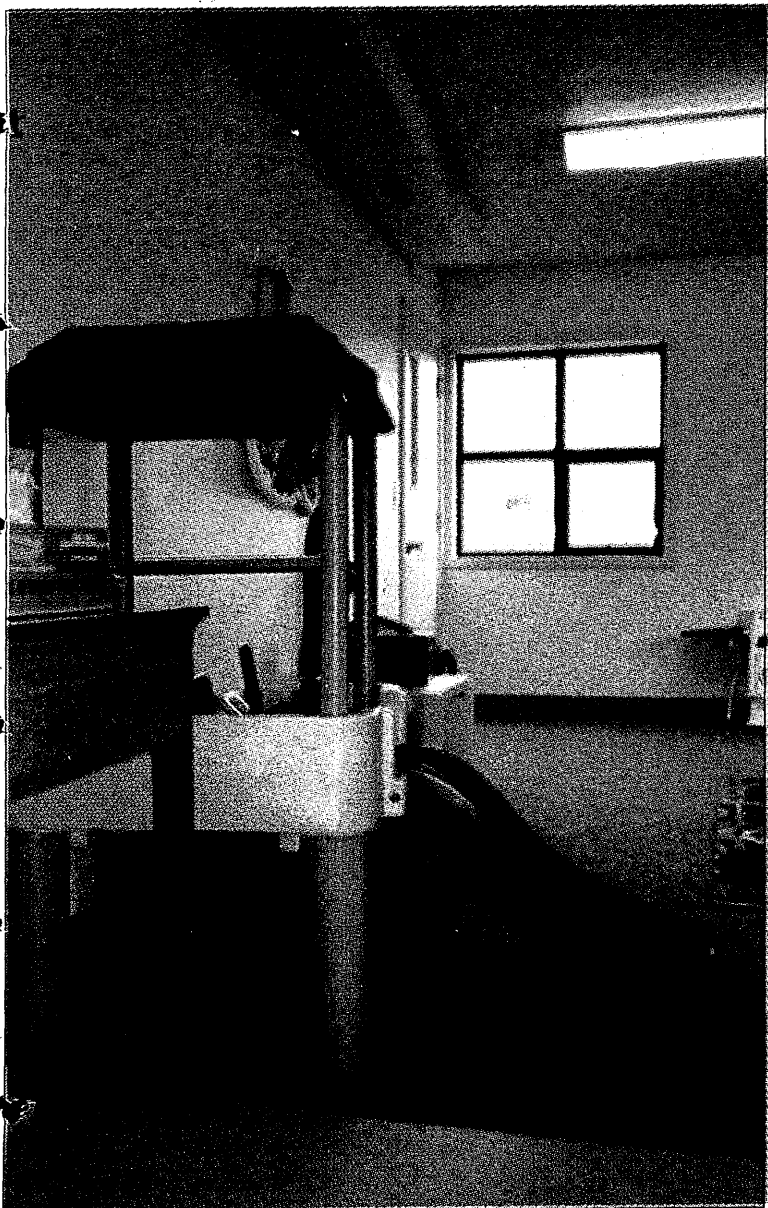
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Maleka Morrison
Case manager

support network around them." Not long after the Russian mother's family stabilized, the case manager began looking more carefully at the "deeper issues" surrounding her situation.

"It was determined that the kids had been sexually abused," Manering said. "At that point we hooked them in with our sexual abuse program. We looked at what the situations were, we provided them with education and information about sexual abuse, got them an individual therapist to work with them and then moved them into our group therapy."

Case managers constantly



Stephanie Kosonen/The Western Front

The Brigid Collins House helps families work out abuse problems and provides a place for kids to do kid stuff.

Western fencers poke competition in spring tournament

Levi Pulkkinen
THE WESTERN FRONT

The Viking's Fencing Club hosted its second annual Spring Tournament April 29 and 30.

Western junior Sam Wilson took second in Division D or under, his first medal finish in a

major tournament since he returned to the sport this year.

"He surprised a lot of people from Seattle and Vancouver, B.C.," club president Matt Pearsall said "I think that the Division D and under foil was actually more competitive than the Open foil."

Fencing events are divided by class, a grade given to each fencer based on skill level and type of weapon and fighting style, either epee, foil or saber.

Pearsall, who placed 17th in the event, said the team did better than expected considering the competition it faced Saturday.

Coach Rance Bayman placed ninth, followed by Pearsall and Scott Whittaker who placed 19th. Nik Kendall placed 24th.

Freshman Vincent Nguyen shocked the competition when he took first in the novice foil event, beating competitors from the United States and Canada.

The novice foil event is set up specifically for beginners like Nguyen, Pearsall said. Competitors do not have to be members of the fencing association. The event was free.

The only Western fencer to medal in an open division event

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Freshman Vincent Nguyen wins novice foil competition

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was Bayman, who took second in the Open foil. Pearsall took 10th and Kendall earned 15th. The Open class is accessible to people of any class.

Bayman also walked away with third in the Division D epee event, followed by Pearsall, ninth, and Kendall, 12th.

The saber was one of the high-light events of the tournament. Competitors fighting in the event are allowed to strike with any part of the weapon, unlike the foil or epee where only the tip can be used.

"It was the most high-powered

saber tournament I have seen here at Western," Pearsall said.

The club beat University of Washington's team twice this year, and was narrowly defeated by Notre Dame on two occasions. Pearsall said it is hard for his fencers to find anyone to compete with.

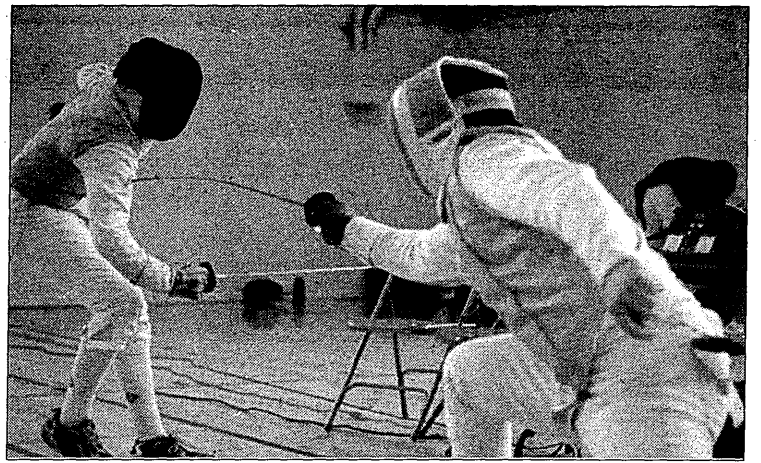
"We try to do tournaments against other schools, but we run into trouble because they just are not very strong," Pearsall said.

The club has a couple of smaller tournaments later in the year and still holds out a little hope for competing at the regional tournament in two weeks.

Although fencing was one of the original club sports at Western, it disintegrated sometime during the mid-1990s, founder Charles Collier said. Since its resurrection in 1998 by J.D. Andersen and Bayman, the club has run into funding trouble.

Pearsall complained of the lack of monetary school support for his program. He believes other club sports such as lacrosse receive more generous amounts of money.

Pearsall said the club specializes in beginners, and stressed it is "not intimidating, very low key, very cheap."



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Western fencing coach Rance Bayman makes one of his 15 touches to advance to the championship round.

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Frontline

Decision to deny tenure ignores students' interests

In the ongoing effort to provide quality education to Western students, Provost Andrew Bodman may have done a disservice to one teacher and many students by denying tenure to Katherine Halme.

When Halme applied to Western in spring 1998, she had been tenured for two years at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington before she quit to come to Western.

As a condition of employment outlined in her letter of offer, Halme was promised the opportunity to apply for tenure after only one year, instead of the usual six.

Although the agreement didn't guarantee tenure, English department chair Bill Lyne, along with the department's tenure and promotion committee and the College's dean at the time, recommended Halme be granted tenure.

Lyne said in a previous Front article that it's unusual for a professor to be recommended at those levels and be overturned by the provost.

When Halme left her tenured position at North Carolina, she had a reasonable expectation to be granted tenure after a year, especially considering the positive evaluations she received in the English department.

Bodman's decision is a slap in the face not only to her, but to the department that universally recommended she be granted tenure.

The other major problem with such a decision is, as Lyne has said, the department's credibility when recruiting new professors is undermined.

Robin Hemley, another English professor who left a tenured job in North Carolina, said he might not have made that decision six years ago if such a decision had been made back then.

Not only has Halme been insulted, but future faculty recruits may decide to pass up Western for schools that make agreements like the one made with Halme in good faith, depriving students the kind of provocative, possibly controversial teaching that makes a university more than just a sequel to high school.

Professors like Halme — a published author, poet and recipient of a National Endowment of the Arts poetry fellowship — are the type Western should seek out aggressively.

When those professors get good evaluations and agreements similar to Halme's, the school should follow through in its duty to provide students the best faculty they can get.

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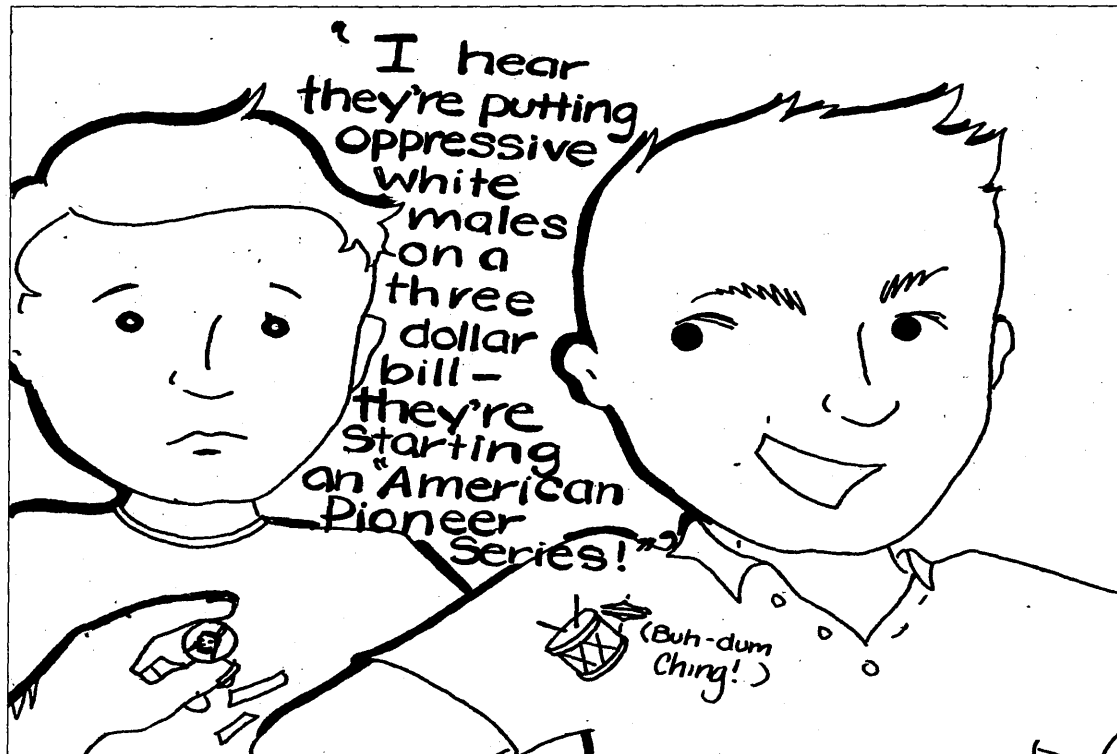
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And we quote:

'Sacagawea 'who accompanied you that long dangerous and fatiguing route to the Pacific Ocean and back deserved a greater reward for her attention and services on that route than we had in our power to give her'

L. M. Clark of the Lewis and Clark expedition. From the U.S. Mint's Web site, www.usmint.gov.



Golden dollar overlooks tarnished history of American Indian treatment



Stephanie Kosonen

COMMENTARY

The word "money" is a compliment among the younger crowd these days, in a literal sense.

Speaking figuratively, an association with money has always been good — so good in fact the faces of American heroes are put on U.S. currency.

So when the United States mint decided to circulate a new coin bearing the semblance of Sacagawea, it was a real compliment, right? Obviously not, when the whole picture is considered.

Sacagawea assisted the Lewis and Clark Expedition in the 1800s. Without her helpful guidance and translation, the Northwest might have never

been part of a U.S. territory — certainly reason enough to regard her a hero.

But the new coin brings to attention a more important issue: the state of the Shoshone people today.

Because of westward expansion, the Shoshone now live in

'The United States should not cheapen the icon of Sacagawea by presenting her image on a coin.'

the Great Basin area of western North America, a beautiful part of the country being ruined by ruthless mining companies. The Shoshone have in no way ever accepted payment in return for their land, nor will they ever. The Shoshone will not accept

money for land because they believe that by order of "Ah-peh" (the father), they must protect the earth.

"Money" may be a compliment in our culture, but it is not so among the Shoshone.

Money is clearly not as important to them as their heritage and harmony with the earth, so it is certainly not appropriate to display an ancestor they regard with pride on a piece of our money.

Mining companies are obtaining permits from the U.S. Department of the Interior, allowing them to destroy hundreds of thousands of acres of Shoshone-owned range land.

According to a Web site produced by Shoshone Nation, "It is the religious belief of the Western Shoshone that the earth is most sacred, this includes everything in it, upon it and above it."

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Remedial math calls for advanced study habits



Lisa Curdy

CURD'S WAY

Before I was born — when I was but a tender zygote and the ol' gene-doling genie was plunking packets of DNA into us little globs of protein — I got shafted.

When it comes to math, I was given the acid-washed-tapered-leg-ankle-zipper genes.

I've taken math 99 — the math of champions — seven times.

Yes. Seven times. The math 99 saga began in community college. I wanted a nice slow climb through long division and fraction multiplication so I would be prepared to factor math 102's feared quadratic equations.

So I took math 99. It was such wonderful preparation. In fact, I took it three times.

But I never actually finished the course.

Finally, taking math 107 instead of math 102, (they call 107 "math, a practical art" to make you feel better, but any-

'I took Western's math 99 winter quarter. And spring quarter, and fall quarter — and dropped it every time.'

thing involving flash cards and 20 year olds is questionable, so I knew I couldn't go wrong). I passed with a generous 1.8 from my professor.

I graduated and readied for the move to Bellingham. But a week before I left home, a trou-

bling notification came.

"Blah blah blah 1.8 doesn't transfer, you need a 2.0 blah blah, we won't accept your A.A. until you take math 99 blah."

Evil, evil world! More math for me?

It was true. So I took Western's math 99 winter quarter. And spring quarter, and fall quarter — and dropped it every time — because rising before 8 a.m. is a hazard to a college student's health.

Finally, this past winter, I took it again. I had to — my A.A. would become null and void if I didn't pass.

The same thoughts went through my head every quarter. That fateful winter quarter was no different.

"This is the quarter I will understand how many cups of grits I can make if four cups of

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Math genes skip generations, transcript evaluations don't

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grits and one-and-a half cups of water are needed for three servings," I thought to myself on the first day. "I will now be able to tell the wise and not-so-aged-for-thy-is-but-a-student-teacher professor how many calories the husky burns during thermoregulation. I will make them proud, and I, too, shall be proud, for I will know why the caged bird doesn't sing when the ratio of carbon dioxide to oxygen is high."

I didn't drop math, and I even (gasp) did my homework. And holy mackerel if I didn't pass

math 99.

To help simple souls like me who can't understand remedial math except under extreme duress, I called Donna Rochon, director of the Mathematics Center at Western, to give some pointers on passing math classes easy as pi.

"First, you have to relax and enjoy yourself instead of being afraid," Rochon said. "Tell yourself you can do it."

This is solid advice, as this is what I finally did the quarter I passed.

"Study in the room where you'll take the test and study in

50-minute segments," she said, so you'll be used to the environment.

Rochon also told me about the Counseling Center's Math Anxiety program to help those paralyzed by parabolas.

Eating fruits and vegetables before class and studying in groups are also ways to succeed, she said.

I pity the fool whose arithmetic anguish may be just beginning. But relax.

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Coin immortalizes Shoshone plight

From SACAGAWEA, page 10

In 1866, the U.S. Government and the Shoshone signed a "Treaty of Peace and Friendship."

The treaty promised the Shoshone an annual \$5,000 for 20 years for inconveniences of white people trudging through their land in their own "pursuit of happiness." The Shoshone, however, have never accepted offers to purchase their land. So why would they want Sacagawea on our dollar coin?

The U.S. policy on American Indians (called U.S. Federal Plenary Power over Indians) gives the government full and absolute power over American

Indian people.

This policy is causing the degeneration of Shoshone language, culture and traditions. It originated during a time when racial discrimination wasn't questioned, and its existence today violates the most basic of human rights.

Twenty-seven open-pit mines are gaping on western Shoshone lands.

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