

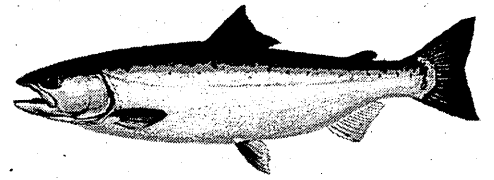
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## Renovation results in relocation

Miller Hall construction project temporarily displaces Woodring, other departments

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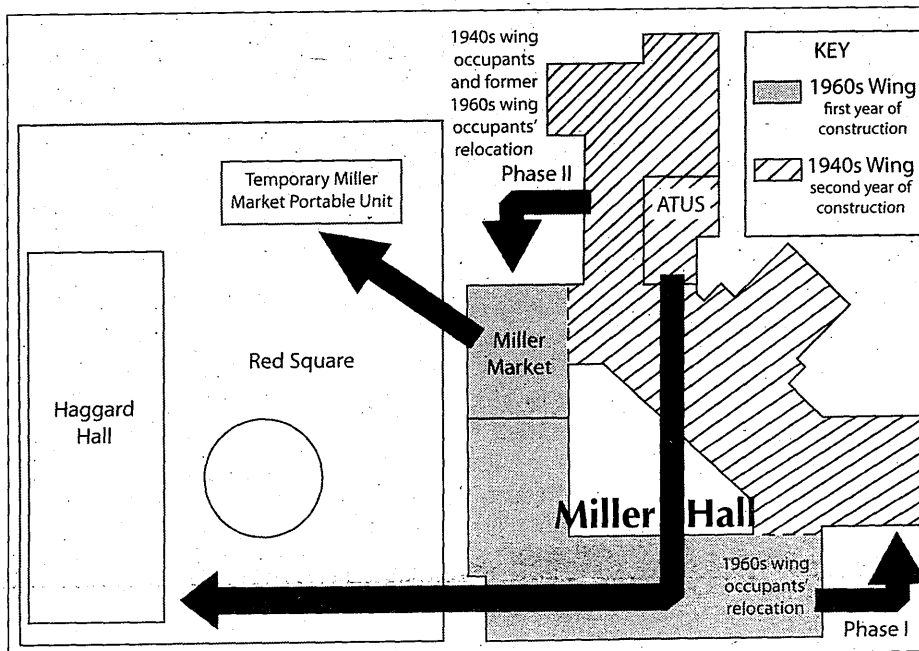
Western's Woodring College of Education has begun moving to their temporary home this week as the first phase of the Miller Hall renovation gets under way. The college will return after the initial year-long renovation is complete.

According to the Facilities Administration news letter, Miller Hall's construction project involves a two-phase plan to be completed in approximately two years. The project will begin with the most recent addition to Miller Hall, the 1960s wing closest to Red Square.

During Phase I, departments and resource centers, such as Woodring's departments, will be moved to the 1940s wing while renovations on the '60s wing are taking place. During Phase II, these departments will move back into the newly renovated '60s wing before demolition and renovation of the '40s wing begins.

Woodring Associate Dean Michael Henniger said the college is taking the relocation as it comes. In an effort to maintain productivity, faculty and staff intend to work hard to alleviate problems as they arise, Henniger said.

"We are anticipating that we will be



'business as usual' in a couple weeks," Henniger said. "It's hectic, but I've been impressed by how helpful everyone has been in terms of getting us moved."

Henniger said Woodring faculty and staff made a commitment to give staff the best spaces during the next academic year because they will be on campus most often. Faculty will be located in smaller spaces, much like the first floor class-

rooms in Miller Hall's '40s wing, which have been turned into small cubicles.

Tim Wynn, director of Facilities Management, said the construction project is a two-phase process because of a lack of available space on campus.

"We are constrained with space on campus," Wynn said. "We could not afford to take the entire building down and do it all at once, which would be the preferred

method because you can get everyone out of the building, isolate the building and hit it really hard and really fast and get everything done at once. We can't do that."

Francis Halle, the director of Space Administration and Management, said he ensures the college and other departments in Miller Hall have enough space to function during renovation.

"What we are trying to do is make sure the integrity of the construction process is maintained [so] the college is still functioning and productive," Halle said.

Tony Jongejan, associate professor and director of the instructional technology program at Woodring, said the construction project has impacted his workload. However, a system of organization is in place.

"It has certainly added some stress to my job, I would expect [to] everyone's job, but not unreasonable," Jongejan said. "One just puts tasks on the priority list and tries to get them done on time."

In early 2009, Woodring was informed of the location of the move, Jongejan said. At that point, Woodring held meetings to decide where everyone in the department would be housed, Jongejan said.

"At the same time the whole college was being told details of the overall plan,"

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## Bicycle, skateboard deregulation takes effect

Jeff Twining  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Western's new bicycle and skateboard commuter regulations took effect Thursday July 2, ending a lengthy process that began in 2005.

The regulations establish three walk zones on campus as well as designating that most paths are shared spaces for pedestrians, skateboarders, cyclists and other university-recognized forms of sustainable transportation.

"As our campus grows throughout the years our parking spaces don't," said Dr. Emily Gibson, Western's director of environmental health and safety. "It was important that we accept these sustainable forms of transportation."

After an open forum on April 22, Western President Bruce Shepard ap-

proved the new regulations May 15, said Suzanne Baker, Western rules coordinator and assistant attorney general. The new regulations were filed with the Washington Code Reviser's Office June 1 and they took effect 31 days later, she said.

Now that the five-year process of getting the old regulations changed is complete, the next step in improving commuter safety will begin in the fall. Carol Berry, Western program manager for the Office of Sustainable Transportation, said she plans on instituting a bike-bell campaign to prevent collisions.

"When I hear a biker say 'on your left' when they pass, my first instinct is to step to my left," Berry said.

After receiving a grant from the Washington state Department of Transportation, Western's Office of Sustainable Transportation spent \$350 on 150 bike-bells that will be handed out to volunteer riders in the fall.

If the campaign yields positive feedback, Berry said she hopes to be able to provide more riders with bike bells and is

considering preparing bike packages for purchase. These packages would include a helmet, bell, bike-lock and light. In the city of Bellingham, it is illegal to ride bikes after dusk without a light.

Since 2004, University Police (UP) have made 196 contacts with cyclists on campus, issuing 24 tickets. Additionally, skateboarders tallied 485 contacts and 65 tickets, according to information received through a public records request.

Now that the new regulations are in effect, police contacts and tickets issued are expected drop because the regulations make it easier for Western students to ride legally through campus, Berry said.

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## Huxley grad bikes from Blaine to Baja

Two-month, 1,500-mile journey for Guatemalan landslide risk research project

**Brianne McDonough**  
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Just weeks after spring commencement, many of Western's graduates are spending the summer relaxing, interviewing relentlessly for jobs or adjusting to eight-hour workdays. However, one Western graduate has different plans. He is doing what he loves the most—riding his bike.

Taylor Livingston is raising money for a research project in Guatemala that began last winter, Huxley research associate Rebekah Green said. She said the project works closely with Oxfam International, a group consisting of 13 organizations from three continents, working together to address global issues and promote lasting change.

The organization aims to fight poverty and injustice by connecting communities with the help they need to improve their lives.

"Oxfam asked us to come evaluate and assess community vulnerability in 'precarious settlements'—informal settlements on steep slopes," Green said. "We are currently writing up a framework for how to sustainably and safely support development in those settlements."

Livingston said the project is still in its initial stages, consisting mostly of research. Western students are examining ways to reduce the risks of landslides on the outskirts of Guatemala, where buildings are constructed on steep terrain without proper infrastructure, he said.

"Disasters can be devastating to that area," said Livingston, who spent his last three quarters at Western working on the project.

Green said despite the excellent researchers and engineers in Guatemala, the problems require a collaborative effort.

"We need as many minds working on this as possible," Green said. "Together, that can be really powerful."

Green said students in the planning and environmental policy/hazard mitigation major learn not only about the environmental hazards communities face, but how to help communities plan for and live with those hazards.

Livingston graduated June 13 with a degree in this major from Western's Huxley College of the Environment.

Livingston is riding his bike from the Canadian border in Blaine to the Mexican border in Baja, Calif. He began his ride July 1 and will return at the end of August. His goal is to raise \$10,000 for a Huxley project he was involved with for months as a Western student.

Livingston will spend the trip camping at various locations down the west coast. Active Engineering LLC, a company based in Lynnwood, is letting him field test their newest design—an all-in-one waterproof jacket, sleeping bag and tent, called the Jakpak—for his journey.

Livingston said he is excited and worried about the long trip ahead, but has felt an outpouring of support.

"I've had moments of nervousness—it comes and goes," Livingston said. "It'll definitely be adventurous doing it solo. But I'm looking forward to it. The west coast is the best coast. It's one of the most scenic and beautiful places."

On Wednesday, July 1, Livingston



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**Taylor Livingston, 23, recently graduated with a degree from Western's Huxley College of the Environment. Livingston passed through Bellingham Thursday, July 2 after leaving Blaine the day before.**

biked to Blaine and back to Bellingham to begin the trip. On Thursday, he traveled down State Street and Chuckanut Drive, embarking on his two-month long expedition that will end in Baja, Calif.

While the distance from the Canadian border in Blaine to the Mexican border near Baja, Calif., is approximately 1,300 miles, he said his route down the coast will be slightly longer—approximately 1,500 miles.

Livingston said he had originally decided to major in geography, until his dad told him about the planning and environmental policy major during his sophomore year at Western.

"It sounded like something I'd want to do in the future," Livingston said.

Livingston said he began planning a bike trip before he became involved in the project. He partnered with Huxley and the Western Foundation to make the excursion a reality.

"The idea came over winter break to do the bike trip," he said. "It's something I've wanted to do. I've always really enjoyed riding my bike."

When she first heard about the trip, Green said she didn't take it too seriously.

"I didn't think it was going to go anywhere," she said. "I was very surprised and delighted when he stuck with it and has been able to have it materialize."

Green said the money raised by Livingston will allow the project some flexibility while continuing to search for larger funding. She said she hopes the project will turn into an ongoing Huxley program.

Mark Bagley, senior director of the Western Foundation, said he is amazed by Livingston's bike trip and that individual fundraising efforts such as his are unique to the foundation.

"We work with alumni, parents, corporations, businesses and community members for just about every program on campus," said Bagley. "The state provides the minimum and we're able to provide above and beyond that."

The foundation began in 1966 and exists solely to raise money for the university.

"We wouldn't be involved if the trip was to raise money for himself, but he's

raising money for a Huxley program," Bagley said. "People can support him and the program by making their gift through the foundation."

However, Livingston said the trip is only the beginning of the next stage of his life after college.

Livingston said he hopes to finish his trip by the end of August and link up with family in California. He said he is considering living there, and plans to apply to AmeriCorps and the Peace Corps.

"I saw this as a rite of passage for myself, not really wanting to dive into the professional field right away," Livingston said. "I don't have a plan to return. I hope to keep riding my bike and raising funds for the project."

*To learn more about Livingston's cycling adventure or track his journey throughout the summer visit:*  
<http://tellington.blogspot.com/>

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### Cops Box

#### University Police

July 1

- University Police (UP) and the Bellingham Fire Department responded to a report of a 13-year-old who crashed a unicycle and sprained an ankle at Carver Gymnasium.

July 4

- UP were dispatched to south campus in response to a report of a dog running into a passerby. The owner secured the dog in the yard.

#### Bellingham Police

June 30

- Police responded to a robbery in the 100 block of York Street. The suspect displayed a knife and demanded sunglasses, then fled away on foot.

July 3

- Police responded to a theft report of shampoo at the 1200 block of E. Sunset Drive.

July 4

- Police contacted two males for a field interview report at the 1300 block of Railroad Avenue. Both males allegedly identified themselves as members of a street gang.

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## REGULATIONS: Bike-bell campaign to begin in fall

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"The beauty of the new regulations [are] that you aren't riding illegally unless you are riding unsafely," Berry said.

UP keeps a log of rule violators in case of subsequent contacts, but Western's Sergeant David Garcia said officers are not required to issue tickets after a second contact is made.

"Issuing tickets is a discretionary process," Garcia said. "Our intent is to get people to follow the rules, not issue a \$10-12 ticket."

Up until July 2, skateboards were banned on campus, and cyclists had to dismount their bikes 15 minutes before and after each hour between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. In adopting these regulations, Western's Central Health and Safety Committee recognizes devices such as skateboards and bicycles as sustainable forms of transportation.

Western senior Amber Stevens said she rides her bike to school for that very reason.

"It's sustainable transportation; it's on myself," Stevens said. "I don't have to

worry about my car starting or waiting to take a bus."

The original skateboard policy was adopted in 1997 after the skateboard gained popularity in the early 1990s as a device used for tricks.

"The big concern with skateboards is when you start jumping; that's when there is potential for damages to property or injury," Gibson said.

Gibson said cyclists are prohibited from doing tricks on campus under the guidelines pertaining to riders' responsibility to maintain control over their bicycles.

"When cyclists are doing tricks we generally assume they are not in control of their bikes," Gibson said.

Skateboarders need to remember that skateboards are now legal on campus but still illegal on city streets, Berry said.

Berry said she plans on setting up a booth at the Info Fair fall quarter to educate students of the new regulations.

Nevertheless, Berry said she expects students will have difficulty learning the new regulations and acquiring safety items, because it often takes time to

change old habits.

"I don't think it will be easy; we don't change our way of thinking," Berry said. "It's all about not getting killed."

Tyler Given, a Western junior, said he thinks the new walk zones will be good for pedestrian safety because he has seen pedestrians nearly hit by skateboarders, especially in crowded areas. Given, who has been riding his bike on occasion since he transferred to Western last September, said he has never seen UP monitor the campus looking for rule violators.

Garcia attributed this lack of enforcement to a decrease in personnel due to National Guard deployments, budget problems and officers transferring agencies. Nonetheless, he said the UP are working to add officers.

This summer, UP, along with Bellingham Police, will have a joint training session with a bike instructor, Garcia said. In the fall, Western will add three bicycle officers to campus patrol. This addition will be beneficial for students because they will see officers around campus obeying the new regulations themselves, he said.

### Bicycle Regulation Checklist

All riders are prohibited from riding in walk zones from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. during regular class days.

Walk zones include Red Square, Vendor's Row and the congested brick walkway from the north side of the Engineering Technology building to the north side of Carver Gym.

Riders must stay off lawns and park and lock bikes at bike racks.

Speed limits are 3 MPH in shared pedestrian spaces when within 10 feet of pedestrians, or 5-7 MPH otherwise.

Monetary penalties are progressive, and any infraction resulting in a collision will cause the penalty to be doubled.

Electric personal assistive mobility devices, mopeds and motorized foot scooters are subject to bicycle regulations.

## WOODRING: Demolition noise to be mitigated by sound barriers

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Jongejan said. "We also had to plan how each of our spaces would be organized so the people doing the moving would be able to locate desks and other furniture."

Since Miller Hall is located in the heart of Western's campus, the construction project is expected to cause some

disturbances, however those disturbances will be kept to a minimum, Wynn said.

"This is going to be a very impacting project to the campus because it is located right in the middle of campus," Wynn said. "There will be a lot of construction traffic coming in and it will interrupt a lot of the pedestrian and bicycle flows."

Miller Hall's northwest entry located under the bell tower in Red Square, will serve as the only entryway during the next

academic year because of the construction process. The east exterior doors will be emergency exits only.

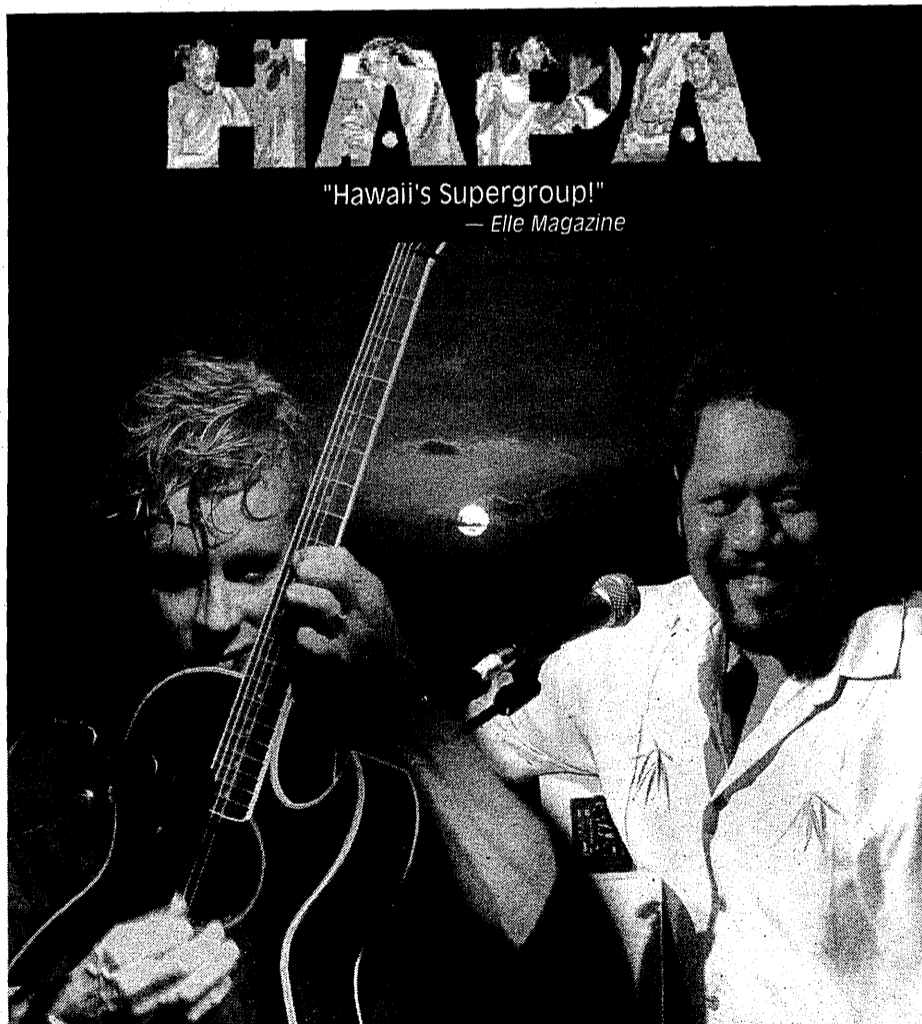
Parking along the east side of Miller Hall, adjacent to the Arboretum along East College Way and adjacent to the Fine Arts building, will be removed for the duration of the construction project.

Vehicular and pedestrian access between the Arts Annex and Miller Hall will be blocked, but the pedestrian ramp at the

southwest corner of Miller Hall will remain open.

Wynn said construction workers are trying to accomplish heavy demolition during the summer months so there will be minimal noise and distraction, but the plan includes putting up sound barriers.

"There is still going to be noise, and we can not entirely isolate it," Wynn said. "We just have to ask for the campus' patience and forbearance."



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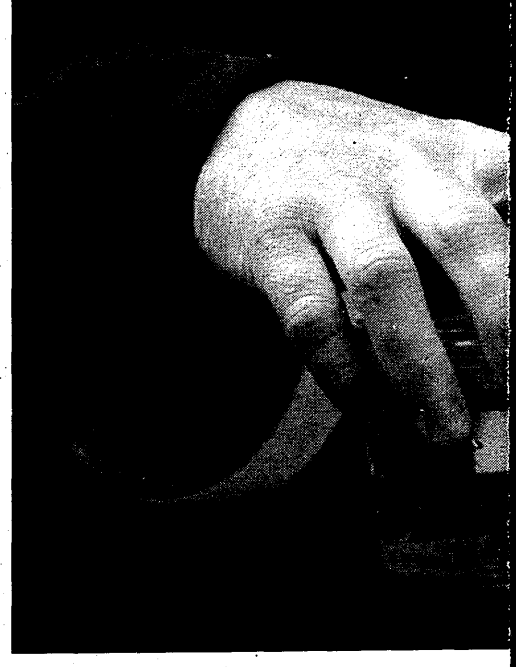
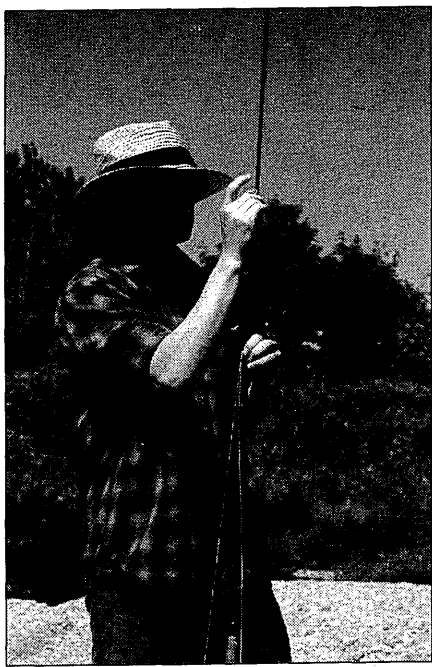
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## STUDENTS CAST NEW LIGHT ON ET



**Kipp Robertson**  
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The canopy of trees high above Chuckanut Creek blocks out most of the sun and keeps the ground cool as Western instructor Steve Meyer releases a young salmon from a holding container back into its natural habitat Wednesday morning on July 1.

"Thanks for landing some knowledge on me," Meyer said to the salmon.

The students of Environmental Sciences 315: The Art, Science and Ethics of Fly-fishing then follow suit, emptying their containers. What is released back into the creek and accompanying woodland is an assortment of invertebrates, from leeches and aquatic spiders to flies and mosquitoes.

Western associate professor Leo Bodensteiner said the students in the class are taught everything from insect identification to hydrology and how to implement that knowledge into fly-fishing. He said he and Meyer teach insect identification because it is necessary to know which insects fish eat and what those insects look like when choosing a fly hook.

Meyer said the class is taught from the ground up because many of the students are new to the sport.

He said students learn about the structures of rivers and sedimentation in addition to insect identification and proper fishing techniques.

"We feel there is a gigantic pile of knowledge you need to have before you start fly-

fishing," Meyer said.

Fly-fishing is a type of angle fishing, which is the use of a rod, line and lure to catch fish, with an emphasis on the lure. The lures used in fly-fishing are made to look like insects that each have defining characteristics, which attract different species of fish.

Western junior Kelly Martin said she finds fly-fishing more satisfying than bait fishing.

"Every part of fly-fishing is kind of like an art form," Martin said.

She said everything from casting techniques down to the flies chosen to fish with is more enjoyable.

"Fly-fishing is so much more than going out and dropping a worm in a lake,"

Meyer said the class involves more than learning the physical aspects of fly-fishing. Fly-fishing, he said, is a means to teach about the structure of rivers, their ecosystems and the underlying ethics that goes along with sport fishing today.

"Fly-fishers generally have a strong conservation ethic since there are so many out there," Meyer said. "That is why ethics is one of the founding missions of this course."

Meyer said because there are species of fish currently being threatened by over-fishing, such as the silver salmon of the Columbia River in Washington, most students practice catch and release fishing.

Western senior Matt Moroney said until he enrolled in the class he thought all forms of hunting and fishing were, in their own ways, unethical.

"Fly-fishing to me is like the difference between hunting with a gun and hunting with a bow," Moroney said.

Meyer echoed Moroney's sentiment.

"Even better than that," Meyer said in response to Moroney's observation. "You can't release your prey even when hunting with a bow."

Bodensteiner said there is an evolution in the way an angler views his or her role as a fly-fisherman and that people start out fishing for a kill, but the longer someone fishes, the more appreciation they tend to build toward their environment.

He said he has seen fly-fishermen cut the hooks off their flies to eliminate the chance of hurting the fish.

"They just want the satisfaction of seeing the fish go for the lure," Bodensteiner said.

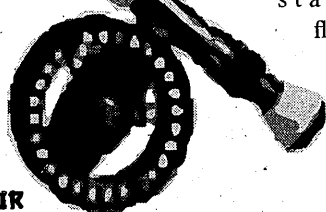
Bodensteiner said fly-fishing takes time to build a comfort level, especially when it comes to using the proper lure and how to identify a good place to fish and places to avoid, such as a river with a low current.

"It's just like any other sport, you have to make that jump," Bodensteiner said. "Whether you're rock climbing or snowboarding, there's that first time you need

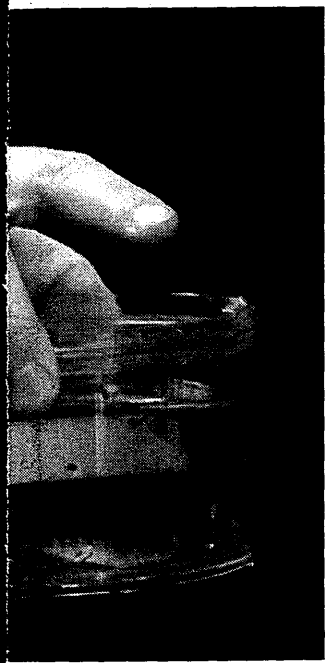
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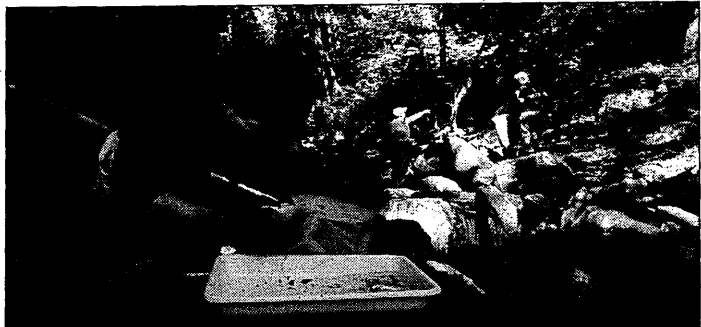
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## PHICAL ANGLING



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Clockwise from Top Left: Western senior Matt Moroney readies his fishing rod. | Western senior Jeff Davis (right) and Professor Steve Meyer look at two baby Coho salmon. | Professor Steve Meyer shows off Coho salmon caught in Chuckanut Creek. | Western senior Sean Avery (right) and Western junior Todd Buckley catch insects. | Western senior Danielle Shimota examines the insects she caught. | Western senior Sean Avery and Western senior Sean Martin (right) cast in Whatcom Creek. | A crawfish caught by the class waits to be released. | Western senior Elliot Wargo empties his net.

...y to give you a push in the right direction.”

...class did not end with insect identification, as everyone packed into the Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association (NSEA) van to go fishing at Whatcom Creek.

...Bodensteiner said Environmental Sciences 315, taught only in the summer, gets its funding outside of Western, which contributes a small coarse budget. He said the NSEA handles most of the finances and also donates transportation along with necessary equipment, such as wading boots, fishing rods and lures, for the class to use.

...Bodensteiner said. “Tuition is expensive enough.”

...Whatcom Creek provided a stark contrast to Chuckanut, since it had no canopy made to the fish that hid in the depths of the water to stay cool. Bodensteiner said that until the Olympic Pipeline explosion in June 1999, it was not so devoid of life.

...After the explosion, which ended the lives of Liam Wood, Wade King and Steve Orvas, a project to restore the creek back to its vegetative state initially cost \$1 million and is now reaching into the millions.

...Environmental Sciences 315—first taught in 2003—may not have been what it is today if not for the pipeline explosion. Through a collaboration of the Liam Wood Foundation and River Guardian School, a foundation dedicated to Liam Wood, and the College of the Environment at Western, the class sprang up through many years.

...Bodensteiner said the Flyfishing and River Guardian School encompasses Liam Wood’s dedication to the sport of fly-fishing and his appreciation of the rivers he loves.

...The Art, Science and Ethics of fly-fishing class too is in part based on Liam’s passion, Bodensteiner said.

...In his sixth year, Bodensteiner said the class has now seen approximately 100 students.

...Western senior Elliot Wargo said if he does not continue to fly-fish after the class, the things he has learned about the environment and nature were worth it. “Even if I don’t get way into it, I have a respect for people who are,” Wargo said.

...Bodensteiner said he hopes one thing the students leave with is a new appreciation for streams. He said he wants to teach that streams, whether in an urban area or a rural area, should not be discarded.

...“Every person in this class comes to their own terms,” Bodensteiner said. “You have to meet the river, you meet the fish.”

## Students accentuate modern look of Western's newest building

Ross Buchanan  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Outside the office of Barbara Mathers-Schmidt, the hallway of the Academic Instruction Center is motionless and silent. The walls of thick concrete muffle the ambient sounds, and the air is aloft with the scent of freshly laid carpet.

With the variety and visibility of artwork across Western’s campus, the west hallway of the AIC’s third floor may seem like an unlikely location to find fine art. But thanks to a recent collaboration between Mathers-Schmidt and Western’s photography department, a new display is building personality in the school’s newest facility.

Students from Garth Amundson’s color photography class organized the display, which incorporates two floors of the building with a collection of 11 photographs. All enlarged to fit canvases, the photos are attached only by thin steel cables which hang motionless from the ceiling, fitting the minimalist design of the building’s interior.

“There’s a lot of wall space in the building and we wanted a display to help create identity,” Mathers-Schmidt said. “We were set for space and equipment [as a facility], but had been talking about having huge pictures of our students to greet those entering from the west.”

The students in Amundson’s photography class adopted the responsibility of bringing the exhibit to fruition.

“We did a walkthrough of the building and gave our recommendations to Barbara,” said Western senior Michelle Newman, a contributing artist for the exhibit. “We shot nearly 600 images before passing them along for approval.”

The photos for the exhibit are structured to be visible to visitors entering from the west side of the facility, but one large shot hangs by the east entrance as well, greeting visitors as they pass the check out desk on the lower parking level.

“We met multiple times to develop the template and figuring out the positioning and size,” Mathers-Schmidt said. “People coming in can see who we are, and everyone who works in the building loves them.”

The pictures detail students at work with children and adults, showcasing the kinds of

technology used by the staff, as well as the kind of patience necessary for helping those who visit the center. Smiling children and students alike grace the canvases with teeth showing and eyes aglow.

The shots focus on undergraduate and graduate students who work in the AIC, predominantly helping with the building’s audiology and speech language pathology programs, which are under the supervision of Mathers-Schmidt. Responsibilities include helping both young and elderly patients with hearing aid tests, balance and other testing and speech development. Staff can often end up helping from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., as patients come in and out of meetings, or sit in one of the facility’s waiting rooms as their family members are tested.

“The pictures give us an idea of the kinds of responsibilities our students have here,” Mathers-Schmidt said, “but imagine how it makes the kids feel to see their own picture on the wall. It really shows people what we’re all about here.”

Amundson said the exhibit is exactly the kind of experience his students need to find commercial work in the future.

“[Students] are working with and for someone,” Amundson said. “It’s a client based kind of relationship.”

In addition to taking photos and helping organize the potential layout for the display, students like Newman also had to draw up release forms for the subjects in their photos, just as they would in a commercial shoot. Amundson said this was another vital skill for students considering work outside of a fine arts studio.

“It’s silly how the departments [at Western] don’t collaborate more when we have all the resources...they tend to stay in their silos,” Newman said.

Photographers were given the responsibility of finding materials that were both economical and well suited for displaying the kind of high quality images taken by the camera’s lens. The students settled on a durable canvas that was strong enough to work well with the cabling and rods used to suspend the pieces.

The display is a permanent installation for the facility, offering its informative form of artwork for the next generation of patrons.

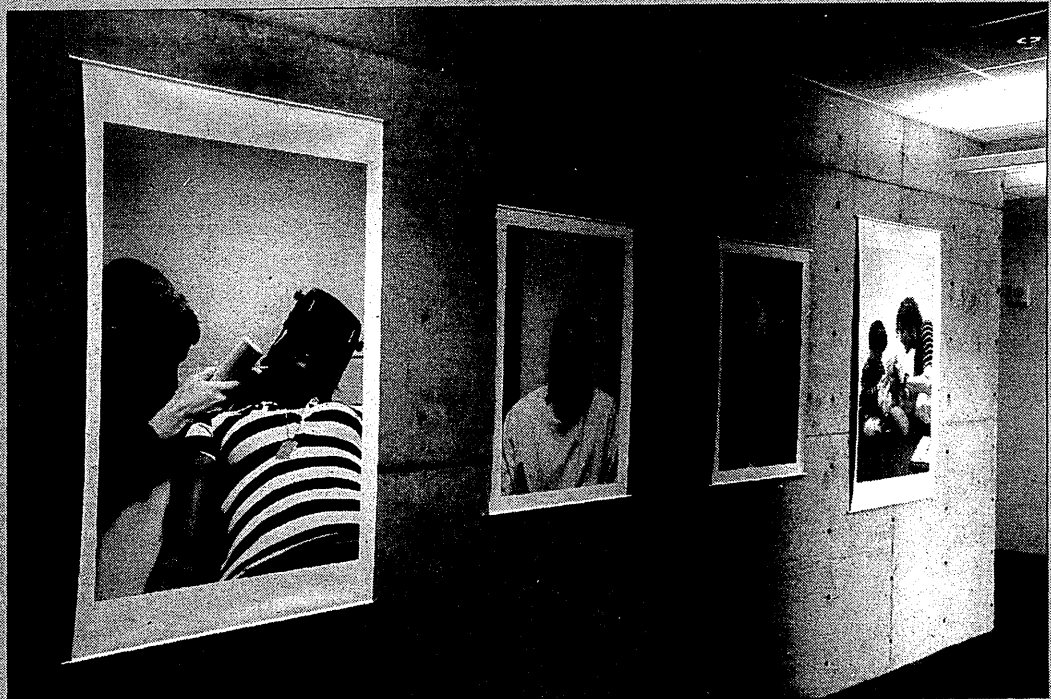


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The work of students from Western's photography department created images to be displayed in the Academic Instructional Center.

## Excessive funding for useless amenity

### Frontline

Opinions of the Editorial Board

Whether Western students walk, bike, drive or ride the bus to campus, many use two or four wheels as a source of transportation to get around Western.

On July 2, bicycle and skateboard commuter regulations took effect, making Western the last university in Washington to allow such transportation on campus. The policy established three "walk zones" where pedestrian traffic on campus is usually the highest: Red Square, Vendor's Row and the brick path between Carver Gym and the Fine Arts Building.

The old campus regulation under the Washington Administrative Code reads that bikes, skateboards or other types of similar devices could not be used on the campus except in designated areas. The penalty for such a violation was \$10 for the first offense and \$50 for the second offense.

Some of the new regulations state that students will automatically receive tickets for performing tricks on a bike or skateboard. This makes sense because Western needs to make sure that everyone feels safe walking to class. The walk zones are going to be monitored, as Western will hire three bike officers to patrol these areas and make sure the regulations are being followed. The goal is not to give out tickets, but to make people follow the rules.

The addition of three new bike officers on campus seems like a waste of our precious funds. We do not need police to enforce these rules, we need an unwritten law of the sidewalk. Walkways on campus will be safer if a sidewalk code is established than if it is left to the UP to ensure our safety. Students will be more prone to rebelling from the police than from unwritten laws that the students enforce themselves.

A majority of the students are following

the rules and are just riding to get around. It is the random fool who pulls a trick, falls and breaks his arm or carelessly collides into a pedestrian that makes such regulations a nuisance to everyone else. Just be responsible on the bike or skateboard. Do college students really need someone on bike patrol to make sure you are riding 3 mph?

Now that the regulations are in effect, there should be an increase of bikers and skateboarders. Western has acknowledged this form of alternative transportation on campus by loosening the rules, but it needs to do more.

Students also need to be reminded that it is legal to now ride a skateboard on campus, but illegal to ride on city streets.

The Editorial Board is comprised of the Editor-in-Chief Brynn Regan, Managing Editor Ashley Mitchell, Opinion Editor Dan Balmer and community member-at-large Simon Davis-Cohen.

## Bay's transformation of the film industry



Tristan Hiegler

Columnist

When your grandchildren ask you how it all went wrong, you can say it was Michael Bay's fault.

The erstwhile director of "Transformers 2: Revenge of the Fallen" has done far more damage to good cinema and American culture than I, for one, could ever hope to. Really, I don't know whether to be horrified or impressed at how fundamentally idiotic the second installment in the "Transformers" franchise was.

Before I go further, I would like to state that I actually enjoyed aspects of the movie. I was raised on "Star Wars" after all. Robots, big explosions and epic last stands are deeply ingrained in my brain as sheer awesomeness. However, even an ungodly amount of all three in "Transformers 2" could not save the movie from bad acting, bad dialogue and plot holes big enough to drive Optimus Prime through.

The movie deals with a war between two alien robot factions who come to Earth: the Autobots, the good guys trying to save humanity, and the Decepticons, the bad guys trying to wipe out our species.

For some reason, these giant, powerful war machines choose to transform into various cars and aircraft to remain hidden from most of humanity.

Now, if I was a giant robot with missile launchers on my back and lasers on my wrists, I would not really feel the need to hide from a bunch of hairless apes, but that is just me.

The real issue here is how Bay has managed to glorify some increasingly negative trends in Hollywood. The overuse of action and explosions in place of story and dialogue is an old trick employed by summer blockbusters for years, but it is very, very apparent in "Transformers 2."

The objectification of women is present in almost every scene dealing with the gender. Megan Fox's character is only in the movie to look breathlessly into the camera and occasionally run in slow motion. There is a scene where the main human character Sam first goes to college and every single woman he encounters looks like she has been pulled out of an Abercrombie and Fitch advertisement.

Even the robots join in. One of the Decepticons disguises itself as a ludicrously skinny woman in order to spy on Sam, and ends up trying to strangle him with its whip-like metallic tongue after he refuses to make out with it.

But wait, we haven't even gotten to the racist bits yet. Two of the Autobots

talk like white kids from suburbia trying hard to be gangsters, trash talking each other and the humans around them. One of them has a gold tooth, I kid you not.

Why Bay, why?

The movie also tries to imply that General Motors cars will save the world. At least half of the Autobots transform into cars from GM. This is an ironic proposition since GM filed for bankruptcy on June 1, leaving them unable to save their own skins, let alone anyone else's. Trying to imply that gas guzzlers would not plunge the earth into a dark age by using up all the oil is probably the most unrealistic point of the whole movie.

As a culture, we deserve better from our filmmakers. "Transformers 2" would have been a perfectly acceptable movie without its shallow interpretations of female sexuality, its use of racial stereotypes and its glorification of some of the most inefficient cars on the planet. The inclusion of these elements only hurts the film, and the precedent they set hurts the entire film industry.

The success of "The Dark Knight" in 2008 proved that America is able to handle smart action films with real depth and complexity. Now, we just need someone to make them. No, not you Bay. You had your turn.

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### Viking Voices

Opinions from around campus

#### What did you do for the 4th of July?

Viking Voices compiled by Colleen Toomey



Rodrigo Martinez  
Visiting student

"I went to Seattle to see the fireworks and go to the beach."



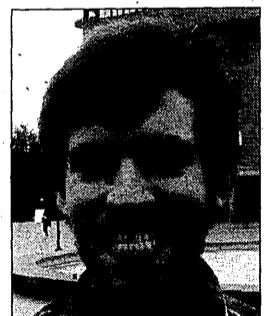
Allison Newland  
Senior

"I sat at my boyfriend's house at Lake Whatcom and we watched the fireworks that went off at the lake."



Faye Orosz  
Senior

"I drove over to Wenatchee and hung out with my mom, brother and dad. We just went to the river."



Forrest Perrine  
Ambiguous grade

"I made out on a roof."

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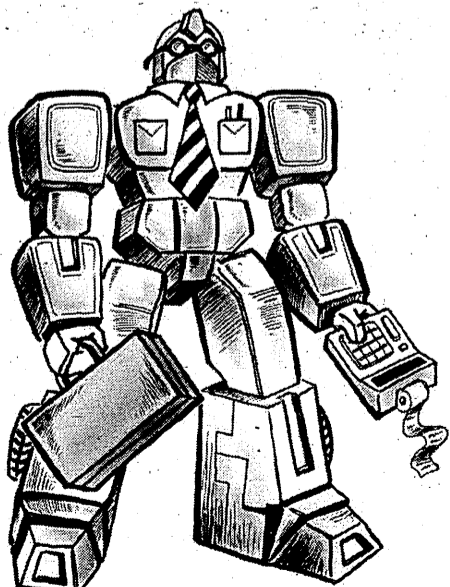
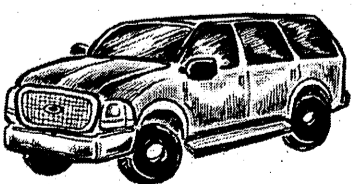


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## Letter to the editor: Dining hall theft story is a good start

I appreciated your article on Dining Hall theft. It certainly shed light on the source of the problem; I hope that employees will begin to take steps to prevent future theft. It seems that the most simple solution would be to employ a door guard who could monitor whether or not students were exiting with stolen items.

Another simple solution, which is likely less taxing (your article mentioned that door guards had been dismissed, due to budgets) would be to incorporate dishware theft into the established system of discipline for the residence halls.

There is already a progression of disciplinary action for Resident Advisors to delegate. Resident Directors ought to assign certain penalties for dishware theft, and RAs need to take the penalties seriously. After all, they are being compensated with room and board (i.e. a meal plan), so they're spending time in the Dining Halls each day. They could monitor theft during their meals and they could report stolen items during their rounds.

Erin Bean  
Western student

## Ross returns to Oregon State football

Alison Lo  
Kevin Minnick  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Former Western football coach Robin Ross has accepted an offer as an assistant coach at Oregon State University. Ross will rejoin the team he left for Western in 2005 and will coach tight ends under head coach Mike Riley.

Ross previously served as the Oregon State Beavers' linebackers coach for one year before coaching at Western.

"Working for Mike Riley was a great experience," Ross said. "He's a great coach and I simply can't pass up the opportunity to do it again."

Oregon State assistant athletic director Steve Fenk expressed excitement for the return of Ross and his coaching accomplishments.

"We are very excited to have [Ross] back," Fenk said. "Coach Riley has a tremendous amount of respect for him."

Since the elimination of the football team in January, Ross has been busy finding new schools for his players and coaches to play or coach.

Fenk said Ross could have abandoned ship and joined Oregon State sooner, but instead stayed at Western through the year to help players and coaches find new schools.

"That really speaks to his character," Fenk said. "He is a great guy and an excellent addition to our program."

The removal of the football program came with an abrupt loss of many people's jobs or team positions.

"The elimination really had an impact on many people's lives, including the players, students, coaching staff and more," Ross said. "Whenever you discontinue a program, it's devastating."

Ross assisted in finding new jobs for five members of his coaching staff and helped four of his players transfer to other schools.

Casey Clifton, who was the graduate assistant linebackers coach for Western last year, got a new job thanks to Ross's call to Central Washington University's head football coach Blaine Bennett.

"Since May, I've been living in El-



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Former Western Football Head Coach Robin Ross is announced at the Battle in Seattle Oct. 11, 2008. Ross will be the tight end coach starting this fall at Oregon State University.

lensburg working as the defensive assistant for the Wildcats," Clifton said.

Many of the players on the team also made their own plans to relocate after the football program was eliminated, including senior C.J. Green, who played linebacker for the Vikings last year. Green transferred to Eastern Oregon University to continue his passion for playing football.

"Ross really built a good relationship with us and adapted well to the players' needs, which was really beneficial to the team," Green said. "Initially, I decided to transfer to Eastern Oregon on my own, and Coach Ross put in a good word for me."

The Vikings finished on a high note with a 5-4 record last season after placing second in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference standings. The season was capped off with a 25-10 win against Colorado School of Mines in the Dixie Rotary Bowl on Dec. 6. At the time, coach Ross did not know that would be the last game he would coach for Western.

"I think the team has changed in a lot of ways since Coach [Rob] Smith's last year," Ross said. "He had a very senior-laden team

when he left, so it felt like I was building—not just from [Smith]—but my own team, and putting my own mark on it."

Ross has coached football for 33 years, including two seasons with the Oakland Raiders of the NFL. He was the linebackers coach and in 2000, helped the team to the AFC Championship game.

Ross will now readjust to coaching in the NCAA Division I Pacific-10 Conference at Oregon State. Even though Ross will be assuming a different coaching po-

sition, he previously coached tight ends at the University of Oregon for four years.

Ross said he will work on improving fundamentals with the Oregon State players, in addition to helping each player individually set and reach their goals.

"A lot of it will be the same thing that I tried to bring to the program here at Western," Ross said. "But instead of coaching 105 players, now I have six to focus on."

Ross met with the Oregon State tight ends and has begun discussing goals with them for the upcoming season this August.

Ross said he is looking forward to working with some players with whom he has worked with before at Oregon State.

"Getting down there the last couple weeks was like homecoming for me," Ross said. "Obviously there are new players in the program, but some were there when I was there before. I actually recruited a couple of the players that I will be coaching."

One of the players Ross recruited for Oregon State before leaving for Western is three-year starter Howard Croom.

"I'm going to work with [Croom] to really refine his game and help him take it to the next level," Ross said.

Despite the excitement of returning to a familiar school, Ross said it will be difficult to leave Bellingham and the Vikings' football program.

"All the support I received from friends and neighbors really made my time enjoyable here," Ross said. "Bellingham was a great place to live, and a great place to have a college football program."

### Slam season ends on sour note

Jenna Mohrweis  
THE WESTERN FRONT

The Bellingham Slam fell short of their goal to repeat as International Basketball League (IBL) champions as they were knocked off by the Los Angeles Lightning, 132-121 in the conference final Friday at the Monroe Sports Arena in Monroe, Wash. The Slam ended the season with a 17-5 record.

"It is definitely not how we expect-

ed to end [the season]," Slam head coach Rob Ridnour said. "We really wanted that championship."

Two Western alumni, Paul Hafford and Ryan Diggs, combined to score 58 points in the game.

Last season, the Slam beat the Elkhart Express, 118-112, for the 2008 IBL Championship in front of a sold-out Whatcom Pavilion.

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# Oldest race in Washington showcases county

Fairhaven Runners hosts 42nd annual Chuckanut Foot Race July 11 to support local organizations

Andrea Sperberg  
THE WESTERN FRONT

In 1967, Nancy and John Arnold, Frank Schultz and the Cascade Wilderness Club started the Chuckanut Foot Race. In 1978, the Greater Bellingham Running Club, at the time known as the Bellingham Track and Field Club, took over. For four years now, Fairhaven Runners has put on the run in conjunction with the club.

On Saturday, July 11, Fairhaven Runners will hold the 42nd annual Chuckanut Foot Race starting at 9 a.m.

The seven-mile race will begin at Marine Drive Park, stretch over California Hill, through the Interurban trail and end at Larrabee State Park. The course features views of Chuckanut Bay and the San Juan Islands.

**"Chuckanut really showcases the beauty of the area."**

- Steve Roguski  
owner of Fairhaven Runners

Steve Roguski, owner of Fairhaven Runners, said the Chuckanut Foot Race is the oldest continuously run race in Washington, and the race's ending point, Larrabee State Park, is the oldest state park in the state.

The race is not well known among Western and college students, although Roguski said he hopes that will change.

"It is a key running event of the year in Bellingham," Roguski said. "People



From left: Dylan Wirkkala and Nate Perkins stand outside Fairhaven Runners and Walkers. Fairhaven Runners has hosted the Chuckanut Foot Race for four years.

look forward to it from miles around."

Roguski said the path along Chuckanut was chosen because of the many great trails and views it has to offer.

"Chuckanut really showcases the beauty of the area," Roguski said.

Two water stations will be placed along the race route, each approximately 2.5 miles apart. An after party will be held at Larrabee State Park at the finish line.

Runners and walkers can enjoy food from nearby grocery stores and local vendors. David Killian, owner of the Colophon Café, said they bake five giant cookie sheets of brownies to donate to the race and just hope everyone gets one.

"We've been sponsoring the race for

a few years, in conjunction with Fairhaven Runners," Killian said. "We try to support as many things as we can around Fairhaven. This race is a great event for the community."

Many community services will be offered on the day of the race. Racers can enjoy post-race massages and chiropractic care from Dr. Cherrelyn Seegers of Back in Motion.

The Sanitary Service Company will provide recycling and compost bins for waste products. All runners will be bused back to the starting point at Marine Drive.

"We are pleased to support the efforts of local organizations, especially those that highlight the skills and efforts of lo-

cal citizens," said Connie Shannon, owner of the Fairhaven Village Inn, another sponsor of the event. "The annual event attracts locals and visitors who come to understand what makes Whatcom County and Fairhaven so special."

There will be awards given to the first, second and third place finishers in all of the different age groups which are grouped in five-year increments, and there will be a chance to draw prizes.

Ages competing in the race vary, beginning anywhere with those 14 and under to ages 80 and over. Based on previous years, Roguski said less than 100 college students will be included in the 1,000 runner capacity of the race.

"We would love it if more college students ran," Roguski said. "It is a fun event and a great way to learn the trails and see the parks."

Western senior Dylan Wirkkala has worked at Fairhaven Runners for three years. He said he will not be able to run the race this year since he will be working.

"Everyone I talk to loves the race," Wirkkala said. "It's good for all ages, a good distance and not too hard to train for."

There is no day-of-the-race registration, but registration does not end until 7 p.m. Thursday, July 9, unless the 1,000-participant capacity is met before then.

**Registration for the race can be completed in person at Fairhaven Runners, through mail or on their Web site [www.fairhavenrunners.com](http://www.fairhavenrunners.com)**

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