

# The Western Front

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## Freshman death a homicide

By Robert Gara Jr.  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Last Sunday's death of freshman Joshua Davis of Oak Park, Ill. is confirmed as a homicide, the first ever on Western's campus.

"It is important to note that the classification of homicide does not require intent to harm," University Police Chief Jim Shaw said.

Whatcom County medical examiner Dr. Gary Goldfogel said Davis died due to manual asphyxiation, caused by pressure to the neck and chest by two undisclosed friends.

"Review of the investigation reveals that the intent of the friends' actions was only to protect their friend," Shaw said.

"Some very bad choices by young students led to a tragic series of events that resulted in a student's death," said vice president of External Affairs Bob Edie.

University officials declined to identify the names of the two students that took part in the incident because the investigation is ongoing.

Initial reports of the case were sent to the Whatcom County prosecuting attorney's office, where future actions may

be taken.

Davis and two friends each ingested nine to 11 tablets of an undisclosed over-the-counter cold medication, along with marijuana. The combination of the drugs led to Davis having an adverse reaction, resulting in him becoming delirious.

Goldfogel described delirious behavior as, "crazy, violent and out of control."

Davis attempted several times to throw himself out of a third-story dorm room window in Ridgeway Delta, Shaw said.

"The window was dislodged and found below, actually torn from the hinges," Shaw said.

In order to restrain Davis, the two friends attempted to pin him down. A restraining struggle, resulting in pressure on the chest and neck, led to the manual asphyxiation and death.

"There are consistent bruises and marks that indicate that's factually what happened," Shaw said.

In review of the circumstances, the manner of death was certified as homicide, Edie said.

"There was quite a struggle on the floor and at one point also on the bed," Shaw said. "There were some injuries sustained by the friends attempt-

ing to deal with the episode — a bloody nose for sure, possibly broken, and some minor abrasions, cuts and bite marks. Both students were cooperative with officials"

Shaw said Davis was confirmed dead upon arrival of the UP and medical team at 4:15 a.m.

The pressure on Davis' chest stopped the circulation of blood going to his head, Goldfogel said. A great deal of pressure is not necessary to kill someone, and an adverse reaction to any drug can happen to anyone. Over-the-

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## Vigil in Red Square calls for peace in Afghanistan

By Mindy Ransford  
THE WESTERN FRONT

In response to the recent U.S. air strike in Afghanistan, approximately 100 people gathered in Red Square Tuesday to express their concerns for the civilians in Afghanistan and the need for alternative actions.

Voices fell into silence during evening phrases such as, "Take an active part in peace," "We need an alternative" and "What about the innocent people?" could be heard in passing conversations. The assembled people held Dixie cups containing lit candles.

"We are here to reflect on the bombings in Afghanistan by our government," said Cori Jaeger, program director for the Peace Resource Center, "as well as other governments and the violence going on in our country against people, especially those of Middle Eastern descent."

As she opened the vigil for people to speak, everyone, almost simultaneously, sat down on the hard bricks of Red Square.

Some people spoke passionately about their quests for



From left to right, Phillip Hammer, Carolina Reyes and Gabrielle Roesch sing songs of peace along with approximately 100 others in Red Square.

peace amidst the war, and uniting to form one loud voice.

"As citizens, as patriots, we can do something about this war," said Carolina Reyes, assistant program director to the Peace Resource Center. "We

can raise our voices and say, 'we don't want you doing this.'"

As the vigil continued, the group grew from a small gathering of about 50 to a group of at least 100. Speakers touched on issues such as the racial back-

lash in America.

"One incident of backlash is enough to make people stand up and say something to bring voice to those who have been

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## Trustees to consider on-campus house

By Joseph Terrell  
THE WESTERN FRONT

The governor-appointed board of trustees gave the go-ahead last Friday for Western to study the idea of putting a house on campus for President Morse and her family.

This means that Western will begin the process of hiring a consultant, who will then survey other state universities and universities similar to Western outside the state, primarily of the West Coast, to see how they house their presidents and host fund-raising events.

"We want to take a look at what other institutions in the state do, including University of Washington and Washington State (University)," said Bob Edie, vice president for External Affairs.

"There has been no decision

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## Poor eating habits reason for 'freshman 15,' not Sodexho

By Lisa Mandt  
THE WESTERN FRONT



Students would like to blame the Sodexho dining services for their "freshman 15," but in reality, it's the students' overindulgence that is adding the extra weight, said general manager of the dining services Nori Yamashita.

"We have the option to eat healthy," Western freshman

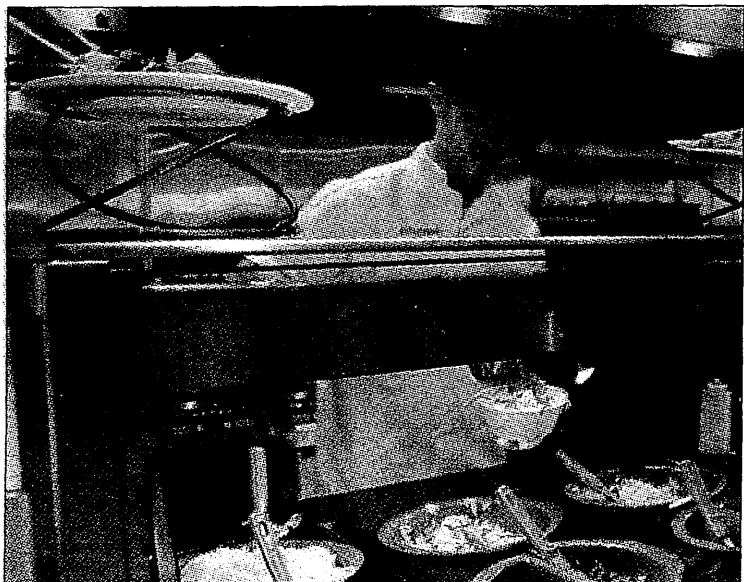
Jason Barschaw said. "We just don't do it."

Many students are concerned about the nutritional value of the dining services at Western. They believe the food is high in fat, cooked with poor quality meat and lacks nutrition. Though some aspects of these beliefs are true, others prove to be a myth.

"We have healthier options," Yamashita said, "but the students go to the French fries."

Yamashita said he is guilty also; every morning he has a donut and a cup of coffee. He said during the 25 years he's worked at the dining services, he has gained 25 pounds, which he attributed to his age.

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Heather Trimm/ The Western Front  
Western junior Andrew Brown works at Pacific Traders.

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Western attempts to take third victory over long-time rival Central Washington University Saturday.

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#### One-man show packs the PAC

Tim Reynolds, known for playing with the Dave Matthews Band, played to a sold-out crowd.

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# COPS BOX

## University Police

**Oct. 7, 10:30 p.m.:** A Western custodial staff member found graffiti in the men's restroom on the second floor of the Fine Arts building.

**Oct. 9, 5:15 a.m.:** A Western staff member reported damage to a security gate at an on-campus convenience store. It appeared someone attempted to gain access to the store but was unsuccessful. Nothing was reported missing.

**Oct. 10, 4:38 p.m.:** University Police and the Bellingham Fire Department arrived at Miller Hall in response to a medical aid call. A Western staff member was injured in a stairwell and transported to St. Joseph Hospital for further evaluation.

## Bellingham Police

**Oct. 10, 4:12 am:** Officers mediated a dispute between neighbors in the 300 block of Gladstone Street regarding noisy comings and goings.

**Oct. 10, 10:42 am:** Four stage speakers were stolen from Bellingham High School's theater department. The department's equipment manager said they were stolen at some point within the past week.

**Oct. 10, 2:18 pm:** Officers assisted a citizen in retrieval of a stolen weed whacker from the Pawn Exchange pawn shop.

*Compiled by Raena Downer*

# AP WIRE NEWS BRIEFS

## STATE NEWS

### Starbucks wants newspapers to stop selling at their competitors

Starbucks is stepping back from proposed co-marketing deal requirements that newspapers either stop selling at competing coffee shops or provide free advertising in return for exclusive placement at its coffee outlets.

The plans were outlined in a letter sent to 30 newspapers a few months ago.

Cynthia Vahlkamp, the company's chief marketing officer, said newspapers and the coffee retailer can work together.

Other regional and local newspapers will be allowed in the stores.

The New York Times is the only nationally circulated newspaper in Starbucks stores. It has an agreement that places it on the first shelf of any in-store newspaper stand.

The Seattle Times and Seattle Post-Intelligencer newspapers are in discussions about formalizing their current agreement that places both newspapers in Starbucks.

### Boeing to lay off 10,000 employees before Christmas

Boeing workers are waiting for the ax to fall.

Layoff warning notices will go out tomorrow for as many as 10,000 job cuts that would take effect in 60 days, just before the Christmas holiday.

Due to the decline in the airline industry after Sept. 11, Boeing announced plans to cut 30,000 jobs.

Tomorrow's notices are the first of three phases. Other layoffs will be announced by the middle and end of next year.

its policies in the Middle East and adopt a more balanced stance toward the Palestinian cause." He said it was time to address the policies that caused the terrorism.

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani denounced the remarks saying they were "part of the problem" that led to the terrorist attacks. Giuliani said there's simply no justification for the attacks.

And now, a city official said the check is being turned down.

### Building evacuated because of possible anthrax threat

A possible anthrax threat on Thursday prompted the evacuation of hundreds of workers at Connecticut's Department of Environmental Protection.

Hartford police said they investigated the incident as a possible case of anthrax.

Initial tests later proved negative, but authorities plan one more test to make sure.

The incident began when a powdered substance was found on a desk. A handwritten note indicated the material was anthrax.

About 800 workers were finally sent home after waiting

outside for a couple of hours. The building is expected to reopen tomorrow.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Pope remembers victims on anniversary of terrorist attacks

Marking the one-month anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the United States, Pope John Paul II prayed that God would "uproot every trace of rancor, hostility and hatred from the heart of man."

Calling the attacks "inhuman," the pontiff prayed for grieving relatives of the victims and for those still working at the attack sites.

The pope prayed in Arabic that God would give wisdom "to all those who recognize Abraham as the father of faith."

*Compiled by Raena Downer  
AP Wire courtesy of KUGS 89.3-FM*




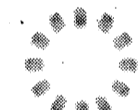
## NATIONAL NEWS

### New York City tells Saudi prince it doesn't want his money

A member of the Saudi royal family presented city officials with a \$10 million check for the World Trade Center relief effort after a tour of Ground Zero on Thursday.

Afterwards, the prince issued a statement saying that the U.S. government should "re-examine

## Western Weather

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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.

PLEASE POST

**HAZARDOUS MITIGATION GRANT APPLICATION NOTICE:** Western intends to apply for a Hazard Mitigation Grant through the state's Emergency Management Division for state and federal funds which became available after the Nisqually earthquake. Written comments from the campus community are encouraged. Mail them to MS-9018 or by e-mail to ehs@wwu.edu.

**THE MATH PLACEMENT TEST** is offered in OM 120 at 9 a.m. Oct. 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 29, and Dec. 6 and 13. The test is offered at 3 p.m. Oct. 15, 22, 29, Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, and Dec. 3, and 10. Registration is not required. Students must bring photo identification, student number, Social Security number and a No. 2 pencil. A \$10 fee is payable in the exact amount at time of testing. Allow 90 minutes. The schedule and sample problems may be found at [www.ac.wwu.edu/~assess/tc.htm](http://www.ac.wwu.edu/~assess/tc.htm).

**THE INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ABROAD REPRESENTATIVE** will have an information table in the VU lobby through 3 p.m. today. Information will be available about studying through ISA in Argentina, Australia, Chile, Costa Rica, France, Mexico, and Spain.

**THE MILLER ANALOGIES TEST (MAT)** will be given at 2 p.m. Oct. 17, Nov. 14, and Dec. 5 in OM 120. Registration is required in OM 120 or by calling X/3080. A \$35 fee is payable at test time. Registration is limited to 16 students. Not administered individually. Allow 1 1/2 hours.

**THE 11TH ANNUAL ETHNIC STUDENT CENTER RETREAT** on Oct. 19-20 is a great place to make new friends, network, and attend informational seminars. Registration deadline is Oct. 11, and the fee is \$10. Registration is open to all Western students. Questions may be addressed to X/7271.

**AN INFORMATION MEETING ABOUT THE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM** will be held at 7 p.m. Nov. 6 in the Bellingham Public Library downtown. The program is recruiting for summer 2002 admission into a post-baccalaureate elementary certification program. Application deadline is Feb. 1. Questions may be addressed to X/2326.

**THE TEST FOR TEACHER EDUCATION (TETEP)** is offered in OM 120 at 2 p.m. Nov. 13 and Dec. 4. Registration, required in OM 120 or by calling X/3080, is limited to 16. A \$25 fee is required at time of registration. Not administered individually; takes about 2 1/2 hours.

**FALL QUARTER GROUP OFFERINGS** through the Counseling Center include • a drop-in graduate student support group that meets at noon Wednesdays; • an Art as Therapy group meets 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesdays starting Oct. 10, pregroup screening required; a drop-in relaxation training class that meets at 11 a.m. Thursdays starting Oct. 11; • a women's self-esteem group that meets from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Thursdays starting Oct. 11, with a pregroup screening required; • a "Take Back Your Body" discussion group that will meet 4:30 to 5:30 Tuesdays starting Oct. 9; and • "Overcoming Math Frustration," 3 to 5 p.m. Mondays, with the first session Oct. 22 and 29, and the second session Nov. 5 and 19. For more information or to register, stop by OM 540 or call X/3164.

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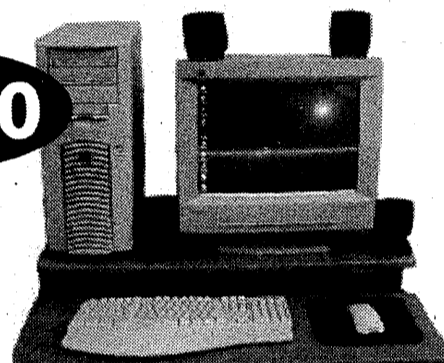
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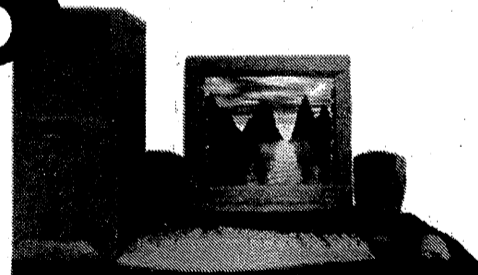
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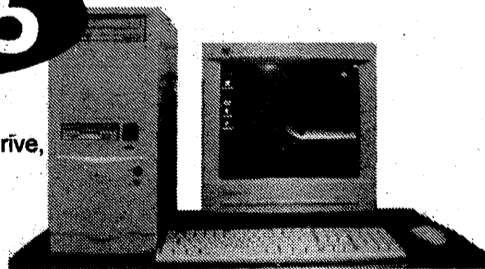


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## Despite some students' opinion of food quality, Sodexho's meals provide good nutritional value

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"The after-hour meals are so fattening; there are no vegetables at all," freshman Hanaka Lombardi said.

She did admit, however, that the fattening food is what she craves after a long day of school.

Yamashita said he knows of some problems, for example, putting too much olive oil on the food at the international station.

Sodexho is trying its best to make the entrees low in fat, Yamashita said.

"I think you can have a healthy meal if you make an effort," freshman Erin Dolan said. "But, I love the pizza selection."

Yamashita isn't alone in his belief that the students choose to eat poorly.

Bellingham nutritionist Cheryl Bittner agreed.

"I think it's great food with a lot of variety," Bittner said, "but people have to choose the right stuff."

Sodexho went through 220 pounds of chicken tenders in one mealtime, Yamashita said, because of students' eating habits.

Campus nutritionist Cara Ten Kley said she tries to educate the students on the healthier foods available in the dining halls.

Yamashita said he also wanted to please his customers.

Hamburgers, french fries and pizza are in the top 10 items sold in the dining halls, Yamashita said. If the cooks prepare food, and the students don't eat it, it just increases the costs of the meal plan, he said.

*'Western is more knowledgeable about food safety services in the community.'*

**Tom Kunesh**  
Whatcom County food inspector

"You can eat extremely healthy on campus, Ten Kley said. "You have a lot of fruits and vegetables. Probably more than what you would have at home."

Ten Kley writes a quarterly newsletter called Choices that deals with eating healthy. She also updates bulletin boards in the dining halls with nutrition information and gives talks in residences halls.

Ten Kley said students need a balance in their diet, whether it is at home or at school. If people don't know the correct proportions of food to eat, she said they would gain weight.

To answer some uncertainties regarding Sodexho's meat,

Yamashita said the meat is grade A USDA choice.

"That is the best you can get," Albertson's butcher Jerry Rosenthal said.

With 30,000 people going through the dining hall each week, this leaves no room for error, Yamashita said. In comparison to all Whatcom food services, Western has a very stringent program to ensure food safety.

Whatcom County Food Inspector, Tom Kunesh verified Yamashita's statement.

"Western is more knowledgeable about food safety than the average (McDonald's) food services in the community," Kunesh said.

He said he received a couple of complaints during the last school year, including a broken dishwasher in Fairhaven and a stomach flu outbreak in the Fairhaven dining hall.

Following an investigation, the stomach flu was traced to an ill student that passed his virus through the buffet line, which was no fault of Sodexho's.

Kunesh said the dining services were cooperative to make the necessary changes to ensure a safe and healthy environment.

*This was the second in a four-part series running each Friday in The Western Front.*

## Deadly drug mix leads to death

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counter drugs if abused have the potential to be poisonous, he said.

An undisclosed prescription drug in Davis' name was also found at the scene.

"There were prescription drugs found on the scene, but we are not sure that those were ingested," Shaw said. "I have been told that they were for a medical condition, and I would be hesitant to describe what that condition was."

Regarding the two students' prior history, Shaw said, "We have only had two weeks of this quarter, and these were all new students, and we have absolutely no history of behavioral problems."

The two friends involved are now at home with family. Their future at Western has not been discussed, pending the outcome of the investigation.

"We have not made any formal decisions at all regarding the students' status at the university," said Vice President of Student Affairs Eileen Coughlin. "At some later time when all the information is in, certainly that could be discussed, but it's just

something at this point where focus has not been."

Even though the two students are not on campus at this time, they are still considered Western students. For that reason, university officials are subject to follow privacy laws that place strict limitations on the release of information about the students.

"The Davis family are some of the most loving people I have ever met," Coughlin said. "Just the great love for their son certainly and the entire family share in the grief."

"After hearing all the information from the medical examiner directly and Chief Shaw, they have asked me to express the concern for their son's two friends," she said. "They have asked me to express their appreciation to the many students who have written cards and notes to the emergency medical team and to the police."

"They said they hope that their son's death can help educate students about the unpredictable nature of taking over-the-counter medication for non-medical purposes," Coughlin said.

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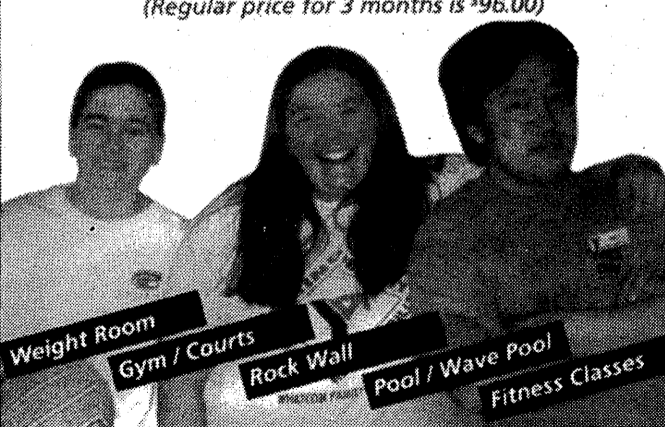
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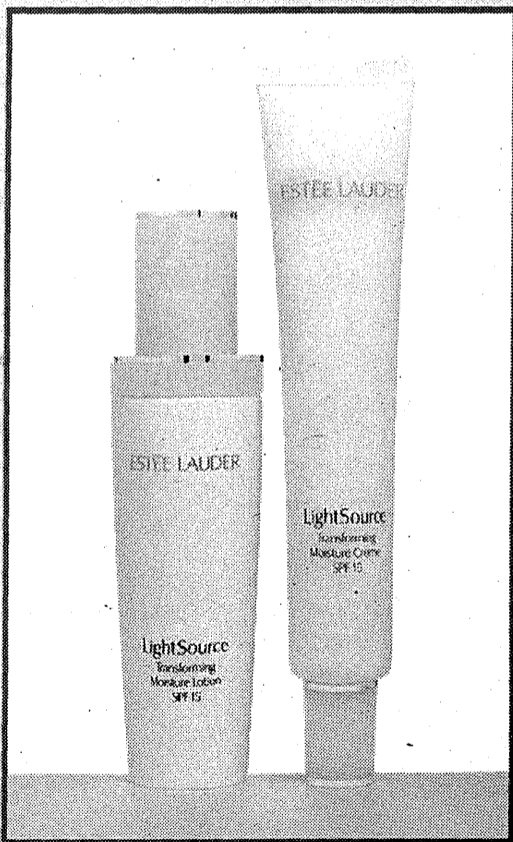
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## Crowd gathers in Red Square, yearns for alternative to bombs

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made silent," Derrick Escorpizo, social issues coordinator, said.

He read a number of incidents of backlash that have happened in the United States since the attacks on Sept. 11.

"There was a sign hung from West Seattle Bridge that said, 'Death to all Palestinians,'" Escorpizo said. "I want all of us to know backlash is wrong. Equality does not mean threatening the lives of those who look different."

Audience members rose from the crowd and voiced their concerns. While their peers talked, not a word was spoken among those sitting.

Other than the noise from the fountain, only the voice of the person speaking echoed in Red Square.

One participant stood and, instead of speaking, requested the crowd to sing a song with him. The group sang, "I am one voice," along with various other songs.

After people stopped speaking, Jaeger invited everyone to

make a circle and join hands. In the moment of silence that followed, candles sitting on the ground at each person's feet illuminated their different faces.

When the moment of silence ended, people shouted, "Go in peace," and "We are one world."

"I felt what happened on Sept. 11 was awful," Jeff Ericson, a vigil attendee, said, "but it was not a race of people who did this to Americans — it was Osama bin Laden and the Taliban."

Jaeger, who organized the vigil, said she felt positive about the gathering.

"I feel positive because a lot of different types of things were said here tonight," Jaeger said. "Various views were shared and addressed. I felt it met people's needs."

Reyes said she was happy with the turnout and she expects the next vigil will be better.

As the vigil came to an end, participants wrote in chalk on the bricks of Red Square.

## Fund-raisers primary objective for Morse house

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on whether there will be a presidential residence," Edie said.

At this point, Edie said the question being asked is what do other universities provide and compare to Western's current hosting abilities.

"It will take 60 days for the analysis and survey to be done," said George Pierce, vice president for Business and Financial Affairs.

Pierce said that the consultant has not been selected as of yet, but will be selected by the end of the month, meaning results of the survey will not be known until sometime in January.

said he believed the house would be built with private funds and not by Western provided funds.

Western students expressed varying reactions to the idea of Morse having a house on campus.

"It wouldn't be a bad thing," Western student Matt DeLong said. "She'd be more accessible and other universities have it."

Western students Lori Hayes and Josh Lykstra said they were indifferent to the proposal.

"I don't really care as long as it doesn't affect my classes or tuition," Hayes said.

"It really doesn't matter to me either way," Lykstra said. Lykstra added if it's beneficial then he sees no reason to object.

Western student Rachel Erickson was more skeptical of the idea of Morse living on campus.

"From the little information I know it doesn't necessarily sound like it's needed," Erickson said.

Erickson said a house on campus for Morse may be convenient, but wondered if it could not be somewhere else.

The reason behind the idea is that Western is considering a fund-raising campaign.

The last campaign was from 1993-1996 and the board of trustees has expressed concern about the hosting ability on campus for fund-raising cam-

paings and dignitaries.

Edie said at this time no decision has been made about

*'From the little information I know, it doesn't necessarily sound like it's needed.'*

Rachel Erickson  
Western student

when a fund raising campaign would be held, with the next campaign occurring about two years away.

He said that depends on many variables including donor availability and current economic situation, which could be affected by the Sept. 11 events.

Fund-raising campaigns at Western are for the purpose of raising private funds to pay for improvements on campus.

"We are in the pre-planning stage for the next private fund-raising campaign," Edie said.

As of now no timeline has been set for possible construction.

Both Edie and Pierce said any speculation on a timeline would be making assumptions about the results of the survey and the discretion of the board of trustees, which must approve any plans to build a house on campus for Morse.

*'It wouldn't be a bad thing (Morse having a house on campus). She'd be more accessible and other universities have it.'*

Matt DeLong  
Western student

Currently, Western pays for the president's residence. Edie said no decision has been made on how the construction of the house would be financed.

"I think it's premature on that," Edie said, although he


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## In the Spotlight Weekly Events Calendar

Oct. 12

Oct. 13

Oct. 15

-The Cherry Valance, Federation X and The Everyday Sinners performs at 9 p.m. at The 3B Tavern. Cover charge is \$5.

-Underride and Sissonics perform at 10 p.m. at The World Famous Up and Up. Women get in free and tickets are \$5.

-Women, Art and Experimental Film will bring together documentary film and experimental videos. The exhibit is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays, except Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m. The exhibit is free.

-WWU Student Photography Competition: Personal Surveillance showcases student photography from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday in the Viking Union Gallery. The exhibit is free.

Oct. 14

-The film "Alliance 2001 Snowboard Premier" shows at 8 p.m. at the Mount Baker Theatre. Tickets are \$6.

-"Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story," a musical based the musician, shows at 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Mount Baker Theatre. Tickets are \$33 to \$43.

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# The Talented Mr. Reynolds

By Paul Olund  
THE WESTERN FRONT

"I like to surprise people," said 43-year-old guitarist Tim Reynolds as he hurled a ball of tape as big as a baseball across the Performing Arts Center stage at one of his crew after a concert Wednesday night.

Tour manager Fluffy Centner, who goes by Fluffy, laughed as he waited to pack the tour van full of Reynolds' equipment and get on the road to their next stop.

"I wasn't sure what to expect when I took the job," Fluffy said. "I had never heard of him, and he surprised me with his music."

Reynolds, best known for his work with The Dave Matthews Band, is touring to promote his eighth solo release, "Nomadic Wavelength."

"The new album has many different modes," Reynolds said. "The music is much more complex in its form, so it allows me to experiment and improvise." Reynolds said he has never played the same song twice.

"I rename the songs each night so I don't feel compelled to play them the same way," he said.

"I can never figure out which song is which because the names keep changing," Fluffy joked.

Reynolds said he thinks about as little as possible on stage.

"The music is unconscious and second nature," he said. "It's natural to experiment and to do different things with the music. It's what I've always done."

Four guitars, a mixing board and a collection of different pedals and samplers were among the instruments used to create Reynolds' unique blend of jazz, rock and electronica.

"I found out that I don't need a band to play," Reynolds said. "I can create all the background samples and effects by myself."

Reynolds said he enjoys time on his electric guitar the most.

"My next tour is just gonna be me, my electric and a few samples," he said.

"And us," reminded a stagehand walking by.

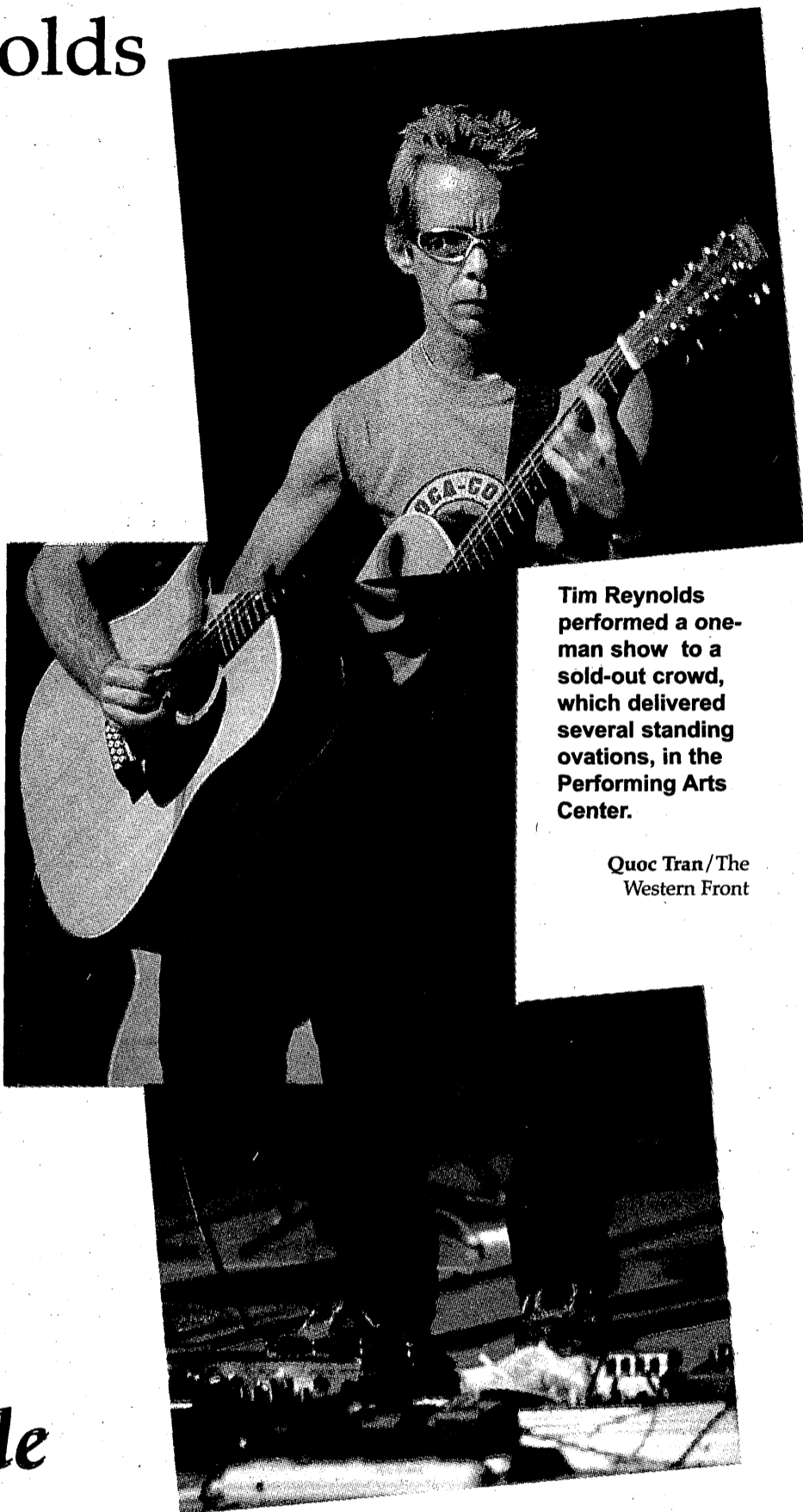
Reynolds began playing the guitar for Pentecostal churchgoers at age 12. At age 18, he moved to Charlottesville, Va. to join a band of experimental musicians. In the late 1980s, Reynolds met up with local bartender Dave Matthews. The duo began collaborating in 1993 with "Remember Two Things" and most recently in 1999 with "Live at Luther College."

"I was lucky," Reynolds said of his career. "If I wasn't playing shows professionally, I would probably be sitting in my room practicing."

Reynolds said he enjoys his time with The Dave Matthews Band, but will continue to focus on his solo career.

"It was a great time in my life," he said. "But either you have a band or a family. I have a family now."

When asked about his plans for the future, Reynolds said, "I'll keep playing the guitar."



Tim Reynolds performed a one-man show to a sold-out crowd, which delivered several standing ovations, in the Performing Arts Center.

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## Stubble, stilettos and style

By Anna Rimer  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Madonna stepped onto the stage. Instead of the curvy icon sporting her legendary cylinder bra, this day, she was muscular with an adam's apple.

Last Friday night, Madonna and other past and present celebrities could be seen as the Glamazon Follies performed at Rumors Cabaret.

The Glamazon Follies is a group of male entertainers based out of Seattle that impersonates celebrities such as Joan Rivers, Dolly Parton and Cher.

For Jetta Davis, one of the performers, dressing in drag started with a dare.

"The person that put me in drag for the first time thought I was a woman," Davis said. "He wanted to put makeup on me, and when he found out I was a guy, he dared me to do it."

Although Davis said he mostly plays the role of a glamour girl, he has impersonated Cher, Madonna and Ann Margaret.

"My first Halloween in Seattle, I went as Malibu Barbie," Davis said. "That was fun."

Overall, Davis said he enjoys being himself.

"I enjoy just being me when I do it because I am so realistic, and I do get such a huge response," he said.

Davis got his start 16 years ago when he "was basically doing the bar circuit in Seattle."

Davis worked at the Golden Crown, a show bar in Seattle. After the bar closed, some of the entertainers joined together and eventually became the Glamazon Follies.

Smokey, a former Golden Crown performer and current Glamazon Follies impersonator, said he too got his start on a dare.

"Someone thought I looked like Cher," he said.

Mabelina Fabulash, another performer, started his career at age 13.

"That's when my parents sold me to the circus," he said sarcastically.

As a teenager, Fabulash was a winner of the Seattle Closet Ball.

"You come out on stage dressed like a boy, and then you have one hour while your sponsor puts you in drag," Fabulash said. "The most glamorous wins."

Fabulash also went on to win Miss Gay Washington in 1993.

Getting ready for the show can take a while, Davis said.

"We each have certain routines," he said. "I don't want to say superstitions, but our

own way of getting ready."

"I'll take a nap and then a long shower," Davis said. "Other guys like to work under pressure and work up to the last minute."

Smokey and the other performers said each show feels like the first one.

"I sometimes still get nervous," Smokey said. "I have been doing this since 1974."

"I get the jitters before I get on stage," Davis said. "But then, when it is over, it's like I want to do it again."

Besides entertaining, each performer works behind the scenes to design sets or help with wardrobe.

"We all do different things," Smokey said. "I do the costumes."

Jeff Atkins, who retired from performing in 1994, now works as the director of the Glamazon Follies.

"I'm the director, the choreographer and the costume designer," Atkins said.

Atkins has worked on costumes for the Flamingo Hotel and the new Hilton Hotel floor shows in Las Vegas.

Atkins, formally known as Misty Stevens, has been in the drag show circuit for 25 years.

"I got started because I happened to win a Halloween contest," Atkins said. "I got addicted to the applause."

Rumors owner Wayne Miller said this group tries to come once a year.

"Also, we have drag shows every Wednesday night," Miller said. "We have a DJ and live bands every once in a while."

Miller said Rumors sponsors other locally based drag shows that benefit nonprofit organizations such as the women's shelter or AIDS foundations.

"The latest one that we did was to benefit the Brentwood scholarship," Miller said.

Brentwood was a bartender at Rumors who passed away. The Brentwood scholarship, set up as a memorial, is available to Western students.

Members of the Glamazon Follies said Bellingham is a responsive group.

"I have been here before," Smokey said. "The crowd at this club is kind of a mixed crowd. Gay people, straight people, women, men, college kids ... they just all hang out. It's like one big happy family, and everyone is friendly."

Last Friday's show turned out to be that same type of crowd, Smokey said.

"I have been to shows where the crowd just sat there," he said. "The crowd was really responsive, and I think it went really well."

The Glamazon Follies will perform another show Dec. 8 at Rumors.

# Where the wild things are And how they get here

By Orion Stewart  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Those wandering the basements of Western looking for a pick-me-up might be interested to know that the Underground Coffeehouse is neither a place to get caffeine-enriched beverages, nor is its location subterranean.

The Underground Coffeehouse is simply responsible for bringing folk, jazz and ethnic music to campus.

"We try to bring stuff you don't hear on the radio," said Andrew Suda, coordinator of the Underground Coffeehouse, about the selection of bands he and co-coordinator Josh Gadbaw have lined up for fall.

This fall, Associated Students Productions, which is made up of the Underground Coffeehouse and AS Pop Music, will bring a total of nine shows to Western.

Pop Music recruits popular venues, which is evident in some of the past performers: Rahzel, Sonic Youth, Modest Mouse and Nirvana.

Already this year Pop Music has brought the art-improvisational-jazz sounds of Critters Buggin' to Red Square, and the Underground Coffeehouse began its fall concert series with the Wednesday performance of Tim Reynolds in the Performing Arts Center's Concert Hall.

"It sold out incredibly fast, in three or four days," Suda said.

Suda's goal of drawing 100 people per concert was far surpassed by this showing, since the PAC Concert Hall holds an audience of more than 600. Suda said this surprisingly large turnout may be a result of the Underground Coffeehouse's effort to increase awareness of its shows through banners, advertising in newspapers, announcements on KUGS 89.3-FM and posters both on and off campus. The large turnout may also be due to Reynolds, a well known musician who has played guitar with the Dave Matthews Band.

Reynolds, from the East Coast, was on tour in the area and was able to fit this campus appearance into his schedule. Most bands chosen by the Underground Coffeehouse are local.

"We want to give local bands exposure on campus," Suda said.

Suda said many area bands call his office and send in samples requesting to play on campus.

The same scenario exists for Pop Music.

"There were 12 calls today from bands wanting to play," said Josh Goodman, ASP Pop Music coordinator.

Goodman said once bands are chosen to perform at Western they attract anywhere from 58 up to 1,400 people and are paid "between hundreds and multiple thousands of dollars."

Performers' backstage needs, such as food and drinks, are also taken care of, thanks to AS Hospitality. With the exception of perhaps not being able to get a certain kind of alcohol, which Western cannot supply, the bands leave campus with few complaints.

"Bands come here with a different set of expectations since it is a university," said Carly Starr, ASP Pop Music assistant coordinator.

Both the Underground Coffeehouse and Pop Music attempt to get bands students want to hear by scouting music festivals, asking around campus and accepting suggestions.

"We encourage student requests because we're here for them," Starr said.

Most students seem content with the shows ASP brings to campus due to the lack of any major complaints so far this year.

"The music that comes through campus represents a wide variety of the music that's out there," said Robin Papanic, a Western student who has seen a hip-hop show and a classical guitar player perform on campus.

As eclectic as the shows that come to campus are, catering to every musical taste is a virtual impossibility for ASP.

While enjoying the bluegrass concert he attended on campus, Western student Shawn Sellers commented that he would

like to see a musical scene come to Western that differed from the usual indie rock brought by Pop Music or jazz compliments of the Underground Coffeehouse.

"I'd like to see more '80s-style heavy metal bands like Iron Maiden, Motley Crue, Manowar and Halloween," Sellers said.

## Underground Coffeehouse fall concert series

3 Leg Torso, Oct. 26  
Boubacar Traore, Nov. 2  
B'ham Latin Funk All-Stars, Nov. 17  
Rafe Pearlman, Nov. 30

### Pop Music shows

Nov. 11  
Pedro The Lion  
Pin Back  
Boilermaker  
Sharks keep Moving

Nov. 16  
Les Savy Fav  
Waxwing  
Automaton

# Candlelight vigil celebrates survival

## Domestic Violence Awareness Month begins

By Sarah Warren  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Purple ribbons decorated the pillars around Bellingham's City Hall, and 450 purple markers covered the lawn. Each marker represented a domestic violence assault that the Bellingham Police Department and the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office responded to between Oct. 1, 2000 and Sept. 30, 2001.

Crowds gathered in front of City Hall to celebrate Domestic Violence Awareness month, October, and listen to several speakers voice their opinions and concerns about domestic violence at noon on Oct. 4.

Christine Gregoire, the Washington state attorney general, spoke about the 1,800 individuals from Washington, murdered each year by spouses, boyfriends and girlfriends. She said this is an improvement. In Washington, almost 3,000 lives were lost as a result of domestic violence in 1976 alone.

Homicide is the leading cause of death for pregnant women in the country.

"American College of Nurse Midwives calls violent death during pregnancy the hidden epidemic of our nation," Gregoire said.

In Bellingham alone, during the past 12-month period, 900 domestic violence calls were made. An additional 324 assaults and 273 instances of battery by individuals who had restraining orders against them were committed.

A program called Victim Information Notification Everyday (V.I.N.E.) was created to prevent retaliation from individuals after being released from jail. The V.I.N.E. program is in effect in King and Pierce counties.

Gregoire said she is not only concerned for the victims of domestic violence, but for the little eyes of the children who witness it. In 43 percent of homes in which domestic violence occurs, children under 12 years of age are present.

Domestic violence dropped 21 percent in recent years. "Adult victims are reporting far more frequently because women are finding escape routes," Gregoire said. One escape route located in Bellingham is the

penalties have been raised for certain cases.

Sen. Harriet Spanel said an additional \$1 million for domestic violence shelters and traditional housing is in the capital budget this year. She said the raised fines for traffic misdemeanors caused a \$9 million increase for local communities.

"Awareness is built up by people in communities by letting our legislature know what needs to be done and what they need to do to make life safer for women and children," Spanel said.

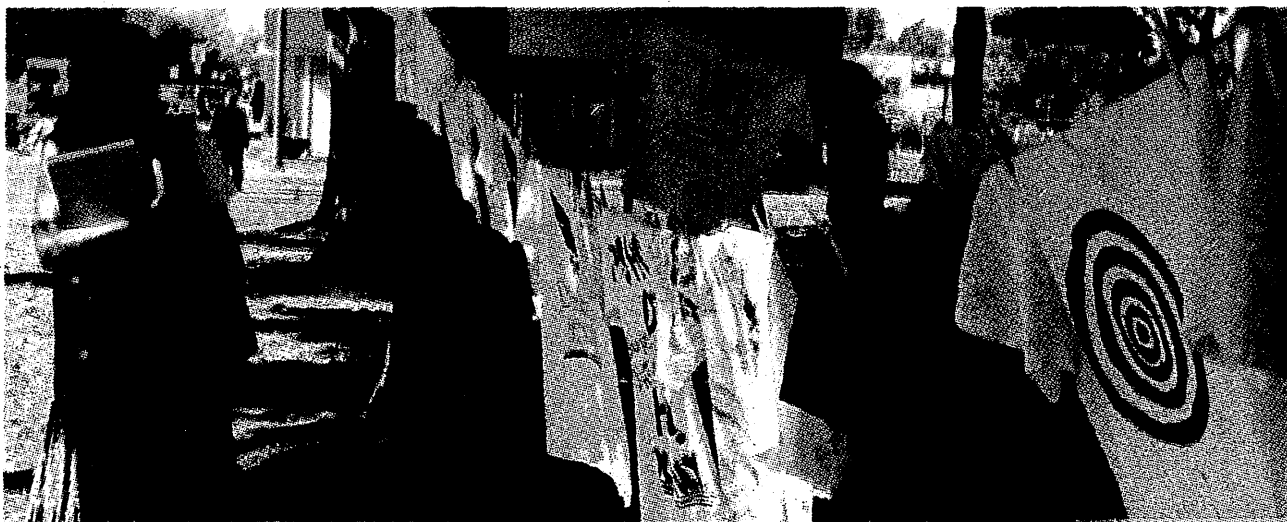
Although helping victims was a major focus, some speakers talked about helping the abusers.

"We cannot hope violence at home will end in a world of violence," said Manca Valum of the Whatcom Crisis Services. "We absolutely must reach out to those that abuse and encourage them to embrace the possibility of change. We must rally our friends, our neighbors, our co-workers and our

loved ones to make a community-wide effort to create peace."

She said she hopes to "create a world so peaceful that the danger of living with domestic violence just doesn't make any sense."

For counseling or more information, call the Whatcom Crisis Services at 715-1563, Womenscare Shelter at 734-3438, Lummi Victims of Crime at 384-2285 or Crime and Sexual Assault Support Services (CASAS) at 650-3700.



Linda Krebs, a psychotherapist for domestic violence survivors, views a display of t-shirts made by victims and survivors displayed at Bellingham City Hall during the candlelight vigil.

Womenscare Shelter. Diane Wood, employee at the shelter, said its services are available 24 hours, and it welcomes anyone and everyone. The volunteer-based shelter opened in 1979 and offers a place for victims to stay and receive counseling.

"We are the first place that can help women who are hurt in their own home," Wood said.

Not only has the percentage of domestic violence dropped in recent years, but also, in the past decade



# Looking for a three-peat



The Vikings take on the Central Washington University Wildcats 1 p.m. Saturday at Civic Stadium to defend the Cascade Cup. This will be the 89th meeting between the two schools, with Western winning the past two meetings.



By James Lyon  
THE WESTERN FRONT

Something is a little different this week at the Viking football practice.

The hits are a little harder, the passes have a little more zip and the intensity level is up. All because of who's coming to town, Central Washington University.

The Vikings (4-2) host their archrival, the Central Wildcats (2-3), at 1 p.m. Saturday at Civic Stadium for rights to the Cascade Cup. This is the 89th meeting between the two schools, dating back to 1922. Central leads the series, with a 54-30-4 record in the storied rivalry.

The rivalry is the Division II version of the Apple Cup.

The Vikings won the past two games, with a 27-7 victory in Ellensburg that snapped a 10-game losing streak at Central and a 35-22 victory last season

at Civic Stadium.

Saturday's game is important for several reasons. It is the first game for both schools in the newly created Great Northwest Athletic Conference.

*'It's a great rivalry.*

*There's a lot of bragging rights at stake.'*

**Rob Smith**

Western football coach

The outcome of Saturday's game should loom large in the battle for the conference title.

The Vikings are aiming for their third straight league title, something that has never been accomplished in school history.

Western won the Columbia Football Association title for the past two years before the creation of the GNAC.

"It's the one thing that I feel we can control," head coach Rob Smith said. "If you go out and perform well, you can win a conference championship. Although there's only four teams in the league, there's still an important championship at stake. It's something we take great pride in."

Whenever these two teams play each other, it has always been a tight game.

"You can throw their record out because we know that they're going to play their absolute best game against us," Smith said. "It's a great rivalry. There's a lot of bragging rights at stake."

Coaches and veteran players teach newer Viking players

from day one, beat Central. In Ellensburg, they are taught similar lessons.

*'They (Central) talked a little trash about Western when they recruited me.'*

**Greg Dykstra**

Western wide receiver

"It's on everyone's mind that Central is coming to town," wide receiver Greg Dykstra said. "There's more intensity, more energy, more emotion. We want to kick their ass."

The Vikings and the Wildcats

share the same recruiting lines when it comes time to filling their rosters. The two schools often recruit the same players and bad-mouth each other to their recruits.

"They (Central) talked a little trash about Western when they recruited me," Dykstra said. "They pointed out the past record, but I made the right decision."

The result of Saturday's game can be used as a selling point to future recruits.

"The outcome of this game is very much used in recruiting. We have players who are friends with their Central players, so there is certainly a lot of talk over the year based on the outcome of this game," Smith said.



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## Western Men Against Violence



# New rules cannot contain the Vikes

By Jeff Hoffman  
THE WESTERN FRONT

One thing people going to watch the Viking volleyball team this season will notice is the changes in the rules of the game.

The NCAA adopted two rule changes this season dealing with serving and scoring.

Prior to this season, a team only got a point if it won a rally after serving. Now, a team gets a point anytime after winning a rally. This eliminates side outs.

The purpose of this rule was to speed up play and make the game more exciting to the casual observer.

"It's more exciting for the fans to watch," volleyball head coach Diane Flick said. "People didn't understand how so much action could go on with no scoring. Now, you will see a point at the end of every play."

While making the game's pace more predictable and easier to follow, the rule also added a different level of strategy to the game.

*"Now, the game is much more exciting."*

Lynda Goodrich  
Western Director of Athletics

"It really makes you think about every shot you take," senior outside hitter Shannon Rowland said. "Making a mistake is a lot more crucial now. Our team has really

focused on hitting a lot smarter and cutting back on our errors."

Sophomore outside hitter Nicola Parker said she had reservations about the new scoring system in the beginning, but has come to embrace it this season.

"I really didn't like it at first because it changed the nature of the game," Parker said. "Now, with the new scoring, the better team wins instead of just the team with the most momentum."

Western Director of Athletics Lynda Goodrich coached the Viking volleyball squad in its beginnings from 1972-1974. Now, as a fan of the team, she said she enjoys the new rules.

"Before, volleyball was pretty tedious," Goodrich said. "Now the game is much more exciting. Every serve matters whether you hit the ball into the net or get a point."

Another rule change, which may not be noticed by the fans because it doesn't occur very often in a match, deals with serving. In the past, a serve that hit the net would result in a side out. With the new rules, if the serve hits the net and goes over, it is still in play.

"Letting the ball hit the net and still be live allows for better serving strategies," Flick said. "It's not something that we can practice, but it makes the match more exciting."

Setter Liz Bishop has tremendously benefited from the new rule.

"She has become much more aggressive, and it seems to happen to her the most," Flick

said.

The new rule has helped the Vikings serve more aggressively this season. Western leads the Great Northwest Athletic Conference in service aces, averaging more than 2.5 per game.

"It makes it so there is not as much fear in serving now," Flick said. "We have added two jump servers to the roster who weren't jump servers last season."

Rowland, one of those new jump servers, leads the GNAC, conference and is 13th in NCAA Division II in service aces. She said the new rules have helped her serve.

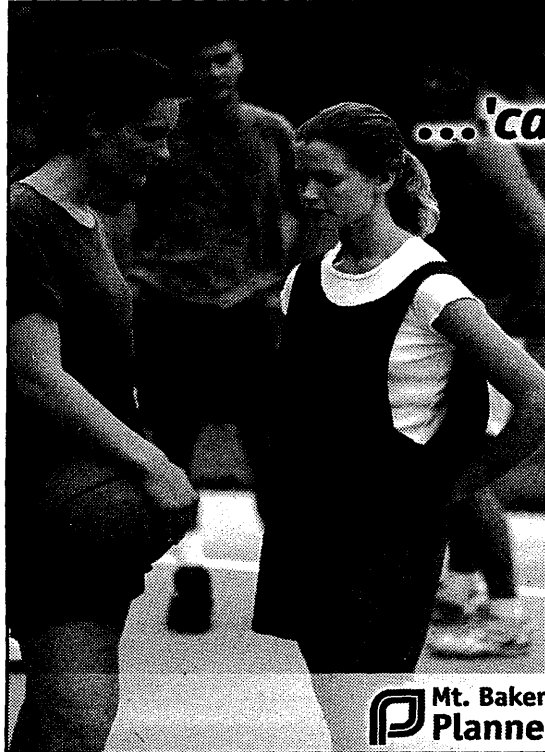
"A lot of times I can make it work to my advantage," Rowland said. "I've begun to serve more aggressively, and the way that I put a lot of top-spin on my serves, the ball will just hit the net and spin right over."

Flick said overall, the new rules have fit perfectly into her team's mentality.

"These rules really promote aggressive play and benefit an aggressive philosophy," she said. "That's the kind of philosophy that I bring and that I stress."

The Viking volleyball team is 14-3 this season, riding a school-record 14-match winning streak, and has won 16 consecutive home matches.

Western will square off against Western Oregon University tonight and Humboldt State University Saturday night. Both matches start at 7 p.m. in Carver Gym.



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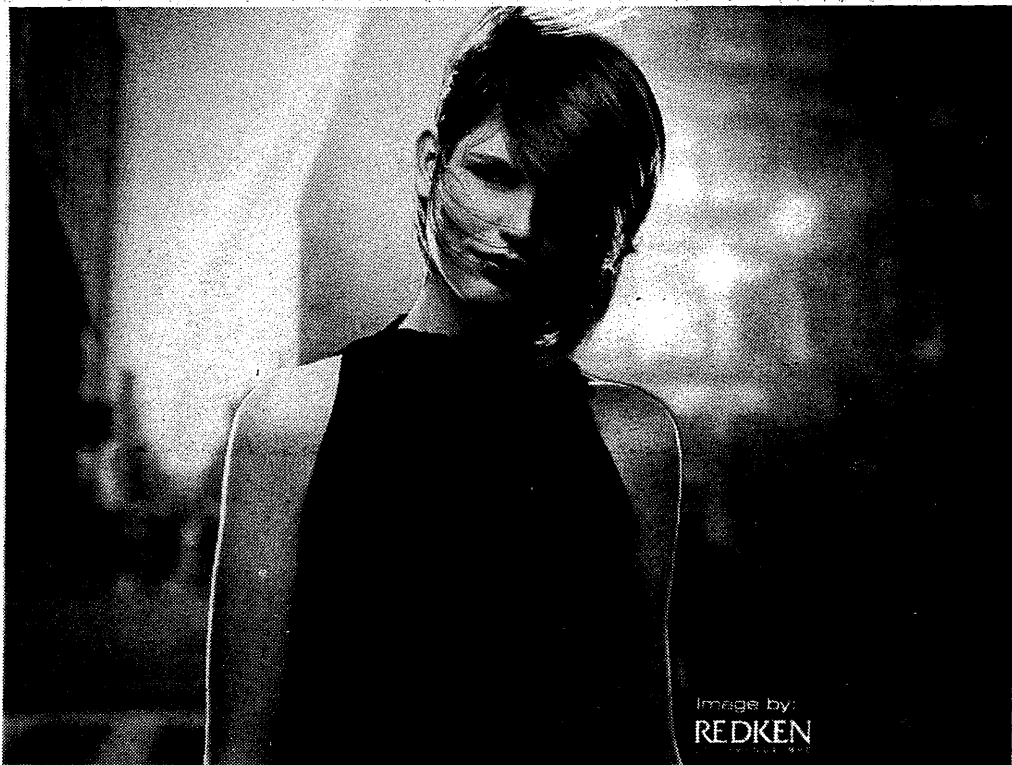


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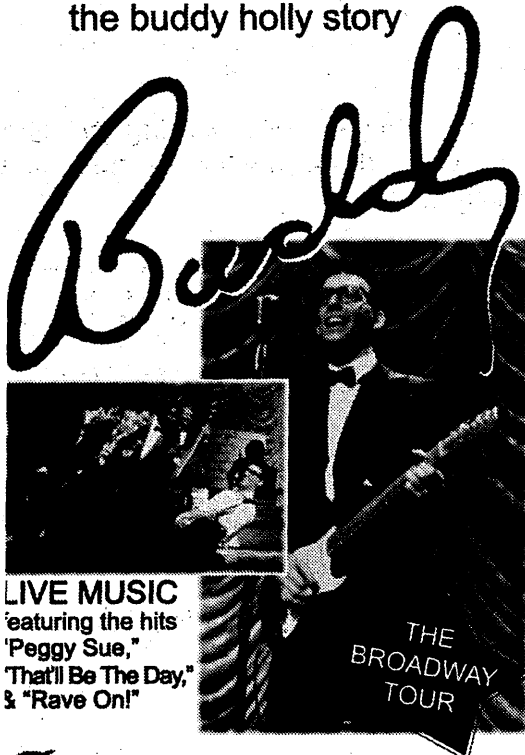
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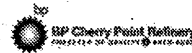
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# Strap 'em, wrap 'em and put 'em on ice

By Tyler Hendrick  
THE WESTERN FRONT

When most people think of an athletic trainer, the first thing that comes to mind is a person who tapes up injuries. Western athletic trainers said the job entails more work than most people realize.

The athletic trainers' job is the prevention and care of athletic injuries. This includes: taping injuries, applying ice and moist heat packs, knowing how to use the ultrasound, whirlpool or electrical muscle stimulation machines for the purpose of decreasing swelling, inflammation and pain or to encourage the healing process or the re-education of muscles.

Western head athletic trainer Linda Bergen said she loves the work of an athletic trainer.

"The work is really fun and challenging," Bergen said.

Bergen said her desire to become an athletic trainer came after she was injured at the Olympic Training Center in Squaw Valley, Calif. She then went to Cal State University-Long Beach, where she earned her degree in athletic training.

She became a certified athletic trainer as well as a certified emergency medical technician and started as Western's head athletic trainer in 1987.

The athletic training department at Western has one other certified athletic trainer, Lonnie Lyon. It also has Lori deKubber, who is a rehabilitation specialist from the Student Health Center who works part-time in the department.

A student who is interested in

becoming an athletic trainer has a challenging degree to earn.

"The program is a lot of hours, a very intense program, involves some self-study about athletic injuries," Bergen said.

Any person interested needs to earn a degree in exercise science. Examples of the classes an athletic trainer has to take are anatomy, physiology, and psychology of sport.

Students also have to complete a two-year internship. It takes a student who is willing to work hard since the field of sports medicine is always changing.

Bergen said, "the thirst for knowledge to continue learning throughout your career and the stamina to work long hours," are important qualities in an AT student.

Rewards come with the job of being an athletic trainer.

"The rewards are that you get to work in an upbeat environment, and the work hours involve covering games," Bergen said.

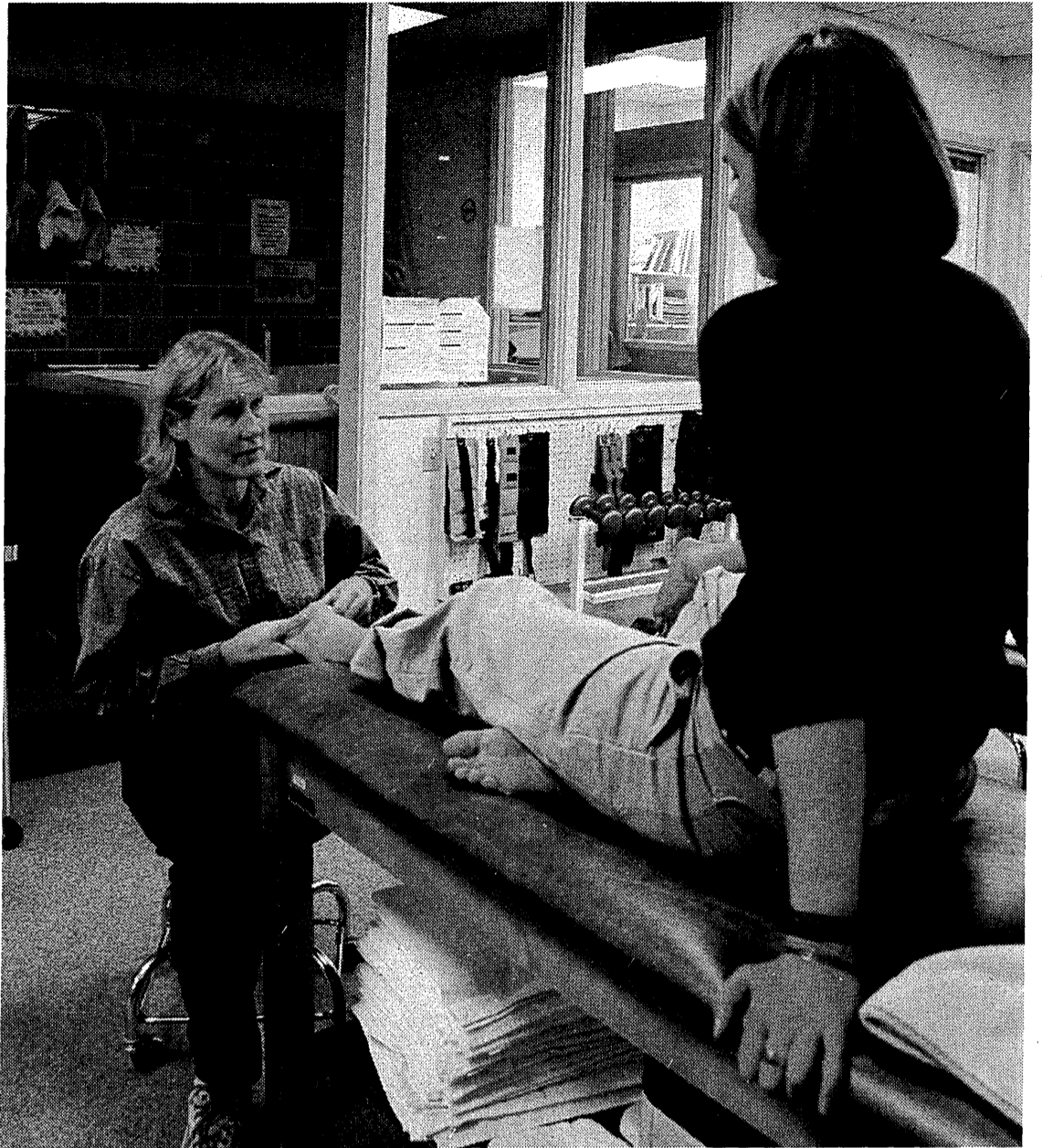
During any varsity home game, the department will provide a certified athletic trainer or one of the 12-15 experienced student trainers on staff.

The athletes know the value of the athletic trainers.

"They are nice," said Maurice Tyree, a freshman basketball player. "They take care of my injuries."

"They know what they are doing," said Andy Wheat, a junior on the basketball team. "They are awesome."

"They are always asking questions so they can get us back on the court as fast as they can."



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Sophomore cross-country runner Kathryn Wyatt gets a check up on her injured tendon by Western's head athletic trainer Linda Bergen on Thursday afternoon.

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## Students' voice in Olympia requires support



**Corey Eichner**

AS VOICE

make a difference that we don't have the option to donate our \$2? These are questions many people are probably asking right now — at least 77 percent of Western students.

Without the WSL, students statewide wouldn't have a voice in Olympia. Without this voice, legislators would be unaware of what students need. Students would not have the ability to pass important legislation such as the addition of a student trustee to the board of trustees that the WSL fought so long for and finally won in 1998.

Without the WSL, students wouldn't be as successful in providing students with Viking Day, voter registration or legislative information tables.

The WSL was founded at Western in 1982, in response to the need for statewide represen-

tation of students enrolled in Washington's four-year public universities. The WSL provides a collective voice of Washington state students to the legislature, the Higher Education Coordinating Board and other state boards and committees.

Membership currently includes Western, the University of Washington, Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University and Washington State University. Each member sends representatives including a student lobbyist to Olympia to lobby for what is important to students.

Recently, the WSL has fought against the local control of tuition, pushed for tax-free textbooks and supported increased funding for technology, public transit and university child-care programs.

The WSL has advocated for diversity on campuses, as well as encouraging legislators to provide more state need assistance. In addition, the WSL continues to support complete Student and Activity (S&A) fee autonomy for students.

Western has long been a champion supporter of the WSL. Western was the top donor for the past two years. During the 2000-2001 school year, Western donated \$13,500 to the WSL, compared to the \$600 from WSU, \$1,200 from EWU, \$3,500 from CWU and a negligible amount from the University of Washington. These numbers need to change, and Western is working to see that it happens.

Western continues to take the lead among students at the state level, with Western students holding the two top leadership positions on the WSL State Board, including the WSL President Stacey Valentin and

WSL Vice President for Communications Amanda Feutz.

Since the election last year, the Associated Students board of directors and the local chapter of the WSL have been working to ensure stable funding for the WSL.

The groups have worked closely with administration on Western's campus to negotiate a compromise that would continue the current agreement (voluntary \$2 donation) through the end of summer quarter 2002.

This compromise was recently supported unanimously at the recent board of trustees meeting.

For the remainder of the year, Western students and administrators will join each other at the table to negotiate a permanent agreement that would serve everyone's needs and provide stable funding to this highly important organization.

This would be a vast improvement from the instability the WSL has faced on this campus during the past few years.

With Western holding such strong student leadership in the state, other schools should follow Western's example and work to help fund the WSL.

Students need a representative voice in Olympia, and without the WSL that voice will not be heard.

*Corey Eichner is the AS president*

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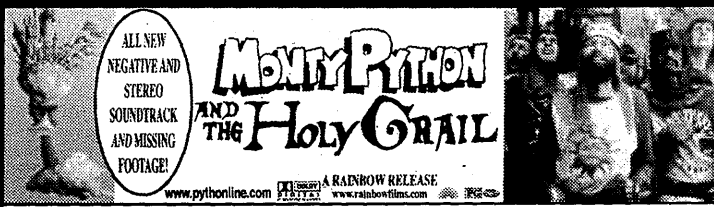
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# Frontline

## New house for Morse not a priority for student benefit

Western's board of trustees, the body that basically makes every policy and financial decision for the university, has a new plan for spending students' money.

The governor-appointed unit has recently proposed the idea of building a house for President Karen Morse and her family on Western's campus. The justification is it will be a place where visiting dignitaries can be wined, dined and awed by the style and panache of Western.

Morse does not need a new house. The university already pays for her residence, and the other supposed need is already served by the only-slightly appealing Canada House.

But theoretically, impressed dignitaries will bring prestige upon the university and make a degree earned from it that much more valuable. In actuality, the addition of the Western House, as it will be called, will have no effect on the students of the university, other than perhaps an inflated tuition bill.

Unless these dignitaries are to be the ones handing out jobs to Western students upon graduation, prestige seems more important to the board than the majority of students.

Prestige aside, the greater issue is money. To bring its plan into fruition, the board intends to hire a consultant to determine the need and cost of a on-campus residence for the president. The office of External Affairs said it's too soon to comment on where the funding for the house will come from but has speculated that it will be from private investors.

Who and where are these private investors when the school needs a parking garage or new computers?

Why is it necessary to create extra charges for things such as new computers (the technology fee) or a parking garage (after hours pay boxes), but enough money is magically available to spend on a consultant? Could it have something to do with the fact that it will be hard to enforce fees that don't even begin to be relevant to those paying them?

Should the consultant convince the board that the Western House is necessary, where does the administration intend to put its new building?

Maybe it could be built on top of the track or tennis courts. Western students should be studying, not wasting their time with sports, right? Maybe just add another couple floors on to Nash Hall. That way, Morse could house a few students each year to eliminate the need for triple-occupancy dorms. Or better yet, get rid of one of those pesky parking lots.

Wherever it goes, the Western House is sure to cause irritating construction delays somewhere on campus while it's being built.

The simple fact of the entire matter remains: if an idea needs to be backed up with the opinion of a consultant and statistics from other schools, then it can't be that good to begin with. The board of trustees must have some inkling that it's being flagrant, otherwise it would have already gone ahead with the planning.

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### And we quote:

"We're doing the bombing — at least in part — so that we can send them packets of peanut butter and jelly."

*Eric Alterman, contributor to The New York Times.*

(Source: nytimes.com)



## Be gracious with your gratuity



**Taber Streur**

COMMENTARY

Tipping at local restaurants, bars and coffeehouses is a problem in Bellingham.

Not because people fear a recession, but because college students don't know how to tip correctly.

A recent poll conducted by the Emily Post Institute on etiquette asked people if they felt obligated to leave a tip in the jar at a service counter.

Surprisingly, 701 votes out of 999 were "no."

It's early in the morning, the blueberry bagel is sitting on the counter and an empty jar beckons.

It's noon and nothing sounds better than a Subway sandwich. There it is again, that damn jar. Mid-day and in dire need of a buzz? Head to Starbucks. On the counter is that jar that has been following you around all day.

"Tipping causes good karma," it advertises.

Here are a few suggestions on how to deal with situations where customers are faced with a tip jar, server or bartender.

First of all, when at a restaurant, tip at least 10 percent — a bare minimum. That is, unless the service is completely horrible: no ketchup, no drink refills, hair in the food, etc.

"It pisses me off when younger people don't tip you well or at all," said Vanessa Lanza, a Western student who works at the Olive Garden. "High school kids on prom night are the worst."

The problem is most people don't understand that tips compensate for the low — usually minimum wage — pay these workers earn.

When tipping at a restaurant, guests don't understand that they aren't only tipping the waiter or waitress, but also the hostess who sat them, the cook who made their food and the busser who cleans up the mess.

For example, coffeehouse workers usually make minimum wage. Their tips compensate for

that low wage and the early hours they have to get up in the mornings, the coffee-stained clothing they have to replace and the nauseous fumes from cars, which fill their work while customers wait.

Tipping at restaurants is usually a male's responsibility.

Before tipping, consider the many events that occurred while dining. How was the service? How was the food? How polite were the workers? Was the table clean? Always tip with these factors in mind.

Ladies seem to have a grasp on the whole restaurant scene; however, when it comes to bars, they need some help.

How about taking money out of the cute little Douney & Bourke purse that they spent \$195 for at Nordstrom and putting a few bucks in the tip jar?

The bartender will appreciate it and may even pour a free drink.

You're cheap. You know it, you love it. This has got to change.

So, the next time you see those shiny jars that state, "Feed the jar at Roxy's bar," do so, generously.



**Paul Braun**

COMMENTARY

Hours after America's strikes on Afghanistan Sunday, the United States dropped around 35,000 food packages on the eastern and southern parts of the country, where it is believed most of the refugee camps are located.

Although America might be in conflict with Afghanistan, that does not mean it is at war with the civilians of Afghanistan — as shown by the \$320 million America is spending to drop food and supplies for the Afghans — or so the Bush administration would like you to believe.

The action is supposed to show how humanitarian the United States is, but sounds more like military propaganda.

If President Bush means what he said about going after

terrorists and those who harbor them, and if the United States is truly a friend to the Afghan people, then our country should act like a true friend.

How in the world is two drops of 35,000 food packages going to compensate the needs of refugees? And those numbers do not count the packages that refugees might not even find.

The United Nations estimates that out of the 24 million

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# America should be doing more for refugees, food drops amidst bombings ridiculous

people living in Afghanistan, at least a quarter are dependent on food aids.

America needs to drop at least 6 million of these packets to fulfill the needs of refugees, and not every single person who needs one will be able to find one. America is way off the mark and needs to do more than offer a token gesture.

Now the military announced more drops are being prepared, but they did not say when. A government official said America has at least 2 million of these packages, but even that is not enough to help the refugees.

The American food packets were dropped in yellow plastic wrapping and are designed to flutter down so they do not injure anybody. They contain a full day's meal for the average

adult and contain no meat products so as not to offend any Muslim religions or traditions.

The average price per food packet is \$4, and they all have a picture of a person eating from a pouch, a stencil of an American flag and a greeting in English that says: "This food is a gift from the United States of America."

Each packet is supposed to expire in two years.

Afghan civilians supposedly have nothing to do with the conflict.

Bush made it clear several times that the retaliation efforts are against terrorists and those who harbor them, not the Afghan refugees who have nowhere to go.

It's honorable that the government is spending money and risking military lives to deliver

food to the Afghan people.

But it seems more like the government is doing it for their own image.

Instead, the humanitarian act should be done to benefit the innocent people of Afghan whom had nothing to do with the Sept. 11 attacks.

Officials from The World Food Program, who has been moving food supplies into Afghanistan for quite some time now, have become upset.

The organization has had to suspend its own operations of supplies to the Afghans because of the strikes and for fear of its workers' lives.

Also upset about the food drops was a French group, Doctors Without Borders, the world's largest independent international medical relief organization. It called the

drops "military propaganda."

"Providing aid to vulnerable populations under the sway of armed factions in a politically charged climate is always very difficult," DWB said in a statement on its Web site.

"Ultimately, it rests on demonstrating that the motives for helping are purely humanitarian and divorced from any ulterior political, military, or religious agenda."

DWB has a very good point.

The Bush administration is trying to show Americans and the world that, while the United States is bombing the hell out of this country, the nation is kind and caring enough to donate food to Afghan refugees.

If America does not hatch a better plan to get supplies to the refugees, possibly by working

with relief agencies like DWB, more Afghan civilians will succumb to famine.

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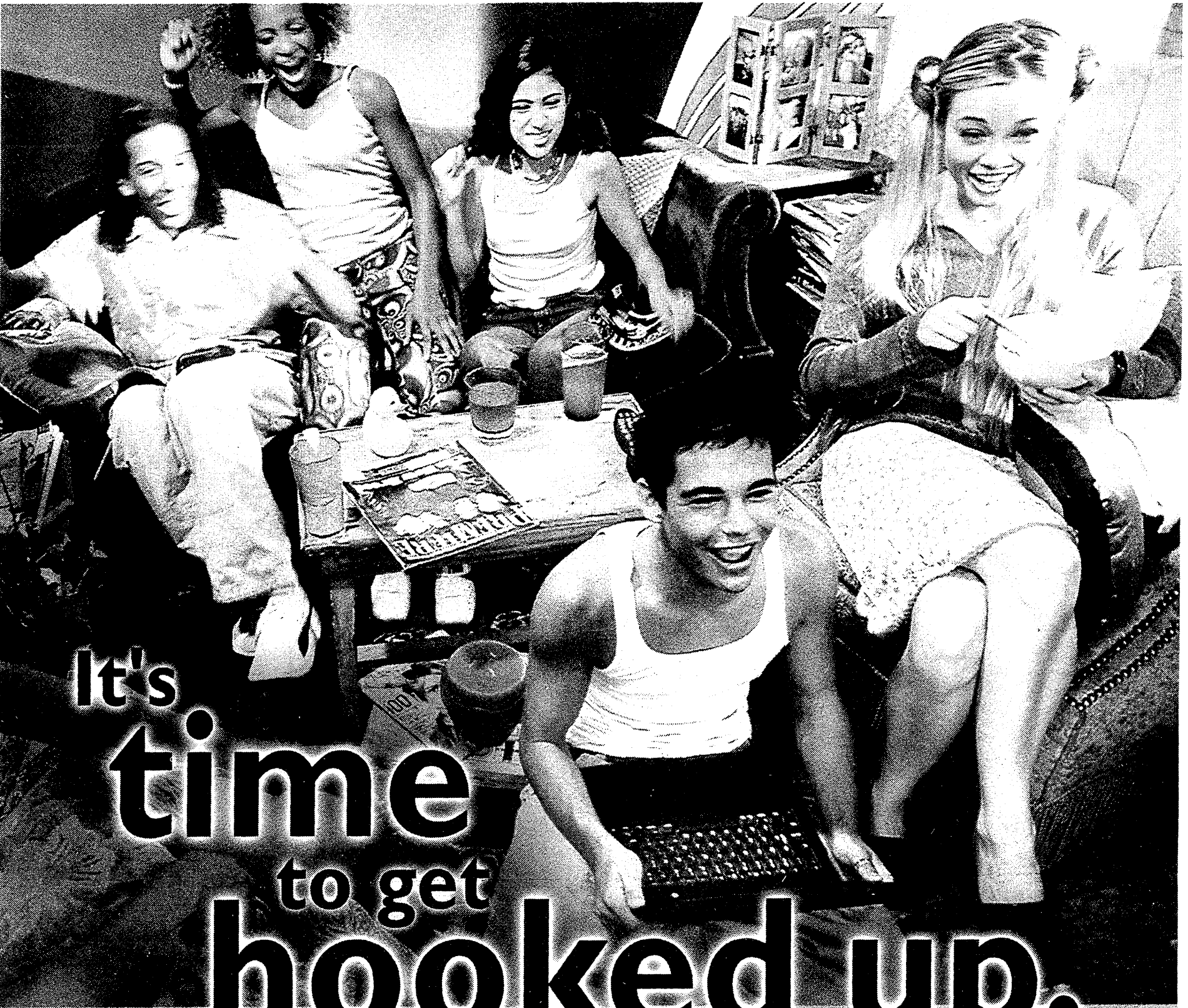
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