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Peek at next season's men's and women's track teams.

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V-Day campaign seeks to end assaults

Students and faculty celebrate anti-violence week with march and carnival

By Katie Scaief
The Western Front

As students and faculty walked to classes in the dense fog Monday morning, some saw red tape guarding landmarks where people had committed sexual assaults on campus in the past.

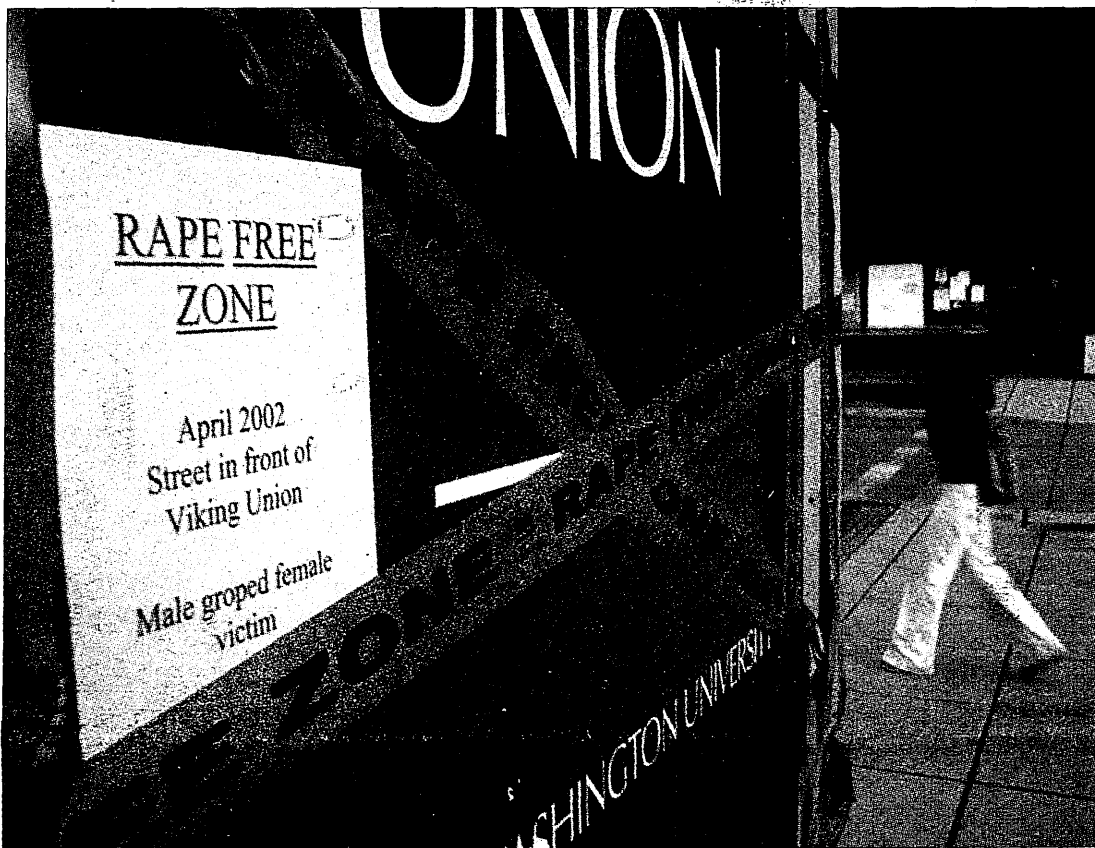
The tape read "Rape Free Zone," and signs explained each incident. Flower petals shifted in the breeze on top of patches of sidewalk and dirt in some zones.

"I think a lot of women have been silenced," Western senior Elizabeth Hart said. "A lot have never had the chance to have discussions or dialogue about these things."

At noon approximately 20 students participated in a silent march to recognize the assaults, Western's Women's Center co-coordinator Brenna Monahan said.

The march was the first event in a week dedicated to ending violence against women. In an effort to increase awareness and stimulate discussion about violence against women, the

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Ben Arnold/The Western Front

At eight sites throughout campus, red "Rape Free Zone" tape and flower petals mark the location of past sexual assaults at Western.

Anti-USA Patriot Act speaker warns of federal abuses

By Katie Scaief
The Western Front

Mark Polin, head of Whatcom County Northwest Freedom Alliance, lost a cousin in the Sept. 11 attacks. When the U.S. government passed the USA Patriot Act 45 days later, however, Polin said the government was misusing its power.

"To be frank, I was really pissed off," said Polin, who served in the U.S. Navy for 18 years. "I felt like it was a slap in the face to everything I had worked for in the Navy."

The act allows the government to search personal records — including financial, library and school records — without public knowledge and with a legal mandate that the search remain secret.

Polin visited Western's campus Wednesday to discuss the Patriot Act with students. He participated in discussions at the Everson Senior Center, the Lynden Public Library and the Northwest Indian College earlier this month.

Polin said the government was capitalizing on deaths to promote its own interests with the Patriot Act.

According to documents handed out at the meeting from the American Civil Liberties Union, the United States has interrogated 8,000 Arabian and South Asian immigrants without evidence of wrongdoing since the government passed the Patriot Act in 2001. The government has detained thousands of people in federal custody without charges against them and will not release their names, according to the ACLU's documents.

"The act itself is totally unpatriotic," Polin said. "Who knows what can be done in the name of fighting terrorism?"

The act threatens the U.S. Constitution by suppressing freedom of speech, allowing unwarranted searches and denying people the right to a fair trial, according to the

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Career fair gives promise of future jobs for students

By Gil Ventura
The Western Front

While the media portray the job climate as barren, people should not believe everything they hear, said Susan Anderson, employer outreach specialist at the Career Services Center at Western.

At Western's winter career fair, employers ranging from nonprofit organizations, such as the Peace Corps, to major corporations, such as Microsoft Corp. and T-Mobile USA, to government agencies, such as the FBI and the Washington State Department of Corrections, set up booths in the Viking Union. Anderson, who coordinated the fair, said the variety of companies is tailored to the broad range of majors Western offers.

Hart Hodges, director for Western's Center for Economic and Business Research, said he agreed job growth in Whatcom County is increasing. His research shows that from 1999 to 2000, Whatcom County's 2-percent job growth was greater than the statewide average of approximately 1 percent. From 2002 to 2003, the county's figure peaked at 3.5 percent while statewide job availability declined.

More specifically, construction, manufacturing and major industrial sectors are growing in Whatcom County.

Western senior Peter Huang, a computer science major, said he spoke to approximately 10 companies at the career fair. Huang said he is graduating this quarter and is slightly nervous at the prospect of not

finding a job.

"I found the career fair to be very helpful," Huang said. "There were lots of companies related to my major, and hopefully, I'll hear back from them."

Western senior Darcy Camden, a communication major, said the career fair gave her a better idea about which available jobs related to her major. Camden said she found it beneficial that employers were open about their hiring and recruiting processes.

Job seekers must develop what Anderson calls a "two-minute sound byte," to pitch to employers. This establishes a job hunter's major, general interests, level of education, skills he or she can

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Temporary tax relief may keep Intalco alive

By Lauren Fior
The Western Front

Vicki Henley, a union representative for Alcoa-Intalco Works aluminum smelter plant in Ferndale, said her job is a daily struggle for survival.

"(The energy prices) take away our job security because we don't know what could happen," Henley said.

Washington state legislators are in the process of reviewing House Bill 2339, which would provide temporary tax relief for the Washington aluminum

smelter plants.

Rep. Doug Ericksen, R-Ferndale, said the bill is a tax package that includes \$2.7 million in tax breaks that will sustain Intalco until 2006.

In a recent press release, Ericksen said the 2001 energy crisis forced most of the state's aluminum smelter plants that run on energy, including Intalco, to shut down. Ericksen said later that because of the energy crisis, the only aluminum smelter plants remaining in Washington are located in Ferndale and Wenatchee.

In 2006, Bonneville Power Administration will reconsider electricity prices with Intalco, Ericksen said.

"(Whatcom County) is in jeopardy of losing the plant," Sen. Dale Brandland, R-Bellingham, said. "If it does close, it is not likely it will re-open."

Brandland said Intalco has shrunk from 1,000 to 400 workers in the past few years.

"The tax initiative will help maintain production at the plant and continue employing its 400

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Ben Arnold/The Western Front

Alcoa-Intalco Works employee Dan Timmer inspects finished aluminum product at Intalco's plant in Ferndale.

COPS BOX

University Police

Feb. 10, 10:56 p.m.: Officers stopped the driver of a black Nissan Maxima for "doing donuts" in the C Lot on south campus and gave a verbal warning.

Feb. 11, 5:43 a.m.: Officers responded to an intruder alarm of a secured room in Parks Hall. Upon investigation, officers found no one in the area.

Feb. 11, 8:14 a.m.: Officers responded to a report of a theft in Parks Hall. They discovered that someone had broken into a vending machine.

Feb. 11, 9:03 p.m.: Officers responded to a report of a female screaming outside the Science, Math and Engineering Technology building. Officers found nothing upon arrival.

Bellingham Police

Feb. 10, 3:03 p.m.: Officers arrested a 19-year-old male in the 1200 Block of North Forest Street for robbery.

Feb. 11, 2:51 a.m.: Officers arrested a 28-year-old male at the 100 Block of East Holly Street for fourth-degree assault and issued him a permanent trespass warning from the premises.

Feb. 12, 2:31 a.m.: Officers responded to a report of a prowler at Laurelwood Avenue. Officers found nothing at the scene and said the person who issued the complaint appeared to be senile.

Compiled by Bryan Sharick.

Viking Voices

What are you going to do for Valentine's Day?

Compiled by Lauren Miller.



Isaac Hurst
Sophomore, graphic design and marketing

"I'm going to listen to Dashboard Confessional and watch violent movies. Love stinks."



Tara Nichol
Freshman, undecided

"Go with my girlfriends to see the Vagina Monologues"



Matt Ho
Senior, linguistics

"Snowboarding with my friends on Mount Baker."

AP Wire

news briefs

STATE NEWS

Wenatchee police arrest man for home intrusion

Police arrested a Wenatchee man Wednesday in connection with a home robbery in Cashmere. A citizen's tip led to the arrest, Chelan County Sheriff Mike Harem said. The victim of a Feb. 5 attack said two men broke into his home and choked him with a dog chain. They took \$230.

Stricter regulations cause beef industry to protest

The cattle industry's dominant trade group, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, supported the U.S. government in requiring stricter regulations for food safety because of the the Yakima mad cow disease incident. Some ranchers may break away from the association, however, in protest of mandatory marketing fees. Ranchers said they favor labeling beef originating in the United States.

The clash may delay changes to the industry and strain relations with trading partners.

NATIONAL NEWS

Clark announces he will give up presidential bid

Retired Gen. Wesley Clark announced in Little Rock, Ark., Wednesday that he is ending his candidacy.

He called President George W. Bush's foreign policy "fatally flawed" and said Democrats should challenge Bush on it.

Clark applauded former rivals Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry, former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean and North Carolina Sen. John Edwards and said they would serve the country well.

O'Reilly apologizes for his stance on WMD situations

Fox News Channel commentator Bill O'Reilly said before the Iraq war that if Saddam Hussein was overthrown and no weapons of

mass destruction existed, he would apologize to the nation.

O'Reilly appeared on ABC's "Good Morning America," Wed. and said he was wrong about weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

He had no doubt President George W. Bush wanted to remove Saddam, but history will show removing Hussein will prove to be a good move, O'Reilly said.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Cuban authorities attempt to stop refugees from fleeing

Cuban officials are trying to stop refugees from fleeing to the United States in cars converted into boats.

Cuban police inspected a house and several auto repair shops Wednesday in a Havana neighborhood where many people who have attempted to flee but failed now live.

The coast guard returned eight people to Cuba after discovering their converted vehicle near Key

West, Fla.

This is the second time in seven months someone has attempted to flee in makeshift boats.

In July, the coast guard discovered a group, including some of the same refugees fleeing.

Workers end search after Turkey building collapse

Workers in Turkey called off the search for survivors in the debris of an apartment building that collapsed this past week, killing 92 people.

An official said two people are still missing, but two unidentified bodies at a local hospital could be the missing victims.

Rescuers pulled 29 survivors from the debris.

Officials blamed the sudden collapse on bad construction. A Turkish court charged two contractors with negligence.

*Compiled by Katie Scaief.
AP Wire courtesy KUGS 89.3-FM.*

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PLEASE POST

STUDENTS WHO EXPECT TO GRADUATE AT THE END OF SUMMER QUARTER must have a degree evaluation on file in the registrar's office, OM 230, by March 12. For information, call X/3240 or stop by OM 230.

MATH PLACEMENT TEST (MPT). Registration not required. Students must bring photo identification, student number, Social Security number, and a No. 2 pencil. A \$15 fee is payable in exact amount at test time. Allow 90 minutes. Testing is in OM 120 at 9 a.m. Feb. 19, 26, March 4, 11 and 18, and 3 p.m. Feb. 23; March 1, 8, and 15.

SCHEDULE AND SAMPLE PROBLEMS for the Math Placement Test may be found at www.ac.wvu.edu/~assess/tc.htm.

LOT 17G will be reserved at 5 p.m. Feb. 14 for Viking permit holders. All others can ride the shuttle from lot 12A.

FIND OUT ABOUT THE HUMAN SERVICES MAJOR at an information-session at 2 p.m. Feb. 17 in HU 106 or call X/7759 for more information.

MILLER ANALOGIES TEST (MAT). Registration required in OM 120 or call X/3080; test not administered individually. A \$42 fee is payable at test time. Test takes about 1 1/2 hours. Registration limited to 16. Testing is at 2 p.m. in OM 120 as follows (those participating in the MAT research do not register for March 9).

MILLER ANALOGIES RESEARCH TEST PROGRAM. The Testing Center offers first-time examinees an opportunity to participate in a research project. Participants will take two MATs back-to-back. One score will be posted as your official score. The \$42 will be waived. For information and registration, stop by OM 120 or call X/3080.

THE TUTORIAL AND ACADEMIC SKILLS CENTER IS SEEKING a student with strong academic skills who enjoys working with people to be a study skills tutor 10 to 14 hours a week during spring quarter. Salary and other information is available in OM 387 or at www.wvu.edu.depts/tutorialcenter/employment.htm.

WEST-B. State-approved educator preparation program applicants and persons from other states seeking a Washington residency teaching certificate need a minimum passing score on basic skills assessment. Residency teaching certificate applicants who completed an educator preparation program outside Washington and have not passed WEST-B may be granted additional time. Testing: March 13, May 1. To register, see www.west.nesinc.com.

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Local medical project to receive \$250,000 in funding

By Wolfgang Deerkop
The Western Front

A patient-friendly medical project in Whatcom County, intended to revitalize the medical community, is set to receive \$250,000 in federal funding.

The funding will come from a \$373 billion congressional spending bill that the U.S. Congress has approved. President George W. Bush is expected to sign it within the next two weeks.

The St. Joseph Hospital Pursuing Perfection Project's manager Mary Minniti said the program is aimed at aiding patients in managing their health care. The current \$250,000 grant would go toward programs like it.

The project is one of seven organizations in the country that originally

received \$1.9 million in funding two years ago from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, a grant-funding group that seeks to provide money for medical research.

"We need a different kind of health care system," Minniti said. "We have got to develop a sustainable chronic care system."

Minniti said the project's main focus is to reduce the need for expensive hospital visits by helping people do more to manage their own health care and detect health care problems before they fully develop.

"Seventy percent of baby boomers will have chronic health problems," Minniti

said. "We are living longer, and part of the aging process is the development of health problems."

One of the ways the project aims to accomplish its goal of increasing patients' involvement in their own health care is through the Shared Care Plan, a booklet available in print form as well as through Web sites that allows patients to list their medical information, such as medications they are taking or any medical conditions that could influence their health.

"It's a way to help patients organize their information," said Heather Wilson, project

coordinator at Pursuing Perfection.

Once a patient has registered as part of the Shared Care Plan, information such as allergies to medications, medical history and a list of current medications would be available to doctors and emergency-room personnel.

"The shared care program would be a tremendous help for us because of the medication list," said Pat Wentworth, director of critical care at St. Joseph Hospital. "It's a difficult process if the patient does not have up-to-date information on their medication."

The Shared Care Plan is in a trial process for patients with diabetes and congestive heart failure, but once the system is in place, patients will be able to use the system regardless of their illnesses or conditions, Minniti said.

'Seventy percent of baby boomers will have chronic health problems.'

Mary Minniti
Pursuing Perfection
Project manager

Jobs: Career-fair representatives give students tips on interviews

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contribute as an employee and any personal connections to the company, to pitch to potential employers.

Students also should ask employers questions about the application and interview process and ask job scouts for career advice, Anderson said.

"Students always feel at the mercy of someone else," Anderson said. "Taking a little control of the job search makes a huge difference."

Anderson said students should refine communication and technical skills while in school.

"Overall, across all job fields, skills in writing, presentation and one-on-one communication are important," Anderson said.

Competence in a wide range of computer applications would be beneficial, she said.

Dressing in business attire, being prepared with a resume and researching the company impresses employers, Anderson said.

"Anytime you make contact with an employer, consider it an interview," said Marcia Lewis, assistant director for operations at the Career Services Center.

In the end, those in the job hunt must know how to present themselves, said Homer S. Smith, a June 2001 Western graduate who represented American Express at the fair.

"In any career, you have to know how to sell yourself," Smith said. "Sales skills are a must."

Hodges said those entering the job market must consider what the job will require in the future. He cited an auto mechanic who in the future must be knowledgeable in computers, plastics, ceramics, and fuel-cell and internal combustion engines.

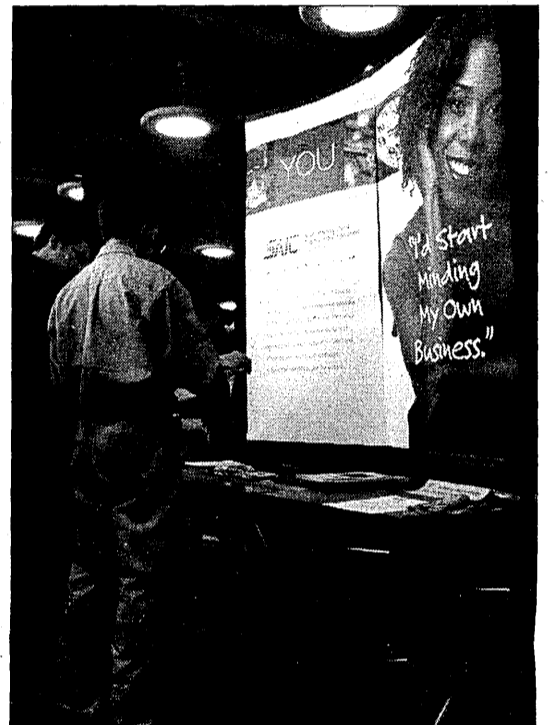
"The demands in terms of knowledge and study in job fields are going up," Hodges said.

Hodges said those searching for careers must learn to adapt to the changing market because the average worker makes four to five career changes in his or her lifetime.


College graduates should not become discouraged if their first jobs do not suit them, Anderson said.

"You don't have to guess right on the first time," Anderson said. "If it doesn't work out, it's not a prison sentence. Think — it's the first job I have applied for, not the last."

Gil Ventura/The Western Front
Western senior Joel Tanneson investigates job opportunities with SAIC employee Joel Hibbard at the winter career fair.



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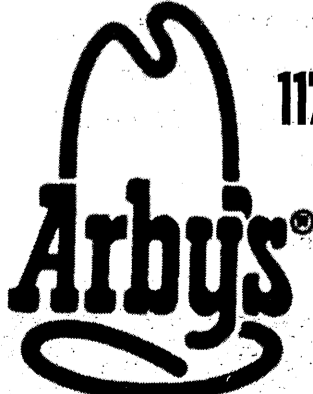


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Economist predicts bright future for Whatcom County businesses



Zoe Fraley /The Western Front

Economist Bill Conerly discusses the healthy state of Bellingham's economy in front of a receptive audience of business owners at the Best Western Lakeway Inn for the 'Forecast 2004' forum.

Zoe Fraley
The Western Front

A real estate agent, a chief executive officer and an economic consultant walked into a Best Western.

No, this is not the beginning of a bad joke. It is, however, the Bellingham/Whatcom Chamber of Commerce and Industry's "Forecast 2004" event, which took place Thursday morning at the Best Western Lakeway Inn and Conference Center. The forum brought together regional, county and city leaders in government and industry to discuss the economic outlook for Bellingham and Whatcom County for 2004.

Banner Bank presented the event, and Wallace-Rice Benefits, LLC, Scott Hume of A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc. and Wilson's Furniture sponsored it.

Economist Bill Conerly, the forum's keynote speaker, has worked with businesses, the federal government, local and county governments nationwide for more than 20 years to make investment and growth plans according to the state of the national economy.

"We live in the information age," Bellingham Mayor Mark Asmundson said. "Having a sense of regional trends is a key factor in making prudent investment decisions and

business planning."

Conerly made positive predictions about economies of Bellingham and Whatcom County in 2004. The recent national recession hit the Pacific Northwest region hardest because of losses in border security officers and layoffs at The Boeing Co. and Microsoft Corp., Conerly said.

'Having a sense of regional trends is a key factor in making prudent investment decisions and business planning.'

Mark Asmundson
Bellingham Mayor

Conerly and Asmundson spoke about positive economic developments in Bellingham, such as plans to revitalize the waterfront and make the airport more convenient to businesses.

"We are the thriving spot in Washington," Asmundson

said. "We are blessed with a wide range of businesses to create a stable economy."

The presence of large employers like Western and Whatcom Community College help to maintain a steady level of employment, Asmundson said.

"Bellingham is doing better than other cities its size," Conerly said. "This city has an attractive quality of life that draws people to it."

Bellingham's future is positive because of economic stability and job growth, Conerly said.

"By the time college seniors are graduating in June, it'll be a much better job market than last year," Conerly said.

The forum featured local business leaders in tourism, manufacturing and real estate.

Drew Schmidt, chairman of the city's Visitor and Convention Board, discussed the state of tourism in Whatcom County. Every year, the tourism industry brings \$339 million to the county, which has the fifth highest visitor spending in the state. It created 6,920 jobs, which is 10 percent of the workforce, as well as generating \$6 million in sales tax, Schmidt said.

"The industry should see some steady growth, about 4 to 5 percent for 2004," Schmidt said.

Tourism also is an important source of revenue nationally, bringing in \$93 billion in taxes each year, Schmidt said.

"Without the taxes created by tourism, every household would pay \$884 more in taxes," Schmidt said.

Mike Kent, immediate past president of the Whatcom County Association of Realtors, spoke on behalf of the real estate industry. He estimated that 2004 will bring a 15 percent to 20 percent increase in the price of condominiums and homes in Bellingham. At this rate, a \$200,000 home would increase in value by \$54 a day, Kent said.

Escalating prices will make it more difficult for students to buy houses after they graduate, although few Western graduates remain in Bellingham, Kent said. Even for students who are renting, higher prices for homes create more expensive rental rates to cover their mortgages, he said.

Bellingham also offers a low number of residences for sale. As of Saturday, only 202 residences were listed for sale in the city, which is approximately one-third of the number available at this time in 2003, Kent said.

"We have more real estate agents than we have residences to sell," Kent said. "It's a very tight market."

Abbe Rolnick, CEO of Cascade DAFO Inc., represented the medical manufacturing industry. Cascade DAFO makes dynamic ankle foot orthotics, which are walking braces. She expects a 5 percent to 6 percent growth in her industry through 2004. A growing concern for her is federal Medicare cuts and state Medicaid cuts.

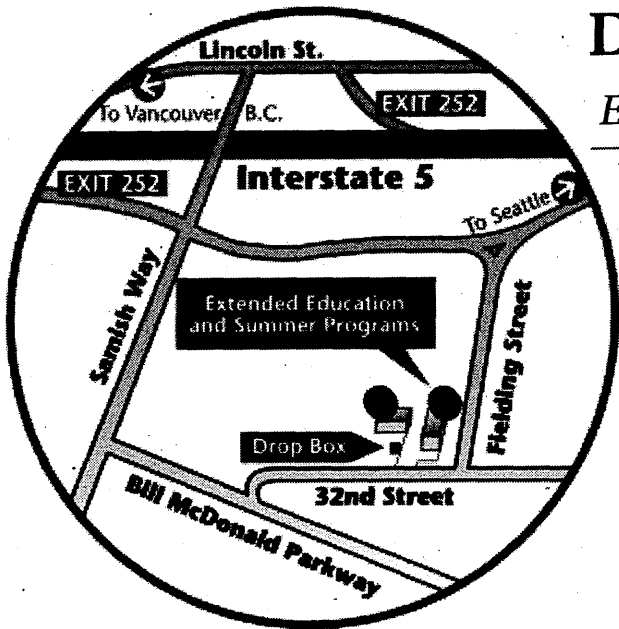
"Our growth is assured, but those who can't afford the products may have to go without," Rolnick said.

Federal cuts in reimbursements for procedures and devices mean the state has to pay for coverage.

But because states are in a budget crisis themselves, state government officials may decide not to cover problems that are not life-threatening or reimburse a smaller amount for care received, Rolnick said.

"Many areas of the medical industry, on all levels from doctors up, will feel the crunch from federal cuts," Rolnick said.

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TALK TO YOUR FAMILY ABOUT DONATING LIFE.

Violence: VU director removes controversial painting

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Women's Center and the Associated Students special events sponsored a series of events for the global V-Day campaign, Monahan said.

The "V" stands for valentine, vagina and victory, Monahan said. Helping people become comfortable talking about sexual assault is the first step to ending violence against women, Monahan said.

Eve Ensler's "Vagina Monologues" launched the V-Day movement in 1998 to end violence against women and girls throughout the world, according to V-Day, a nonprofit corporation that financially supports such efforts. Ensler wrote the play to increase publicity about violence against women and based it on conversations she had with women and girls of all ages.

In the past three years, students reported only three rapes to the University Police, Monahan said, but many more came to the Women's Center for support after rape and sexual assault.

"(Reporting rape) can be a really humiliating process," Monahan said. "Especially if it is a date rape — that's just a difficult process."

Many women feel ashamed of being rape victims, and some take the blame for it, Monahan said. Others do not want to report date rape because they do not want to blame the rapist, who usually is a friend, as a criminal, she said.

Sixteen- to 24-year-old women are most likely to be raped, according to Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services of Bellingham.

An estimated 350 rapes occur per year on college campuses with approximately 10,000

females, according to a 2000 study by the Department of Justice. Lynn Thomas of Western's Registrar Office said 6,773 women enrolled at Western this winter, which equates to approximately 237 rapes per year on Western's campus.

This year's V-Day campaign began two weeks ago with the display of a painting by Daniel Zimmerman outside the Viking Union, Monahan said. The painting depicted a naked woman and presented information about the V-Day campaign. The administration confiscated the painting a few hours later, Monahan said. The frame received damage in the process, she said.

Jim Schuster, director of Viking Union facilities, said the placement of the painting was inappropriate because people did not have an option not to see it.

"We moved it, and it fell apart, so it wasn't safe," Schuster said.

Schuster said he did not confiscate the painting; he removed it because the Women's Center prematurely displayed it prematurely. He said anything to be displayed outside the VU must first go through a review process.

Schuster said he also removed the painting because a woman complained about the bare breasts.

Monahan said the Women's Center covered the breasts so people would be able to see the painting and still read the information. It is on display outside the VU. It will be onstage for the three performances of the Vagina Monologues this weekend, without the breasts covered, she said.

Tuesday, the AS special events group organized the V-Day Carnival to raise money local



Katie Scaief/The Western Front
Rachel Leigh Bowman from the band Some by Sea performs Tuesday night at Western's Vagina Carnival.

women's shelters.

Robin Cutler, Some by Sea and Racetrack performed music. Between acts, 10 women, including nine Western students, took turns performing the "Vagina Dialogues," during which they told personal accounts of their experiences with violence, rape, sexuality and being female. Students also decorated vagina cookies, played the vagina throw and learned about feminist issues.

A raffle at the carnival raised approximately \$100 for the benefit, said Shannon Woodard, a Western junior and AS special events coordinator who organized the event.

"It's amazing how things like this bring women together," Woodard said. "You can say things like, 'I masturbated this morning,' and everybody cheers for you."

Patriot: Western will address act

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ACLU's documents.

"The ironic part of it is that those who raise their voices in dissent are being criticized as unpatriotic," Polin said.

Western junior Alanna Ahern, who serves as the budget authority for the Western Freedom Alliance, said ports and military bases need security strengthening, but sweeping security policies like the Patriot Act are unnecessary. Ahern said the alliance is a student organization on campus that works to protect civil liberties.

"I think it's possible to maintain national security while also having civil liberties," Ahern said.

People in the United States have feared looking at the motives of terrorism because they do not want to question whether their government is doing anything wrong, Harvey said.

Western sophomore, Jack McDonald said Americans should look at the U.S. foreign policy throughout the past 50 years as one of the root causes of terrorism.

"Throughout history, we have constantly backed up the wrong guy," McDonald said.

Though McDonald said he does not believe U.S. actions justify terrorism, they make it easier to understand the motives of terrorist actions. Without recognizing the root causes of terrorism, it will be impossible to defeat, he said.

Grass-roots movements are fighting the unconstitutionality

of the Patriot Act, Polin said. The Whatcom County Council is reviewing a resolution opposed to the Patriot Act, he said. Other areas, including New York City, already have passed such resolutions.

"I think that each person has their own breaking point when they are willing to stand up and say, 'I'm not going to take it anymore,'" he said.

The Associated Students Board expressed opposition to sections of the Patriot Act last fall. AS President Paul Graves said he did not support the resolution because it was not appropriate for the university to take a political stance on the issue. He said it could draw negative attention to Western.

"I think that passing resolutions that seem to be weighted on one side of the political spectrum, that aren't directly related to students, can get us in a lot of trouble," Graves said.

Polin said he fears the Bush administration will use the Patriot Act to label opposing candidates in the 2004 presidential election as unpatriotic.

The Faculty Senate and the Associated Students Board will sponsor an all-university assembly at 4 p.m. on Thursday in the Science, Mathematics and Technology Education building, room 150, to address the Patriot Act. Experts will present information about the act and open the topic for discussion. The Faculty Senate will vote on a resolution related to the Patriot Act on Feb. 23.

Intalco: Tax breaks would not be enough to hire new employees, only to keep plant open

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workers," Brandland said.

He said aluminum plants are a major part of the industry.

"The bill will help Alcoa maintain production at its current rate," Brandland said.

He said Intalco is not planning to hire new workers after tax breaks — it is simply trying to stay open.

Ericksen said the cutoff day for state Senate and House committee decisions is March 1. By March 11, the Senate and House must pass or fail the bill.

Intalco lobbyist Sandi Swarouth said the bill passed the House of Representatives' two committees and is in its final stage of the Senate's second committee.

Ericksen said four actions will help Intalco to stay in business: locking in electric rates from BPA, introducing temporary tax breaks for aluminum companies, adopting regulatory business changes for Intalco and creating a long-term energy source at a reliable price.

"Smelters are very costly to run due to energy prices," Henley said.

High electricity prices are causing the company to produce at one-third of its

capacity, Henley said.

"(The initiative) gives us a ray of hope," Henley said. "It gives us a lifeline until 2006 when BPA lowers their rates."

Ericksen said he preferred not to comment on whether Intalco would continue its relationship with BPA after 2006 because he does not have enough information regarding Intalco's future plans.

"Every legislator in the district has worked hard on this bill," Swarouth said.

She said the bill will be successful because of the legislators' bipartisan effort.

"On this issue most of them are in agreement," Swarouth said.

She said the legislators are working together and taking initiative. She also said she rarely sees so much interest in a bill from so many legislators.

Henley said she usually is not an advocate of tax-break initiatives, but she said this bill would not harm the community because the bill contains a sunset clause, meaning it is not permanent.

Ericksen said his incentive for sponsoring this bill is to keep families in Whatcom County working at Intalco.

"Tax breaks are a bridge to get us to where we can fight again," Ericksen said.


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will show the film
"Surplus: Terrorized
Into Being
Consumers." The
lecture starts at 7 p.m.

Compiled by Bryan
Sharick.

Vaginas: Let's talk about them

By Katie Scaief
The Western Front

Western students will perform
Eve Ensler's Obie Award-win-
ning "Vagina Monologues" at 7
p.m. on Thursday, Friday and
Saturday in the
Viking Union
Multipurpose Room.

The performance
costs \$10 for students
and faculty and \$15
for the general pub-
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will raise approxi-
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Brenna Monahan,
Western's Women's
Center co-coordina-
tor. Money raised
will go to the
Bridgitte Collins
Women's
Care
Shelter, Domestic
Violence and Sexual
Assault Services, The
Spotlight Campaign
and the Womencare
Shelter, Monahan
said.

The performance is intended
to inform about violence against
women, she said. Monahan, who

directed the play this year, said it
helps promote awareness and
dialogue because it allows peo-
ple to talk about subjects they
might otherwise be uncomfort-
able discussing.

"I think the 'Vagina

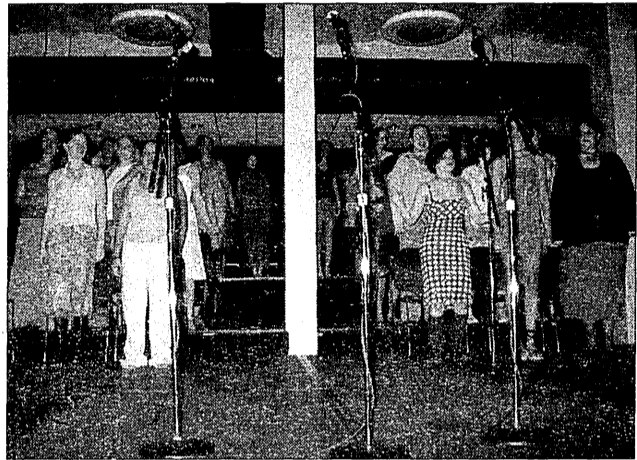
Western senior Jessica
Armstrong said the play helps
people feel more comfortable
discussing female sexuality and
violence against women.

"(V-Day events) are to get
people more in touch with the
female body,"
Western senior Tricia
Garrett said.

Ensler wrote
the "Vagina
Monologues" in 1998
after speaking to
women and girls
about experiences
and symbolism of
their vaginas.
Actresses perform the
monologues about
experiences with sex-
ual assault, incest,
sexism and liberation.

The play has
gained enough popu-
larity that students on
631 college campuses
will perform the play
this year, Monahan
said.

"I think it's more of a libera-
tion," Monahan said. "Once you
feel liberated you can have the
freedom you want."



Krissy Gochnour/The Western Front

Vagina Monologues performers warm up for a
dress rehearsal Wednesday. The full show is today
and tomorrow at 7 p.m.

Monologues' is definitely a pro-
gression," Monahan said. "The
word 'vagina' is still kind of dif-
ficult for some people to say."

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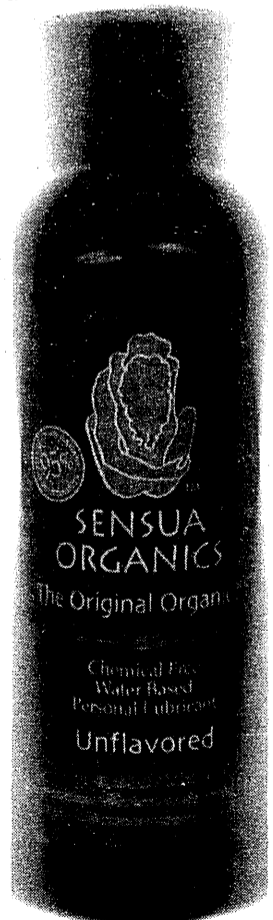
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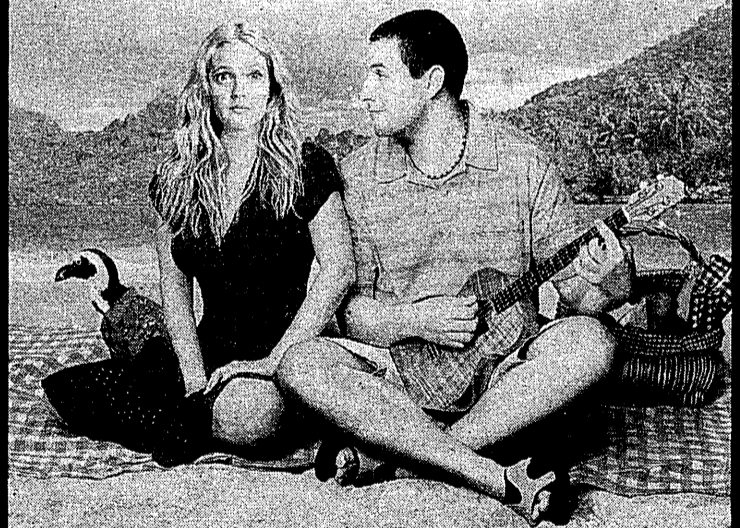
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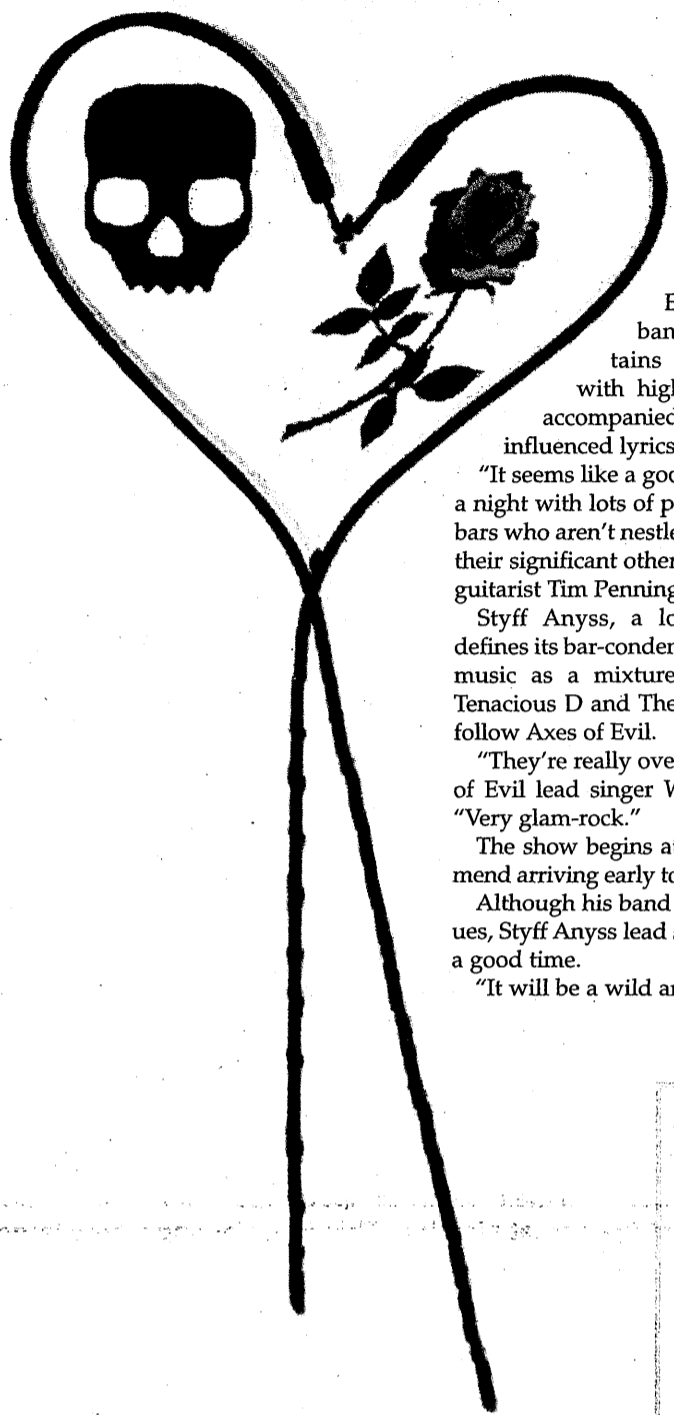
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Rock out on Valentine's Day



By Krissy Gochnour
The Western Front

Members of local bands Axes of Evil and Styff Anyss said they are expecting a large turnout when they play Saturday night at the 3-B Tavern to celebrate Valentine's Day.

Axes of Evil is a punk band that entertains its audience with high energy tunes accompanied by politically influenced lyrics.

"It seems like a good night to play, a night with lots of people out at the bars who aren't nestled at home with their significant others," Axes of Evil guitarist Tim Pennington said.

Styff Anyss, a local band that defines its bar-condensed, arena-rock music as a mixture of the bands Tenacious D and The Darkness, will follow Axes of Evil.

"They're really over the top," Axes of Evil lead singer Will Broad said. "Very glam-rock."

The show begins at 10 p.m. Members of both bands recommend arriving early to avoid the crowd since tickets cost only \$5.

Although his band is just starting to play in Bellingham venues, Styff Anyss lead singer Glans Frenulum said he anticipates a good time.

"It will be a wild and woolly piggyback ride to the limit and

back," he said.

The two bands are preparing to perform together at some point in the night to commemorate the special day. Members of both bands said they plan to play several popular '80s love ballads together although they have not officially chosen any songs.

"It's Valentine's Day, and there's nothing better than '80s ballads," Frenulum said. "If they're into it, they will appreciate it."



Photo courtesy of New Regard Media

The band Axes of Evil performing on June 8, 2003 at Rumors Cabaret.

This will not be Axes of Evil's first performance at the 3-B. The band formed more than a year ago and has played at various venues in the Bellingham area. The band is adding finishing touches to its first album, "Married to America," which it will release at the end of February.

"We're hoping to do a big tour, and a small West Coast tour for spring break," Broad said.

Styff Anyss is just beginning to play the bar scene, marking Saturday as its first

appearance at the 3-B. Television screens, lasers and smoke machines, surrounding an 8-by-3-foot sign with their band's name on it, fill the stage at the band's performances. Frenulum said it is sure to gain the audience's attention.

"I hope they have a really neat time," Frenulum said. "And maybe get laid."

Hugs and Kisses Valentine Cake

- 24 count Hershey's Hugs or Hugs with almonds
- 24 count Hershey's Kisses or Kisses with almonds
- 3/4 cup Butter or margarine, softened
- 2/3 cup Granulated sugar
- 2/3 cup Packed light brown sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoon Vanilla extract
- 3 Eggs
- 2 1/2 cups All-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoon Baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon Salt
- 1 cup Milk
- Frosting *

1. Heat the oven to 350° F. Grease and flour a 13x9x2-inch baking tin. Remove wrappers from all of the Hershey's Kisses and Hugs; chop into chunks.

2. In a large bowl, beat butter, granulated sugar, brown sugar and vanilla until creamy. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition.

3. Stir together the flour, baking powder and salt. Add flour mixture alternately with milk to butter mixture, beating well after each addition. Stir in chopped chocolate.

4. Pour batter into prepared pan. Bake 30 to 35 minutes or until toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean. Cool completely in pan on a wire rack. Recipe makes 12 to 16 servings.

*Frost as desired. Arrange additional chocolate pieces in a heart shape on top of cake.

Compiled by Justin McCaughan.

Movie picks for Valentines Day



By Keith Bolling
The Western Front



A movie might be in order for later on Valentine's Day. Guys out there might be looking for a nice romantic movie that is not considered a "chick flick," and girls may also want a movie that is not a typical romance. Here is a list of movie suggestions that girls and guys can enjoy.

"Amelie" (2001) — Audrey Tautou

An amazing French movie. It is beautifully filmed, entertaining and has a cool plot.

"10 Things I Hate About You" (1999) — Heath Ledger, Julia Stiles

This is loosely based on Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew." It is a little too teen-movie-ish, but it still is funny. Plus, it was shot in the Seattle area, and that is cool.

"The Wedding Singer" (1998) — Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore

Little needs to be said about this film. All one needs to mention is Adam Sandler, the '80s and a cameo from Billy Idol.

"Don Juan DeMarco" (1995) — Johnny Depp, Marlon Brando

This movie includes all you need to learn to become the "greatest lover of all time." It is a possibly life-altering movie but amazingly not well-known. It is semi-steamy at points, so watch accordingly.

"Benny and Joon" (1993) — Johnny Depp

Another Johnny Depp gem. The hat scene in the park alone is worth it.

"Strictly Ballroom" (1992) — Paul Mercurio, Tara Morice

It is a little scary that this movie is about ballroom dancing, but do not worry — it is actually very funny.

"Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves" (1991) — Kevin Costner, Morgan Freeman, Christian Slater

Having this one in here is a little embarrassing, but come on, a film that features Bryan Adams' "Everything I do, I do it for you" has to be included in the Valentine's Day list.

"The Princess Bride" (1987) — Cary Elwes, Robin Wright Penn

Funny and romantic, this film has a little bit of everything, even Andre the Giant.

"Top Gun" (1987) — Tom Cruise, Val Kilmer, Kelly McGillis

The death of Goose still brings tears to the eyes, and the "Take My Breath Away" love scene — spicy.

"Roxanne" (1987) — Steve Martin, C. D. Bales

This movie is very funny. With a good romantic plot and plenty of big-nose jokes, Steve Martin does justice to Edmond Rostand's play "Cyrano De Bergerac."

"Roman Holiday" (1953) — Audrey Hepburn, Gregory Peck

Classic romance from the '50s. Grandparents may love it, but it is actually a great film to watch while holding hands in front of a fire after a picnic and a drive in the country.

PUT A HOLE IN IT

By Eric Berto
The Western Front

A look into the world of body modification

With the clamp firmly in place on his lip, Western sophomore Brandon Feist swallowed hard. He inhaled abruptly — but deeply — through his nose and then exhaled slowly through his mouth. The needle made its way through the spongy flesh of his lower lip, creating a path for his new lip ring.

Feist is one of many people in Bellingham who is choosing an alternative to the common ear piercing of the past. Nose, lips, nipples and genitals are all on the menu at the five tattoo and piercing shops in Bellingham. But for some, like Seattle resident Jerome "J.J." Moiso, the thrill lies in more advanced piercings, such as the madison (on the front of the neck, between the collar bones), the ampallang (horizontally through the head of the penis through the urethra) or the corset (a series of rings up the back, tied together with lace or ribbon).

"Ears and things like that are bread and butter," Moiso said. "These (advanced piercings) aren't scratches on the surface."

Moiso, a co-owner of Apocalypse Tattoo in Seattle, takes part in a movement called urban primitive, also known as modern primitive. This combines the tribal, spiritual aspect of body modification with modern-day techniques. Practices such as suspension, where a person is hangs by hooks placed in his or her body, scarification and branding are becoming integrated into mainstream society, Moiso said.

"It's like enlightenment," he said. "I think everybody is trying to look inside themselves. For some, the pain helps."

The pain comes from having a hook, or hooks, placed under the skin deep enough so that it, or they, will support a person's weight. The person then hangs from the hooks for two or three hours.

"You have to feel it to get it," Moiso said. "It's a badge of honor in some cases."

Moiso said he is a member of a small Seattle subculture of approximately 20 to 30 people who practice suspension. The high levels of trust involved with suspensions help people achieve the spiritual quest they are looking for, Moiso said.

He said it took him more than two years for acquaintances to allow him to participate in a suspension.

"(Suspensions are) family stuff," Moiso said. "It's people who you know and trust with your life."

Moiso said people are constantly pushing the limits of body modification.

"To me, there really isn't an end to it," he said. "If people want to go to extremes, then they have to live with the consequences."

Some people have taken body modification away from conventional wisdom,

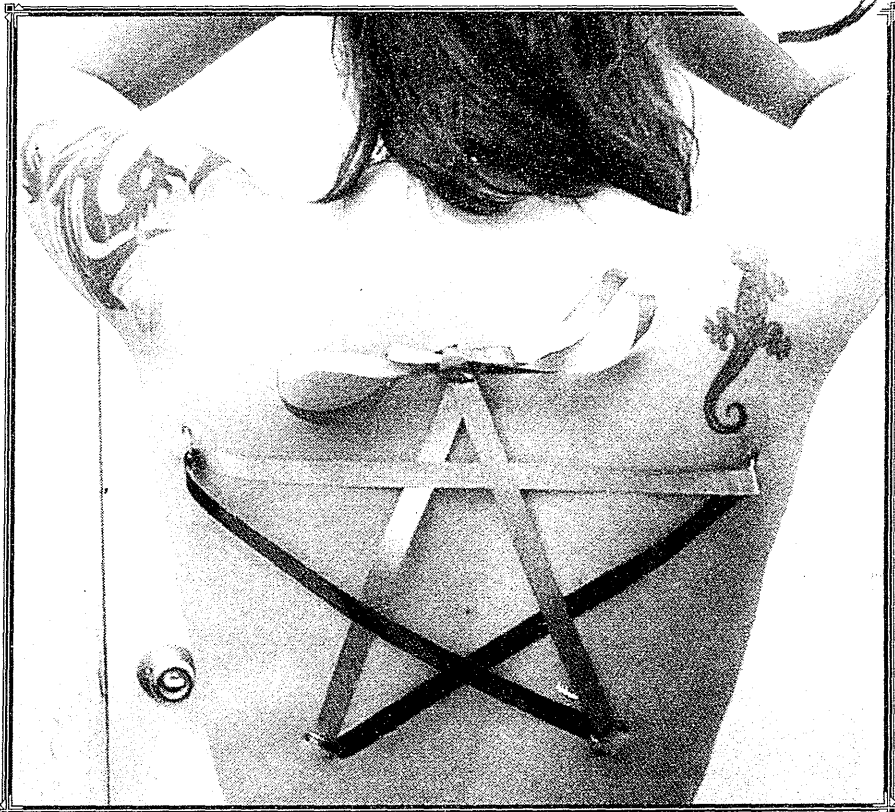


Photo courtesy of Jerome "J.J." Moiso
Looking for something unique for Valentine's Day? Try wrapping yourself with ribbon. A female client at Apocalypse Tattoo in Seattle gets a variation of the corset piercing. This is a piercing where large rings, usually on the back, are tied together with ribbon.



Photos by Justin McCaughan/The Western Front
Western sophomore Brandon Feist gets his lip pierced at Camden Chameleon on Tuesday. An increasing number of college students are getting less-traditional piercings.

Moiso said. People have amputated digits and implanted horns in their foreheads, and men have sliced open their scrotums to remove testicles.

Bryan Polinder, owner of Bellingham's Kalamalka Studios, said people who commit themselves to these types of body modifications are lifestylers, which means they will continue to do it for the rest of their lives. Lifestylers are not yet present in Bellingham, and he said he does not expect the modern primitive movement to make its way to the city because of Bellingham's small size.

"For me, it's a lifestyle commitment because we do look different than anyone else," Moiso said. "Living in the Northwest, it's a great thing. The people who have

this lifestyle do it for themselves. They don't want to be the sheep — they want to be the black sheep."

Society has been increasingly accepting of those with piercings, Polinder said.

"Only loose women and gypsies had pierced ears (30 years ago)," he said.

He said society approves of body modifications because of people's innate desire to add beautiful items to their bodies.

"(This) is a progression of a basic need to adorn ourselves," Polinder said.

Despite these advancements society has yet to become receptive to all these practices, he said.

"Try to get a loan or go to a (professional) meeting — it ain't cool," he said.

Cartman Malice, a piercer at Old School Tattoo in Bellingham, said people are losing touch with the tribal tradition of piercing and tattooing.

"It's cool that more people are getting pierced, but it's killing off the tradition," Malice said.

Malice said the bulk of his clientele are college students looking to push their personal limits by having a piercing that most of society would label as odd.

"For the most part, it's college kids looking to do something extreme but not too extreme," he said.

For Moiso, the pain endured during a piercing is a way to achieve the goals of getting in touch with oneself.

"It's like enlightenment," he said. "It's better for yourself if you learn from yourself."



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FOOTBALL

Season-opener could be Smith's 100th win

Western's 2004 football schedule includes five home games and a second-annual Battle in Seattle at Seahawks Stadium. Western's Sept. 4 season-opener in Fort Lewis, Colo., may be coach Rob Smith's 100th win.

MEN'S GOLF

Vikings beat Saints by two strokes in spring opener

The Western men's golf team's 286 was enough to defeat Saint Martin's College Tuesday at the Olympia Country Club. Western sophomores Luke Bennet and Tim Feenstra each shot 3-under 68s. The team travels to the Cal State Bakersfield Invitational on Feb. 23.

Diggs' career high secures Jackson's 350th win

By Jelena Washington
The Western Front

High percentage shooting and a productive bench served Brad Jackson, the Western men's basketball head coach, his 350th career win Thursday at Carver Gym.

The Vikings stomped the Seattle University Redhawks 91-69.

"The win is a nice milestone, and I feel fortunate to have been coaching here for as long as I have," said Jackson, who is coaching his 19th season at Western. "It feels gratifying, and I have a great support system around me in the athletic department."

The Vikings allowed the Redhawks a one-point lead in the first two minutes of the game, but a jumper by sophomore guard Grant Dykstra secured the Vikings a lead that stretched until the final buzzer.

Three-point shots fell effortlessly from the hands of Vikings

players as they knocked down eight in the first 15 minutes. Sophomore guard Ryan Diggs had a career-high 27 points, leading the team in scoring.

"Ryan focused tonight and was taking shots at all the right times," Jackson said.

Late in the first half, in an effort to slow a 30-8 Western run, Seattle came out with a full-court press that the Vikings players easily dribbled and passed their way through.

"The press worked to our advantage, and my players' eyes light up when teams try and press us," Jackson said.

Sophomore guard Kyle Jackson said pressure works well with the type of game Western plays.

"The other team's style slowed us down, so we were glad (when) they started to press us during the second half," he said.

The Redhawks tried to keep pace in the second half, but the Vikings kept a strong lead.

"Our style is running, and we play better when the pace is fast," Western senior guard Jason Burrell said.

Foul trouble put Burrell on the pine early in the game, but Kyle Jackson stepped up and scored 10 points off the bench.

Freshman forward Lukas Henne had 11 bench points after junior center Rod Picou received two fouls within the first six minutes.

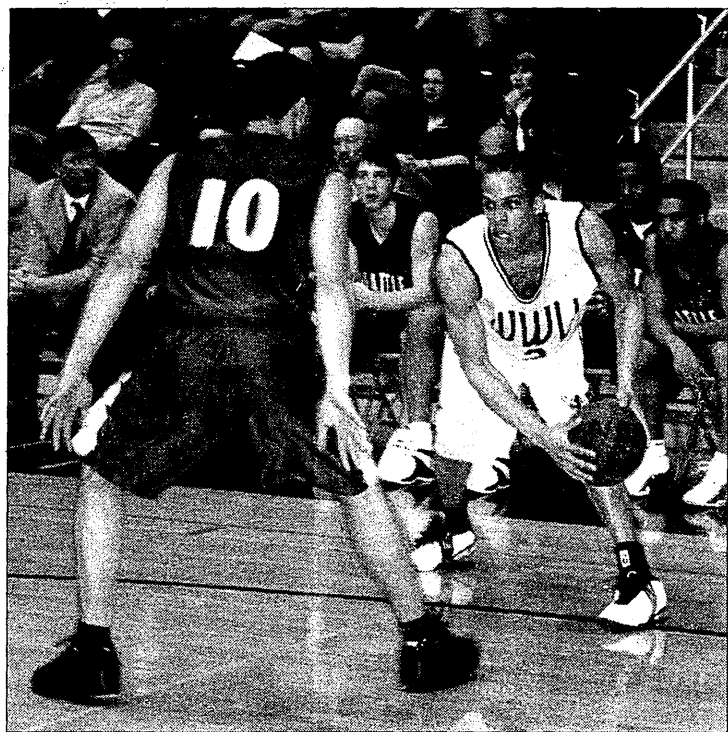
Dykstra recorded a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds. Six-foot-7-inch junior forward Craig Roosendaal added 11 points.

"It does not matter if I played or not — our bench is deep enough to handle it," Burrell said. "The team played well from tip-off to the final buzzer."

Coach Jackson said his bench is key to the team's success because any one of the players could be starters.

The Vikings improved to 8-4

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Chris Taylor/The Western Front

Western sophomore guard Ryan Diggs sizes up Seattle University freshman guard Ryan Webb on Thursday at Carver Gym. Diggs scored a career-high 27 in the win.

High school stars would be sidelined in the NFL



Matt Hietala

COMMENTARY

While the first high school player to declare himself eligible for the NFL draft will make headlines in every paper throughout the country in the near future, his impact on the league will be minimal.

A federal judge ruled two weeks ago that the league could not prevent 20-year-old former Ohio State University running back Maurice Clarett, or any other young player, from entering this year's draft despite the fact that he was not yet the NFL's required three years removed from high school. While the NFL is appealing this ruling, it should not bother.

Some players will succeed, such as spectacular college players like Larry Fitzgerald, who broke a handful of

records during two seasons as a University of Pittsburgh wide receiver. Prep stars, on the other hand, will not.

Prep football superstars salivate at the thought of leap-frogging college and heading straight into the pros, but this ruling will not change much about the NFL.

Former prep stars have excelled at making the jump to the pros in other sports, including LeBron James' much publicized move to the NBA, but professional football is not the same. Football is a physical game in which players build their lives around growing stronger and faster. Stringbeans like Kevin Garnett, who left from high school to the NBA nine years ago, need not apply.

These prepsters looking to jump straight to the NFL have not had the proper physical and mental development, such as learning how to take a hit and the proper tackling angles. Once drafted, they likely will spend their first handful of years on the scout team. Instead of developing their skills on Saturdays in

front of national television audiences, these athletes would spend those would-be glory days with football machines pummeling them.

The professional players would rise to the top at training camp, and poor Johnny Prepster would be forgotten. Along with Johnny Prepster's body, the only thing hurting would be the elite college football program that missed out on a few years of Heisman Trophy hype.

Exceptions will surely arise from the high school ranks. A few prep superstars will make their mark. But those players will come along with great rarity. These young, hot-shot adolescents are not ready to compete with men who "play" to support their children. Dominating brace-faced, pimpled 15- and 16-year-olds is not quite the same.

Consider that while young Johnny Prepster is waking up to his customary bowl of Fruit Loops, All-Pro linebacker Ray Lewis' personal cook is preparing a protein-packed breakfast specifically

catered to his training.

As Johnny Prepster dozes in his 10 a.m. pre-algebra class, Oakland's future Hall of Famer Jerry Rice has just finished his second set of a dozen 100-yard sprints.

Loafing through P.E. class, Johnny Prepster is thinking about Sweet Suzy from math class while the Chiefs' Pro Bowl tight end Tony Gonzalez is sweating through another round of computer-engineered weight-training sessions.

While they both hit the field for practice at 2:30 p.m., the prep star and his NFL counterparts obviously have not prepared their bodies in the same way.

Johnny Prepster is still a high school student dealing with history tests and book reports.

After a few weeks as the team's tackling dummy and No. 7 running back, Johnny Prepster will wish he had enrolled in that college that wanted him so badly. Instead, he finds himself on the sidelines of an NFL game, his impact only felt by the water cooler.

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Track and field prepares for spring season indoors

By Charlotte Chandler
The Western Front

The air was slightly stuffy. Muscles were tense, and noise was constant. Sprinters sporadically circled the track, and athletes gathered throughout the University of Washington's Dempsey Indoor Field.

This is what Western junior thrower Kim Radke said she experienced when competing in her first indoor track meet Jan. 18 at the UW.

In an effort to perform at a high level from the start of the season, members of Western's track and field team participated in the Husky Indoor Preview meet series.

"It's a different atmosphere," Radke said. "It seems like there's a lot more people and a very small area that we're all confined to. The track is right next to the throwing area, so there is a lot of distractions from that."

Radke competed in the Jan. 18 and Feb. 1 indoor previews. She placed eighth in the weight throw at the second meet. This past season, she qualified to compete in the 2003 discus and hammer throw at the Great Northwest Athletic Conference championships, although she does not focus on the discus in practice.

"I don't have too many goals for the discus, but I plan to go to



Western freshman Lindsey Cox refines her high-jump technique while practicing on the turf field next to the Wade King Student Recreation Center.

conference for it, as well as the shot (put) and hammer," she said. "I just do (discus) for points. I have personal goals for the other two."

This is the first season Western's track team, which consists of approximately 55 men and 60 women, has competed in indoor events, coach Kelvin "Pee Wee" Halsell said.

The indoor previews helped prepare the team for the upcoming season opener on March 6, Halsell said.

"It's a matter of going and

seeing what the other team has," he said.

Western sophomore jumper Paul Danforth placed third in the men's long jump Feb. 1. He said he anticipates a season of improved personal records.

"I think we have a lot more depth this year," Danforth said. "I think all our jumpers will go to conference. We work hard every day, so it's bound to pay off. By the time outdoor season comes, we'll already have a few meets under our belts."

As of Monday's GNAC

indoor standings, SPU and Western Oregon women owned three of the top-four positions in the high and long jump.

Halsell said Western's main rivals are Western Oregon, Seattle Pacific and Central Washington universities.

Western Oregon's women also maintain the top three spots in the shot put and 20-pound weight throw.

Standings from this season's indoor meets also show that Central and Western Oregon men's teams dominating the 55-

meter dash, with Central holding the top six rankings.

Those schools also maintain the top three positions in the 35-pound weight throw and the top five in the shot put.

Western sophomore sprinter Dustin Wilson competed in the 400-meter relay and placed first in the men's 60-meter hurdles Jan. 18.

He had to miss the second meet because of a sore leg, but he said he has high expectations for the running team, which should compete well this season because of returning sprinters and new, young runners.

The men's 1,600-meter relay team placed first Feb. 1.

"We're usually above average but not on top, so we're expecting big things from these guys," he said.

Western sophomore jumper Amy Kruckeberg placed second in the high jump Feb. 1. She said she enjoys indoor meets because weather is not a factor.

"You don't have to worry about hail," she said.

Kruckeberg has a slightly different opinion of the high jump team than her sprinting teammates have about the runners.

"It's the beginning of the season, so there's room for everyone to improve," Kruckeberg said.

The first home meet for the team will be March 6 at 10 a.m. at Civic Stadium.

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'Shark's' bite will not hinder Wie's game



Gil Ventura

COMMENTARY

Michelle Wie, a 14-year-old female golf prodigy, stands 6 feet tall and consistently drives a golf ball 300 yards. At the Sony Open, a PGA event, Wie missed the final cut by just one stroke.

Despite Wie's impressive accolades, the men they call "the shark," Greg Norman, altogether denounced the possibility of women playing in a men's tournament while preparing for the Heineken Classic in Melbourne, Australia.

What Norman failed to realize is that Wie's participation in men's tournaments benefits the game.

Norman made the comments in response to the appearance of Laura Davies, a U.S. Ladies Professional Golf Association player, in the ANZ championship. On Thursday, Davies was the first woman to appear in a European- and Australian-sanctioned PGA event.

"I think the situation is more of a marketing ploy than anything else," Norman said. "If the girls come out and think they can play against the guys and fail every time, that can't be very positive."

Wie is the youngest player to compete in a PGA tour event and nearly became the first female to make the final cut in a men's competition since Babe Didrikson Zaharias in 1945.

In her short professional career, Wie's impact on the game has been tremendous. At

13, she competed at the 2003 Kraft Nabisco Championship and reached the final pairings alongside Annika Sorenstam and eventual winner Patricia Meunier-Lebouc.

Wie became the youngest player to win the U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links later in the year.

At the Sony Open, Wie averaged 270 yards off the tee, which was just less than the tournament average of 301.9 yards.

She will transcend the game of golf. She has the skill, talent and persona to become a star. At such a young age with so much potential, she may ascend to the same level in golf as Babe Ruth, Muhammad Ali and Michael Jordan did in their respective sports.

Wie's mighty swing could capture the world's imagination.

"When you see her hit a golf ball, there's nothing that prepares you for it," said Fred Couples, the 1994 PGA Tour player of the year, in Golf World magazine. "It's just the scariest thing you've ever seen."

Wie brings energy, urgency and badly-needed diversity to a sport that has not seen this level of enthusiasm since Tiger Woods won the 1997 Masters tournament.

The PGA, notorious for its racist and elitist past, has been slow to embrace societal change. Until 1961, the PGA's "Caucasian clause" prohibited minorities from joining. In 1990, the PGA selected the Shoal Creek Country Club, located in Birmingham, Ala., as the site for the PGA Championship. Its founder generated controversy by saying the club would not be forced into allowing black members to play its course. Under pressure from the PGA, the club eventually changed its policy.

In 1991, the Augusta National Golf Club allowed its first black member, Ronald Townsend, former president of the Gannett Television Group, to join since its inception in 1933. Since Townsend, the club has only admitted only one other black member and no women.

The fact that diversity in golf has increased the sport's popularity is no coincidence.

At the same time, Norman also said Wie may become a victim of the overwhelming pressures of becoming a professional athlete at a young age.

"I'd be very concerned for her that she doesn't get burnt out at such a young age," Norman said.

In essence, Norman is cautious of Wie's youth. He does not understand, however, that Wie is not a child. After all, children do not tie U.S. Open champions, such as fifth-ranked Jim Furyk, in competitions.

Wie has every right to condition her game against the best competition. She should not have to compete against inferior opponents when she is capable of defeating the best.

Norman said the men's tour should address the issue of women playing in PGA tournaments with rule changes.

With the recent influx of women playing on men's tours, the men's tour has every right to vote to exclude women from their playing field — it would be a shame to deny a once-in-a-generation talent like Wie her full potential.

If Norman believes that a 14-year-old girl playing golf damages the sanctity of his sport, then he is misguided. Wie, along with other women, has the skill and the athletic ability to compete with men. Wie is not a novelty or a "marketing ploy."

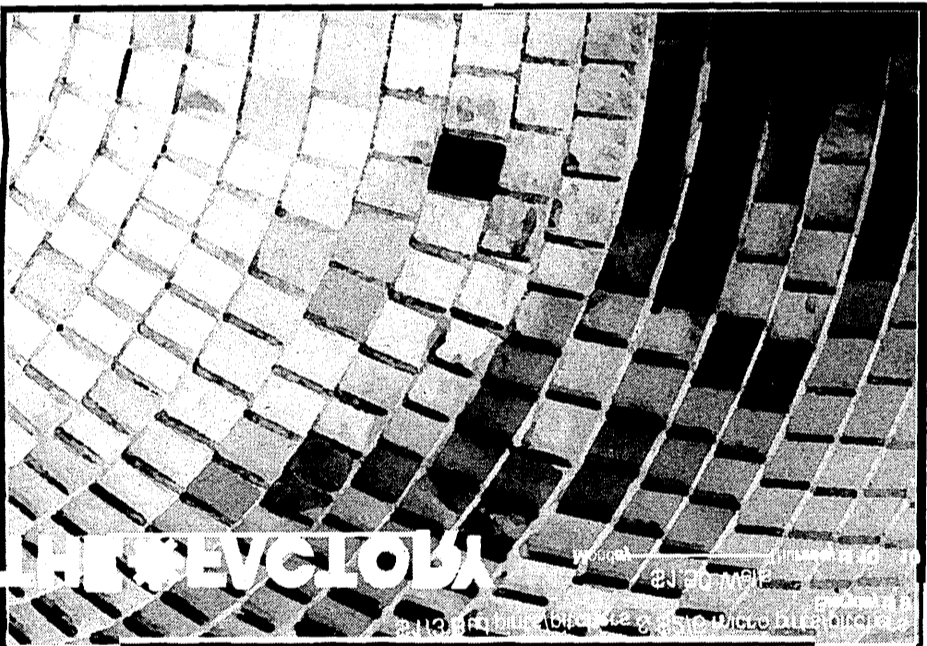
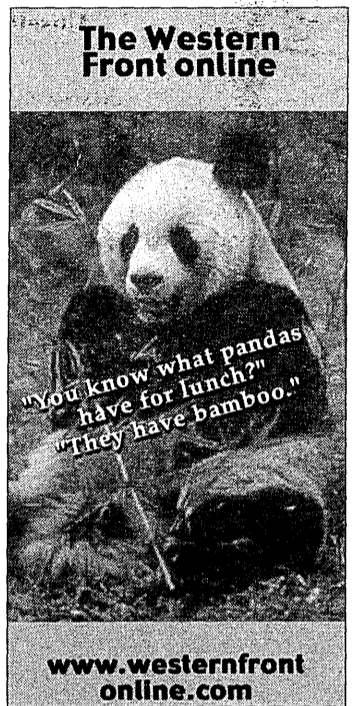
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in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference and 14-7 overall.

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OPINIONS



Media should be fair to Martha Stewart



Caitlin Unsell

COMMENTARY

Jokes about Martha Stewart decorating jail cells with throw pillows and fresh flowers flooded the media before her trial even began.

People should ignore the media's negative portrayal of Stewart and give her a fair chance to prove herself innocent of the charges.

Stewart faces allegations that broker Douglas Faneuil gave her a tip that ImClone Systems Inc. executives were selling the company's stock, according to court documents. This inside information supposedly gave Stewart an unfair advantage.

Stewart's empire is known for apple pies and valentines made to perfection. This annoyed one too many Americans, making her an easy target for the accusations. While Stewart's loyal fans appreciate the near-perfection she achieves, others resent the successful businesswoman.

By selling 3,928 ImClone shares in

December 2001 for \$58 per share, Stewart made approximately \$230,000, according to court documents. If she sold the stock the day after she allegedly received the tip, Stewart would have made approximately \$180,000, a difference of roughly \$50,000, according to court documents.

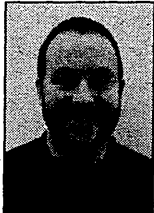
The \$50,000 she made by selling the stock early was pennies compared to Stewart's net worth, which Forbes magazine estimated at \$650 million.

The scrutiny has cost her far more than the trade. Her company's stock has lost value, and her reputation has suffered incalculable damage.

Federal prosecutors did not actually accuse Stewart of criminal insider-trading charges, according to court documents. Instead, she is on trial for six counts: One count of conspiracy for allegedly working with her stockbroker to make false statements denying insider trading, three counts of false statements denying insider trading, one count of obstruction of justice and one count of securities fraud on the basis that she deceived her shareholders while trying to maintain her reputation, according to court documents.

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Government should punish corporate malfeasance



Aaron Apple

COMMENTARY

While President George W. Bush is busy fighting the war against terrorism, the government desperately needs to fight a war against corporate crime. The finances of big businesses need better monitoring to prevent these crimes. Too much money has been lost, and those who have done the damage have not suffered the consequences.

"The malignancy of corporate corruption threatens more than the future of a few companies," U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft said at a news conference in September. "It destroys workers' incomes, decimates families' savings and casts a shadow on the health, integrity and good name of American business itself."

Undoubtedly, corporate crime is hurting the economy of the United States and its people.

According to a Jan. 26 Reuters article, MCI, also known as WorldCom, avoided

paying state taxes from 1998 to 2001, and the company went bankrupt. MCI is now able to sue former chief executive Bernard Ebbers, former accountant Arthur Andersen LLP and Citigroup Inc. for their roles in the \$11 billion accounting scandal.

The roughly \$200 billion lost in MCI's implosion would be impossible to repay to shareholders, even if MCI took action. If the shareholders cannot be repaid, then the government needs to severely punish those responsible for the loss.

Enron, the former energy giant and seventh largest firm in the United States, paid no income tax between 1996 and 1999. U.S. Rep. Ted Strickland said in a February 2001 statement that Enron gave 4,000 of its former employees \$4,500 after they lost their jobs to help them through the transition period before finding other jobs. Some of these people had invested heavily in Enron stock and are losing money.

The consequences of the Enron scandal are immeasurable and will continue to affect people for generations.

The fact that someone who has received a conviction for marijuana possession could be sitting in jail, while Ebbers, who

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Frontline

Credit-card companies should stop using misleading tactics to take advantage of college students

With their tables strategically placed in Red Square and their marketing ploys intact, credit-card companies lure students into applying for credit cards while hiding astronomical interest rates in the fine print.

The bait includes frequent-flier miles, magazine subscriptions and those \$5 fake-Oakley sunglasses one can buy at the state fair. Unfortunately, college students throughout the United States are biting.

This practice must stop because these companies are bleeding the green out of helpless students while contributing to a nationwide debt problem.

Students double their credit-card debt and triple the number of cards in their wallet between the time they arrive on campus and the time they graduate, according to the CBS News Web site. In addition, by the time college students reach their senior years, 31 percent carry a credit balance of \$3,000 to \$7,000, according to the site.

Credit-card companies do not seem to care about student debt, since college freshmen receive an average of eight credit card offers in their first semester, according to the site.

College students should not have to worry about paying off their tab at The Royal or that \$120 pink vest from The North Face — they should be worried about studying so they can pass their classes.

Good credit is crucial to financial success after graduation. Major purchases, such as a car or house, require a strong credit rating. By sucking students into debt, credit-card companies are leading students down the well-trodden path to bankruptcy.

In the first nine months of 2003, approximately 1.3 million people in the United States filed for bankruptcy, according to the American Bankruptcy Institute. As a result of this financial crisis, debt counseling companies and credit repair services have sprouted up across the United States, including five organizations in Whatcom County. These companies make money from the inexperience of college students who do not think to read the fine print on credit-card applications.

Many argue that when people turn 18, they have reached a certain elevated level of responsibility. After all, if they are responsible enough to vote, gamble and serve in the military, they should be able to handle credit cards. But many of these young men and women have not lived long enough to gain the experience to make smart financial decisions.

Credit-card companies need to realize the practice of preying on financially inexperienced college students is unethical and causes problems that cannot be easily fixed. The Federal Trade Commission or some other body needs to impose stricter regulations on credit-card companies to prevent them from ensnaring students in contracts that gouge them with late fees and interest rates as high as 30 percent.

Until this happens, students need to avoid the bait so they do not become financially gutted.

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“Do not mistake activity for achievement.”

— John Wooden



France should not ban religious clothing



Jelena Washington

COMMENTARY

France has experienced religious strife within its public school system for years, and members of the national government believe they have found the answer to their troubles: a ban against all religious clothing and symbols.

Religiously segregated cafeterias and disturbances by opinionated, religious students are not valid reasons for France to ban religious apparel and symbols in public schools, and this action will only worsen the students' problems.

The French National Assembly

voted 494 to 36 Tuesday to ban religious wear in public schools. The Upper Chamber must also approve the ban in March.

French President Jacques Chirac said the ban will include "ostensibly" religious symbols, such as Muslim headscarves, large Christian crosses and Jewish skullcaps. The consequences for violating the ban will range from a first-time warning to suspension or even expulsion.

Minister of National Education Luc Ferry said this law would extend past religious garb and will force students to attend physical education and human reproductive classes.

French teachers have complained about students using religion as an excuse to skip physical education, or Muslim girls boycotting human reproductive lessons because they are

too graphic.

This still is no reason for a ban to be enacted. It does not matter what the students are wearing because their values will stay the same. French teachers should be able to enforce whether students will attend classes without such a ban. The government should instead make a law to prevent students from using religion as an excuse. It would make the government seem less reactionary.

If anything, the uproar from Muslim students will heighten after the ban is put into effect in September. Distraught Muslims have taken to the streets in Baghdad and Beirut, Lebanon, protesting the ban.

France has Western Europe's highest Muslim population of approximately 5 million. The

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Clinton, Gorbachev show Grammys are useless



Wolfgang Deerkop

ON THE ROCKS

In an effort to prove the only thing easier than winning a Grammy is catching bird flu in a Vietnamese chicken market, the Grammy committee has started to give away the once-coveted trophies like party favors at a 5-year-old's birthday party.

For those who did not make it past the hour-long ovations for Beyonce, former President Bill Clinton and Mikhail Gorbachev, the last Russian dictator, have joined the ranks of those two guys from Milli Vanilli — not as has-beens, but as Grammy award-winning artists.

Clinton and Gorbachev

received the award in the "best spoken word album for children" category for their contributions to an audio recording of "Peter and the Wolf," made to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the death of the work's composer, Sergey Prokofiev.

For any who have not brushed up on global politics lately, Gorbachev is the old Russian guy with a crimson birthmark covering most of his head, Clinton is the young American guy who at times had an intern covering his head and Prokofiev was a Russian composer who apparently created "Peter and the Wolf."

Incredibly, Bill is not the first Clinton to receive a Grammy. In addition to past award winner George Clinton, the coke-addled Parliament/Funkadelic frontman, former first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton won a

best spoken word Grammy in 1996 for an audio recording of her book "It Takes a Village."

Hillary also received nomination this year for another audio reading, this time for her newest book, the autobiography "Living History." She lost, however, to fellow uber-liberal Al Franken, who wrote "Lies and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them: A Fair and Balanced Look at the Right."

I do not understand the allure of listening to Hillary gloat about her lifetime of academic and political achievements. Let's face it, the only reason anyone bought the second book was to see if she was going to dish any dirt on Bill's indiscretions with his cigar collection.

The worst part of this scenario is that awards for the best spoken word album for children are a

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Deception: Inquiry should be faster

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was connected with the \$11 billion loss, is sitting at home is not fair. The \$11 billion is affecting more people; therefore, the judicial system should punish "corporate criminals" more swiftly and severely than marijuana possessors.

Some would argue that because the cases are so complicated, authorities should take time to thoroughly investigate and ensure that the charged are guilty. Conspiracy cases often involve many people working for different agencies or corporations.

The government should conduct a thorough investigation,

but it does not seem fair to let someone who has been connected to such a large-scale crime go free for so long. The government needs to take action to prevent these crimes from happening.

Americans look differently at these crimes than others. Street and violent crimes directly affect many people, and they often receive the most attention on the nightly news. Because of the other recent scandals, the government should start paying more attention to large corporations. They should monitor companies' finances better to make sure they are not cutting corners and hurting the nation's economy.

Grammys: Album notes are not worthy of an award

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shining beacon of artistic integrity when compared to categories such as best album notes, or the best polka album.

I have seen some cool album notes in my time, but none of them deserve a Grammy, and no

actual Americans listen to polka music except Weird Al Yankovic and a small band of convalescents living in retirement homes in rural Wisconsin. Polka's time has come and gone, and it should be shunned, defiled and ignored like the "Macarena" and swing music.

While it was nice of the Grammy committee to give Gorbachev another award to keep his Nobel Prize company, the industry needs to stop pandering to the rich and famous and start acknowledging artists who work day and night to entertain music lovers worldwide.

Stewart: Prosecution seems to be targeting media star because of who she is, not what she may have done

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Basically, she allegedly lied to prosecutors about a crime they cannot prove she committed. She is on trial for the mere act of publicly proclaiming her innocence, a declaration the U.S. Constitution protects but one prosecutors describe as fraud against her shareholders.

These circumstances are curious, and it does look suspicious that Stewart's daughter dated Sam Waksal, the former chief executive officer of biotech company ImClone. Waksal allegedly alerted family and friends, including Stewart's broker Faneuil, of his plans for ImClone.

Though this raises questions, Stewart hardly benefited from the trade, whether or not she was aware of what was going to happen to the stocks.

Being a former stockbroker, Stewart probably was well aware of the implications of insider trading. Not only has her name taken a pounding, she now faces 30 years in prison and more than \$1 million in fines if found guilty of all the charges.

Perhaps people are jealous and want to see Stewart fail. She has created a vast media empire under the Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia Co., which incorporates the Martha Stewart Living magazine, the Martha By Mail

catalog, the "Martha Stewart Living" and "In Martha's Kitchen" television shows, her regular segments on U.S. morning shows, her many books, her paint line and her Kmart line.

Stewart's legal complications seem minor compared to the alleged misdeeds of other large corporations, such as Enron.

Stewart's lawyers have suggested that she was targeted because she is a successful woman in a man's world.

In general, many Americans seem to have subscribed to the belief that success calls for an equal serving of hate. Stewart is a prime example of a person who is attacked for her success.



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♥ Jake Nicolet, In the hurried moments of our college lives it's a waste of time not to have you on my mind. I love you, Aurea.

♥ Dear Erik, I'm so sad that we won't be together this Valentine's Day. But I don't have to be with you for you to know I love you. So, te quiero mucho. -Robin.

♥ Jimmy - No words can say how much I love you. All that matters is that our hearts know. My ♥ is yours. -Brandi

France: Ban seems to target only Muslims

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country needs to accept this diverse population and accommodate accordingly.

The schools most likely will face rebellions and more disruptive behavior from Muslim students. They will feel more compelled to voice their religious views because they are not wearing the standard clothing.

Ferry said the ban will prevent religious segregation within the schools. This claim is inherently weak. What the students wear does not matter because they still will know who belongs to which affiliation. The nature of students is to segregate themselves, and even if French public schools had uniforms, this would occur. High schools and junior high schools are composed almost entirely of cliques and small communities. These groups are not about clothes but rather what a person stands for and who their friends are.

The Upper Chamber will vote on the ban, which almost entirely focuses on the Muslim community, in early March. The French government said this law is necessary to safeguard France's secular back-

ground and prevent the rise of Islamic fundamentalism. If France is trying to avoid uproar by the Muslim community, then it should not aggravate the Muslims by banning headscarves. The French government is scared that another dominating religion besides Catholicism is threatening the Republic. This is just another way to alienate the Muslims even further from acceptance within French culture.

The Muslims are the only religious group that French teachers have publicly complained about. The strict Orthodox Jewish communities that would react to school policies similarly to Muslims send their children to Jewish private schools the state funds. France has only one Muslim school, which opened this past fall in Lille. Opening more private Muslim schools would be a better solution than trying to take away the religion in schools. In an all-Muslim school, the students would be free to express their beliefs openly and not be labeled as disruptive.

If this ban passes the Senate in March, France likely will experience more anti-French movements led by Muslims. This law would take away from a student's right to be who he or she wants and to practice what he or she wants to practice.

Letter to the editor

Israel's wall is justified

To the Editor,

Chris Taylor wrote a biased article last Friday critiquing the wall currently being constructed by Israel through the West Bank, a territory Israel won and has been occupying since the Six Day War in 1967. The wall is being constructed based on the success of another wall separating Israel from the Gaza Strip, another territory Israel acquired in the 1967 war.

"No suicide bombers have succeeded in crossing (the Gaza fence)," built soon after the Six Day War, according to USA Today. It stands to reason, therefore, that a wall separating Israel from the West Bank — which has a much smaller population than Gaza — would prevent terrorist attacks as well.

Now, Israel is not perfect. There are, as Chris pointed out, plenty of humanitarian problems with the course of the wall, but Israel is taking remedial measures to minimize them. According to The New York Times, the Israeli government will likely redirect the wall, cutting its length from approximately 480 miles to approximately

420 miles. Qalqilya, the town Chris mentions as being enclosed and constricted by the wall, likely will be placed outside of the wall, easing the lives of Palestinians there.

History teaches us that negotiations between Israel and Palestine are tenuous at best; Gaza teaches us that walls are not. Most Israelis do not want to spend the next 10 years of their lives gambling on negotiations that may or may not work; they want to feel safe.

If Palestinian leaders made earnest efforts to democratize, cleanse itself of corruption — i.e. Arafat strongman rule — and remove terrorist infrastructure from their cities, they would be taken seriously in negotiations and would get a state. Indeed, statistics show that a majority of Israelis and Palestinians are willing to make the necessary concessions for peace. And as the Sharon government is demonstrating in the case of Qalqilya, with the right incentive, walls can be moved. But until reforms are made, the status quo will hold.

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