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Casualties of America's war on drugs

By Greg Woehler THE WESTERN FRONT

Dorothy Gaines was calling her son collect from the Marianna Federal Penitentiary Dec. 23 when the call came. President Clinton had just released his list of 59 pardons and commutations and Gaines' name was on the list.

"Go pack your bags Dorothy," attorney Tracy Herbert told her. "You're going home."

After serving almost six years of a 20-

year sentence for conspiracy to sell crack President Clinton's list of pardons. Clark cocaine when there was no physical evidence against her, and after numerous appeals requests had been denied, Gaines was a free woman.

"I started screaming and hollering and I just dropped the phone," Gaines told The Western Front, speaking from her daughter's home in Mobile, Ala.. "I just couldn't believe it."

Donny Clark was on the phone with his daughter when he heard the news that he was one of 37 drug convicts on was in the 11th year of a life sentence without possibility of parole in federal prison for growing pot plants — a crime for which he'd already served time in a Florida state prison.

"I kind of thought she was playing some kind of joke on me," he said.

He immediately went to his case manager at Coleman Federal Penitentiary in Florida to see if she was right.

The case manager checked the list to make sure, then asked Clark,

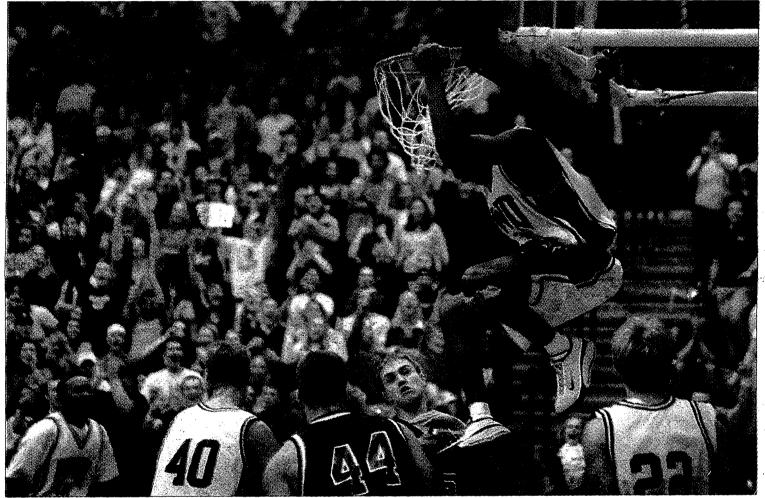
"How does it feel to be a free man?"

"Then it hit me and I just started shaking," Clark said with a chuckle. "I couldn't say anything. (The case manager) asked me, 'You're not gonna have a heart attack, are vou?"

Gaines and Clark hadn't fallen through the cracks of the U.S. legal system before their releases; the system had worked perfectly in both cases. They were given precisely the sentences prescribed by federal law.

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Vikings rout Wildcats in front of capacity crowd



Daniel J. Peters/ The Western Front

Western forward Nehemiah Campbell sends a capacity crowd into a fervor after an electrifying rebound/dunk. Campbell threw down a missed shot from quard Jacob Stevenson in the Vikings' 81-53 rout of the rival Wildcats. See story, page 11.

crack down on DUIs

By Paul Olund THE WESTERN FRONT

For Mike Fleming, drinking and driving was a mistake that cost him every-

"I went to jail, had my car impounded and have two years of probation," Fleming said. "It cost me over

Since 1998, the number of DUI citations in Bellingham has increased from 468 to last year's 475.

Fleming, 21, received the See DUI, Page 16

City police Closed G-P meeting met with protest

By Kevin Bailey and Jessica Sparks

THE WESTERN FRONT

Despite the cold weather, roughly 75 people rallied on the corner of East Holly and Railroad Streets Thursday afternoon to show city council members and the community that Georgia-Pacific West Inc.'s use of diesel generators is an issue that won't go away any time soon.

The rally's theme centered on the need for G-P to take responsibility for the 40 generators' expected pollution.

The protesters were speakers and musicians peacefully opposing a pending decision to allow G-P to place the generators in Bellingham.

"We organized this rally to keep the public informed," Associated

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public meetings on G-P's power plans and exploration of other energy options.

Protesters

Bellingham

sidewalks,

calling for

crowded

Kevin Bailey/ The Western Front

Western's contract could harm vendors

By Jennifer Collins THE WESTERN FRONT

Yoav Yanich, the cookie table vendor, has struggled to financially break even this quarter.

He was moved into Vendors' Row in the newly renovated Viking Union, but he said students are not finding his table.

"I'm the boss-man; people look to me and if I have to get a job at McDonald's - ya know..." he said, contemplating aloud his alternatives to vending at Western.

"In the past, our main draw was that we were right in front of Plaza Cashier ... well, Plaza Cashier won't be back in that location for another few months," Yanich said.

He said he and his staff asked to be moved to the Red Square entrance of Haggard Hall, but a VU/Associated Students policy prohibits any vending outside the VU Plaza

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Inside the sports scholarship process

The recent suspension of two athletes academic on grounds brings scholarships back into the limelight.

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Chuck D — still fighting the power

Chuck D speaks at the



Performing Arts Center on rap, racism and reality, oh and Napster too.

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Cops Box

University Police

Feb. 13, 2:03 a.m.: A person was issued a Notice of Infraction for an open container of alcohol in a vehicle at East Myrtle and Jersey Streets.

Feb. 13, 5:09 p.m.: Police responded to a call from a student who saw a man trying to break into a car with a metal object, through a window in the 600 block of North Garden Street. The man gained access to the car and drove the car away.

Feb. 13, 10:15 p.m.: Police responded to a call from a rugby player who reported a head injury.

She told Medic One she had

She told Medic One she had been vomiting and felt dizzy. She was transported to St. Joseph Hospital for treatment.

Bellingham Police

Feb. 10, 6:45 a.m.: A woman was arrested in the 1000 block of East Sunset Drive for possession of marijuana under 40 grams and for driving under the influence.

Feb. 11, 3:14 a.m.: A K-9 unit searched for a suspect who fled from a vehicle at 200 I-5 southbound following a traffic stop by Ferndale Police Department.

Police dog Nitro tracked the suspect to a nearby field, where he was arrested and booked in Whatcom County Jail for obstructing a public servant and a felony warrant.

Feb. 12, 3:40 p.m.: Police responded to a woman who reported her son had been stealing from her and had threatened her at her house in the 2500 block of Keesling Street.

She didn't wish to pursue criminal charges but requested a six-month trespass from her home. Police told the son if he returned, he would be arrested.

Compiled by Jessica Sparks

AP WIRE NEWS BRIEFS

STATE NEWS

Diesel generators running at Georgia-Pacific

BELLINGHAM - Georgia-Pacific West, Co. expects to have 40 mobile diesel generators running by the end of the week, powering its Bellingham paper mill

The state Ecology Department said the mill can use the generators for up to 90 days before tougher air pollution rules will be imposed.

A meeting of state and company representatives Tuesday was broadcast on public access TV and KGMI radio. After Bellingham officials canceled a public meeting out of fear protesters would disrupt the event.

Activists said pollution threatens workers in downtown Bellingham. G-P plans to use the generators through the summer.

Dog sent to sniff out dynamite

LAKEWOOD — A Pierce County sheriff's spokesman said officers are sending a bomb-sniffing dog into a Lakewood storage unit where they believe unstable dynamite is stored. The dog from the federal Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms should be able to indicate

whether explosives are in the

Bill Gates introduces new software at EMP

SEATTLE - Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates has introduced the new Windows X-P software at the Experience Music Project. Gates said the new operating software gives personal computers more tools to interact with the Internet and to handle digital music and pictures.

NATIONAL NEWS

Gladiator leads the Oscar pack

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — "Gladiator" has 12 Oscar nominations. It will fight in the Oscar coliseum against "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," which has 10 nominations - a record for a foreign film. Both are up for best picture, along with "Erin Brockovich," "Traffic" and "Chocolat."

"Cast Away" was shut out of the best picture category, but Tom Hanks has a chance to win a third Best Actor Oscar.

Julia Roberts will try again for her first for "Erin Brockovich." Winners will be announced March 25 in Los Angeles.

6 killed when 2 choppers collide

HONOLULU, Hawaii – The Navy said it's still not sure whether two Army helicopters collided before Tuesday's deadly crashes. Six soldiers were killed and 11 injured when the two choppers went down during a nighttime exercise over Hawaii. The Pentagon said the copters "somehow came in contact."

House panel prepares to hear about media election foul-up

WASHINGTON D.C. — A House panel is preparing to hear from network executives about their miscalls in the Florida presidential vote. Republican Billy Tauzin said there are "some clear errors in the system." Some Democrats say the focus shouldn't be on the media, but on the disenfranchisement of voters.

International News

More bodies found in El Salvador quake rubble

SAN VICENTE, El Salvador – More bodies are being found in the rubble of Tuesday's earthquake. At least 255 people have been killed, mostly from collapsed homes. More than 2,200 people are reported injured.

El Salvador already was reeling from a quake last month that killed more than 800 people. Hundreds more remain missing and are feared dead from that disaster.

Among the victims of the latest quake were six kindergartners and their teacher, killed when their school collapsed.

Warsaw mayor urges youth to keep away from Marilyn Manson

WARSAW, Poland — Warsaw's mayor doesn't want Marilyn Manson corrupting Poland's young people. He's urging parents to keep their children away from a concert by the American shock rocker.

He said the Manson band, with its religion-bashing lyrics, promotes bad ideas, bad values and violence.

Poland's Roman Catholic church and education authorities also have protested Tuesday's concert.

Poland is about 90 percent Catholic.

 $Compiled\ by\ Jessica\ Sparks$

EVENTS CALENDAR

Feb. 16

-Angie Agnostino will play the acoustic guitar at 7:30 p.m at the Allied Arts Performing Space. A \$4 dollar donation is suggested. All proceeds go to Allied Arts.

Feb. 17

- West Coast Swing is sponsoring a Valentine's Dress-Up Party at the Fourth Corner Community Church.

Lessons will be offered from 8-9 p.m. followed by general dancing until 11 p.m. It is for all ages.

General admission is \$7, \$5 for members of U.S. Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association and \$3 for students.

- Jazz vocalist Rane Nogales performs torch songs and jazz standards at 7:30 p.m. at the Inn at Semiahmoo, Blaine. No admission will be charged

Lance Pettis will play blues guitar at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes &Noble.

Feb. 18

- Grand Prize winner of the Young Keyboard Artist International Piano Competition, Eduard Zilberkant performs 3:30 p.m. at the Blaine Performing Arts Center.

Tickets cost \$15 for adults, \$7.50 for students and are available at Espresso and Co. in Blaine and at Village Books.

Feb. 19-20

- Western's theater arts department is having auditions for an upcoming production of "Intro the Woods."

Those interested should prepare a oneminute monologue and 32 bars of a Stephen Sondheim musical. Do not select anything from the show. Auditions will take place from 6-10 p.m. in Performing Arts Center 199.

Feb. 22

-Associated Student Production Films is showing, "Cujo" at 8 p.m. in Fraser Hall 4. No admission will be charged.

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PLEASE POST

AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING ABOUT MAJORING IN HUMAN SERVICES will be held at noon Feb. 20 in MH 263. Find out about the bachelor of arts degree in human services that is offered through Woodring College. For more information, call X/7759.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS AND EXCHANGES seeks qualified students to be peer advisers for its office. Contact Student Employment in OM 285 for and application of more information.

THE MATH PLACEMENT IS OFFERED in OM 120 at 3 m. Mondays on Feb. 26; March 5, 12, and 19, and at 9 a.m. Thursdays on Feb.22, March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 (Registration is not required. Students must bring picture identification, student identification, student number, Social Security number, and a No. 2 pencil. A \$10 fee must be paid in the rexact amount at time of testing. Allow 90 minutes. Sample problems may be found at www.washington.edu/oea/ aptp.htm.

THE TEST FOR ENTRANCE INTO TEACHER EDUCATION (TETEP) is offered in FR 4 at 2 p.m. Feb. 22 and March 15. Registration is required in OM 120. A \$25 is payable in the exact amount at time of registration. Test takes about 2½ hours. Not administered on an individual basis.

THE NINTH ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH DINNER will be held at 6 p.m. Feb. 24 in VU 565A-C. Western alumnus Bill Reed will be keynote speaker. Cost is \$15 students/\$18 general. For tickets, more information, or to sponsor a student, call X/6146.

THE TUTORIAL CENTER IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS for a study skills tutor for spring quarter and continuing through the 2001-2002 academic year. Applications are available at the Tutorial Center, Old Main 387, X/3855, or online at www.ac.wwu.edu/~tutorctr. Application deadline is Feb. 27.

AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING ABOUT TEACHING ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE will be held at 5 p.m. Feb. 27 in OM 585. For more information, call X/4949.

ASIA UNIVERSITY AMERICA PROGRAM students will be greeted by Western representatives and introduced by the AUAP staff at 4 p.m. March 1 in the OM Theatre. A reception will follow. Both are open to the entire University community.

THE MILLER ANALOGIES TEST will be given in FR 4-at-2 p.m. March 8. Registration is required in Old Main 120 or by calling X/3080. Not administered on an individual basis. A \$35 fee is payable at test time. Approximately 1½ hours. SUMMER QUARTER 2001 DEGREE APPLICATIONS must be on file in the registrar's office by March 16. Fall degree applicants must have applications on file by June 8. Winter 2002 application deadline is Aug. 24; spring evaluation is encouraged since many major advisers are unavailable summer quarter. See OM 230 for applications/instructions.

CALL WESTERN'S STORM LINE/EMERGENCY HOTLINE, 650-6500, after 6:30 a.m. during inclement weather to find out if Western is open. weather for an up-to-date announcement. Or tune to KGMI (790 AM), KARI (550 AM), KPUG (1170 AM), KWPZ (106.5 FM), KUGS (89.3 FM), KCCF (1550 AM) or KAFÉ (104.3 FM). On stormy mornings, Western's decision to remain open or to close will be broadcast over these stations beginning between 6:15 and 6:30 a.m.

In wake of closed meeting, residents call for talks | Marriott-Western contract gives



Kevin Bailey/ The Western Front Though a Department of Ecology official said more testing is necessary, protesters took to the streets in an effort to slow G-P's plans and get the attention of the city council.

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Students Environmental Center Coordinator Eric Vermeers said. "A corporation is in our community and it's not being responsible to its community members."

"We are not violent people," Vermeers said. "It's pretty apparent we're peaceful and we want peaceful solutions to this problem."

Protester Dana Lyons compared the 40 generators to 1,000 semitrucks driving through downtown Bellingham 24 hours per day.

"The G-P corporation assumes a

lot of power and with that power comes more responsibility," Lyons said. "We're here to hold G-P accountable for their actions that affect our health."

'In order to ensure democracy, the public needs to be a part of this process.'

Dave SansoneProtester

Dave Sansone, another protester,

said this rally's purpose was to give Bellingham's citizens a chance to discuss the issues – a chance city council members denied them by not allowing the public to be attend Tuesday's informational meeting.

"In order to insure democracy, the public needs to be a part of this process," Sansone said.

He encouraged citizens, G-P officials, the Department of Ecology, the Northwest Air Pollution Association and the city council to discuss the health concerns together.

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Marriott-Western contract gives Sodexho-Marriott exclusive rights

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"If they want some kind of exclusivity rights, they're not going to get it," Jim Schuster, associate director of operations for the VU, said. "This is a protection for the campus population so they don't have people trying to sell them things at every corner."

But Yanich has a vision to redeem his business and perpetuate small businesses on campus other than Marriott, Western's contracted, exclusive food-service provider.

He wants to serve his goods in a leased space inside the new Associated Students Cooperative Bookstore. Construction crews will renovate the bookstore this summer.

He has not proposed his plan to the bookstore administration, but if Western adheres to the VU/AS policy and Marriott exclusivity rights, his dream might not come to fruition.

The Marriott contract with Western states: "University grants Marriott the exclusive rights to manage and operate the Food Service, except the University or others may sell items to be determined by University after consultation with Marriott."

"A Way of Life Bakery," Yanich's business, which also distributes wholesale baked goods, has complied with VU/AS policy for the 10 years it has sold food at Western, Yanich said.

During the VU renovation, business has become increasingly difficult, he said. The vendors were moved last quarter and moved again this quarter when part of the VU reopened.

Schuster said the VU project will be completed by spring quarter. The demolition phase, which has caused many of the vendor's problems, will be finished in one or two weeks, he

"We just lived through a lot more noise, in the last year, than they've had," Schuster said. "For a temporary thing like this, it doesn't seem necessary to change the policy."

Originally, the VU was slated to have a leased indoor space for vendors like "A Way of Life," Yanich said.

When students asked that Vendors' Row remain outside, Western axed the indoor venues from the blueprints, he said.

Yanich pays Western \$500 for a table and \$50 for electricity per quarter, Schuster said.

Yanich said he has had problems with catering at Western. Contingent with Marriott's exclusivity rights, Marriott employees have the exclusive right to cater all on-campus gatherings.

However, Yanich said a friend wanted him to cater an on-campus pizza party. Western's administration said his friend had to buy the pizza through Plaza Pizza, Yanich said.

"So he had to end up paying for (the pizza) under party expenses," he said. "You shouldn't have to lie just to get a pizza."

The reason Western doesn't allow outside catering is because caterers would use Western's facilities and, according to Director of University Residences Kathleen Rich, because Marriott's contract with Western gives the corporation exclusivity rights.

"If we weren't able to promise exclusivity, (Marriott) would have to raise the price to account for the competition," Rich said.

Western economics professor Iris Gibson said the logic behind that statement may have been less than sound.

"The conventional wisdom for most industries is that when you increase the numbers of producers, you lower the price," Gibson said.

Western and Evergreen State College are the only state universities that have food service providers.

Like all other state universities, Washington State University's Sam Miller, assistant director of retail operations for food services, said he hires his own cooks and staff.

"My feeling on the whole thing is that most contractors can offer the university more money but that's because they pay their help a lot less," Miller said.

Miller said cooks come to

'My feeling on the whole thing is that most contractors can offer the university more money but that's because they pay their help a lot less.'

Sam Miller WSU Assistant director of retail operations for food service

WSU from the University of Idaho, a Marriott school, because the WSU staff is paid better. State law requires Miller to pay his employees \$8.50-\$9 per hour, but the Idaho staff is paid minimum wage, he said.

The wage for Marriott cooks is confidential, Nori Yamashita, a dining services general manager, said. However, cooks receive wages and benefits comparable to other restaurants in the Bellingham area, he said

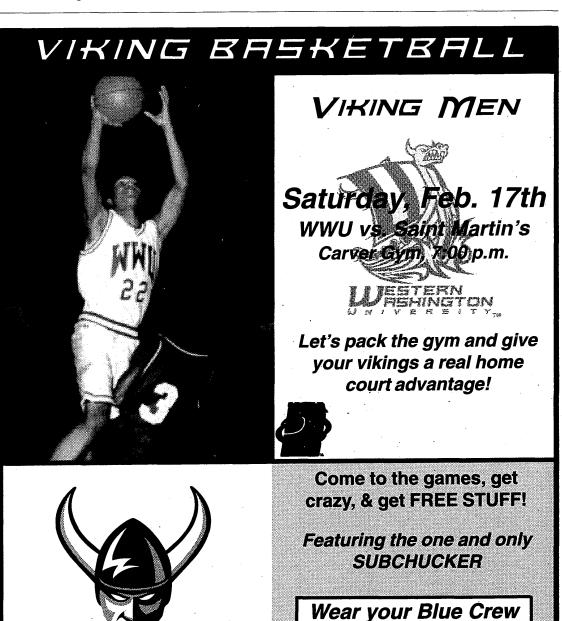
He said staff that cater oncampus gatherings are paid, including benefits, about \$8-\$9 per hour.

WSU hires outside caterers to provide food for on-campus activities, Miller said.

WSU students pay \$2,480 for the equivalent of Western's silver meal plan, while Western students pay \$1,800.

Marriott also employs Western students and starts them at minimum wage. The students are evaluated and can have a pay increase of up to 15 cents per quarter.

Marriott pays Western rent each month, said Kurt Willis, director of business and information systems for university residences. Last year, Marriott paid Western \$266,318. Any profits more than 5.5 percent of total sales are split with Western. Last year, Marriott profited 4.94 percent, about \$370,629, from \$7.495 million in sales, he said.



Speaker heralds new Mexican president as a political innovator

By Brendan Manning THE WESTERN FRONT

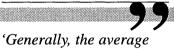
"Viva Mexico!"

"Que Viva!" the audience members cried back.

"Viva Vicente!"

"Que Viva!" they yelled once again.

"Now we are ready to begin," said Larry Estrada, an associate professor at Fairhaven and director of American Cultural Studies, Wednesday to an audience of about 35 people in Science Lecture Hall 120.



Generally, the average Mexican person felt they had a stake in this particular election. It was a very energized election.'

🗎 Larry Estrada

Lecturer and Western associate professor

Estrada was the fourth speaker in Western's faculty lecture series.

His presentation, "Zorro Politics: The Potential Legacy of Vicente Fox's Presidency," described Mexico's current economic and education situation, President Fox's likely agenda in Mexico, proposed foreign relations with the United States and the unusual fervor of Mexican citizens in the presidential election two months ago.

Estrada's shouting "Viva Mexico" and "Viva Vicente," along with the audience's loud replies, echoed the passion the people of Mexico had for Fox, he said.

"Generally, the average Mexican person felt they had a stake in this particular election," he said. "It was a very energized election."

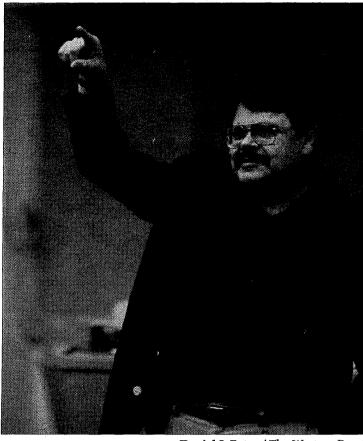
Estrada explained why Fox was popular with Mexican voters by recalling an episode where Fox sat and ate breakfast with street children.

"No Mexican (president) had taken the time to go down and talk to those people . . . the oppressed," he said.

Estrada expressed skepticism of whether Fox will accomplish certain goals, such as a guest worker program, which would grant amnesty to Mexicans working illegally in the United States, and an open border policy between the United States and Mexico.

"I think he's a political realist," Estrada said.

"But I also think Vicente Fox is playing the crowd by



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situation in Mexico and proba-

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Larry Estrada speaks, using his own arm as a visual aid, on the changes coming to Mexico and the United States as Vicente Fox takes control of Mexico.

enacting an open border policy," he said.

Fox's cabinet consists of people from the far left and far right, making policies muddled and subject to a continual butting of heads, Estrada said.

"Fox, in the first months, will play the populace," he said. "What happens the next months with his cabinet should be interesting."

Estrada answered questions from the audience after his hour-long lecture and video presentation.

"From my perspective, there were many good questions at the end," Estrada said. "I think this kept the audience engaged."

He also introduced Cassandra Howe, a Fairhaven sophomore who represents a group of concerned students urging Western to join the Workers Rights Consortium.

The WRC monitors companies that use sweatshop labor.

"I don't think many people know about situations in Mexico," Howe said. "This lecture was an eye-opening experience."

Estrada said he chose this particular topic because it's current and it's in his area of expertise.

"I attended this lecture because the presidency in Mexico is so new, and I'm curious as to what may happen," Fairhaven sophomore Amy Bundy said,

Western commission may change GUR requirements

By Craig YantisTHE WESTERN FRONT

The Academic Coordinating Commission recently adopted a change in policy that could allow more room for elective classes in Western students' schedules in the future.

"In particular, I think there is a consensus that the electives are infringed upon right now," Vice Chair of the Academic Coordinating Commission Edoh Amiran said. "And we think that's not so good."

The change in policy states the division of credits for a degree at Western should consist of 90 credits in a major, 60 credits in General Education Requirements (GERs/GURs) and 30 elective credits.

Amiran said the action was taken because the ACC believes the infringement on elective classes taking place can be reduced without compromising the integrity of degrees.

"That is a serious issue, especially for some degrees where a degree has to keep some professional standard," he said. "And it's not serving anybody to have a degree that doesn't do what it's supposed to do."

The move, approved by the ACC, is awaiting approval by the Faculty Senate. Even if approved, the change in policy may not have immediate consequences for Western.

"As the ACC reviews program changes, it's going to try to encourage motion in the direction of these proportions," Amiran said. "In other words, it will approve motions in this direction and not approve motions in opposition to this direction."

Amiran said this new policy is based on comments of students who shared their experiences and concerns about the amount of time people take to earn their degree at Western. Though meeting students needs is a priority for the administration, it also wants to find an efficient way to provide an education, he said.

"The legislature doesn't want to spend too much of the state's money to educate any one student," he said.

The opportunity for students to take more elective credits may come at the expense of GERs. The function of GERs is usually viewed as providing new students exposure to several areas of study, used as prerequisites for majors or as an avenue to provide graduates with a broad-based education.

Amiran said the policy changes awaiting the senate's approval do not necessarily require an increase in the number of elective classes Western offers. But if a greater demand results, individual departments may decide to offer more classes in the future.



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Woman was sentenced to 20 years for boyfriend's drug crime, freed by Clinton

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They fell victim to laws intended to wipe out drug kingpins but which also tend to lock up the pawns in the drug trafficking game and completely innocent people.

'The system wouldn't function without informants. They can't get anything on their own. They really are like the Keystone Cops.

Steve Gotzler Public Interest Law Center attorney

Gaines' real crime was having bad taste in men. In 1994, her ex-husband, Larry Johnson, was arrested for possession of crack cocaine. He fingered her current boyfriend. Terrell Hines, as playing a small part in a large crack-dealing ring. Johnson named several other dealers and police quickly made arrests.

In an effort to reduce their sentences, Hines and his co-conspirators also began naming names. Soon Gaines' name came

"The system wouldn't function without informants," said Steve Gotzler, an attorney at the Public Interest Law Center, a non-profit law firm in Trenton, N.J. "They can't get anything on their own. They

really are like the Keystone

Cops."
Gotzler is a convicted marijuana smuggler who got his college degree in prison and graduated from Rutgers School of Law when he was released. He is now president of the National Lawvers Guild.

"What you get is a bunch of people that have everything to gain by lying," Gotzler said. "They'll say anything to reduce their sentences."

Since Gaines had known of Hines' involvement in the crack ring, prosecutors said she had played an active part in the con-

The judge in her state trial threw out the case because no physical evidence existed. As a result, the state couldn't actually link her to any drugs or any drug deals.

Under federal law, however, prosecutors don't need physical evidence, just sworn testimony of witnesses. In this case, they had some very questionable witnesses. Hines and the others said Gaines had, indeed, been a part of drug deals, and that she'd been in possession of two kilos of crack.

"I was convicted on the testimony of a bunch of convicted felons," Gaines said.

Her only prior crime was writing a bad check years earli-

Gaines insisted on her innocence and refused a plea bargain that would have released her after five years. She was found guilty and sentenced to 235 months in prison, more time than is handed down for rape, child pornography or second degree murder.

Each of the dealers who testified against her received shorter sentences.

Gaines and her three children were evicted from their government-assisted four bedroom home. Her daughter, an honors student, dropped out of college to care for the two younger children, ages 14 and 11.

Gaines lost one appeal and was refused an appeal from the U.S. Supreme Court. She said her appeal directly to Clinton was "pretty much my last chance."

Federal prosecutors were not available for comment. U.S. attorney Don Foster said prosecutors were just doing their jobs in Gaines' case.

"Our jobs as prosecutors is to enforce the laws as written by Congress," he told reporters after Gaines' release. "If the laws turn out to be harsher than the public wants, then Congress is the appropriate place to change those laws."

Unlike Gaines, Donny Clark actually was a drug dealer. Through the 1970s and early 1980s, he grew marijuana on his 640-acre farm in Manatee County, Fla.

"I had one hell of a big operation going," Clark said from his home in Parrish, Fla.

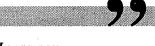
He said police ignored him and other pot growers until the

early 1980s, when they began cracking down on growers. He got busted for growing 900 plants.

"Up until then, we were just a bunch of country boys growing our crops," he said.

He served a year and a half in Florida state prison. After his release, he was completely through in the drug business, he said.

As the prosecutor in his 1990



'I was convicted on the testimony of a bunch of convicted felons.



Dorothy Gaines Former drug crimes inmate

federal trial said, however, "in conspiracy cases, quitting doesn't count.'

Clark was convicted not only for conspiracy to sell the 900 plants he'd already been punished for, but all the seedlings that came from them - more than one million plants, according to a federal witness's testimony. As in Gaines' trial, spoken testimony was enough for a conviction.

With one million plants credited to him and a gun police found in his barn, the sentencing guidelines were clear: Clark would spend the rest of his life in a federal penitentiary.

The U.S. government seized the farm he had owned for 15 years, sold it and kept the

The Fifth Amendment of the Constitution protects against "double jeopardy." It states that no one may be punished twice for the same offense.

Clark said he was told he

wasn't really being punished twice for the same crime, since the state of Florida and the United States were different jurisdictions and since he was being charged for conspiracy to sell, not just for growing.

Clark spent almost 11 years in federal prison. He said he met many career criminals in prison, but also many people, especially drug convicts, who didn't deserve to be there.

"In all that time in prison," he said, "I didn't see a single kingpin. They've locked up a lot of harmless people and destroyed a lot of people's lives with federal (drug) laws."

Clark now works for his sonin-law's grass seeding business. He chuckled and said he'd found himself "right back in the grass business."

Because Gaines was not pardoned, but rather, her sentence was commuted, she is still a convicted felon.

"It's been real hard to get help with housing," she said.

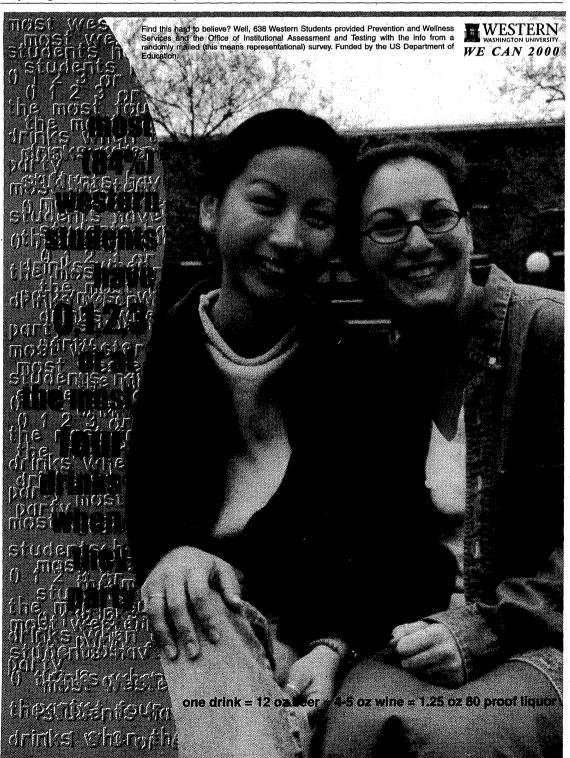
Having a drug conviction on her record means she also cannot return to nursing, which she had done before her arrest.

When she spoke to The Western Front, she had just had a job interview with the Boys and Girls Club of Mobile, where she hopes to become a counselor.

"I found my calling when I was in prison," she said. "I want to educate and help young people. I met a lot of good people in prison and I felt like a mother to a lot of them."

Both Gaines and Clark are working with the November Coalition, an organization based in Colville, Wash. advocating drug law reform. Clark also works with Families Against Mandatory Minimums.

The preceding story is the fourth segment in a seven part series The Western Front is producing about America's drug war in and around Western's community.



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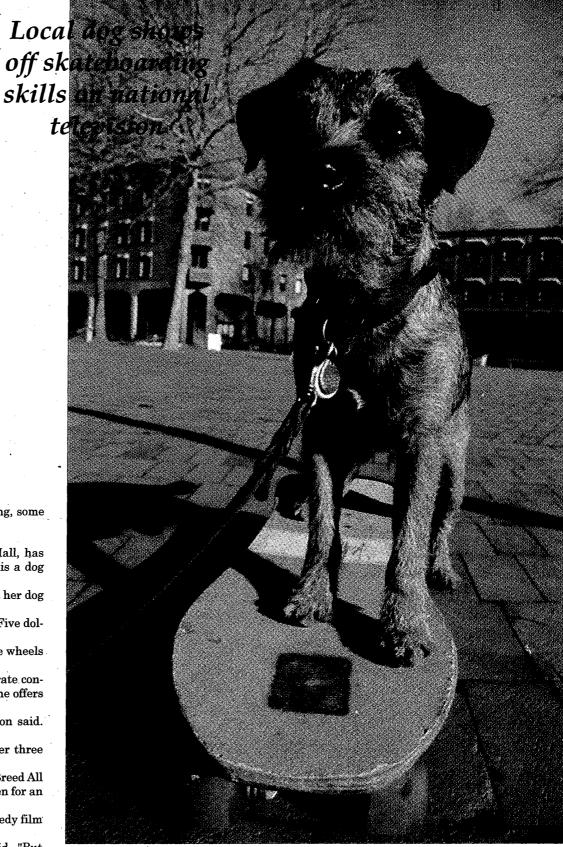
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on wheels



By Kevin Bailey THE WESTERN FRONT

Some people like dogs, some don't. Some people like skateboarding, some don't. Then there are those who like skateboarding dogs.

Pattie Moon is one of those.

Moon, who works in the acquisitions department in Haggard Hall, has always loved dogs. But then, her 6-year-old border terrier, Rufus, is a dog anyone could fall in love with.

"I was at the County Fair in Lynden when I saw a girl had taught her dog to skateboard," Moon said. "I knew I could do that with Rufus."

Soon after that, Moon began her search for a skateboard for him. Five dollars later, Rufus was ready to become a skateboarder.

"The wheels aren't safe for people," Moon said. "But as long as the wheels turn, it is okay for Rufus.'

Moon then showed the dog how the skateboard works, using operate conditioning, a method in which she rewards Rufus with a treat when he offers his good behavior.

"Rufus is very intelligent, he picks things up very quickly," Moon said. "I'm good at letting him know when he does something correctly."

Rufus skates by pushing his left hind leg while keeping his other three legs on the board at all times.

Rufus' new trick landed him a slot on Animal Planet's TV series "Breed All About It." The TV show videotaped Rufus skateboarding in Fairhaven for an

Moon and Rufus also appeared in the movie "Best in Show," a comedy film that was nominated for a Golden Globe award.

"I have a border terrier too," Western student Gary Spees said. "But there's no way in hell that my dog could ride a skateboard."

"Rufus is truly an amazing dog," Moon's co-worker Pat Zuidmeer said. "Pattie spends a lot of time working with Rufus."

Oddly enough, skateboarding isn't Rufus's only speciality. He also plays a game called flyball, which includes four hurdles and a spring-loaded box with a tennis ball.

Normally this game involves four handlers, with four dogs on a team, but Rufus can play by himself.

"All I have to do is say 'let's play,' and he will jump the hurdles, shoot the ball, fetch it, bring it back, load it in the box, then start back with the hurdles again," Moon said. "He remembers the whole sequence of events."

Rufus also competes in all kinds of agility competitions. His best performance earned him 13th place out of 117 dogs at the Agility National Championships in Massachusetts.

Moon has another dog, Spencer, who is the exact opposite of Rufus.

"Spencer is a different dog," Moon said. "He has a different personality and he does things as he pleases."

Moon has trained Rufus in many different areas. Aside from the skateboarding, flyball and competitive agility appearances, Rufus is trained for herding sheep; obedience and tracking. He even visits nursing homes.

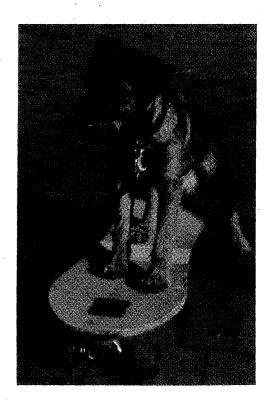
"Not only is Rufus extremely talented, but he's also so sweet and a great companion," Zuidmeer said.

"He's a great little dog, and he tries hard to please," Moon said. "He's always willing to try something new. He's just plain amazing."

Photos by Terrill Simecki/ The Western Front

(Above) While enjoying the weekend sun, Pattie Moon's border-terrier Rufus stands proudly atop his skateboard in Red Square. His skateboarding ability, along with other talents, landed him a spot on the Animal Planet's TV series "Breed All About It." (Above left) Moon leads the way as Rufus practices his technique. (Right) Rufus anticipates his savory reward after successfully cruising through Red Square.

The preceding article was run in the Feb. 13 issue of The Western Front, but was accidentally cut off. It is rerun here in its entirety.



ACCENT

Arts & Entertainment

'Hannibal' hard to stomach

By Allison Butler THE WESTERN FRONT

A man hanging from a building with his guts spilling out, a person eating his or her own brain and a face being cut off and fed to dogs: These scenes, from the movie "Hannibal," are just parts of the blood and gore used to portray a cannibal and what he does to his victims.

The movie, directed by Ridley Scott, stars as Hannibal Lecter, cannibal who became

famous 10 years ago in "Silence of the Lambs.'

This sequel also stars Julianne Moore, replacing Jodie Foster, as Clarice Starling.

The movie is based on the novel by Thomas Harris and is the third part in his three-part

The movie's creative yet horrific story line will make many people cover their eyes and hide their heads. The odd thing is, viewers also will find them-

selves rooting for the bad guy and not wanting him to get caught, even though they see how evil he is.

Lecter has hidden in Florence, Italy for the past decade after escaping from the asylum he was in during "Silence of the Lambs."

While Lecter's in hiding, one of his victims, Mason Verger, whose face is scarred and unrecognizable, plans how he is going to find Lecter and get

Pazzi, a detective in Florence played by Giancarlo Giannini, discovers Lecter is in the city and informs Verger for a \$3 million reward

Most of the movie revolves around Starling, the FBI agent, trying to find Hannibal. But she is usually always one step behind Pazzi and Verger.

Moore played her role well, giving a good depiction of how she would be 10 years after an encounter with Lecter when he was in prison. Starling is even more sarcastic and hard to get along with in this film. She is even in "The Guinness Book of World Records" for being the female FBI agent who has killed the most people in her career

The actors were excellent and the story line was creative, but overall, "Hannibal" did not live up to the hype it has received due to the brilliance of "Silence

of the Lambs." It was definitely not as intriguing or as mysterious as the first movie was.

However, what this movie lacked in ability to exceed its Oscar winning predecessor, it made up for with blood and



By Brian Harrington

THE WESTERN FRONT

Gob is not something hacked up the morning after a night of excessive drinking. Gob is a band from Vancouver, B.C.

It has been together for six years. The members say they enjoy playing shows more than anything.

"We're not in it for the money we feed off the energy from the fans," the band's headman Theo Gob said.

Theo Gob went on to say people can expect "to be rocked 'til they drop."

"We like to make it memorable for everyone," he said.

Former Western student Caleb McBride recalled the first time he saw Gob.

"At the end of the show they brought out a bell and covered ACDC's 'Hells Bells," he said. Gob will perform at 8 p.m. Feb.

22 at Animalz night club in Abbottsford, B.C. Tickets are available at the club or on Ticketmaster's Web site.

Tickets are \$15 Canadian.

Moment" plays on numerous Canadian radio stations.

Influenced by performers ranging from the Police to the Ramones to John Coltrane, Gob got much radio play this summer with a cover of the Rolling Stones' "Paint it Black."

The band's recent album, "The World According to Gob," is close to going gold on the Canadian record charts and recently was released in the United States.

Gob members are enjoying the success, but they still enjoy their shows and their fans.

Theo Gob said the band enjoys playing all-ages shows because, unlike bar's where people are there to socialize or to get drunk, all-ages shows are for fans to support the band.

Theo Gob said he looks forward to the shows.

"I get to do what I do, joke around a lot and share my sense of humor with the fans," he said.

Theo said the band's goal is to enjoy the whole band experience.

"We want to look back and say, 'Fuck, that was awesome," he The band wants the fans said.



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Anthony Hopkins setting up a key scene in "Hannibal".

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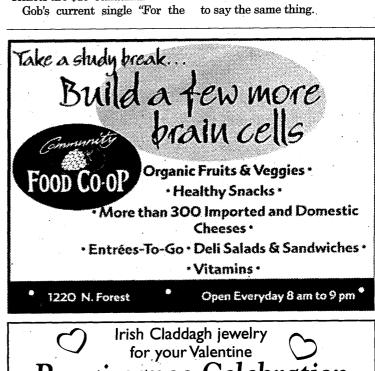
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Modest Mouse rocks the house

By Isaac Sherrer THE WESTERN FRONT

Isaac Brock collapses into the back seat of his van and pulls out a cigarette, wrenches the cap off a bottle of Red Hook with a lighter and sighs. He looks simultaneously exhausted and exhilarated.

The crowd has left, and the throng of admirers who had been hounding him backstage since the show ended have also begun to leave. The parking lot behind the Mount Baker Theatre is desolate, like a scene from one of Brock's songs.

"I like feeling close to people," he says, "I like playing in clubs or bars, where everybody is too drunk to give a shit. Theaters like this aren't really my style."

Brock, the lead guitarist, songwriter and vocalist for Modest Mouse, has just finished playing a sold out show for 1,500 fans and looks like he hasn't slept for weeks.

Brock's eyes have a hollow look to them and his hair and clothes look like thrift-shop bargains —well worn but comfortable.

"It went okay I guess," he exhales through a cloud of smoke, "I got tired of focusing on the whole security guard

The "security guard thing" to which Brock is referring was one of the few problems that marred Modest Mouse's

performance Saturday. The crowd, which sat obediently in the plush seats of the Mount Baker Theatre for the opening set by FCS North, erupted into the aisles as soon as Modest Mouse took the stage. The security crew panicked and fought to restore a control that they never really had.

"I can't stand those little miniature police, shining flashlights in kid's faces just for dancing," Brock says. He flicks his cigarette out the open door of the van and collapses back into his seat.

The crowd on the main floor of the Mount Baker Theatre was far from unruly, but the security crew, concerned with keeping the aisles clear for safety reasons, made every effort to keep people in their seats.

Problems like these are becoming more common for Brock and his band mates, as Modest Mouse's popularity seems to grow exponentially with each album they release.

The band, which is currently touring to promote its first major-label album "The Moon & Antarctica," has played increasingly larger shows over the past few years. With larger crowds come larger venues, something Brock is not entirely happy about.

"I'd rather be a really big little band," he says with a distant look in his eye, trying to recall a show the band played in the VU in 1997 to a significantly smaller crowd. Brock's voice trails off in mid thought.



Photos by Terrill Simecki/The Western Front

Modest Mouse lead singer Isaac Brock rocked out during the group's performance last Saturday.

inconsistent shows.

Their performance at the Mount Baker Theatre, however, was solid if somewhat uninspired, a distillation of their heavily produced new album into its rawest and purest form.

FCS North had the rapt attention of the audience for their entire set.

Had the crowd not been conserving its collective energy to greet Modest Mouse it surely would have responded more enthusiastically to the complex, precise and beautiful music that the band played for the whole of its set.

FCS North's drummer, Andy Sells and his band mates, former Satisfact bass and keyboard players Josh Warren and Chad States, warmed up the crowd and left the stage modestly amid the conservative applause of the

It was clear, however, who the crowd had come to see as they burst to their feet and roared when Modest Mouse took the stage.

The band played in a straight forward and uncompromising fashion, covering material from each of their albums.

"It was definitely a good crowd," Brock says as he lights another cigarette, "they looked like they were having a good time. Their energy helped us through."

Brock negotiates his way to the front of the van and puts a CD in the stereo,

Modest Mouse is well known for its a solo work-in-progress he eventually will release on Sub Pop Records under his alias "Ugly Casanova."

> The music sounds similar to Modest Mouse's, a bit more delirious and energetic, but equally somber and austere.

> Brock closes his eyes, lost in the music, and shakes his head as though criticizing his performance on the

> "Isaac (Brock) is a really hard guy to please," Kris Kierulff, the Associated Students Pop Music coordinator, said of Brock's apparent dissatisfaction with the show. "Overall, I think it went pretty well."

> If the crowd's response was any indication, the show went more than well.

> Looking haggard and distracted, the band emerged from the dressing room to respond to the cheering crowd with an encore that was arguably the show's highlight.

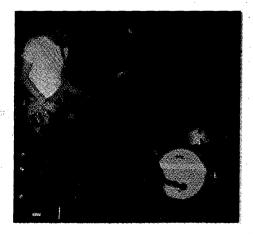
> As soon as they stepped back on the stage, their exhaustion seemed to disappear.

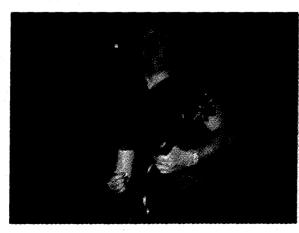
> Fueled by the energy of the crowd, they put the finishing touches on one of the best shows Bellingham has seen since Modest Mouse last rolled through

> Modest Mouse is taking a short break from touring, FCS North will play with Plastiq Phantom on February 23rd at Thursday's Pub in Victoria, British Columbia.



Modest Mouse stopped at the Mount Baker Theatre on tour promoting their first major-label album, "The Moon & Antarctica." Despite a small interruption to chastise security, Modest Mouse played a high-energy show.







'Don't believe the hype'

By Scott A. Keys The Western Front

All eyes of the more than 600-member audience were fixed on Chuck D, who was perched behind a podium Thursday on the PAC mainstage, eloquently speaking on rap, racism reality and the monopolizing of the information industry by large corporations

Chuck D, co-founder of the hip-hop group Public Enemy, has been lecturing for 11 years, having what he calls "vibe sessions" where he speaks his mind on a variety of issues

He said too many people take what mainstream America says as truth and instead need to investigate and educate themselves about what the truth really is.

The college experience should be used to the fullest in

order for students to make informed decisions and be aware of what the real picture is, Chuck D said.

"If you don't think college is about making money and getting paid — you're wrong," he said. "Take it seriously and don't play around. I'm all about having a good time, but the motto you should have is have your accountability and responsibility in place."

"People think that America is so pure and pristine, and that we live in a land of wealth and the land of the free, that everything is all good," he said.

He said the "dumbing down" of the American society is caused by the large corporations that have the power of information and don't care what information is disseminated as long as it earns them money.

"We have people who are really sheeple," he said.

"You, as college students, need to have a real active mind, body and soul."

Society's main problem is that large corporations are monopolizing the information industry and have the power to mold and shape society's reality.

'People are being coddled into feeling good about themselves by buying things that corporate America gives them.'

Chuck D
political activist

"People are being coddled into feeling good about themselves by buying things that corporate America gives them," he said.

"When a mother has \$160 in

her bank book and is convinced that her child needs \$200 pair of Jordan's, something is not right."

He said he believes American society has a distorted view and narrow-minded ideals because of images presented by corporate America.

"The music game is extremely vast." he said. "It's a lot more than what you see on TRL, but the control that corporations give is causing a huge distortion."

"Corporate America is in control of the mindset of the communities we live in."

"A true community has control of its education, its economics and its enforcement and in black community, this is not true," he said.

Chuck D believes a blurred reality is eating away at America, and too many people live in a fantasy created by large corporations. "Corporations are buying a piece of your mind and making money off you," he said.

He said one way to destroy the corporations gripping power is using technology.

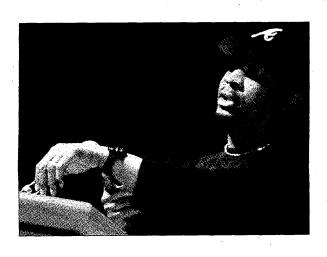
"Technology gives people their freedom, when technology (like MP3 sharing) is placed in the hands of the public and not in the hands of corporations, it gives people the power base and a choice," he said.

He said getting more education also is a way for people to break the shackles of monopolizing corporations.

"Humans have the ability to learn and think and then make a judgment," he said.

Chuck D said he sees hiphop and rap as methods of cultural exchange.

"You go to the Hong Kong and cats ask you about Nelly, or in Australia, they ask you about the new Wu-tang CD," he said. "Hip-hop has engrained itself into society."







Photos by Terrill Simecki/The Western Front Chuck D entertained, excited and educated the crowd at the PAC Thursday. While showing off his \$9 watch and \$30 silver chain, Chuck D discussed American citizens' fascination with materialism as well as addressing issues of race, rap, technology and politics.

Blurring the borders

By Jenny Burritt The Western Front

Two years ago, visiting professor Dr. Gary Geddes arrived at Western and was titled Distinguished Professor of Canadian Culture.

Geddes said he felt more like an extinguished professor when he got his title, but his activity in the Canadian Studies and English departments has proved him to be everything but.

During his time at Western, Geddes has arranged for more than 30 writers to come and speak on campus. This weekend, Geddes is hosting the biggest event he has planned so far, called Borderblur. The Borderblur conference will take place Friday and Saturday.

The conference's name developed out of the goal of the weekend's events, which attempt to blur the borders that accomplish both physical and intellectual separations between the United States and Canada. Writers, artists and musicians often do not get a chance to meet or even to learn about emerging talents in other countries. Both Canadians and Americans will read, play, display and discuss their works at the conference.

"This will place a little wedge in the border so the Canadian cancer can spread," Geddes said about this opportunity to showcase Canadian work.

The conference focuses on "place," and how it is perceived, as well as how it is inhabited and how people can inhabit it

Borderblur will raise questions about transforming perceptions of place, as well as how thoughts about place have been shaped by both real and imagined borders and boundaries.

Those invited to present will place emphasis on the things that affect people's attitudes and thoughts about the Pacific Northwest and British Columbia.

The way elements in this region's geography, culture and natural beauty construct people's perceptions will be examined.

Friday's events will begin with discussion and lecture sessions from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Library Presentation Room.

The sessions will be hosted by various speakers about topics such as "writing

across the border," "the politics of place," "ethnicity and gender as borderlands," and a "a too-brief history of B.C. film."

Friday evening includes a gala of music, refreshments and literary performances. The free event is open to the public and will begin at 8 p.m. at the Whatcom Museum of History and Art, 121 Prospect St.

Western English professors Brenda Miller and Nancy Pagh will present some of their work, along with 13 others. Shani Mootoo, a writer and Video-maker from Vancouver B.C., as well as Canadian writers Daphne Marlatt, Sky Lee and Lee Maracle also will share their work.

Saturday morning's sessions run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday's topics deal with the environmental issue of "who gets to draw the maps," and the literary topic of "the guilty pleasures of regionalist writing."

Geddes and Don Alper, director for the center of Canadian-American Studies at Western, began planning for this event in the fall and have received positive feedback from the departments they are involved in, as well as from students who are excited about the event.

"This amazing collection of talent is really a testament to the great work done by visiting professor Gary Geddes," Western student David McIvor said.

Another testament to Geddes' and Alper's work are all those who helped to create this event. Thirteen departments on campus helped to sponsor the event. Governmental departments, such as the Foreign Affairs and International Trade of Canada and the Canadian Consulate General in Seattle, have helped as well.

"This is going to be an amazing event and maybe we might even learn a thing or two," Geddes said.

He does not disagree with Western bringing in well-known writers like Maya Angelou, yet he considers it more practical and beneficial to bring in lesserknown individuals willing to go to classes, meet with and speak to students.

"They provide unforgettable encounters," Geddes said about programs where students and citizens actually get to meet with active environmentalists, musicians, artists and writers.

PORTS NCAA II & Intramural

NCAA scholarships are tricky business

Distribution of athletic scholarships controlled by Western, rules and regulations governed by the NCAA

By Brittany Sadler THE WESTERN FRONT

With the recent suspensions of Darnell Taylor and Brian Dennis from the men's basketball team for failure to meet NCAA Division II academic requirements, many people are questioning what happens to the players' athletic scholarships in these instances.

According to NCAA regulations, four-year athletic scholarships are never guaranteed — they are issued on a yearly basis.

At the beginning of each school year, student athletes are reevaluated and scholarships may be renewed.

Western Athletics Director

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Linda Goodrich

Western Athletic Director

Linda Goodrich said student athletes must be in good aca- 'The NCAA requires that demic standing, having a 2.0 GPA or dent for a year, they have and that money regardless higher, must show normal progress toward graduation in order to

be eligible for competition. Normal progress is when the student takes courses that sequentially lead him or her toward the completion of a

degree.

"If a student can't do that, our position is to try to support the athletes the best we can," men's basketball head coach Brad Jackson said.

"If athletes have a mid-year problem, hopefully they can rectify it by the end of the year."

Goodrich said athletes suspended for poor academic performance, such as Taylor and Dennis, may continue to practice with the team.

They may not, however, play in any games, sit on the bench during a game or travel with the team to away games.

Goodrich said an athletic scholarship may not be taken away from a student mid-year.

"The NCAA requires that once we commit to a student

money regardless," Goodrich

She said the only exception would be those students who quit the team or drop out of school

Goodrich said she is the one who ultimately decides if scholarships are reissued to students who have had difficulty meeting academic standards.

She said her decision would be influenced if the student's grades are raised by the time of scholarship reviews.

Goodrich said taking away an athlete's scholarship is a rare occasion.

"To yank a scholarship away and force a student to quit because he or she doesn't have

> the means to continue school really our serving purpose,' Goodrich said. "If you're an athlete with a scholarship, you'll stay in school."

If a student

does not show normal progress or a willingness to improve his or her academic standing, Goodrich said she would consider taking away a scholarship, because of the number of deserving student athletes without scholarships could use them.

Scholarship funds are raised through events or are donated from private donors and are not state-funded.

Athletic marketing director Steve Brummel said the three major annual fundraising events are the Viking Night Dinner and Sports Auction in September, a golf tournament in the spring and the Western Wave Program, which involves local grocery chains and specific product vendors.

Jennifer Rick, athletics fund raiser for the WesternFoundation, solicits donations from alumni, corporations, parents and other individuals.

Rick said Western currently for a year, they have that has 14 endowments feeding sports scholarships. She said endowments are lump sums of no less than \$20,000 that accrue interest.

Rick said they are "gifts that keep giving," because the principle amount is never touched, and the scholarship money comes solely from the interest the endowment produces year after year.

Goodrich said a \$1 million endowment, at 5 percent interest, would bring in only about \$50,000 scholarship dollars a year, which only allows for up to five full-ride scholarships.

Of Western's 500 student athletes, Goodrich said only about 157 have some type of scholarship, either a partial or full one.

The scholarship allotments may be broken down into partial scholarships and tuition waivers, allowing teams to offer financial assistance to more athletes.

Each sport is allowed a maximum amount of full-ride scholarships by the NCAA. Western teams currently are slightly under the limit, however.

Goodrich said Western is not in a position to give the maximum number of scholarships allowed by the NCAA because

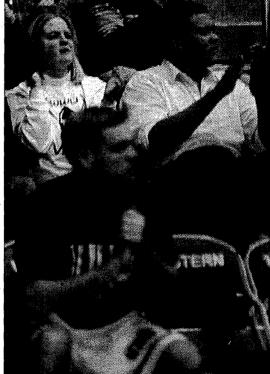
of a lack of funding.

Ten years ago, Western did not offer any athletic scholarships because the school did not enough have money to give. any out.

Women's volleyball head coach Diane Flick said her team is allowed by the NCAA a maximum eight full scholarships, which include room. tuition board, book and expenses, but the team is only allotted funding for four or five by the athletic department.

Goodrich decides many scholarships each sport receives.

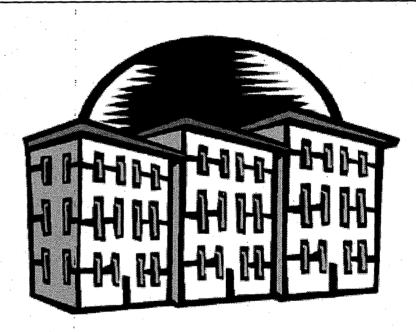
She said her decisions are based on the coaches' needs for recruiting and the amount of revenue the sport produces.



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how Suspended basketball player Brian Dennis will have his scholarship reviewed next year.

> Generally, she said, the more revenue each sport brings in, more scholarship dollars are needed to recruit better players.



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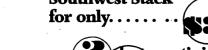


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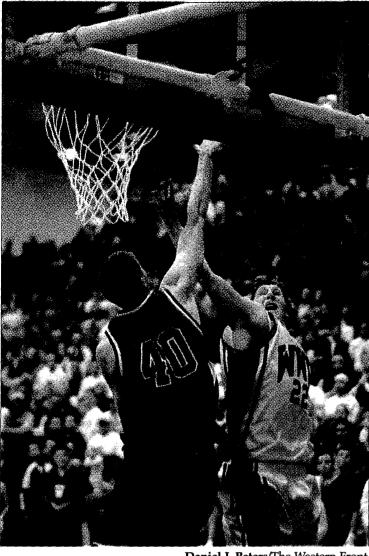
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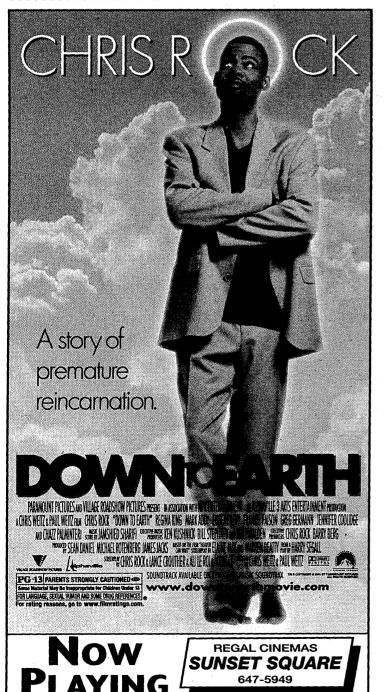
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No mercy for Central



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Western guard Jacob Stevenson drops in two of his 16 points slipping the ball past Central center Matt McDonald in the Vikings 81-53 victory Thursday night at Carver Gym.



Western nets its 20th win as captain Ryan Kettman scores 18 points in the Vikings' most lopsided victory against Central

By James Cassill

THE WESTERN FRONT

In the most anticipated game of the year, the nationally ranked Western men toppled archrival Central Washington University 81-53, to extend the team's winstreak to seven and making the Wildcats wish they had stayed home to enjoy the lovely wind of Ellensburg

It's been hyped for weeks: "It's more than a game, it's a rivalry!" was printed on ads posted all around town. The kind of situation where players from both sides have trouble sleeping the night before. It's not Duke vs. North Carolina, but the sold-out Viking crowd didn't know that as it left Carver Gym buzzing with excitement and people searching for their voices.

Western, ranked No. 17 in the nation and No. 2 in the West Region, improved to 20-3 overall and remained first in the West Division of the PacWest at 12-2. It is Western's first 20-win season since 1994 and just the eighth in school history.

The Vikings came out with stifling defense, holding Central scoreless for the first six minutes. jumping out to a 10-0 first-half lead. The Wildcats made just three of their first 18 field goal attempts.

Viking guard Shelton Diggs hit a 3-pointer from seven feet behind the arc with the shot-clock expiring to give Western a 13-3 advantage early in the game.

We came tonight prepared and focused," forward Ryan Kettman said. "The energy from the crowd brought our game to a whole new level.

Kettman, a senior and team captain, playing in his eighth and final Western-Central game, gave fans something to remember, leading his team in scoring with 18 points and snatching eight rebounds.

Central walked into Carver winning 11 of the last 12 games against Western, including a 10291 victory against the Vikings on Jan. 20 in Ellensburg.

But Carver Gym, sold out by Central-haters and bursting at the seams with school spirit, proved to be not so friendly environment for the Wildcats.

'We've been pumped for weeks," Viking center Chris Stevens said. "I had goosebumps the whole game. This is what you play the game for."

The Vikings forced Central into 18 turnovers and outrebounded the Wildcats 48-37, while holding them to their lowest point total since the 96-97 season.

Forward Justin Thompson led Central with a game-high 19 points, but the Wildcats shot a dismal 29.7 percent (19 of 64) from

Down 39-23 at the half, Central cut the Vikings' lead to 11 before Nehemiah Campbell excited the Viking faithful with a high-flying slam dunk off a missed fast break attempt by lay-up

The dunk gave Stevenson. Western a 50-32 lead — a gap the Vikings refused to relinquish.

Stevenson picked Central apart in the second half, going coast-tocoast on consecutive lay-ups and dishing out assists like candy to his teammates. The junior finished with 16 points, seven rebounds, six assists and three

Forward A.J. Giesa had 15 points and a game-high 12 rebounds and center Mike Palm added 14 points and nine rebounds to round out the Vikings' balanced scoring attack.

The 28-point margin of victory was the largest ever for Western in its series with Central, which began in 1907. It was the Vikings' sixth win by 14 or more points in their seven-game winning streak.

The Vikings look to avenge an early season upset as they host Saint Martin's College at 7 p.m. Saturday in Carver Gym.



(Left) Shelton Diggs drives hard to the basket. Diggs is averaging 14.8 points per game. (Top) The Vikings played to a packed house Thursday against the rival Wildcats and sold out Sam Carver Gymnasium.

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Behind the stripes: Players foul referees

Out of control intramural basketball players frustrate student referees, take games too seriously, some say

By Brian Harrington

THE WESTERN FRONT

"Where's the damn call, ref?" is shouted by the player into the face of a person dressed in black and white and holding a whistle.

The one with the whistle is not a professional NBA referee, just as the player is not a member of the Seattle SuperSonics. The person with the whistle is a student, just like the player.

"We lose around five refs every intramural 'season, and that's

being conserva-tive," said PJ said PJ McGuire, intramural sports coordinator.

Twenty-eight students cur- need to sit back and have rently work as fun, and stop trying to basketball refer- relive the glory of riding ees for this winter's intramural the bench in high school.

McGuire sees that.' the intramural sports as a crucial aspect to campus life.

"It's another way for students to socialize," she said. "They go to school and work their brains all day. Intramural sports provide a social activity that involves physical movement. It's a fun, healthy activity."

Basketball is an intramural sport that is taken seriously by most of the students who participate. It is for this reason the referees are needed.

"We are there to keep the games safe and under control." student referee Derek Bonderant said. "The worst thing that can happen is somebody getting hurt."

Incidents happen quite frequently on the basketball court, as the players cause problems with both the referees and other students.

So far this season, referees have filed 25 incident reports, including two fist fights, to the intramural office.

"These are usually shoving matches between players, McGuire said. "They are cases where we have had to kick a person out of the game."

"It's so unlike Western," Bonderant said. "Nobody cares about anything until intramural

> basketball, then it becomes in each other's face. A hand check suddenly equals a punch in the face. We have like five technicals night."

McGuire said she feels the problem is "that students playing in the game Intramural basketball player expect the officials to not just

call the game, but somehow take the blame for everything. If they are losing or anything like that, it's like the official becomes a scapegoat. It's not the official's fault if someone is having a bad night."

Sean Ekblad

Bonderant explained too many of the players take what is intended to be a fun game too seriously.

"Everybody who can cross over and shoot a three thinks they are good at it," he said.

Bonderant went on to explain that many players have no control, and what may seem like hacking to some is actually a loss

"If you dribble down court and

nail someone, I'm not going to call a foul if you're out of control," he said.

To some players it seems that others have forgotten what intramural sports are about.

"Too many of these players need to sit back and have fun, and stop trying to relive the glory of riding the bench in high school," player Sean Ekblad said. "The refs don't deserve that."

McGuire said team members forget that they are playing in a recreational program not a professional sport.

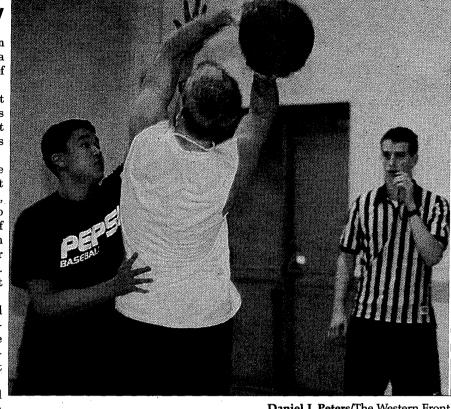
The intramural basketball program is broken down into three leagues.

The A league is the most competitive, the B league is semi-competitive and the C league is for people with little experience who want to have

McGuire said organizers do their best to control the playing level in these leagues, but some teams' members want to win so badly that they drop themselves down a level.

If an incident occurs depending on the severity, there are consequences. According to the Intramural Sports Handbook, if a player gets into a fight, he or she is kicked out for the season. If teammates do not stop the fight, the whole team will be put on probation.

Each team is given a sportsmanship rating. If that rating is



Daniel J. Peters/The Western Front

Student referee Jeremy Harper watches a shot go up Wednesday. In addition to refereeing it Harper also plays intramural basketball.

low, the team will not be allowed to participate in the playoffs.

The referees are trained using a video from the National Intramural Recreation Sports Association, and many of them have prior referee experience.

But training doesn't prepare them to deal with players' aggression.

You've got to keep your head as a ref." Bonderant said. "If the ref can't concentrate, it ruins the game, you can endanger yourself and the players."

The majority of incidents do

seem to occur in the men's intramural league, but McGuire said aggressive behavior is not limited to the men.

"The women's league is pretty heavy contact," she said. "There is a lot of hacking going on there."

"There is not as much of a problem with the girl players," referee coordinator Jenny Siviela

"They seem to be out more to have fun, but in the A leagues. girls are very competitive. They are out to win, but still have fun."

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THE WESTERN FRONT

Guard Tiffany Massey had game-highs of 17 points, 21 rebounds and 7 assists, and scored the go-ahead basket on a putback with 46 seconds left in the game, as the University of Alaska Anchorage upset Western's women's basketball team, 64-60, in a PacWest game Thursday night in Anchorage.

The Vikings, ranked No. 3 in the West Region, fell to 16-6 overall and 12-5 in the PacWest.

Western lost its first game to the Seawolves for the first time in 14 meetings.

Western, who led by as many as 13 in the second half, was led by forward Stacey Miller with 15 points and 10 rebounds.

Alaska Anchorage had a 60-50

lead with 3:19 to play, but Western scored 10 straight points to tie the game with 1:56

The Vikings had a possession with an opportunity to take the lead, but turned the ball over and the Seawolves took the lead.

Western, who is 5-5 on the road this season, visits the University of Alaska Fairbanks, ranked No. 6 in the region, Saturday.





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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Let us move, vendors plead

It's been a little more than a Dawson since Construction blew out the plate glass window directly behind me, forcing me to close my business and to throw away a couple hundred dollars worth of prod-

It took several vendors going to Jim Schuster's office the next day to get an "apology"

The "apology" rings hollow in light of his quote in last Friday's Western Front, saying we were warned beforehand of this demolition and we ought to consider closing our business until the construction is completed.

The fact is, I signed a contract with the university and was not told we would be without power for the first week of the quarter. I had no idea I would be subject to these terrible conditions (leaking roof, extreme noise, silica dust. etc...).

What does Schuster expect me to do to support my family? I'm a single mother, barely making it as it is. I'm already on the verge of folding my business. If I had any advance warning of what I was in for, I might have been able to plan differently. I would like to know what is unreasonable about Schuster and Jack Smith allowing us vendors to temporarily move to the east side of Haggard Hall until the renovation is complet-

ed. Schuster's excuse about "not being able to control us" out there is an insult to our intelligence. Please write to Schuster Smith jim.schuster@wwu.edu and urge them to support a temporary move so we can still be in business when the renovation is complete!

Jayne E. Norton The Coffee Lady

Move Vendors' Row, student pleads

As a Western student I find my school's current stance on the woes of Vendors' Row absolutely unacceptable. For those who wish to put dollars back into the Bellingham community through small local businesses, Vendors' Row is the only on-campus provider of food products of any kind. Vendors need an acceptable work area. They need an area free from rain, glass, ear-splitting power tools and "dust on their donuts," and they need it now.

Reading the Front's article on Vendors' Row in last Friday's issue, I became increasingly frustrated because the resolution to the predicament should be so simple. Several places around campus (particularly the east side of Haggard Hall) could work as temporary relocations for the vendors. Why not have them move to one of these

spots until the construction is completely finished? Now we come to the crux of the issue. As reported by the Front, contracts between Western and other businesses disallow a relocation of Vendors' Row. I thought it strange to see the plural form of 'business' being used, because, except for on Vendors' Row, the shirts of every employee at every eatery on campus I've ever seen in my four years here all say the same name.

Is this what it boils down to? Sodexho-Marriott having such a strangle hold on Western's food supply that even the smallest of competition needs to be suffocated? One would think even the most ruthless of businesses would allow for a couple picnic table vendors to operate out of the specified area in a time of unordinary circumstances. Then again, one would also expect that their university would have some sympathy toward these vendors, and a willingness to stand up for them. But Jim Schuster's comments make it clear that this is not currently the case.

I found it interesting that Schuster referred to "not vending for the remainder of the quarter" as a solution.

Schuster's solution leaves the vendors without jobs and the students without options. So let us Western students support the petition for immediate relocation and let Vendors' Row be

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G-P doing just enough to get by, and no more



Paul Olund

COMMENTARY

Georgia-Pacific West Inc.'s Relations Director Orman Darby said that everyone uses the company's product, and he's right.

G-P is the proud manufacturer of two products: paper and pollution. And Bellingham residents use them both.

In December, G-P began running 16 diesel generators to cut rising costs imposed by this year's electricity shortage. By summer, 36 generators

actively pump diesel fumes intothe Bellingham skyline.

In short. Bellingham is suffering from G-P's second-

hand smoke. Literally.

Aside from carbon dioxide, nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, hydrocarbons, monocyclic aromatic compounds, elemental carbon, inorganic sulfate and hydrocarbons, diesel emissions also contain carbon monoxide and formaldehyde; two chemicals found in cigarettes proven to cause lung cancer.

G-P has given every assurance that the fumes are in no way harmful. But it wasn't long ago that tobacco companies made similar claims about their product.

Yet the use of diesel generators doesn't come without a price.

Darby said G-P expects to appease regulations drafted by the State Department of Ecology (SDE) that would require the company to propose a plan of mitigation and would include an air modeling study completed late last month and sent to the SDE for approval.

Darby said the report isn't publicly available.

Darby assured residents that "G-P adheres to the law," and questioned the recent protests that stopped an informational meeting scheduled for last week, stating that protesters are "terribly misinformed.'

If protesters, seeking environmental competency from one of Bellingham's largest employers, are misinformed, maybe these people should be enlightened.

Darby stated it's not G-P's

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duty to inform the public about the company's policies. Maybe he's right. But it seems that a company that impacts

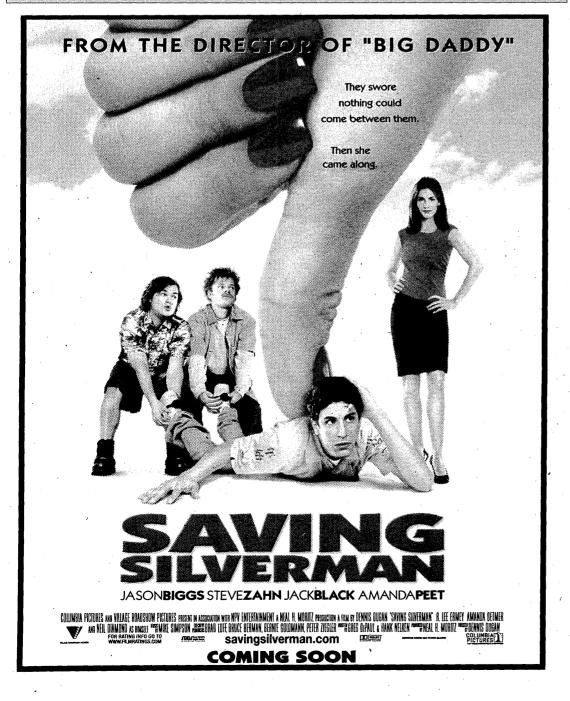
lives of the surrounding community so much should divulge any information that affects the public voluntarily.

After all, where would G-P be without the city's cooperation? Yet again, a communityconscious company remains rare. It seems in this case it's non-existent.

Although little doubt exists that G-P adheres to the law, the question remains whether or not G-P is doing what's best for those who buy the products, or for those who make them.

I admire the right of anyone to stick a cigarette between their lips and in the privacy of their car or home, but I have little tolerance for those who blow smoke in my face and tell me that there is nothing I can do about it.

The Western Front **Online**







Frontline

Student athletes who don't play shouldn't get scholarships

Western's men's basketball team is riding high — a national ranking, huge fan following and a big win last night against Central Washington University. Fans, though, have noticed the absence of two of the team's most exciting players, Darnell Taylor and Brian "Yogi" Dennis.

The men were suspended Jan. 31 for the remainder of the season after failing to meet the academic requirements to play. The catch is that both continue to receive athletic scholarships when reduced to nothing more than practice players.

In essence, these guys continue to get free — or at least discounted — schooling when they failed to hold up their end of the bargain. This is unacceptable.

Just more than 30 percent of Western's student athletes receive aid from the school for their time and commitment. While these players are deserving, many other deserving players must work jobs on top of grueling practice schedules just to afford tuition.

Then they must fit time in to be students — the reason they're here in the first place.

Why should athletes who cannot meet the requirements of an athletic scholarship - requirements they know about when they sign up -- continue to get aid while other students don't?

The justification behind such athletic scholarships is that schools make money off the athletes. Anyone who attends a football game, or even last night's game against Central, knows the American way of pimping our college students for the good of a dollar.

Without this potential for profit, the argument could be made that student athletes should receive no special aid. After all, what job will allow a person to play basketball around his or her school schedule and to earn up to \$10,000 of free schooling per year? Not many.

The athletic department must either reconsider the way this money is allotted or not allow non-playing students to reap the financial rewards of a scholarship.

Any student on academic scholarship could lose their funds for a low GPA. Why should it be any different for a student athlete? The answer is, it shouldn't.

Taylor, Dennis or any other athlete in this situation shouldn't be kicked out of school. They should get the academic assistance they need to get their grades back up and be able to play.

The athletic department must realize, though, that for the athletes, a scholarship is a privilege – not a right. It's not like these players were injured. They weren't barred from playing because of someone else's actions. They failed to make the grade.

Taylor and Dennis are fabulous, exciting athletes who deserve every opportunity to regain their scholarships and play again for the

In the meantime, since they're not playing basketball, they shouldn't receive free schooling. Give that money to someone else. Share the wealth. Maybe after a taste of what it's really like to work their way through school, student athletes would value the benefit of a free education.

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And we quote:

"If we weren't able to promise exclusivity, (Sodexho-Marriott) would have to raise the price to account for the competition."

Kathleen Rich, director of university residences, in reference to Western's contract with Sodexho-Marriott.



Intramural athletes should be mature, not act like children



Andrea Abney

COMMENTARY

Who knew college students could be so immature?

Western's campus recreation department, the place that coordinates intramural games for students, reported that referees have filed 25 incident reports so far this intramural season. Offenses range from shoving matches to fist fights, as well as good old referee bashing.

We lose about five refs every intramural season, and that's being conservative," intramural coordinator PJ McGuire said.

Why do students who profess to be young adults think this is acceptable behavior?

College students moan and groan about not being taken seriously as adults. At the same time, they act like 4-year-olds fighting over the next shot at

the swing set. What gives athletes, many of them simply trying to relive their high school glory days, the right to act like washed-up primadonnas?

As lame as it sounds, intramural games are for fun. They're not for students to go out and beat up on lesser players to make themselves feel bet-WWF

They're Smackdown matches. They're meant for people who may not be good enough to play varisty sports.

They're supposed to be for the enjoyment of the game.

Student referees are just that - students trying to officiate a friendly game of basketball and pick up a little extra cash on the

They don't deserve the namecalling and intimidation from athletes who think they're getting a bad call.

Student referees aren't professionals and they're babysitters.

Intramural athletes need to remember this little fact. The competition can get intense on a basketball court. Referees will screw up — they're not perfect.

Intramural athletes need to realize that the things that count are the game, the relaxed

> atmosphere and $_{
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> m fun}$ comes with intramural sports.

Winning relive their high school glory great, but it's not the only

days, the right to act like washed-up primadonnas?' thing. Athletes need

to accept the fact that, while the referees aren't professional, neither are they.

These athletes aren't going to make it to the pros. They need to remember the meaning behind intramural games and to keep their emotions in check. Or, maybe they should just grow up and act like adults.

clean-up your mess America:



Laura Thoren

COMMENTARY

A war is raging in the Philippines.

The people are fighting for their lives against toxins such as lead, mercury and other heavy metals seeping into the farmland and drinking water.

This is what remains of Clark Air Force Base, once the largest military base outside the United States.

Despite the United States' having to evacuate the base in 1991 when Mount Pinatubo erupted, it still seems clear America bears tion.

Many innocent people have lost their lives due to water

poisoning or other neurological disorders caused by these heavy metals.

L a January, U.S. News and World Report article stated that shortly

after the evacuation, health workers found increases in central nervous system disorders and other congenital birth defects.

Past news reports of 'American policy on this issue indicate the United States'

the responsibility of cleaning unwillingness to assist in the cleanup of this

Why?

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The words that create the foundation of our country are

> "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Without imposing American

beliefs upon the Fillipino culture. seems safe to say that they, too, respect and pursue life.

The United States should not be the source of something that wreaks death and destruction upon a country; nor should it be unwilling to assist in cleaning up its own

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, PART TWO

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our place for on-campus good-

Only through a conscious, collective effort can we reduce the influence on campus of Sodexho-Marriott and at the same time increase that of smaller, better, local business.

Damon J. Gulczynski Western Student

The ambiance is gone

I am very distraught over the upheaval of Vendors' Row. Many incoming students do not have the chance to experience the ambiance of the infamous Vendors' Row. I heard about this wonderful diverse hangout on Western's campus prior to coming here.

I have spent many hours sitting on the picnic tables outside; having intelligent conversations with other classmates and checking out flyers of upcoming events on the poles.

However, the poles have been removed and replaced by large cement pillars (where signs are unwelcome), the picnic tables are gone and the new roof leaks, leaving the row very unattractive and uncomfortable.

My favorite spot on campus has been destroyed. I don't understand why the students were not included in this design process.

I don't have a degree in architecture, but I can spot a poor decision when I see one. It does not take a degree to recognize a roof should not slant toward an open center with a flat pipe to drain

It just doesn't make sense. I feel like the diversity of this school is constantly being intruded upon and forced to operate in inhumane conditions.

It makes me ashamed that an institution where I spend years of my life could be so close-minded and exclusive to the students' needs.

Sherri Lynd Western student

Drilling in ANWR short-sighted

Drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) is not a decision that will solve our energy woes.

According to a 1995 U.S. Geological Survey report, the ANWR region is estimated to hold between 148 and 5,150 million barrels of recoverable oil (from the National Council Science and for Environment Web www.cnie.org/nle/biodv-14.html#SUMMARY).

Compare that to the 2,162 million barrels the United States produces annually (from 1999 OPEC Annual Statistical Report), and ANWR's potential contribution seems negligible.

Keep in mind this drilling would take place inside an area that has been called "America's Serengeti" and the benefits become even fewer. Gwich'in people, traditionally reliant on the caribou for subsistence, would also suffer economic hardship if drilling on the 1002 area commences.

To frame the issue as a question of "where will be drilled first" is to ignore the fact that ANWR was set aside so it would never be drilled.

Other places may be drilled instead, but that doesn't make drilling in a wildlife refuge any more excusable.

Apparently it's unfair to citizens of other countries for oil companies to drill on foreign soil. It is just as unfair when oil interests lobby our politicians to remove laws enacted by people without a stake in the region's development.

Debate on our energy policy should focus more on conservation of available resources than on the short-sighted exploitation of wilderness areas.

And since the oil industry already reaps \$5 billion per year in federal subsidies according to Taxpayers for Common Sense, they could stand to be a bit more conserva-

Rory Henneck Western student

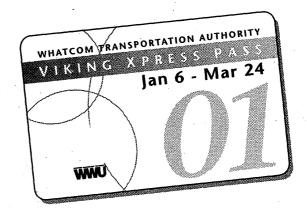
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One-third of auto-related fatalities linked to alcohol; 1.4 million DUIs given each year

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DUI while driving to a friend's home in Bellingham last August.

"The police officer pulled me over because my brights were on," Fleming said. "Four days later, I was convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol."

'There is no difference between somebody firing a gun randomly into the street and getting behind a 3,000-pound bullet with a drunken idiot for a driver.'

> Lt. Dac Jamison Bellingham Police Dept.

In 1998, one-third of all vehicle fatalities were connected to alcohol.

"Driving under the influence is not acceptable," Bellingham Police Lt. Dac Jamison said. "We take it very seriously.

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gun randomly into the street and getting behind a 3,000pound bullet with a drunken idiot for a driver."

In 1999, the legal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) limit was lowered from .10 to .08. percent

The BAC is the ratio of alcohol to blood and is measured by a test of one's breath or blood.

More than 1.4 million drinking and driving citations are issued in the United States each year.

"The most important thing to do is talk to an attorney as soon as possible," Whatcom County public defender Dan Norman said. "Many people lose the rights that they have because they don't act fast enough."

A first-time offender can expect a court arraignment, within a few days.

During an arraignment, offenders are advised of their rights and are asked to plead guilty or not guilty.

"Always plead not guilty," Norman said. "It can't be used against you in court, and it allows time to talk to a lawyer.'

Offenders must then choose a judge or jury trial.

'Juries are going to be much less forgiving," Norman said.

Trials usually are scheduled three to six months after the arraignment.

"I wish I would have taken it to court," Fleming said. "I didn't know that I could."

Offenders are subject to one year in jail, \$8,000 in fines, a one-year license suspension, multiple drug and alcohol assessments and five years of probation.

Non-legal penalties can include a 400-500 percent increase in car insurance, license fees and possible discriminatory action in the workplace.

"Whenever you mix alcohol and people, you are bound to have conflict," Jamison said. "People need to know their limits. Plan on going to clubs with a designated driver and don't bring your car keys.

"And make sure before you go downtown you figure out the streets. There is nothing more obvious that a driver is drunk than driving the wrong way on a one-way street."





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