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The Western Front

Grant funds \$25,000 to build lake trail, bridge

By April Uskoski
THE WESTERN FRONT

Seattle-based Recreational Equipment Incorporated announced this month that Western was one of 10 recipients nationwide to receive a \$25,000 Great Places grant for the preservation of Canyon Lake Community Forest.

The forest, a high elevation, north-facing watershed, located 25 miles northeast of Bellingham, is managed by a joint ownership approved by Western's Board of Trustees in 1998 between Whatcom County Parks and Whatcom Land Trust.

The REI grant will help pay for part of a 1.5-mile lower trail that loops around Canyon Lake.

"REI's generous gifts have jump started this project," said Jean Rahn, director of The Western Foundation.

"The lower trail costs are

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Tobacco sales get smoked

\$10,000 per year not good enough reason to convince forum attendees to keep sales

By Craig Yantis
THE WESTERN FRONT

Western students spoke out against continuing the sale of tobacco products on campus during a forum hosted by Michelle Yousey, chair of the Associated Students selected Facilities and Services Council on Thursday.

About 15 people attended the meeting and no one spoke in support of continuing the sale of cigarettes on campus.

Western student Trinette Baer said the sale of tobacco products on campus is inconsistent with the educational goals of Western.

"Education is not just academic," Baer said. "It is your mental well being; it's your social well being; it's your physical well being ... In no way do I see the sale of tobacco on this campus helping my well being."

Steve Mach, a Western employee and smoker, said as individuals, everyone makes

personal choices relating to their health.

Mach said he thinks it is in Western's best interest to end involvement in the sale of tobacco.

Western student Travis Rupp said the financial benefit of the selling tobacco products, about \$10,000 a year, does not equal the cost that can be associated with health issues that are a result of smoking.

"There's tons of products that are sold on campus that give you a functional benefit, give you a health benefit," Rupp said. "There is food value in a seven-layer burrito."

Chris Covert-Bowlds, a Bellingham family doctor, said he wanted to encourage the group to discontinue the sale of tobacco products at Western while not looking at it as an issue of trying to persecute individuals, just that it stops selling tobacco.

"I think what we are seeing more and more in different

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Craig Yantis/The Western Front

Many packs of cigarettes have passed through the hands of Beth Batchelder in the Viking Union Information Center.

Expo offers students career options

By Dana Luthy
THE WESTERN FRONT

Seniors tired of being asked what they will do after graduation because they have no idea can now take heart — the Career Services Center can help.

Throughout the next two weeks, the center will offer workshops and a career expo to students ready for a job.

"Walking into a room full of employers is pretty intimidating," said Susan Anderson, who works at the Career Services

Center and will conduct the workshops.

Students who are not sure how to write a resume can get help at a resume writing workshop 2 p.m. April 21 in Old Main 110.

After this preparation, students will be ready to meet employers at the Spring Career Expo from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 25 and 26 in the Performing Arts Center lobby.

At the Career Expo, students can meet with 75 hiring managers from a range of private-sector companies, not-for-profit



Susan Anderson

organizations and government agencies. Exhibitors include Active Voice, Washington Mutual Bank, Target Stores, Mervyn's, King County Human Resources, Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Peace Corps and the International Society for Optical Engineering.

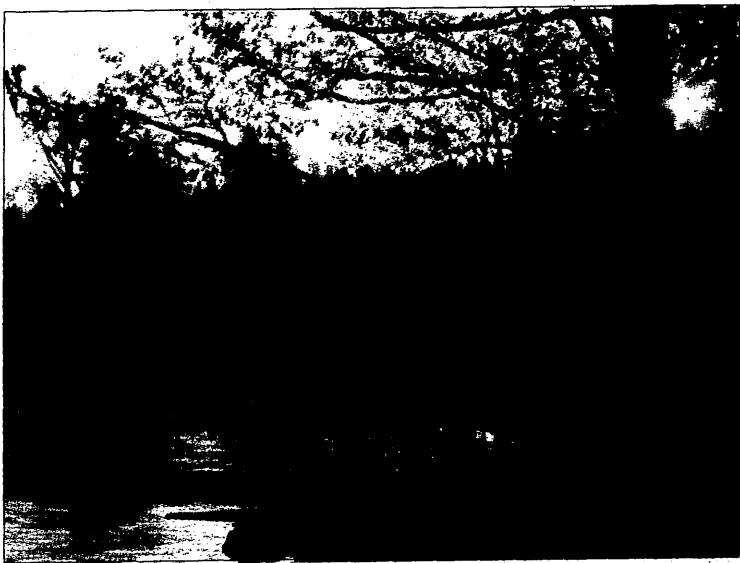
"People really do get jobs from these things," Anderson

said, noting some employers will be signing people up for interviews on the spot.

Employers agree that the expo is beneficial for students.

Enterprise Rent-A-Car brings an interview schedule to the expo and signs students up for interviews as they meet them.

"We have already hired quite a few summer interns from Western and are interviewing graduating seniors," said Nicole Weisgerber, who will represent Enterprise at the expo.



Daniel J. Peters/The Western Front

The sun sets over the Silver Beach Neighborhood near Lake Whatcom.

Lake could turn sour

Western professor warns purity of Lake Whatcom deceptive; pollution still possible

By Gabriel Joseph
THE WESTERN FRONT

Bellingham's drinking water source, Lake Whatcom, is pure, but it is showing signs of degradation, said Robin Matthews, Western researcher and Huxley professor.

"This is the cleanest dirty water I've ever worked with," said Matthews, who has studied the lake for more than a decade.

Matthews presented "What's in My Drinking Glass Besides Water?" Tuesday afternoon in Science Lecture 140.

Lake Whatcom's water could turn sour in less than 100 years, she said.

"We can treat really dirty water, but the costs go up," she said.

"The community really doesn't realize what an asset the lake is," said Bill McCourt, operations superintendent for Bellingham Public Works. "We play in it, we swim in it and we don't realize how much a part of the community it is."

McCourt said Bellingham's

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For details on the April 25 and 26 Associated Student election candidates and issues, including a proposed voluntary \$15 bus pass and online evaluations, see the A.S. Election Special pullout

IN THIS ISSUE

Women up to par
Western's women's golf team comes closer to a shot at playing in the NCAA II national championships.
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Doin' it Vegas style
RHA's 24th annual Casino Night glitzed up sleepy Carver Gym Saturday evening with cards, tunes, lights and luck. Read about the millions spent.
See story page 6, 7.

COPS BOX

University Police

April 17, 10:55 a.m.: Officers and medic units responded to a female having a seizure in the 300 block of East College Way. The victim suffered a head injury earlier in the day that may have caused the seizure. She was transported by medics to St. Joseph's Hospital for further evaluation.

April 18, 3 p.m.: A local citizen reported her ex-boyfriend, a Western employee, hired her as a custodial secretary for the building services on campus. The ex-boyfriend would bring her to the campus and make excuses to postpone her employment start date. The citizen contacted a custodial supervisor who advised her that the person who hired her is not a Western employee.

April 17, 8:56 p.m.: A Western student in the 200 block of Highland Drive reported difficulty breathing while exercising due to an allergic reaction. Aid arrived and transported her to St. Joseph's Hospital.

April 17, 6:28 p.m.: Police responded to a report at 624 High St. of a stolen bicycle and bicycle lock.

Bellingham Police

April 19, 12:00 a.m.: Officers arrested a man at 125 Samish Way for shoplifting. He also was charged with failure to drive a car with an ignition interlock.

April 19, 8:44 p.m.: Officers responded to a juvenile sex crime reported on Maplewood Avenue.

April 19, 11:38 p.m.: Police contacted an individual at 1200 Railroad Avenue for urinating in public. He was found to have an outstanding warrant for shoplifting and was booked in the Whatcom County Jail.

Compiled by Laura Rabel

AP WIRE NEWS BRIEFS

STATE NEWS

Charity director resigns his position

The executive director of Boys and Girls Clubs of Whatcom County, Michael Barker, has resigned while under investigation by the state Gambling Commission.

A member of the club's board of directors said Barker took a donated car and failed to report the club had loaned him \$13,000 to buy a home.

Barker worked in Bellingham for a year-and-a-half.

Insurance company takes it in the teeth

A dental insurance company has agreed to refund \$200,000 to Washington consumers.

The company, Gerber Life Insurance, will also have to pay a \$150,000 fine from the state insurance commissioner's office.

Insurance Commissioner Deborah Senn said the company raised its rates nearly 40 percent on some customers without getting approval from the state. Senn calls Gerber's conduct "totally unjustified."

Overzealous deputy fired for WTO actions

The King County sheriff fired a deputy Wednesday for exces-

sive force during the November World Trade Organization protests in Seattle.

Deputy John Vanderwalker kicked a first-aid worker and sprayed pepper spray into the car of two students videotaping the protests for a school project.

Vanderwalker was a patrol officer for 19 years. He was fired once before for improperly entering a suspect's home. He was reinstated on appeal.

Serviceman charged with killing prostitute

Robert Yates, 47, was arrested and charged in Spokane for killing a prostitute.

Yates, a National Guard helicopter pilot stationed in Fort Lewis, is also under investigation for up to 18 murders across the country, including 10 prostitutes in the Spokane and Tacoma areas in 1997 and 1998.

He is also under investigation for an unsolved murder in New York that occurred in 1990.

NATIONAL NEWS

Clinton dedicates bombing memorial

President Clinton said the Oklahoma City bombing "made us stronger."

In remarks prepared for the dedication of the Oklahoma City National Memorial, the presi-

dent said the country "will never forget" the pain and suffering of the worst terrorist attack in U.S. history.

Wednesday marked the five-year anniversary of the Oklahoma City Federal Building bombing.

Vermont moves closer to same-sex marriages

It isn't marriage, but Vermont has moved closer than any state to extending gay and lesbian couples to have many of the same rights as married people.

The state Senate voted 19-to-11 to create civil unions between same-sex couples.

The state House of Representatives, which has approved a nearly identical bill, plans a vote next week on the Senate version.

With the law, same-sex couples who establish civil unions will have hundreds of state benefits and responsibilities, including insurance and inheritance.

Not being married will mean they won't qualify for some federal programs, such as Social Security survivors' benefits.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Air Philippines crash comes after U.S. warnings

Wednesday's crash of an Air Philippines Boeing 737 came

days after a U.S. government panel recommended a redesign of the 737's rudder assembly.

All 131 people aboard were killed in the country's worst air disaster.

No indication exists about what caused the crash, but visibility was poor at the time.

The airport is not equipped for instrument landings.

A Boeing spokesman said a team of company investigators is ready to go to the Philippines if the government requests help.

Canadian teen charged with hacking into popular sites

Canadian authorities said a 15-year-old boy has been charged in connection with cyber-attacks on popular Web sites in February.





They said the teen, who goes by the computer handle "Mafiaboy," was arrested after boasting in Internet chat rooms about his exploits.

The attacks clogged sites including CNN.com, Yahoo! and eBay by launching thousands of bogus requests for service and information.

The boy was charged specifically in the CNN attack. He went before a judge in Montreal and is now out on bail. He's been ordered to stay away from computers, except to do his school work under supervision.

Compiled by Ken Jager

Bellingham Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
			
Cloudy until the sun comes out. High 64, low 48.	Pack the umbrella. High 58, low 46.	Fair egg-hunting weather. High 56, low 44.	Break out the sunscreen. High 58, low 45.

CORRECTIONS

In the last edition of The Front, Congressional candidate Rick Larsen was misidentified on a Page 1 photo as "Robert Larson;" Larry Estrada was misidentified as "Larry Estrata" on Page 19; and an article on Page 13 incorrectly stated the Legal Information Office provides access to legal resources and conducts informational sessions on common student legal concerns. It cannot give legal advice. The Front regrets these mistakes.

WWU Official Announcements

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

PLEASE POST

MATH PLACEMENT TEST: 3 p.m. Mondays on April 24, May 1, 8, 15 and 22, and 9 a.m. Thursdays on April 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25 and June 1. Testing is in OM 120. Registration not required. Bring picture identification and a No. 2 pencil. A \$10 fee must be paid in exact amount at test time. Allow 90 minutes.

A MULTICULTURAL CAREER FORUM will be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. April 24 in OM 280. Influential people of color will talk about their career fields and offer advice about transitioning to the work force. Free dessert and coffee reception. RSVP to X/3240 or X/3844.

GOLDEN KEY NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY information tables will be in Red Square from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 24-27. The recently established organization recognizes the accomplishments and services of Western's top 15 percent. A 3.5 GPA and junior or senior status is required for scholarships, office positions and service programs.

THE TEST FOR ENTRANCE INTO TEACHER PREPARATION (TETEP) will be given at 2 p.m. May 22 in FR 3. Registration required in OM 120; a \$25 fee must be paid in exact amount at that time. Not administered individually. Admission deadline for fall 2000: April 30. Allow 2½ hours.

LEGISLATIVE INTERNS FOR WINTER QUARTER 2001 are being selected this quarter. Information and applications are available in AH 415. Undergraduates in all disciplines are eligible with at least junior standing and a minimum GPA of 2.75. Applications due by May 5. Information: Eugene Hogan, Lori Pfingst or Joan Blackwell, X/3469.

MILLER ANALOGIES TEST (MAT) will be given at 2 p.m. May 12 in FR 4 and at 2 p.m. June 16 in SL 120. Registration is required in OM 120. Not administered individually. A \$35 fee is payable at time of test. Test takes about 1½ hours.

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

INFORMATION REGARDING NATIONAL TESTING is available at the Testing Center, OM 120.

On-campus recruiting

Renton School District, Information session at 4 p.m. Monday, April 24, in OM 280, followed by small group "general" interviews. Submit résumé and sign up in OM 280.

South Kitsap School District, Monday, April 24. Open to all but especially needs math, science and special education teachers. Submit résumé and sign up in OM 280.

Mukilteo School District, Wednesday, April 26. Needs special education teachers for all levels and specialties; elementary, middle and high school teachers, areas unspecified. Sign up in OM 280.

Highline School District, Thursday, April 27. Needs teachers with following endorsements: K-8 elementary for elementary and middle school; K-6 and special education teachers in all specialties. Placement file must be ready. Complete application and sign up in OM 280.

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Water fine now, but phosphorus runoff contributes to algae growth

From MATTHEWS, page 1

drinking water quality is top-notch — among the best cities in the state.

"Seattle isn't even close," he said.

While the water is terrific now, Matthews said, levels of certain chemicals show signs of increase, which is worrisome.

Phosphorous, the main contributor to algae growth, is entering Lake Whatcom in greater quantities from runoff, she said. Enough algae in the lake will cause Bellingham's water to taste and smell bad.

Levels of phosphorous near the city's water intake are increasing, she said.

The mix of algae in lake water and chlorine, which is used to treat tap water, produces.

Phosphorous-containing fertilizers used by residents in neighborhoods near Lake Whatcom are the main source for phosphorous in the dirtier north end, Matthews said.

Contrary to popular belief, she said she found no evidence that mercury, a toxic metal, is a problem.

Bellingham uses state-of-the-art water treatment equipment, McCourt said, but that doesn't mean Bellingham residents have no reason to worry.

"We tend to take (our water) for granted," he said.

He said the city and the county are working on plans to protect the watershed, which include plans to tackle Bellingham's main threat to drinking water quality — urbanization and the problems it causes, such as pesticide and sediment runoff.

These problems primarily affect the most urbanized north-end of Lake Whatcom, Matthews said.

"Lake Whatcom is a really weird lake," she said.

The lake is complex. The three major portions of the lake act almost like separate but connected lakes especially when it comes to water quality, she said.

Ninety-six percent of the water in Lake Whatcom is in the southern portion of the lake, called basin three.

Basin three is the deepest part of the lake at 300 feet. Its high volume of water and low level of development causes it to be the cleanest part of the lake.

Basins one and two, both only 60 feet deep, contain only 2 percent of the lake's water. They

“It's very hard to fix something that isn't perceived as broken.”

Robin Matthews
Huxley professor
speaking about Lake Whatcom

contain the most impurities because they are the smallest and closest to town, she said.

The problem for Bellingham is that basin two, where the city draws water for treatment, used to be as clean as basin three. Now it contains similar pollution levels to basin one, Matthews said.

The results of her 1999 Lake Whatcom report point to a statistically significant increase of pollutants.

Pollution levels are extremely low, she stressed, but her data also shows a significant and steady increase in several pollutants last decade.

"It's very hard to fix something that isn't perceived as broken," Matthews said. "Our water, right now, is exactly where I'd like to see it in 30 years. That's why protection is so important."

Western to use Lake Canyon forest for ecology study

From REI, page 1

approximately \$70,000," said Barbara Maleng, research specialist of The Western Foundation. "This includes the cost of the trail and also the cost of a heavy-duty bridge."

The Western Foundation applied for the REI Great Places grant and continues, along with Whatcom Land Trust, to research other funding opportunities to complete the Canyon Creek park and trails project.

An additional \$35,000 is still needed to complete the costs for the trail around the lake and the bridge across Canyon Lake Creek. The Western Foundation is applying for additional grants to obtain the extra funding.

The Canyon Creek area includes 700 acres of old forest — one of the oldest native forests remaining in the state. Forest experts estimate the trees in this area — Alaska yellow cedar, mountain hemlock and Pacific silver fir — stand between 800 and 1,000 years old.

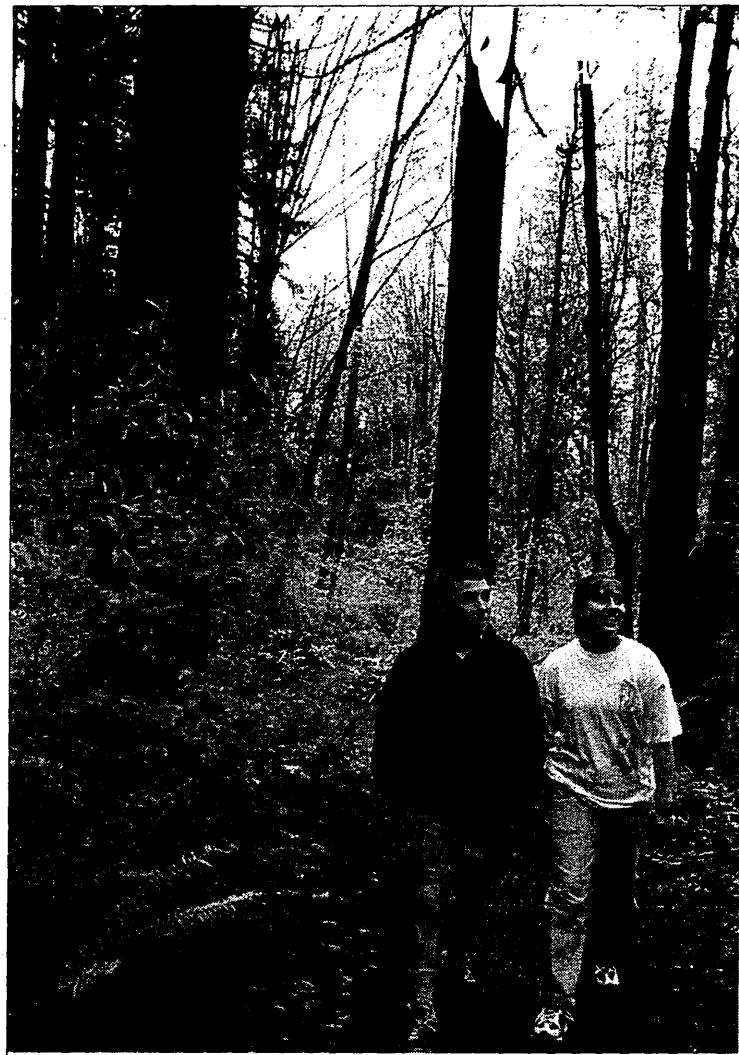
The forest is currently closed to the public and will not open until the trails are ready.

"We want to try to maintain the property as it was when we purchased the property," Maleng said. "We want to have well thought and planned trails that won't destroy the forest."

"Once open, the university will be able to use the forest for study and research, development of new concepts for wildlife conservation and ecology studies," Maleng said. "There is a unique ecological system there that doesn't exist in the Northwest anymore."

In the fall, REI also contributed \$10,000 to the project to assist with upper-trail construction and a footbridge.

"REI has a long history of supporting Washington state and our recreational lands," said



Stephanie Kosonen/The Western Front
Shawn Bookey and Christina Pince walk the trails of Lake Canyon Creek. Western received a \$25,000 grant to jointly build a 1.5-mile lower trail and bridge with Whatcom County Parks and Whatcom Land Trust. Total cost for the project will reach more than \$80,000.

Dennis Madsen, REI president and CEO, and Western Foundation board member. "We are a recent addition to the Bellingham area and are very pleased to be able to support such an important project."

"We are delighted by the community support evidenced by this grant from REI," said Rand Jack, Whatcom Land Trust board member. "Well-built trails provide public access while, at the

same time, allowing us to meet our stewardship obligation to this magnificent public forest."

The forest was purchased from Crown Pacific logging company in 1998 for nearly \$3.7 million through public and private funding negotiated by Whatcom Land Trust. It included a \$1.9 million grant from the Paul G. Allen Forest Protection Foundation and \$700,000 contributed by Whatcom County Council.

WWU GURs Available from Independent Learning

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Humor counters stereotypes

Allen J. Ryan uses irony, songs to present American Indian art

By Brendan Manning
THE WESTERN FRONT

Author and songwriter Allen J. Ryan, an instructor in the department of history in art at the University of Victoria, presented his research of contemporary American Indian art Thursday in the Old Main Theater.

The presentation, "Trickster Mischief: Subversive Humour In Contemporary Native American Art," featured slides of paintings, photographs and drawings that use humor and irony to examine stereotypes of American Indians.

Ryan, 54, wrote "The Trickster Shift: Humour and Irony In Contemporary Native Art," a Fairhaven course text about American Indian art.

Sophomore David Mosier attended the presentation.

"The pieces can bring forth social issues to both native and non-native viewers and how (the artists) get those issues across," Mosier said.

Ryan began the presentation singing songs he had written, including one that comically described his intention of donating his body to science.

"I like putting the audience off guard, it's the Trickster thing to do," Ryan said.

"I like the fact that he did the



Craig Yantis/The Western Front
Allen J. Ryan educates an audience on modern native art.

songs," Mosier said, "because they contain the Native American humor and irony that is seen in the art work and his studies."

Ryan followed songs with a book presentation and works of American Indian artists.

The art work, Ryan said, makes one reconsider what it means to be an American Indian in this new century and how people generally have preconceived notions of them, which maintains the stereotypical stoic and feathered image of them.

One piece of art examined was

Bill Powless' drawing, "The Tourists."

This pictured a stereotypical American Indian family dressed in feathers and beads looking out to the audience. The father, though, has a camera in his hand in order to take a picture of the viewer.

Another piece was Shelly Niro's "Final Frontier," a photograph of a Native American woman in a Star Trek uniform.

"The use of humor is often utilized as a strategy to engage you," Ryan said. "The work can be quite serious and disarming."

Balancing act



Daniel J. Peters/The Western Front
Alex Shapiro hops onto a bench outside the Humanities building Wednesday. Shapiro often performs tricks around campus.



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Based on survey data collected by Prevention & Wellness Services and the office of Institutional Assessment and Testing (1998) from 680 Western students in a randomly selected mailing funded by US Dept. of Ed.

Elliott Smith's 'Figure 8:' repetition kills

Music Review

By **Dionna M. Dominguez**
THE WESTERN FRONT

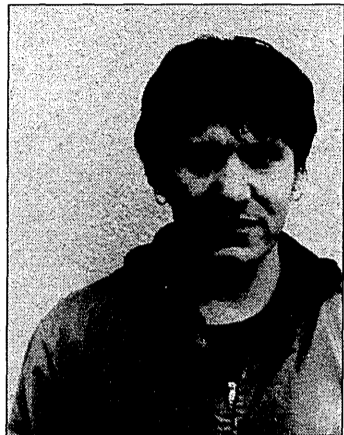
Singer/songwriter Elliott Smith's newest album, "Figure 8," is a maddening journey through relationship angst, societal rage and just plain whining.

Smith is a celebrated Academy Award-nominated artist with soundtrack credits from the films "Good Will Hunting" and "American Beauty."

He continually denounces any desires to get his music into the mainstream, where he may end up losing sight of the reasons he creates it in the first place.

In case he hasn't noticed, he hit the mainstream a few years ago.

"All that stuff about more people knowing who you are really



Courtesy Dreamworks Records
Elliott Smith

doesn't help you do anything," Smith told "Musician" magazine in October, 1998. "It's more about being something than doing something, and I'd rather do something."

Whatever you say, Elliott.

Many longtime Smith fans know that "Figure 8" is missing something raw — perhaps the use of profanity and references to alcohol — evident in past albums. The sledgehammer guitar riffs rock, and are pounded out with confidence in "Junk Bond Trader."

The saucy piano lines throughout the album interject a much-needed change of pace, however, the lyrics — as Smith sings them — sound like the musical diary of a mournful man with some real issues who grates on the nerves.

"Everything Reminds Me of Her" is short and sad. The lyrics lack any real depth — the title is merely repeated throughout the song. Smith has nothing more to say.

The affect is reminiscent of your mother nagging about the

laundry — I got it the first time.

"Figure 8" feels like an immersion-by-force into someone else's pain and depression. It's the old bait and switch. The melodies have an almost upbeat '60s feel while the lyrics are torturous whinings of things gone wrong.

It sounds like The Monkees on downers.

In "Can't Make a Sound," Smith's infectious words, such as "the slow motion moves me/the monologue means nothing to me/bored in the role, but he can't stop/standing up to sit back down/or lose the one thing found," are mood altering to say the least.

This album is great for all-night drunken crying jags. It can even get you started. Just find a dark corner somewhere, but stay away from the razor blades.

Even "Happiness" is not happy. With Hammond organs swirling around the lyrics, "activity's killing the actor/and a cop's standing out in the road turning traffic away/there was nothing she could do until after/when his body'd been buried below/way back in the day," nothing is going to get this album up.

Smith openly acknowledges the darkness of his music, and makes no apologies or explana-

tions for it.

"There's a difference between 'real' and 'depressing,' and if real equals depressing to somebody then that's too bad," Smith told "Option" in mid-1998.

Unfortunately, it's really depressing.

To his credit, Smith's experience in the studio is evident on "Figure 8," and saves the integrity of his music. Initially, the songs are seemingly basic.

After listening a second or third time, something new can always be found. It is that kind of effort that makes buying music worth the money — it lasts and lasts.

This latest effort by Smith does invoke deep, dark sentiments in some listeners.

Some things, however, need to be said. He is just the guy to do it, with his blunt honesty and anger.

For those people who have difficulty expressing themselves in negative situations, this album is packed with phrases to borrow.

For the healthier public, this album is a pass. It serves the same purpose as asking someone to punch you in the face because you still have room for some scars.

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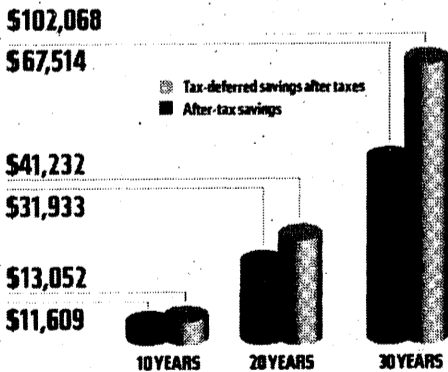
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The RHA's 24th annual pseudo-gambling festival gave out thousands of dollars in prizes, including Dave Matthews and Mariners tickets

By Andrea McInnis
THE WESTERN FRONT

Colored spotlights brightened the dance floor. Upbeat music blared from speakers on the DJ's stage. Shouts arose throughout the evening, signaling winning hands of cards or favorable rolls of dice.

A night for students to wear their fanciest clothes or their most creative costumes and gamble in a school building comes once a year.

Saturday, Residence Hall Association members turned Carver Gym into a cross between Hollywood and Las Vegas for the 24th annual Casino Night.

"You could tell they put a lot of work into it, especially the decorations," Western student Stella Tuttle, 20, said.

On the walls, silver construction paper shaped as filmstrips and red plastic strips along the floor's edge revealed the event's "Star's Walk of Fame" theme. Movie posters decorated the walls.

Students wore everything from formal gowns and three-piece suits to costumes, which made for several celebrity look-

likes.

"I already had my dress and just realized it would make a good costume for this," Tuttle said. Her pink dress resembled the one Gwyneth Paltrow wore last year when she received her best actress Oscar for Shakespeare in Love. Tuttle's blond hair was fashioned in a French twist, the same as Paltrow's.

Volunteers worked six blackjack tables, three poker tables, two craps tables and two roulette tables, and ran an eight-foot overhead projector that showed horse races for students' gambling pleasure.

"We've been working on this since early October," Casino Night chairperson Nova Gattman said.

She said 30 people from RHA organized it, and 250 volunteers — students, faculty and community members — helped on the night of the event.

Cups of poker chips were available upon entering the gym. Blue chips, worth \$50, could be exchanged throughout the night for \$1,000 coupons once a person accumulated enough chips; red chips, worth \$100, could be exchanged

for \$5,000 coupons; and green chips, worth \$500, could be exchanged for \$10,000 coupons, to be used in the raffle and auction at the end of the night.

One raffle prize was a Mariners game package, including an Amtrak train ride and a night in the Madison Renaissance Hotel in Seattle.

"I bought 200 raffle tickets, which cost \$200,000," said freshman Jared Martineau, 19, who won the trip.

Two tickets to an Aug. 5 Dave Matthews concert at the Gorge at George was the top auction prize.

"I had never gone to Casino Night before," said senior Ryan Kuttel, 21, who won the tickets. "I just watched horse races and played blackjack all night."

Kuttel said he almost forgot about the auction, but friends reminded him in time.

"The stakes started getting really high, and the tickets were the last things sold," Kuttel said. "People who hadn't won things they bid on started giving me their money. So people I'd never met gave me some of the \$2.8 million that I won the tickets with."

Kuttel, a Dave Matthews fan, has never seen the band play at the Gorge before, and said he will have fun.

Gattman said that altogether, RHA gave away \$7,000 in prizes.

About 1,300 people attended the event

including volunteers.

RHA members didn't consider this year's event a sellout, considering that they sold 1,500 tickets before, but said they still thought the night was a success.

"We had a good crowd," advertising co-chair Uhura Jones said.

"I was pleased to see how many people came," Jones said. "I felt I could have advertised more, maybe focus more on off-campus students."

Gattman said in the past, RHA had \$4,000 in its budget to spend specifically on Casino Night, but this year that figure came down to \$2,700.

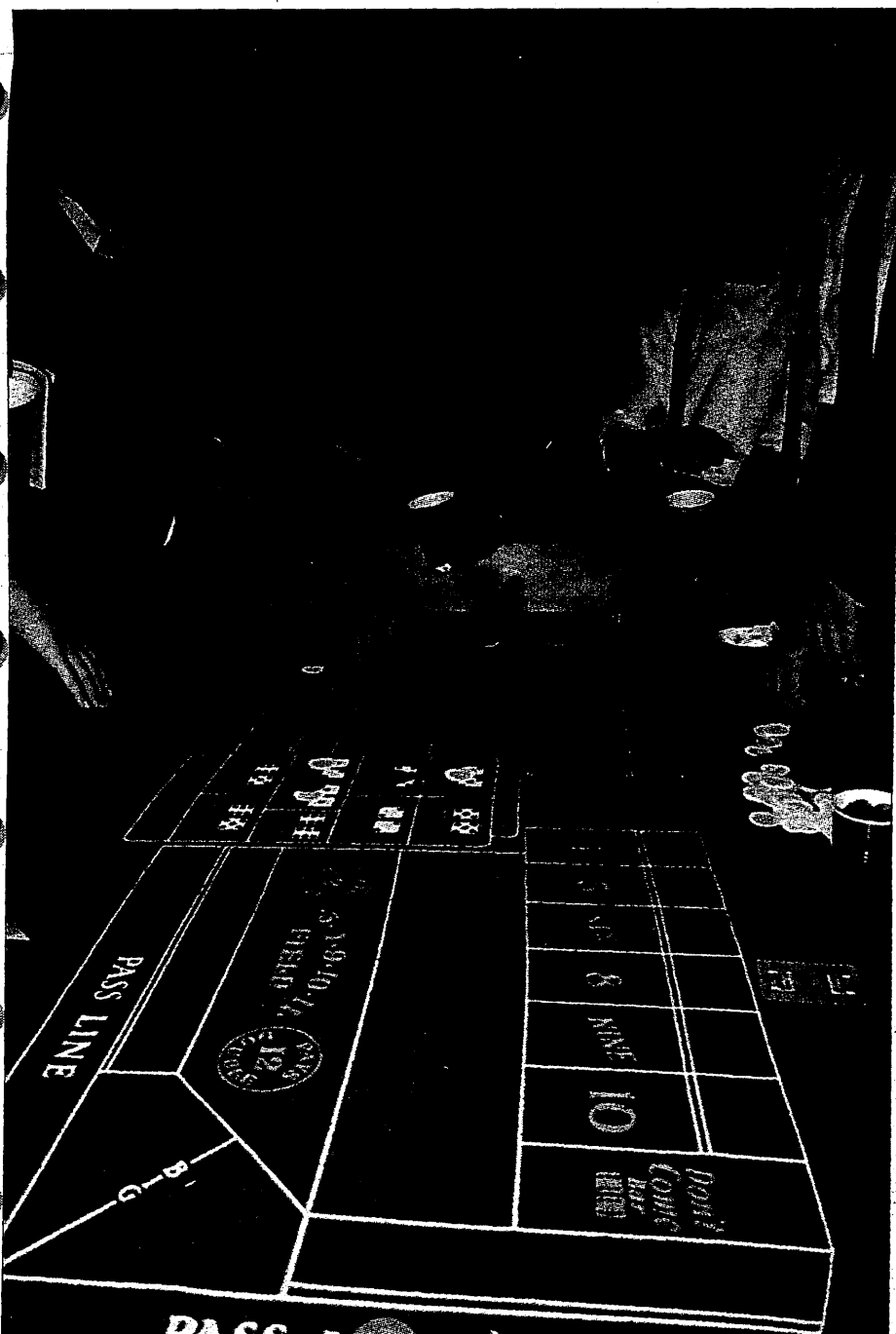
"RHA is a programming and funding board as well as the communication between residence halls and the university," Gattman said. "As a result, funds had to be moved to serve both purposes, and we ended up with less for Casino Night."

"We're proud that we came in under budget," Gattman said.

Sodexo Marriott donated more than \$1,000 in refreshments, as well as the hotel stay for the Cinco de Mayo Mariner package.

"Casino Night allows students who help with it to participate in a leadership role," Gattman said.

"It gets RHA's name out to promote quality programming at Western."



Photos by Angela Smith/The Western Front
(Above) Junior Scott Kelpp places a hopeful \$150 bet at the craps table Saturday night. (Top Right) Carver Gym hosted a Casino Night complete with blackjack and dancing under red and blue lights.

CANADIAN DRUM

By Levi Pulkkinen
THE WESTERN FRONT

Though it began as a gentle rain, NEXUS' music became a hammering tidal wave Saturday at Western's Performing Arts Center. The Toronto-based percussion group unleashed a torrent of sound with everything from snare drums and xylophones to a car horn.

The musicians, some of whom have been with the group since its conception, have traveled the world in search of sound.

They found their own. Combining American ragtime with classical European, African and Indian music, NEXUS produces a sound that is both refined and tribal.

Beginning the show with all five players surrounding three xylophones, NEXUS laid into a piece that demanded synchronous and style. One man would be playing softly, his gray hair bobbing to the beat, when the other four would slip back into the piece and it would burn again. Then they walked off stage.

NEXUS is a collection of men who have, for more than a quarter century, played with symphonies around the world. From the New York Philharmonic to the U.S. Air Force Band to the Cologne Radio Orchestra, NEXUS players have played with the big boys of classical music and excelled.

A few minutes later the PAC was dark, with only a single spot of red light focusing on a line of small drums, 12 of them. A bald man in a polo shirt stepped into the light, a drumstick held casually in each hand.

When beads of sweat had finally formed on the first bald man's scalp, a second one appeared and two more

drums stirred. Their drums cracked like rifles, their quick sticks looked like fans in the red light. Soon a third and a fourth man appeared, throwing themselves into the barrage of sound.

Now NEXUS becomes dirty men squatting around a fire playing to the starr sky.

They unleash their instruments' energy, making them scream as much as sing. These guys transcend the boundaries of classical music and create something raw and fiery.

They went on for 15 or 20 minutes. Drummers stepped back from the light one by one, until finally the piece was finished. When the lights came up, NEXUS was gone. All five members returned and walked to a table with strange things on it. They picked them up and started making music.

It was a comical piece, a joke between the musicians and the audience. A rope was pulled through a snare drum and made a sound like a cow in a tunnel. A small, ceramic whistle was blown and a large, tin horn was honked. The old men smiled at each new sound and the audience laughed at the music.

After the piece they sat down in hard black chairs. One man had a drum with a fluted base slung under his arm, looking like he had lost his circle of hippies.

Another man had a black box in his lap the size and shape of an amplifier for guitar. They began to play a rhythmless song.

It rocked and whined, swinging from one instrument to the next with easy grace. The drums boomed and the box let out squeals of either pain or joy. The players stole glances at one another like kids at a junior high school dance, looking for the beat. Somehow they found it.

Casino Night



GOODS NEXUS SHOW OFF IN PAC

It is the international NEXUS, the years of wandering boiled down into less than an hour of music. All the worn-out shoes and ancient, Indian musicians are pulled together in every beat of the drum, every pull of the cord.

NEXUS moved back to its xylophones and began to bang out ragtime tunes. Linking along, they chase "Ragtime Robin" and follow the piece up with "Lola." The pace is slow, the music airy and NEXUS pleased. They flow through it without any apparent effort, moving together to create a single sound and supporting each other. Two songs later, the concert was over.

The audience will not leave. It stands and claps and shouts for more and NEXUS delivers. The percussionists return to play their last song with a snare drum and three xylophones.

The drum snaps and jumps as it leads the rest of the group into a bouncy march. The four other players follow it precisely and soon NEXUS is rolling again.

This is the NEXUS that played with Jimmy Durante and The Chuck Mangione Orchestra. It is the bunch of guys that like to shake it just a little, that can have fun with the noises they make.

Here the old men are like children who have found the pots and pans. They are performers more than artists, playing for the crowd as much as for themselves.

NEXUS takes its name from a Roman word meaning "a connection or tie between the members of a group or series." It is an appropriate title for a group that can find a link between sounds as unrelated as those they play.

To see music in a broken drum and to find melody in a car horn is difficult, but NEXUS does it well.



Levi Pulkkinen/The Western Front

Members of Nexus close the show with some ragtime tunes. The famed percussion ensemble played Western Saturday night.

Women slaughter Saints

By Levi Pulkkinen
THE WESTERN FRONT

Western's women's golf team finished its regular season with a bang, beating Saint Martin's College Tuesday at the Western Invitational.

The five-woman squad, led by sophomore Becky Barton and coach Noreen Chrysler, finished a luke-warm season with a fiery performance at the Sudden Valley Golf and Country Club.

Freshman golfer Shannon Fitzpatrick said the team performed well, considering the lack of competition.

"We shot around 80 finally, and we haven't been doing that lately, so it's good to end on a high note," Fitzpatrick said.

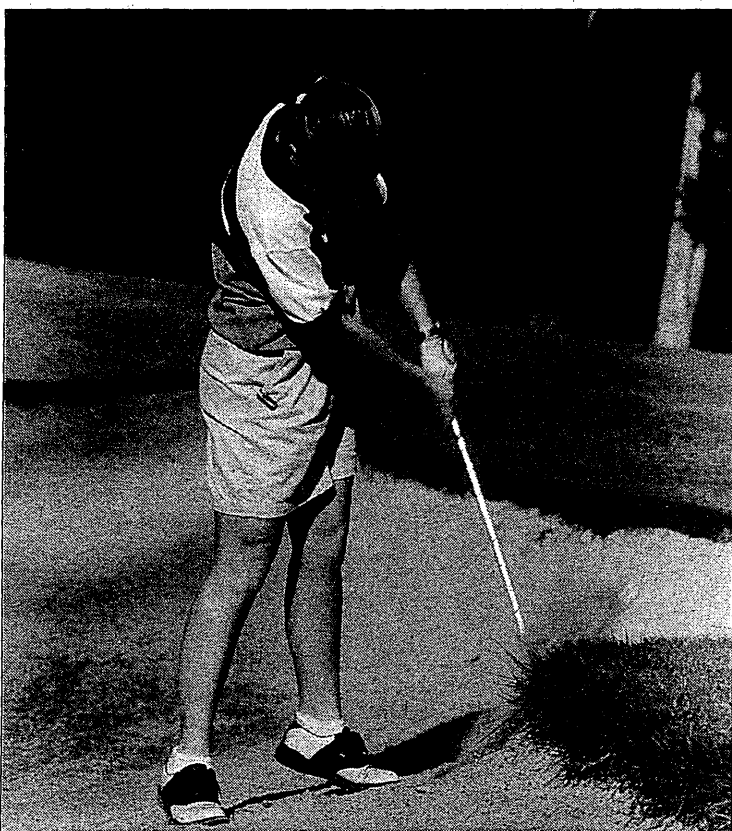
Doing well on the links at the end of the season may pay off for the Vikings.

It has not yet been decided who will play at the NCAA II National Championships. Western's golfers still have a shot at going to the tournament.

"I think we have about a 50-50 chance," Chrysler said about the women's odds of going to nationals. "We're still optimistic about it — other teams could be playing poorly at the same time."

Western's young team, with three freshmen out of five players, started the season with a strong showing at the Portland Invitational, but slipped during the mid-season.

The early spring invitationals were not kind to the Western



Becky Barton digs out of the sand on the 17th hole at the Western Invitational.

women and mediocre scores may keep them out of the national tournament.

Chrysler sees the season as a small disappointment, but not a total loss, she said.

"We didn't adjust to the conditions," Chrysler said. "Our scores were probably, on average, five to seven strokes higher than average for every player."

The women took Monday and Tuesday's match with Saint Martin's seriously and prevailed, shutting Saint Martin's out of the top four spots.

Barton shot 16-over-par on the final 27 holes to close the deal for the Vikings.

Barton led the team with a score of 257 for the 54-hole tournament.

Men's golf wins qualifier; earns top seed at regionals

By Janis Lee
THE WESTERN FRONT

Western's men's golf team qualified for the NCAA Division II regionals by winning the District 8 tournament Tuesday at Kings' Course in Waikoloa, Hawaii.

The victory gives the Vikings the first seed in the West regional.

"We just came off of the worst tournament of the year for us," Jamie Kim said, speaking of the team's 11th place finish at the Grand Canyon Invitational. "We felt like we needed to bounce back and win."

Senior Craig Welty said beating the top teams was difficult.

"All the top teams were there," Welty said. "There were three teams there that had beaten us earlier this year — and we won."

The guys not only had to judge the slope of the hole but also had to determine which way the grains of the bermuda would pull the ball. Bermuda grass grows sideways, unlike the grass used on the courses in Washington that grow up and down, sophomore Bo Stephan said.

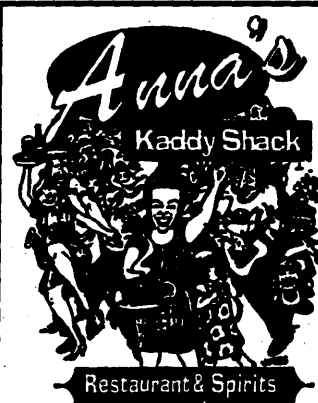
Measuring the slope and pull of the grass was not easy with the wind blowing both days of the tournament.

"The wind was blowing 30 mph consistently," Stephan said. "It's about 20 mph more than what you want to golf at."

Stephan placed second in the tournament individually while the team won being 16-strokes under par, finishing with a total of 907.

Western's Head Coach Steve Card was honored as the District Coach of the Year after the win in Hawaii.

Welty was also honored as the District's Player of the Year.



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Freshmen trio anchor pitching staff

By Evan Parker
THE WESTERN FRONT

Western's softball team's push into the NCAA Division II national rankings and PacWest playoffs can be traced to the pitching of freshmen Amanda Grant, Kristen Kiekenapp and Nancy Mills.

The trio accounts for 18 of Western's 24 wins, and each player has tied or broken a Viking pitching record this season. The success of the Viking's pitchers is not surprising. It's the fact that the anchors of Western's pitching staff are freshmen.

"It's pretty rare to have three freshmen start on the same team," head coach Art Phinney said. "But to have three be that good, that's non-existent."

Phinney's face lights up as bright as the future of Western softball when he talks about the three pitchers.

"This is a very special staff," Phinney said. "Most teams revolve around one pitcher, we revolve around four (including sophomore Hope Truitt)."

Grant, Kiekenapp and Mills had success on the softball diamond, but each has their own way of getting the opposition's hitters out. All three have a trademark pitch and attitude that is the cornerstone of their success.

Grant, the staff leader in strikeouts and innings pitched, changes speeds to keeps hitters off balance. Her change up deceives batters into thinking that the ball is coming faster than it is.

"Amanda has one of the best,

if not the best, change up I have ever seen," Phinney said.

She starts her fastball at 62 mph then throws a change up in the 30 mph range, making it difficult for hitters to time the pitch, Phinney said.

"I want to keep the hitters off-balance," Grant said. "And make them hit my pitch."

In sharp contrast to Grant's calculating approach to pitching, Kiekenapp's style is more obvious.

"Kiekenapp will go right at you," Phinney said.

She stays away from changing speeds and focuses her efforts on her rise ball, Phinney said.

"I am working on other pitches, and they're getting better," Kiekenapp said. "But I'd say my best pitch is my rise ball."

Kiekenapp and her rise ball set the Viking record for strikeouts in a single game, with 12 against Western Oregon University Sunday.

Kiekenapp's season almost didn't happen. She started the season as a red shirt, practicing with the team but not playing.

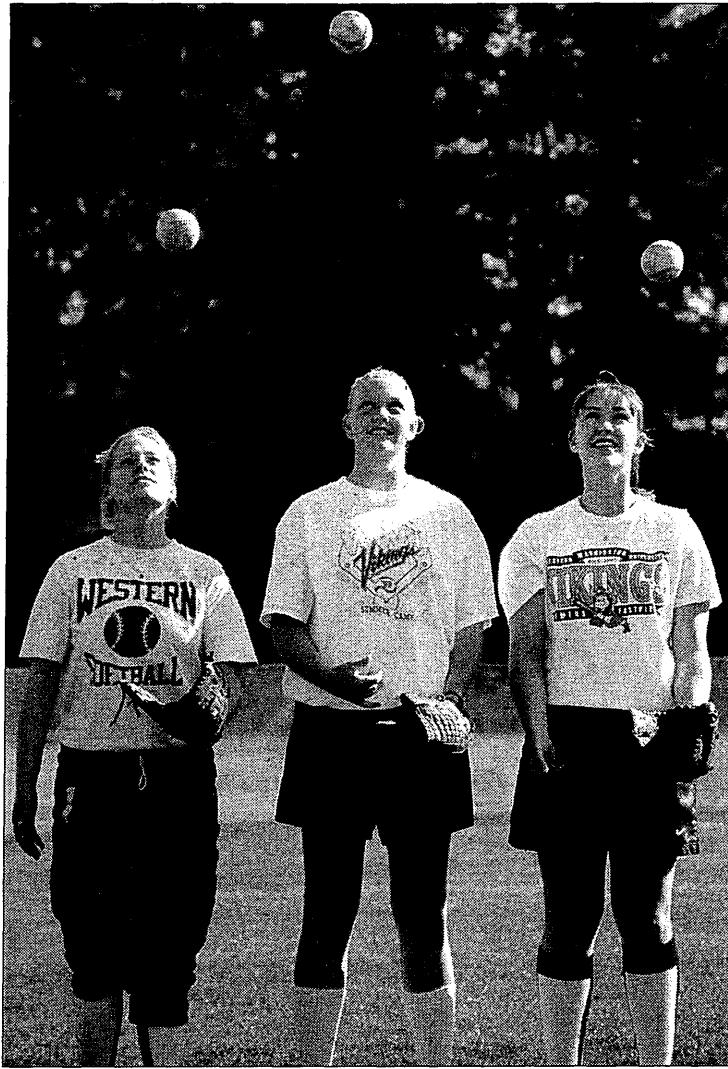
After fine tuning her mechanics and adding some new pitches, Kiekenapp began playing.

"We underestimated how quick she learned (the new pitches)," Phinney said.

"I wanted to go in there with no fear and prove myself," Kiekenapp said.

All the way from Los Gatos, Calif., to Bellingham, Nancy Mills uses the soothing power of music to calm her pitching spirit.

"I always have a song in my head when I pitch," Mills said. "That's what I need to stay



Evan Parker/The Western Front
Left to right: Western pitchers Amanda Grant, Nancy Mills and Kristen Kiekenapp lead the No. 23 nationally ranked Vikings.

relaxed."

Whatever song she is listening to has helped Mills to an 8-0 record and the Western record for consecutive wins. Mills throws an array of breaking pitches that baffle even the most

experienced hitters.

"If I come in there (strike zone) straight I'll get roped," Mills said. "I depend on my rise and drop balls."

"Nancy lives on throwing curves," Phinney said.

"I have to be relaxed to pitch good," Mills said. "I don't like to be stressed out, so I usually try to stay up beat."

The trio credits some of their success to the support they get from each other.

"They are very supportive of each other," Phinney said. Whether it is a pat on the back or some friendly advice, the freshmen rely on the support they get from each other.

"They (Grant and Mills) taught me to have more confidence in myself," Kiekenapp said. "They have always been there to help you."

"Amanda (Grant) had been helping me with my change up," Kiekenapp said.

"We are definitely all friends," Grant said. "We are completely open with each other, and offer constructive criticism."

"Whenever I get down on myself, they pick you up with a joke," Mills said.

In any game situation, the three freshmen have been able to step in and do their job, which is to keep us in the game, Phinney said. The opposition has trouble adapting to Western's trio.

"Teams can't make the adjustment when we are throwing a different pitcher at them every game," Phinney said.

The same thing teams fear — the availability of so many talented pitchers — keeps coach Phinney up at night deciding who will be his starting pitcher.

"They are all very interchangeable," Phinney said. "It makes it very difficult for us to decide."

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Frontline

Tobacco sales ban doesn't serve students, costs VU cash

The battle of tobacco sales on campus continues this quarter as the Viking Union hosted a student forum on the issue last night.

At the forum, the Associated Student Facilities and Services Council heard student input regarding a proposal to ban the sale of cigarettes at the VU candy counter by the end of spring quarter.

The ban on cigarette sales is obviously aimed at health issues. Proponents of the ban somehow believe that no longer selling cigarettes in the VU would affect the smoking habits of Western students. They're probably wrong.

Do they really think that not being able to fork over \$4 for a pack of smokes is going to discourage anyone from lighting up? They're just blowing smoke up you know where.

Anyone who really wants to have a smoke that bad, or is that addicted, is just going to find somewhere else to burn up their cash and buy cigarettes.

And if they're hoping to stop those who might take up the nasty habit in college, their efforts are just as misguided. Those who start puffing here don't do so as a matter of convenience.

It's unlikely any of the first-time college smokers at Western took it up because they had a wad of cash burning a hole in their pockets as they jogged past the VU.

The fact is that cigarette sales at the VU counter far outnumber any other product Jim Schuster, associate director of VU operations said.

The revenue that the sale of tobacco in the VU creates easily outweighs any of the health considerations that the proposal would supposedly support.

The banning of tobacco sales will not stop anybody from smoking and will cost the VU money.

Even Schuster admits that with the loss from cigarette revenue, the VU will either have to find another way to raise cash, or make some cuts.

Is it worth it to cut services to all of Western students in order to inconvenience the smokers? Not at all.

It's not that smoking is something that should be encouraged, but banning sales isn't going to establish the goal of discouraging smoking.

If Western really wanted to make a difference, they would spend some of the cash that cigarettes bring on education and prevention.

The VU should wake up and smell the cigarette smoke. A ban would only serve as a minor pain in the lungs for a select group of students and won't accomplish anything.

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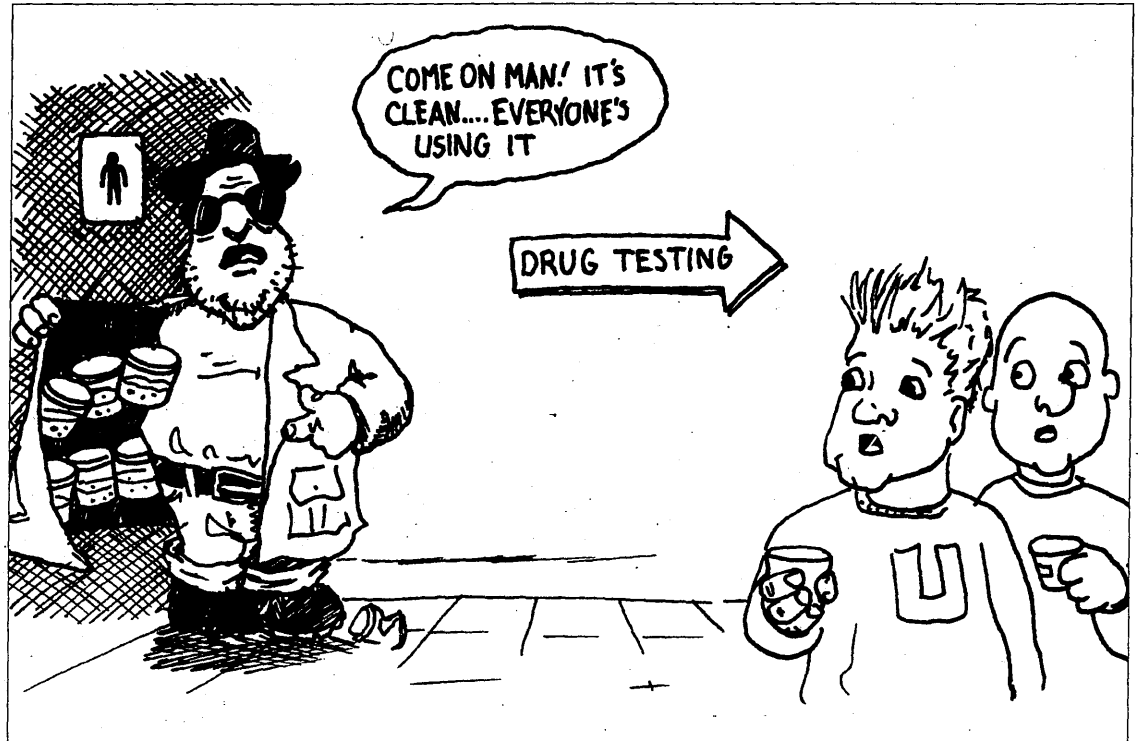
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And we quote:

'As far as my kids' rights, they're not responsible. What rights do they have? They don't have a right to drink or do drugs.'

Kelly Prayor, 35, who has two children, regarding the controversial mandatory drug tests at their high school. In the April 17 edition of the New York Times.



School drug testing invasive, unnecessary rights violation



Brendan Haug

COMMENTARY

A family in Lockney, Texas is challenging the city's ordinance that requires all junior and senior high school students and school employees to take a mandatory drug test and random follow-up tests.

Anyone who refuses the test suffers the same punishment as someone who tests positive for drugs.

The Fourth Amendment states that citizens are protected "against unreasonable searches and seizures" and that "no warrants shall issue, but on probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or

things to be seized."

This right to privacy is why schools do not allow random locker searches. They are unconstitutional and degrade and violate the privacy of students who have done nothing illegal.

This same standard should apply to student's bladders as

'Random drug tests violate the Fourth Amendment by treating everyone who takes them like a convicted drug user on parole.'

well.

Next to a rubber-gloved hand probing a body cavity, nothing is quite so invasive as a urine test. It violates a person, not just their privacy.

The students in Lockney, however, do not see a problem with

mandatory drug tests. Those who have nothing to fear from random tests have no misgivings when it comes to giving up their privacy and their Fourth Amendment rights.

Unfortunately, if left untouched by the U.S. Supreme Court, this local law sets a precedent, which asserts that random searches are perfectly legal.

If more schools decide to adopt this practice, more controversy is inevitable. Lockney has 2,200 residents and one family does not wish to have their single child humiliate himself.

Some schools have more than 2,200 students. In larger communities, it is certain more individuals will refuse to take unwarranted drug tests. Are they all to be presumed guilty as well?

Many Americans have the

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Bus proposal makes A.S. election crucial for students



Michelle Yousey

A.S. VOICE

Yoo-hoo! I know you're out there. I've seen you carrying signs, protesting this and that. I've read your chalk diagrams in Red Square. I've heard the guitar music from your tents by Fisher Fountain.

I've fought with you for a parking space. I was cramped next to you in the bus. I sat too close to you in our over-filled classes. You had so much to say then, where did you go?

Every year at this time, you, the student, have a chance to stop grumbling and start acting. You get to vote. That's right — vote! It's a simple thing to do. It's so simple that you can do it

while passing from one class to another. Yet, if you are one of the almost 9,000 students who do not vote, you will walk by and leave it to someone else. My question is simple: who else is there?

This election will determine who represents the Associated

'That's right — vote! It's a simple thing to do. It's so simple that you can do it while passing from one class to another.'

Students during the coming academic year. Take this simple test to find out if these candidates would represent you. Are you a student at Western? If you answered yes, these candidates would represent you. This elec-

tion will also help determine whether or not online course evaluations will be offered as a service to students and what the future of bus transportation will look like. To find out if either of these issues affects you, just take this simple test. Are you a student at Western? Again, if you answered yes, then you will be affected by this vote.

Now, some people are really confused about voting, so I am going to refute some myths about the process. You do not have to give up meat, sew your own clothes, drink over-priced flavored water or sleep in Red Square to get interested in campus issues. Getting to know the candidates and issues will not turn you into the boring guy at parties who thinks his political blather will solve all the world's problems. You don't have to be a

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Colombia drug war doesn't need U.S. cash



Grant Brissey

COMMENTARY

The House of Representatives recently passed the 2000 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act.

This bill appropriates, among other things, part of \$16.1 billion "for support for counter-drug activities of the Government of Colombia."

Also, the bill provides for two UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters "for use by the Colombian National Police which shall be utilized only for counternarcotics operations in southern Columbia."

The 2000 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act also allocates money for things such as the bolstering of

the military's health coverage, continued military operations in Kosovo, and disaster relief in several southeastern states. The act stresses that it is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of State should place the United Self-Defense Forces of Colombia (Autodefensas Unidas de Colombia) on the list of foreign terrorist organizations.

There are several objectionable aspects to this type of legislation.

"Would the public want huge quantities of its tax dollars going to the drug war if they knew how the money was spent?"

First, the packaging of legislation for completely unrelated issues provides a medium for less-favorable policy to become enacted.

Representatives are less likely to vote against bills that include things such as monetary aid for domestic disaster relief, or our continued military presence in war-torn Kosovo, and, as a result

such legislation is usually inundated various sorts of riders that cater to special interests. Second, these legislative decisions are not necessarily always the will of the public. According to "The Struggle for Democracy," Congress acts contrary to public opinion one-third of the time. The book also notes when Congress deals with issues that are "obscure and (where) public attention is low, Congress responds to narrow and privileged interests."

Some of the issues surrounding the 2000 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, such as the drug war in Columbia, easily qualify as obscure.

They also receive little attention from the public or the media, and therefore serve as a perfect example of this phenomenon. Would the public want huge quantities of its tax dollars going to the drug war if they knew how the money was spent? Is this package of legislation subject to, or even the result of special interests?

The public may not have a problem with many of the bills passed by Congress, but it might if it knew more about them.

LETTERS

A sample of our reader opinions

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Commuters need to vote

As a student commuting from Burlington and not living on campus, I sometimes feel like I am left in the dark when it comes to problems at Western. I think my fellow commuters feel the same way.

Well, commuters take notice.

Here is a problem that directly involves us. Whatcom Transit Authority is cutting service to Western, and the school is considering charging \$30 per quarter to ride the Civic Field Express. At that price I might as well pay for parking on campus and fight for a parking spot every day.

The Associated Students Board of Directors has once again stepped up to help us out. They have found a way to reduce the price of the bus pass to \$15 and to continue the service we currently enjoy. I would much rather pay that small fee and avoid the headache of finding a place to park on campus.

I strongly urge all of you commuters out there to vote yes on April 25 and 26. Make your vote count on something that will actually effect you daily life.

Shannon Disbennett
Western Student

Bus cuts call for student votes to save services many rely on

From A.S. VOICE, page 10

political science major to understand how someone would give up their comfort to campaign for two weeks in front of friends and peers. And you can still help determine what the future of Western will look like if you will soon be leaving.

All you need is to catch one of the issues of The Western Front, the A.S. Review or the Kitchen Debates and read a little about each person. You might even shake the hand of a candidate and ask why on earth he or she would carry signs, visit residence halls, and speak at forums for two weeks just to get a job!

I'll be watching for you between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. You have my word — it will be painless and maybe even a little fun. You might even find that somebody wants to hear your grumbling.

Michelle Yousey is the A.S. Vice President for Business and Operations

Drug testing unconstitutional, unfair treatment of young citizens

From DRUGS, page 10

ability to page a friend and purchase a fold-top sandwich bag full of overpriced temporary happiness.

By doing so, though, they must acknowledge the fact that they are breaking the law and should accept the reality of incurring the righteous indignation of lawmakers.

Until such time as a large man wearing a blue suit and carrying an amazingly bright Maglite confronts a drug user, no other institution has the right to test that user for drugs.

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Random drug tests violate the Fourth Amendment by treating everyone who takes them like a convicted drug user on parole.

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Facilities and Services Council to vote on ban Monday

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areas is the de-normalizing of smoking," Covert-Bowlds said. "We say that inhaling a toxic poison with 4,000 toxic carcinogens and exposing other people to it is not normal. It should never have been normal. It's only because the tobacco indus-

try has been spreading around billions of dollars, bought off enough politicians and educational institutions and the state of Washington to make it normal."

The Facilities and Services Council will vote on the recommendation it will make to the Viking Union administration in

a meeting at 5 p.m. Monday in Humanities 110.

Yousey, also vice president for business and operations, said people interested in voicing their opinion is welcome to attend the meeting.

Yousey added she is taking comments via phone or e-mail at ASVP.BusOps@wwu.edu.



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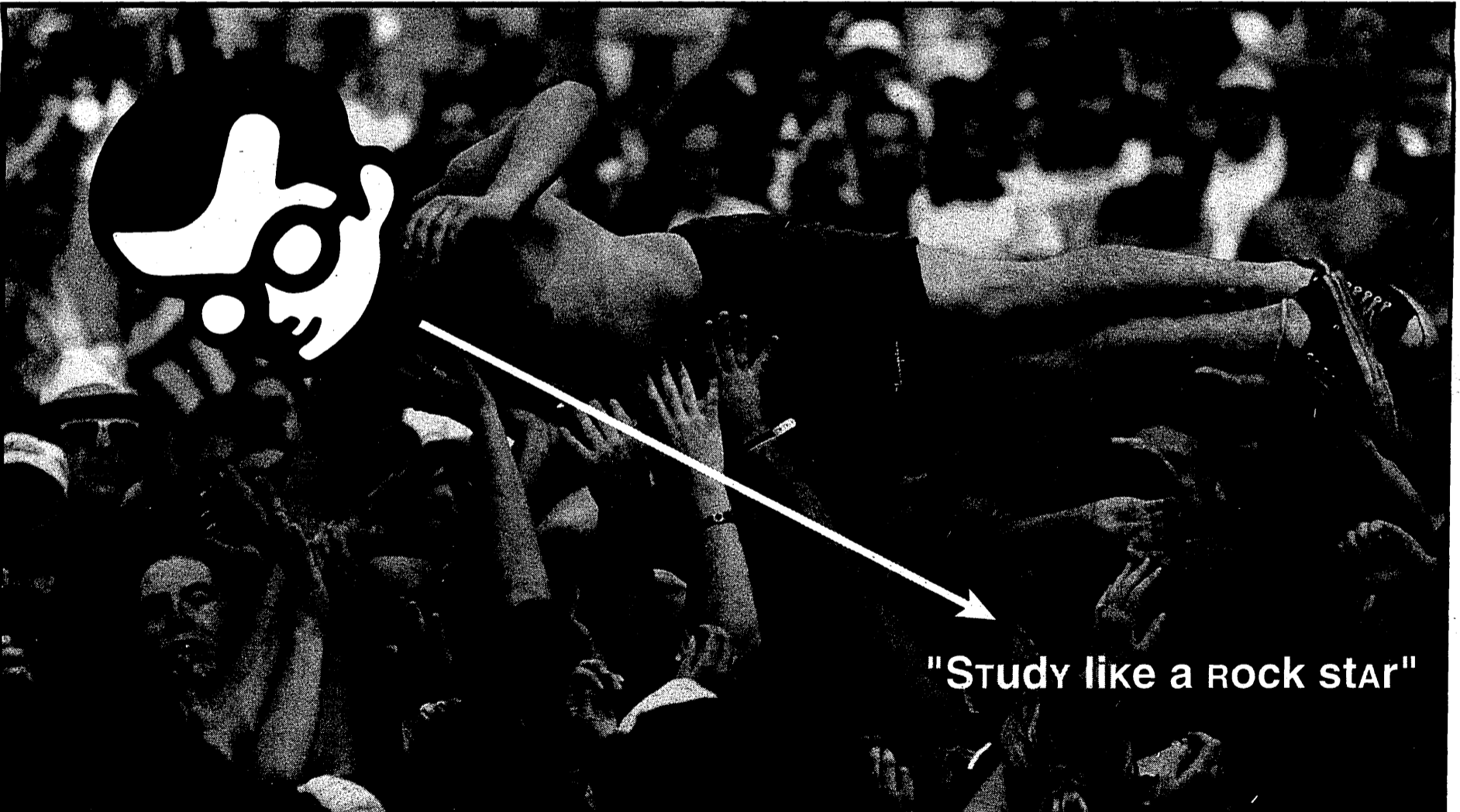
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A.S. Elections

Referendum proposes \$15 fee to save No. 20



A referendum on the ballot would keep the No. 20 route from being reduced.

By Laura Rabel
THE WESTERN FRONT

After July 2001, a 60 percent cut in the Whatcom Transportation Authority budget for services coming through campus will diminish the current 125 bus routes to 45, while weekend bus routes will drop from 79 to 18 per day.

For the past 10 to 15 years, Western has worked on transportation to provide students with a system that better applies to their needs. Now that the vehicle excise tax has gone down to \$30, it has become a threat to the transportation system, and it is crunch time.

"I have been working on this project for the past two years," said David Toyer, Associated Students vice president for legislative and community affairs. "This same project has been worked on by the university for the past 10 to 15 years. Now it comes down to the student vote."

The student transportation

referendum will be on the ballot April 25 and 26. This referendum is a proposed \$15 per quarter fee for students willing to support transportation services provided to Western daily.

Students who pay the fee will receive a card good for busses and local discounts.

"This is the first time the vice president's office has worked like this with the A.S.," said Hunter Bevis, student liaison for the vice president for business and financial affairs.

Western currently spends up to \$250,000 per year funding the No. 20 bus that 1,800 people ride per day, and \$30,000 on the west shuttle.

To solve the problem, Western proposed a \$30 per quarter fee for the use of the No. 20 Civic Field Express bus. The No. 20 bus is currently free and moves students from Civic Field to campus throughout the school day.

The referendum, however, includes more benefits to better serve students. This means

additional non-stop services running seven days per week to Bellis Fair, Lakeway, Sunset and Fairhaven. Local businesses in these areas have agreed to give student discounts with the cards.

If the referendum passes, students will get the pass after paying a voluntary fee as they register for classes similar to the way students can now choose to donate \$2 to the Western Student Lobby.

Aside from benefits to students through the referendum, other areas are also affected.

Reduced bus service through campus will force more students to drive to school.

With limited on-campus parking, students who drive to school may support the referendum to avoid future headaches.

"One of the reasons I've worked so hard on this is that it's an issue with parking, as well as an issue for transportation," Toyer said. "For anyone who parks on campus it's in your best interest to participate."

Students vote on online evaluations

By Hillary Smith
THE WESTERN FRONT

Western students may soon have the opportunity to view institutionally administered course evaluations online after a referendum calling for the voluntary publicity of evaluations is voted on April 25 and 26.

The referendum, to be voted on by the student body, proposes that "Western Washington University create a program that will allow professors to voluntarily post their institutionally administered evaluations online (similar to the service provided to the students at the University of Washington)."

Associated Students President Victor Cox is a strong proponent of online evaluations. Cox said Western students have been fighting to make professor and course evaluations public knowledge for the past 20 years.

"My vision would be to have the evaluations online and the syllabuses in the same place. It would be a great resource for students to match their learning styles with professors," Cox said. "The ultimate goal is to

give students a choice".

Online course evaluations created by the A.S. Board of Directors are currently available to students. The evaluations give students who wish to assess their courses and professors a forum to voice opinions through a series of 12 multiple choice questions, similar to those found in course evaluations administered by Western.

Cox said he feels it would be ideal to have the option of leaving written comments on the online evaluation site, but understands the problems it poses.

"People can start slandering professors," he said. "We're hoping that's not the kind of venue this is going to turn into".

If a program were created to facilitate the posting of Western's course evaluations, each professor would be able to post evaluations at their own discretion. This allows a venue for professors who wish to make their evaluations public, and allows professors who choose not to post results to keep them private.

Shearlean Duke, assistant professor of journalism, said she

feels positive about posting evaluations online.

"As a journalist, I believe in the public's right to know," she said. "This is a public institution and we (professors) are public employees. I think Western has some of the best teachers in the country and I think that making evaluations public would reflect positively on the teaching community at Western."

If the referendum passes, it will become the decision of Western whether or not to create a program to facilitate the posting of evaluations. Cox said that he spoke with the University of Washington's President, who told him implementing such a program would not be very expensive.

"Voting yes will tell the university this is something we want," Cox said. "We've got a technology fee," he added. "I don't think that students would be opposed to putting some of that money towards online evaluations."

Jamie Stazel, an environmental studies major, said she

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A.S. wants to raise turnout

By Hillary Smith
THE WESTERN FRONT

Dwindling voter turnout in several past Associated Students Board of Directors elections has prompted a rally to bring students to the polls next week. Expanded election coverage, intense campaigning and banners have covered the campus in an effort to increase ballot casting.

A.S. elections draw an average 1,500 to 2,000 voters, 15 to 18 percent of the student body — comparable to the national average of 16 percent, said A.S. President Victor Cox.

Cox said although Western's voter statistics compare favorably with other universities, he feels there is always room for improvement in student participation.

"The goal this year is to have a 30 percent voter turnout rate," Cox said. "It would be an amazing feat that would and should make every student proud if it is reached."

Election coordinator Stephen Shurtleff said candidates per-

form a great deal of voter recruiting and are being strongly urged to encourage their peers to vote by word of mouth.

The A.S. allocates more than \$1.3 million in service and activity fees each year for student salaries, events and programs.

Shurtleff said election budget funds have been devoted to voter recruiting this spring, and that increased numbers of banners and expanded election coverage in The Kitchen Debates are hoped to spread awareness of the election throughout Western's campus, he said.

Cox said educated voters are key to a successful election because it is vital to know who and what you are voting for.

He added that several popular campus issues such as diversity,

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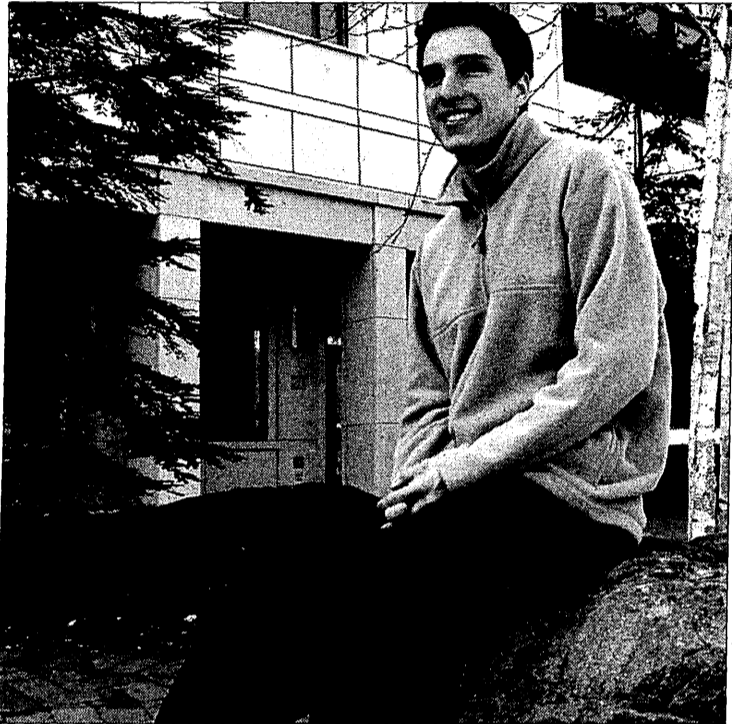
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Presidential CANDIDATES



Jake BARRY

By Erin Crumpacker
THE WESTERN FRONT

When Jake Barry heard of the resignation of two Associated Students Board of Director members, he said he felt he needed to run for A.S. president.

"The A.S. needs strong leadership to bring the student body together, because right now it seems like the A.S. is separate from the student body as a whole," Barry said.

Barry said he feels the community and A.S. will come together after a trust is built with members of the board.

He said he would like to have board meetings in a place other than the fourth floor of the Viking Union to encourage attendance.

He would also like to have the meetings in a more public area, he said where everyone can see what is going on.

Barry said if the goal of community is a focused on by the board, anything can be accomplished.

One of his ideas is an active plan to listen to people by personally going out to Red Square and talking to people. He said he feels board members need to gather students and talk to them more.

"Everyone working together for a common goal is what community is all about," Barry said.

To accomplish community trust, Barry suggests the A.S. board spend more time talking to people one on one.

Barry said if students feel

comfortable having a conversation with someone, they will feel more comfortable talking to others and will express their thoughts about campus and community life.

Barry said he also believes in focusing on diversity. By saying diversity, Barry is not referring to skin color, rather the ability to learn from others' differences.

"We can learn a lot from each other," Barry said.

Barry is optimistic about the possibilities of the A.S. board.

"You can achieve anything if you can bring people together and have them realize that they're really not that different," Barry said. "Everyone has problems and if they could be forthcoming to share, fantastic things could be achieved."

Drew EGGEBRATEN

By Erin Crumpacker
THE WESTERN FRONT

The bottom line for Drew Eggebraten is not the issues, but the goals and the ideas he can contribute to the position of Associated Student president.

One of Eggebraten's main goals is to get the everyday student involved with the A.S., or at least inform them about the organizations offered.

He said he believes any current organization or club will fit some aspect of a student's lifestyle.

"People just don't know these resources are there and they're free," he said.

Eggebraten is also pushing for extended library hours and developing the safety whistle program.

He would like to hand out whistles to freshmen, emphasizing the whistle is only to be used in emergencies.

Eggebraten has spent two years on the Residence Hall Advisory board and is the current RHA president.

"I've really gotten a feel on what it's like to be represented directly," Eggebraten said.

Through the RHA, he said he experienced hall meetings, which give members an opportunity to tell him what they want to do and where they want hall money to go.

This experience has given Eggebraten the idea to encourage a Student Senate, he said.

"We could have a weekly hall council or town meeting where we

open up the Viking Union Main Lounge and any issues you want to bring, you bring before me," he said. "That's what the A.S. Board of Directors is supposed to be. If you have an issue you can bring it to the board, but that's very intimidating going against this board."

Eggebraten sat on many residence hall committees, as well as the activities council. He said he is in tune with what is happening on campus and he feels he can bring that knowledge of student to the A.S.

"I know I have what it takes to meet deadlines and I know what it takes to make compromises and get things done," Eggebraten said. "I know I can take it to the next level."



Amy FINKBONNER

By Erin Crumpacker
THE WESTERN FRONT

Amy Finkbonner believes her accountability, communication skills and, most importantly, her experience on the Associated Students Board of Directors will make her a successful A.S. president.

"This is a huge position that needs someone with experience," she said.

Finkbonner explained that being the current A.S. vice president for activities has shown her what works and what doesn't in the A.S.

She said she believes some of the issues facing the presidency will be tuition, online evaluations and the Institutional

Master Plan, which focuses on issues such as parking, buildings and scheduling.

"We need more buildings," Finkbonner said. "We have too many students here with the square footage of this university."

The IMP is at the center of major issues concerning the new block scheduling, classroom space and parking.

She said that all students need to understand the IMP's role.

Another issue Finkbonner is paying attention to is keeping tuition affordable and predictable. She is opposed to local control, which would give the university control of tuition.

Finkbonner has learned much

from her position this year. She said she has observed and paid attention to the role of president, and learned the meaning of accountability.

"It's important for the president to be able to say, 'Wait a minute; I know what you're supposed to be doing and you're not doing it,' if someone is not doing their job."

Finkbonner stressed that jobs become more attainable with familiarity.

"Anytime you're in a job, your second year is always 10 times more productive because you've gone through the mistakes and you've worked through them. Then you'll be able to come into this position already knowing what's possible and what's not."



VICE PRESIDENTIAL Candidates

Vice President for Academic Affairs

By Brendan Haug
THE WESTERN FRONT

From Vancouver, Wash. Jason Adams, a 20-year-old sophomore, is running for Associated Students Vice President for Academic Affairs. The VP coordinates all A.S. volunteer committees and also chairs the Student Technology Fees Committee.



Jason Adams

"I am confident I have the qualifications," Adams said. At Western, Adams served as a Residential Learning Assistant. He is director of public relations for the men's rugby team, which he also plays on. Last year, Adams was a student representative to the Residence Hall Association. He also represented Western in leadership conferences. Adams said he is "really excited for the opportunity" to be the VP for Academic Affairs. "I really do have a passion for academics," he said. Adams summarized his platform in the words "experience, leadership and vision." He is concerned with several diverse issues on the Western campus.

Adams wants course evaluations and syllabi online for all students. He feels syllabi should be available during registration.

This would help students choose classes, as they could see the work required in a particular course.

Adams wants to institute a majors fair to advertise every department and the opportunities they have to offer.

In addition, Adams wishes to improve overall student/faculty relations.

He used the recent resentment some students have developed towards the faculty because of the leniency granted them in the area of library late fees as an example.

Furthermore, Adams desires to increase the student voice in administrative decisions. He hopes to accomplish this goal by placing a student representative in the Faculty Senate.

Finally, Adams wants to extend library hours. His main concern in this area is library hours during dead week and finals week.

Adams said he feels he has something to bring to the position of VP for Academic Affairs.

"I will definitely bring ambition," Adams said. "I will also definitely bring the attitude to make things happen."

Vice President for Activities

By Shelly Baynes
THE WESTERN FRONT

In her three years at Western, Erica Grice has learned college is about meeting people and having fun. Her motivation to run for Associated Students Vice President for Activities is fueled by her desire to share this knowledge.

"Everybody should have the opportunity for involvement because it makes college more fun," Grice said.

She said she realizes most students do not just appear at fun's doorstep, they need help getting there.

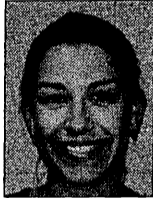
Her ideas for keeping students informed about fun activities and in touch with A.S. provide the means necessary to spark students' interests and increase their participation.

"My goal is to raise student awareness about clubs and activities and the events the A.S. plan," Grice said. "I think students should have ample opportunity for involvement."

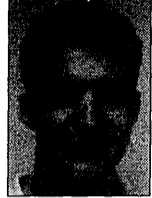
Grice hopes to expand each student's opportunities for involvement by increasing the amount of informative publications on campus. She plans to make posters and fliers more interesting so students will pay attention to them and work to keep students updated on the different clubs and resources available on campus.

Grice plans to focus on maintaining communication between the A.S. and students. Students will have a chance to share opinions about events and offer suggestions through evaluations.

"I'm working for the students, so I want to make sure I know what they want," Grice said. "Communication between the A.S. and students is important."



Erica Grice



Hunter Bevis

Hunter Bevis is running for Associated Students Vice President for Activities because he wants to extend the welcome he experienced as a transfer student earlier this year.

His enthusiasm for the activities council is strengthened by his faith in activities.

"Activities provide the best way to get to meet people," Bevis said. "I want to put activities on the lips of every Western student."

For the past two quarters, Bevis sat on the activities council as the representative voice for Western students not involved in A.S.

"For me, vice president is the next logical step," Bevis said.

He has seen 33 clubs become recognized and voted on \$26,000 of funding going to different organizations. Now he wants to publicize the activities council and tell students how to get involved.

"I want every student to know how to start a club," Bevis said.

Besides telling students how to start their own clubs, Bevis also plans to give existing clubs more attention.

He wants to include an activities council brochure to Western packets given to new students and move the club fair to Red Square to increase publicity and give students a chance to find an interesting club.

Bevis said working on the activities council has given him ideas for the vice presidency and a head start in learning what students want.

"I'm out walking around every day talking to people," Bevis said.

Vice President for Student Life

By Bronlea Hawkins
THE WESTERN FRONT

Originally from Nine Mile Falls, a small town just outside of Spokane, Nova Gattman dreams of someday becoming a U.S. Senator. Gattman, a third-year political science and Canadian-American Studies major, is running for Vice President for Student Life because she wants to be a liaison between Western students and the Associated Students' board.

"I think I can be an advocate for those two groups and represent those groups well," she said. "I have a lot of ideas to make it a stronger position for next year."

Gattman said she wants students to feel comfortable talking to the VP for student life and the A.S. Board about issues that concern them.

She said she believes that publicizing office hours and the e-mail address of the VP for student life will encourage students to communicate with her more openly if they have questions or concerns about situations on campus. Gattman said she would also like to attend meetings of different organizations on campus to further interact with students and find out how the A.S. board could help them.

"I want to make it a more accountable position," Gattman said.

Gattman is currently the vice president for the Residence Hall Association, and has served on the RHA board for the past two years.

She was recently the chair of the A.S. faculty online evaluation committee, and sits on the majority of committees, such as the Housing and Dining committee, which are relevant to the VP for Student Life position.



Nova Gattman

By Bronlea Hawkins
THE WESTERN FRONT

A self proclaimed "avid Dave Matthew's Band fan" and a "die-hard water-skier," Corey Eichner believes Western students should have a right to have their voices heard by the Associated Students board. A junior majoring in political science and education, Eichner characterizes himself as "very personable."

"I am very open to suggestions," he said. "It would be very easy for people to relate to me."

Eichner believes that the A.S. "should be the voice of all Western Students." He would like to increase communication between the A.S. board and Western students. Resources and information, he believes, should be open to students.

"The position should be extended to represent students on and off campus," Eichner said.

Eichner would like to set up forums for students to participate in, and strengthen the link between students and the Residence Hall Association. He would also like to work with the other A.S. officers to increase library hours.

For the past two years, Eichner has been a Resident Advisor, this year in Nash Hall, and last year in Beta/Gamma on the Ridge. He has served on the RHA for the past year as one of two RA liaisons, and also on three hall councils and various other committees in residence halls and campus-wide. Eichner was a member of the Casino Night committee, and also sits on the committee for the upcoming Pickadilly dance in May.

In addition to his love of water-skiing and Dave Matthews Band, Eichner says he is also a big people person, and loves hanging out.



Corey Eichner

Vice President for Diversity

By Monica Bell
THE WESTERN FRONT

When asked where he is from, Bruno Cross replied, "Earth."

"I've experienced culture and traditions on various degrees, never really integrating myself so deeply that I wasn't able to discern one from the other ... sometimes I feel lost," Cross said.

Diversity is one aspect of life Cross said he always appreciated.

Born in Brazil, Cross moved to the United States as a child, joined the Navy for seven years and has traveled to more than 25 countries.

Cross said he is not worried about running for Vice President for Diversity at Western despite it having a history of being a "volatile position" with the resignation of Morgan Hepfer earlier this year.

He said the position deals with some difficult issues but he hopes to carry on with what Cedric Bolton, the current VP for diversity, started by integrating groups on campus.

"There are so many groups doing so many things that are overlapping that they have no

idea what is happening," Cross said. "They don't have the voice behind them, the collective behind them, to come to life."

Bolton said the position requires a person to serve as an advocate and liaison between the alliance organizations on campus, the diverse student body and the Associated Students Board.

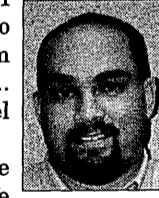
"Diversity is so big, it's not just one group," Bolton said. "(You) try to bring the students in so they can see how it is to be a person of color on campus."

Bolton said the position requires addressing the interests and issues of campus groups such as the Ethnic Student Center, the Lesbian/Gay/ Bisexual/Transsexual Alliance and the African American Alliance.

Bolton also said it is his responsibility to support all the groups by handling any problems they have with the A.S.

Cross said he has already started talking to campus organizations and making connections so he is better able to serve as a liaison between the groups when he is elected.

"I've seen a lot of things and I know that a united voice can stir up a lot of emotion," Cross said. "The beauty of diversity is that you just don't know what's going to happen until you start talking."



Bruno Cross

Vice President for Legislative and Community Affairs



Stacey Valentin

By Janis Lee
THE WESTERN FRONT

Stacey Valentin believes her passion and position in politics makes her the best candidate for vice president for legislative and community affairs.

"I'm not a political science major," Valentin said.

"I'm not going into this position with the intention of getting a job in the future. I'm going into it for the students and their rights."

Valentin's mission is to increase student involvement in lobbying legislative issues regarding student needs and voter turnout.

"I think students need a bigger voice in the legislation," Valentin said.

Valentin's credentials include being a Residence Hall Advisor, student lobbyist and chair of the Washington Student Lobby.

"I know the issues in Olympia," Valentin said. "I want to make it so local control regarding tuition isn't passed."

Valentin wants to implement Viking Day in which student lobbyists can go to Olympia to meet and speak with legislators. She also plans to create a workshop on lobbying so students will know what they can do.

She plans to increase awareness and voter turnout by informing freshmen in the dorms about students and school issues.



Cory Walken

By Janis Lee
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Cory Walken's involvement in campus affairs and his love for Western are what motivate him to win the position of vice president for legislative and community affairs and implement change on Western's campus.

Walken currently serves on the academic grievance board and the transportation advisory task force.

He hopes to accomplish three goals if elected into office: keeping tuition at a reasonable price, increasing communication with the student body and the trans-

portation referendum.

"I want to keep tuition at a stable rate and keep local control of tuition from happening," Walken said.

He also plans on overseeing how the recent referendum regarding transportation is implemented if it passes.

Finally, Walken wants to implement a convenient shuttle system that would make getting into downtown and other areas of Bellingham more accessible for students.

"The whole campaign comes down to one-on-one communication," Walken said. "I want students to be able to trust the board."

"Even if I don't get elected, I plan on staying involved in campus affairs," Walken said. "Even more than this year."

Vice President for Business Operations

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Bill Heming

Bill Heming's go-getter attitude and observant, thoughtful personality combine to create a 22-year-old who sincerely cares about improvement. He is running for Associated Students vice president for business and operations to satisfy a need to serve others and improve Western.

"I'm not running to get anything for myself," Heming said. "I'm in this to serve the Western students of today and of tomorrow."

Working in the finance office for two years has introduced Heming to the A.S. and Viking Union staffs and has given him experience and inside information about what changes to make.

Heming plans to make it easier for students without cars to enjoy Lakewood by setting up a shuttle service from campus to Lake Whatcom.

He would also like to steer extra money to the Child Development Center, increasing the dollar amount and number

of vouchers given to parents with children in daycare.

With the VU shuffled because of the renovation, Heming said he wants students to realize all the services are still available.

He also has ideas to improve the A.S. Bookstore's customer service by making some registers cash only and others non-textbook purchases during rush week. Heming would like to help students involved with putting a ban on selling anything that has to do with a sweatshop on campus.

Communicating with students and providing them with changes they would like to see is important to Heming. As the result of a survey, Heming discovered students living on the Ridge would like a no surcharge ATM and he would like to provide them with one.

"There really is no good reason for adding all this stress to my life," Heming said. "I just feel a strong need to serve."

This year Heming has served on the Academic Grievance Board; next year he plans to serve on the A.S. Board, the Budget Committee, Personnel Committee and the Facilities and Services Committees. He said he wants to serve on as many committees he feels he can be a student advocate for.

A.S. board aiming for better voter turnout

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tion your candidates and ask them how they plan to represent you and how they plan to address the issues that encompass us all."

Two proposals on this spring's ballot could have major impacts on Western students.

The bus pass proposal, which would impose a \$15 voluntary fee for students, would provide a system similar to the U-Pass at the University of Washington, intending relief on campus parking lots.

The online evaluation proposal would allow professors to voluntarily post course evaluations online.

Cox said the most important issue at Western is not what is presented on the ballot, but what is presented in the classroom.

Problems must be continually addressed to present each student with equal learning opportunities.

"The most important issue on campus is making sure we all get a high quality education," Cox said. "As students we are here to learn and grow. If anything hinders this, then students should have a problem."

Online Evaluations on A.S. Ballot

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thinks posting evaluations would be a valuable resource for students.

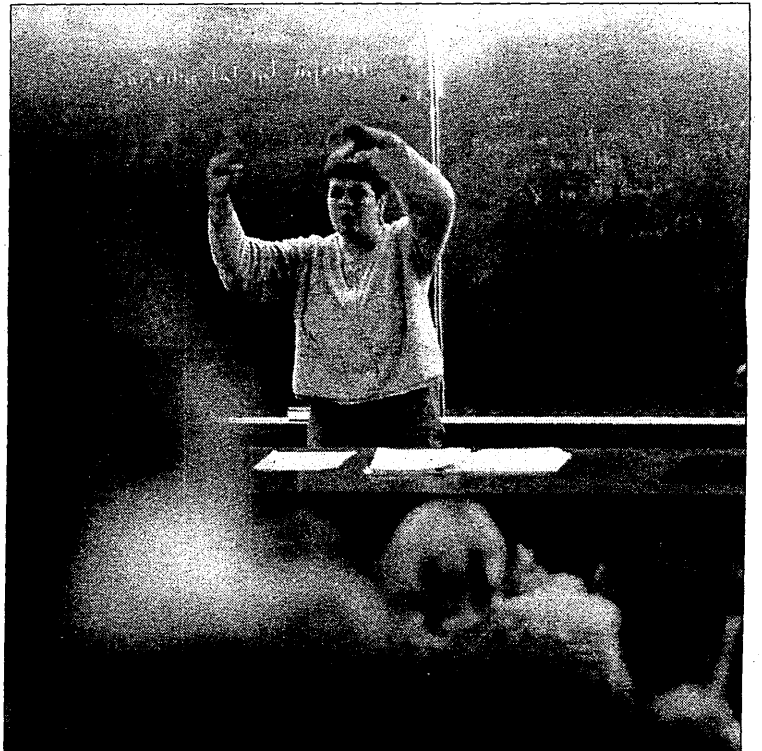
"I think posting Western's evaluations would be a good idea because a lot of people fill them out."

With the A.S. evaluations, you're not getting a very broad opinion. You're getting people who took the time to go to the

site and post something. They probably have more extreme feelings about the class than a majority of students," Stazel said.

A.S. evaluations can be found at www.wcug.wvu.edu/eval/.

Cox said he urges students to view the site and provide him with feedback. Address e-mail to AS.President@wvu.edu.



Online evaluations could tell you if this is the kind of teaching you want.

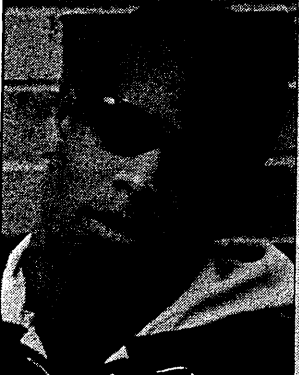
Western Front A.S. Election Poll:

Will you vote in the upcoming A.S. Election?



Crista Hahn, freshman: "Yes. It is important to have a say in the issues that affect you."

Rob Arnold, junior: "No. I feel particularly that the promises they make are bullsh*t. The one thing I do care about is the dojo thing, but that's going to happen no matter what."



Oliver Thomassen, freshman: Yes. Because I'm disappointed that I haven't been included in the Associated Student body. There is one change I'd like to see. It's the parking. It blows

Beth Fortuna, junior: "No. I haven't voted for the last two or three years. I don't know what I'm voting for, and I don't want to vote uninformed."

