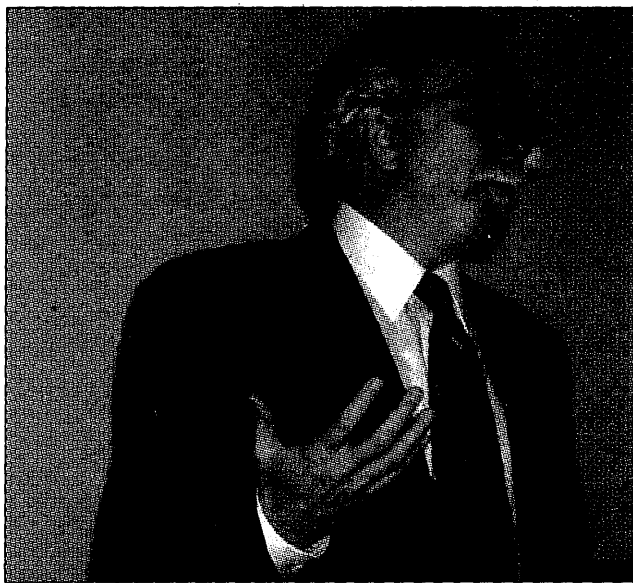


Former police chief advocates legal drugs



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Former Seattle Police Chief Norm Stamper speaks Wednesday to advocate his stance on drugs.

Stamper said legalization cuts money for organized crime

By TOM KING
The Western Front

Former Seattle Police Chief Norm Stamper advocated the decriminalization of drugs in a speech before a packed audience Wednesday in Arntzen Hall 4.

Western sociology professor Ron Helms, who said he organized the event to expose the community to a controversial viewpoint, introduced Stamper to the audience.

"When I see opportunities to bring people in who can offer insight and thereby stimulate public discourse on policy, I jump in," Helms said.

The reasoning for decriminalizing drugs, Stamper said, comes from the

largely ineffective war on drugs the Nixon administration started in 1971.

In an excerpt from his new book, published in May and titled "Breaking Rank: A Top Cop's Exposé on the Dark Side of American Policing," he said American taxpayers are financing the war on drugs at a price of more than \$50 billion per year. So far this year, taxpayers spent \$59 billion on the drug war; with more than \$1 trillion spent since the 1970s, to no avail, he said.

Near the end of his speech, he added that the government's anti-drug movement has placed all of the drug industry's power squarely in the hands of organized-crime leaders.

The illegal drug market thrives on government drug prohibition because

it can exploit customers by charging far more for an illegal substance than it cost to acquire.

Should the government legalize drugs, it could tax distributors similar to the way it does with liquor stores, Stamper said. This would create less price exploitation, he said.

Stamper said he wanted laws to regulate the age people could purchase or possess the drugs, similar to the alcohol laws police already enforce.

"Anything that moves us toward a saner path is OK by me," he said.

Stamper said the United States only prohibited the world's most dangerous intoxicant, alcohol, for a short time in

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Police explain Taser policy

UP officers justify tactics they used in Nov. 10 altercation

By AMY HARDER
The Western Front

A public discussion Thursday evening in Higginson Hall addressed students' concerns regarding Tasers and hallucinogenic drugs.

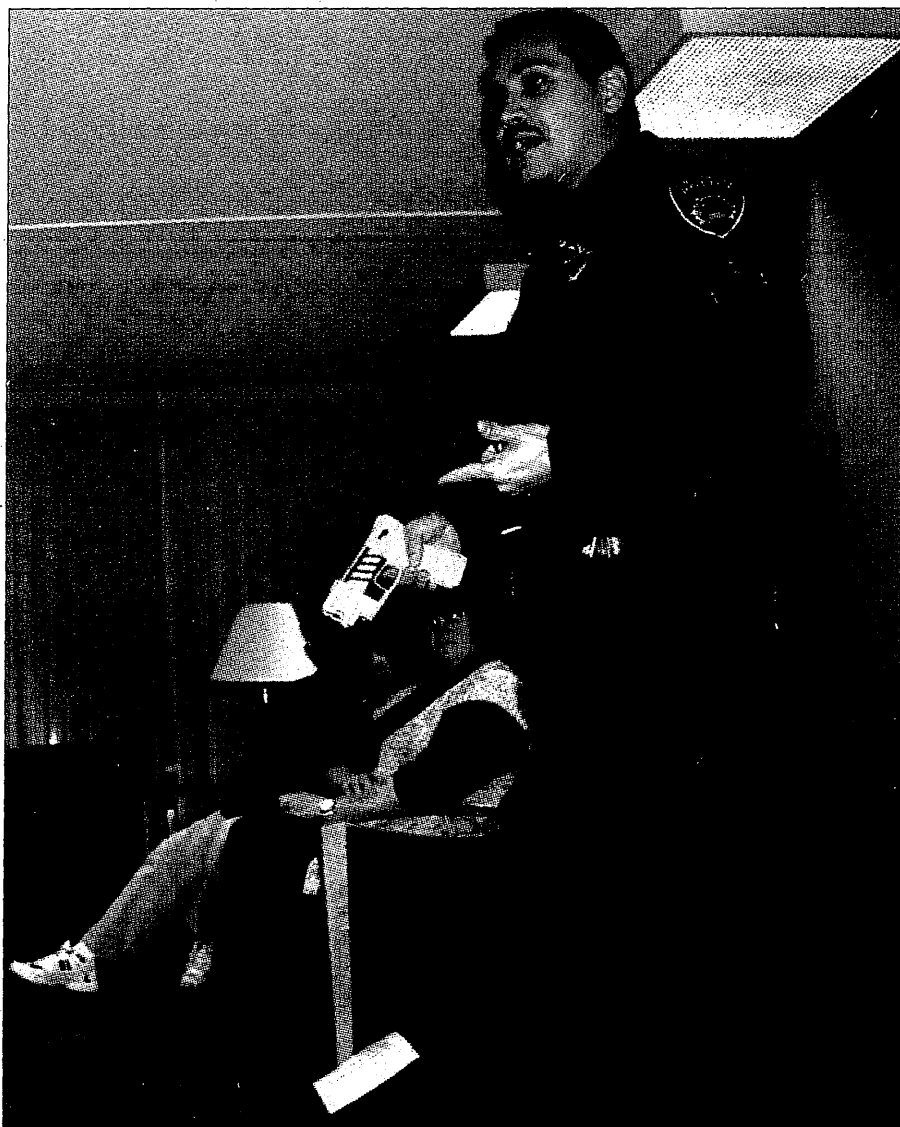
Representatives from University Police, and the offices of Residence Life and Prevention and Wellness Services answered questions students had about the Nov. 10 altercation in which UP officers Tasered Western freshman Alex Rich 10 times to restrain him. Rich was under the influence of psilocybin mushrooms, an illegal hallucinogenic drug.

"The importance (of this meeting) is the community coming together to help process an experience and to learn about other sources on campus when things happen and how we can respond together," assistant director of Residence Life David Dettman said.

Four students attended the meeting and asked questions, which sparked discussion between the representatives and students.

Dettman coordinated the meeting with three representatives from UP: Jim Shaw, UP chief and Western's director of public safety, assistant UP chief David Doughty and UP Cpl. Ed Malpica. Elva Giddings, Prevention and Wellness Services interim director, also attended the meeting to answer questions about hallucinogenic drugs.

"All of us realized that something unusual happened that had an impact,"



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University Police Cpl. Ed Malpica displays a Taser at Thursday's meeting.

Dettman said. "So we felt a need to try to get everyone together in the community and help people understand how the university responds to incidents like this one."

Malpica described the UP's Taser policy and the reasoning behind using the Tasers.

He said the policy is for officers to use the amount of force it takes to gain control of an individual, and officers use Tasers as a last resort before lethal force. He trains all UP officers to use Tasers properly and

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Professor's talk details autistic life

By LAURA BELZER
The Western Front

Western adjunct anthropology professor Dawn Prince-Hughes did not plan to tell the story of her life and experiences with autism again after early this year.

Prince-Hughes, 41, was diagnosed with a form of autism called Asperger's syndrome when she was 36 years old. In her book, titled "Songs of the Gorilla Nation: My Journey Through Autism," Prince-Hughes said Asperger's syndrome is characterized by difficulties processing stimuli, sensory oversensitivities and challenges in social interaction.

Prince-Hughes traveled the United States on a book tour for more than a year after the book's March 2004 release. After exposing intimate and sometimes painful memories with strangers while speaking, Prince-Hughes said the time had come to take a break.

She made an exception Wednesday during her speech for the Turning Points Faculty Speaker Series, which features Western professors giving hour-long speeches about their areas of study, Distinguished Lecture Series coordinator Fran Maas said.

Approximately 100 people attended the speech, titled "The Curious Incident of the Gorilla in the Meantime: My Unusual Path to Academe," in Communications Facility 110. A discussion and book signing followed Prince-Hughes' presentation.

Western sophomore Britta Jacobs and Whatcom Community College senior Robbie Gilchrist met Prince-Hughes through the First Congregational Church of Bellingham and said this was the first time they heard Prince-Hughes' story about autism and the gorillas she worked

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FURRY FRIENDS

Alternative humane society gives abandoned, unwanted animals a safe home

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SWEET SWEEP

Western's hockey club team took both games against Walla Walla College over the weekend

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KEEP IT IN THE FAMILY

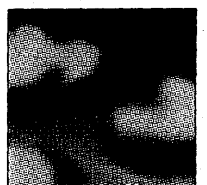
Students should shop at the AS Bookstore, where money spent cycles back into student activities

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WEATHER

Wednesday: **Cloudy**
Hi: 47 Low: 34

Thursday: **Sunny**
Hi: 52 Low: 36



COPS BOX

University Police

Nov. 18, 12:47 a.m.: UP assisted Bellingham Police officers with a traffic stop south of campus.

Bellingham Police

Nov. 20, 7:27 p.m.: Officers received a report of an unknown suspect taking money out of a locker on the 1200 block of North State Street.

Nov. 20, 9:30 a.m.: Officers received a report of a stolen bicycle on the 2400 block of Eric Street.

Nov. 20, 5:44 a.m.: Officers responded to an attempted auto theft on the 2000 block of Ponderosa Court.

Nov. 20, 3:44 a.m.: Officers responded to a loud party on the 2100 block of Taylor Avenue.

Nov. 20, 3:28 a.m.: Officers responded to a noise complaint on the 2200 block of Valencia Street. Officers issued two verbal warnings.

Nov. 20, 12:07 a.m.: Officers responded to a report of a loud party on the 1900 block of G Street.

Nov. 19, 11:00 a.m.: Officers responded to a hit-and-run accident on the 2100 block of Cornwall Avenue.

Nov. 19, 2:08 a.m.: Officers responded to a fight in which someone fired a gun on the 1200 block of Franklin Street.

Nov. 18, 11:17 p.m.: Officers responded to a report of underage drinking near Schome High School and arrested a minor on the 2700 block of Bill McDonald Parkway for minor in possession.

Compiled by Mari Kariya

Viking Voices

What are you most thankful for this Thanksgiving?

Compiled by Krista Grunhurd



Jasper Pope
Senior, industrial design

I'm thankful I live in the greatest country in the fucking world.



Anneka Morgan
Freshman, music

I'm thankful that I've been born in an era where I can get an education.



Mike Beckman
Senior, industrial design

I'm thankful for the rec center iceberg and KY Jelly.

AP Wire

news briefs

STATE NEWS

Washington teenager arrested for involvement in fatal crash

A 19-year-old Olympia man faces criminal charges from Oregon State Police stemming from a fatal automobile crash Monday northeast of Medford, Ore.

A preliminary investigation indicated that James Ranahan's vehicle traveled into the oncoming lane then left the road. It rolled several times before coming to a stop upside down.

The passenger, 24-year-old Sara Ellis, also from Olympia, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Law enforcement officials took Ranahan to the Jackson County Jail on charges of second-degree manslaughter and assault after he was treated for minor injuries.

Man arrested in mall shooting

The suspect in Sunday's mall shootings in Tacoma had a court

hearing Monday afternoon.

Tacoma resident Dominick Maldonado, 20, is being held on \$45,000 bail. Authorities said he opened fire Sunday in the Tacoma Mall after sending his ex-girlfriend a text message from his cell phone saying he was going to show the world his rage.

Maldonado injured seven people, one critically.

Former Spokane warden ran part of Abu Ghraib

Former Geiger Correction Center director Mike Pannek left the center outside Spokane in March 2004 to work at the Abu Ghraib prison complex in Iraq.

Pannek said his time in Iraq, when insurgents attacked Abu Ghraib daily, was comparable to his service in Vietnam.

Pannek became a warden at Abu Ghraib in March 2004, a few months after reports disclosed that U.S. soldiers abused prisoners there the year before Pannek arrived.

NATIONAL NEWS

Woman arraigned in husband's courthouse escape

Lawyers representing a woman charged of killing a prison guard said they want the court to grant access to her diary.

The diary, which prosecutors seized, is a 34-page handwritten account that Jennifer Hyatte, 31, titled, "A Modern-Day Bonnie and Clyde," in which she allegedly compares herself and her husband to the famous Depression-era bank-robbing couple.

Jennifer Hyatte was attempting to free her husband, George Hyatte, 34, Aug. 9 while prison guards were transporting him to Brushy Mountain Correctional Complex in Petros, Tenn.

She and her husband face charges in the fatal shooting of a prison guard during her husband's escape from custody. She was in court for arraignment Monday in Kingston, Tenn.

District Attorney Scott McCluen said he will seek the death penalty against both Hyattes.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

DNA tests will determine if al-Zarqawi dead

An Iraqi official said DNA tests are being conducted to determine whether one of the insurgents killed when U.S. and Iraqi troops stormed a house in Mosul, Iraq, this weekend was insurgent leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari told Jordan's Petra news agency al-Zarqawi, the leader of al-Qaeda in Iraq, is possibly among a group of the terrorists who died in Mosul.

U.S. officials are downplaying those reports. U.S. ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad said it appears the terror mastermind was not among the dead.

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WWU Official Announcements - PLEASE POST

BIOLOGY. • Sandra Schulze (genetics candidate, University of Iowa), "The Nuclear Envelope in Drosophila." 4 p.m. Nov. 28, BI 234. Refreshments, 3:50 p.m. • Amy Springer (genetics candidate, Mount Holyoke College), "The African Sleeping Sickness Parasite *Trypanosoma Brucei*: Sensing Its Way Through The Host." 4 p.m. Nov. 30, BI 234. Refreshments, 3:50 p.m.

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS BOOKSTORE WILL HOLD A HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE on Wednesday, Nov. 30. All faculty, staff, and students are invited. There will be lots of great discounts and giveaways throughout the day, and there will be cookies, warm drinks and holiday music from 3 to 6 p.m.

ALL STUDENTS EXPECTING TO GRADUATE at the close of spring quarter must have a degree application on file in the Registrar's Office by Dec. 2. Students wishing to graduate during summer quarter 2006 must have a degree application on file by March 10.

FACULTY ARE REMINDED THAT RESERVED PARKING SPACES are available for their use after hours and weekends with a valid parking permit or bus pass, as posted in lots 10G, 17G and Parks Hall.

THE MATH PLACEMENT TEST (MPT) will be held in OM 120 at 3 p.m. Mondays on Nov. 28, and at 9 a.m. Thursdays on Dec. 1 and 8. Registration is not required. Students must bring photo identification, their student number, Social Security number, and a No. 2 pencil. A fee of \$15 is payable in the exact amount at test time. Allow 90 minutes.

THE MILLER ANALOGIES TEST (MAT) IS ADMINISTERED BY APPOINTMENT ONLY as a computer-based test. Make an appointment in person in OM 120 or by calling X/3080. A \$60 fee is payable at test time. The test takes about 1 1/2 hours. Preliminary scores are available immediately; official results are mailed within 15 days.

WEST-B TEST. All applying for admission to state-approved teacher education programs must meet the minimum passing score on the basic skills assessment by the application deadline. Visit www.west.nesinc.com for registration information and a study guide. Registration deadlines are several weeks in advance. Test dates for 2005-06 are Jan. 21, March 11, May 13, and July 15.

WEST-E PRAXIS. Washington state requires anyone seeking teacher certification and teachers seeking additional endorsements to pass a subject knowledge assessment in the chosen endorsement area (the Washington Educator Skills Test - Endorsement, or WEST-E). The state has chosen specific Praxis II series tests to meet this requirement. Visit www.ets.org/praxis/prxwa.html for online registration information. Registration bulletins are also available in MH 216.

HAROLD AND LYLALANT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS are now available to students pursuing a career as a lawyer and who have applied to an accredited law school. Full description and application materials are available in Academic Advising and Tutorial Services, OM 380. Deadline is Feb. 1.

FALL GROUP OFFERINGS THROUGH THE COUNSELING CENTER include • **Relaxation Training**, drop in for one or all sessions, 4 p.m. Thursdays, OM 540; • **Ride the Emotional Wave**, drop in for one or all sessions, 3 to 4:20 p.m. Wednesdays, OM 540.

TO LEARN IF WESTERN IS CLOSED DURING STORMY WEATHER, call 360-650-6500 after 6:30 a.m. or tune to KGMJ (790 AM), KBAI (930 AM), KPUG (1170 AM), KUGS (89.3 FM), KISM (92.9 FM), KAFÉ (104.3 FM) or KWPZ (106.5 FM). The decision to remain open or to close will be broadcast beginning between 6:15 and 6:30 a.m.

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Autism: Prince-Hughes left school at age 15, later returned to study anthropology, apes

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with that helped her deal with her condition. The story was amazing to hear, Jacobs said.

Prince-Hughes began her talk by telling the story of her birth and her difficult childhood. She struggled at school, she said, partly because of the sensitivities many autistic people, including Prince-Hughes, have to sounds and smells.

"It's so loud and so bright, and there's so much chaos," she said. "It makes it hard to select one focal point."

Because some of her family members had similar characteristics and because she developed coping strategies to deal with her symptoms, Prince-Hughes said she did not know she had autism until doctors diagnosed her at the age of 36.

She had an especially rough time around third grade after years of frustration and loneliness, Prince-Hughes said.

"It was an audible experience for me to hear my spirit break," she said.

After moving from Illinois to a rural Montana town with a population of 1,200 at the beginning of high school, Prince-Hughes dropped out of school and left home when she was 15 years old. After being homeless for five years, Prince-Hughes came to Seattle.

With her first paycheck from working as an exotic dancer in Seattle, Prince-Hughes went to

the Woodland Park Zoo. She said that going to the zoo is a simple activity for many people, but for her the experience contained challenges due to her autism, such as interacting with strangers and figuring out Seattle's bus system.

When she saw gorillas at the zoo, Prince-Hughes' life changed.

"It was an absolute epiphany because for the very first time in my life I thought, 'These are people I'm really going to understand,'" she said. "And I thought, 'I'm home.'"

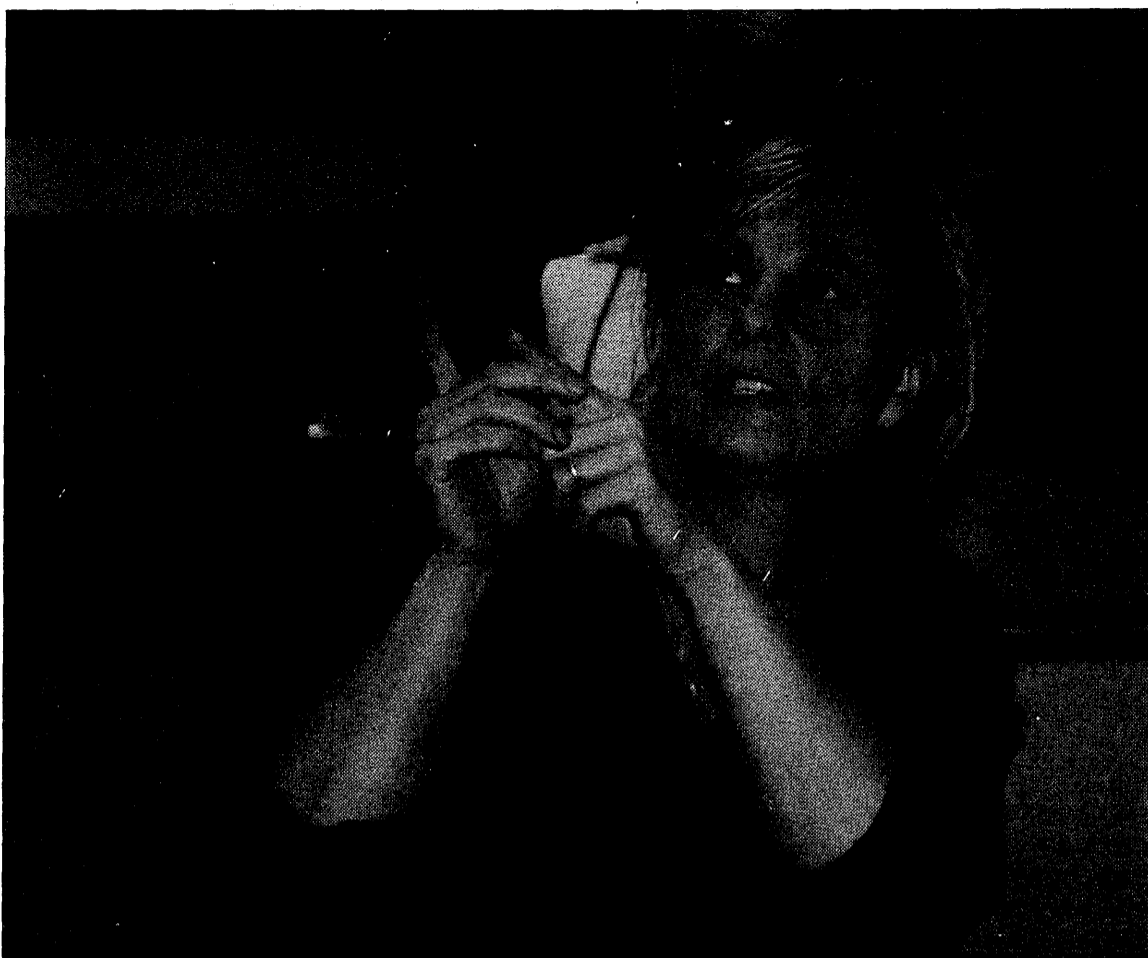
Prince-Hughes spent 12 years studying the gorillas at the zoo and learning from them, especially her best friend, a 500-pound male gorilla named Congo.

She received a bachelor's and a doctorate in anthropology through a distance-learning program at the Universitat Herisau in Switzerland.

Prince-Hughes began learning about Asperger's syndrome as an adult, after doctors diagnosed a young relative with Asperger's. Prince-Hughes compiled detailed memories from her childhood and examples of her symptoms of the syndrome, then called a psychiatrist for a diagnosis when she was 36 years old.

The diagnosis had a major impact on her life, Prince-Hughes said. Rather than making her feel abnormal or separated from others, Prince-Hughes said it let her know she was not alone.

"Just by knowing that I could



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Western adjunct anthropology professor Dawn Prince-Hughes shows video footage of the gorillas she worked with at the Woodland Park Zoo during her talk Thursday.

put it in this box, my symptoms actually decreased overnight," Prince-Hughes said.

Prince-Hughes became a research associate in the anthropology department at Western in December 2000 and became an adjunct professor two

years later.

Prince-Hughes is now focusing on her writing rather than teaching, she said. "Expecting Teryk," a book about the birth of her son in 1999, came out Nov. 14.

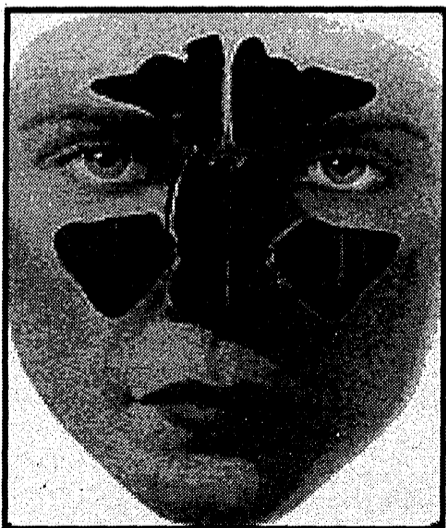
She continues to work to preserve ape populations through

ApeNet, a group dedicated to promoting systems for apes to communicate with each other.

"The idea is that we would teach all of them a common language all around the world to communicate with each other," Prince-Hughes said.

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Forum: University studied Taser effects before using

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reviews events in which UP employs Tasers.

He fired a Taser similar to the one officers used to restrain Rich Nov. 10 at the floor during the meeting so students could see what they sound and look like. The sounds resembles a loud popping noise.

"We don't carry (Tasers) with us on our belt," Malpica said. "Quite frankly, if we don't absolutely need them we don't want them in our hands. We want the least amount of force to accomplish our goals."

Malpica said he wants people to understand the reality of Taser use, not just the myths movies and TV portray.

"A Taser is a very high-profile news story," Malpica said. "Because you hear those words — 50,000 volts, multiple Tasers — it sounds very scary if you're not aware of how the Tasers operate. Over time, people became more educated of how the instrument worked and that it did help in certain situations."

Western is not the only university to use Tasers, Shaw said. UP waited until TASER International, the company responsible for inventing Tasers conducted research and actual use of Tasers to ensure they were effective and did not inflict long-lasting pain onto targets, he said. Western acquired three Tasers last fall, Shaw said.

Giddings informed students about psilocybin mushrooms, which were involved in the incident.

A user ingesting hallucinogenic mushrooms can never accurately determine the potency until after ingesting them, Giddings said. This problem, combined with the 15 varieties of psilocybin mushrooms, each with a different effect, sets up the user for an unpredictable experience, she said.



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Elva Giddings, interim director of the Health and Wellness Center, speaks about drugs.

"People (under the influence of hallucinogenic drugs) walk off balconies because they think it's solid ground or because they think they can fly," Giddings said. "They might see the hallway ripple. Or they think they're going the right way, and suddenly they're walking into things."

Vice: Stamper also advocates legal prostitution to remove it from streets

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the 1920s.

"Alcohol is hands down the one drug that police officers and anyone else with eyes and mind open will acknowledge is the most damaging drug of all," he said. "It costs more in money, health costs, personal losses to individuals and their families than all other drugs combined."

Stamper went on to recount an incident in which, as a 21-year-old recruit training to become a member of the San Diego Police Department, he was sitting with his colleagues in a local doughnut shop and heard a thunderous car crash nearby.

A drunk driver slammed a Lincoln Continental into a tree. The impact propelled the woman sitting in the passenger's seat into the windshield before sending her flying into the backseat.

"What I remember more than anything else is the smell of the booze because it just reeked," he said.

Although Stamper calls for the legalization and regulation of all drugs, he believes certain

professionals should be drug-free in all circumstances.

Examples he gave included police officers, airline pilots, firefighters, soldiers or any other professionals whose job could put lives at stake if they performed under the influence.

Stamper also advocated the legalization of prostitution.

"It's long since past time to legalize and regulate the behavior in both the sex industry and drug scenes," Stamper said.

On the subject of prostitution, Stamper said the U.S. government needs to make it a legitimate business and move it into brothels, as Canada did. This would make the practice safer, as prostitutes would no longer need to face dangers such as murder while walking the streets.

Western senior Erica Rasmussen said she was surprised to hear Stamper's ideas in his speech.

"I've never heard a police officer say 'we need to legalize drugs,'" she said. "I mean, he had a valuable point in that if it was legalized, it would be regulated. But it was just surprising to hear that firsthand."

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The University provides services to assist in maintaining a safe, drug-free environment. All students and employees have a right to information on Western's policies and programs concerning campus safety, sexual misconduct, and alcohol and other drugs.

WWU Alcohol Policy

Western Washington University is committed to an environment which is free of alcohol and other drug abuse for students, faculty and staff. It maintains this commitment in support of academic excellence, work performance, and quality of life as well as for the future well-being of all members of this community.

Western Washington University provides: (a) information about alcohol and other drugs and the reduction of associated risks; (b) appropriate intervention when alcohol or other drug use creates unwanted or unintended consequences; and (c) support for members of this community in reducing the risk of consequences associated with alcohol and other drug abuse.

Western Washington University will uphold state and federal laws pertaining to alcohol and other drug use. All students, faculty, and staff are required to comply with these laws. Action will be taken on any violation of state or federal law or University regulations concerning alcohol and other drugs which (a) occurs in or on property controlled or owned by Western Washington University; or (b) involves University business or activities; or (c) relates directly and materially to the fitness of staff or faculty members in their professional capacities.

Western Washington University Policy Concerning Alcohol and Other Drugs, Approved by the Board of Trustees April 1999.

EDUCATIONAL SAFETY PROGRAMS

ALCOHOL AND DRUG CONSULTATION AND ASSESSMENT SERVICES (ADCAS): Staffed by a professional counselor and risk reduction specialist, ADCAS provides alcohol/drug assessments of use, risks and consequences, with personalized feedback designed to help students change their drinking/drug use patterns and outcomes. Also provides information on alcohol/drug related topics: support for friends, family, partners, and roommates impacted by the alcohol/drug use of others, current or past; and referral to campus and community support groups, counseling and treatment resources. Old Main 560C. Call 650-3643.

NEW STUDENT SERVICES/FAMILY OUTREACH: Provides students with the Viking Tips student handbook and a web site containing important information regarding alcohol and other drug prevention; safe sexual behaviors; personal safety tips; how to contact University Police; and a directory of offices and resources. Viking Union 506. www.nssfo.wvu.edu Call 650-3846.

PREVENTION AND WELLNESS SERVICES: Staffed by professional health educators and Peer Health Student Leaders (Lifestyle Advisors). Prevention and Wellness Services offers education and prevention services on alcohol and drug prevention, relaxation, stress management, CPR/First Aid, HIV/AIDS, sexually transmittable diseases, sexual misconduct, men's health, violence prevention, women's empowerment, and how to become an "ally." Old Main 560. Call 650-2993. Every quarter, a variety of programs are offered, including *Will Act for Change*: Performance educators use the experiences and stories of students. Discussion and audience interaction are vital to the performances. Audience members are literally brought on stage to practice "what they would do" in real-life situations, dealing with issues such as sexual health, sexual assault, alcohol and drugs, racism, homophobia, classism, sexism, and how to be an ally.

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: Provides free, confidential professional assistance, assessments and referrals to help employees and their families resolve problems that affect their personal lives or job performance. Health Promotion Network has offices in Bellingham and Burlington. For an appointment, call (360) 715-6565 or (800) 244-6142.

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS PROGRAMS

DRUG INFORMATION CENTER: Provides students and the university community with drug education to increase community awareness of social, physical and economic implications of drug use and abuse. VU 517. Call: 650-6116.

LEGAL INFORMATION CENTER: Provides students with information about laws and can make referrals to attorneys and agencies off campus. Does not offer legal representation or advice. VU 512. 650-6111.

Alcohol and Other Drug Health Risks

Category	Drug	Dependence Potential	Possible Effects	Complications
Alcohol	Beer, wine, liquor	Yes	Muscle relaxation, impaired motor control, memory and judgment; depression; intoxication.	Severe impairment of all physical and mental functions; high risk of choking or injury from falls or accidents, loss of consciousness; coma; death due to anesthesia of brain centers controlling breathing and heart rate.
Cannabis	Marijuana, pot, hashish, hash, fish oil	Yes	Altered sense of time and visual perception; euphoria; memory interference; reduced coordination and reflex response capacity.	Fatigue; reactions ranging from mild anxiety to panic and paranoia; confusion, disorientation; hallucinations and distortions of sense perceptions.
Enactogens	MDMA, Ecstasy, X, XTC	Yes, possible	Increased heart rate, blood pressure and body temperature; sense of energy and alertness; feelings of empathy and enhanced positive emotions, thirst, dry mouth, teeth clenching, muscle tension and cramping and possible nausea. After effects: headache, irritability, depression, anxiety; desire to be alone; and verbal and visual memory decrease up to 2 weeks.	Jitteriness, teeth clenching, dangerously high body temperature, hypertension, dehydration; confusion, sleep problems, anxiety, paranoia, hallucinations; permanent damage to parts of the brain critical to thought, memory and pleasure. At higher or repeated doses large temperature increase can be lethal.
Hallucinogens	LSD (acid), psilocybin, peyote, mescaline, many other natural and synthetic hallucinogens	Unknown	Altered sense of time, space and visual perception; disorientation; hallucinations; nausea; dilated pupils; cross sensory perceptions; dizziness; increased temperature, blood pressure and heart rate; sweating and chills.	Impaired judgment leading to impulsive actions; paranoia; rapid mood swings; "bad trip" - fear, anxiety, paranoia, panic and hallucinations to march, exhaustion after use; depression; heart - often of death, if one's mind not working right or flashbacks.
Narcotics Opiates	Heroin, codeine, morphine, opium, percodan, percoct, fentanyl	Yes	Euphoria; drowsiness; nausea; respiratory depression.	Shallow and slow breathing; dizziness; vomiting; sweating; convulsions; coma; possible death.
Nicotine	Cigarettes, pipe, pipe smoking, chewing tobacco	Yes	Increased heart rate and blood pressure; irritation of eyes, nose and respiratory tract; shortness of breath; decreased sensitivity to taste; depression.	Increased risk of heart attack, cardiovascular disease, cancer, stroke and lung cancer and other pulmonary disease.
Sedatives	Barbiturates, tranquilizers, methaqualone, other depressants	Yes	Drowsiness; slurred speech; disorientation; impaired coordination.	Shallow respiration; weak and rapid pulse; coma; possible death from depression of central nervous system functions.
Stimulants	Amphetamines, cocaine, crack, speed, diet pills; many other natural and synthetic drugs	Yes	Increased alertness; increased pulse and blood pressure; euphoria; pupil dilation; insomnia; loss of appetite. Fatigue and some depression after effects wear off.	Agitation; irritability; dizziness; confusion; tactile or visual hallucinations; seizure; convulsion; stroke; possible death. After effects of exhaustion; depression.
Club Drugs	GHB, Rohypnol, Ketamine	Yes for some in this category	These drugs are often associated with sexual assaults due to their amnesia inducing and intoxicating like effects. Partial or complete amnesia, insensitization effects similar to alcohol. Ketamine can cause hallucinations.	Nausea, vomiting, impaired coordination, confusion, tactile system, blurred vision, dizziness, slurred speech, hallucinations, incoherence, amnesia, aggressive behavior, rapid mood swings.

Standards of Conduct / Disciplinary Sanctions

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*A partial list of drugs considered to be controlled substances in Washington State: Narcotics (opium and cocaine as well as all drugs extracted, derived, or synthesized from opium and cocaine, such as crack cocaine and heroin); marijuana; methamphetamine; barbiturates; and hallucinogenic substances (LSD, peyote, mescaline, psilocybin, PCP, THC, MDA, STP).

Potential Academic Consequences

Researchers at Western have found that there is a strong correlation between alcohol consumption and grade point average (GPA). Students who choose not to drink or who drink less have higher GPAs; students who are frequent, heavy drinkers have lower GPAs. From the Relationships Between Alcohol Consumption and Academic Performance: Findings from the 1999 Lifestyles Survey, the Office of Institutional Testing and Assessment, Western Washington University, 1999.

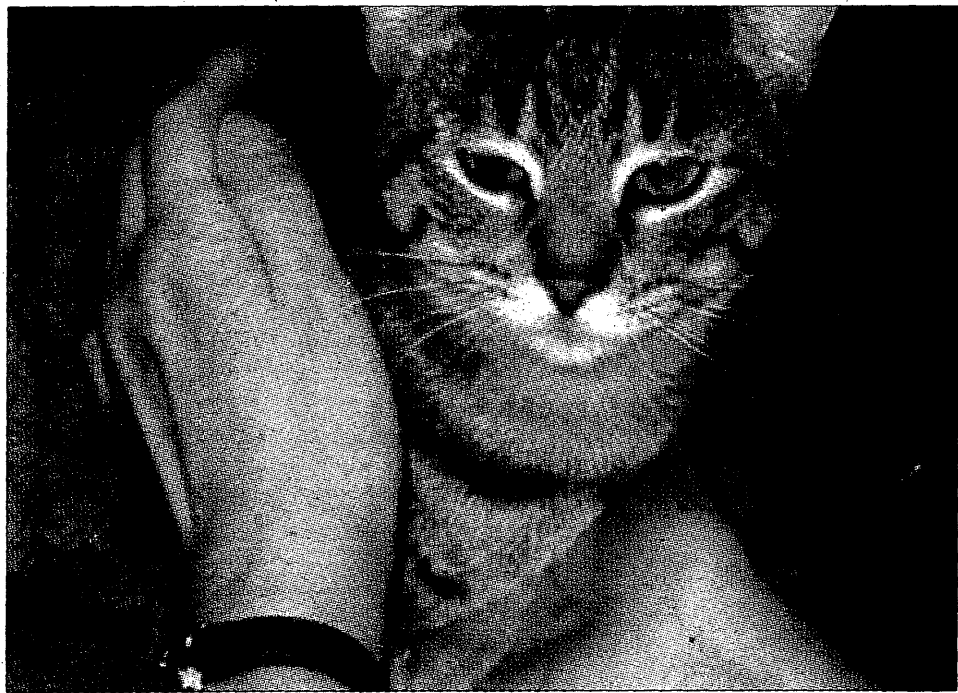
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The University will follow established processes for violation of policies. For specific citations of those procedures, go to: www.wvu.edu/depts/vpsa/policy_violation_procs.htm. For detailed information about local, state and federal drug and alcohol laws, see www.wvu.edu/depts/vpsa/AODpenalties.htm. For general information, see www.wvu.edu/depts/vpsa/AODinfo.htm. Questions? Call Alcohol and Drug Consultation and Assessment Services at 650-3643.

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- With many drugs a great danger is other substances being mixed with or substituted for what you think you are getting. Other substances range from the fairly benign, baby powder or baking soda, to a variety of cleaning products and other potentially lethal ingredients.
- Use of some drugs increases the potential for mixing with other drugs to enhance or counteract effects. This mixing particularly involves hallucinogens, stimulants and sedatives. Mixing drugs can have unpredictable and dangerous results. The best choice is to NOT mix.

Puppy love



SHANNON PROULX / THE WESTERN FRONT

Alternative Humane Society volunteer Sue Atchison reaches to pick up 7-month-old Manny at an animal showing Nov. 13 at the Meridian Street PetSmart.



SHANNON PROULX / THE WESTERN FRONT

Three-month-old Sam greets Joanna Schmidt, Alternative Humane Society volunteer coordinator, as she approaches him at the showing Nov. 13.

Volunteers give animals second chance

By SHANNON PROULX
The Western Front

Approximately 70 vivacious abandoned or unwanted dogs and cats are with foster families through the Alternative Humane Society of Whatcom County because their owners deserted them or gave them up.

While the animals are living with the foster families, the society provides food, shots and a safe, secure environment with volunteers who love animals.

Since the society does not receive local, state or federal financial support, it relies solely on donations and volunteers from Bellingham to manage it, said Bellingham resident and volunteer, Sue Atchison, 32.

"It's the best job in the world," said Bellingham resident and volunteer Loree Leask, 38. "You get to play with these little guys all day."

The Alternative Humane Society euthanizes animals under circumstances such as a life-threatening illness or if the animal is in pain, said Bellingham resident and volunteer coordinator Joanna Schmidt, 32.

While other humane societies may euthanize an animal that has not been adopted within a certain time period, the Whatcom society believes killing a healthy, adoptable pet is inhumane, Schmidt said.

Instead of euthanasia, the society spays or neuters the animals and gives them their first shots before placing them with a family, Atchison said.

When the society receives a dog or cat brought in by an owner who no longer wants the pet or by a community member who found an abandoned animal, the animal is placed in a foster home until someone adopts it.

Volunteers provide foster homes by taking pets into their homes until the animal is

adopted, Atchison said.

"We do it because we love animals," said Schmidt, who has fostered 22 dogs and cats since she began volunteering.

In addition to fostering animals, volunteers could transport them to the veterinarian, take photographs of animals for the society's Web site or show the animals to potential families, Schmidt said.

Volunteers show the dogs and cats every Saturday and Sunday at the PetSmart on Meridian Street with the hope of community members adopting them, Atchison said.

"I love playing and hanging out with these cats all day," Leask said.

At the showings, volunteers inform potential owners and community members about the importance of spaying and neutering in hopes of reducing the risk of more unwanted pets ending up at the society, Schmidt said.

Families from throughout Washington state adopt the society's animals, Schmidt said.

Sam and Ralph, puppy brothers, will soon be separated because a family from Oak Harbor adopted Sam, while Ralph has a family coming from Spokane to see him, she said.

Because of his medical condition, their other brother, Bernard, will be up for adoption in December.

The society calls landlords to make sure the adopter is allowed to have pets and completes a criminal background check, Atchison said.

During the trial adoptions, families may take a pet home for several days and decide if they truly want it or if the pet will not work in their family.

Volunteers perform these tasks to ensure all animals are put into safe, loving homes and will not become abandoned again.

Adopting Bernard

By SHANNON PROULX
The Western Front

Although he is a little clumsy, 3-month-old Bernard is a happy puppy who will be up for adoption in December through the Alternative Humane Society of Whatcom County.

The bulldog, Chow, Malamute and Shar-Pei mix has a problem with his cerebellum, the section of the brain that controls motor and growth functions. This has caused his growth to be stunted, and he occasionally falls down, said volunteer coordinator Joanna Schmidt, Bernard's foster mother since September.

Born Sept. 1, Bernard, along with his brothers Sam and Ralph, came to the Alternative Humane Society shortly after their birth.

"They came as surrenders, as most critters do," Schmidt said.

Schmidt said she first noticed that Bernard occasionally stumbled when he walked, so she took him to the Maplewood Animal Hospital.

The hospital staff thought Bernard might have an injury to part of his brain, so they put him on steroids. Schmidt said she noticed Bernard was happier and more active after three days.

Bernard was going to have an MRI to check his brain for a possible tumor, but it cost almost \$4,000, which was more than the society could afford, Schmidt said.

"His problem was not getting worse, so it was pretty clear that it wasn't a tumor," Schmidt said.

A tumor would have shown signs it was affecting the brain, such as slower motor functions and brain development, but Bernard's condition did not worsen, Schmidt said.

Most dogs at other humane societies with a brain complication such as Bernard's are put down, but the Whatcom society strongly opposes euthanasia, Schmidt said.

She said nothing is wrong with Bernard except he sometimes falls down when walking or falls face-first into his water bowl while drinking. Since his condition is not life-threatening, Bernard will not be euthanized.

Although many dogs with this condition have not lived long lives, Bernard's condition was discovered early, so he has the chance to lead a full life, Schmidt said.

Bernard is learning to compensate for his difficulties, Schmidt said. He sits down or leans against a wall when he drinks and runs slower and more carefully.

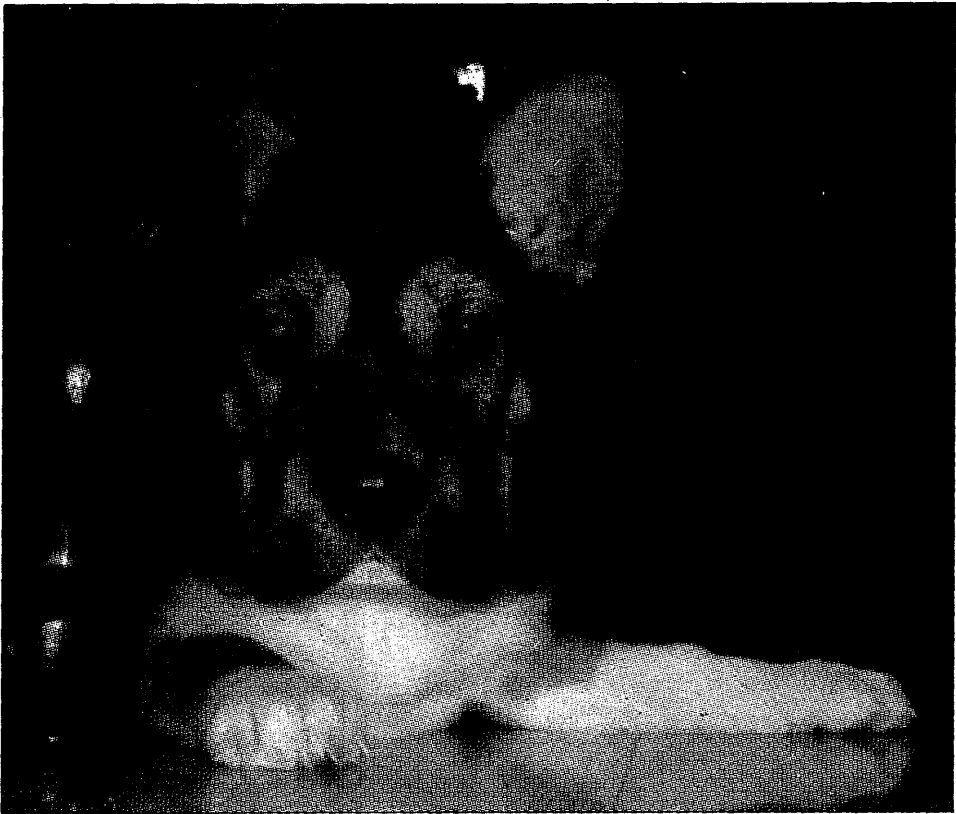
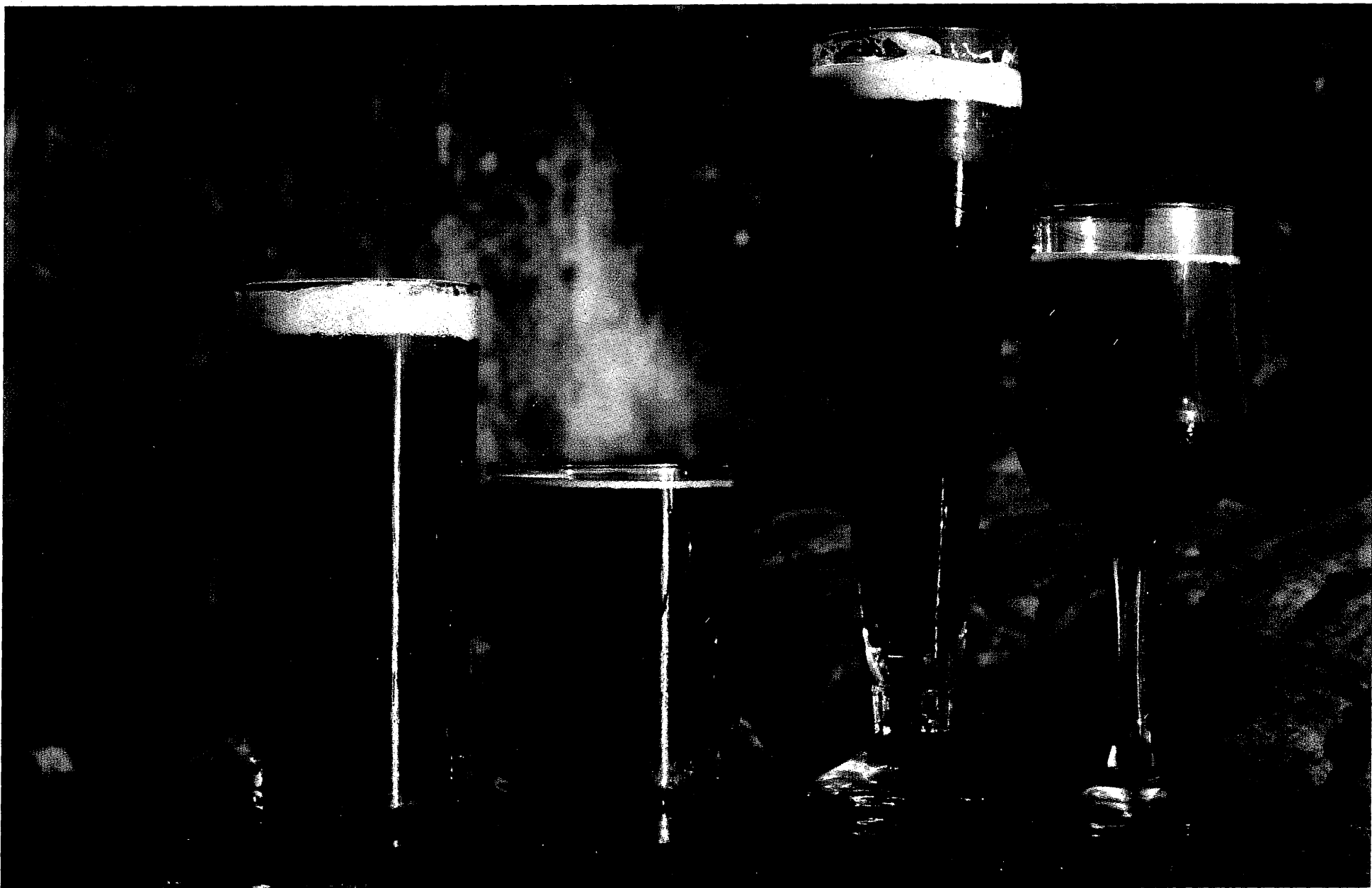


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Bernard, a 3-month-old bulldog, Chow, Malamute and Shar-Pei mix, will wait until December to be available for adoption due to his medical condition.

"He will fit well into a home with someone with a big heart but no stairs," Schmidt said. "If we can't find a home, I will probably take him in."

WINTER WARMERS



BEN KYLE / SPECIAL TO THE WESTERN FRONT

Winter beers available at The Bottle Shoppe, Bellingham's specialty beer store, from left to right: Rogue's Santa's Private Reserve, Stone Brewing's Double Bastard, Boundary Bay Brewery's Cabin Fever and Ayinger Brewery's Celebrator.

Breweries create seasonal blends

BEN KYLE
The Western Front

Dense and strong, rich and complex, winter beers are the body the blustery season is craving. When it comes to flavor, they seize the mouth and slap around the taste buds.

"When I think winter beers, I generally think a little bit darker, a little bit stronger — like a winter warmer or a barley wine — something that you sip," said Dave Morales, owner of The Bottle Shoppe, Bellingham's specialty beer store, located on East Holly Street.

As head brewer at Boundary Bay Brewery, Aaron Jacob Smith oversees the brewing of 22 beers, including Boundary Bay's seasonal winter beer, Cabin Fever.

"Winter beers should have a big profile," he said. "It can be hoppy or not, but it needs to be big. It needs to be rich. If you can make it strong, big, malty and rich, that's what people want."

These qualities are given to winter beers by adding more malt, said Robert Arzoo, owner of Bellingham's North Corner Brewing Supply, located on Central Avenue. In brewing, malt refers to the grain in the beer, which is usually barley.

The basic ingredients of beer are malt, hops, yeast and water. Different beer styles utilize different types of hops and barley, which then can be roasted to varying levels, Arzoo said. Roasted malt gives dark beers, such as Guinness, their smoky flavor.

The malt is boiled, a process causing a chemical reaction that changes starches into sugar. Similar to cooking a potato, the end result is a starchy product.

Hops grain is added as a preservative agent to counter the sweetness of the malt. The hops also contribute to the alcohol during fermentation, Arzoo said.

After fermentation, the beer is moved to a conditioning tank where it is stored for several weeks. Malt often dominates winter beers because of the hops and giving the beer a "stronger, more malty flavor," he said.

Also, he said winter brewers sometimes use spices such

as peppermint or allspice in order to give the beer a subtle spicy depth.

"(Winter seasonals have a) more amber, root-beerish color — a more brown ale color," Arzoo said. "Those colors aren't random. They indicate the beer has the degree of a kilned malt, what's usually called crystal malt, or a little bit of what you call chocolate malt. Those are malts that have sort of a sweeter, maltier, slightly roastier profile."

Winter beers usually contain 6 to 10 percent alcohol, Morales said, which is stronger than a domestic beer such as Budweiser, which has four percent.

Morales, who has brewed commercially at locations including Boundary Bay Brewery in Bellingham, Pyramid Breweries and Pike Brewery in Seattle, said winter warmers can boast plum, fig, caramel, chocolate, coffee and toffee flavors, which are less common in other beers.

Smith said the tradition of releasing heavier beers during winter relates to people's tastes.

"When it's hot out, you don't want to eat too much and so you want something less filling, whereas in the winter you want something rich and hearty," Smith said.

As an example, Smith said Boundary Bay sells more Oatmeal Stout, a heavy beer available year-round, in the winter than during the rest of the year.

Morales said the winter-warmer tradition began in Europe during the Roman Empire era with Pagan celebrations of the winter solstice.

The practice continued in monasteries — the micro-breweries of the Middle Ages — to celebrate the birth of Christ.

Arzoo said the winter tradition also has much to do with the weather.

"If you have a lot of hops in your brewing, it can be a little bit of a problem in the winter because you lose a lot of hops in boiling," he said.

In Northern Europe, brewing began in the fall when things cool down. Harvesting grain, making the beer, then having the benefits of cold storage all winter long. So it's very logical to have this seasonal variation in what's made."

Morales said brewers often find themselves attached to winter brews because the extra time they require brings out interesting flavors.

Generally, the longer the beer, the longer the beer is aged. Aging can take up to a year, he said.

"The style of winter beers — strong ales, barley wines and old ales — tend to be complex," Morales said. "But what makes them complex isn't so much the different ingredients that goes into it, it's the time and the aging process, just like a wine."

To illustrate the spirit that goes into brewing a specialty beer, Morales told a story about brewing barley wine at Pike Brewery.

"It would be 75 to 80 degrees, but they (brewers) would put on their little elf hats and crank Christmas music and just kind of get in the festive spirit for the whole day," he said.

Some beer aficionados eagerly await the release of their favorite winter seasonals, Morales said.

"(Winter) is kind of when breweries really trot out their best stuff," he said. "There's a lot at stake if something goes wrong. Can you imagine if Stone (Brewing in San Diego, Calif.) messed up their Double Bastard and it didn't turn out? People would riot. So it's definitely the cream of the crop. . . While you can get (Stone's) Arrogant Bastard year-round, you can only get the Double Bastard for a very brief window, so there's anticipation."

That anticipation, Arzoo said, plays into the increased marketing of winter seasonals. Special releases, he said, offer a change of pace for breweries and are something beer drinkers look forward to.

Morales said winter beers attract a certain breed of beer

"They tend to be the people who are the nurses," Morales said. "They're the people who will sit with one strong beer in the house for a month or two, as long as it's good."

"I can sit down and enjoy a six-pack. But they just tend to get into the whole ritual of pouring it, tasting it, tasting how it changes over the course of an hour or two."

SPORTS

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Men's basketball splits in Hawaii

No. 4-ranked Vikings scratch out one-point win in first game of season; foul trouble hampers team in second

BY TYLER HUEY
The Western Front

Winning close games is key to any successful season. The Western men's basketball team eked out its one-point victory in the first game of the regular season but fell by three points in the second.

The No. 4-ranked Vikings began the season in Laie, Hawaii, at the Brigham Young University-Hawaii Seaside Classic. Western finished the event with a 1-1 record. The Vikings won its first game 95-94 Thursday against Emporia State University from Emporia, Kansas, but Saturday the team lost to Brigham Young University-Hawaii 91-88.

"We would have liked to come home 2-0, but we learned a good lesson," Western senior guard/forward Grant Dykstra said.

"You learn a lot more from (close games), than by blowing teams out by 30."

The Vikings suited up eight seniors and returned all five starters from last season's team. The Vikings team is considered a favorite to win the GNAC title this season.

"Based on the number of people we are getting back, I think it is a good assumption," said Brad Jackson, Western men's basketball head coach. "But ratings don't mean much if we don't back it up on the court."

In the first game against Emporia State, Dykstra led the Vikings' scoring with 27 points and eight rebounds. Complementing

Dykstra were Western senior forward Tyler Amaya and senior guard Ryan Diggs. Amaya scored 19 points, while Diggs added 18 points.

The Vikings led Emporia State 32-16 in the first quarter, but its 16-point lead vanished as the Hornets cut the deficit to four points. But as time expired in the first half, Western senior guard Kyle Jackson made a half-court shot, giving the Vikings a 51-44 halftime edge.

"It was an emotional boost," Coach Jackson said. "He just got the ball, turned around and knocked it down. It doesn't happen very often."

As the second half concluded, Amaya hit a 15-foot jumper to

put Western ahead 89-87. Once Western center Lukas Henne put the Vikings ahead 95-91 with 1.6 seconds remaining, not even a half-court shot from Emporia State junior guard Jonah Broussard could change the game's outcome.

The Vikings were able to keep Saturday's game against Brigham Young close, but late foul trouble to key contributors doomed the team.

Western's top three scorers fouled out in the final three minutes. With Western ahead 82-78, Dykstra fouled out with 2:45 left, and Western senior center Tyler MacMullen left at 1:55 and Diggs at 0:27. A three-point play by Brigham Young gave Western's opponent an 87-86 lead. Brigham Young's final four points came at the free throw line.

Dykstra, MacMullen and Diggs combined for 68 of the Vikings' points. With the top three scorers of the game on the bench, Western's offensive capabilities were limited.

The Vikings made two free throws to get within one point of

a tie at 89-88, but Brigham Young answered and increased its lead to three points. With 13 seconds left, Western sophomore forward Brett Weisner could not make a potential game-tying 3-pointer at the buzzer. He missed the shot, and the Vikings lost.

Dykstra said defense is an area the team could improve.

"We gave up (at least) 90 points each game," he said. "That's not where we want to be. Hopefully, we can get that down to the high-70s or low-80s."

Coach Jackson said he tries to keep his highly ranked squad grounded.

"We come out every night and give our best effort, but sometimes it is not enough," Coach Jackson said. "We focus, create good habits and attempt to execute. We try to play in the now."

The Vikings next game is at 7 p.m. Friday at Carver Gym against Sonoma State University.

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Potent offense snaps two-game skid

Western's club hockey team sweeps Walla Walla College by scoring 19 goals during two weekend games

By MICHAEL LYCKLAMA
The Western Front

The Walla Walla College Wolfpack goalies might have nightmares after their visit to Bellingham this weekend.

Western's club hockey team filled the net with 19 goals during two games against Walla Walla at the Bellingham Sportsplex.

Western won the first game Saturday night 10-8 and followed with a 9-2 rout over Walla Walla Sunday afternoon.

This weekend's games were the Vikings' second and third highest scoring outputs of the season.

"We had a lot more passing and a lot more shots," Western assistant coach Delane Williams said. "We just played with a lot more confidence."

J.R. Bynum, Western senior center and team captain, led the Vikings with four goals and two

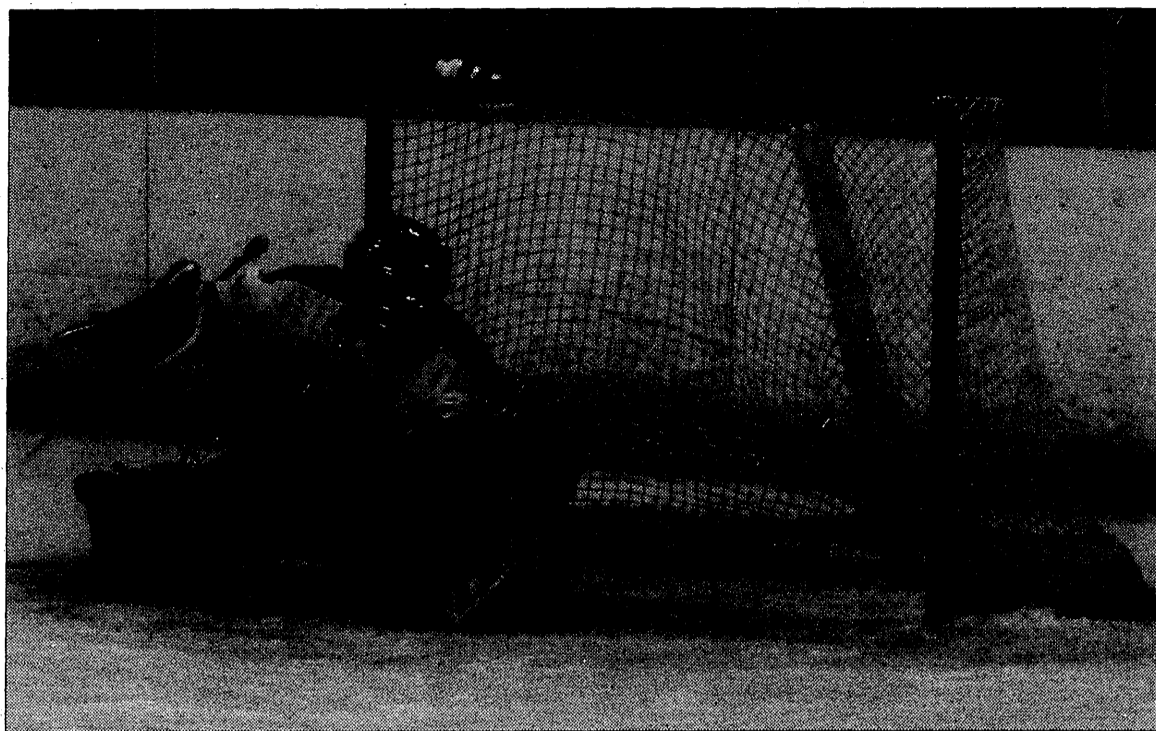
assists Sunday, while Western junior defenseman Patrick Maclauchlin chipped in with three assists. Bynum also racked up two goals and three assists Saturday.

Bynum missed the previous three games with an injured knee.

"I had missed a couple games and I felt the need to get something under my belt," Bynum said. "I definitely felt an extra push."

Western never trailed throughout the game Sunday. Western senior left wing Mike Jasklowski opened the scoring by slipping past a hit from a Wolfpack defender at the blue line and firing a shot between Walla Walla goalie Tyler Schafer's legs. Walla Walla quickly responded with a goal of its own but never evened out the score again.

Western added another Jasklowski goal, a tip-in goal by Western freshman center Jeff Bulger and two Bynum goals in the first period to build the Vikings



MICHAEL LYCKLAMA/THE WESTERN FRONT

Adam Railing, Western graduate student and goalie, gloves a slap shot taken from the top of the left face-off circle by Walla Walla College defenseman Quinell Oucharek during Sunday's win.

lead to 5-2.

"We had a big first period," said Bulger, who also scored three goals Saturday. "Yesterday we got up and let them come back. Today, we didn't let up."

Western saw leads of 5-2 and 6-4 vanish Saturday as Walla Walla rallied to tie the score twice in the third period.

Western instead shut out Walla Walla Sunday in the final two

periods while adding to its lead.

Western freshman right wing Taylor Birkeland added two goals in the second period on a two-on-two breakaway and a scramble in front of the net.

Bynum's third goal completed his hat trick in the third period, coming out from behind the net and lifting the puck over the sprawled goalie. He later added another goal for the final score of 9-2.

"Yesterday we psyched ourselves out," Birkeland said.

"We were too wound up, too excited. We relaxed more today."

The Vikings, 9-4, will take an extended holiday break and won't play again until Jan. 6, when the team goes on the road to play the University of Oregon.

"It's nice to go into the break with two wins like that," Williams said.

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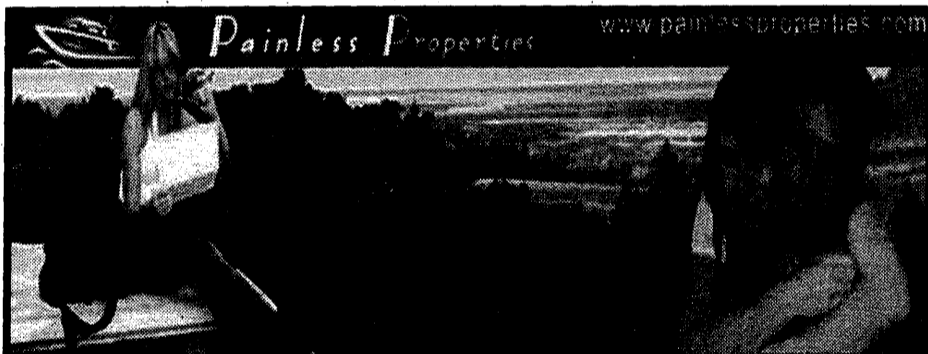
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Frontline

Wazzu out of line

An attempt by Washington State University's College of Education to brainwash one of its students was wrong.

Universities often cite a diverse campus as a reason to attend their school, but earlier this month a 42-year-old student from Othello, Wash., found himself questioning WSU's goals of diversity. Ed Swan, a socially conservative father of two, is attempting to get his teaching certificate from WSU's College of Education.

Swan thinks affluent white men are not to blame for many social injustices and also thinks abortion shouldn't be legal. Because his attitude doesn't align with that of his professors, who advocate progressive social change, he almost lost his spot in the college after teachers said they feared he couldn't withhold his opinions in a classroom.

Swan's professors have failed him four times on the evaluation that tests if the teacher under review understands the complexities of issues such as race, gender and class. The school's administration nearly dropped him from the program and ordered him to train with WSU's Office of the Vice President for Equity and Diversity.

It also ordered him to sign an agreement with the university to appreciate diversity, which he refused to do. Following his refusal to sign, the university withdrew the agreement, which the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education found to be unconstitutional. Thanks in part to the foundation, Swan will pursue his teaching certificate.

Review of the effectiveness of a future teacher prior to accreditation is a healthy process for students, parents, schools and teachers. The use of such review processes to eliminate some political viewpoints, however, is destructive to the learning environment of all campuses and will hinder further progress in the classroom.

Judy Mitchell, dean of education at WSU, said in a Nov. 14 Associated Press article, "We want to make sure a teacher appreciates and values human diversity and others' varied talents and perspectives."

The dean must have missed the irony of her statement to the press. Unfortunately, since Swan doesn't share the viewpoints of many of his fellow students and professors, the future of his career as a student and teacher is at stake.

Universities in America should reshift their focus and stop aiming to produce teachers and students who think alike and imposing standards for acceptable ideas. Swan's thinking may not fit the liberal ideology found at many public universities, but the Constitution protects his right to think and speak freely — as it should.

Although many would not see Swan as an ideal teacher because of his strict right-wing beliefs, that reaches beyond the point in this case. Swan's presence as a conservative student at the college actually makes it a more diverse atmosphere in which to attend school, which is what the administrators at WSU are supposedly trying to create.

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"What the world needs is more geniuses with humility; there are so few of us left."

— Oscar Levant, composer



Cell-phone options ridiculous



BY CIARA O'ROURKE
The Western Front

If Zack Morris of "Saved by the Bell" took a trip to 2005, he would be shocked. No Mr. Belding, no Kelly Kapowski, no style. One look down Bayside High School's halls would tell Zack more than any text message ever could.

The cell-phone culture is overly involved and extravagant. Cell phones used to be practical; now they epitomize image. Students need to get over themselves and get off their cell phones. Message sent.

Zack was no square, but he was smart. He ruled Bayside with charisma, and somehow he managed to do it without a T-Mobile Sidekick

or unlimited text messaging.

The cellular telephone was a brilliant invention, but a thin line exists between cool and heinous. As of late, cell phones are ridiculous.

Approximately 175 million people in the United States own cell phones, according to an April 4 USA Today article, but amid technological advances such as increasing Internet accessibility and multimedia options, the number of mobile-to-mobile uses is infinite.

Zack used his cell phone for two things — calling his mom and calling his ladies. But his minimalist approach breaches contemporary cell-phone ideals — the more, the better.

Cell-phone users collect ring tones like precious jewels, assigning different rings to different people and lovingly listening to distorted, polyphonic Kanye West tracks on the bus ride home. When a ringing phone sounds like a boom box stuffed in a backpack, the industry has gone too far. Using seven differ-

ent rings for seven friends is unnecessary. It only tags a cell-phone user as just that — a user. Ring tones or crack, they're both addictions.

Ring tones are expensive, and downloading them is a vice like any other. A cocaine addiction is more costly, but at \$1.50 at least, find a better way to spend six quarters. Choose between a soda and Britney Spears' "... Baby One More Time." Coke quenches thirst, but a Spears' ring tone is annoyingly trite.

But soon, thanks to British mobile company Vodafone, both soft drinks and cell phones will go hand in hand. Vodafone will soon open cell-phone vending machines in Manchester, England, according to an Oct. 28 CNET News.com article. The phones are meant to appeal to travelers in the United Kingdom facing emergency situations.

If a traveler who is foreign to the United Kingdom encounters an emergency situation, a cell-phone

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Buy books at AS Bookstore



BY DEANNA HOLMQUIST
The Western Front

Students who think the on-campus bookstore is just another way for Western to rob the wallets of poor college students are wrong.

By pulling up the Associated Students Bookstore Web site, anyone can learn the store is a nonprofit, self-supported organization.

Yet so many students hold the false perception that The College Store gives students a better value. In Bellingham, students have to choose between supporting a large corporation and supporting activities they participate in.

This should be an easy choice, but Western students consistently cheat themselves and their peers when it comes to buying textbooks.

All net revenue from the AS Bookstore supports AS programs, according to the store's Web site. In 2004, the bookstore agreed to deliver \$150,000 to the AS each year, regardless of whether its profits reached that amount.

This money supports the AS, Blue Crew events and Viking athletics. Even students who don't participate in AS clubs benefit from the money. If students want to see their dollars at work, all they have to do is turn on KUGS, rent a bike from the Outdoor Center or attend the High Street Arts & Music Festival.

The AS Bookstore realizes not every student values the store's contribution to these organizations, so it does more than donate \$150,000. Most college

stores throughout the nation mark up their books by 25 percent of the publisher's list price. The AS Bookstore does this as well but offers a 10 percent discount after the markup. During the last school year, the discount saved students \$456,000, AS Bookstore general manager Lara Mann said.

Nebraska Book Company owns The College Store in Sehome Village and more than 100 stores nationwide. The Nebraska Book Company earned \$6.1 million during its last fiscal year, according to the company's Web site. Yet the store pays its employees minimum wage, The College Store general manager Josh Canham said.

Unlike the AS Bookstore, the money students spend on expensive textbooks supports a multimillion-dollar corporation that cashes in on the university's

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Senseless: Idea of cell phones makes sense, but not features

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kiosk should be the last place he or she thinks to go. A police station or an embassy would be a less trendy but more effective choice.

Cell phones already aren't 100-percent reliable due to no-service zones and varying battery life, but to trust one from a vending machine in a make-or-break situation is foolish. Unless the emergency is of a sexual nature, say loneliness — in that case, Vodafone would be the first place to go.

Zack better cover his ears.

Cell-phone companies now offer matchmaking and sex-texting, a new text-message trend uniting sexy singles everywhere. Self-proclaimed text chat community ChatNation promises text-message users an immediate reply from someone who wants to chat, according to a ChatNation television commercial.

If someone looking for love seeks the immediacy of a text message to satisfy burning passion, good luck. That someone is looking for love in the wrong place. A fast response might masquerade as intimacy, but anyone typing dirty text messages to a stranger under the office table is far-removed from reality. Convenient or not, his or her text-message horoscope may as well read, "Forlorn Friday nights are in the future."

The concept of cell phones is convenient. Flash back to 1989. Zack was quick to call home in a pickle, and he didn't need a quarter — he had his cell.

In 2005, nothing is convenient about pressing the seven button of a cell phone four times to text the letter 's.'

Someone horny enough to spend \$1.99 to receive a text reading, "Spank me harder, baby," can go find the nearest public restroom. Look for the stall with the old man relieving himself on

the toilet — that's Tiffany, a wild and sexy single from ChatNation. Anyone with fingers could be on the sending end of a sex text. At least telephone hotlines provide some security of the future soul mate's gender. Text messaging is faceless and a waste of time. It's empty.

As are other cellular improvements. Flipping through the Internet wastes minutes. Instead, spend time talking to the person two seats down.

Cell phones cripple society. They relieve idle hands and awkward moments, but they aren't life. People pimp their phones to be cool, but too much is lame. For the ultimate in cool, cell phones should stay in pockets.

Ditch the Sidekick and find companionship in the real world. Download a new ring tone because Jay-Z's "Dirt Off Your Shoulder," has run its due course. What would Zack do? He always got the girl.

AS: The College Store is corporate, offers negligible discounts

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need for books.

It is a simple fact that The College Store offers books at a lower price than the AS Bookstore. Each quarter, The College Store waits for the AS Bookstore to price its textbooks and then prices many of its own books at equal or lower prices, Canham said.

Yes, students can save money at The College Store. But they usually save enough money to pay for the gas it took to drive there. According to research comparing the two stores' prices, which marketing major and Western senior Daniel Purdy did in

spring 2005, The College Store priced its books 25 cents to \$5 less than AS Bookstore prices.

Word of mouth created the myth that The College Store always has more competitive pricing than the AS Bookstore. For example, The College Store may price a Math 102 book \$15 cheaper than the AS Bookstore. This situation is rare.

The AS Bookstore consistently offers the 10 percent discount to students and avoids drastic price cuts to give AS programs as much money as possible.

Though The College Store fools students with its low-price positioning, the AS Bookstore is the player keeping

textbook prices where they are.

Students must face the fact that Western requires textbooks for classes, and this demand creates high prices. Each quarter students will walk out of the bookstore in disbelief of their textbook receipt. Students who shop in Bellingham don't have a choice of whether to spend big bucks on textbooks. They do have a choice as to where they spend that money.

Students can spend \$290 at The College Store and fund a corporation that couldn't care less about student programs, or they could spend \$300 at the AS Bookstore, which operates solely for the benefit of Western students.

The good, THE BAD & the ugly

'Shrooming should be legal

It is easy to point to the recent incident of a Western student having a horrible, nightmarish experience while using psilocybin mushrooms as a reason to continue the war on drugs.

However, this event underscores exactly why drugs, including psilocybin, should be decriminalized. The zero-tolerance, "just say no to drugs" philosophy we have today suppresses real information and discussion about drugs.

As a result, when a person says yes to drugs, as some inevitably will, they lack information about how much a safe dose is, what the signs of overdose are and what to do if that occurs. Providing this information is seen as encouraging students to try drugs.

Another problem stems from the lack of information about the potency of a given drug. This is particularly a problem with drugs that come directly from plants, such as marijuana and mushrooms, where variations in the growing technique, soil and a host of other factors can change the potency of a drug.

Do you know how much psilocybin, the actual hallucinogen, is in that bag of 'shrooms you just bought? Well, if 'shrooms were decriminalized, you would. The Pure Food and Drug Act of 1906, the same law that requires a bottle of aspirin to display potency and dosage information, would require a bottle of psilocybin pills (as someone would find a cheap way to synthesize psilocybin, or extract it from mushrooms) to display the exact dosage of each pill, making overdoses a thing of the past.

Zack Elan, 18
Western freshman

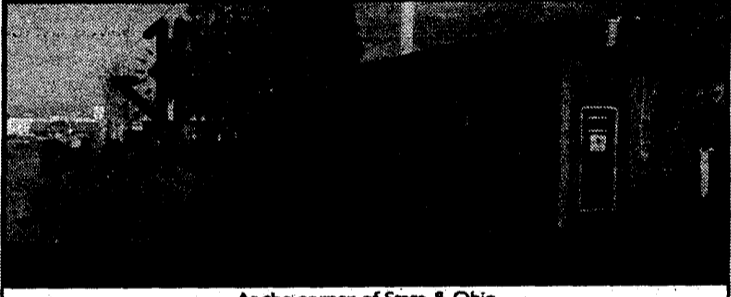
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