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## Construction on campus

*Eight renovation projects in progress this summer*

By Katie Rickel

More than \$7.5 million will be spent on construction across Western's campus this summer, which may cause disruptions to pedestrians and traffic.

Western received money from the state for construction projects between 2013 and 2015. Grants for construction are given to Western every two years, said Ed Simpson, assistant director of Facilities Development.

Western has construction projects every year during the summer, he said.

In addition, Western received capital funds for three intermediate projects, \$4.7 million for classroom and lab upgrades, \$2.9 million for the Performing Arts Center exterior renewal and \$3.5 million for the north campus utility upgrade, Simpson said.

Detour routes will be created and Western intends to open up alternatives to pathways that will be closed for construction.

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Construction workers renovate the utilities on north campus as part of eight construction projects happening on Western's campus this summer. The utilities update is set to be completed this December. // Photo by Daniella Beccaria

## Western hosts Washington Business Week

By Robert Krause II

Washington state high school students attended Washington Business Week, an intensive, six-day conference for students with an interest in business, on Western's campus during the week of Sunday, June 22.

Washington Business Week is an event sponsored by the nonprofit organization of the same name that lets students explore careers while making

"These are professionals that have given up an entire week of their time at work away from their family, their friends and their kids to not only give their time but their talents as well."

—Herman Calzadillas,  
Director of Programs,  
Washington Business Week

new friends and taking a test run of college life, according to the WBW website.

Over the course of the week, several hundred high school students were placed in teams of 10-12 where they simulated running and operating their own business, Herman Calzadillas, director of programs for WBW, said.

By the end of the weeklong program, each group of students was expected to present a product or service that the world has never seen before, Calzadillas said.

"From point A to point B it may seem very easy, but it actually takes a lot of work to get there," Calzadillas said.

After completing the weeklong program the students receive two college credits, Calzadillas said.

"The two college credits are very symbolic of the academic rigor that's involved in the program," Calzadillas said.

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## Master of Vapours: rising beyond the smoke

Western senior opens electronic cigarette store downtown



Western senior and owner of Master of Vapours Austin Masters, 22, takes a break from working on Wednesday, June 25th. // Photo by Melissa McDonough

By Olivia Moon

Hoping to ride the recent trend toward electronic cigarettes, Western senior Austin Masters opened his own e-cigarette store, Master of Vapours, in downtown Bellingham. Health professionals on Western's campus note that e-cigarettes have material health detriments.

E-cigarettes are a \$1.5 billion industry globally and are projected to increase by 25 percent annually, according to projections by Research and Markets.

Masters' store carries five different brands of e-liquids with more than 47 different flavors. Users fill a cigarette-shaped device with e-liquid, which is then vaporized, or

"vaped" and inhaled.

"[With e-cigarettes] you've got a battery, a tank and a heating element inside that vaporizes the liquid by boiling it," Masters said.

Currently, no proven research exists suggesting that e-cigarettes are more or less harmful than regular cigarettes.

"Legally speaking, we shouldn't consider [e-cigarettes] a healthier alternative [to cigarettes] but it looks to be something that could be a better alternative at the very least," Masters said.

Tom Schneider, an M.D. at Western's Student Health Center, said in an email that e-cigarettes still have health detriments.

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# Shooting the gap



Marvin Pingera flies over a retaining wall at Stevens Pass Ski Resort Thursday, June 19. A group of sponsored snowboarders including Pingera and Western alumnus Matthew Wainhouse built a "step-up" jump over the course of three days and then filmed for a late-season video. // Photo by Ian Koppe

# CONSTRUCTION: New projects renovate campus

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High Street will be congested during construction, but one lane will stay open and the bus system will not be affected, Simpson said.

### North Campus Utilities

The most disruptive project is upgrading electrical utilities on north campus, Simpson said.

The current, 4,160-volt electrical system that powers all of north campus is being replaced with a more efficient 12,470-volt system, according to Western's 2014 Facilities Development Project Impact Presentation.

"Currently we have a single feed that feeds this whole north end of campus," project manager Josh Kavulla said. "If that fails we lose everything."

The new system will create a loop that offers redundancy and eliminating this single point of failure, Kavulla said.

"There will have to be scheduled power outages and generators will provide electricity," Simpson said.

This will happen between Thursday, June 16, and Wednesday, Dec. 31.

Impact areas will be Wilson Library, Mathes Hall, Nash Hall, Higginson Hall, Edens Hall North, Edens Hall, Old Main, Humanities Building, Fraser Hall, Engineering Technology and Environmental Studies buildings.

Each building will run on portable generators for about seven days while they receive an electrical upgrade, according to the 2014-2015 construction plan.

People in the buildings will experience a short power outage while the electricity is shut off and switched to a generator. Some dorm inhabitants may hear the generators depending on the location of the rooms, Simpson said.

### Nash Hall Renovation

Renovations in Nash Hall will occur in two phases and will begin Tuesday, June 24, and end Tuesday, Sept. 16.

Renovations will include a new sprinkler system, new smoke detectors, door replacements, floor finishes and repainting, Simpson said.

During this time, High Street will be congested, but the bus stop in front of Nash will stay open, project manager John Treston said.

### Wilson Library, Fine Arts Building and Parks Hall

Wilson Library will get a tile roof replacement and attic insulation, while the Fine Arts Building and Parks Hall will receive flat roof replacements and repairs. This is expected to occur Friday, June 20, through Monday, Sept. 1.

### Performing Arts Center

The Performing Arts Center will get an exterior renewal, which is taking place between Friday, June 20, and Monday, Oct. 31. The PAC has mold around the exterior of the building and there are cracks and water infiltration, Simpson said.

The school will be repairing plaster, recoating paint, replacing downspouts, cleaning and repairing grout and resealing

bricks, he said.

The PAC's windows will also be replaced. During this time there will be no parking behind the PAC and no access to the 25G parking lot, Treston said.

Construction for this project will not interfere with events happening on campus, he said.

### Brick Paving

There will be brick paving outside Wilson Library from High Street to Old Main and at the south side of the Humanities Building. The Viking Union, north library entrance and the Humanities Building's south entrance will be closed.

This is set to occur from Thursday, June 16, to Monday, Sept. 1. The only classes this would affect are classes in the Humanities Building, Simpson said.

### Steam Upgrades

Steam piping will be replaced at Ridgeway starting Thursday, June 16, until the first week of September. The construction team will dig trenches to put new pipes into the ground, project manager Sherrie Montgomery said.

Parking lot 10G will be closed and College Way will be heavily congested during this time. Pedestrians will be encouraged to use Red Square instead of College Way, Montgomery said.

### Classroom Upgrades

Three classrooms and labs in the Biology and Engineering Technology buildings will receive upgrades.

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## Cops Box

June 25, 3:06 a.m.: Police responded to a report of unknown people running away from a house on the 2800 block of McKenzie Avenue. It is unclear if these people had permission to be in the residence.

June 24, 9:00 p.m.: Officers on the 4500 block of El Dorado Way responded to a report of unknown persons shooting BB guns toward condos, causing damages to multiple units.

June 24, 4:22 p.m.: Police received a report from a resident of Alabama Street who said he found wet bread in his icebox.

June 21, 5:21 p.m.: On the 1300 block of Lakeway Drive, a nude man was found wandering around with a slug on his tongue for "teeth cleaning purposes." The man was taken to the hospital for a mental health evaluation.

*// Compiled by Genevieve Carrillo*

## Corrections

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# BUSINESS: High school students gather at Western

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"Really what it comes down to are the life lessons that the students are coming away with," Calzadillas said.

Katherine Fisher, an Oak Harbor High School junior, 17, said she came to the WBW program to learn how to run a small business because she wants to be her own manager while pursuing a career in theater.

"I have learned quite a bit with the business simulations that we have been doing," Fisher said. "We have to do inputs and outputs, and do we hire more people? Fire people? I have just learned an incredible amount."

Alex Shinstrom, a Juanita High School junior, 17, came to WBW to learn about business because he felt he had limited business savvy.

The best part of the week for Shinstrom was the people he met.

"You can walk up to anyone and just say hi and you can have a nice conversation with someone," Shinstrom said.

WBW incorporates professional

company advisors and mentors to guide students through scenarios that may be problematic to those new in the field, Calzadillas said.

Boeing and PEMCO Insurance are two of the companies represented at Western this week, Calzadillas said.

"These are professionals that are giving up an entire week of their time to work away from their friends, their family, their kids to not only give their time but their talents as well," Calzadillas said.

WBW is a nonprofit organization that offers educational programs for high school students across Washington, Calzadillas said.

The nonprofit holds events at Western, Central Washington University, Pacific Lutheran University and Gonzaga University, Calzadillas said.

Western and WBW have a partnership that spans more than 20 years, Calzadillas said.

Some of the things WBW aims to teach students include competencies that many companies look for, such as working in diverse teams, how to be cus-

tomers focused and applying creativity and innovation, Calzadillas said.

WBW also invites guest speakers from a range of business specialties, enhancing the planned weekly activities for the students participating in the program.

Mike Egan, director of corporate affairs at Microsoft Corp., has been a guest speaker for WBW for the past nine years.

One reason Egan consistently returns is the enjoyment he experiences from the question-and-answer section. He likes to see how and where students are focusing their energies. "They really steer it in so many dif-



Hoan Do encourages Washington state high school students during Washington Business Week at Western. // Photo courtesy of Ben Magbual

ferent ways," Egan said. "You can tell there is a deep interest on career setting, where they want to go and how they think about maybe finding a job after high school and college."

# E-CIGARETTE: Masters opens new store and lounge 'Master of Vapours' downtown

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"The only advantage that smoking an e-cig has over tobacco is that it is less smelly and messy," Schneider said. "It's still fueling an addiction."

E-cigarettes still contain trace amounts of carcinogens such as formaldehyde, arsenic and benzene, Schneider said. Currently, no proven data on the long-term effects of inhaling these substances exists, so the cancer rates of individuals inhaling these products is still unknown.

"They will still end up with the same adverse health effects of nicotine," Schneider said.

Various flavors are sold at e-cigarette stores, and Schneider said this is an "obvious attempt to attract younger users and create more customers — and more nicotine addicts."

When starting his business, Masters was able to take his knowledge from his previous experience working at cigExpress, also located downtown.

He was involved in managing wholesale accounts and would help people start up their own businesses across the nation.

"The biggest challenge [to starting a business] is mobilizing the investment capital, which is basically getting money in the bank," Masters said.

While Masters' store has only been open a short while, Masters believes his marketing strategy is paying off due to the amount of people he sees coming in referencing the store's radio advertisements.

Masters described his store as having a "high society feel," referring to the exposed brick, red velvet curtains

and leather furniture in the lounge.

"People are realizing the quality of services that we have compared to some of the local competitors," Masters said.

Masters was unable to receive a bank loan, but got funding from a private investor to begin his project.

"When you have a business that has a diverse amount of inventory at varying costs it can add up really quick," Masters said.

Monica Taylor, a Western student and employee of Master of Vapours, said the most unique aspects of the store are the atmosphere and the overall experience.

"Very rarely in companies will you ever be encouraged to stay as long as you want," Taylor said. "We encourage you to stay, relax, vape as long as you want and talk with people."



Austin Masters holds his personal electronic cigarette while lounging in his new vapor shop. // Photo by Melissa McDonough

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# CHOCOLATE: A NECESSITY



Sarah Houle dips a ganache in melted chocolate at the Guide Meridian location of Chocolate Necessities. The factory location produces roughly 1,400 truffles weekly.

Hundreds of ornately decorated truffles fill the glass shelves of Bellingham's Chocolate Necessities. On a light brown wooden shelf to the left are many uniquely shaped pieces of chocolate — intricately detailed whales, cats and birds among them.

In the next room, dozens of elongated boxes hold hundreds more of the chocolate treats. Deeper into the shop, machines produce a low hum as they stir multiple kinds of chocolate at just the right speed and temperature before they are ready to be molded into masterpieces.

For Kevin Buck, founder of Chocolate Necessities, chocolate is not just a food — it is an art form.

Chocolate Necessities produces and sells dozens of different chocolates, truffles and other treats at its location

on Guide Meridian. Its other location, closer to Western on Cornwall Avenue, sells homemade gelato — a refreshing cold treat on a hot summer day — along with handmade chocolates.

Chocolate Necessities came to life 27 years ago after an eye-opening experience sampling chocolates at a shop in Banff, Alberta while Buck was on vacation in Canada. Prior to the trip, Buck had not known the difference between low-quality and high-quality chocolate. Upon stumbling across the Banff chocolate shop and trying some of their chocolate, he realized he had never before had anything like it, he said.

"I could only afford a few," Buck said. "I had about five or six, but they were fabulous. It was absolute perfection."

Before he became a chocolatier, Buck worked as a custodian at an elementary

school. He had no big career goals, he said.

"I was just waiting around to see what I was supposed to be doing," Buck said.

During his vacation in Banff, Buck discovered that there is exceptional chocolate in the world, although people in the United States are not eating it, he said. It was after his chocolate experience in Banff that he became curious and started digging into the mystery behind what makes good chocolate.

"Once you taste it, you can't go back to that kind of counterfeit chocolate," Buck said. "That's why Hershey's can't sell in Europe. The kids grew up on good chocolate and they won't accept it. We grew up on one of the worst chocolates in the world."

While exploring the world of chocolate, Buck learned that the taste of chocolate depends on two predominant ingredients: cocoa butter and sugar. Cocoa butter — a thick, white buttery solid — produces the "melt in your mouth" experience, but the amount of cocoa butter used in popular chocolate manufacturers is often cut due to its high cost, Buck said.

"Most companies are not committed to quality — most are committed to profits — try to maximize the sugar," Buck said. "If you ever see palm oil or any other kind of oil in the ingredient list, you know their commitment to quality is out the window."

Pamela Koehn began working at Chocolate Necessities 26 years ago. Before working at the shop, all she knew about chocolate was that she had loved dark chocolate ever since she was a child, she said.

By Allie Holzman

Photography by Chanel Retasket



"[Chocolate] makes you feel happy, makes you feel good and it's very satisfying," Koehn said. "A little bit is all you need and you're satisfied."

Chocolate Necessities goes to great lengths to have the best chocolate available, Koehn said. Employees put their hearts into their work, using only the best ingredients and making everything by hand to ensure that they sell the very best chocolate.

The business only sells chocolate that the employees enjoy eating themselves, Koehn said.

Western alumna and self-proclaimed foodie Rachel Cresta, 23, has worked at the Cornwall Avenue location for three years. Working with high-quality chocolate has opened her eyes to the low quality of better-known companies. Like Koehn, Cresta prefers dark chocolate, she said.

While working, Cresta often recommends truffles to customers. Her favorite is the vanilla truffle — a dark chocolate shell with a soft white chocolate vanilla center, she said.

"Once you've had really good dark chocolate, all you taste is sugar afterward," Cresta said.

The shop's dedication to quality applies not just to chocolate but to gelato as well. No matter the weather, the Cornwall Avenue location sells gelato year-round, Cresta said. Decadent flavors such as mango, pineapple and

other varieties sit in the chilled, glass shelves. All of the gelato is made on location.

From the outside, the gray warehouse where Chocolate Necessities is nestled appears like any other business.

"We keep the focus on quality, not on the marble floors and the granite countertops," Buck said.

The glass shelves are lined with hundreds of handmade truffles infused with unique flavors. Balsamic caramel, Frangelico, Crème de menthe, scotch and tequila are just some

of the roughly 1,400 truffles produced weekly. Wooden cabinets adorn the plain white walls and blue-green carpeting covers the floor.

"It doesn't matter how fancy the shop looks, [other shops] can't ever go beyond the quality of the chocolate they use," Buck said.

As batches of the store's renowned truffles are prepared, the smell of chocolate fills the small, quaint Chocolate Necessities store. As customers enter, employees greet them with a smile, offering samples of different varieties of chocolate as they come in. For Buck, Koehn and the rest of the employees,

"[Chocolate] makes you feel happy, makes you feel good and it's very satisfying. A little bit is all you need and you're satisfied."

— Pamela Koehn,  
Employee, Chocolate  
Necessities



Handmade truffles and gelato are sold at the Cornwall Avenue Chocolate Necessities location.

Chocolate Necessities is more than just a store — it's their chocolate sanctuary.

## Chocolate Necessities Locations:

### Chocolate Necessities, Inc.

4600 Guide Meridian Suite 109  
Bellingham, WA 98226  
Contact: 360-676-0589  
info@chocolatenecessities.com

Store hours:  
Monday - Saturday:  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Chocolate Necessities and Gelato:

1426 Cornwall Ave.  
Bellingham WA 98225  
Phone: 360-733-6666

Store hours:  
Monday - Thursday: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
Friday - Saturday: 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.  
Sunday: 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Right: Amanda Koehn coats truffles with melted chocolate at the Guide Meridian location of Chocolate Necessities where all the chocolates are produced.



## A sampling of truffle flavors:

- Amaretto
- Exotic Vanilla
- Kahlua
- Bailey's Irish Cream
- Mandarin Orange
- Cognac

**FRONTLINE**

Opinions of the Editorial Board

E-cigarettes are becoming popular among young users, replacing traditional cigarettes in many cases. As the number of vapor stores downtown rise, Western students have to accept the fact that they will come in contact with electronic cigarette vapor more frequently. On a sunny day in Red Square, it is not unlikely to see someone using an e-cigarette by the fountain, or sitting at a bench rather than in a designated smoking location.

While we all know tobacco products can cause cancer and other health problems, this editorial board does not agree with the way that e-cigarette companies are advertising their products as a new and cool form of smoking, as no form of recreational smoking is good for you.

The vapor is not smoke, so traditional regulations do not apply to users in public areas. However, e-cigarettes still contain tobacco and should be considered nothing more than camouflaged cigarettes. The last two years have shown a doubling of e-cigarette use among middle and high school students, according to the Center for Disease Control. These are students who legally cannot buy tobacco products. At the same time, the CDC announced that a 2013 survey of high school students showed the lowest percentage of traditional cigarette users in the 22 years since surveying began, at 15.7 percent.

So, as the use of e-cigarette numbers rise and cigarette numbers drop, young people are facing the controversial question: which is the lesser of two evils? Should e-cigarettes be supported in the hope that cigarette use continues to drop?

The Food and Drug Administration has not evaluated the use of e-cigarettes and has sent multiple warnings to distributors for violations of the Federal Food Drug and Cosmetic Act by way of false claims and poor manufacturing practices. Despite a growing industry, it is still very difficult to confirm the legitimacy of practices in the making of e-cigarettes, which is a potential danger to users, who cannot know exactly what they are putting in their bodies.



// Illustration by Truxtun McCoy

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**Viking Voices**

**Do you think that e-Cigarettes should have the same restrictions on campus as traditional cigarettes?**

// Compiled by Mariko Osterberg



"Yes, because they contain nicotine just like cigarettes."  
- Caleb Brydon  
junior, biology



"No, I don't think so. e-cigs have no second-hand smoke, so it doesn't bother me."  
-Cassandra Weber  
senior, marketing



"Yes, because it's disgusting. It's a tobacco product still, so I think we shouldn't have tobacco products on campus at all because it's still tobacco, and it's a nasty habit to have other people exposed to."  
- Erika Kutz  
senior, graphic design

**Western track stars compete in national competition**  
Western sophomores finish winning season at California competition

By Jeffrey Giuliani

Bethany Drake and Katie Reichert, two of the star javelin throwers from Western's track and field team, competed in the United States Track and Field (USATF) Outdoor Championships in Sacramento, California



**Katie Reichert**  
// Photo by Bailey Barnard

Thursday, June 26. Drake placed 15th and Reichert 13th in the national competition. "They had a great year," said Pee Wee Halsell, head coach of Western's track and field team. "They finished first and second in almost every meet this season," he said.

Drake said she is excited with the progress she made in her sophomore campaign.

"It was a lot of fun," she said. "There was big improvements for me." She indicated consistency in her marks from meet to meet as her biggest triumph.

Drake said consistency is at the forefront of her success at the championships.

"I was confident, well prepared and I felt ready," she said. "I was in a better mindset."

Reichert said she hopes to keep improving but is happy with what she accomplished this year.

Their collegiate season climaxed at the NCAA Division II Championships. Drake took first, throwing 165 feet, 3 inches on her best attempt. Reichert was right behind her throwing 165 feet, 2 inches.

As a result of their accomplishments throughout the season, Drake and Reichert qualified for the USATF Outdoor Championships at Sacramento State University.

Drake said that this tournament is an extra bonus to end the season.

Western athletes do not often attend the event and they were not sure if they would go, Reichert said.

"We trained for it anyway and ended up qualifying," she said.

Reichert believes that tournaments like the championship in Sacramento are the best way to improve as an athlete.

"Meets like this make us hungry," she said. "They are good for putting yourself in high stress situations and compare to other athletes who can throw just as far."

Halsell believes that this is only the beginning. Both Drake and Reichert have room for growth, possibly improving beyond the 170-foot mark, he said.

Drake is striving to improve her marks and not become complacent.

"I'm trying to improve all aspects of performance," Reichert said. "I'm trying to max my lifts and improve different form techniques."

Both Reichert and Drake said that they push each other to improve.

Drake said she could not imagine training beside anyone else than Reichert.

Drake is very devoted and gives her all every day, creating an example to follow, Reichert said.

Drake and Reichert's 2013-2014 season is now complete following the tournament in Sacramento. The next step, Drake said, is rest and recovery.

"We'll take a few weeks off, then it's back to training," she said. "But, this is the last stop of the season."

**By the Numbers**

Results from Thursday:

**Katie Reichert**  
Mark: 48.5 meters  
159-1

**Bethany Drake**  
Mark: 47.44 meters  
155-8



**Bethany Drake**  
// Photo by Bailey Barnard

**High School cheer camp takes over Western's turf**  
Western hosts annual camp, cheers resonate throughout campus

By Aarin Wright

More than 100 high school cheerleaders and their brightly colored pompoms jumped, clapped and chanted on the Wade King Student Recreation Center's turf Tuesday, June 24, through Friday, June 27.

"This is just an annual cheer camp," said Laura Nation, who coaches the Gig Harbor High School cheer team.

The camp is put on by the National Cheerleaders Association, Nation said. The camp is one of seven summer cheerleading camps in Washington, according to its website.

The cheerleaders learn chants, stunts and dances at camp, Nation said. Eight high school teams from all over Washington and British Columbia, Canada gathered to be trained by professionals from the association.

"It's an opportunity to better the squad," said Karlee Heath, a student from Mount Baker High School and co-captain of their cheerleading team. A staff member is assigned to each team to provide one-on-one help, Heath said.

Heath and the Mount Baker High School team have attended the cheer camp at the rec center for many years, she said. But for other teams,

it was their first summer camp in Bellingham.

"Typically we always go in the end of July at Central Washington University," said Brianne Sturm, coach of Edmonds-Woodway High School cheer team. "We decided to try earlier this year to get to a place where those skills really click, especially for the new girls."

Sturm has coached her cheer team for seven years, she said, and enjoys the smaller size of the Bellingham camp, with eight schools.

"It's been a great confidence builder," she said. "The Central [camp] has 20-plus schools so it's a little overwhelming."

Rosie Gamboa, one of the cheerleaders on Sturm's team, said that the stunts and dances taught at camp might be applied to future events.

"Some we're probably going to use for competition," Gamboa said. "Then there are things for homecoming we are learning."

Although the camp itself was not a competition, each evening staff members of the association awarded one team a spirit stick.

"The spirit stick, oh yeah, it's a thing," Sturm said laughing. "They give it to a team that embodies

what it means to be a cheerleader. Not like the cheerleader you see in 'Bring it On.'"

Heath said the spirit stick is the most prestigious cheer award because cheer and energy is what cheering is all about.

With the Western camp wrapped up, there are now six National Cheerleaders Association sponsored cheer camps remaining throughout the rest of the summer.



**Eight high school teams practice at an annual cheer camp held by the National Cheerleaders Association at the Wade King Student Recreation Center field on Thursday, June 26. // Photo by Chanel Retasket**

**Front Funnies**

But Actually - Truxtun McCoy



# Students watch World Cup action on campus

## United States loses to Germany 1-0 but advances to next round of competition



Fans gather around the two TVs set up in the Viking Union to watch as the Russia-Algeria and Belgium-Korea Republic soccer matches unfold simultaneously on Thursday, June 26. Germany defeated the United States 1-0 earlier in the day, with both teams advancing to the knockout round. Russia and Algeria tied 1-1 and Korea Republic lost to Belgium 0-1. The U.S. plays Belgium Tuesday, July 1. // Photo by Chanel Retasket

By Tayler Blumenfeld

Students at Western are following the World Cup between classes, after classes and during breaks to keep up to speed on the action.

Niko Kirsch, a senior at Western, said he tries to catch as many games as he can and with that dedication, he hid his computer during class to catch the United States versus Germany game.

Kirsch said the game kept him nervous, waiting to see results.

“Oh, I was scared,” Kirsch said. “It was scary. I only really got to watch the first half of [the game], but for the second half I brought my computer into class and tried to hide it.”

Even though Kirsch had to be sneaky about watching the game, he showed no remorse with the results.

“We had some nice attacks for playing against such a good team,” Kirsch said. “We are going forward, so I am pretty happy with it.”

Heading into halftime with a tied game, Germany scored in the 55th minute with a goal by Thomas Muller.

With a long, tough battle from both teams, Germany defeated the Americans in a 1-0 win.

Even with this loss, the U.S. will advance on to the next stage of the World Cup.

Terrah Short, a junior at Western, had never watched the World Cup before this year, but that changed with a Facebook post inviting her to a friends house for a World Cup party.

Short said she started watching soccer to support the U.S. team and be-

cause the international competition is exciting.

Short believes there is still a chance for the U.S. to bring home the cup.

“I think it is really strange that big teams like England and Spain are out,” Short said. “There is a good possibility for the U.S.”

The 2014 FIFA World Cup is played every four years and brings together a variety of fans from across the world.

The tournament consists of 32 global teams divided into groups for elimination rounds. The World Cup started on Thursday, June 12, and will continue until the final game on Sunday, July 13.



United States World Cup 2014  
game scores thus far...

USA	2-1	Ghana
USA	2-2	Portugal
USA	0-1	Germany

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