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Mount Baker's glaciers continue to recede at a quicker rate than ever before. // Photo by Jake Tull

Glacial melt changing Baker Nooksack river and ski areas affected by low snowpack

McKenna Kloes
THE WESTERN FRONT

Mount Baker is a provider of both environmental resources and recreational activities for the inhabitants of the Pacific Northwest. However, glacial melt is a phenomenon that is changing the face of Mount Baker and affecting the people it provides services to.

Glaciers are large masses that were formed by the natural packing of excess snow into ice. As climate change effects become more apparent, it has become clear that glaciers are receding at a quicker rate than ever before.

Glaciers begin to retreat when the ice melts at a faster rate than it is getting replaced, Associate Professor of Geology Doug Clark said.

"When that melting is happening, the ice isn't flowing fast enough to replace it," Clark said.

Robert Mitchell, professor of geology, is working with a small team of University of Washington and Western graduate students to create a model for what will happen to the glaciers on Mount Baker in the short and long-term future. One of their main goals is to use their research to help the Nooksack Indian Tribe prepare for glacial melt the best way

they can.

Glacial melt is a problem for many people, but its immediate effects are especially prominent for the Nooksack Indian Tribe, whose livelihood depends on glacier water in the Nooksack River. The tribe catches, eats and sells salmon as a huge part of their lifestyle. Without large glaciers feeding into the river, water temperature will go down and salmon won't be able to live out their lives.

Water volume in the river is another variable that's concerning to Mitchell. Fish need a certain volume of water in order to stay healthy and move through the river. When the gla-

ciers melt enough that they are no longer feeding the Nooksack, it's volume will go down greatly.

"We're in constant communication with the tribe because they're collecting data and managing other elements of this and we're doing our part, which is the modeling," Mitchell said. "They're going to take the science, and it's going to help them make some management decisions."

Mitchell said the modeling effort began in 2010 and will continue throughout their next project, which is beginning in the fall and will look at how snowpack will reduce glacier size and

Tips for new students

On-campus resources and advice for students new to Western

Rebekah Way
THE WESTERN FRONT

President for Student Life Emma Palumbo said.

A new student can expect their first week at Western to be jammed with events, ice breakers in residence halls, bundles of brochures and endless amounts of new information thrown at them each day.

Nearly 4,000 first-year students arrived to campus this month. Whether they are transferring from another college, or fresh out of high school, it's not uncommon for students to feel uneasy during their first weeks.

Students may search for ways to make a smooth transition into life at Western, and a common piece of advice from any student is to get involved.

The Associated Students is home to over 200 clubs, which include any topic or hobby students may be interested in, AS Vice

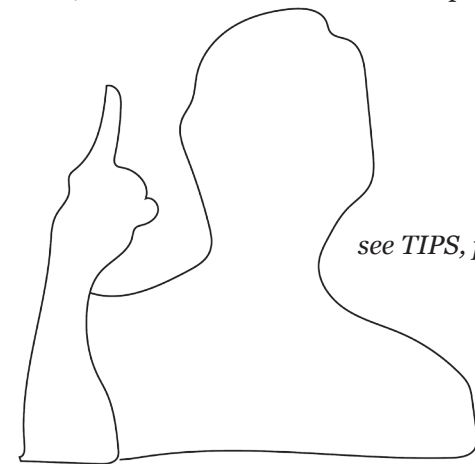
Palumbo said there are also committees for students who want a voice in the decisions that directly impact the student body.

"Find ways to get involved because you'll meet a lot of folks that have similar interests to you or have similar passions, and that's a really great way to feel connected to campus and feel at home here," Palumbo said.

Every student is a part of the AS through tuition fees, making all of their services available to students, Palumbo said.

"For that reason, we want as much input as possible and we want to know what people care about," Palumbo said.

Western is host to many resources for new students. Academic advising, which students first experience



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Food trucks feed homeless

This year's Feed the Need Community Food Drive kicked off with Industrial Credit Union's Third Annual Food Truck Round Up to donate to those hungry in Whatcom County.

MAKING MUSIC WITH MARTIAL ARTS



Western alumnus Matteo Tamburini (right) leads a song after movement practice at the WWU Capoeira Club on Monday, September 28. Tamburini described capoeira as a Brazilian dance between dancing and fighting and as an intergenerational community project that includes elements of martial arts, music, dance and theater. WWU Capoeira Club meets every Monday at 6 p.m. in the multipurpose room. // Photo by Christina Becker

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New major looks to solve energy problems

Paulo Bicchieri
THE WESTERN FRONT

Energy Policy and Management is now being offered as a major through the Institute for Energy Studies.

This new major will cover issues including how people in this country, and the rest of the world, are going to be able to flip on the lights or have access to hot water in a

sustainable manner.

An Energy Policy minor has been offered at Western in the past, but this is the first major of its kind. The Institute aims to teach about human consumption and production through multiple disciplines.

Huxley College of the Environment, the College of Science and Engineering and the College of Business and Economics house the new program.

Students at Western have been clamoring for this type of education for a long time.

"The Institute for Energy Studies was formulated five or six years ago, really in direct response to the interest of students," director of the Institute Joel Swisher said.

Environmental science students could learn about these massive climate issues, but wanted to know what they could do on the solution side, Swisher said.

Up until this time, these programs focused on only one aspect of energy use. The new major is an interdisciplinary approach to

energy management, senior Meghan Demeter said.

"You take classes in economics, business and accounting, policy and politics and of course in energy," Demeter said.

The program has created about 20 classes, with new faculty being brought on board to teach them.

Stefanie Neale is a Western graduate student who graduated with the Energy Policy minor.

"There was a huge interest in the minor," Neale said. "The Institute saw the interest and got more funding and faculty to teach some of the energy classes. There was a need for it."

Green energy, climate change and energy efficiency are important topics right now, Neale said.

"When you look at a lot of environmental and climate issues it all really boils down to energy," Demeter said.

Neale said students graduating in the major will be better prepared to enter the workforce and will have a

high chance of finding work due to demand.

Energy and energy use is a part of almost all services Americans use.

"We joke about not caring

tell the students they're going to be running the place in no time."

Energy Policy & Management can lead to working in utilities like Puget Sound

"When you look at a lot of environmental and climate issues it all really boils down to energy."

Meghan Demeter
Senior

about kilowatts and gallons of gas, what we care about is hot showers and cold beer, but it's still a service," Swisher said in an interview with the Western Window TV show.

Jobs in business, entrepreneurship and nonprofit work will be some of the areas graduates of the Energy Policy & Management major will be able to work in, Swisher said.

"The demographics are amazing," Swisher said. "I

Energy or Cascade Natural Gas. Government jobs such as winterizing homes that use excess heat in the winter is an example of energy efficiency work that Neale is interested in pursuing.

The Institute's degree also offers an option to add a minor in Entrepreneurship and Innovation. An Energy Science minor, and another full major, Electrical Engineering, are both now offered at Western.

What's happening?

Events on campus and in the community

Thursday
Wednesday

<p>Free Concert: The Home Team With Hooves and Beak 7-9 p.m. Underground Coffeehouse, VU 3rd Floor</p>	<p>Sunset Kayaking on the Bay Join the AS Outdoor Center and wate the sunset on Bellingham Bay as well as learn basic sea kayaking skills. 5-8:30 p.m. Sign up at Outdoor Center VU 150A</p>
<p>Disability And Donuts Learn about the disability Outreach Center and meet people. Free donuts and information will be offered. 6-8 p.m. VU 565C</p>	<p>First Environmental WAPPAP Meeting Western Action for People Power and Planet will be providing free pizza as well as student activism and sustainability discussion. 5:30- 8 p.m. Outback Farm Ampitheater</p>

Cops Box

12:58 p.m., Sept. 21

Individual cited for Fail To Transfer Title With 45 Days, Text Messaging While Driving and Operating Motor Vehicle Without Insurance.

3:59 p.m., Sept. 23

Client rammed a shopping cart into caretaker.

1:15 p.m., Sept. 21

Individual reported her fanny pack was stolen out of her friend's vehicle while she was shopping.

10:12 a.m., Sept. 26

Individual worked the night shift last night and then had a few too many drinks. He attempted to walk home but was too intoxicated and tired, so he decided to sleep on the sidewalk. Officers provided a ride to his home.

10:24 p.m., Sept. 21

Responded to a loud party on Garden street.

11:41 a.m., Sept. 28

Individual concealed several Seahawk clothing items, conditioner and alcohol into her bag and then exited store with the stolen property.

// Compiled by News Desk

Buddy program pairs exchange students to help meet people

Mikayla King
THE WESTERN FRONT

Western student volunteers pair up with 40 international students to welcome them to a new country, town and school this fall with the help of the International Buddy Program.

The program hopes to make the transition to Bellingham life easier by providing international students with a way to connect to their peers, adjust to American culture and explore the area.

Western and international student buddies are encouraged to meet regularly. Larger events are held every other week, including a boat cruise, snowshoeing in the Outdoor Center during the winter and

visiting the San Juan Islands in the spring. There are also several local events planned, such as visiting a pumpkin patch and ice skating.

Despite being optional to international students, the program has grown in popularity with a record number of both international students and volunteers this fall.

Haruka Kasugai, a junior from Japan, said the program made it easier for her to meet new people and learn about cultures from around the world. Kasugai said that without the program, she would not be as social.

It can be difficult making friends when you are focused on going to class and studying all the time, Kasugai said.

Kasugai studied abroad

once before at the University of California, Riverside, where there was not a comparable program offered. Kasugai found the transition to be much more difficult without the help of the International Buddy Program.

"You have to live there, but you don't know where the grocery store is. ... but with the buddy, you can just ask," Kasugai said. "It's really supportive."

The program is part of the International Student and Scholarship Services office, which also assists international students obtaining visas and registering for classes. Abigail Borchert, the International Student Adviser within the ISSS, said most volunteers are students with previous ex-

perience studying abroad.

"If a Western student, for example, studied at university in Germany, they come back from their exchange, they might be a buddy of a student from that same university that they studied at. So that is especially appealing," Borchert said.

Taiya Brown, a senior studying psychology and minor in international studies, volunteers in the program to help recruit Western students and organize program events.

Brown's favorite part of the program is getting to interact with the international students and learn their perspective on American life.

"I like to think of it as raising global awareness about

other people and the world and where they're from," Brownsaid. "It is interesting to see how much diversity comes from other countries."

Borchert described the program as a safe place for everyone to experience new cultures and create new friendships.

"It's a great way to make connections, it puts you a little outside your comfort zone, but there are also some really great opportunities that come with that too," Borchert said.

The program is held year round and is free to both volunteers and international students. Those interested in the program can visit the ISSS website at ww.u.edu/ISSS or email wwinternationalbuddies@gmail.com.



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VU poster sale funds AS events

By Sam Chanen
THE WESTERN FRONT

AS Productions will conclude its two-week long poster sale on Friday, Oct. 2. Proceeds from the event help fund future AS Productions throughout the year.

Inside of the poster sale, the Viking Union Gallery is covered with posters of all sizes on both the tables and walls. The posters range from famous musicians and iconic athletes to scenic panoramas and inspirational quotes. Along with posters, imported cotton t-shirts are also available.

The proceeds from the sale help AS Productions put on events such as Lawnstock and outdoor movies throughout the year, as well as bring exposure to the VU Gallery.

Western hosts the poster sale for the first two weeks of fall quarter every year. It is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. throughout these weeks.



Sophomore Ali Brenes browses posters at the Associated Student Body Poster Sale in the Viking Union Gallery. The sale will continue through October 2 and the gallery is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. // Photo by Daisey James

Student Activities Advisor Jennifer Cook said AS Productions will receive 17 percent of the proceeds from the poster sale. They can receive an additional five percent for setting up posters throughout campus in order to help increase sales.

"[The sale] is a nice way

to supplement money that we don't have so we can put on quality events for the year," Cook said. "It's also a way to have students introduced to the VU Gallery so they know where it is and what to expect."

The posters are provided by a fundraising company called Beyond the Wall. The

company is sponsored on college campuses by student organizations, such as AS Productions, according to Beyond the Wall's website.

"They essentially just have a bunch of big posters and they show up with a truck full and load them all in and sell them," AS VU

Gallery Director Jean-louis Gazabat said.

Beyond the Wall's website also mentions how they have brought their poster sale to over 650 universities and colleges throughout the country.

Having sold posters at Western before, employees from Beyond the Wall expect to be back at Western in the near future.

"It's just a good school for posters," Beyond the Wall employee Jason McNally said.

As a new batch of freshmen move into the on-campus dorms, many come to the poster sale in search of something that will set them apart.

"I want something that's cool, but I don't think everyone else would buy," junior Owen Sheets said. "Like I want to have that one poster."

The poster sale helps ease incoming students who are new to Western by encouraging them to explore their new setting.

"It's really reaching out to the community," Gazabat said. "[We are] trying to draw in a new audience who's brand new here to Western."

junior Alicia Duncombe said.

Duncombe said it is important to make a connection with professors when possible. "I've found that professors at Western are legitimately interested in helping their students succeed, and I don't think that's a guarantee to all campuses," Duncombe said.

Although the beginning of the year can be overwhelming, campus resources such as AS and academic advising are available year round in the hopes of helping students make their college experience a little less stressful.

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at orientation, is available to students year round.

"Part of our conversations with students is really helping them understand picking courses that are going to get them moving forward, in terms of declaring their major and moving towards graduation," Assistant Director of Advising Services Meagan Bryson said.

From orientation, academic advisors encourage students to try to build a balanced schedule and ask for help if they need to know what that looks like.

"We really reinforce to

them that we would really love to see them in their first quarter as they're planning winter quarter courses," Bryson said.

Students can either walk into the academic advising center in Old Main 380 or call into their office to make an appointment. Academic advisors can also assist in the process of dropping classes and refer students to other resources depending on the nature of the help they need.

There are resource and outreach programs that provide identity-based offices that offer peer counseling and information, Palumbo said.

In the AS, students will find the Women's Center, Ethnic Student Center, Queer Resource Center, the

"Find ways to get involved because you will meet a lot of folks who have a lot of interests to you."

Emma Palumbo
AS President for Student Life

Disability Outreach Center, and other offices fit for their

interest or need. "Acquaint yourself with campus resources because the school is set up to help

you succeed in the best way possible, if you ask for help,"

GLACIER: Receding Mt. Baker caused by climate change

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what that will do to stream flow.

Western students are also concerned about glacial melt on Mount Baker. Skiing, snowshoeing, and even photographing glaciers are common pastimes for students and residents of Bellingham.

"There's the environmental aspect, but there's also the recreational side. That can be a huge part of someone's life," environmental studies

major Alexa Brandt said.

Scientists and researchers such as Mitchell and Clark predict that there will always be some glaciers on Mount Baker. However, they will be significantly smaller than ever before and they will only be found high up on the mountain. This will change the way people can use the mountain.

It would take an enormous rise in snow line and an enormous temperature increase to completely get rid

of the snow on Mount Baker, Clark said.

"Mount Baker is high enough that if you want to hike up and do back country skiing, there will be snow, but it's not realistic for a ski area up there. It's at the top of the peaks right now," Clark said.

Glacial melt cannot be stopped, but action can be taken to reduce its effects and preserve some of the mountain's future.

"I'm not sure there's any-

thing we can do directly to save glaciers, per se," Clark said. "But the point I've always had is that we need to start actually approaching this climate change thing as a global community, and especially in terms of the political forum."

Clark said he encourages students to be active and vote about issues related to climate change, he said the most effective way to make change is to do our part at the political level.

"I'm not sure there is anything we can do directly to save glaciers."

Doug Clark
Associate Professor
of Geology

New club promotes female empowerment through music

Girls Rock! WWU aims to bring Bellingham Girls Rocks Camp's philosophy of openness and leadership to Western

By Kyra Bruce
THE WESTERN FRONT

Performances, creativity, media literacy and feminism are lessons and opportunities that help young women shape their place in the music industry. This year, Bellingham Girls Rock Camp, a summer camp that promotes female empowerment through music, is coming to Western as a new Associated Students club.

BGRC began as a senior project for Fairhaven student Casi Brown in 2012. BGRC's Executive Director Morgan Paris Lanza said Brown drew on her "inspirational and transformative" experience with Seattle's Rain City Rock Camp in developing the camp.

"I've seen girls come in very shy and reserved and by the final show, they're sliding on their knees and rippin' on their guitar, really just expressing their voice in so many different ways," Lanza said.

After Brown graduated in spring 2013, Lanza said she knew BGRC needed to continue because the community needed and wanted it. Lanza took charge of the camp using the resources and blueprints that Brown had used to start it.



Junior Erica Ewell (left) and senior Jeanie Marinella (right) are spearheading Girls Rock! WWU, a new club at Western. They are hoping to bring lessons taught at Girls Rock Camp to Western. // Photos by Christina Becker

Since then, Lanza has directed for three years and four camp seasons.

The goal of new club, Girls Rock! WWU, is to provide a space for education and conversation around issues of media literacy and representation of people in the media based on gender, race and sexuality, Lanza said.

The camp is open to female-identified youth, ages 7 to 18. BGRC's mission is to educate and inspire

female-identified youth to be self-empowered leaders through music.

Lanza said the goal is to help more women "feel comfortable and confident stepping into that space [the music industry] that has, for so long, lacked the representation that makes it so you see yourself being a part of that space."

Lanza said it was important to maintain a relationship with Western and to continue providing op-

portunities for students to get involved and become self-empowered leaders.

Music education major Erica Ewell and Lanza want the club to be a student-directed space for people to go out of their comfort zone and try something new. They hope the club will help create a support system for creative risk taking.

"What I envision the club becoming is not only a way to get Western students involved

with Girls Rock Camp, but a way to bring some of those activities and workshops to Western students," Lanza said.

Along with creating a solid base for recruitment of volunteers, Lanza and Ewell hope that Girls Rock! WWU will host documentary showings, discussions and songwriting workshops. Ewell wants the camp ideals of feminism, female-empowerment through music

and body-positivity to be promoted on campus.

Ewell said she believes the Girls Rock! WWU is the next step in solidifying their spot in the community. "We got the gavel of approval," Lanza said.

When students look to form clubs, on-campus resources like the Club Hub are available to help students pursue their passions according to AS Club Coordinator Walter Lutsch.

Lutsch said his job is to help students with club details and forms before they are reviewed by the AS Activities Council.

The Activities Council is how the AS recognizes student organizations, said Lutsch. It's also responsible for disbursing the \$90,000 funding for clubs, Lutsch said.

The Activities Council considers the purpose and mission of a club before approving it, Lutsch said.

Lanza said the Bellingham Girls Rock camp and Girls Rock! WWU both have a mission that is encouraging and fun, bringing the local community and the Western community together.

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Out on a Limb to Get the Shot

From swinging over I-5 to slacklining over the bay, the BreakTide Media team is doing big things--and getting it all on film.

By Jessie Mulrine
THE WESTERN FRONT

Grasping a GoPro, harnessed and dangling from a tree above, the cliffside filmmaker's screams fuse with the sound of cars zooming below on the I-5 Freeway.

Co-founded by Zack Paukert, a Western student, and Justin Atteshis, BreakTide Media strives to make thrill seekers crave the outdoors as they film their adventures in first-person perspective.

In their most recent stunt, the Bellingham based media group used panning aerial shots via drone and first person footage via GoPro cameras to capture the action as they swung out over the Freeway just south of Bellingham.

The rope swing video was a combination effort as 15 people were involved in the making, Atteshis said.

"It was like a puzzle that came together and just happened," Paukert said.

In addition, the media group has produced videos ranging from off-road trucks to slacklining across the Bellingham waterfront. Although the small studio has only officially established itself this past January, Atteshis and Paukert said the intent to build the studio had been around for a long time.

Getting friends together and filming for the fun of it was where BreakTide got its roots, Paukert said. The two began filming sports like parkour and free-running five years ago in Tacoma, something they said they still enjoy.

Atteshis hopes to share their local spots and incorporate more of the community. The company is still pretty small and could use the growth, he said.

Set to graduate this winter, recreation major Paukert said his interest for photography and filmmaking has made BreakTide Media a way to combine his two passions.

While Atteshis doesn't attend school, he said he understands that it can be difficult to juggle school and a budding business. He and Paukert have goals that plan to establish strong connections with people and the Bellingham community, like Western alumnus Mike Jones.



Breaktide Founders, Zack Paukert (left) and Justin Atteshis (right) sit side by side.// Photo courtesy of Justin Atteshis

Jones, who graduated in 2013, met Atteshis last year and became friends with the shared interest of filmmaking and editing.

"It's fun working with your friends...he's really good at what he's doing with his craft," Jones said.

Atteshis is easy to learn from having worked multiple times

built first before filming.

Even if it's not realistic, Paukert said, there are no limits when there is a collaboration of people driven towards a common goal. The rope swing project, Paukert believes, was a testament to this.

"You can kind of tread outside that boundary line from time to time," Paukert said.

on Oct 15-17.

The members of BreakTide see it as a mutual effort to build Bellingham up and to get people to come up and come out, Atteshis said.

"Whenever we go out to do something we look for a video to watch and it kind of gives us the idea of if we should go or not, so we kind of want to do something like that for Bellingham," Atteshis said.

For now it's Atteshis who runs BreakTide Media's day-to-day upkeep such as paying bills, but once Paukert is done with school and BreakTide takes off, they will work side-by-side, Atteshis said.

BreakTide Media projects are welcome for anyone who wishes to join, no experience required, the co-founders said. The group does not have an official Bellingham location, but they can be contacted through their website, Facebook or Instagram.

"Once we get a little bigger, hopefully it will be easier to get people involved. That's why we want to grow, we want to be able to do more," Atteshis said.

"That's why we want to grow, we want to be able to do more."

Justin Atteshis, BreakTide Media Co-Founder

with BreakTide Media, and filming with him over the summer, Jones said.

He was able to help supply some of the film for the rope swinging video, and found the experience to be fun and a little scary, Jones said.

Jones said they came up with the idea for the rope swing around this time last year, and that the spot had to be investigated and

The two co-founders have a white board filled with future plans — plans that they want to do one day but can't right now. For the time being, they are focusing on sharing whatever anybody has to offer.

BreakTide Media is teaming up to work with 5Point Film Festival, a travelling festival that will be making its way into Bellingham at the Mount Baker Theatre

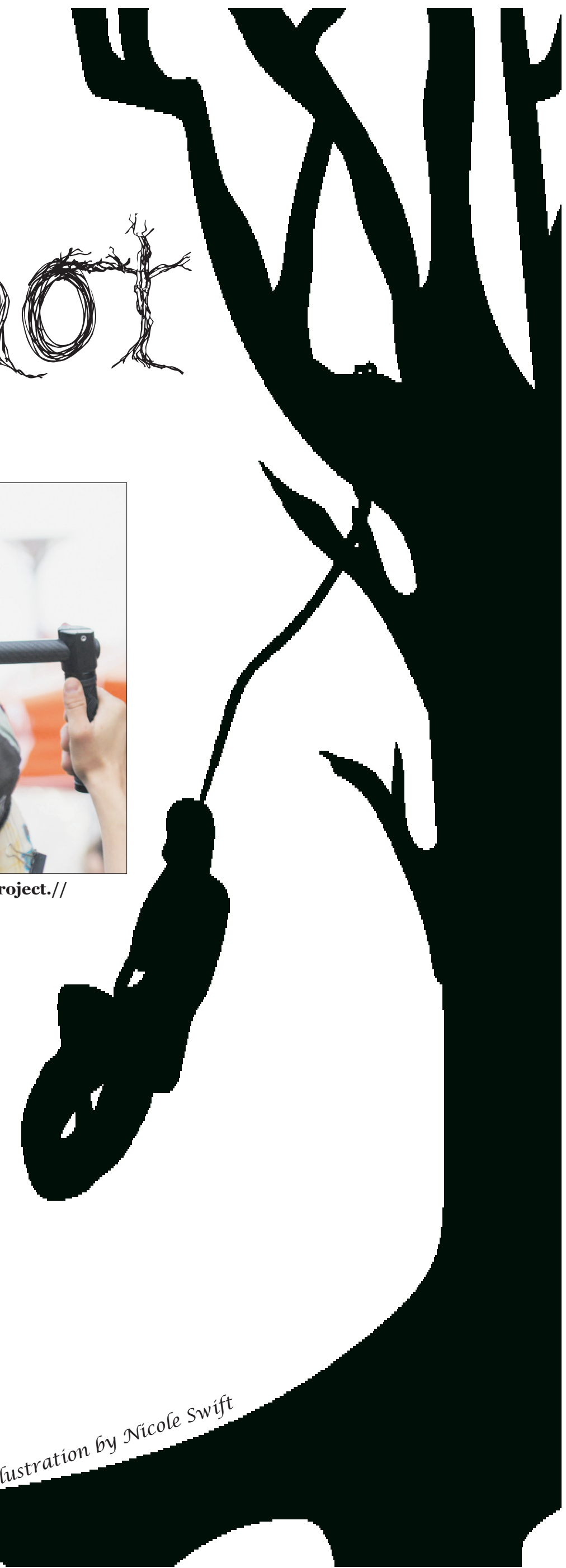


BreakTide Media member works the camera for film project.// Photo courtesy of Justin Atteshis



BreakTide Media member snaps photos during rope swinging stunt over I-5 freeway.// Photo courtesy of Justin Atteshis

Illustration by Nicole Swift



Bartering for your books

Finding the required reading for the quarter isn't always a textbook move

Maria Matson
THE WESTERN FRONT

Each quarter, students search high and low to find the various textbooks required for their new classes. In the textbook dance that occurs every season, there are costs to not knowing how to navigate the textbook marketplace.

With a wide variety of options available, each student ultimately decides whether to rent, buy or borrow books and which locations to seek them out; however the choice can often be a difficult one.

STUDENTS SCRAMBLING

Tosia Ruvalcaba, a senior majoring in Spanish, started the three-year-old Facebook group titled "Buying cheap WWU textbooks" after deciding that textbooks have gotten too expensive. Ruvalcaba, taking matters into her own hands, looks at requests from students and attempts to find them the best deals online.

"I decided why not help Western students not have to pay \$300 for a book you can get for 10 bucks online," Ruvalcaba said. "It's actually really relaxing, a stress reliever — and the real reward is being able to help people to not suffer through having to buy really expensive books."

Before coming to Western, Ruvalcaba attended college classes as a high-school Running Start student. She was faced with the high costs of college textbooks for the first time, and began learning ways to lessen the financial burden. She borrowed books from friends, scanned pages, used e-books and discovered an array of book-selling websites.

Abebooks is a website allowing you to sort through new and used textbooks, and is one of Ruvalcaba's favorites, she said.

She keeps an eye out for in-



Sanoosh Gamblewood searches for textbooks in the lower level of the Western AS Bookstore. // Photo by Caleb Galbreath

ternational versions of books. International books are typically identical to the original but are often less expensive, she said.

"I think Western students do know about a lot of other sources, like Amazon and eBay. But there's also a bunch of other sources that aren't super well-known," Ruvalcaba said. "A lot of times they just have so many books to look for and they don't want to do it."

WWU BOOKSTORE

Jaime Ross works as the textbook assistant at the Associated Students Bookstore, and said that she understands the difficulties many students face when purchasing textbooks because she recently was one. "I love fighting with publishers, trying to get prices [lower]," Ross said. "From recently being a student, it's liberating to say 'I'm going to save everybody else since I had to buy expensive books.'"

Western is one of the only colleges that sets a textbook discount of 10 percent right off

the bat, Ross said. Usually, she said, publishers are the ones who set prices for brand new books.

Ross said that if she finds an older book that's in the triple-digits in the book store but much lower online, she can buy used copies and bring the in-store price down.

"Everyone who orders books online essentially gets first dibs," Ross said. "All summer long people were buying them online, and then students come in on the first

books for 60 days after the quarter starts — they must be shipped back to the warehouses to be made available again for other schools to purchase.

To bring down prices, the bookstore has several methods: buying used books, ordering them early and using a company called Verba, Ross said.

Amazon and other retailers can be inefficient and unreliable, Ross said.

So instead, the technology-savvy company Verba does "online sourcing" which uses price comparisons to find the cheapest books. The bookstore can then order multiple used copies from Verba, which all arrive at the same time, guaranteed Ross said.

Ross said the AS Bookstore offers an online price comparison tool for students, even though sometimes the online prices can be lower than those found in the bookstore.

"It's counterproductive for us as a business, but we are the Western AS bookstore — we're part of the Associated Students. My goal here is to help you guys," Ross said.

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day and are upset all the used copies are gone."

Only after all the used books are bought up will she go to publishers and ask for the new copies, Ross said. The bookstore is only allowed by companies to keep the used

GET TO KNOW WESTERN

Sam Chanen
THE WESTERN FRONT



With each entry of Get to Know Western, The Western Front will interview students and staff for a new insight on campus life. This week, we interviewed senior and physical education major, Harris Javier

Q: Why did you pick Western?

A: I picked Western because I was offered a scholarship to play on the men's basketball team. Academically, it's a good school as well.

Q: What is your favorite thing about Western?

A: My favorite thing, of course, is to play basketball most of the time. I spend a lot of time playing basketball with the team. So, overall, basketball.

Q: What has been your favorite class so far?

A: My favorite class would have to be coaching basketball, just because that's what I want to do in life. I want to be a basketball coach, so it was one of the classes I was interested in.

Q: What is your best piece of advice for students/freshman?

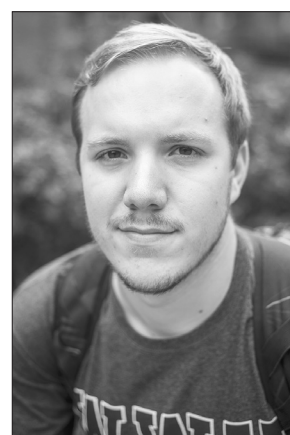
A: Don't stress out too much. Just enjoy everyone that's around here. You know, get to know people. 'Cause if you don't, you'll be stuck by yourself most of the year. So be open to everything.

Q: What do you like to do around Bellingham?

A: When it's not raining during the springtime I like to enjoy the sun. You know, sit out by the lake and rivers.

Viking Voices

Are your parents your primary source of financial support? If so, what do they support you with? If not, how do you support yourself? How do you feel about your current financial situation?



Nathan Ford
junior, psychology

"Yes. They support me with housing and help with paying tuition... I think it is good because over the last couple of years it has been a process where I pay for [certain things], but next year I will pay for more stuff — kind of weaning me into being an adult and having my own financial responsibilities instead of having it all happen at once."

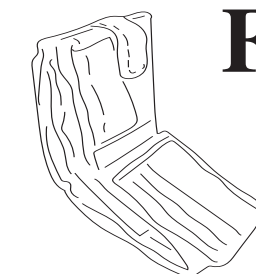
"No, I have loans that I live off of primarily and then working and just being really good about budgeting my money. I feel like [my financial situation] teaches me a lot about being an adult and taking care of myself. I am really thankful when I have those breaks when I have enough money to pay for everything because there are also times when I don't and those really suck."



Ta Frese
senior, elementary education

Compiled by Ian Koppe

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FRONTLINE

Opinions of the Editorial Board



Can you truly appreciate the potato burrito or Russian dumplings you had for dinner when you've never earned enough money to buy them for yourself?

As we gather for a new year at Western, attention to money becomes more and more prevalent. But for some of us, that attention doesn't necessarily translate to decent understanding or application.

In some cases, parents may be hanging money over their children's heads, threatening to cut them off if academic performance slips below their standards. In others, students may have just never had reason to learn about money themselves.

The inability to effectively support one's self later in life becomes an obvious dilemma. But concern should also be raised for students' mental and emotional wellbeing.

An enormous amount of stress can arise if there is a possibility of parents discontinuing financial support. For students who have never had to stand on their own or who have never learned how to do so, the situation can quickly become a nightmare.

Let that worry compound with the already taxing life of university and you can end up drowning in a sea of anxiety.

But you can eliminate the worry of financial uncertainty by enlightening yourself through education or experience.

While Western doesn't have a tremendous variety of finance classes for those outside of the major, there are some out there. Finance 215 is intended for non-business students looking to learn about things like budgeting, insur-

ance, investment and retirement.

Parents won't be able to help forever, and there are plenty of students who already support themselves and are financing their own education. We all owe it to ourselves to feel confident in who we are and how we can make it on our own.

So take it into your own hands, check out the Student Employment Center. Its page on Western's website has listings for work study and non-work study jobs both on and off campus.

If you enjoy your field of study, take a look at jobs at the tutoring center, or look into working in one of the campus organizations or offices. There are also positions available for custodial work, dining hall service, teaching assistants, etc.

Or you can look off campus for work. While it may not be glamorous, food service and retail jobs are often available, and in a college town like Bellingham, many businesses will accommodate student schedules.

In short, there are options. We are all capable of doing anything we set our minds to (we all got into university after all), and we are all adults who can make our own decisions.

There's a great amount of satisfaction and self-confidence that comes from getting that first paycheck and knowing that you earned it all yourself. Then there's the satisfaction of being able to use that money wisely and responsibly that keeps the rush going.

Money isn't so scary when you get used to handling it yourself. But you're never going to get there until you take that first chance.

The Western Front Editorial Board is composed of Libby Keller, Heidi DeHart and Stephanie Bishop.

Letter to the editor

Dear News Editor,
I have been alienated by your newspaper. As a former newspaper editor myself, I was delighted to pick up a copy of the Western Front on my first day here. I sat down to read it, filled with anticipation, opened the first page, and my stomach twisted with discomfort.

To be fair, The Western Front is a quality newspaper. The writing is good, the editing is top notch, and the content is well thought out.

However, the demographic information on page 2 of your news section [of the Welcome Back edition] was brief, inconsiderate, and appeared to me to be just plain lazy. The demographics offered are about the large freshman class; assumed gender, academic interests, permanent residence locations, and race.

While I understand the intent of this cute little coloring book style information page, it is both rudimentary and insufficient.

You have successfully alienated biracial people, intersex people, transgender people, and gender non-conforming individuals. The graphic describing freshman student's sex is a male/female, Venus/Mars symbol. While these symbols are frequently used to denote this information, they were not necessary in this context.

Were you aware that there are the same amount of intersex people as there are redheads in our country? Did you know that 9 billion people in

the US identify as multiracial? Were you aware that there are an estimated 700,000 transgender people living in the United States? Did you choose to willingly ignore these facts and disenfranchise these parts of our student body?

Regardless of why this section made it to print, it seems lazy, disingenuous, and ignorant to me.

Sincerely,
Emily Clark

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WEEKEND ROUND UP:

Western soccer teams dominate the pitch

Men and women's soccer slam host teams at away games this past weekend

Stories by Evan Elliott
THE WESTERN FRONT

WOMEN

Viking men's soccer team relished the underdog role on Saturday, Sept. 26, beating the University of Mary 3-1 in Bismarck, North Dakota.

Following a loss to Montana State University on Thursday, Sept. 24, the team met up to discuss a tough start to the season and ultimately how they would rally behind each other to find a new beginning.

The meeting paid off, and the Vikings rose to the occasion for a season high number of goals against the UM Marauders.

"It was one of the best games we've played since I've been here," senior Kurtis Pederson said.

Scoring started in the 19th minute when junior Adam

Talley scored his second goal of the season.

"We played like a family, overall it was a really good

"It was one of the best games we've played since I've been here."

Kurtis Pederson
Senior

Aylward led off the scoring with her first goal of the season a little under three minutes into the

"It's really important to set the standards high."

Catherine Miles
Senior

match. Not to be outdone, Miles netted the first of her two goals on a

performance," Talley said.

Pederson wasted no time scoring the deciding goal, beating the keeper just two minutes later. The goal was the first for Pederson this season.

The Marauders scored before the half ended, making it 2-1 at the break.

Junior Eleazar Galvan then found the back of the net in the 54th minute scoring with a bicycle kick; from there the Vikings could coast.

Sophomore Luke Olney assisted two of the Viking goals and senior Jeremy Wentzel assisted the third.

Junior goalkeeper Tyler Visten played another solid match saving 10 shots, compared to the Marauders'

one save.

The Vikings return home on Thursday, Oct. 1 to face their conference rival Seattle Pacific University at 7 p.m. in hopes of picking up their second GNAC win and staying in contention for a playoff berth.

Northwest Nazarene	2-0-1
Montana State	2-0-1
Seattle Pacific	1-0-2
Concordia	1-1-1
Western Washington	1-1-1
Univ. of Mary	1-2-0
Simon Fraser	0-1-2
Saint Martin's	0-3-0

The 0-5 final marks a third straight shutout for the defense, all of which have been conference matches.

The Vikings travel to Seattle for their game at 7 p.m. on Thursday Oct. 1, for another important GNAC matchup against Seattle Pacific University.

Western Washington	3-0-0
Montana State	2-0-1
Simon Fraser	1-1-1
Concordia	1-0-1
Northwest Nazarene	1-1-1
Seattle Pacific	1-1-1
Western Oregon	0-2-1
Central Washington	0-2-0
Saint Martin's	0-2-0

Other assists for the goals came from Nilles, and senior Savanna Moorehouse.

"For every team in the league, when they play us, it's their biggest game," Nilles said. "We know we're going to get the best from every team, we have to expect that."

The end of the half saw 10 shots, 7 of which were on goal, by the Vikings. This set the tone for a quiet, controlled second half by the defense.

Western Athletics still in search of new Sports Information Director



Madison in 1977. // Photo courtesy of Tamera Belts, special collections manager at Western Libraries.

Colin Floyd
THE WESTERN FRONT

Paul Madison will be working his last day as sports information director on Wednesday, Sept. 30.

In his 48 years as the SID — 41 of those full-time, two part-time and five as a student — Madison has received 43 College Sports Information Directors awards, including eight Best in Nation awards.

However, Madison won't be leaving Western for good. He will be sticking around Bellingham as Western's Athletics Historian.

In 2011, Madison was one of two Washington State SIDs inducted into the Hall of Fame, according to WWU Athletics.

Steve Card, the current athletic director for Western, is confident they will find the right person to fill Madison's position.

"We had some candidates visit campus a little over a week ago, and the search committee is processing that information," Card said. "A recommendation will come forward, and we'll work from there."

While the Athletic Department

is searching for a successor, Card acknowledges that the entire staff is working hard to find Madison's replacement.

However, if the position isn't filled by Wednesday, Sept. 30, then staff members, like Assistant Athletic Director T.H. Kamena and Assistant Sports Information Director Kevin Nunn, will fill in until the new SID is hired.

Currently, the department does not have a set date to hire a new SID, but he wants to make the decision as soon as possible, Card said.

The athletic staff has known about Madison's retirement since June 11, 2015. Card admitted that while they would have liked to hire someone sooner, the entire staff knows the process takes time and must be done diligently in order to find the right person for the job.

"I think we would have liked to have been on a little quicker timeline than we ended up being on, but we're moving closer to the end," Card said.

Card foresees a few more weeks before the new SID is hired and settled at Western. Until that time, the staff will rely on employees like Kamena and Nunn to fill the shoes left behind by Western's Hall of Fame SID.

Sport clubs looking to expand rosters

Rachel Hunter
THE WESTERN FRONT

Western Athletics isn't all about varsity sports. With 23 active sport clubs, students get a taste of collegiate competitions.

"[Students are] the wheelhouse of what sports clubs are," Assistant Director of Sport Clubs and Departmental Assessment Clark Cripps said.

Sport clubs help give students the opportunity to participate in individual and team sports at various competitive levels while also allowing students to hold positions of leadership according to the Campus Recreation website.

Western sport clubs offer a variety of teams for both men and women, giving experienced athletes a chance to participate in a life-long activity or beginning athletes the option to learn a new sport.

Senior outfielder and pitcher, Josh LaRussa has been on the club baseball team for three years. LaRussa has been playing baseball for 16 years and was excited to continue playing in college.

"Our league is very competitive," LaRussa said. The baseball team is part of the Northern Pacific Conference of the National Club Baseball Association. Western often plays against other Washington teams including University of Washington, Seattle University, Eastern Washington University and Gonzaga University.

Although some of the clubs have a limited number of spots on their teams, many do not make cuts and are looking to fill their roster with competitive athletes who are willing to learn. Some non-cut sports include rugby, ultimate frisbee, tennis, water polo and lacrosse.

The Info Fair is a great place for clubs to spread the word about their teams and to spark new students' interest. Many of the sport clubs are looking to first year students to help fill the holes on their rosters.

"We got a lot of interest at the fair," LaRussa said. "We got about 30-40 kids to come and sign up for tryouts."

Oftentimes in their first year, student-athletes aren't ready for the academic standards of Western. Cripps wants to know what the sport club administration can do to help students stay on track.

"I would love for sport clubs to

have a high rate of success in the classroom academically. That hasn't always been a point of focus for us in administration."

Months of planning go into the details for each season. Cripps has been working with the teams since last spring in order to prepare for their upcoming seasons.

"We changed our leadership training to do it in the spring so that our sport clubs leaders come into the fall with a better understanding of how to do things so they can hit the ground running rather than trying to figure out paperwork," Cripps said.

Last spring, leadership attended a six week training program to teach them how to fill out paperwork which included team rosters, travel information and competition results.

Traveling is often a large expense for sport clubs. Although the school gives each club an initial amount per year, most of the team budget is raised through dues and fundraising.

Dues are an amount set by each club that each player pays upon joining the team that help to cover team travel expenses throughout the season including regional or national competitions.

"Our goal every year is to win our league and make it to regionals. Then win that and make it to nationals," LaRussa said.

LaRussa said that this year the team has extra motivation to win the league and reclaim their spot in the regional competition because they have missed the tournament the last two years.

Many teams participate in competitions outside of Bellingham, traveling all over the country as well as internationally to compete.

Cripps said that most teams can still have home competitions despite the remodeling of Carver Gym. Teams who play off campus or on one of Western's fields will still be able to host competitions. Only teams who practice inside will potentially have trouble hosting a home event.

"We don't house very many sport clubs on campus, inside a facility," Cripps said.

According to Cripps, only three of the 23 teams have had their practice time or place changed.

Although some have already taken place, other teams will be having tryouts throughout the fall, while other teams take new players all season long.

Cross country sweeps Saint Martin's

Paolo Bicchieri
THE WESTERN FRONT

Western's cross-country team dominated the competition at the Saint Martin's University Cross Country Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 26. The invitational took place at the SMU campus in Lacey, Washington on a course measuring 8 kilometers for the men and 5-kilometer-long run

for the women.

Saturday's invitational gave Western's women's team a two-win streak, the first being at University of Washington's Sundodger Invitational on Sept. 19. At the SMU meet, Western's women took home a score of 16 points, and had 10 runners place in the top 13 positions.

"They executed well and they learned more of what they're capable of," head track coach

Pee Wee Halsell said.

Junior Brittany Grant finished the run at 17:49. Senior Taylor Guenther came in 33 seconds later. Freshman Tracy Melville and junior Lillianna Stelling took third and fourth place. Not far behind came junior Shawna Troupe in sixth place, senior Alexandra Laiblin in seventh and junior Sofia Marikis in ninth.

With the first nine finishers,

the men also scored high with 15 points. This gives Western men it's second victory in three weeks.

For the men's team, it was sophomore Isaac Derline who took the individual title. Finishing with a time of 25:42, Derline came in nine seconds ahead of junior Matthew Lutz. Sophomore Andrew Wise, junior Cody McCranie, redshirt freshman Nick Mounier,

sophomore Sean Eustis and junior Will Jones took second through sixth places, respectively.

Viking cross-country will face British Columbia's Simon Fraser University, ranked just above Western, at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 10 at Lake Padden.

"It'll be a good challenge for us, it'll be really good competition," Halsell said.

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On the Sidelines: Seattle Seahawks



So far, what is your impression of this season?

What are your thoughts on the game post Kam Chancellor holdout?

Who do you look forward to seeing more of this season on offense? Defense?

Super Bowl 50...are we making an appearance for the third year in a row?



Amanda Milner
Staff Reporter

It's hard to tell so far; we had two tough games right off the bat but we held our own against Greenbay, we just lost our momentum. It's good for us to lose here and there, it keeps us motivated and humble.

All I will say is I am ecstatic Kam is back. After the shut out against the Bears, I think the team agrees.

Tyler Lockett and Jimmy Graham, enough said.

I don't want to jinx anything, and it's going to be a hard fight to the Super Bowl. If our offense can kick it in gear we have a fighting chance. One game at a time.



Colin Floyd
Staff Reporter

It has been rough, but they are slowly improving. Losing the first two games isn't a great way to start, but after getting a home game win under their belts, they are starting to look like a championship team.

The Seahawks need Kam Chancellor, so when he decided to holdout I thought it was wrong putting himself above the team. Now, the defense looks like they're whole again; able to force a shut out.

Tyler Lockett has already made a huge impact by returning a record long kick return for a touch down in the Bears match up. He is quick and makes things happen, so I can't wait to see what more he can do.

If they continue to play like they did against the Bears and their offense keeps putting in work, I think they have a very great shot at making it to the Super Bowl.



Lynsey Amundson
Staff Reporter

Not having Kam Chancellor was a huge blow to the defensive unit, but the biggest weakness is clearly our offensive line. However, Tyler Lockett looks phenomenal and Russell Wilson is playing how everyone hoped he would.

He didn't make any signature big hits nor did he really make any noteworthy plays and he ended the game with only one tackle. He has not earned back my respect and needs to get back into football shape.

With Wilson's new toys, Tyler Lockett and Jimmy Graham, it's a must see game. Graham is proving to be a beast in the redzone and Lockett is a threat to score every time he touches the football.

The 12th Man and unbiased analyst in me says yes. The 2007 Giants started 0-2 and went on to beat one of the best teams in NFL history. [The Seahawks] will be just fine.

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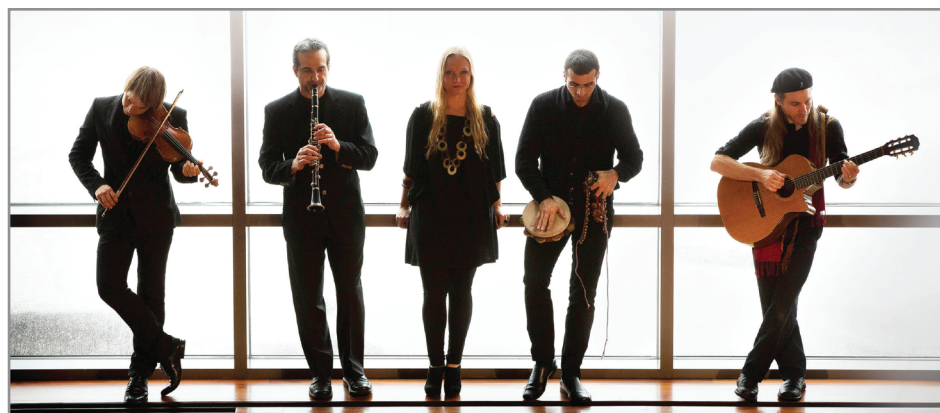
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